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Dorchester's Zion Williams starred on both sides of the ball for the Eagles on Sunday.

Dot Eagles fall short in Disney games

By DANIEL SHEEHAN
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One of Dorchester's youth football teams made it to the 61st Pop Warner Super Bowl in Orlando this week. The Eagles defeated Chicago's Hoffman Estates Redhawks by the score of 20-14 at Disney's ESPN sports complex on Sunday. Unfortunately, the Dorchester squad was defeated by North Raleigh of North Carolina in the Junior Varsity semifinals on Wednesday.

The Eagles advanced to the Pop Warner Super Bowl after winning both their league and the New England Regional Championships. Having reached the semifinals, the Eagles are among the four top

teams in their division out of a field of 64 teams from around the country.

Dorchester's defense was dominant throughout much of the quarterfinal game, holding their Chicago counterparts to only seven points before a late touchdown brought the Redhawks to within six. The first half was highlighted by a 61-yard fumble return by Dorchester's Zion Simmons, which gave the Eagles an early 8-0 lead.

Simmons starred on both sides of the ball and was responsible for all three of the team's scores, contributing two long rushing touchdowns in addition to the fumble return.

Uphams Corner citizen workshops weigh future of the iconic Strand

By JENNIFER SMITH
NEWS EDITOR

The city-sponsored Uphams Corner planning process continued last week with a workshop focused on the Strand Theatre, a neighborhood icon and anchor for almost a century. City officials, artists, and residents said they hope to see a more flexible use of the Strand's space while preserving it as a community resource.

Dozens of attendees sat on the theater's main stage on Thursday for a briefing on the landmark's history and a discussion about the venue's future. In small groups, they bemoaned the Strand's lack of resources, considered the need for diverse spaces within the theater for rehearsals, performance, co-working, community gatherings, or experimenting with new technology.

The fear, one group wrote, is that “the unique characteristics of the building, and the community around it, are not fully appreciated.” They wondered: What role will the community have in deciding its best use? But there was also a sense of optimism about what's ahead. “This moment comes and goes again, but I feel something different this time,” they wrote.

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The Dorchester Not For Sale group protested a BPDA planning meeting Wednesday. Jennifer Smith photo

Activists take up displacement issue at Glover's Corner meeting on transit

By JENNIFER SMITH
NEWS EDITOR

Community activists brought a Glover's Corner planning meeting to a dramatic halt last Wednesday night, interrupting a city-led transportation discussion to speak out about displacement and call for a moratorium until they were satisfied that the process would

adequately include community input.

The meeting at the IBEW union hall on Freeport Street was a scheduled transit-focused workshop building on a series of public meetings, walkabouts, comment periods, and other workshops since the Boston Planning and Development Agency's “PLAN:

Glover's Corner” study got under way in January.

At the 40-minute mark, as officials explained the connection between land use and transportation planning, Dorchester resident Ngoc-Tran Vu quietly walked up to the front of the hall, took the microphone, and began speaking.

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Civic leaders hear latest designs for Morrissey Blvd.

By JENNIFER SMITH
NEWS EDITOR

The state Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) has wrapped up its outreach to key local civic groups over the long-awaited Morrissey Boulevard renovation, but a comment period remains open until Mon., Dec. 18, for the public to offer feedback on the latest design.

After Mayor Martin Walsh echoed concerns from a number of residents about proposed changes to the coastal thoroughway – notably a vehicular lane drop meant to streamline the road and allow for protected bicycle and pedestrian paths

– DCR accommodated the mayor's request that they brief Dorchester groups whose members may not have the chance to attend the full project meetings. The department then met with six civic groups with interests along the stretch of the boulevard, concluding Tuesday with the Harbor Point Com-

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Man shot to death inside Bowdoin Street store

A man was shot to death inside a Bowdoin Street convenience store on Friday night around 11:45 p.m. Police officers were called to the scene inside Peguero's Market at 218 Bowdoin St. and found "an adult male in his late twenties" suffering from gunshot wounds. He was pronounced dead at the scene. Universal Hub identified the victim as Natalino Gomes, who was working as an employee at the store, according to the Boston Globe. Police commissioner William Evans told the Globe that the shooting did not appear to be a robbery and that the incident was a targeted attack.



Three boys caught

Boston Police arrested three boys— ages 13, 14 and 16— at a Norfolk Street residence on Sunday for allegedly using a sawed-off shotgun, above, to rob a man on nearby Chipman Street on Saturday. Police say the discovered the weapon while conducting a search warrant at the Norfolk Street house on Dec. 3. The police report indicates that the victim in the case was robbed of money at gunpoint when he arrived on Chipman street to buy an iPhone from someone he met online. “All three juveniles will be additionally charged with firearm-related offenses,” according to Boston Police.



A ceremony to promote and swear in new Boston EMTs was held last Friday at Faneuil Hall. *City of Boston photo/Isabel Leon*

City welcomes an influx of well-trained EMTs

BY ELANA AURISE
REPORTER STAFF

Mayor Martin Walsh celebrated the graduation of 22 EMT recruits and recognized seven other EMTs who recently received promotions in a ceremony at Faneuil Hall last Friday. The graduates, who had been state-certified prior to hire, completed an additional 12 weeks of classroom training and practical scenario work along with a 15-week field internship program to prepare them for working in a busy and ever evolving system.

Boston boasts the most extensive EMS post-hire educational program in the country.

The new EMTs were

trained in mass casualty incidents, domestic violence cases, hazardous materials exposure, transportation accident recovery services, and other life-threatening situations. During training, they responded to more than 3,600 incidents across the city. They will be assigned to front-line ambulances across the city.

The recognized departmental EMTs included: Two EMTs who became certified paramedics after completing all necessary Boston EMS Paramedic testing and selection during a three-month internship program. Five other EMTs who were promoted to lieutenant

after completing a four-month classroom, field, and dispatch operations training program are now serving as department supervisors.

"I am always most pleased when these ceremonies include both graduating recruits and department promotions, as our hope with every new hire is that they will choose Boston EMS as a career," said Boston EMS Chief Jim Hooley. "Recognizing our newest members, as well as those who have already committed so much of themselves to the department and their city at such a historic venue makes this a particularly special event."

Allegations against a 'stipend' instructor move BC High to terminate arrangement

In a letter to parents on Tuesday, Boston College High Principal Stephen Hughes announced that the school had “recently learned of allegations against an individual who has been paid a stipend” to work with the school’s jazz band. “The alleged incidents did not take place at our school,” he added.

The school has “terminated our engagement” with the individual, Hughes wrote, noting that the school had initiated an investigation and, “to the best of our knowledge at this time, no members of our school community are involved” with respect to the allegations.

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‘Meet the Kiosks’ event in Codman Square – The Boston Area Research Initiative will host a “Meet the Kiosks” public conversation and information session on Mon., Dec. 11 from 6-8 p.m. at the Codman Square Center Great Hall. The event will provide an opportunity for residents to learn more about the proposed kiosks and the role they would play in transforming Boston into a “Smart City.” Free.

Tree removal hearing on Blue Hill Avenue – The Boston Parks and Recreation Department will hold a public hearing on Thursday, December 7, at 10 a.m. on a request to remove one, 10 inch in diameter shade tree at 1516 Blue Hill Avenue in Mattapan to make way for a driveway. The hearing will be held by the City of Boston's Tree Warden in the 3rd floor Conference Room of the Boston Parks and Recreation Department at 1010 Massachusetts Ave.

Franklin Park Pathways public meeting – The city's Parks and Recreation Department invites the public to a community briefing for Phase Vb of the ongoing Improvements to Pathways at Franklin Park on Sat., Dec. 9 at 10 a.m. at William Devine Golf Course Club House, 1 Circuit Dr., Dorchester. Call 617-961-3019 for more info.

'Reality and Truth' in Journalism at JFK Library – JFK Library presents a forum entitled "Reality and Truth in Contemporary Journalism" on Monday, Dec. 11 at 6 p.m. Features Dan Balz, Chief Correspondent at *The Washington Post*, Kathleen Hall Jamieson, University of Pennsylvania professor of communication, and **Tom Nichols**, author of *The Death of Expertise: The Campaign Against Established Knowledge and Why It Matters*, discuss reality and truth in contemporary media with Heather Cox Richardson, Boston College professor of history. Free. Register at jfklibrary.org.

MAHA annual meeting on Dec. 11 – Mass Affordable Housing Alliance annual meeting and dinner from 6-7:30p.m. at 1803 Dorchester Ave., Dorchester. It will be an exciting evening with the announcement of a new mortgage agreement with Santander, election of new board members, and a special thank you to the Hyams Foundation for their tremendous support of MAHA's work. Please RSVP at mahahome.org

Jones Hill Association holiday potluck – The Jones Hill Association holds its December meeting— a holiday potluck—at 7 p.m. on Thurs., Dec. 14 at St. Mary's Women and Children's Center, 90 Cushing Ave., Dorchester. See joneshill.com for additional information. Next meeting: Jan. 11.

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Ethics panel takes up Rosenberg case; acting president named

STATE HOUSE NEWS SERVICE

The Massachusetts Senate initiated an Ethics Committee investigation on Monday night into its now former president Sen. Stanley Rosenberg in a dramatic day of upheaval that saw Worcester Democrat Harriette Chandler installed as the body's acting president pending the outcome of a probe of alleged sexual harassment and Senate interference by Bryon Hefner, Rosenberg's husband.

The election of Chandler, Rosenberg's top lieutenant, and the adoption of an order green-lighting the Ethics Committee investigation marked the culmination of a marathon day of closed-door talks between Democrats and Republicans.

Chandler emerged as the unanimous choice of Democrats to take over

the Senate temporarily after Rosenberg announced in the morning that he wanted to take a "leave of absence" from his leadership duties to ensure a "fully independent and credible" investigation.

"Choices had to be made and today we've chosen to move on and to move forward," Chandler said. "What's most important right now is that we work towards a swift and resolute conclusion to this whole sad event."

Senators also said they welcomed a possible criminal investigation into the allegations published last Thursday in the *Boston Globe*, which reported that three men who do business on Beacon Hill were allegedly groped by Hefner and a fourth was kissed against his will. Those men also claimed that Hefner boasted about influence he wielded

Sen. Dorcena Forry: If a vacancy, she will 'pursue that opportunity'

**By JENNIFER SMITH
NEWS EDITOR**

In a statement to the *Reporter* on Wednesday, state Sen. Linda Dorcena Forry, who represents the 1st Suffolk District, which includes Dorchester, South Boston, Mattapan, and parts of Hyde Park, said, "This is a difficult time for the Senate yet an even more difficult time for the men who had the courage to come forward and share their experiences. I'm saddened by this story. I have not talked to the Senate president, but we have to work through this as a body."

She added, "If there is a vacancy for Senate president, I do intend to pursue that opportunity. However, right now, my focus is squarely on supporting acting President Chandler in all ways and my other colleagues. We have vital work to conduct for our constituents and the people of the Commonwealth."

After the Senate caucus on Monday Forry said that she did not believe that a Rosenberg return to the presidency at the conclusion of the investigation was a foregone conclusion. "We thought as a body that it was important to put in an interim Senate president and that is what we're doing until the report is complete," she said.

Editor's note: Sen. Dorcena Forry is married to Bill Forry, the Reporter's editor and publisher.

over Senate policy decisions. The Ethics Committee

ate order, "the conduct of Senator Stanley C. Rosenberg and whether he violated the rules of the Senate." The investigator is to have "full access" to the Rosenberg's office and his staff, and the committee was authorized to compel witness testimony and the production of "books and papers and such other records" by summons.

"One of the mistakes that anyone can make with an investigation is to try to limit it in too many ways. This investigation needs to take as long as it takes and it needs to go where the facts take it," said Senate minority leader Bruce Tarr.

Rosenberg said last Friday that he is confident an investigation will show that Hefner, who is planning to seek treatment for alcohol dependence, had no decision-making role in

the Senate.

Before the senators met on Monday, speculation had been rife about Rosenberg's ability to cling to power and whether several senators jockeying for poll position to succeed Rosenberg could muster the votes to replace him.

Sen. Cynthia Creem, one of the Senate's three assistant majority leaders, said there was no discussion of a new permanent leader because Rosenberg was only taking a leave of absence from the post. "At the end of the investigation, he may be Senate president again," Creem said. Asked if she expected Rosenberg to return to the presidency, she said, "I don't have a looking glass."

Matt Murphy, Michael P. Norton, Katie Lannan, and Colin A. Young of the State House News Service authored this report.

UMass Boston students seek relief amid budget cuts

**By KATIE LANNAN
STATE HOUSE NEWS SERVICE**

Ongoing budget woes are creating an environment of anxiety at the University of Massachusetts Boston, students told UMass trustees last Wednesday as they asked for an immediate infusion of funds to give the campus a window to develop a long-term plan.

"We can't move forward by destroying our university and what it stands for with more staff layoffs, threats to

our academic programs, or further disenfranchisement of those of us that need a place like UMass Boston the most," Juan Blanco, who earned a bachelor's degree at UMass Boston and is now a grad student there, told the trustees' Administration and Finance Committee. "All we need is more time, and you have the power to make that happen," he said.

Amid extensive construction and a search for a new chancellor, UMass

Boston this year has been seeking to close a \$30 million structural budget deficit, aiming to get the gap down to \$5 million by June 2018.

Budget-cutting efforts have included \$4.5 million in non-personnel reductions and an employee buyout program that yielded \$3 million in savings, according to campus officials. Earlier this month, 36 employees received layoff notices and work hours were reduced for seven others.

"UMass Boston is committed to putting its fiscal house back in order, understanding that its mission of transformation must rest on a solid foundation," campus spokesman Robert Connolly said in a statement.

Students, faculty and others opposing the cuts protested inside and outside the meeting at the UMass Club, asking trustees to funnel \$5 million from the UMass system reserves to the Boston campus.



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Activists take up displacement issue at Glover's Corner meeting on transit

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"I am here with many voices and people of the community who are feeling left out of this planning process," the Vietnamese artist from Fields Corner said. She and others called for "development without displacement."

Dozens of attendees then left their chairs and gathered around the room, bearing signs reading "Don't Displace Boston Residents," "Dorchester Is More

Than Money," and the protesting collective's name: "Dorchester Not For Sale."

Mimi Ramos, director of the Dorchester-based advocacy group New England United for Justice, said, "We have been coming together as one community under one Dorchester because we care about our neighborhood. We care about the future and the direction that Dorchester takes and let's be clear: We don't want to just come

to meetings so that you have our names and information on a sign-in sheet. We want a real process, we want real decisions, because it is our community."

The group has been meeting since the spring and includes local organizations like VietAID, the Massachusetts Affordable Housing Alliance (MAHA), and CityLife/Vida Urbana. After an October meeting with BPDA staff and subsequent letters in



Lara Mérida, BPDA deputy director for community planning, briefly attempted to take back the microphone, then spoke after the protestors concluded.

November did not garner satisfactory — or any — response, they decided Wednesday's action was a necessary attention-grabbing move.

"We need to slow down this planning process," Vu said. "We want a six-month moratorium on this planning process to have more time to engage and learn about the future of Dorchester together."

Along with the moratorium, they said they want detailed data and data analysis on the area's demographics and potential impact before moving forward with conversations. They also asked for interpreters, food, and childcare at all future BPDA-sponsored Glover's Corner meetings.

Lara Mérida, BPDA deputy director for community planning, spoke after the protestors were finished with their presentation. "I think we're here all for the same reason," she said, "and I know workshops are tough."

She said the agency had been trying to bring in people from the community to the meetings and were still working on assessing the data, adding, "So I think what we need to do is to keep having these conversations together, and we're all at the table, we all have the same goal of wanting to make sure we're making an equitable neighborhood that's right for everyone and gives people choices."

After the meeting, she said, "A moratorium is tricky because we're all trying to learn from each other. I wouldn't want to have a moratorium on talking."

Dissatisfied with that response, the dissenters filed out of the room.

City Councillor Frank Baker spoke to those who remained in the hall, apologizing for the disruption and making a case for development along the largely industrial swath of Dorchester Avenue.

"We have a real opportunity in front of us," he said, "a real opportunity to look at transportation options, to look at jobs, jobs training. We're looking at the future here. We're planning the future of Dorchester, and as far as I can see, it's pretty transparent."

Baker and planners said they hoped those who showed up to protest would return and participate in the process going forward.

Some who were at the meeting to discuss the transit-specific concerns were distressed by the protest. One elderly Vietnamese man gestured at the vacated tables, and asked the activists to "sit down and talk. Sit down at the table. You want a voice?"

A number of the Dorchester Not For Sale members are frequent faces at planning meetings and Glover's Corner project gatherings. Long-time neighborhood advocates Janet Jones and Davida Andelman said the city has not been responsive or inclusive enough with the community.

"At all the other meetings I've been concerned about development and overdevelopment, starting with DotBlock," Jones said, referring to the mixed-use project planned for a prominent Glover's Corner site and included in the city study area. She said they want to see "serious affordability, really good jobs, no displacement, open space."

They are not responding to a particular proposed affordable housing level, she said, as the planning discussions have not reached that stage, but she cited the success of advocates around the JP/Rox planning study as a model. In its final form, the JP/Rox plan slated 40 percent of future development to be affordable.

Barbara Rice, a community organizer with MAHA, said in an interview on Thursday that the affordable housing group has been working with Dorchester Not For Sale because many of its homebuyer program graduates are unable to find housing in the neighborhoods or city they've long called home.

"One of MAHA's missions is to promote affordable non-discriminatory home ownership opportunities," she said, "and we want to see the development in Glover's Corner, and Boston, to have homeownership opportunities that are affordable to graduates of MAHA's classes."

At an October workshop — the first meant to drill down into priority areas of land use, housing, jobs, and transit identified in prior meetings — attendees identified areas where they would like to see varying types of land use. The pie chart drawn from the meeting "will inform the conversation," as would any feedback offered in subsequent workshops, BPDA senior planner Viktorija Abolina said.

Vivian Ortiz of Mattapan Food and Fitness was at Wednesday's meeting to observe and take cues from this planning process in anticipation of major development coming to Mattapan.

Standing in the foyer after the protestors disperse, Ortiz said she was "torn" by the proceedings "because I totally want to be with them and want to get information of how it was that they were able to [organize], but at the same time I really wanted to talk about the fact that we need to make Dorchester Avenue a much safer place for everyone to bike and walk."

About one-third of the original attendees remained in the hall and resumed the planned discussion and small group activities. Abolina said they would return to the transportation topic in the future, and a meeting specifically on housing is planned for Jan. 10.

Community Spotlight: Codman Square Goes Solar!



Elnora Thompson

Elnora Thompson, Dorchester resident, community champion, and gardening enthusiast has been leading the charge to bring solar to her neighbors. Codman Square Goes Solar is an initiative driven by residents and organizations based out of Codman Square with the goal to bring solar to Dorchester, help their neighbors save money and grow an inclusive clean energy movement.

Below a brief interview with Elnora about why she is going solar and encourages her neighbors to do the same!

Question: Why did you decide to go solar?

Answer: I decided to go solar because I am bogged down with expensive electric bills.

Question: Had you thought about solar in the past?

Answer: Yes, but I didn't trust the people that were trying to sell me solar. It was also way too expensive or complicated. This is the first program that is easy and offers doesn't require an additional bill to pay.

Question: What is most exciting to you about Codman Square Goes Solar?

Answer: I am excited about this initiative because it's about neighbors helping neighbors. We are helping each other to save money and the environment. The more panels up on houses, the healthier our community. I've been telling all my neighbors to sign up!

The groups that are a part of this coalition include Second Church of Dorchester, Resonant Energy, Dorchester YMCA, Codman Square Neighborhood Council, Codman Square Neighborhood Development Corporation, Community Initiatives Association, and the Epiphany School. The team is in the midst of a summer outreach campaign, closing August 31st, to drive participation for the program and get the word out to their neighbors and friends in Dorchester. Right now anyone with a roof suitable for solar — regardless of income or credit score — can get no-cost solar panels and save immediately on electricity bills. Give a call to Madeleine at 617.506.9248 or visit www.CodmanSquareGoesSolar.com/get-involved to see if your roof qualifies.



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Mayor Martin Walsh and Boston Public Schools Superintendent Tommy Chang addressed reporters at a press conference last Thursday, after an IRS audit found misallocated student activity funds and a failure to deduct Medicaid withholdings prompted the city to pay almost \$1 million in back taxes and fines. The mayor announced an outside law firm will examine the BPS finances in greater detail. For the full story, visit the Reporter website at DotNews.com.

Madison Park leader is placed on leave

By JENNIFER SMITH
NEWS EDITOR

Madison Park Technical Vocational High School's executive director, Kevin McCaskill, was placed on paid leave Monday, leaving the Roxbury school to be run in his absence by assistant headmaster Brett Dickens. This move is the latest episode of leadership turmoil for the school, which has seen three former headmasters leave since 2013.

Superintendent Tommy Chang notified staff, parents, and students of the Madison Park community via a letter on Monday that McCaskill was under investigation. The reason for the investigation has not been specified and BPS officials did not clarify things on Wednesday morning.

"We will have student support systems in place tomorrow for any students who have questions or concerns," Chang wrote in the letter. "Please know that the Madison Park community has the full support of the school district as we all work together to ensure the educational success for all of our students."

McCaskill has served as executive director since 2015, overseeing vocational programs and partnerships with area businesses. The school's headmaster, Shawn Shackelford, was placed on leave last year.

Mayors across greater Boston team up to tackle housing woes

By JENNIFER SMITH
NEWS EDITOR

The Metropolitan Mayors Coalition of Greater Boston on Tuesday announced a partnership to address the regional housing crisis, coinciding with a report showing slow construction progress outside of Boston, even as the greater metro area continues to feel the strain of rapid population and job growth.

Including Boston Mayor Martin Walsh and Somerville Mayor Joseph Curtatone, the coalition is made up of 14 representatives from local cities and towns.

"We're all here today because we want to be part of the solution," Walsh said at a press conference with the assembled mayors. Since 2010, the state's population has ballooned by a quarter of a million people while some 350,000 jobs have been created, the majority concentrated in greater Boston. The city proper is nearing population levels not seen since the 1950s.

"With the success and growth come new challenges," Walsh said. "One

of our biggest challenges facing our communities is housing. In Boston, keeping up with this demand in a smart, sustainable way is our top priority."

The city is on track to add 53,000 new housing units by 2030, although officials project another 42,000 units will be needed by 2050 and the demand around greater Boston is similarly booming. This issue is regional, the mayors said, and requires that city leaders move outside of their "silos" to plan for the housing health of the broader community.

Over the course of a six-month process, the Metro Mayors Coalition will put together a plan with commitments to increasing the diversity and rate of housing production. The partnership announcement laid out construction priorities — bolstering housing across income types, especially affordable and workforce housing; building out stock in renter and owner-occupied housing, including those geared for families with children; locating the housing near transit

and walkable areas; and ensuring design standards are accessible for all ages and abilities.

There are as yet no ball-park figures for housing targets or where development should be focused. A Boston Foundation report last month found that housing production has been overwhelmingly centered in Boston in recent years. Area suburbs, though feeling much of the same demand, have lagged in needed production.

"The crush of applications that we're seeing is really an indication that there is a lot more that we have to do, that our present mode isn't sustainable," Curtatone said.

Efforts to protect residents, like the Jim Brooks Stabilization Act, were highlighted at the press conference. The coalition will include elements to "reduce evictions, eliminate unfair rental practices, mitigate displacement, create permanent housing for the homeless, and ensure safe, stable housing," as well as "abolish discrimination against both tenants and buyers, and

advance fair, equitable access to housing opportunity."

Along with mayors from Braintree, Brookline, Cambridge, Chelsea, Everett, Malden, Melrose, Medford, Newton, Quincy, Revere, and Winthrop, the group has come together in the past to address ongoing climate challenges, pledging in June to uphold the standards of the Paris Climate Accord after the current federal administration announced plans to withdraw the US from the international agreement.

The national conversation is a point of major uncertainty in the housing discussion, as well, Walsh and Curtatone said. The tax bill working its way through Congress could potentially slash grants that support lower income-restricted housing production.

"This is a time when cities and towns and mayors must step up to do the right thing for the people in their communities," Walsh said. "This is a big, ambitious work, but with this team we will get it done collectively."

Halfway to Dot Day 5k, music and crafts mark holiday season

By MAUREEN FORRY-SORRELL
REPORTER STAFF

It's officially the season to celebrate: snow is in the forecast and various holiday parties are popping up all over the neighborhood (and beyond). It's a great time to join your friends and neighbors to celebrate all the wintery happenings—even with only six months to Dot Day!

Kids Menu

Sat., Dec. 9, 9 a.m. — **Half Way to Dot Day 5K.**

Join the Dorchester Running Club for another great year raising money for local families and charities. Registration \$20. Kids under 12 are free with an unwrapped toy. Florian Hall, 55 Hallet St, Dorchester. The race starts promptly at 9 a.m. at the Hallet Street entrance of DCR's Pope John Paul Park. More at DotNews.com

Sat., Dec. 9, 7 p.m. — Saint Brendan's and Saint Ann's **"Swing into Christmas"** on Sat., Dec. 9 from 7-9 p.m. at Saint Brendan Father Lane Hall features live music.

Sat., Dec. 9 at 3 p.m. — **Holiday Christmas Party at Christ the King** Dorchester, 10 Parish St. This free event is fun for all ages - with music, food, and activities for kids and adults.

Sun., Dec. 10, 2p.m. — Music and surprises at the **Dorchester Histori-**

cal Society holiday party from 2-4 p.m. at William Clapp House, 195 Boston St., Dorchester.

Sun., Dec. 10, 1 p.m. — **Holiday Craft Workshop for Kids** presented by Dottie Hottie Kendra Stanton Lee each student will come home with a painted flower pot, a decorated bag, ornament, and greeting card to be gifted and treasured for years to come. All ages welcome, although child should know how to form his/her own letters. All supplies are included in price of class. Boston Sensory Solutions, 500 Granite Ave., Milton. To reserve your spot, go to kendrastantonlee.com.

Tues, Dec. 12 at 5pm. — **Jingle & Mingle** at the Barking Crab Restaurant to benefit Boys and Girls Club of Dorchester. Enjoy live music from Legends of Summer, Farmer Willie's popular Ginger Beer paired with cookies, complimentary food and drinks, raffles, and more.

Wed, Dec. 13 at 4 p.m. — **Hanukkah: The Festival of Lights** at the Museum of Fine Arts. Join us for an evening celebrating "Hanukkah: The Festival of Lights." Enjoy an array of festive musical performances, engaging tours, and family-friendly activities. Explore the MFA's collection of Judaica, view a one-of-a-kind menorah, and join a community candle lighting.

Mon, Dec. 18 at 6 p.m. — **December**



The Boston City Singers tour choir visited South Africa last summer. They are shown above with the South African flag. *Boston City Singers photo*

Boston City Singers offer programs for grades 3-12

Boston City Singers runs several choir programs through its Dorchester-based organization, from a Training Chorus for grades 3 to 5; Cantare for grades 6 through 12; and Harmony for grades 9 through 12. The Singers also have a popular Tour Choir, open to kids in grades 6 through 12.

"The Tour Choir differs from Harmony and Cantare in that it is a much more intensive program and members have an opportunity to perform outside the New England area," explains Val Kennedy, a board member.

"Every two years, Tour Choir

members have an opportunity to live and perform in a foreign country as part of a three-week residency program aimed at fostering a deeper understanding and appreciation of cultural diversity. The residency also helps foster self-reliance and broaden intellectual horizons."

Recent destinations have included South Africa, Costa Rica, Argentina, Canada and New Zealand. The Tour Choir's 2019 residency is tentatively slated for Croatia.

For more information please visit bostoncitysingers.org.



Boston City Singers Winter Stars Concert is set for Sunday, December 17, 3 p.m. at St. Ann's Church, Neponset. Featuring the Dorchester Training Chorus Cantare, Harmony and Tour Choir. Free-will donation at the door.

Holidays Magic Show at Adams St Library. This magic show is an exciting and colorful program that will captivate children ages 4 to 12 with mystifying stage magic, lively comedy, and enchanting lore. The audience will actively participate in Debbie's merry celebrations of Christmas, Hanukkah, Las Posadas, The First Day of Winter, Diwali, New Year's Eve, Bodhi Day, Saint Stephen's Day, Three King's Day, Kwanzaa, and more as they learn about the different holidays that light up this special month.

Thur., Dec. 21 at 7:30 p.m. — **"An**

Irish Christmas Show with Chloë Agnew Original Star of Celtic Woman" at The Irish Cultural Centre of New England 200 New Boston Drive, Canton.

Tues., Dec. 26, 10:30 a.m. — **The Fairy Circus: Tanglewood Marionettes** Come enjoy turn-of-the-century-style trick puppetry featuring over twenty hand-crafted marionettes that dance, play instruments, juggle, contort, transform and fly through the air - all to the best-loved music of famous composers. All performances are. jfklibrary.org/celebrate or call 617-514-1644.

Free classical concert at Strand on Dec. 30

By DANIEL SHEEHAN
REPORTER CORRESPONDENT

Boston Baroque will present its fifth annual free community concert at the Strand Theatre on Saturday, Dec. 30 at 2 p.m. The ensemble, which has been nominated for three Grammy awards, will perform a program including Handel's Gloria, Handel's Water Music Suite in F, and Bach's Brandenburg Concerto No. 1. The concert will be led by widely acclaimed conductor Martin Pearlman and will feature emerging star soprano vocalist Mary Wilson.

Boston Baroque features some of the best period instrumentalists in the world and is widely regarded as America's premier baroque ensemble. This free concert will provide yet another great opportunity to



The Boston Baroque ensemble will perform in a free concert at the Strand Theatre on Sat., Dec. 30.

hear world-class quality musicianship at a local community fixture. The free show will serve as a preview of the ensemble's New Year's concert, which will be performed at Harvard University's Sanders

Theatre on Dec. 31 and Jan. 1. Tickets are free but must be reserved in advance online at bostonbaroque.org, by phone at 617-987-8600, or by email at boxoffice@bostonbaroque.org.

org. Tickets are also available at the Uphams Corner branch of the Boston Public Library, at the Strand Theatre box office on the day of the concert, or at any Boston Public Library branch in Dorchester.

Boston City Singers will be performing 'Winter Stars' show in JP, Dot this month

The Boston City Singers will celebrate the holidays with free community concerts in Dorchester and Jamaica Plain this month. The organization's annual Winter Stars concert will feature songs of

hope and joy from around the world performed by children from the Dorchester and Jamaica Plain programs. The Dorchester show will take place at 3 p.m. on Sun., Dec. 17 at St. Ann Church, 434

Neponset Ave. The show will include Boston City Singers' Training Chorus, Cantare, Harmony and Tour Choir. Dorchester's Tour Choir recently completed a three-week summer music residency in South Africa.

The Jamaica Plain concert will be held at 11 a.m. on Sat., Dec. 16 at Hope Central Church, 85 Seaverns Ave., showcasing the musical talents of Boston City Singers' preschool and elementary school-aged singers, along with the newest teen choir, Harmony.

Admission to each concert is free, although donations to Boston City Singers' Scholarship Fund are encouraged and will be accepted at the door. Since its establishment in 1995, Boston City Singers' programs have served children from Boston's neighborhoods and surrounding suburbs offering musical education and life-skills training to children aged 4-18 regardless of financial need.

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Thurs., Dec. 7, 3:30 p.m. – Drop-In Homework Help. **Sat., Dec. 9,** 11 a.m. – Baby Story Time. **Mon., Dec. 11,** 3:30 p.m. – Drop-In Homework Help. **Tues., Dec. 12,** 10:30 a.m. – Quilt Making for Generations; 3:30 p.m. – Drop-In Homework Help. **Wed., Dec. 13,** 3:30 p.m. – Drop-In Homework Help; 4 p.m. – Graham Cracker Gingerbread House Craft Time. **Thurs., Dec. 14,** 12:30 p.m. – USCIS Information Hours at the Boston Public Library Branches; 3:30 p.m. – Drop-In Homework Help.

FIELDS CORNER BRANCH
Thurs., Dec. 7, 3:30 p.m. – Drop-In Homework Help. **Fri., Dec. 8,** 9:30 a.m. – Lapsit Story Time; 10:30 a.m. – Reading Readiness. **Sat., Dec. 9,** 9 a.m. – USCIS Information Hours at the Boston Public Library Branches; 10 a.m. – Brian Day; Vietnamese Book Club. **Mon., Dec. 11,** 10:30 a.m. – Ask a Career Counselor; 3:30 p.m. – Drop-In Homework Help. **Tues., Dec. 12,** 3:30 p.m. – Drop-In Homework Help; 6:30 p.m. – Hatha Yoga. **Wed., Dec. 13,** 10:30 a.m. – Preschool Films and Fun; 3:30 p.m. – Drop-In Homework Help. **Thurs., Dec. 14,** 3:30 p.m. – Drop-In Homework Help.

GROVE HALL BRANCH
Thurs., Dec. 7, 3:30 p.m. – Drop-In Homework Help; 5:30 p.m. – Thursday Nigh Movies. **Fri., Dec. 8,** 10:30 a.m. – Preschool Movies. **Sat., Dec. 9,** 2 p.m. – An Afternoon with Author Joan Blake; Girls Who Code. **Mon., Dec. 11,** 3:30 p.m. – Drop-In Homework Help. **Tues., Dec. 12,** 10:15 a.m. – ESL High-Beginner English; 10:30 a.m. – Preschool Story Time; 3:30 p.m. – Drop-In Homework Help. **Wed., Dec. 13,** 11 a.m. – Toddler Time; 3:30 p.m. – Drop-In Homework Help; 4 p.m. – Drop-In Crafts: Ornament Making. **Thurs., Dec. 14,** 3:30 p.m. – Drop-In Homework Help; 5:30 p.m. – Thursday Nigh Movies; 6 p.m. – Explaining Elma Lewis: The Cultural and Political Legacy of an American Icon.

LOWER MILLS BRANCH
Thurs., Dec. 7, 3:30 p.m. – Drop-In Homework Help; 6 p.m. – ESL Conversation Group. **Fri., Dec. 8,** 9:30 a.m. – Babytime; 1 p.m. – Gary Cooper Movie Series. **Mon., Dec. 11,** 3:30 p.m. – Drop-In Homework Help; 7 p.m. – Pajama Storytime. **Tues., Dec. 12,** 10:30 a.m. – Preschool Story Time; 3:30 p.m. – Drop-In Homework Help. **Wed., Dec. 13,** 10:30 a.m. – Music & Movement; 3:30 p.m. – Drop-In Homework Help. **Thurs., Dec. 14,** 3:30 p.m. – Drop-In Homework Help; 6 p.m. – ESL Conversation Group.

MATTAPAN BRANCH
Thurs. Dec. 7, 12 p.m. – Towering Tots; 2:30 p.m. – 90s Nostalgia; 3:30 p.m. – Drop-In Homework Help; 4:30 p.m. – Tinkering & Inventions Class for Youth; 6:30 p.m. – Yoga. **Fri., Dec. 8,** 2:30 p.m. – Movie Friday. **Sat., Dec. 9,** 1 p.m. – Andinkra Symbol Craft Workshop. **Mon., Dec. 11,** 2:30 p.m. – Cartoon Afternoon; 3:30 p.m. – Drop-In Homework Help. **Tues., Dec. 12,** 12 p.m. – Towering Tots; 2:30 p.m. – 90s Nostalgia; 3:30 p.m. – Drop-In Homework Help. **Wed., Dec. 13,** 2:30 p.m. – Cartoon Afternoon; 3:30 p.m. – Drop-In Homework Help; 4 p.m. – Story Time with Wee the People: Bridges Not Walls; 4:30 p.m. – Grub Street: Spoken Word. **Thurs., Dec. 14,** 12 p.m. – Towering Tots; 2:30 p.m. – 90s Nostalgia; 3:30 p.m. – Drop-In Homework Help; 6:30 p.m. – Yoga.

UPHAMS CORNER BRANCH
Thurs., Dec. 7, 3:30 p.m. – Drop-In Homework Help. **Mon., Dec. 11,** 3:30 p.m. – Drop-In Homework Help. **Tues., Dec. 12,** 10:30 a.m. – Reading Readiness Story Time; 3:30 p.m. – Drop-In Homework Help. **Wed., Dec. 13,** 3 p.m. – Tinker Time; 3:30 p.m. – Drop-In Homework Help. **Thurs., Dec. 14,** 3:30 p.m. – Drop-In Homework Help.

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"We Get Your Plates"

Laboure's 'Snow Angels' will help elderly and disabled with snow removal in South Boston

By DAN SHEEHAN
REPORTER CORRESPONDENT

The Laboure Center of South Boston has launched the Boston Snow Angels, a program that will pair volunteers from the neighborhood with elderly and disabled residents in order to assist them with snow removal over the winter months.

The program aims to help those who might be otherwise trapped and isolated by a heavy fall, and to protect them from the threat of injury if they try to shovel snow themselves.

The Center will provide the volunteers with shovels and snowmelt in the event of a forecast of three inches or more.

"This program is in direct response to the Mayor's Commission

on Affairs of the Elderly as part of a plan to help make Boston more age-friendly," explained center director Jacob Bombard. "One of the themes of this plan is that the city partner with faith-based organizations to help out at-risk elders."

He added, "The goal is to get at least one or two volunteers per block per senior. It's ambitious, but we want it to be ambitious so that we're overly prepared, for those times when volunteers are out of town or otherwise unavailable. That way another volunteer can take their place." The center is hoping to recruit 70 volunteers for this upcoming winter.

The Laboure Center on West Broadway is the

South Boston branch of the Catholic Charities, an organization that offers more than 90 programs and services in the greater Boston area. The Center hosts a number of these programs, including Early Childhood Care, Youth Mentoring and Tutoring, and Basic Needs services through which the center collaborates with local food pantries to serve families in need.

The Center is also home to the Refugee and Immigration Services division, which assists over 17,000 refugees and immigrants each year through legal assistance, interpreter services, refugee resettlement, and ESOL classes.

The center was founded by the Knights



Elected officials are the program's first "Honorary Angels." From left: Councillor-elect Ed Flynn, Rep. Nick Collins, Councillor Annissa Essaibi-George, Laboure Center director Jacob Bombard, Mayor Martin J. Walsh, Debbie Rambo, president of Catholic Charities of Boston and Boy Scout Thomas Connolly.

Photo courtesy Catholic Charities of Boston.

of Columbus in 1907 as a nursery for newly arrived immigrant families struggling to provide for their children. For over a century the center

has continued to grow and expand its wide array of programs and services. It now serves over 5,000 people annually in the South Boston

community and beyond.

To sign up as a volunteer, call the Laboure Center at 617-464-8500 or visit their website at ccab.org/volunteer.



Brett honored for work with disabled

On November 9, New England Council President and CEO Jim Brett of Dorchester was honored by Community Work Services (CWS), with its inaugural Lifetime Achievement and Advocacy Award for Individuals with Disabilities. The award was presented to Jim at

the organization's 140th anniversary celebration at the Omni Parker House in Boston.

CWS is a Boston-based non-profit organization that works to "empower individuals living in poverty to transform their lives through job training and employment."

Pictured at left: Craig Stenning of CWS, Jim Brett, CWS board chair Paul Davis, and Serena Powell of Fedcap.

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DORCHESTER HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The Holy Tabernacle Church is located at 70 Washington St. and has a legal address, 14 Bishop Joe L. Smith Way, on a side street off the section of Washington Street that runs between Columbia Road and Blue Hill Avenue. The society that built the church was the Grove Hall Universalist Church, following the design of Francis R. Allen.

The following are excerpts taken is from the Parish Register of the Grove Hall Universalist Church, Dorchester, Massachusetts, and Favorite Recipes (1913). "The Grove Hall Universalist Church came into existence on March 3, 1878, being an off-shoot of the Roxbury Universalist Church, and in its inception received the cordial support of that parish. On Jan. 9, 1878, a meeting was held at the residence of Mr. Franklin S. Williams for the purpose of organizing a church.

"Starting as a mission church, holding its first or preliminary meetings at the residents of various interested persons, it soon wanted a centrally located temporary home, and began holding its meetings in Wetherell Hall, at or near the junction of Washington Street and Blue Hill Avenue. That served its needs for a time, but the desire for a home having more the



The Holy Tabernacle Church in Grove Hall.

churchly appearance prevailed, and the church on the corner of Blue Hill Avenue and Schuyler Street was built.

"This amply served the purposes of the society until about 1892, when the subject of a new larger church was agitated, resulting in the building of the present edified. At about this same time it also ceased to be a mission church, and since then has been able to maintain services without calling

upon the state Convention for aid.

"The present edifice was completed in 1895, and cost, furnished, about \$45,000: \$25,000 of this was provided for by a mortgage; the balance was raised by canvassing our parishioners. To our good member, kind and generous neighbors, Mr. and Mrs. Ivers W. Adams, we are largely indebted, both for their liberality in subscribing for the building and in their continued

liberality in contributing to the wiping out of the mortgage debt, which has lately been accomplished and made possible largely through their instrumentality."

...

Ivers Adams is mentioned in George V. Tuohey's 1897 book "A History of the Boston Baseball Club - A Concise and Accurate History of Base Ball from Its Inception" (Boston, MA: M.F. Quinn & Co., p. 64) as living in a house facing Columbia Road at the corner of Washington Street. Born in Ashburnham in 1838, he was baseball executive and businessperson, and founder of the first professional baseball team in Boston, the Boston Red Stockings.

"On Jan. 20, 1871," Tuohey wrote, "the Boston Base Ball Association was legally organized by Adams with \$15,000 raised from investors and the commitment of Harry Wright, manager of America's first professional baseball team, the Cincinnati Red Stockings, to manage the new Boston club."

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Coming soon? A more vibrant Strand Theatre

The Strand Theatre on Columbia Road is one of Dorchester’s most promising public assets. Last week, the city’s Boston Planning and Development Agency convened a public meeting to discuss the future of the 100-year-old facility as part of a broader planning effort for the Uphams Corner neighborhood.

It’s true that the Strand is pivotal to revitalizing Uphams Corner, but as the only city-owned venue of its kind, in the right hands, it could also be a citywide, even regional, playhouse and cultural center.

The fact that the city of Boston owns the Strand has its roots in the early 1970s, when the theatre was closed and on the verge of collapse from neglect. It was literally saved from the wrecking ball by Mayor Kevin White whose administration took control of the property and then leased it for a nominal fee to a non-profit community board that operated the Strand into the 1990s. But, when that non-profit model collapsed amid a financial scandal in the late 1990s, the city’s arts and tourism office under Mayor Tom Menino was obliged to take over day-to-day operations.

To his credit, Menino doubled down on the Strand—pumping more than \$10 million into maintenance and upgrades. Twice, he staged his State of the City address at the Strand and used the spotlight to pound home his vision: He wanted the theatre to one day be the “Apollo of Boston.” Mayor Walsh later sent an early signal that he, too, has a vision for the Strand beyond its parochial niche in Dorchester. He launched his 2013 candidacy for mayor from the Strand stage and held a massive rally there on the eve of his victory to succeed Menino.

But, building sustained progress for the site has proven to be frustrating. A Menino-era task force of arts and business leaders confirmed what many believe to be true: The city should seek a private partner to run the Strand— and maybe even buy it. In the 1990s, the city issued a request for proposals in hopes of attracting a qualified arts-related entity to take it over, but there were no takers. A well-received residency by Fiddlehead Theatre Company that began in the waning days of the Menino era ended when it moved to a different theatre in Boston.

Times have changed, of course. A shortage of parking— a hindrance at the Strand for many years— has been mitigated by new technology and public transit enhancements nearby. And, of course, there is more private development creeping closer to Uphams Corner. Most recently, the city has committed to build an \$18 million library branch next door.

At last week’s meeting, John Barros, the city’s chief of economic development, was direct in his assessment of what could happen next:

“We don’t think the city should be running the Strand,” he told the Reporter, adding that he expects the city to seek out new private partners.

“We have some pretty strong cultural institutions in the city, pretty strong development teams in the city, and we’re hoping that we could do a lot with this process to be very clear and do it in a way that’s really exciting,” he said. “So that we get a lot of responses back and this community can pick someone that fits.”

Barros, who lives just a block away from the theatre, has got it right. This could be a marquee moment for the Strand with the right confluence of public and private interest— and a heavy dose of community input. To that we say, “Bravo!”

– Bill Forry

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Now is the time to double down to help our small businesses succeed all year long

BY MAYOR MARTIN J. WALSH

I grew up in a neighborhood of hardworking families, where everything seemed within reach, thanks in large part to our incredible small and local businesses. For years, these local landmarks have carried on the traditions of my neighborhood, and generated the prosperity that’s helping Dorchester thrive to this day.

I know my experience was not unique. Small businesses are the lifeblood of all Boston’s neighborhoods. They hire locally; they reflect our rich diversity of cultures and languages; and they care deeply about being good neighbors. Boston’s 40,000 small businesses are also vital to our economy because they account for more than a third of business revenue, and nearly half of all private-sector employment. They are economic and cultural resources that keep Boston running strong.

Boston’s local entrepreneurs work hard every day of the year, but the holiday season is especially important to them. Often times, it accounts for as much as 40 percent of their yearly sales. That’s why my team and I are committed to making sure the holidays are a time when local businesses can truly shine.

This holiday season, we’re doubling down on our efforts to help all of these businesses have their best holiday season yet.

- We’re introducing a shuttle that allows people to do their shopping while Main Street hopping. The Main Streets Explorer is a free shuttle that will circulate between the Roslindale Village, West Roxbury, and Hyde Park Main Street Districts, making it easier to explore more great businesses and great neighborhoods. This new pilot program will operate on Thursday evenings this December. Learn more at boston.gov/Explorer.

- The Boston Main Streets Foundation is rolling out a one-stop online portal for local shopping options. A brand new website – BostonMainStreets.org – contains all the information you need about Boston’s 20 Main Street Districts. It has great district-specific information like business directories, maps, and upcoming events.

I’m challenging everyone to participate in the



Mayor Walsh and friends joined in the annual Dorchester Trolley Tour during a stop at St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta parish on Columbia Road on Nov. 25. Mayor’s Office Photo by Jeremiah Robinson

Mayor’s LetsAllShopSmall Campaign, and to make their lists, check them twice, and then head to their local Main Street District to cross off their items one by one. The goal is to purchase items, dine out, or attend events at small and local businesses, snap photos, and then post them to social media with the hashtag #LetsAllShopSmall. It’s a great way to support local businesses, explore your community in a new way... and maybe even get your shopping done early this year!

These initiatives are in addition to the work already under way, including a Small Business Center where residents can learn the skills that will help them start, maintain, and grow their business; capital loans that are within reach for entrepreneurs; a Business Capital and Finance Unit to expand access to loans; on-site technical assistance; and more.

We know that while their operations may be small, small businesses play a big role in keeping communities strong over many generations. I thought back to the holidays when I was growing up. Local businesses would decorate their storefronts, donate to local fundraisers, and have sales where kids like me could afford to get something nice for our loved ones.

I’m proud that now I’m able to help them thrive all year long. I can’t think of a better return on investment than that.

For more information on how you can support your local Main Street District, please visit BostonMainStreets.org.

Off the Bench

Checks and balances in politics and in our lives? Good idea while it lasted

BY JAMES W. DOLAN
SPECIAL TO THE REPORTER

Remember when “checks and balances” were considered a good thing. Countervailing forces were viewed as a means to maintain a healthy equilibrium. Now, a time when right is equivocal and wrong has morphed into “inappropriate” or “unacceptable,”



James W. Dolan

may be a good time to consider the utility of a concept designed to work like a see-saw. It won’t function properly without an even-weight distribution.

The wisdom of checks and balances stems from a fundamental understanding of human nature. In the exercise of free will, we are all struggling with choices between good and evil, or, if you prefer something less momentous, right and wrong.

Those choices are magnified within institutions where the effects of wrong decisions are far more significant.

Understanding these inherent weaknesses, our “founding fathers” sought to limit power by setting off one branch of government against another. These limitations were designed to force government officials to moderate excesses, compromise, and in so doing, presumably come up with better solutions. In theory it makes sense and it worked for a time but it overlooked outside pressures that would undermine the essential good will of decision-makers and promote partisanship.

The efficacy of checks and balances extends far beyond the internal operations of government. The separation of powers also explains the role of government in assuring social justice, the goal being a balanced government overseeing a balanced economy. Capitalism has been a productive economic engine. It, too, has informal checks and balances. The accumulation of wealth, greed being its worst form, competed with progress and the common good. For a time, government was able to restrain the former and promote the latter.

But, the forces of capitalism resisted and pushed back with money to prevent restrictions. Government proved vulnerable. Enjoying the perks of office,

public officials are motivated by political survival. Increasing amounts of money are necessary to sustain their power. Capitalism expanded its influence over the very institution responsible for holding it accountable. When checks fail, the balance of power is broken. The equilibrium between incentives and social responsibility is lost and partisanship overwhelms the common good. It’s where we find ourselves today.

That same combination of forces works within all of us. The options – right or wrong and good or bad – are not always clear, particularly given our capacity to rationalize even a wrong decision. “If it’s what I want, it must be in my interest, therefore it’s good,” is an easy out.

What are the checks on our own balance, assuming we wish to be balanced which, to me, means thoughtful, understanding, humble, compassionate, honest, and truthful?

In my youth, it was conscience, believed to be a function of the soul, two words one does not hear often today when even the most deplorable acts are softly condemned as “inappropriate.” Whatever became of sin? Conscience was considered a spiritual or moral impulse toward virtue and away from evil. It was the check (restraint) reinforcing balance (good judgment).

While law is necessary for an ordered society, it’s an external restraint normally designed to prevent bad behavior, a disincentive enforced with penalties. Alone, it’s a weak instrument to promote social justice and public welfare. It needs to be supplemented with internal constraints based on an awareness of what is right and just and a commitment to live accordingly.

Our checks and balances are no longer working well at any level. The creative tension between virtue and corruption, right and wrong, common good and personal desires, is bending toward perceived self-interest. It’s hard to be optimistic under present circumstances. One can only hope we regain our balance before it’s too late and return to a time when “character” was a good thing and “inappropriate” behavior was sneezing in your soup or forgetting an anniversary.

James W. Dolan is a retired Dorchester District Court judge who now practices law.

Civic leaders hear latest designs for Morrissey Blvd.

(Continued from page 1) munity Task Force.

The reconstruction process will work to ensure that the key transit route “maintains traffic flow and better connects the community with its signature waterfront. [DCR] will continue its robust public comment process to better understand the impact that this project will have on individuals who live along the parkway,” spokesman Mark Steffen said in a statement on Tuesday.

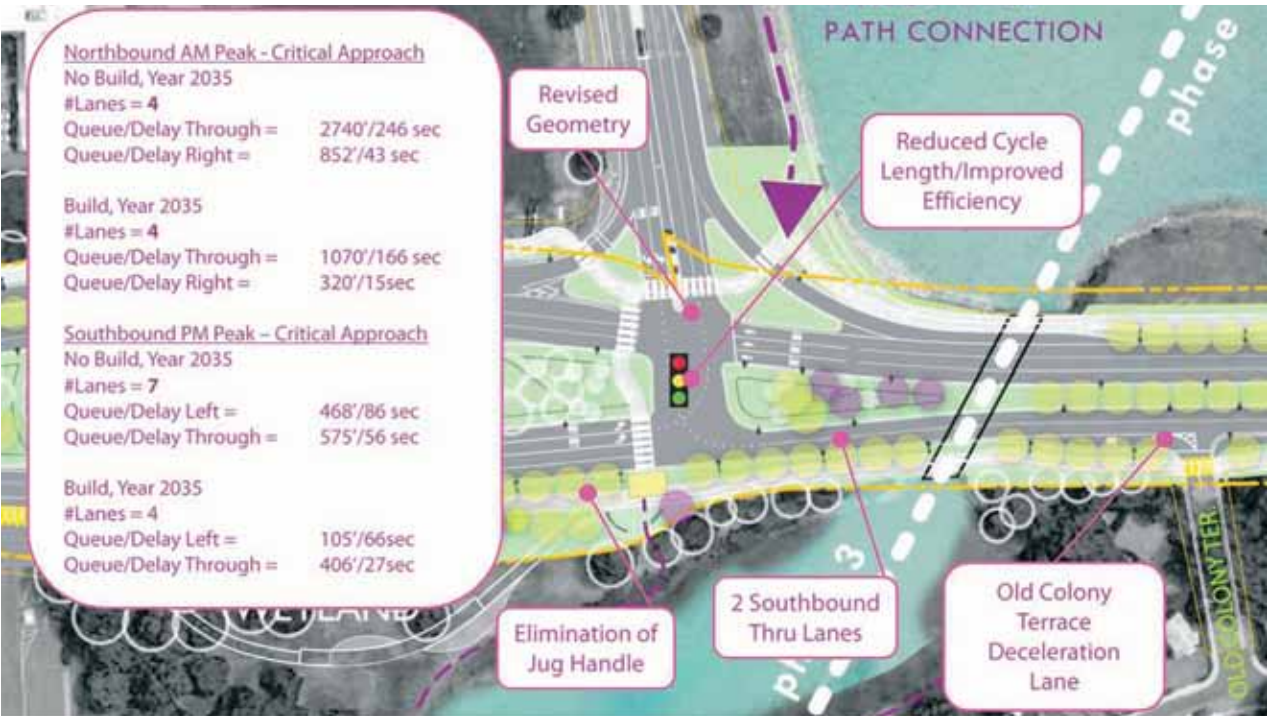
Comments can be submitted to DCRUpdates@state.ma.us with “Morrissey Blvd” in the subject line. After the comment period closes, the agency will begin reviewing feedback and looking for areas where it can move ahead with short-term fixes to signaling and access while adjusting the overall design.

City and state officials will review the designs over the winter, according to DCR, and they anticipate a fourth public meeting to take place next spring.

Attendees at the final Columbia-Savin Hill Civic Association meet-

MORRISSEY BOULEVARD

BIANCULLI BOULEVARD INTERSECTION – PROPOSED TRAFFIC PLAN



This graphic supplied by the state Department Conservation and Recreation shows the layout of a new UMass Boston entrance intersection on Morrissey Blvd. that the agency is looking at as part of the agency’s rehabilitation plan for the roadway between Kosciuszko Circle and Neponset Circle. The box at left gives engineering estimates of the length of traffic queues in feet and waiting times in seconds for both directions at rush hour times in 2035 if there is no rebuilding between now and then, and if the plan is adopted and completed. The green circles represent new trees that are meant to enhance the parkway theme the planners envision for the boulevard.

ing on Tuesday received updates on other local projects, including:

- Nordblom Co., which plans to complete its purchase of the 16.5-acre Boston Globe site on Dec. 15, will return to the civic group in January with

an updated vision for the Morrissey Boulevard parcel. Plans for the site still include robotics, technology, lab space, and potential craft beer and food options, as well as improvements to the nearby Patten’s Cove, ac-

cording to civic president Desmond Rohan.

- Demolition at Dot Block in Glover’s Corner should stay roughly on schedule this month, spokeswoman Catherine O’Neill said, adding that there was a hold-up with

fencing around the site which should be rectified soon.

- The new long-term planning committee, which met for the first time last month, plans to be “proactive” in its approach to area devel-

opment, Don Walsh said. Committee members identified several parcels to monitor in concert with the city’s Imagine Boston 2030 planning, including the Globe site, the Bayside Exposition Center, and other critical properties along Mt. Vernon Street and Morrissey Boulevard. The next meeting will be held on Tues., Dec. 12, in the basement of Savin Bar and Kitchen.

Representatives from UMass Boston say the campus’s first dorms will be completed in time for next fall’s academic year. Work on the utility corridor work, landscaping, and roadways will wrap up in a little under a year. The \$71 million, 1,400-car freestanding parking garage is expected to be completed by next spring.

The University of Massachusetts Building Authority is “whittling down” the 16 respondents to its Requests for Information about the Bayside Expo site, spokesman Phil Carver said, after which they plan to have both on- and off-campus meetings with the community to discuss the parcel’s future.

Citizen workshops weigh future of the iconic Strand

(Continued from page 1)

The Uphams Corner Implementation Plan is working to guide new investment across the village, incorporating efforts like Imagine Boston 2030 and the Uphams Corner Station Area Plan of the Fairmount Indigo Planning Initiative. Officials with the city’s planning agency hope to put out a Request for Proposals on strategic city-controlled parcels in the area in spring of 2018, capping about eight months of public discussion.

Harry Smith, director of sustainable economic development with the Dudley Street Neighborhood Initiative, said, “The process is building on efforts that came before and it’s open ended enough to lay the groundwork for what will come next, which is a release of RFPs... to start developing properties based on the vision and goals of the neighborhood.”

Anchor tenants, like the Strand Theatre and the forthcoming \$18 million library next door, will join other parcels

with mixtures of commercial space, affordable housing, and cultural resources to make up the heart of a new “Uphams Corner arts and innovation district.”

Klare Shaw, national director of programs at Liberty Mutual Foundation, was part of the 2004 mayoral task force on the future of the Strand. At the meeting, she offered a look back at the venerable institution from its opening in 1918 as a vaudeville house.

From the 1930s until the late 1960s, the Strand was a movie house, but the advent of television in the early 1950s introduced a steady decline in customers that culminated in the shuttering of the building in 1969. It fell into disrepair until 1979, when the city leased the building for 25 years at \$1 a year to the M. Harriet McCormack Center for the Arts, which gave the theatre new life with teen programming and cultural performance partnerships.

In 2004, the late Mayor Thomas Menino formed

a task force to lay out a new vision for the Strand. A request for proposals issued as a result of the task force’s work was not successful in drawing in potential buyers or partners and the theatre continued to be operated by city government.

“I don’t need to stress to any of you here the arts connection to the economic development and vitality of the neighborhood,” Shaw said during her remarks.

A Reporter investigation in 2010 detailed the extent of the Strand’s decline despite the millions that had been poured into renovations and new initiatives. There has been activity in the arts there since then. The Fiddlehead Theatre Company called the Strand home from 2013 to 2015 and the José Mateo Ballet Theatre has been performing The Nutcracker there for several years, and will do so again this month (Dec. 15-24).

Julie Burros, the city’s chief of arts and culture, said an arts planning

process about a year and a half ago found a “deep and widespread need for affordable cultural spaces of all sorts and showed an acute shortage of performing arts spaces.”

The Strand has 1,400 seats, Burros said, which does not align with the need for more mid-sized performance space laid out in the cultural survey. Because of the theater’s size, it is rented pretty much throughout the year, because Strand bookings essentially shut down the entire building.

In 2016, there were 54 bookings of the theatre (“almost completely fully booked,” Burros said), but the proportion of those bookings when the public can see a performance or other presentation is “a much smaller number.”

For instance, Burros said, an arts group may book the entire Strand for a week, taking the theater out of commission and using most of the time for set construction and rehearsal. The public would only be in the theater for one or two performances at the conclusion.

If there was more

flexibility in the Strand’s interior structure, such as smaller performance spaces or work areas, the theater as a whole could be used more efficiently, Burros said. Multiple spaces would accommodate simultaneous uses, including more than one stage area.

Input from these planning meetings will be incorporated into the final RFP for Uphams Corner, said John Barros, the city’s chief of economic development.

“Let me say this: We don’t think the city should be running the Strand,” he said. “We’re looking at how to articulate to the next operator of The Strand what the goals are, and also thinking about what should be the new physical reality of The Strand” in terms of flexible spaces.

Barros said he expects the planning process to be specific enough to attract private partners or interested non-profits with a precise sense of the building’s desired purpose.

“We’ve had all types of interest,” he said, “but we know interest alone is not enough. You can imagine, though,

given the breadth and complexity of the properties, that you could see collaborations and partnerships. We have some pretty strong cultural institutions in the city, pretty strong development teams in the city, and we’re hoping that we could do a lot with this process to be very clear and do it in a way that’s really exciting, so that we get a lot of responses back and this community can pick someone that fits.”

Boston Planning and Development Agency employees are sorting through the feedback from the small groups, as a performance by the storytelling collective The Red Stage offered a more thematic summary of the evening’s activity but not a point-by-point review of the session’s work.

A table facilitator said his group ended its workshop with these questions: “How do you make this space a regional attraction, a local attraction, not just for Dorchester but for the city and state? And is it happening for us, through us, or to us?”

Ban plastic bags in Boston

To the Editor:

We think that single use plastic bags should be banned in Boston. We think this because turtles and other marine animals are choking and starving to death because of plastic bags. They are choking because bags end up in the ocean. They are also all over the city and make it look unappealing to

citizens and tourists. Other places such as China, France, Kenya and Rwanda have banned plastic bags. This shows that Boston and Massachusetts can take part in the act to help better our environment and world. Overall, we think that banning plastic bags will help our city thrive.

– Eleanor Pelletier
Penelope Duff-Wender
Dorchester

Medical marijuana dispensary plan to be reviewed by city council

The Boston City Council will hear more about a proposal to open a medical marijuana dispensary at 50 Clapp St. in the Polish Triangle section Dorchester on

Friday. The hearing in front of the Committee on Planning and Development will convene at 9:30 a.m. in the Iannella Chamber at Boston City Hall. Members of the

public are invited to attend and testify. On Nov. 21, the McCormack Civic Association voted narrowly to support the proposed dispensary.

Letter to the Editor

Reporter's Neighborhood Notables

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FRIENDS FOR CHILDREN EVENT AT FLORIAN HALL

Thurs., Dec. 7 from 5:30-9 p.m. at Florian Hall; Join for a fun evening of celebration and make a difference in the life of a child from Dorchester this holiday season. Hors d'oeuvres, cash bar, entertainment, free parking. \$35 per person. Honorees include James "Bud" McCourt and Nicole Sullivan. Please make check payable to: Friends for Children, Local 17 Sheet Metal Workers, 1157 Adams St., Dorchester, MA 02124.

DORCHESTER HISTORICAL SOCIETY HOLIDAY PARTY

Music and surprises on Sun., Dec. 10 from 2-4 p.m. at William Clapp House, 195 Boston Street.

CELEBRATE! AT JFK LIBRARY AND MUSEUM

Family-friendly, free programs in the Stephen Smith Center at JFK Library, 10:30 a.m. on Tues., Dec. 26; The Fairy Circus: Tanglewood Marionettes; Mon., Jan. 15; Clap Your Hands: Martin Luther King Jr. Day, George Russell Jr. and Company. Make reservations by visiting jfklibrary.org/celebrate or call 617-514-1644.

FRANKLIN PARK PATHWAYS PUBLIC MEETING

Join the Boston Parks and Recreation Department on Sat., Dec. 9 at 10 a.m. at William Devine Golf Course Clubhouse, 1 Circuit Drive, Dorchester for a public community briefing for Phase Vb of the ongoing Improvements to Pathways at Franklin Park. The update meeting will focus on the tennis area of the project. For further information, please call 617-961 3019.

WINTER STARS HOLIDAY CONCERTS

Boston City Singers will celebrate the holidays with concerts on Sat., Dec. 16 at 11 a.m. at Central Church,



The annual Hidden Heroes and Sheroes event — hosted by the Greater Four Corners Action Coalition and the Codman Square Neighborhood Council— was held on Nov. 17 in the Great Hall at Codman Square. This year's honorees included Sandra Cotterell, Stephanie Crawford, Jeffrey Alkins, Setrena Curry, Gary Wilkins, Barbra Trybe, Mayra Duran, Rasheed Belus and Sayvion Jones.

Photo courtesy Codman Square Neighborhood Council

85 Seaverns Ave., Jamaica Plain and Sun., Dec. 17 in at 3 p.m. at Saint Ann Church, 434 Neponset Ave., Dorchester. Concerts will feature songs of hope and joy from around the world, performed by children aged 4-18. Admission is free. Donations to Boston City Singers' Scholarship Fund will be accepted at the door.

DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. TRIBUTE CONCERT AT SYMPHONY HALL

Mon., Jan. 15, 7 p.m. at Symphony Hall, Boston.

Cocktails and Hors d'oeuvres Pre-Reception at 5 p.m. Ticketing Options: \$125 Pre-reception, \$75 Premium section, \$50 B section, \$35 C section, \$25 D section, \$15 E section. To buy tickets, visit bso.org

BOSTON PUBLIC LIBRARY DECEMBER AUTHOR TALKS

Sat., Dec. 9 at 2 p.m.; Joan M. Blake reads from her book "Rise up: How to Overcome Your Battles Utilizing Faith and Belief in God" at the Grove Hall Branch, 41 Geneva Avenue in Dorchester. On Mon., Dec. 11 at 6:30 p.m., Boston Globe reporter Emily Sweeney profiles Boston's notorious criminals in "Gangland Boston" and discusses her work at the Adams Street Branch, 690 Adams Street in Dorchester. More at bpl.org/calendar.

SAINT ANN-SAINT BRENDAN DECEMBER EVENTS

Sun., Dec. 17 at 9 p.m.; Saint Brendan Family Mass. All families are welcome to come for Mass and for a coffee and donuts social. Thurs., Dec. 12, 14 and Thurs., Dec. 21 from 6:30-7:30 p.m.; Get in the Christmas spirit with Adult Faith Formation- Advent, a three-part prayer study at Saint Brendan Rectory on Rita Road. Sat., Dec. 9 from 7-9 p.m.; Saint Brendan's and Saint Ann's "Swing into Christmas" at Saint Brendan Father Lane Hall. Enjoy live music! For further info, contact Andrew Genovese at agenoveseff@gmail.com.

THE VIBE COFFEEHOUSE CHRISTMAS MARKETPLACE

Sun., Dec. 9 from 4-7 p.m. Join for a fun, relaxed atmosphere where you shop for unique hand-made, artsy, trendy, gifts that will make your gift giving so much easier! Entertainment and fun interactions to add to the shopping experience! Prizes and surprises wait for you. Tasty Caribbean bites, signature drinks and delicious cupcakes available for sale. Free admission. RSVP: eventbrite.com/e/the-vibe-christmas-marketplace-tickets-39887039208. Vendors, Authors, Artists: Do you have unique, hand-made or artsy items? Are you an author or performing artist with books, CDs or other merchandise? You are invited to showcase your art and items at the Vibe Christmas Marketplace on Sat., Dec 9 at Second Church in Dorchester. Contact thevibecoffeehouse@gmail.com for application and information.

MASS AFFORDABLE HOUSING ALLIANCE ANNUAL DINNER

MAHA's 2017 annual meeting and dinner is on Mon., December 11 6-7:30 p.m. at 1803 Dorchester Ave. It will be an exciting evening with the announcement of a new mortgage agreement with Santander, election of new board members, and a special thank you to the Hyams Foundation for their tremendous support of MAHA's work. Come join us for dinner and help us get ready for a 2018 focused on creating new homes that we can afford! Please RSVP at mahahome.org

DONATE YOUR OLD WINTER COATS FOR COATS FOR KIDS

Now through Sun., January 7, Standish Village Assisted Living, 1190 Adams St., Dorchester is serving as a drop-off site for the Coats for Kids fundraiser. Accepted items include warm, winter coats for adults or children, which can be slightly used or new. We are especially looking for pre-K and XL sizes. Anton's Cleaners will be cleaning all donated coats free of charge and distributing them through Coats for Kids' Distribution Partners Network. When you drop off your donation at Standish Village, stay for a complimentary cup of coffee or hot chocolate!

ASHMONT HILL BOOK GROUP

Book Group meets the first Wednesday of the month; all are welcome! Info: klil@yahoo.com.

CITIZENSHIP CLASSES AT NOTRE DAME ED CENTER

New citizenship classes will be held on Mondays and Tuesdays starting this month at Notre Dame Education Center in South Boston. Call 617-268-1912.

BOSTON PUBLIC LIBRARY'S HOMEWORK HELP

Boston Public Library's free Homework Help program is underway offering free afterschool help and mentorship provided by high-achieving high school students. The program, offered Monday through Thursday from 3:30 -5:30 p.m. is open to students in grades K-8; no registration required. Boston Teacher's Union tutors are also available during select weekdays from 4-6 p.m. for students in grades K-12. Visit bpl.org/homework.

POLICE DISTRICT C-11

Non-emergency line for seniors: 617-343-5649. The Party Line phone number, where you can report loud parties, is 617-343-5500, 24 hours/7 days per week.

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By Officer Mike Keaney, C.S.O.
Boston Police, Area C-11

Of clueless drivers, and a Sponge Bob wannabe

Keep those letters to the editor coming, my loyal readers. One in particular was as entertaining as fingernails across a chalkboard. Still, my friends and colleagues have had endless laughs on your behalf. Imagine calling someone who is involved in criminal activity a criminal! How gauche! Oh well, time to report on some more nitwits who prey upon the weak, the young, the elderly, and the good citizens of our little slice of heaven, Dorchester, USA.

Oct. 10, 8 p.m.

Officers from the C-11 Drug Control Unit observed a man they had had previous dealings with pacing back and forth on Dot Ave. in Fields Corner. A blue Toyota pulled up and the gent got in. The vehicle traveled a short distance up Dorchester Ave. and the suspect in question suddenly hopped out. The officers, feeling that a drug deal had just occurred, stopped the suspect, but he wasn't in the best of moods so he pushed one officer and sprinted away, running right into the arms of a second plainclothes officer. While being cuffed, he was asked why the rude behavior and he stated, "I'm a dead beat, I have a warrant for not paying child support." Now just for the record, all you bleeding hearts, I didn't call this loser a deadbeat; he did that himself. Also, the two bags of cocaine in his pants pocket probably figured in his flight plans, too. He was charged with four different crimes. I bet his offspring could have used the money he spent on the drugs.

Sept. 16, noon

Officers were on patrol

in Codman Square when they observed that the vehicle in front of them didn't have any plates. So they put on their blue lights and pulled the car over at 570 Washington St. The 47-year-old local lass demanded to know why she had been stopped before she would turn over her license and registration. The officers explained that her vehicle needed a legit registration and plate affixed to her car. But in her best Perry Mason imitation, she retorted, "I am not driving for hire, therefore I don't need a plate. Officer you don't know the law!" The woman put the car in drive and drove up Washington Street and pulled into a parking lot where she was stopped again, and again she offered her crazy logic. "According to Mass. legislation I don't need a plate." But she does need a lawyer because she was arrested for failure to submit and several other auto law violations.

Nov. 20, 8:50 a.m.

This one reminds me of a Monty Python sketch. A woman was walking from the Shawmut MBTA station toward Codman Square when she was approached by a man with buck teeth who was wearing a black ski mask (sounds like a beloved '70s cartoon character). He asked to use the woman's cell phone, which she obliged. The man attempted numerous times to connect to "a friend" without much success. The woman retrieved her phone and continued walking.

As the woman neared the 700 block of Washington Street, the man, with all the charm of a mosquito, approached the woman again and

for a third time asked to use her phone. Clearly perturbed, the woman told the man "no!" The man now took off the ski mask, pulled out a knife, and stated, "How about I take it from you." He then pushed the lady up against a parked car and demanded her iPhone 7. The woman responded by punching the idiot suspect in the stomach, and the coward yelled out "Owww, don't do that I just got shot there!!" He then fled without the cell phone down Codman Square. You just can't make these stories up.

Oct. 29, 1:45 a.m.

Now this one has an actual cartoon character in it, for real. A woman was sitting in her car on Grampian Way when she observed an improbable sight walking toward her. A 6-foot, 200-pound brightly yellow Sponge Bob Square pants wearing a knee brace was swinging a pair of crutches at parked vehicles including hers. Armed with the victim's description, officers quickly found a very intoxicated 19-year-old Newton man in a Sponge Bob costume staggering up Savin Hill Ave. Officers also located five vehicles that had had their side mirrors recently smashed off. The suspect was arrested and charged with Destruction of Property (5x) over \$250. He was later bailed out by Squidward and taken back to Bikini Bottom.

C-11's Christmas Party for Dorchester's still believers is Dec. 15, and as usual it is by

invitation only for those kids 0-12 whose families don't have much. Anyone looking to contribute new unwrapped toys please call the CSO office, 617-343-4524. Those who are interested in helping to wrap the gifts please call yours truly at 4524 and thanks. Dorchester always comes through for us.

To Aidan, Maclin, Mari, and Kylie, Nana and Papa miss you more than you'll ever know. With you four in Arizona, Christmas back here will seem like just another day.

Editor's Note: Since this newspaper's earliest days in the 1980s, we have offered space for the command of the C-11 Boston Police district to submit a column about their activities. In the last year, the Reporter has received and published several letters from readers who have been critical of both the tone of the District 11 column's author and of our decision to publish his reports. We stand by our original decision to run the report when it is submitted because it adds a voice to our pages from a critical part of the community that we cover, namely, the Boston Police. We want the Reporter to be a medium for exchanging views and opinions, even if we don't always agree with them. As ever, we welcome readers to offer their input as well via letters to the editor.

– Bill Forry

Insurance
and
Investments

A good financial strategy is not just about “making money;” it is also about protection.

Provided by Brian W. O'Sullivan, CFP, ChFC, CLU

Some people mistake investing for financial planning. Their “financial strategy” is an investing strategy, in which they chase the return and focus on the yield of their portfolio. As they do so, they miss the big picture. Investing represents but one facet of long-term financial planning. Trying to build wealth is one thing; trying to protect it is another. An effort must be made to manage risk.



Insurance can play a central role in wealth protection. That role is underappreciated - partly because some of the greatest risks to wealth go unnoticed in daily life. Five days a week, investors notice what happens on Wall

Street; the market is constantly “top of mind.” What about those “back of mind” things investors may not readily acknowledge?

What if an individual suddenly cannot work? Without disability insurance, a seriously injured or ill person out of the workforce may have to dip into savings to replace income. As the Council for Disability Awareness notes, the average length of a long-term disability claim is nearly three years. Workers' compensation insurance will only pay out if a disability directly relates to an incident that occurs at work, and most long-term disabilities are not workplace related.

What if an individual suddenly dies? If a household relies on that person's income, how does it cope financially with that income abruptly disappearing? Does it spend down its savings or its invested assets? In such a crisis, life insurance can offer relief. The payout from a policy with a six-figure benefit can provide the equivalent of years of income.

Why do people underinsure themselves as they strive to build wealth? Partly, it is because death and disability are uncomfortable conversation topics. Many people neglect estate planning due to this same discomfort and because they lack knowledge of just how insurance can be used to promote wealth preservation.

The bottom line? Insurance is a vital, necessary aspect of a long-term financial plan. Insurance may not be as exciting to the average person as investments, but it can certainly help a household maintain some financial equilibrium in a crisis, and it also can become a crucial part of estate planning.

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POLICE DISTRICT B-3 NEWS
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COLLEGE PREP PROGRAM AT BU
Boston University Upward Bound is currently accepting applications for their college preparation program from 9th and 10th graders. Program services include an academically intensive six-week summer residential program (where students stay at Boston University!) and an afterschool program of tutoring and courses, including MCAS English, Math and Science prep; and SAT prep. The program is free. To apply, students need to attend Brighton HS, The English HS, CASH, Margarita Muniz Academy or Snowden International School. Public school students living in Dorchester, East Boston, Mattapan, and Roxbury can also apply. Applications are now accepted on a rolling basis. For an application and more information on the program, contact 617-353-5195 or reggie@bu.edu.

APPLE GROVE ASSOC.
The Apple Grove Association meets on the second Tuesday of every month from 6-8 p.m. at 1135 Morton St., Mattapan. The contact is Ms. Myrtle Huggins at 617-429-8531.

ASHMONT-ADAMS ASSOC.
Meetings are typically held on the first Thursday of each month at the Plasterer's Hall, 7 Fredericka St., at 7 p.m. Contact Pat O'Neill at pattiasmont@gmail.com.

ASHMONT HILL ASSOC.
Meetings are generally held the last Thursday of the month. For info, see ashmonthill.org or call Message Line: 617-822-8178.

ASHMONT VALLEY NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOC.
Meetings are usually the 2nd Monday or Tuesday of the month at 6:30 p.m. at 776 Washington St., Dorchester.

CEDAR GROVE CIVIC ASSOC.
Meetings are held in the St. Brendan's Father Lane Hall – lower level at 589 Gallivan Blvd., Dorchester Tuesdays at 7 p.m. – December Holiday Tree Lighting TBA, Jan 9th, Feb 13th, March 13th, Apr 10th, May 8th. Tues., June 12th at 6:30 p.m.; Good Neigh/Good Business Awards/Scholarship Awards & 7 p.m. business meeting St. Brendan's lower hall. Info: cedargrovecivic@gmail.com or 617-825-1402.

CLAM POINT CIVIC ASSOC.
The meetings are usually held on the second Monday of the month (unless it's a holiday) at WORK, Inc. 25 Beach St., at the corner of Freeport St., across from the IBEW; on-street parking available.

CODMAN SQUARE NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL
The Codman Square Neighborhood Council meets the first Wed. of each month, 7 to 8:30 p.m., in the Great Hall of the Codman Sq. Health Center, 6 Norfolk St. Info: call 617-265-4189.

COLUMBIA-SAVIN HILL CIVIC
Meetings the first Mon. of each month, 7 p.m., at the Little House, 275 East Cottage St. For info: columbiasavinhillcivic.org.

CUMMINS VALLEY ASSOC.
Cummins Valley Assoc. meeting at the Mattahunt Community Center, 100 Hebron St., Mattapan, on Mondays 6:30 p.m., for those living on and near Cummins Highway. For info on dates, call 617-791-7359 or 617-202-1021.

DORCHESTER NORTH NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOC.
The Dorchester North Neighborhood Association (formerly the Annapolis Street Neighborhood Associa-

tion) generally meets on the third Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. in the meeting room of 8 Annapolis Street. Please see our Facebook page (search Dorchester North) for updates and announcements. Send questions and agenda items to: dorchesternorth@gmail.com.

JONES HILL ASSOC.
The 2017/2018 monthly meetings begin at 7 p.m. and will be held the second Wednesday of every month thereafter through June 2018. Please refer to the JHA website at joneshill.com for additional information and feel free to contact me or the Association Officers copied on this email with any questions. Upcoming dates: Dec. 14 (Potluck Dinner), Jan. 11, Feb. 8, March 8, April 12, May 10, June 14.

EASTMAN-ELDER ASSOC.
The association meets the third Thurs. of each month, 7 p.m., at the Upham's Corner Health Center, 636 Columbia Rd, across from the fire station.

FIELDS CORNER CIVIC ASSOC.
The FCCA meets the first Tues., of each month in the Kit Clark Senior Center at 1500 Dorchester Ave. at 6:30 p.m. New members are welcome.

DORCHESTER UNIFIED NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOC.
Please join the D.U.N. Association contact list to stay up to date. Provide your name, address, e-mail and phone to DUNAssociation@gmail.com or 617-901-4919.

FREEPORT-ADAMS ASSOC.
The meetings will be held the second Wed. of the month, 6:30 p.m., at the Fields Corner CDC office (the old Dist. 11 police station).

GROOM/HUMPHREYS NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOC.
The GHNA meets on the third Wed. of the month, 7 p.m., in the Kroc Salvation Army Community Center, 650 Dudley St., Dor., 02125. For info, call 857-891-1072 or maxboxer@aol.com.

HANCOCK STREET CIVIC ASSOC.
The Hancock Street Civic Association meets on the first Tuesday of each month from 7 - 8:30p.m. at the Uphams Crossing Community Room, 530 Columbia Rd. The email address is hancockstreetcivic@gmail.com



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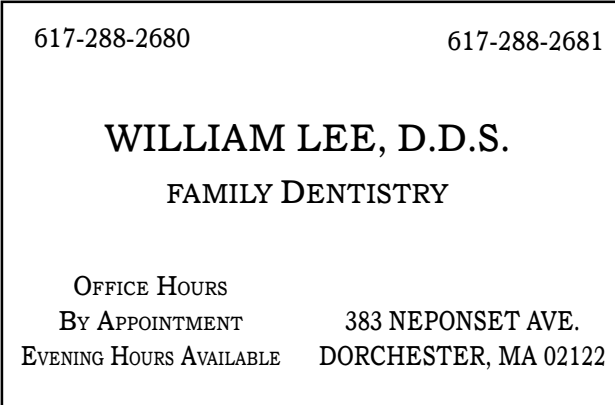
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REPORTER'S CALENDAR

Thursday, Dec. 7

The Boston Parks and Recreation Department will hold a public hearing on Thursday, December 7, at 10 a.m. on a request to remove one, 10 inch in diameter shade tree at 1516 Blue Hill Avenue in Mattapan to make way for a driveway. The hearing will be held by the City of Boston's Tree Warden in the 3rd floor Conference Room of the Boston Parks and Recreation Department at 1010 Massachusetts Ave.

Saturday, Dec. 9

• Boston Public Schools' K-12 Showcase at TD Garden, east entrance, 100 Legends Way, Boston from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Explore your BPS school options. Register at 617-635-9010 or at bostonpublicschools.org/register.

• Halfway to DotDay 5k and Toy Drive starts at 9 a.m. at the Hal-let Street entrance of Pope John Paul II Park, Dorchester. Please bring an unwrapped toy or toys to the race. Cost to run/walk: adults \$20, kids 12 and under free with unwrapped toy. Sponsored by Dorchester Running Club and Police Athletic League. See dotrunners.org for more info.

• The city's Parks and Recreation Department invites the public to a community briefing for Phase Vb of the ongoing Improvements to Pathways at Franklin Park on Sat., Dec. 9 at 10 a.m. at William Devine Golf Course Club House, 1 Circuit Dr., Dorchester. Call 617-961-3019 for more info.

• 3rd Annual 'South Boston Holiday Market.' Over 95 of the region's top independent artists, makers, designers and food crafters will be selling their unique handmade goods at the third annual South Boston Holiday Market on Dec. 9 from 11 a.m.- 6 p.m. It will be hosted at the Innovation and Design Building, 21 Dry-dock Ave. In addition to the makers, the South Boston Holiday Market boasts four Container Restaurants serving up yummy gourmet eats. More at info@neweng-landopenmarkets.com.

• The Vibe Coffeehouse Christmas Marketplace at Second Church in Dorchester, 600 Wash-ington St., Dorchester, 4-8 p.m. A fun relaxed atmosphere where you

shop for unique hand-made, artsy, trendy, gifts that will make your gift giving so much easier! Tasty Caribbean bites, signature drinks and delicious cupcakes available for sale. Free admission.

• Joan M. Blake reads from her book "Rise up: How to Overcome Your Battles Utilizing Faith and Belief in God" at 2 p.m. at the Grove Hall Branch, 41 Geneva Ave., Dorchester.

• Saint Brendan's and Saint Ann's "Swing into Christmas" on Sat., Dec. 9 from 7-9 p.m. at Saint Brendan Father Lane Hall. Enjoy live music!

Sunday, Dec. 10

• Dorchester Historical Society Holiday Party from 2-4 p.m. at William Clapp House, 195 Boston Street.

Monday, Dec. 11

• Gangland Boston Author Talk with Em-ily Sweeney at Adams Street branch of BPL, 690 Adams St., Dorchester at 6:30 p.m. A guided tour of Boston's Underworld, re-vealing the places where deals were made, people were killed, and bodies were buried. For more info, call 617-436-6900.

• JFK Library presents a forum entitled "Reality and Truth in Contem-porary Journalism" at 6 p.m. Features Dan Balz, Chief Correspond-ent at *The Washington Post*, Kathleen Hall Jamieson, University of Pennsylvania professor of communication, and Tom Nichols, author of *The Death of Expertise: The Campaign Against Established Knowledge and Why It Matters*,

discuss reality and truth in contemporary media with Heather Cox Rich-

ardson, Boston College professor of history. Free. Register at jfklibrary.org.

We are trying to contact/locate
Willie Edward Chester
or his wife **Martha Louise Chester**
of Dorchester, MA

Both of whom were friends of the late E. Geneva Hawkins of Abbott Street, Dorchester, MA. If you have any information as to their whereabouts please contact

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PUBLIC NOTICE OF ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW
PROJECT: Conveyance of Tenean Street parcel from Department of Conservation and Recreation to Sullivan McLaughlin Companies per Chapter 207 of the ACTS of 2007 as amended in Section 128 of Chapter 133 of Act of 2016.
LOCATION: Tenean Street, Dorchester, MA
PROONENT: Sullivan McLaughlin Companies, Inc.
The undersigned is submitting an Environmental Notification Form ("ENF") to the Secretary of Energy & Environmental Affairs on or before December 16, 2017
This will initiate review of the above project pursuant to the Massachusetts Environmental Policy Act ("MEPA", M.G.L. c. 30, s.s. 61-621). Copies of the ENF may be obtained from:

Michael B. Brodigan
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40 Broad Street, Boston, MA 02109
(617) 542-1871

Copies of the ENF are also being sent to the Conservation Commission and Planning Board of City of Boston where they may be inspected.

The Secretary of Energy & Environmental Affairs will publish notice of the ENF in the Environmental Monitor, will receive public comments on the project for 20 days, and will then decide, within ten days, if an environmental Impact Report is needed. A site visit and consultation session on the project may also be scheduled. All persons wishing to comment on the project, or to be notified of a site visit or consultation session, should write to the Secretary of Energy & Environmental Affairs, 100 Cambridge St., Suite 900, Boston, Massachusetts 02114, Attention: MEPA Office, referencing the above project.

By Michael Brodigan (Attorney for Proponent)

LEGAL NOTICES		
<p>COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS SUFFOLK, ss. THE TRIAL COURT PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT NOTICE AND ORDER: PETITION FOR APPOINTMENT OF GUARDIAN OF A MINOR Docket No. SU17P2071GD IN THE INTERESTS OF ISABELLA CAMILA MARTINEZ OF BOSTON, MA MINOR</p> <p>Notice to all Interested Parties 1. Hearing Date/Time: A hearing on a Petition for Appointment of Guardian of a Minor filed on 09/22/2017 by Arelis E. Matos Martinez of Boston, MA; Kendra K. Martinez Matos of Tewksbury, MA will be held 01/16/2018 08:30 AM Guardianship of Minor Hearing. Located at 24 New Chardon Street, Boston, MA 02114, 3rd Floor - Probation. 2. Response to Petition: You may respond by filing a written response to the Petition or by appearing in person at the hearing. If you choose to file a written response, you need to: File the original with the Court; and Mail a copy to all interested parties at least five (5) business days before the hearing. 3. Counsel for the Minor: the Minor (or an adult on behalf of the minor) has the right to request that counsel be appointed for the minor. 4. Presence of the Minor at hearing: A minor over age 14 has the right to be present at any hearing, unless the Court finds that it is not in the minor's best interests. THIS IS A LEGAL NOTICE: An important court proceeding that may affect your rights has been scheduled. If you do not understand this notice or other court papers, please contact an attorney for legal advice. October 12, 2017 Felix D. Arroyo Register of Probate Published: December 7, 2017</p>	<p>COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS SUFFOLK, ss. THE TRIAL COURT PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT NOTICE AND ORDER: PETITION FOR APPOINTMENT OF GUARDIAN OF A MINOR Docket No. SU17P2071GD IN THE INTERESTS OF SOPHIA VALENTINA MARTINEZ OF BOSTON, MA MINOR</p> <p>Notice to all Interested Parties 1. Hearing Date/Time: A hearing on a Petition for Appointment of Guardian of a Minor filed on 09/22/2017 by Arelis E. Matos Martinez of Boston, MA; Kendra K. Martinez Matos of Tewksbury, MA will be held 01/16/2018 08:30 AM Guardianship of Minor Hearing. Located at 24 New Chardon Street, Boston, MA 02114, 3rd Floor - Probation. 2. Response to Petition: You may respond by filing a written response to the Petition or by appearing in person at the hearing. If you choose to file a written response, you need to: File the original with the Court; and Mail a copy to all interested parties at least five (5) business days before the hearing. 3. Counsel for the Minor: the Minor (or an adult on behalf of the minor) has the right to request that counsel be appointed for the minor. 4. Presence of the Minor at hearing: A minor over age 14 has the right to be present at any hearing, unless the Court finds that it is not in the minor's best interests. THIS IS A LEGAL NOTICE: An important court proceeding that may affect your rights has been scheduled. If you do not understand this notice or other court papers, please contact an attorney for legal advice. October 12, 2017 Felix D. Arroyo Register of Probate Published: December 7, 2017</p>	<p>COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS SUFFOLK, ss. THE TRIAL COURT PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT NOTICE AND ORDER: PETITION FOR APPOINTMENT OF GUARDIAN OF A MINOR Docket No. SU17P2070GD IN THE INTERESTS OF KEVIN SAMIL MARTINEZ OF BOSTON, MA MINOR</p> <p>Notice to all Interested Parties 1. Hearing Date/Time: A hearing on a Petition for Appointment of Guardian of a Minor filed on 09/22/2017 by Arelis E. Matos Martinez of Boston, MA; Kendra K. Martinez Matos of Tewksbury, MA will be held 01/16/2018 08:30 AM Guardianship of Minor Hearing. Located at 24 New Chardon Street, Boston, MA 02114, 3rd Floor - Probation. 2. Response to Petition: You may respond by filing a written response to the Petition or by appearing in person at the hearing. If you choose to file a written response, you need to: File the original with the Court; and Mail a copy to all interested parties at least five (5) business days before the hearing. 3. Counsel for the Minor: the Minor (or an adult on behalf of the minor) has the right to request that counsel be appointed for the minor. 4. Presence of the Minor at hearing: A minor over age 14 has the right to be present at any hearing, unless the Court finds that it is not in the minor's best interests. THIS IS A LEGAL NOTICE: An important court proceeding that may affect your rights has been scheduled. If you do not understand this notice or other court papers, please contact an attorney for legal advice. October 12, 2017 Felix D. Arroyo Register of Probate Published: December 7, 2017</p>

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MARC ORFALY		BENJAMIN PATIENCE TR	10 ADAMS TERR	\$430,000	11/13/17
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ANTHONY CORBETT	JOANNE CORBETT	BEACH ST CD LLC	28 BEACH ST U:1	\$370,000	11/14/17
MICHAEL MCGOUGH		A W KIEFFER-HIGGINS	30 BEAUMONT ST	\$850,000	11/17/17
SHEPTON PARTNERS LLC		MARY PARSONS	36 BOUTWELL ST	\$775,000	11/15/17
CHARLES O'BRIEN	REBECCA O'BRIEN	SCOTT SAMOLEWICZ	5 BURGUYNE ST U:2	\$660,000	11/13/17
93 CLARKSON ST LLC		RUBY PARR	93 CLARKSON ST	\$600,000	11/13/17
28 DIX ST LLC		EST FRANK FREESE	28 DIX ST	\$840,000	11/13/17
KENNETH VIEN	THU HUYNH	MAI PHAM	15 DUNCAN ST	\$726,000	11/16/17
OZAIR BANDAY		TIMOTHY COLLINS	16 EASTMAN ST U:1	\$459,900	11/17/17
84 FAYSTON ST LLC		MATTIE TERRY	84 FAYSTON ST	\$360,000	11/16/17
JUDY MANSOUR	FRANCIS KARAM	SADHNA BOKHIRIA	79 FLORIDA ST U:9	\$255,000	11/15/17
ROCK SOLID LLC		YAVANNI INVESTMENTS LLC	85 GLENWAY ST	\$430,000	11/17/17
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LYNN NUI	JENNIFER LAM	JOSHUA KREFETZ	271-273 HANCOCK ST	\$400,000	11/17/17
CARLOS GOMES		FRANCIS KEOUGH	70-72 HOUGHTON ST	\$639,000	11/17/17
11 MASCOMA ST LLC		MATTIE TERRY	11 MASCOMA ST	\$410,000	11/16/17
JACKIE WONG		ATHERTON HOLDINGS LLC	1 MELBOURNE ST U:8	\$151,500	11/13/17
NIMAH MAZAHERI	LORA MAZAHERI	JACQUELINE O'FLAHERTY	95 MELVILLE AVE U:1	\$820,000	11/17/17
KASHA AMBROISE		GWENDOLYN ZION	59 MONADNOCK ST U:3	\$260,000	11/15/17
MICHAEL MILLER		JAMES LAVENBURG	117 MSGR PATRICK LYDON WAY	\$887,000	11/15/17
JARED HARRIS		BRIAN WALHGREN	61 NEPONSET AVE U:3	\$462,500	11/17/17
HENRY JOHNSON		LESLIE MOORE	5 NIGHTINGALE ST	\$528,500	11/14/17
MATTHEW DELAPENA-MATTOZZI		NADIA ALCINDOR	64 PERCIVAL ST U:2	\$399,000	11/17/17
DANIEL ZOLNIERZ	KATIE ZOLNIERZ	PAUL FURNER	12 ROACH ST U:1	\$472,500	11/14/17
JAZMINE COLEMAN		INCE FT LLC	9 SELDEN ST	\$660,000	11/17/17
24 SPAULDING ST LLC		KATHLEEN CONFORTI TR	24-26 SPAULDING ST	\$650,000	11/17/17
ERICA THOMSON-MOSELEY		BERKSHIRE INVESTMENTS LLC	2 STOUGHTON ST PL	\$400,000	11/16/17
SINH NGUYEN	HOANG NGUYEN	FIRST VINSON LLC	5 VINSON ST	\$450,000	11/15/17
BRYNNE GAFFNEY	CHARLES TOCCI	MARY DEWALT	51 WHITTEN ST U:1	\$395,000	11/16/17
MATTAPAN					
DEBBIE ANGLIN		MATTAPAN CASTLE ROCK LLC	56-56A MATTAPAN ST	\$294,000	11/15/17



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Herewith a few talking points for baseball’s winter meetings

The heat is arising on the Hot Stove! With the countdown to the winter meetings under way, Baseball’s winter season is upon us. For the game’s charter member nerds who groove on its byzantine inner-workings – such as your host – this season within the season can be almost as compelling as a torrid pennant race.

Put it this way. If you want to win next summer, you better be on your toes as this month moves on. And, as it happens, this year’s agenda is notably hefty. Herewith, for your guidance, a suggestion of the wild and crazy things that might be expected and from whom.

1. The Red Sox – Having already made their critical move in nabbing to universal acclaim Alex Cora, hottest prospect in the managerial pool, they should hope he’s half as good as his rave notices promise although If you’ve heard this song before, you may reserve judgment. They are certain to ardently pursue and grossly over-pay a slugger to fill the year-old Ortiz void. Assuming

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Giancarlo Stanton won’t come to Boston and that Jose Abreu would cost too much in talent, J.D. Martinez becomes their beau ideal; not the best of news.

2. Dave Dombrowski – The most wanton spendthrift among contemporary GMs can’t afford another David Price fiasco and survive in Boston. His motto appears to be “money is no object as long as it ain’t mine.”

Consider that he has been responsible for \$1.1 billion in salary awards to Miguel Cabrera, Prince Fielder, Justin Verlander, and Price. The Cabrera deal looked okay when he was the game’s most feared slugger, but he hit .249 last season with 16 homers and has six more years at \$30 million per, which should sink the Tigers. But then Dombrowski doesn’t worry about the “tomorrows,” by which time, of course, he’s likely to have moved on.

3. Scott Boras – The raging bull of the agents has 10 free-agents up for

grabs. Anytime the boorish Mr. Boras has such a grip on the market, you know it will be a circus. Bad news for Boston is that J.D. Martinez is his lead dog and thus likely to reap 150 percent of his true value. A torrid, two-month stretch of slugging in light air in Arizona mainly accounts for Martinez’s inflated value. Overall, in seven seasons he has only twice hit more than 23 homers. Boras also represents Eric Hosmer, thought to be a possible alternative for Boston. Good luck!

4. The Yankees – After being unveiled this week, Aaron Boone debuts at the winter meetings as the most improbable managerial pick since Boston Braves owner Judge Emil Fuchs chose himself in 1928. Still not having satisfactorily explained his cashing in of the solid and safe (whatever his flaws) Joe Girardi, GM Brian Cashman rolls the dice on his entire career with this off-the-wall move. Is Boone another A.J. Hinch, or another Butch Hobson? Is Cashman in the throes of a mid-life crisis? Such questions will consume the town that won’t sleep until it gets answers. All of which could de-rail the Yanks’ remarkable transformation that almost landed them in the World Series two months ago.

5. Shoehei Ohtani – Japanese phenom widely billed as the second coming of Babe Ruth, given his evident skills as both pitcher and slugger. Even if you’re

wary of such over the top tub-thumping, and I am, you concede that signing him (at a bargain price) will be the off-season’s ultimate coup and the Yankees are regarded heavy favorites in this free-for-all. If they succeed, he’ll greatly ease the anxieties in New York raised by the flip from Girardi to Boone. If it’s to New York he goes, it happens fast. Otherwise, he signs elsewhere.

6. Other free-agents – With Boras setting the pace, the market develops slowly unless the inevitable dumb owner hyperventilates and surrenders a hideous contract, for which honors the Red Sox remain prime candidates. Otherwise, interesting questions include: Will CC Sabathia accept short money and return to the Yankees? Will the Royals lose their entire nucleus or somehow retain Mike Moustakas? Can the Cubs keep Wade Davis and the Indians retain Carlos Santana, vital cogs for both. Who gets Alex Cobb, maybe the only bargain? It’s a skimpy field.

7. Giancarlo Stanton – The Marlins’ herculean slugger (59 dingers last season) is no longer deemed affordable in Miami for a mere \$295 million over the next 10 years. He’s 28 and injury-prone, but amazingly there are said to be at least two teams willing to bid, the Giants and Cardinals. It could happen at the meetings.

8. Derek Jeter – He debuts this month as front man of the new Marlins ownership obliged to break into the role having to peddle –

maybe for a half-buck on the dollar – his best chip, slugger Stanton. Quite a challenge, even for a chap legendary for his “cool.” Is Jeter any more qualified for this role than Boone is to manage his old team? Probably not!

9. The Commissioner tries to fix the game – Rob Manfred, new boy in the catbird seat, will plead for regulations addressing the game’s pace, about which there’s been much talk but little action. He’s known to favor a 20-second pitch clock and tight restrictions on how many times catchers can



visit the mound to chat with pitchers. Sounds modest, you say. But given the opposition of the Players Association and the resistance to change imbedded deep in Baseball’s DNA, the odds on approval remain slim. So, there’s an agenda. You can keep score, if you wish.



Boston Red Sox pitching legend Pedro Martinez raised up his Boston Pride Award at during the We Are Boston Awards Gala at the Seaport Westin in South Boston on Nov. 30. Mayor Martin Walsh delivered remarks at the event. Among the awards he gave out were the Community Leadership Award to State Rep. Jeffrey Sanchez; the Corporate Leadership Award to Steward Health Care VP John Polanowicz; and the Lifetime Achievement Award to James Rooney of the Greater Boston Chamber of Commerce. Mayor’s Office photo by Don Harney

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The MFA Class is offered in partnership with the Museum of Fine Arts, as part of the MFA Community Arts Initiative. Through it, the group meets weekly at the Club and embarks on regular field trips to the Museum of Fine Arts to learn about all types of art. During each trip members have the chance to learn about specific exhibits, artists, and

styles, and then have time to create original artwork inspired by what they experienced.

The class also includes the production of a special Martin Luther King Day exhibit which is installed in the museum for viewing during a free admission day that falls on MLK day every year. They also get to be part of a Community Arts project throughout the year alongside multiple organizations with an artist chosen by jury. That project is installed at the Museum in the spring and shared during a reception open to family and friends. The piece is left up on display in the museum for months to come.

MFA Class is currently offered on Wednesdays at 6PM, and is open to members aged 7-13 years. It is a year-long program, so members have multiple chances to visit the museum throughout the year get quite familiar with the MFA by the end.



The group enjoyed the work of contemporary Japanese artist Takashi Murakami. A 360 degree experience and a great photo backdrop!



Members took in artwork from the Takashi Murakami exhibit at the MFA last week and later had a chance to create their own art inspired by the style.

Last week, the group spent most of their time visiting the Takashi Murakami exhibit, among others. Takashi Murakami is a Japanese contemporary artist who uses a variety of media in his artwork and generally uses lots of color and motifs from Japanese traditional and pop culture.

The museum offers a unique experience for kids, because it allows a chance to experience all different types of art at one time. Many kids are

not exposed to a wide variety of artistic media, or do not focus on much beyond the classics in their school curriculum. It can be eye opening and exciting to get a glimpse into the world of contemporary art and see works that artists are creating today.

In addition to the variety of classes offered through the art program at BGCD, we host an Arts Bash at the end of every session so that members can show off their work in an exhibit for family and friends. The upcoming Arts Bash will be on December 14 at 6PM. It offers a chance to display their hard work, and also to view the projects that their peers have worked on through the session. It's especially interesting for members in the MFA Class, because they have a unique perspective when creating their artwork with the end goal of showcasing it similarly to how they have viewed other work at the museum.

UPCOMING EVENTS

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December 12 & 13 at 6PM

WINTER REGISTRATION
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December 14 at 6-7:30PM

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EGAN, Robert W. Renowned Doctor of Milton, MA, 89. Born in 1928 to John O’Neil Egan of Dorchester and Mildred (McIssac) of CO, and married in 1954 to Mary Ellen (Marlen) Gillis of West Roxbury. Boston College “SO” and “54” graduate of Boston University School of Medicine. Chief of Neurology at Carney

Hospital, Chief of Staff at Milton Hospital and others around Boston. Survived by Marlen Egan, and children, Mary-Ellen Curry of Severna Park, MD; Robert W. Egan Jr. of Hanover, MA; John F. Egan of Moretown, VT; Suzanne Rader of Winchendon MA; Daniel R. Egan of Thornton, NH; Edmund J. (Ned) Egan of Tahoe City, CA;

and Michael J. Egan of Kingfield, ME; sister Jean Marie Cull of Westlake Village CA. He had 14 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren. Donations to the Lourdes Center, 698 Beacon St., Boston, MA 02215.

FERRUCCI, Dr. James C., MD 92, of Milton. He was predeceased by wife of over 64 years, Margaret Mary (Finnegan); his parents James J. Ferrucci and Frances (Miro) Ferrucci and his brother, Richard J Ferrucci. He is survived by his seven children, James (Jed) Ferrucci and his wife Mary of Braintree; John Ferrucci and his wife Cindy of Hingham; Joanne Sullivan and her husband Brian of Needham; Janet Besinger and her husband Edward of Milton; Ellen McKenna and her husband Stephen of Longmeadow, MA; David Ferrucci of Hull; and Karen Breen and her husband Kevin of Hull. Jim was the proud grandfather of 18; and one great-grandchild. Dr. Ferrucci was born in Bridgeport, CT and was a graduate of College of the Holy Cross in 1946

and Tufts Medical School in 1949. He practiced general surgery for 63 years until he retired from his Milton Lower Mills office in April, 2011 at age 86. He trained in surgery at the Carney Hospital. He became a captain in the U.S. Air Force Surgical Corps during the Korean War from 1953-1955. He was an instructor of Anatomy and Surgery at Tufts Medical School, an instructor of Surgery at the Chelsea Naval Hospital, and surgical instructor at Boston University Medical School. Dr. Ferrucci was a member of the Carney Hospital Foundation and Treasurer of the Carney Medical Staff for many years. He was also a member of the Board of Cooperators at the Milton Hospital, and Chairman, for many years, of the Staff Credentials Committee that considered the applications of new staff members. Dr. Ferrucci was known and beloved by his many patients, not only for the high quality of medical care, but for his kindness, compassion and accessibility. In 1965, Dr. Ferrucci was a co-founder and president of the Milton Youth Hockey program. He was always known as a raconteur and teller of humorous stories. He has compiled a book of over one hundred of his true personal stories. In his retirement years, he enjoyed sharing many of his stories, jokes and trivia with friends at the Milton Council on Aging and at his most recent residence at Standish Village. Donations may be made to the Milton Council on Aging, 10 Walnut Street, Milton, MA 02186 or the Pine Street Inn, 444 Harrison Avenue, Boston, MA 02118.

GANNON, John “Jack” 81, of Plymouth formerly of Dorchester and Brockton. Son of the late John J. and Helene (McKierney) Gannon. Father of Donna Marie Gannon of Phoenix, Arizona. Step father of Daniel Marks of Colorado, Nancy Monaghan and her husband Brian of Plymouth and John Marks and his wife Ellen of Beverly. He also leaves many grandchildren. Jack was a U.S. Army veteran.

GILBRIDE, Philip J. of Easton. Husband of Pauline (Canisius) Gilbride of Easton. Father of Kevin Gilbride and his wife Christine of Marshfield, Karen Gilbride-Raynard and her husband Thomas of Easton, Philip J. Gilbride III and his wife Frances of Braintree, John J. Gilbride and his wife Debra of Sharon, Cheryl Gilbride of Easton and Dawn Philbrook and her husband Harry of Westboro; brother of Ann Homan of Bourne, Patrick Gilbride of Ireland, Rosalyn Farrell of Ireland, Carmel Darcy of Ireland and the late

James Gilbride, Patricia MacRae and Hubert Gilbride; Proud grandfather of Emily, Jeremy, Philip IV, Colin, Meg, Jack, Theresa, and Jacqueline Gilbride, Zachary Raynard, Bridget and Ashley Langis, and Harrison, Andrew, and Patrick Philbrook; also survived by many nieces, nephews and cousins. Donations in Philip’s memory may be sent to Holy Cross Church, 225 Purchase Street, Easton, MA. 02375.

HARTE, Kathleen G. of Weymouth, formerly of Dorchester. Wife of the late James P. Harte. Mother of Kathleen M. Hennessy and her husband, Gene, of The Villages, FL, Joanne P. Boyne and her husband, Ralph, of Marstons Mills, Mary Ann McCarthy and her husband, James, of Milton, Susan M. Stadig and her husband, Guy, of Simi Valley, CA, James P. Harte and his wife, Jeanne, of S. Weymouth, Jack Harte of Dorchester, and late Baby Thomas Harte. Sister of the late Mary Flaherty, Peg Flanagan, Thomas, William, and James Ennis and Ann McCarthy. Also survived by 20 grandchildren, 37 great grandchildren, 8 great great grandchildren, and many nieces and nephews. Memorial donations may be made to Franciscan Hospital for Children, 30 Warren Street, Brighton, MA 02135.

RANDOLPH “Tony” Boston Globe retiree. Loving father, family Man and mentor, age 60, formerly of Boston. Son of the late Carrie Maxine Randolph Jenkins Bowens, he is survived by his daughter, Amanda Michelle Jenkins, 23, and beloved relatives. Tony grew up in Springfield and was a 1979 graduate of Northeastern University. For 21 years, Tony served within the Travel Division of the Boston Globe. For over 17 seasons, Tony was a basketball referee and mentor to local teens at the Colonel Daniel Marr Boys & Girls Clubhouse in Dorchester, MA. He and his mother were dedicated members of The Historic Charles Street African Methodist Episcopal (AME) Church in Roxbury. Donations may be made to the Boys & Girls Clubs of Dorchester, Massachusetts.

LOVETT, Margaret F. (Cassidy) 95, of Quincy, formerly of Jamaica Plain, Hyde Park and Dorchester. Wife of the late William R. Lovett (Ret. Chief, BFD). Mother of William R. Lovett Jr. and his wife Kathleen of Milton, Richard P. Lovett and his wife Rhona of San Francisco, CA, John J. Lovett (Ret. BFD) and his wife Susan of Bonita Springs, FL and West Dennis, Christopher M. Lovett and his wife Natasha of Boston and Ellen T. Lovett and her husband Douglas Anderson of Billerica.


Margaret is survived by 11 grandchildren and 24 great-grandchildren and several nieces and nephews. Sister of the late Rita Bracken, Helen White, Teresa Cassidy, Joseph Cassidy and Thomas Cassidy. If you wish, donations in Margaret’s memory may be made to the charity of your choice.

PANCHAMSINGH, Joseph R. of Milton. Husband of Cynthia (Nannan) Panchamsingh of Milton. Father of Angela Silva and her husband Albert of Canton, Michelle Contreras and her husband Jose of Dorchester, Joseph K. Panchamsingh of Dorchester, Diana Quinchia and her husband Jeffrey of Hyde Park and Jonathan Panchamsingh of Milton. Brother of Julie Panchamsingh-Barakat of Milton. Grandfather of Ariana Silva, Jose Contreras, Daniel Contreras, Aiden Silva, Juliana Quinchia, Samuel Contreras and Jasmine Quinchia. Joseph was born and raised in Trinidad and came to the United States as a teenager. He and his wife Cynthia settled in Dorchester where they raised their children. Joseph was employed as a computer engineer in his early career. He worked in the restaurant industry for many years and was later self-employed as a jeweler. He was a history buff, talented chef, and enjoyed cars, airplanes, and music. Most of all Joe adored his family who were the cornerstone of his life.

PICKERING, Barbara Ann (Foley) of Braintree. Wife of Charles A. Pickering Jr. Mother of Mary Benvie and her husband Brian of Norton, Charles Pickering and his wife Maureen of Brea, CA, Patricia Livorsi and her husband John of Westford, Anne Marie Papajiannis and her husband Paul of Norwell, Eileen Schoener and her husband Neil of W. Yarmouth, Susan Gildea and her husband Mathew of Medina, OH, Jennifer Gibbs and her husband Richard of Walpole, and Stephen Pickering and his wife Deborah of North Adams. She is also survived by many grandchildren and great grandchildren.

SOROKO, Olga (Mamajko) in Roslindale, formerly of Poland. Wife of Jozef Soroko. Mother of Zbigniew M. and his wife Mija Soroko of Stoughton, and Irene W.T. and her husband Eligiusz Gadomski of East Hampton, CT. Devoted babcia of Kimberly Forness, Jennifer Routhier, Jacob Gadomski, Philip Gadomski, and Alicia Gadomski. Great-grandmother of Will, Maddie, Kai, Leo, Vivian, and Theo. Donations in Olga’s memory may be made to the Sherrill House, 135 South Huntington Ave., Boston, MA 02130.

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**ESTATE OF:
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A petition for Formal Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative has been filed by Ebony Green of Hudson, MA requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition. The Petitioner requests that Ebony Green of Hudson, MA be appointed as Personal Representative of said estate to serve Without Surety on the bond in an unsupervised administration. You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before 10:00 a.m. on the return day of 12/15/2017.

This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an Affidavit of Objections within thirty (30) days of the return date, action may be taken without further notice to you.

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