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Nine tree lightings welcome Christmas '23 to Dorchester

The Dorchester Holiday Celebration Committee and Mayor Michelle Wu ushered in the Christmas season with a barrage of nine holiday tree lightings throughout the neighborhood last Saturday (Nov. 25) from Port Norfolk to Peabody Square. Above, the

star of the show - Santa Claus - welcomed families, friends and children at the Fields Corner stop where they lit a tree at a new location in the park.

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Photo courtesy of Mayor's Office/John Wilcox

This is his mission: Keep Mattapan authentic one development at a time

By SETH DANIEL **News Editor**

Don Alexis was first attracted to Mattapan and Blue Hill Avenue when he was 18 and visiting family shortly after immigrating from Cap-Haitian, Haiti. The diaspora culture and the history of the neighborhood gave him the familiar vibe of home that he had left behind in the Caribbean.

It was a feeling that now, as the director of Caribbean Integration Community Development (CICD) - Mattapan's only community development corporation – he is trying to preserve



To Don Alexis: Mattapan resembles where he grew up in Haiti. Seth Daniel photo

and create for others in building affordable rental and homeownership housing units throughout the area.

"My draw to Mattapan at first was to come here to see friends and family," he said in an interview at Brother's Restaurant in the Square last week. "It also felt like home. You walk down Blue Hill Avenue, and you feel a part of your history and culture that resemble where you grew up. That is what continued to draw me here and what I love about Mattapan today."

CICD has emerged as the go-to non-profit developer in Mattapan following the dissolution of the former Mattapan Community Development Corporation more than a decade ago. CICD has leveraged a partnership with the Archdiocese of Boston's Planning

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B-3 officer credited with reviving a stricken child

When B-3 police officer Daniel Oliveira arrived at a home on Ellington Street around 2:30 a.m. Saturday, the scene couldn't have been more intense. A twoyear-old boy was lying unresponsive on the bed, having been found by his grandmother in the middle of the night crying, shaking, and turning purple.

first-floor apartment, Oliveira took over from an adult trying to perform CPR, and began compressions on the toddler's chest, accord-Told on his arrival of ing to a police report, as the emergency in the the child slowly began

breathing while lying on his side.

The boy was then transported to Boston Medical Center for evaluation and fact-finding.

- SETH DANIEL

Morrissey board targets June '24 deadline for its recommendations

Panel held first meeting on Tuesday

By BILL FORRY **EXECUTIVE EDITOR**

A commission charged with coordinating state and city resources in the planning for critical im-

provements to Morrissey Boulevard and related infrastructure convened its initial meeting on Tuesday evening, more than a year after a measure authorizing its formation was passed into law.

Hosted by the Mass Dept. of Transportation (DOT), the session was the first in a series of four planned public meetings that state officials say will be held between now and next summer, when a report is expected to be delivered to commissioners, who will then make



Monica Tibbits-Nutt, the state Transportation chief, leads commission.

recommendations to the Legislature, ideally in time for lawmakers and Gov. Healey's administration to secure funding in the state budget next year.

The meeting took place in person at the Southline building - the former Boston Globe headquarters and was also accessible online and recorded, according to a project page set up by Mass DOT.

Until Tuesday, details had been scarce about the commission's membership, its scope, and the timeframe of its work. When it was first proposed in a state transportation bill last year, its sponsors

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Eversource is engaging Dot, Mattapan residents on future energy issues

By SETH DANIEL News Editor

With its purchase last month of a large tract of commercial property on New England Avenue west of Codman Square for a potential infrastructure site, Eversource continued on its mission of convening neighbors in Dorchester and Mattapan this fall to discuss how to address future needs for the neighborhood's overtaxed electrical grid and how best to meet state-mandated clean energy goals by 2050.

The utility purchased 181-191 New England Ave now home to several auto repair shops, in late October for \$5.1 million, hoping in the end to combine that with land it already owns across the street for electrical grid expansion. Meanwhile, on the border of Mattapan along Cummins Highway, Eversource has begun speaking to residents about using a large

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Police, Courts & Fire



Photo courtesy Boston Fire Department

Fire rages at two Ellington St. homes and displaces dozens

At least 29 residents were left homeless on Nov. 25 after a six-alarm fire started at 21e Ellington St. house and spread next door with intense flames and hours of work in knocking it down by Boston Fire.

The fire broke out around 3 p.m. in a three-decker at No. 21 and soon after engulfed No. 19 19 Ellington St., with both homes total losses. Firefighters remained through the night to continue treating the buildings and preventing any spreading.

City Councillor Brian Worrell is taking donations along with Boston Project Ministries of baby equipment, clothes, gift cards, shoes, and socks, which can be dropped off at 5 Erie St. for the fire victims. Monetary donations are being accepted via a Go Fund Me campaign.

Bank, apartment hit by gunfire in Codman sidewalk shootout

By SETH DANIEL News Editor

There were no apparent injuries, but Boston Police found six shell casings on the sidewalk, one bullet that hit the Rockland Trust bank, and another that hit an apartment across the street on Sunday at noon during what police said was a shootout between two men on Talbot Avenue near Codman Square.

Witnesses told police that two men, one in a burgundy hoodie and one in a grey hoodie and mask, began shooting at each other in the vicinity of 305 Talbot Ave. before fleeing on foot. Neither man was caught, and no injured parties were reported.

A large contingent of police responded after a ShotSpotter activation,



Boston Police closed off Talbot Avenue near Codman Square around noon on Sunday after two unknown men allegedly began firing guns at one another on the sidewalk. Six shell casings were recovered at the scene.

and a survey of the scene found three shell casings on the sidewalk, one behind a vehicle and

two in the roadway in front of the bank. No one was injured inside the apartment, and the bank was closed.

The incident remains under investigation by Boston Police.

Two killed in motorcycle crash - Police continue to investigate a crash on Blue Hill Avenue near American Legion Highway on Saturday night that killed two people. Police reported that just before 11 p.m. a motorcycle hit a pedestrian in the roadway, and then crashed. One victim – who has not been named – was pronounced dead at the scene. The second victim was taken to a local hospital, where they passed away later from injuries related to the crash.

the pedestrian were the victims. Drug probe leads to firearm seizure - An on-

going firearms investigation in Mattapan led to the arrest of John Rosa, 30, of Dorchester on Nov. 20,

It was believed that the driver of the motorcycle, and

with a corresponding search warrant of his vehicle on Nov. 24 allegedly revealing a firearm loaded with

Police were conducting the investigation on Wilmington Street at 12:40 p.m. on Nov. 20 when they stopped Rosa as he was driving away from the area. He was allegedly found with oxycodone and \$1,130 in currency. He was charged with assault with a dangerous weapon (firearm), threats to commit a crime, and trafficking of class B. He was arraigned in Dorchester District Court. More charges of unlawful possession of a firearm, unlawful possession of ammunition, and unlawful possession of a large capacity feeding device will be sought regarding the loaded firearm.

Halfway to Dot Day 5K to fund building trades program awards

Day family-friendly community 5k race will launch its 8th year of running the Neponset area course on Dec. 9, and this time the cause will funding scholarships for local kids to enter building trades programs.

The Dorchester Running Club (DRC) has put on the annual December race since 2016, and not

The Halfway to Dot long ago took over organizing the Dorchester Day 5k race held annually in June.

"We're trying to get more kids this year," said Stefanie O'Shea of DRC. "It's an easy course for kids and is held in the

As usual, all the money raised goes to charity causes and this year Shea said they wanted

to do something different. Last year they focused on youth sports leagues, but this year, she said, "we want to help any Dorchester young person after high school who is pursuing building trades through apprenticeship programs as their post-secondary choice.

Those looking to receive a scholarship will be asked to write a short essay about health and wellness and well-being and how it has contributed to their next step in life.

The festivities on Dec. 9 start in Florian Hall at 7 a.m. with registrations and bib pick-ups at 8 a.m. The race starts in the park about a half-mile away at 9 a.m.

- ŘEPORTER STAFF

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More tree lightings are planned for next weekend as Mayor Wu's Enchanted Trolley Tour makes stops around the city, including Mattapan Square on Sat., Dec. 2 at 1 p.m.; Codman Square on Sun., Dec. 3 at 12 p.m., followed by Adams Corner that day at 1 p.m. This event includes visits with Santa, tree lightings, and more.

All Dorchester Sports and Leadership's 40th anniversary gala is set for Wed., Dec. 6, from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. at Venezia Restaurant, 20 Ericsson St., Dorchester. Email ADSL@AllDorchesterSports.org.

The BPDA will host a virtual IAG meeting on Wed., Dec. 6, at 6:30 p.m. to discuss the 135 Morrissey Blvd. project, including the construction of an additional six-story wing connected to the former Boston Globe building by an elevated pedestrian walkway, with associated below-grade parking. Go to bit.ly/135Morrissey-Boulevard for more info.

BPDA Planning Team hosts a conversation on Wed., Dec. 6, at 6 p.m. on important updates to Mattapan's zoning code. See ad on page 9 for log-in.

The second annual Dorchester Bowls for Equity bowl-a-thon event will take place on Wed., Dec. 6 at 6 p.m. at Boston Bowl, 820 Morrissey Blvd., Dorchester to benefit the Dorchester YMCA. See page 8 for more info.

The BPDA will host a virtual public meeting on Wed., Dec. 6 to discuss a change to a project planned for 554-562 Columbia Rd., Dorchester. The senior-focused rental complex calls for a two-phase construction, including the renovation of the existing Fox Hall building in Uphams Corner. Contact

Stephen Harvey at the BPDA for more info and see page 9 for an advertisement that explains how to join the meeting virtually. The Nutcracker, staged by the Jose Mateo Ballet Theatre company, returns to the Strand Theatre in Uphams Corner from **Dec. 9.** See story, page 5.

A "gratitude you" party organized by Councillor Frank Baker will take place on Thurs., Nov. 30, 7 p.m. at Florian Hall.

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Regulators probe reports of underage sports betting

By Colin A. Young STATE HOUSE News Service

Regulators at the Massachusetts Gaming Commission are taking an interest in whether people younger than the legal betting age of 21 are using mobile platforms to bet on sports and what the betting platforms operating here are doing to prevent that from happening.

Commissioners raised the topic on Monday this week as four sports betting companies presented quarterly reports to the commission. Commissioner Brad Hill mentioned meetings and conversations the Gaming Commission has had with "outside sources" that revealed "there is some concern that there are individuals who are under-aged using computers and passwords from people who are ofage to bet."

Massachusetts's 2022 sports betting law requires that gamblers be at least 21 years old to wager at one of three physical sportsbooks or on one of eight online/ mobile betting platforms that the commission licenses. The law also requires operators to "use commercially reasonable efforts to prevent a person under 21 years old from placing a wager."

The operators who presented on Monday reported a total of eight accounts suspended during July, August, and September for underage use, though commissioners said they believe that is merely the number of suspected cases that were able to be substantiated. The operators detailed the steps they take to try to ensure that the person actually betting is the person who was cleared as eligible to open an account.

"So, for example: I'm able to bet, my 16 year old knows my passwords, I allow him to go in and bet - which we're being told is happening. We didn't have any proof of it, but just that it was happening. Can you kind of enlighten us [as to] what protocols are put into place to make sure this doesn't happen?" Hill asked a representative of Caesars Sportsbook. "And can you stop it? Because, as I said in that meeting that we had with this outside source, you know, if somebody wants to cheat, they'll cheat."

Curtis Lane Jr., digital compliance manager for Caesars Sportsbook, walked the commission through some of the steps his company takes to identify accounts that might be controlled by someone other than the person who registered, like picking up on betting activity from far-apart locations, flagging unusual betting patterns, or identifying accounts that are used by multiple devices. Each of the other operators that presented third quarter results to the commission Monday -DraftKings, Penn Sports Interactive, and Wynn-Bet - also addressed the topic of minors using their apps and said they all use similar methods.

"I would reiterate what one of the commissioners stated, that, ultimately, it is difficult to police bad parenting. But that doesn't mean there aren't a lot of controls in place for this," Jake List, senior director of regulatory operations for DraftKings, said. He said DraftKings's "know your customer" (KYC) regime includes identity verification, a geocompliance tool that checks if a user's device is recognized by other programs the user has signed up for, and in some cases requires a new user to upload a copy of their ID.

DraftKings reported to the commission that it had suspended five Massachusetts accounts last quarter for claims of

underage wagering. The company's presentation included a disclaimer that read, "These users have made claims that an underage individual, usually a family member, placed a wager on the of-age user's account or there was some other evidence to support that the account was being operated by an underage individual who was not the account holder."

Adam Kates, senior director of compliance for Penn Sports Interactive, told commissioners that his company switched in July to its own in-house back-end technology. As part of that switch Penn now requires anyone creating a new sports betting account to upload both a government-issued ID and a real-time selfie.

"It's not a situation where you can upload a picture of anybody. It will actually open the camera on your phone, you'll take a selfie, and our vendor will actually match your face to the to the face on that ID. So, this is a really good control for us to make sure that we know who we're dealing with, and that the person who's actually registering for the account is the person who should hold the account." he said.

"How this fits into the underage spectrum is [that] we find that it's a lot harder for a teenager to use their parent's information and just open up an account. By adding the ID and selfie piece, you have to be holding the ID and the phone in order to open up one."

After the four presentations, Hill said he was "very comfortable at what I heard today and actually pleasantly surprised at what I heard today." He said he would share the information with the person or people who brought the concern about underage wagering

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m `Ijust\,think\,it's\,some-}$ thing that we need to continue to keep an eye on and work with our operators to ensure that this is a priority for them," he said. "I think, over the next few weeks, few months, and you know, into a new year, this issue is going to come up in regard to how we can get this information out to our high school students, college students who aren't of age, things of that sort."

Commissioner Jordan Maynard said at the end of the meeting that the commission should be thinking about ways to enhance KYC measures and also about how to raise awareness of underage betting.



"I just think that [underage sports betting] it's something that we need to continue to keep an eye on and work with our operators to ensure that this is a priority for them. Over the next few weeks, few months, and into a new year, this issue is going to come up in regard to how we can get this information out to our high school students, college students who aren't of age, things of that sort."

Gaming Commission Member Brad Hill

"Informing parents, I mean, listen, I can literally create an account with my mother's name today. Because I know everything about her -- I know where she was married, where she graduated high school, what her birthday is,' he said. "So educating parents that there could be some dummy accounts out there that they need to watch for, watching their devices, I think it's an all-inclusive strategy. I think "know your customer" is a piece of it."

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Nine tree lightings welcome Christmas '23 to Dorchester



On Meetinghouse Hill, Mayor Wu celebrates with Shirley Jones and her grandchildren.



Mayor Wu welcomed everyone to the Peabody Square tree lighting stop on Saturday with Councillor-elect John FitzGerald and State Rep. Brandy Fluker Oakley. Photos courtesy of Mayor's Office/John Wilcox



In the Seaport, Martin's Park celebrated the annual lighting of the ship for the holidays, with Dorchester's Jane and Bill Richard alongside Mayor Wu and Red Sox mascots Wally and Tessie.



Councillors Ruthzee Louijeune, Erin Murphy, and Brian Worrell sang Christmas carols at the Meetinghouse Hill stop, while Santa Claus waited to be introduced.





Reporter's People in and around our Neighborhoods

Yes, it's that time: 'The Nutcracker' is set for the Strand, beginning on Dec. 9

CASSIDY McNeeley REPORTER CORRESPONDENT

The only thing that pairs better than Thanksgiving and football is Christmas and ballet. Beginning on Sat., Dec. 9 and running to Christmas Eve, Dorchester residents will be invited to the Strand Theatre to get in the holiday spirit with José Mateo Ballet Theatre's production of "The Nutcracker."

Choreographed by founder and artistic director José Mateo, the show is inspired by Pyotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky's original composition of "The Nutcracker." Mateo Ballet has been sharing its version of the Christmas classic for over three decades.

"I think our production is very unique in that the a lot of youth ballet pro-

structure of the actual grams there for classes as ballet itself is something that I have never seen before. It's not very traditional like the storytelling element" said the studio's marketing associate, Isobel Chang.

José Mateo Ballet Theatre was founded in 1986 with the mission of making ballet more accessible by welcoming participants of all racial, cultural and economic backgrounds. Currently, the company has studios in Cambridge and Dorchester, where many of its students live.

"The Dorchester location, our sister campus I should say, is located in Uphams Corner," Chang said. "We've been there since 2015 and we have young as 3 years old up until 18 years old."

Each winter, more than 100 children participate in the ballet in the roles of Clara, Party Children, Mice, Soldiers, Polichinelles, Cherubs, and Angels.

"The children are most the roles in the production," Chang told the Reporter. "They are the real focus of the production, the stars of the production."

This year the studio is producing 15 shows, 13 of them for the public, and 2 at schools. To bring more youth into the shows, the ballet company partners with public schools, home schools and youth programs by offering \$12 tickets at their school shows. (Ticket prices for public shows run anywhere from \$25 to \$90.) This year the studio is working with the Boys and Girls Club of Dorchester.

To further promote equitable access to the arts, the studio partners with local organizations in their Community Ticket Access Program (CTAP). "We specifically work with a bunch of social service agencies as well as nonprofit organizations that are focused on community building to offer them free and reduced tickets to see "The Nutcracker," said Chang. "So those are targeted towards those agencies and those audiences that normally would not be able to see the show and be exposed to ballet. And



statement – to make ballet more accessible to all audiences.'

With its local presence, Jose Mateo Ballet Theatre is heavily involved in the Dorchester community away from the stage. Its members will be at the Christmas tree lighting on Main Street, is working on a partnership with Bowdoin Street, and has been visiting neighborhood libraries. During these library visits, ballet teachers read "The Nutcracker" to participants and then conduct minidance lessons.

Through their involvement in the community, they remind Bostonians that dance is much more than just an activity. "To have everyone exposed to this art form can help unify people across different planes and for kids to have the opportunity to explore their self-expression through dance," said Chang.

Those interested in attending the show can purchase tickets online at ballettheatre.or/tickets. Use discount code DOT-NEWS for 20 percent off tickets prices.

Mattapan Council holds inaugural Gratitude Dinner on Blue Hill Ave.

By Seth Daniel **News Editor**

The Greater Mattapan Neighborhood Council (GMNC) held its first annual Gratitude Dinner on the outdoor patio of Blue Hill Avenue's Café Juice Up under a massive tent on Fri., Nov. 17. The event was put together to thank community members of all ages for participating in meetings and events throughout the year – and to highlight emerging and established businesses in the community, like Café Juice Up.

Chair Fatima Ali Salaam said that more than 120 people attended the ticketed event on the outdoor patio that was completed last summer by Juice Up owners Denise O'Marde and Dimitri Phanor. She noted that residents of all ages, including children, attended the event – with the highlight being delicious food and non-alcoholic, professionally mixed 'Mocktails.'



B-3 Officer Sean Harris, GMNC Chair Fatima Ali Salaam, Agnes Morson, Valerie Burton, Martha Taylor, Councillor Brian Worrell, and B-3 Officer Derek Green.



Leach attended the Gratitude Dinner with several friends from the neighboring Mattapan Teen Center.



Aalivah Colon hands off a freshly prepared Mocktail to one of the guests.

Everyone, from the tent company, to the event photographer, to the lighting was provided



GMNC Board member David Halbert and GMNC Chair Fatima Ali Salaam.

by Mattapan businesses a must for the GMNC Board, said Ali Salaam.

'This shows that our community can have a good time and have a successful event in our community at a great business in our community," she said. "This was an event that was safe, encouraging, and attend-



Genelle Faulkner and Brieyena Joseph. Photos courtesy Nikki Monet Photography

ed by all ages. We want to say thank you to our entire community and show them gratitude."

She said they do plan to do a similar event next

year, but probably in the late spring or early summer. The inaugural event was funded privately and was free to those who replied to their invitations.

YESTERYEAR ARCHIVE

DORCHESTER HISTORICAL SOCIETY Trustees of Dorchester Savings Bank Circa 1853

Dorchester Savings Bank was incorporated on March 19, 1853 by an act of the Massachusetts Legislature that read: "William Richardson, Oliver Hall, Lewis Pierce, their associates and successors, are hereby made a corporation, by the name of the Dorchester Savings Bank March 19, 1853."

Тhе accompanying photograph of the trustees show, from left: Edward Pierce, Thomas Groom, E.P. Tileston, William Pope, Lewis Pierce, John H. Robinson, Daniel Denny, W. Lindsley, Ebenezer Eaton, Oliver Hall, Nathaniel Safford, Robert



Vose, Joseph Dix, and Nathan Carruth.

Selected profiles:

• Thomas Groom made his money in the stationery trade. He was the first to introduce the popular Gillott's pens into the American market, and for years, his establishment was a headquarters for Russia

•Edmund Pitt Tileston went into his family's paper manufacturing business,

Tileston & Hollingsworth. William Pope was a lumber merchant and builder.

·Daniel Denny was a merchant and landowner.

•Ebenezer Eaton owned a tavern at the base of Meeting house Hill on BowdoinStreet, where Coppens Park is now located.

•Oliver Hall was a furniture manufacturer, served in the Massachusetts Legislature, as well as president of the Mattapan Bank.

 Nathaniel Safford was a lawyer in Lower Mills.

• Joseph Dix had a business of boot and shoe findings in Boston but went into real estate in the late 1860s. In the early 1860s, he lived at Harrison Square, also known as Clam Point. Between 1861 and 1865, he built a house on the north side of Centre Street, where his sister, Dorothea Dix, the social reformer, lived for a time

•Nathan Carruth was the first president of the Old Colony Railroad. He lived on an estate for which Carruth Street is named.

These posts can be viewed on the blog at dorchesterhistorical society. org. The Society's William Clapp and James Blake Houses are open to the public on the third Sunday of the month from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Editorial



Ruth, Evan, and Pierre Auguste

Friends line up for their friend fighting cancer

Early last summer, 50-year-old Dorchester native Pierre Auguste felt a persistent pain radiating from his abdomen. He and his wife Ruth anticipated possible gallstones and began preparing for ambulatory surgery. Instead, after an examination, his physician gravely informed them that his gallbladder was not the problem, and that a CT scan would be necessary to diagnose what was likely a much bigger problem. The couple were blindsided when the diagnosis came back: Stage 4 pancreatic cancer. The tumors were creeping into his gall bladder and had metastasized to his liver. In the wake of the initial devastation of the news, Pierre and Ruth – along with their large network of devoted friends and family – set to work strategizing about what needed to be taken care of. Meals, transportation, and above all, care for their 12-year-old son Evan have been meticulously scheduled so that Pierre can focus all his energy on facing up to the cancer that was threatening his life.

Pierre is now under the care of an oncologist at Massachusetts General Hospital, where he is undergoing intense chemotherapy on a weekly basis. Unfortunately, several of the medications he needs are not covered by his insurance. One of them is Creon, which helps him to metabolize food and maintain a steady weight, a major challenge as he progresses through his treatment. Pierre's network has organized a GoFundMe page to help offset the ever-rising costs of his medical care, which, as of this writing, exceeds \$100,000. Friends, family, and many gracious neighbors have already donated to help him reach his goal, and they are hoping to raise more during this season of giving.

The son of Haitian immigrants, Pierre grew up in public housing in Dorchester's Gallivan Blvd Apartments. The Auguste family attended Temple Salem Seventh-day Adventist Church on Woodrow Ave., and he began school first at the Berea School on Morton Street and, from 4th grade at St. Gregory's Grammar School. He graduated from Boston Technical High School and earned his bachelor's and master's in business administration degrees from Boston College.

After college, Pierre and Ruth Baudouin, his childhood sweetheart, married and moved to Los Angeles to work in the entertainment industry. While on the west coast, they welcomed Evan, now 12 and a seventh-grade student. When they returned to Boston, they settled in Newton Corner, which they have called home for seven years. Pierre's own giving spirit and affable nature have consistently been a source of stability for those in need.

His friends know Pierre as a devoted son, husband, father, and friend to all, and they are now asking his generous friends and neighbors to provide him with some financial peace of mind as he fights to beat the odds — and help ensure the ongoing care and education of his son.

To make a donation online, visit gofundme.com/f/ supporting-pierre-thru-stage-4-pancreatic-cancer.

- Maureen Forry-Sorrell

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Check it out: It's a great time to apply to the state's public colleges, universities

By BILL WALCZAK

Something is wrong here. Studies by the Hechinger Report and New America, think tanks that study education, indicate that over the last decade hundreds of selective public and private colleges have shifted their financial aid packages from support of low-income students to assisting middle- and upper-income students.

An episode from the new GBH podcast "College Uncovered" called "The Meritocracy Myth" presents evidence from these studies showing that billions of dollars in financial aid are going to students who the federal government has determined are able to afford college without financial aid, resulting in the reduction of dollars to low-income students. The podcast describes this as "affirmative action for the rich."

It all comes down to revenue. The cost of going to college has greatly exceeded inflation over the past few decades, and college budget funding mainly comes from tuition. As a result, colleges compete for students with families that can afford to pay the tuition. Admissions officers offer financial aid to well-off students to make their institutions more competitive to these families. Since financial aid dollars are limited, the money for well-off applicants is coming from dollars that used to go to lower income students who are disproportionally students of color.

One example cited in the podcast was Connecticut College, where over the past decade the out-of-pocket cost to attend there increased by 9 percent to wealthy students, but to 235 percent for low-income students. This isn't what our country needs if we're going to

deal with growing income disparity.

In Massachusetts, Gov. Healey and the Legislature recently addressed the injustice of overburdening low-income families paying for higher education by taking a bold and different direction to lowering the cost of public college. Two weeks ago, the governor announced a major expansion of funding for students that covers community colleges and state universities, two- and four-year degrees, and documented and undocumented residents. Case in point: Massachusetts residents with family incomes below \$73,000 will not have to pay any tuition or fees toward associate and bachelor's degrees. Additional scholarship dollars are also available for students from families making more than \$73,000. This is an amazing opportunity and one worth celebrating.

About \$230 million of the budgeted \$1 billion in anticipated revenue from the state's so-called "Millionaire's tax" will support public higher education, of which \$135 million is for expanded financial aid, \$20 million to fund Mass Reconnect, a program of free community college education for residents over 25 who do not have a college degree, and \$18 million to support free education for residents who want to

Additional dollars will be used to promote the expansion of endowments for public institutions, for deferred maintenance on campuses, and to study how community college could be made free for all. The expanded funding will raise Massachusetts's national ranking for provision of financial aid from No. 26 to No. 12.

Massachusetts families know how important a college education is, and polls indicate that 70 percent of our residents want a college education. However, our cost of living makes attainment of a college degree daunting for those with limited incomes. As a result, families often will ask their high school graduates to get a job rather than apply for college. Additionally, the typical graduate from a Massachusetts public university carries \$37,000 in debt from college, and more than half of prospective students know little to nothing about financial aid that can prevent college loan debt.

Massachusetts lacks the natural resources that drive the economy of other states. Instead, our natural resource is our educated residents, though the percentage of those attending college has been declining. That is why we need to spread the word: It's a great time for Massachusetts residents to apply to public colleges and universities.

Reporter columnist Bill Walczak, a Dorchester $resident, \, is \, \, an \, \, elected \, \, member \, \, of \, the \, \, Massachusetts$ Board of Higher Education and chair of the board of Bunker Hill Community College. His son-in-law, Kirk Carapezza, is the creator, co-host, and producer of GBH's College Uncovered, which is referenced in this column.



A view from Scituate coastline along the South Shore.

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Mapping state's coastline climate strategy

By Colin A. Young STATE HOUSE NEWS SERVICE

line across 78 communities that count nearly 2.5 million people as residents, and the Healey administration on Tuesday of this week mapped out the skeleton of its strategy for preparing those areas to deal with the impacts of a changing climate.

The ResilientCoasts initiative will be led by a new chief coastal resilience officer within the Office of Coastal Zone Management who is expected to "pursue a multipronged approach to identify regulatory, policy, and funding mechanisms to develop focused long-term solutions" to coastal climate change risks.

Next year, the Resilient Coasts effort will divide the coastline into Coastal Resilience Districts to group places that share similar landscape characteristics and face similar hazards. Then, based on those districts, the state plans to collaborate with communities to implement "tailored resilience policy and regulatory strategies," including nature-based solutions, dredging, coastal nourishment, roadway elevation, and managed retreat.

There will also be a statewide component, the governor's office said. Coastal Zone Management and other state agencies will jointly evaluate building standards, financing strategies, and scientific best practices. And the Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency will evaluate the feasibility of

a state program that would buy out properties at risk of repeated flooding or other climate change impacts, Massachusetts has more than 1.500 miles of coast-something advocates have been pushing for years.

> "We're not going to stand by while a major storm wrecks people's homes, or coastal erosion pulls down seawalls out from under our small businesses," Energy and Environmental Affairs Secretary Rebecca Tepper said. "We have some tough questions ahead - where will it be safe to build? How can we preserve our historical landmarks? What infrastructure will withstand ever worsening weather? We're taking on some of the difficult aspects of coastal resiliency, and we're doing it in partnership with municipalities, lawmakers, academics, and advocates to build consensus along the way."

> The state's federally mandated Statewide Hazard Mitigation and Climate Adaptation Plan has identified flooding from precipitation, coastal flooding, and erosion due to sea level rise as the most significant hazards to Massachusetts.

> Massachusetts is planning for sea level rise of up to 2.5 feet by 2050 and 4.3 feet by 2070 (both compared to 2008 sea level) if global emissions are not significantly curtailed. The current annual average damage to coastal buildings in Massachusetts is about \$185 million, but the Climate Adaptation Plan projects that amount will nearly double by 2030 due to changes in sea level and storm surge.

This is his mission: Keep Mattapan authentic one

development at a time

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Office for Urban Affairs (POUA) to build two successful developments - Cote Village on Cummins Highway at the long-vacant former Ford dealership, and the recently-opened Morton Station Village on the long-vacant Boston Police station site. And irons are already in the fire for future projects.

All of which has shown Alexis to be a man with an interesting vision and a familiar leader with a track record of seeing things through.

"It's baby steps because we started this from scratch," he said, noting that he began forming CICD in 2011. "We went through the pains, but we're in a place now where we can see the light at the end of the tunnel."

The pursuit of that light, he said, is all about forging relationships with folks who might have brushed him aside early on due to his inexperience.

"Unfortunately, in Boston there are many of us [non-profit developers]," he said. "It's about investing time to build relationships. Sometimes you have to build something so people don't think you're a fly-by-night operation. There were early supporters who believed in us but now we're turning a corner with everyone. There's some legitimacy in what we're doing.

Alexis, now 42, said his family started coming to the US in the 1960s, and like many Haitian families, they settled along the Mattapan/Dorchester line. Eventually, a segment left for Waltham, which is where he landed upon arriving in 2000. He finished one year of high school, and after two years at Mass Bay Community College, he transferred to UMass Dartmouth where he earned a degree in Computer Science – worlds away from community development.

But he had met community development icon Marvin Gilmore – the founder of the Boston CDC – who persuaded him to focus his side-interest in real estate on housing advocacy. That effort started with tenant rights for Haitians, many of them in Mattapan, and then merged into CICD after the Mattapan CDC fell through. He said that at the time, the city was shopping around the Cote site and had a Working Advisory Group (WAG) defining potential development. So, in 2012, despite being untested, he started talking about developing the site.

He related that when he told people that CICD was going submit his plan in the Request for Proposals (RFP) process on Cote, "many of them were laughing.

"I think that's how I grew up," he said. "If you're going to do something, do something big that creates impact and is major. When we said we were going after the RFP ... we had community behind us, and we knew we could figure out the rest."

CICD's Donald Alexis, second from right, joined, from left, Rev. Jack Ahern, state Rep. Russell Holmes, Cardinal Sean O'Malley, state Rep. Brandy Fluker Oakley, Bill Grogan of the Planning Office for Urban Affairs, state Sen. Liz Miranda, and Miceal Chamberlain of Bank of America at the opening of Morton Village Station on Nov. 3.

Seth Daniel photo

Upwards of 50 meetings on the Cote followed, with years spent navigating the process and meeting with stakeholders and overcoming construction challenges. During that time, Alexis entered into a partnership with the archdiocese of Boston. He said he wanted a person or organization that was known to the community, and the church had that familiarity.

"The big thing for me was it had to be someone aligned with our mission," he said. "We wanted someone to be invested in CICD and in our long-term survival and success...It has not been perfect, but it's been a good marriage."

Noting that there were some days during the Cote process when he felt like it "was all going down,' Alexis says the days of uncertainty are starting to be fewer. He adds that he learned how to win over the community, and that is the foundation of any project in Mattapan.

CICD is now based out of its Mattapan office on Cummins Highway within the new Cote Village campus.

After cutting the ribbon on Morton Station Village early this month, CICD is preparing to break ground this spring on a fully funded 30-unit senior citizen development at 150 River St. - its first affordable

"Hopefully construction costs don't go up, but we have other pieces in place to close on that in the next few weeks or months - and then get into the ground," Alexis said.

Beyond that, CICD is competing for the former Fairlawn Estates Apartments, now dubbed SoMa, that went on the market two months ago. Two years ago, the property was sold to a private, market-rate owner who now has put it up for sale. Alexis said his team is pushing hard to keep the apartment development in the community's hands with CICD. They have put in an offer and are working with the seller trying to make a deal.

"One thing we're making very clear is we see this as a community asset and we want the community to have a voice and CICD is doing everything we can to make sure we're part of the winning team," he said, noting that some residents have lived there for 40 years and fear the prospect of steep rent increases with a new owner.

These projects focus on new and continued housing for long-time residents and those who are vulnerable to rising prices. At the same time, the housing crisis is so much bigger overall, and that's something Alexis said they contemplate every day.

"Sometimes you have to focus on what you can control – 76 units at Cote and 40 at Morton Village; those are things we can control," he said. "The housing crisis is humongous, and it will take more than CICD to tackle that...I think the dilemma is finding a way to make sure that when Mattapan gets better, we don't lose that identity and the folks who have been here so long.'

Yet, he said, Mattapan can clear that hurdle like no other neighborhood facing Boston's surging housing costs. "If there's one place this is doable, it's Mattapan because the homeownership numbers we have are so high," he said. "That means there is some control over how properties change hands.'

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To the named Respondent and all other nterested persons, a petition has been iled by Boston Medical Center of Boston nied by Boston Wedical Center of Boston. MA in the above captioned matter alleging that Minh Huy La is in need of a Guardian and requesting that Robert Christian, Esq of Melrose, MA (or some other suitable person) be appointed as Guardian to serve on the bond.

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Hidden Heroes and Sheroes gala honors 11 from Codman Square, Four Corners

By SETH DANIEL **News Editor**

Six community members and organizations were honored at the annual Codman Square and Four Corners 'Hidden Heroes and Sheroes' gala on Nov. 17 in the Great Hall, with five teens from the neighborhood receiving \$2,000 scholarships as well.

The annual gala has been ongoing for more than 25 years and is meant to honor those in the two communities that are doing incredible work behind the scenes -making big impacts but not often getting recognition. At the same time, the gala serves to reward area teens with scholarships to continue their education via the Rev. Dr. Bill Loesch Memorial Scholarship Fund.

More than 150 individuals have been honored since the inception of the gala, the event's emcee, Cynthia Loesch-Johnson, chair of the Codman Square Neighborhood Council (CSNC), told a packed house.

"They do the work they do because they love the community and want to make it a better place," she said. "They don't often make it into photos or as speakers. This is why we honor them, because they give of themselves



Kristina Pruitt, a Youth Leadership scholarship recipient, is shown with her parents, Kevin and Mona Pruitt.



Joanna Edwards, Erica Davis, and Myah Powers, all of the Codman Square Neighborhood Council Board. Seth Daniel photos

day-in and day-out to make Codman Square and Four Corners a better place to live.'

Said Stafford Lewis of the Greater Four Corners Action Coalitions to the honorees: "You're no longer hidden," and because of that the expectations will be greater.

Mayor Wu made a stop at the gala this year and noted that it's an event with amazing energy because it lifts those rarely honored, while at the same time lifting up the

next generation of young people with scholarships.

Noted Councillor Julia Mejia, "If you don't have a seat at the table, then you're on the menu. Never water yourself down so you're more digestible. If they don't like you, let them choke."

One of the most poignant neighborhood leader awards was given to Laquisa Burke, president of the West of Washington (WOW) Coalition and a life-long





Toni Wiley, of the Sportsman's Tennis and Enrichment Center (STEC), received the Millennium Award from Cynthia Loesch-Johnson and Stafford Lewis.

Codman Square area resident. She noted that she learned how to be an advocate and activist from her mother, who battled addiction most of her life. Despite that, Burke said, her mother was able to provide a stable home and get her into a good school in the Metco program. Through attending recovery meetings with her mother, she said, she watched her mother in action. "She advocated for people who were on drugs, and she also was on drugs," said Burke.
"Watching my mom

... I never thought that I could advocate for my community the way I am...But I was tired of not seeing my neighbors and not knowing who lived next to me. I was tired of not getting together as neighbors and having fun like we did when we were kids, and we would pop the fire hydrant in the summer on Norwell Street."









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As part of her work, Burke said, she and some neighbors revived the WOW Coalition and have now been able to secure \$1.8 million to build a new WOW Family Park on Norwell Street, which goes under construction next vear.

"I do this because I deserve a good place to live and you deserve a good place to live," she said.

Accepting the Millennium Award was Toni Wiley, leader of the Sportsman's Tennis and Enrichment Center (STEC) in nearby Franklin Field. Wiley detailed the \$18 million expansion project ongoing at STEC that will bring even more opportunities to adults and young people in the neighborhood looking to upgrade their game and their academics.

"Our founders believed that tennis could open the doors of opportunity," she said. "What's the good of helping a kid get a college scholarship if they're not ready academically and they don't have the life management skills to know how to be in the place they are?"

The Civic Leadership Award went to Teena-Marie Johnson, who lives in the Harvard-Washington-Norwell area on VassarStreet and is described as a "fierce advocate" for urban farming and gardening. After getting a degree in public admin-



Teena-Marie Johnson spoke after receiving the Civic Leadership Award. Seth Daniel photo

istration, she returned for a master's degree in urban environmental planning and policy and set a course advocating for green spaces, gardening spaces, and public art. She started her advocacy while a high school student at Madison Park Vocational and Technical School.

"Thank you for noticing me," she said. "It's nice that people notice you care."

Others who were honored included:

• Habitat for Humanity Greater Boston received the Civic Leadership Award for its work in building homes with neighbors since 1987. The organization has used its model to build more than 120 homes in Dorchester, Roxbury, and other neighborhoods since being founded.

•Friends Ineudira Barbosa and Saranya Sathananthan both received the Neighborhood Leadership Award for their action in buying a home in Codman Square together with the dual purpose of living there and offering the rental units below market to residents trying to avoid being priced out of the

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•Students who were awarded Youth Leadership Award scholarships (\$2,000 each) included Lawrence Gustama (Cristo Rey Boston High School), Kristina Pruitt (Boston Latin Academy), Jabari Gichuru (Boston Latin School), Tyeisha Harkness (Boston Collegiate Charter School), and Zaquarah Caldwell (CASH).





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Eversource engaging Dot, Mattapan residents on energy issues

(Continued from page 1) tract of land it already owns behind Oak Lawn Cemetery for similar

According to an Eversource spokesman, the plans taking root now are part of a very longterm process to conform to their Electric System Modernization Plan (ESMP) filed with the state in September. That plan sets a framework to meet current and future demand for electricity particularly with so many new usages like heat pumps and electric vehicles – and suggests preliminary ways on how to do that.

A second piece of the ESMP is to put in place things like substations, electric battery storage, and solar arrays to meet state-mandates on decarbonization by 2050.

"As we look to unlock the benefits of clean energy equitably for all of our customers, there will be an essential need for system upgrades and new electric infrastructure in many, if not all, areas of Boston," wrote the spokesman. "We currently do not have concrete plans for our properties

in Dorchester, but we recognize that some may be needed for clean electric infrastructure such as substations or battery storage systems, which is precisely why we are having conversations with neighborhood and community groups about the city's needs in the coming years."

Neighbors from the Canterbury and Cummins Highway area noted they had been approached by Eversource to organize ongoing working groups, according to neighborhood sources.

According to the Eversource filing, the existing nearby substation serving parts of Dorchester, Mattapan, and Hyde Park is at 100 percent capacity and will be overloaded by 2030. The plan for the 18-acre property behind the cemetery is to deploy a battery energy storage system (BESS) there to temporarily resolve the overload issues until a new substation can be built in the long term. It is also seen as a demonstration site for BESS technology, the report noted.

'The project could

demonstrate new BESS design/application ideas by connecting BESS system to various system voltage levels; moving energy from one substation to the other when two systems cannot be directly connected; and testing partial discharging of the BESS while the remaining portion is charging with grid,"

Meanwhile, members of the Talbot Norfolk Triangle group, which includes New England Avenue, confirmed they had been approached by the utility, but said it was too early to comment.

Plans detailed in the filing speak of a Dorchester substation that could power 147,000 electric vehicles or 30,000 residential heat pumps, which would take the

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To the named Respondent and al To the named Respondent and an other interested persons, a petition has been filed by Christina E. Crawford of South Boston, MAin the above captioned matter requesting that the court: Expand the powers of a Guardian.

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stress load off the current Hyde Park substation. The grid in the Dorchester and Mattapan areas near New England Avenue are at 90 percent capacity now, according to the report.

Eversource said it was reaching out to environmental justice communities like Dorchester and Mattapan first to hear their thoughts on expanding the grid and the best way to do that on the properties identified. They also want to get feedback on their suggested plans in the ESMP.

"As our plans develop, our goal is to inform our customers early on in the process, include our communities in shaping our plans, and foster an open dialogue," wrote the spokesman. "We believe that our environmental

justice communities deserve a seat at the table to help us best understand their needs as we build this clean energy future together."

Eversource also said it would be evaluating all their properties for "potential sites for the new infrastructure that will be necessary to meet those goals."



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Morrissey Commission sets June '24 deadline for findings

(Continued from page 1) planning for 50 miles of nectivity between the envisioned a report on city coastline," she said, east and west, which is findings by June of this year. Now, that deadline has been moved to June of next year.

The commission is chaired by newly installed Transportation Secretary and CEO Monica Tibbits-Nutt. It also includes elected officials who represent the area: state Sen. Nick Collins, state Reps. David Biele and Daniel Hunt, and City Councillor Frank Baker, along with selected officials from state and city agencies, including the state's Dept. of Conservation and Recreation, the UMass Building Authority, and the city's Transportation Department.

Mayor Wu, who attended Tuesday evening's meeting, said she joined constituents in expressing a sense of relief. "Finally!"

"The amazing team at the city has completed our coastal resiliency

"and our attitude is we are ready to be done planning and start doing.

"Everyone in this room already knows how often Morrissey already floods," said Wu, who famously stood in the roadway in hip-high boots while campaigning for mayor. "It's a safety issue not only for those in need, but also for all of the residents on the other side."

Wu urged commissioners to make sure that Kosciuszko Circle - the rotary that is an everyday bottleneck-is prioritized in their final plan. "This got broken off in the planning process from the rest of the corridor,' she said. "I urge that it happen in parallel, in tandem.'

Sen. Collins, credited by colleagues for driving the idea behind the commission's creation, said he wants the group to emphasize better connow largely divided by the boulevard. Collins also hinted at earlier false starts in planning efforts focused along Morrissey and urged the various parties to stay focused on delivering a finished product by next year.

"With a little bit of a hiccup, we can get off track even if we agree on most things," said Collins, who added that he viewed this process as a "speak now or forever hold your peace opportunity."

Collins said that improving conditions along Morrissey would not only improve the experience for commuters and future residents, but also for people in other sections of Dorchester who absorb extra vehicular burden when Morrissey floods out.

"Think about what happens when it rains," said Collins. "It forces people to drive up Colum-

bia Road, Adams Street, Bowdoin - the neighborhoods of Dorchester get crushed. This helps us address an inequity. Dorchester is the biggest neighborhood of the city and it means a lot to the regional economy."

Baker said that the hazards posed by unsafe crossings on Morrissey and at Kosciuszko Circle had motivated his earliest involvement in civic affairs. His neighbors, he said, have long borne the burden of having highways, railways, and the boulevard cut them off from the waterfront, with the further insult of air pollution added on.

Baker, who will leave his commission seat to his successor John Fitz-Gerald in January, noted: "I'm not going to be here in an official capacity and that concerns me, but the fact that we have a legislative commission in place makes me feel good. Finally we have everyone sitting here and talking.

Let's please try to keep that together."

Hunt noted that incremental improvements have been made in recent years to the corridor, including a recent re-design of traffic signals and medians at Freeport Street.

"People in this room should know that a lot of work has been done since the 2017 study was put together mostly through DCR. It has gotten us to a more significant design," he said.

Ethan Britland, who is leading the project team for MassDOT, offered a brief presentation on what the public should expect from the commission's work in coming months.

He noted that the team includes technical support from a group of seven different consultants, who will lean partly on the 2017 design work that Hunt cited, which brought the plans for rehabbing the boulevard to the 25 percent phase

before meetings abruptly ended.

Britland said that evolving conditions since 2017, new climate resiliency plans conducted by the city, and "the significant amount of development pressure" on the corridor, necessitate a more comprehensive plan for Morrissey with an emphasis on "improved mobility for all users of the corridor."

Britland said the three additional public meetings were anticipated next year in early winter, late winter, and spring-

The scope of the panel's review extends from Neponset Circle to Preble Circle in South Boston. Sen. Collins told the Reporter last year that a full overhaul of the corridor could cost as much as \$1 billion, although no cost estimates were discussed during Tuesday's inaugural meeting of the commission.



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FIND OUT WHAT'S INSIDE: BGCD Hosts Dance Recital Showcase for Members & Families: Boys & Girls Clubs of Dorchester's Dance Program recently hosted a Recital Showcase for family, friends and members as 60+ program

participants showcased their Fall

With an audience of 150 attending, members performed routines in Contemporary Dance, Musical, Hip-Hop and Jazz. The Mini Dance Team and our BGCD Dance Team worked so hard in preparing for the recital. It was a terrific night of performances and we congratulate all of the Dance program participants and Dance Teacher Shannon for her love of dance and helping to support our youth! For more information on the Dance Programs at BGCD, please contact Social Recreation Director, Shannon Zarnoch at szarnoch@bgcdorchester.org.



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Southborough, and the late Norbert Adamczyk. Pat is also survived by her many nieces and nephews. Contributions may be made to the Congregation of the Sisters of St. Joseph of Boston, 637 Cambridge St., Brighton, MA 02135.



BUCCIERI, John James, 70, of North Attleboro formerly of Dorchester. He leaves behind three siblings, Margaret Soucy, Charles Buccieri and Katheen Mercogliano. Uncle of 7 nieces and nephews and

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COLEMAN, ter Mary Elizabeth (formerly Sister Daniel Patrice) 80. She was a member of the Sisters of St. Francis of Philadelphia for 58 yrs. Sr. Mary was born in Winchester. Sr. Mary is survived by her nieces, nephews and her Franciscan family. Sr. Mary spent 32 years in the Archdiocese of Boston as a teacher at: Our Lady of the Assumption School, Lynnfield, Our Lady of Nazareth Academy, Wakefield, and Blessed Sacrament School, Walpole; Guidance Counselor at: St. Elementary Gregory School. Dorchester and Our Lady of Lourdes School, Jamaica Plain. Donations: Sisters of St. Francis Foundation, 609 S. Convent Road, Aston. PA 19014. lyonsfs.com

FAY, James "Jimmy" 83, of Dorchester, formerly of Cavan, Ireland. He was predeceased by his parents, Patrick and Bridget



(McEntee) Fay; brother, Hughie Fay; sister, Sue Fay; uncle, Jack McEntee and his wife, Mary; Aunt Mary Urciuolo and her husband, Dom; and sister-in-law, Ellen "Ellie" Fay. He is survived by his sister, Mary Fay-Shannon of Norwood; brother, Pat of Dorchester; and brother, John and his wife, Sara of Roslindale; along with many nieces and nephews and grand-nieces and nephews.

GREGORY, Edward T. Jr. of West Roxbury. Husband of Donna (Mc-Laughlin) Gregory. Son of the late Edward T. Gregory, Sr. (BFD) and Francis (Condon) Gregory. Ed is also survived by many dedicated brothers and sisters-in-law and nieces and nephews.



HAGAN, Robert F. "Bobby", 88. He was born to Margaret (Hickey) and Robert Hagan. He spent his formative years in Dorchester, growing up with four younger siblings. He is survived by daughters Joan Betcher of Rochester, NH and Sally Petreyko of RI.; also survived by many nieces, nephews, grandchildren and great-grandchildren; and predeceased by his three brothers, James, Joseph, Thomas; and sister, Peggy; daughters, Carol McGrath, Nancy Sullivan;

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Suffolk Probate & Family Court 24 New Chardon Street

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DATE OF DEATH: 12/02/2021

Killeen of Milton Village, MA requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order

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Witness, HON, BRIAN J. DUNN, First Institute of the Court.

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Date: November 17, 2023

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PANETTA, Sr. Cath-97. Daughter of Joseph rence, Roxbury, Peabody, Danvers. She became a religious ed. coordinator, and South Boston. Served Boston. Predeceased by six seph, James, Edward, and

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WALSH, John E. of Dorchester, Falmouth, and formerly of Abington. Husband of Donna M. (Akins) Walsh. Father of Coleman J. Walsh and his wife Rebecca Walsh of Dorchester. Brother of Patricia Vantine of Quincy, and the late Margaret Jones of Millis. Son-in-law of Peter Akins and Nora Walsh of Braintree. Brother-inlaw of Peter Akins Jr. of East Bridgewater, James Akins of Rockland, and Thomas Akins of Braintree. Son of the late John and Margaret Walsh of Abington. John is also survived by many loving nieces, nephews, and dear friends.



WOODS, Sam, (Little Buddy), 80, of Dorchester. Son of Sam and Mrs. Pasty Gamble-Woods. He was preceded in death by his life partner Mae Henry, his parents, Icola, Leon, Mitchell, Anna-Pearl, Janie-Mae. He is survived by his children Renea, Wanda, Michael, and Trina along with his siblings: Bertha, Viola, Juanita (Nathaniel), James, Willie, Patricia, and loved ones.

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Docket No. SU17P0988EA
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a/k/a: WALTER E. CASEY, JR.
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Witness, HON. BRIAN J. DUNN, First Justice of this Court.

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