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Lou Pasquale (center in brimmed hat) and his wife Terry were joined by Mayor Martin Walsh and other officials and friends during a surprise ceremony to dedicate a square in front of Boston Bowl in his name.

With naming of Lou Pasquale Square, the city salutes a Morrissey Blvd. fixture

By Daniel Sheehan REPORTER STAFF

At the age of 18, as Lou Pasquale lay in a field on Okinawa with a piece of shrapnel in his leg, he saw a heavenly white light — and made a pact with God.

"I said, 'I promise to help an individual every day of my life. I told my Mum I'd make it home, and so if you help me through this, I'll keep that promise."

After returning home to his native Quincy from World War II, Pasquale has spent the last

75 years keeping that pledge. He ran a masonry company for a brief time before being hired by the owning family in 1956 to build Phillips Candy House on Morrissey Boulevard. It was an opportunity, he said, that would give him a way to "meet a lot of people that I could help."

He went on to help build several establishments for the family, including Boston Bowl next door, where he served as manager of the bowling alley for decades and become known for taking local

disadvantaged and troubled teenagers under his wing.

On Sunday morning, Pasquale was honored with a surprise ceremony attended by Mayor Martin Walsh, a host of elected officials, and nearly 100 friends and family members at which the city officially christened the intersection of Tenean and Freeport street outside Boston Bowl as "Lou Pasquale Square."

The honoree was overcome with emotion. He embraced loved ones (Continued on page 14)

In Port Norfolk, taking on 'log jam' over revised plan

After meeting, city official says impasse still in place

> By KATIE TROJANO REPORTER STAFF

The proponents of the Neponset Wharf development plan in Port Norfolk returned to the community last week to present an amended plan that would fortify the shoreline and see three condominium buildings and a boathouse built along the peninsula's waterfront.

The revised proposal—unveiled in front of about 40 neighbors inside the Boston Winery— is the latest iteration from South Boston-based City Point Capital, which intends to acquire and raze the MarineMax/Russo Marine site at 24 Ericsson St.

Tim Czerwienski, a project manager for the Boston Planning and Development Agency (BPDA) who facilitated the meeting, told residents that he

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A rendering shows the revised Neponset Wharf Image courtesy RODE Architects, Inc.

Mejia wins by 1 vote; no appeal by St. Guillen

By Simón Rios WBUR REPORTER

Community activist Julia Mejia has won the recount of Boston's at-large City Council election by a single vote. After three days of counting, the final tally announced on Monday was 22,492 for Mejia and 22,491 for Alejandra St.

"I'm glad we won," said Dennis Newman, Mejia's attorney for the recount. "As I stated in my closing argument, the city did an amazing job."
On Tuesday morn-

ing, St. Guillen said she would not appeal the recount tally. "Last night, I believed that I owed it to my supporters and the (Continued on page 2)



Julie Mejia - One vote difference earned her fourth at-large seat on City Council after recount. Daniel Sheehan photo

By Katie Trojano REPORTER STAFF

The proposal for a "Little Saigon" designation for a subsection of the Fields Corner neighborhood that is being considered by the Massachusetts Cultural Council was given a highly positive reception at a City Council hearing held last Thursday evening in St. Ambrose church.

The Networking Organization of Vietnamese Americans (NOVA) has delivered the application to the cultural panel, which would need to approve and fund the designation.

If given final approval, the designation "Little (Continued on page 5)

'Sobering' report on safety keeps T funding in the spotlight

By Colin A. Young STATE HOUSE News Service

Making safety the top priority throughout the MBTA will be a costly venture, a former US transportation secretary

who participated in the months-long review of the T's safety said on Monday, and he suggested that Gov. Charlie Baker seek out new money from Washington, D.C., policymakers.

"The T is safe. But the T can be safer, like all forms of transportation," said Ray LaHood, a former Republican congressman from Illinois who served as President Barack Obama's transportation secretary from 2009 to 2013. "And if you want your transportation to be safe, and you want it to work efficiently, it takes money. It costs money to do that."

Money for the MBTA

and transportation more broadly has been a hot topic on Beacon Hill recently. Lawmakers are gearing up for a transportation revenue debate in the House early

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around the neighborhood for your weekly planner.

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Boys and Girls Clubs of Dorchester from 6-10 p.m.

at the Barking Crab, 88 Sleeper St., Boston. A 21-

plus event. Tickets: \$40. See bgcdorchester.org for

 ${f Saturday}$ (14th) – The Coca-Cola Holiday Cara-

van comes to Franklin Park Zoo with Santa. Guests

will be able to meet and take a free family photo

Sunday (15th) - Dorchester Historical Society

• Home.stead Holiday Marketplace at 5 p.m. Come

support the best of local, sustainable, majority-

women artisans and makers while sipping a hot

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St., Dorchester, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Make an appointment

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Thursday (19th) - The Savin Hillbillies will be

playing the HomeStead Cafe (1448 Dorchester Ave,

Fields Corner) from 6:30-8:30 p.m., in their only

public appearance of the holiday season. Music will

include holiday favorites as well as hillbilly classics.

• McCormack Civic Association's holiday party

is today at 7 p.m. at the New England Regional

Council of Carpenters state of the art center at 750 Dorchester Ave. After a brief business agenda,

share in the joy of the Season with your friends and neighbors. There will be food, refreshments and

Monday (23rd) - The Pontine Theater Company

presents their production of "A Winter's Tale" at 1:30

p.m. at Standish Village Assisted Living and Memory

Support Community, 1190 Adams St., Dorchester.

Tuesday (24th) - Set aside an hour to give blood

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Overall serious crime down in Boston -Serious crime in the city of Boston is down by 7 percent, according to data made public this week by Boston Police. Homicides have decreased from 53 in 2018 to 36 in 2019, through Dec. 8. The most significant decline in so-called 'Part One' crimes- an aggregate of 11 categories— was recorded on Area B-2, where statistics show an 18 percent decline over the same time-frame in 2018. Area C-11, which includes parts of Dorchester, has seen a 6 percent increase, driven by an

- REPORTER STAFF

uptick in non-domestic

aggravated assaults and

larcenies.

Man shot near Morton, Norfolk intersection - A man was shot and critically injured on Norfolk Street last Thursday afternoon (Dec. 5), according to Boston Police. WCVB-TV reported that the victim was found nearby on Morton Street and that a bullet broke through the window of a beauty salon near the scene. The incident took place around 4 p.m.



The scene inside Boston City Hall on Saturday as a recount unfolded in the at-large city council race.

Mejia wins recount by one vote; St. Guillen says she won't appeal

(Continued from page 1) election commission voters to fully review the results from the recount before moving forward," she said. "After weighing all the options with my team and my family, I have come to the decision to not move forward with a court challenge.

THE REPORTER

"I want to congratulate City Councillor-elect@ juliaforboston on running an inspiring campaign and showing us all what we can accomplish when we have the courage to walk in our power. I know you will be an excellent councilor and I am proud to have you represent me."

During the recount, the two had been locked in a tie while the city's deliberated over two contested ballots — one cast by a voter who had moved to Brookline, and the other cast by a Boston resident who voted in the wrong precinct. The commission decided to toss the Brookline resident's vote and count the vote of the Boston resident, which went for Meiia. now the first Latina to be elected to the Boston City Council.

In the Nov. 5 election, Mejia and St. Guillen came in fourth and fifth place, respectively, though the margin was so close (less than 10 votes) that both candidates called for the hand tally. The recount

started Saturday morning and continued until after 5 p.m. Monday.

Boston's interim election commissioner Eneida Tavares said it was exciting to have a role in the city's political history. "This is what democracy looks like ... and it just goes to show that every vote counts and the importance of actually turning out," she said.

Elements of this story were published by WBUR 90.9FM on Dec. 10. WBUR and the Reporter share content through a media partnership. The Reporter's Katie Trojano also contributed to the article.

Dozens arrested in federal sting move aimed at 'Latin Kings' gang members

By Laney Ruckstuhl WBUR PRODUCER

More than 60 reputed gang leaders, members and associates face federal charges after statewide raids by law enforcement last Thursday morning (Dec. 5). US Attorney Andrew Lelling said dozens of Latin Kings members were arrested at 24 locations, mostly in Mas-

sachusetts. Investigators believe the Latin Kings collectively were involved in a number of offenses, including conspiracy to kill more than 10 people, drug trafficking, robbery, shootings and stabbings. Lelling said US **Immigration Customs** and Enforcement (ICE) was not involved in the investigation.

Among those charged is Michael Cecchetelli, known as "King Merlin,"



An array of weapons collected during a federal-led raid of alleged "Latin Kings" members.

US Attorney's office image

the title of "Supreme East Coast Regional Overseer." The 40-yearold Springfield man is allegedly responsible for serving as the conduit between states up and down the East Coast, including Massachusetts.

Joseph Bonavolonta, special agent in charge of the FBI's Boston field office, said Cecchetelli has blood ties to the and based the structure of the Latin Kings off "mafia-style rule." He said that a gang leader having ties to a separate organized crime operation is "very rare."

Shaun Harrison, the former dean of Boston English High School who last year was convicted of shooting a 17-year-old student, was also charged in the operation. Bonavolonta

said Harrison, known as "King Rev," was an initiated member of the gang and that the shooting was related to Latin Kings affairs.

"It's a big hit precisely because we are able to take out all of the leadership," Lelling said, which he claimed will make it "extremely difficult for the gang to regroup in the region."

In total, 64 people were charged under the Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organizations Act (RICO). Some were also hit with additional charges, including drug trafficking and firearms charges, Lelling said.

Authorities say they seized dozens of firearms. six cars, six motorcycles, three jet skis, an ATV, about \$38,000 in cash and various amounts of heroin, fentanyl, and crack cocaine.

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Halfway to Dot Day 5k on Dec. 14 – Dorchester Running Club sponsors the fifth annual Halfway to Dot Day 5k and Toy Drive on Sat., Dec. 14 at Pope John Paul II Park, Hallet Street entrance in Neponset, 9 a.m. Followed by a toy drive breakfast at Florian Hall, 9 a.m.- 12 p.m. Suggested donation: \$20 and unwrapped toy for a child in need. More info at DotRunners.org.

PLAN: Mattapan meeting on Dec. 17 - The Boston Planning and Development Agency (BPDA) will host a community meeting for the PLAN: Mattapan initiative on Tues., Dec. 17 at 6 p.m. at the Mattapan BPL branch, 1350 Blue Hill Ave. The meeting will build on last month's conversation about Topic Areas (Corridors, Residential Fabric, and Squares) and Focus Areas (specific places in Mattapan). This meeting will continue the conversation about how the BPDA led team will determine success for the planning process. Light refreshments will be

available. Translated materials and interpretation services will be provided in Haitian Creole and Spanish. Contact: Muge Undemir at mugzy.undemir@boston.

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Holiday Market & Bazaar at Mattapan Farm - The Urban Farming Institute will host a Holiday Market and Bazaar at the Fowler Clark Epstein Farm, 487 Norfolk St., Mattapan on Sat., Dec. 14 from 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Meet local vendors with gift ideas. Buy squash, sweet potatoes, cranberries, cider and more. See urbanfarminginstitute. org for more.

Census 2020 recruitment fair in Four Corners - Greater Four Corners Action Coalition is hosting a U.S. 2020 Census Job Recruitment Day on Sat., Dec. 14, beginning at 9:00 a.m. at 690 Washington St., Dorchester. U.S. Census Bureau staff will be available to assist residents interested in applying for temporary field positions

for the 2020 Census through the 2020census.gov/jobs website. All positions are temporary, part time and offer paid training, weekly pay and flexible hours, including daytime, evenings and weekends.

BPS Showcase of Schools on Dec. 14 - The Boston Public Schools will host their annual Showcase of Schools event on Sat., Dec. 14 from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. at Boston Latin Academy, 205 Townsend St., Dorchester. Meet with school leaders, teachers and learn about focus areas and dual enrollment at local colleges. See bostonpublicschools.org/register for more info. Or call 617-635-9046.

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MBTA hitting reset on Automated Fare System rollout

By Chris Lisinski STATE HOUSE News Service

The MBTA's longawaited fare collection overhaul will not roll out over the next two years as originally planned, and officials will instead pursue a "reset" that will phase in the new system across the next four years and push the total project costs above \$900 million.

The original \$723 million contract with Cubic called for many of the features to come on line in 2020 in a so-called "big bang" and for all-door boarding to begin in 2021, but MBTA officials said a combination of technical challenges, public desire for input, and growing scope prompted a reevaluation.

Some of the more dramatic changes coming in the automated fare collection 2.0 system, such as capability for passengers to tap a credit card at a fare gate or use all doors to board buses, until three or four years down the roads.

MBTA officials declined to describe the new timeline as a delay, arguing that the change will allow rider feedback to play a bigger role and that milestones that are spread out will cause smoother implementa-

"We had structured a contract in such a way that made some assumptions about our partner and about our own capabilities and about what the community wanted," MBTA General Manager Steve Poftak told reporters last Friday. "I think at the end of the day, all three of those assumptions were off, and what we've done here is a course correction.

The updated plan carries more than \$200 million in additional costs, including \$160 million in new capital, more than \$40 million on upgrading

now will not be piloted the short term, and tens of millions in operations and maintenance.

> Project leaders will present their intentions to the T's oversight board this week and request a "downpayment" of \$30 million toward the eventual restructured contract with Cubic as parties renegotiate.

> As part of the adjustment, Tofficials will seek a separate \$49 million contract with Scheidt and Bachmann to install new fare vending machines, enhance the existing CharlieTicket system to allow single taps to board and more, all of which is designed as a bridge to transition to the final automated fare collection system.

"It's a phased rollout,' said Ronald Renaud, the T's chief transformation officer. "That, I think, is the difference between failure and success. It's an achievable schedule. Because of the extra two the existing system in years, we have more time to test, listen, and then Green Line stations, evaluate other technol-

The first pilots for the new payment methods are now scheduled to start in 2021 and expand in the two subsequent years under the remodeled plan. Passengers will be able to use cellphones, contactless credit cards, and more to tap through fare gates, and they will also be able to use a website and mobile app to keep track of balances, according to

All-door boarding on

which T officials say will help speed up the rides and improve performance, will now be tested on bus and subway in 2022 and 2023. Final rollout to commuter rail trains is planned for

As part of the shortterm improvements, the T will add more than 1,000 points of sale to acquire CharlieCards across the greater Boston region. Paper CharlieTickets will begin charging the same fare as plastic CharlieCards buses and above-ground in 2021, according to the

T, and passengers will be able to tap them to get through fare gates rather than inserting and scanning them.

CharlieCards themselves will incur a stillundetermined cost to acquire starting around 2023. They will allow commuters to run a negative balance on their accounts, meaning those who have insufficient fare on a CharlieCard can still board and pay back the deficiency rather than need to enter cash or wait until the next train or bus arrives.

METCO students have until Jan. 3 to apply for lottery

The state-funded program that places Boston students of color into predominantly white suburban school districts is now accepting 2020-2021 applications for its revised assignment

system, which will select students by lottery for the first time.

The deadline to enter the lottery is Jan. 3.

The Metropolitan Council for Educational Opportunity (METCO)

changed its application process earlier this year. Parents must now apply online at metcoinc.org or go to the METCO office at 40 Dimock St. in Roxbury.

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Councillors to BPD: Drop hair testing of candidates

By Katie Trojano REPORTER STAFF

Six Boston city councillors yesterday called upon Boston Police Commissioner William Gross and Mayor Marty Walsh

Council President Andrea Campbell and Councillor Kim Janey drafted a letter on the subject that was signed

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to cease all use of hair tests to screen BPD Essaibi-George, Althea candidates for drug use. by Michelle Wu, Annissa the last few years, the department has "yet for black officers." The councillors said wards. The councillors noted that although the BPD has cultivated the most diverse command staff in its history over

diversity through their recruitment and retention practices."

The letter reads in part: "One barrier to diversifying our police force is the hair drug test a method of testing for the use of illicit substances by testing samples of hair cut off the top of a subject's head. This method of drug testing not only creates an alarmingly high rate of false-positives, but it also disproportionately

that the use of hair drug tests causes undue harm to blacks and other officers of color and their families on the basis of "racially biased 'testing' methodologies. It is important to note that the inaccuracy of this testing methodology has already been ruled upon by multiple judicial bodies in recent years through litigation that has cost the city of Boston a total of \$2.1 million in legal fees.

In a statement to the Reporter, a spokesperson for Mayor Martin Walsh said he concurs with the councillors.

"Mayor Walsh agrees that the best way forward is to eliminate hair testing at the Boston Police Department and we thank the City Council for their support of this change.

"We will work collaboratively with the union to implement an updated drug testing policy after contract negotiations are complete," Walsh's spokesperson said.



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Pressley bill targets harsh discipline against girls of color in school

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US Rep. Ayanna Pressley is pushing legislation aimed at confronting what she described as punitive disciplinary actions taken disproportionately against girls of color in school. The Boston Democrat said that from kindergarten through their senior year in high school, black girls are seven times more likely to be suspended as white girls, and four times more likely to be arrested at school.

Latino and Native American girls are also suspended from school at higher rates than white girls, said Pressley. Her bill would establish \$2.5 billion in new federal grants to help states and districts that commit to ban unfair and discriminatory school discipline practices and improve school climates.

The bill would also strengthen the Department of Education's Office of Civil Rights by setting aside \$2.5 billion for additional enforcement and monitoring while also creating a federal task force.

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'Little Saigon' district proposal gets big boost at City Council hearing

(Continued from page 1) Saigon" would identify a halfmile stretch along portions of Dorchester Avenue and

Charles, Park, and Adams streets in Fields Corner as a center of Vietnamese cultural, artistic, and economic activity for at least the next five years.

On Monday, Councillor Frank Baker told the Reporter that the City Council would likely move the resolution forward with a vote on Wednesday. It would then be passed on to the Cultural Council for its consideration.

The hearing, before the City Council's Committee on Arts, Culture and Special Events, attracted a large delegation of elected officials in addition to members of the commission, and neighborhood residents.

"The Vietnamese community here in Dorchester is really strong, we appreciate them and are here to support them," said state Rep. Dan Hunt. Added Rep. Liz Miranda: "I'm really excited about where this community process is going to take us, not only with this initiative but for the future of Fields Corner and our other communities."

The city currently has four designated cultural districts: The Fenway, Boston Literary, Roxbury, and the Latin Quarter in Jamaica Plain. NOVA noted that the naming of a Little Saigon district would not change the historic name of the larger neighborhood, Fields Corner, just identify a subsection where there is a large clustering of Vietnamese businesses and community



Hiep Chu, a longtime leader in Fields Corner, addressed a City Council committee hearing last Thursday inside the St. Ambrose church hall on the subject of a cultural district designation that would dub parts of Fields Corner as "Little Saigon." Katie Trojano photo

Most of the public testimony provided at the hearing was supportive of the cultural district, with very few in opposition. One resident identified herself as the only person there voicing dissent.

Hoàng Thông Pham, an operations manager for Unitrans Worldwide, Inc. who performs with the Vietnamese Cultural Group in Boston, spoke up in support of the idea.

"I have lived in the Boston area for more than 20 years. I am proud to be a resident of this historical city, I am also proud to be a Vietnamese American," said Pham. "Nothing could bring me greater pleasure than to see a piece of my birth country represented in my current country. The official designation of Little Saigon as a cultural district is a celebration of the rich culture

and diversity of Boston and gives those visiting a unique cultural experience."

Ashley Tran, 16, of the Massachusetts Vietnamese Scout Association, said a cultural district will "help young people recognize their heritage and be proud of where they come from, and make them more aware of the programs available to the community.

"It will allow the Vietnamese community to protect and promote their culture and heritage within the neighborhood," she added.

Margaret Flynn, who described herself as a 40-year resident of Dorchester, expressed skepticism of the initiative: "I think I'm the only one here that's against it. I think that this is a diverse neighborhood, and the designation is taking away from our Cape Verdeans, blacks, Caucasians. This is taking away from their communities. This is completely wrong in my perspective. I'm completely against it.'

But Boston Police Captain Tim Connolly, formerly in command at Dorchester's Area C-11 station, said he "fully supports" the designation. "As C-11 captain, I came to understand that the Vietnamese community was underrepresented within the larger community of Dorchester," he said.

City Councillors offered closing statements and provided some direction for moving forward with the process. "This has been an amazing hearing," said Kim Janey. "I want to thank you all for coming out tonight and offering such powerful, inspiring testimony. I understand how important it is

for a community to be able to define for themselves, to name themselves, and to celebrate their culture."

Said Michelle Wu: "The passion that the community brought to this was inspiring, hopeful, patriotic, and really is about the best of what America stands for and what Boston is."

Councillor Baker added a note of gratitude to the hearing: "Thank you to the Vietnamese community for making Dorchester and Boston your home, thank you for the contributions that you've made to the neighborhood. We'll discuss over the weekend and see if we can move this along.

In a statement on Friday, Mayor Martin Walsh indicated his support for the designation. "We've been talking about designating the 'Little Saigon Cultural District' for a very long time, and I'm glad to see the community's proposal finally moving forward," he said. "I'm proud of the community for their continued advocacy. This cultural designation will attract more business and tourism to the neighborhood, showing how rich Fields Corner is in arts and culture. I'm hopeful that the council will pass the resolution quickly."

Others who attended the hearing included Councillor Matt O'Malley and state Sen. Nick Collins.

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'Sobering' report on safety keeps T funding in the spotlight

(Continued from page 1) next year and an \$18 billion transportation bond bill (H 4002) — which includes \$5.7 billion for the T — has been under consideration by the Joint Transportation Committee for months.

During a press conference to discuss the report's findings and recommendations on Monday morning, Baker made mention of the \$50 million he has requested for ongoing "accelerated infrastructure" repairs at the MBTA on a few occasions. That money remains hung up in the supplemental budget that the House and Senate have been unable to resolve for nearly two months. If lawmakers are not able to iron out their differences by Wednesday afternoon, the comptroller is going to move \$1 billion in surplus funds, including the money eyed for the T, into the state's rainy-day fund and Baker will have to make a new request for the money.

"Today's report adds a new sense of urgency to the Legislature to pass the \$50 million that we filed for last spring in our supplemental budget request. This money is designed to fund many positions that are key to staffing the T's expanded capital program," Baker said. He added, "The re-

sources need to be there for the T to be able to do both of these things well at the same time. I'm kind of hoping that sometime in the next day or two that's going to get resolved. If it doesn't, we'll file it again in January and try to get it then."

Asked if the \$50 million he requested will be sufficient to allow the T to meet its priorities while also putting a new emphasis on safety, Baker said, "It was certainly the number we believe is the number we needed at the time. If we need additional resources going forward, we'll figure it out."

The governor did not directly answer when asked if the safety review released Monday changed his mind at all about whether the T needs additional revenue from the state on a regular and committed basis.

"Well, the T gets additional revenue every year from the Legislature through the increase that comes with an increase in the sales tax, which is its primary source of funding. The budget gets developed on an annual basis. We will be working on a filing for House 2, which will come out in January. We'll spend a bunch of time talking to the T about

this and about these recommendations and if we think they need additional resources we'll factor that in."

LaHood said he has worked with public transportation agencies in New York and Chicago since leaving the federal government and thinks the MBTA has a good case to make for a boost in federal transportation funding.

"When you have an organization that's as old as this, with infrastructure that's aging, it's going to cost money. But when I look at what the kind of leadership that the governor has shown here and in the vision that he has, I believe some of the resources can come from Washington just as they have done for other organizations, other places in the country where there's a leader at the top that says, 'we need resources because safety is our number one priority," LaHood said.

The former secretary said "you can't imagine how many governors came to see me" when he served as secretary and said he told Baker that he should bring his entire transportation team to meet with Transportation Secretary Elaine Chao and to detail how the T plans to address the safety concerns highlighted in the report

while also improving service for riders.

"My point in telling him that is there's a lot of resources in Washington. And, you know, this T has a good plan and has good leadership and is well-focused," LaHood said. "And I think the secretary will recognize that and know that the money will be well-spent."

Though Baker has frequently challenged the Trump administration on policy, he has spoken highly of Chao and credits her with signing off on the \$1 billion in federal funding needed to complete the Green Line Extension project. In May, Baker and Boston Mayor Martin Walsh met with Chao during a trip to the capital to pressure Congress and the Trump administration to invest in housing, transportation and the environment.

In addition to possibly filing a request for more MBTA money with his fiscal 2021 budget, which is due to be filed by Jan. 22, the governor said Monday that he is also going to present his vision for the future of MBTA oversight next month.

Originally created in 2015, the T's Fiscal and Management Control Board's tenure is set to expire next summer. But Baker said on Monday that he will file "FMCB successor legislation" in January that incorporates some of the recommendations of the Safety Review Panel.

"First, the panel recommendsthattheFMCB have a seat that focuses purely on safety and operations, I agree. Second, the panel has pointed out the frequency of the FMCB meetings, which by statute must meet for 36 sessions per year, take too much time away from MBTA leadership and staff to work on day-to-day operations. I think we can all agree on that, too," Baker said. "The FMC Board was put in place in 2015 to tackle a myriad of issues and they've done a terrific job. At this point, the board should meet less frequently so that management can focus more fully on improving operations at the T."

The governor said his legislation will create a new safety-focused seat on the board and will reduce the frequency with which the board must meet. It's unclear whether Baker intends to put forward his plan for the next phase of T oversight as part of his budget or as standalone legislation.

Later on Monday, US Rep. Ayanna Pressley slammed the MBTA and the Baker administration.

"I am disappointed but not surprised by the findings of today's report which further detail how 'safety is not the priority at the T," Pressley said in a statement, quoting one of the most incendiary lines in the report.

Pressley, who represents large chunks of the MBTA's core transit network and co-founded the Congressional Future of Transportation Caucus, criticized officials for focusing on capital projects at the expense of the operating budget, as the experts described in their report.

"It is irresponsible to prioritize cost-cutting and capital growth over the safety of our riders. Commuters across the Commonwealth deserve safe, reliable, and affordable transportation," Pressley said. "I call on Governor Baker, Stephanie Pollack, and Steve Poftak to get their priorities straight and to revisit the safety protocols and procedures of the MBTA."

T officials said they have already implemented several of the recommendations outlined in the report and would examine others. MBTA General Manager Steve Poftak described its findings as "sobering."

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Lottery relocates drawings to Dorchester, eyes new times

By Colin A. Young State House News Service

When the Massachusetts Lottery moved from Braintree to Dorchester earlier this year, it was a big deal for the agency and its employees. But players likely have not noticed any difference — especially if they haven't hit those big jackpot prizes that must be claimed at the headquarters.

That changed over last weekend as the Lottery broadcast its final drawings from Braintree on Saturday night. After the winning numbers were pulled and the Lottery host had signed off, the studio and equipment for the Numbers Game, Mass Cash and Megabucks Doubler were retired. On Sunday, a new studio at the Lottery's Dorchester headquarters opened with all-new drawing equipment and a plan for new-look online broadcasts.

"The Lottery drawings essentially have had the same equipment, look, and feel for over the last 20 years," Michael Sweeney, the Lottery's executive director, said of the change.

The old Numbers Game draw machine — four spinning wheels with sections for numbers 0 through 9 — has been replaced by a cylinder with four separate segments, each with its own slot for the ball with the winning number. The single spinning drum that had been used to select numbers for Mass Cash and



A new era dawned for fans of the Numbers Game, Mass Cash, and Megabucks Doubler over the weekend as the state Lottery debuted a new studio with new drawing equipment at its offices in Dorchester.

State Lottery photo

Megabucks Doubler has been retired and each game now has its own underlit orb for the new drawings.

About a year and a half ago, the Lottery Commission approved a three-year, \$292,575 contract with SmartPlay International for draw game equipment, training, and maintenance, and the agency worked with the vendor to design the new machines. The equipment was delivered in June, and a new drawing studio content and production manager has been onboard since October preparing the updated studio and broadcasts.

It's all part of a modernization plan that's been afoot for the last four or five years at the Lottery under Sweeney and Treasurer Deborah Goldberg. The agency has retired its old, clunky blue retail machines and replaced them with more modern terminals, and recently went through a major IT overhaul. For its drawings, the Lottery is now embarking on a multi-phased plan that will eventually include a new schedule for all Lottery drawings and plans for remote drawings on-location at big events around the state.

New drawing times eyed

"For many years, all the drawing times were dictated by the programming schedule of our broadcast partners. Once those broadcast partnerships ended, the Lottery never changed or readjusted

or looked at those drawing times," Sweeney said.

Since 2011, when the TV studio-based drawings ended, the Lottery has been broadcasting its drawings itself-on Youtube and on the Lottery website - from a studio at the Braintree office. When the drawings were brought in-house, the Lottery made no changes to the schedule, which means they're still held at the times set by the TV broadcasters.

The Numbers Games are drawn at 12:46 p.m. and 7:46 p.m., Mass Cash winners get pulled at 9:46 p.m. and the Megabucks Doubler is drawn at 10:46 p.m. Over the last year, the Lottery's marketing and compliance teams have been evaluating the schedule and determined "there could be some benefit in changing these drawing times," Sweeney said.

The new schedule is not final yet — though it may be ready by February — but it would reduce the number of drawing times to two -2 p.m. for the midday Numbers Game and 9 p.m. for all other drawings.

"We're hoping that by combining them all it will provide greater exposure and brand recognition to the public for all three games. We certainly know there are members of the public who have a favorite game of these and maybe don't necessarily engage the other two," Sweeney said. "We're hoping the increased aware-

ness and branding together will help to drive sales in all three areas."

The plan could also drive sales by allowing the Lottery to open the pool for the next day's drawings sooner. Currently, Mass Cash and Megabucks Doubler players have to wait until 5 a.m. to get their numbers for that day's drawing, but the new schedule would allow the drawing pool to open up at 9:45 p.m. the night before the winning combination is called.

Phase three of the modernization will be an ongoing effort to transform the actual online broadcasts into something more engaging. Right now, most broadcasts feature an offscreen Lottery host who introduces the game, announces the date of the drawing, calls out the winning numbers and reminds players of Lottery-related promotions.

"The nightly drawing videos will have new content graphics and animations," Sweeney said.

The final phase of the drawing refresh is a plan for the Lottery to look for opportunities to conduct remote drawings at big events around the state. Sweeney said those drawings would be an "opportunity to both brand and expose the Lottery in a positive manner and interact with the community in a low-cost but hopefully effective way to continue to draw interest in these games."



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Final Dot Jazz series concert to feature 'gypsy jazz' quartet

By Daniel Sheehan ARTS & FEATURES EDITOR

This year's final Dot Jazz Series show will take place this Thursday (Dec.12) at 7:30 p.m. at All Saints' Peabody Hall and will feature Tomoko Iwamoto and 440, a group led by the violinist Iwamoto and showcasing Mark Chenevert on clarinet, Jack Soref on guitar, and Sven Larson on bass.

Together, they play jazz in the Manouche or "gypsy jazz" style that was made popular in 1930s Paris by Django Reinhardt, as well as swing-era tunes by Cole Porter, George Gershwin, and Benny Goodman, and several original compositions that draw inspiration from wide-ranging genres like klezmer, musette, and Beethoven.

Despite having a classical background, Iwamoto, a faculty mem-



From left: Mark Chenevert, Tomoko Iwamoto, Sven Larson, Jack Soref

ber at Brookline Music School, incorporates many elements of jazz into her playing and has been involved in Boston's jazz scene for more than 25 years after moving from her hometown of Osaka, Japan.

The band's sophomore album, "Yo-ki Swing," was released in October. According to Iwamoto, Yo-ki means "joy and mirth" in Japanese, making the record and the band's performance a fitting way to celebrate

the holiday season.

Tickets are \$15 and are available online at dotjazz.org or at the door. Free admission for children under 18. Doors open at 7.

Celebrity Series is bringing live music to Dot, Mattapan

By Daniel Sheehan ARTS & FEATURES EDITOR

The Celebrity Series of Boston, a non-profit performing arts organization, opened its threeconcert schedule for Dorchester and Mattapan community venues last Saturday with the Jason Palmer Quintet in a jazz holiday concert in collaboration with the Summer Street Brass Band at the Salvation Army Kroc Center at 650 Dudley St. in Dorchester.

Next up: Dorchester Stringfest, a celebra-

tion highlighting Voci Angelica Trio and the Conservatory Lab Charter School, at 3 p.m. this Saturday (Dec. 14) at the Kroc Center at 650 Dudley St.

Voci Angelica is an international vocal, cello, and percussion trio that hails from three continents. The group, comprising Jodi Hitzhusen, Meena Malik, and Aristides Rivas, blends world folk music and classical music to form a global, culture-bending sound. The concert is free and open to the public.

The last session will feature the Devin Ferreira Collaborative, a group led by music educator Devin Ferreira, on Thurs., Dec. 19, at 6 p.m. at the Mattapan Teen Center, 10 Hazleton St. in Mattapan.

Ferreira is a Bostonbased artist-educator who has spent the last decade facilitating youth music programs while pursuing an active professional career as an emcee and saxophonist performing across the United States. He will perform alongside



Devin Ferreira and his band will perform at the Mattapan Teen Center on Dec. 19.

teens from the Inquilinos Boricuas en Accion (IBA) youth group in a multidisciplinary performance. The concert is free and open to the public.

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'Lovely Sisters' members use own stories to bolster goal of easing others' pain

By Daniel Sheehan Arts & Features Editor

Lovely Sisters of Boston, a local charitable organization based in Dorchester, is spreading the gospel of giving during this year's holiday season. The organization was founded four years ago by Ebere Ihionu, who also owns Elegance African Fashions clothing boutique. Ihionu says a fire accident in 2013 that left her with severe burns was a driving force behind her starting the nonprofit.

"I was at Mass General for two weeks, and I saw all these other people in pain in the burn unit," she explained. "So after seeing that, I decided I'm going to give all I have to help ease someone else's pain."

Over the past four years, Lovely Sisters has raised funds and collected items such as toiletries, groceries, and clothing to donate to groups like Victory Programs, a nonprofit that supports individuals and families experiencing homelessness or addiction; Rosie's Place, an organization for homeless women and victims of domestic violence; and Boston Children's Hospital.

The group has fifteen members from Boston and surrounding communities, including Stough-

ton, Malden, and Lynn.

Last Wednesday,
Ihionu and three other
members of the organization chatted and watched
television in her living
room as they bagged up a
collection of winter coats,
mittens, hats, strollers.

toys, and other supplies to be donated to local women and children centers

Regina Awah, a founding member of the organization, said that her difficult experience immigrating to Boston from her native Cameroon left her with a sense of duty to give back to the community.

"I left five kids and a husband in Cameroon, and so coming here without family was painful," she explained. "All I did was cry. But I met people who let me stay with them and clean their homes. People would give me stuff to send home to my kids...now I can take care of myself, so I feel it's time for me to give back."

Another member, Therese Ndiwine, said the "honesty and transparency" at the heart of Lovely Sisters was a big factor in herjoining. "I've been with other organizations and nonprofits who don't always do the right thing," she said. "They ask for money and say they're going to give it to a place, but then don't follow through. Lovely Sisters was different. They have what I'm looking for."

Ndiwine's spirit of generosity also comes from personal experience: When she gave birth to her first son prematurely, she had nothing to wrap him in. But kind donors gave her blankets, sweaters, and other clothes during her son's months-long stay in the hospital.

An important part of the work Lovely Sisters does is the personal connection they forge with individuals, said Ihionu.

"We don't just go to the shelter and give the stuff to representatives. We demand to meet the people, talk to them face to face, give them a hug. Talking to them, you hear their stories, and



The Lovely Sisters of Boston, a local charitable organization based in Dorchester, include (from left): Regina Awah, Mara Noze, Therese Ndiwine, and president Ebere Ihionu.

Daniel Sheehan photo

realize that so many of them are just victims of circumstance."

After meeting last year's fundraising goal of \$15,000, Ihionu raised the bar to \$20,000 this year. The nonprofit got a boost from its recent Thanksgiving dinner fundraising event, but Ihionu is hoping that the impending season of giving will encourage people to be generous over the last few weeks of the year.

"You don't have to give

big," she pointed out.
"You can give what little
you have; no matter how
small, it goes a long way."

Learn more about Lovely Sisters of Boston at lovelysistersofboston.org. Donations can be made in the form of checks sent to 54 Mt. Everett St., Dorchester, MA 02125.



Kyrell Luc '21, Dorchester resident and Brimmer and May junior, was named Most Improved Runner for the Brimmer Varsity Boys Cross Country team which won the Massachusetts Bay Independent League Championship this season.

David Barron/Oxygen Group Photography

Eversource's Challenge contest on energy open to K-12 students

A competition sponsored by Eversource invites students to demonstrate their energy efficiency knowledge to help promotes conservation and sustainability. The contest— which is open to kindergarten to high school students in Eversource's Massachusetts electric service territory—has a deadline of March 17.

Students in grades K-8 are assigned gradespecific challenges and asked to submit entries in the form of a poster (Grades K-2), a limerick (Grade 3), an outdoor billboard (Grade 4), a narrative and an image of an energy-saving super-hero (Grade 5), a letter to parents (Grade 6), a news article (Grade 7), or public service announcement (Grade 8).

Students competing in Grades 9-12 will create a persuasive image that advocates for an energy topic. Options include a short poem (125 words or less) or a cartoon strip (12 cells or less) that addresses energy efficiency, a renewable energy source, or environmental concern.

Eversource Challenge finalists in all categories and grade levels will be honored at an awards ceremony in May, and winners will receive Amazon Gift Cards.

For more info, go toeversourceinschool.com/ challenge.

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DORCHESTER HISTORICAL SOCIETY

"Two stocking-masked gunmen held up the Minot Cooperative Bank at 782 Adams St., Dorchester, shortly after 10:30 a.m. today, forced three employees and two customers to lie on the floor, and escaped with about \$7,000. Police said witnesses told them the pair escaped in a cream and green-colored car in the direction of Fields Corner.

"The three employees were Janet Brown, of 99 Ames St., West Quincy; Lucia B. Watts, of 79 Ashworth St., Squantum, and Irene M. Johnson of 52 St. Brendan Rd., Dorchester. Police reported that the get-away car was found abandoned about two hours later on Rowena St., Dorchester. "From descriptions given to police, the holdup pair looked almost like twins in size, age, and build. Both were described as about 40 and 5-feet-8. Both wore soft cut-down hats, one green, the other brown. One wore a blue jacket, the other a brown jacket.

"It was like a movie," said one witness, Morris Rissman, who operates a cleansing establishment next door to the bank. "I saw the two of them inside



Dorchester Bank Holdup Nets \$7,000 (Boston Evening Globe, July 15, 1963)

the bank," he said. "One of them went behind the counter while the other stayed on the customer's side. When the one behind the counter finished scooping up the money, he vaulted back over to the other side and the two dashed out.

"What impressed me," added Riss-

man, "was the fact that it seemed to take a long time."

Another witness, Mrs. Ann Willis of 4 Landers Rd., Wollaston, said she saw the holdup pair running to their car, one of the carrying a red bag. She said she had just gotten out of her car and was about to enter the bank

when she spotted the men.

"They were wearing jackets and what looked like black veils over their cases." she said [probably a typing error; should have been faces] "They pulled the veils up as they approached their parked car."

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A follow-up Globe story the next morning identified the bank customers during the robbery as "Anna Belrose of Taylor Street and Helen Kirby of Westmoreland Street, both of Dorchester.

The archive of these historical posts can be viewed on the blog at dorchesterhistorical society.org.

The Dorchester Historical Society's historic houses are open on different dates. The Lemuel Clap House (1712 and remodeled 1765) at 199 Boston Street is open on the third Saturday of each month. The James Blake House, 735 Columbia Road (1661) and the William Clap House, 195 Boston Street (1806) are open on the third Sunday of each month. Open hours are 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Editorial

Milestone moment in Mattapan



A rendering of the Cote Village building.

Image courtesy Davis Square Architects

A groundbreaking ceremony is set for next Wednesday (Dec. 18) at 2:30 p.m. at the site of the future Cote Village project in Mattapan. Work on the five-building campus, which will replace what has been a long-vacant and dilapidated car dealership on a prominent stretch of Cummins Highway, represents a \$37 million investment into Mattapan. The complex will include 76 units of housing in a main apartment building and a series of 24 smaller townhouses laid out along Regis Road.

Cardinal Seán O'Malley, Mayor Martin Walsh and Lt. Gov. Karyn Polito are listed as among the attendees at the groundbreaking on an invitation distributed to Mattapan civic leaders this week. The cardinal is a central figure in the development project because one of the two partners in the Cote Village proposal is the archdiocese of Boston's Planning Office for Urban Affairs. The Catholic church-affiliated entity teamed up with another non-profit— the Caribbean Integration Community Development Corp.—to redevelop the site in a process that dates back to 2015.

The city of Boston's Department of Neighborhood Development (DND) has been another key partner in bringing the site to this point. The old Ford dealership — which takes up 2.3 acres, including the frontage along Cummins Highway — was owned by the city of Boston for decades after its previous owner went out of business and abandoned it in the 1970s. It has been sitting there ever since— in city custody— a true blight on the streetscape of an otherwise solid residential community.

Walsh, in one of his first acts as mayor, seized upon the potential of the location near the Fairmount Line for the abandoned property to be revitalized. [An earlier attempt to secure the site by an affordable housing developer fell apart in 2007 amid a recession and push-back from neighbors who argued that the plan at the time was too dense.]

The mayor had the good judgment to instruct DND to put the site "out to bid" early in his first term, and in a competitive process that included four different proposals for the site, DND awarded the designation to the winning team in 2015.

But winning the bid from City Hall was just the beginning. The partners next engaged in a robust public process that was at times contentious, with some nearby neighbors seeking to derail the project.

Thankfully, however, the greater good prevailed over narrow-minded NIMBYism. Aided by state and federal tax "low-income" credits that will help subsidize its construction, the developers have secured private financing to get the project—at long last— "in the ground." (The initial plan called for construction to start in November 2016.) This will bring badly needed housing online for people who would like to live in Mattapan and live here affordably. Of the property's 76 units, 57 will be rented as "affordable" for families, and 19 will be offered as "workforce" or "market rate."

Congratulations to all of those who worked for the last several years to make this project a reality.

- Bill Forry

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Off the Bench

Seeing "character" as having no value is harmful to our country's well being

By James W. Dolan Reporter Columnist

Some on the religious right argue that Donald Trump has been chosen by God to preserve traditional moral values and lead the nation away from the evils of secularism, commercialism, progressivism, and the sexualization of society. They view this seriously flawed man is the instrument for a rebirth of family values, religious devotion, and the protection of the unborn.



James W. Dolan

For them, "character" does not matter so long as he appoints to the federal bench conservative justices who will protect what they view as traditional family values. I understand their concern about abortions, but fail to see what opposition to same-sex marriage, gun control, and separation of church and state has to do with family values.

As an old white guy, I grew up in what seemed a

simpler, less confusing time with far fewer distractions. It is easy to understand the nostalgia those of my generation feel for the innocence of our youth. If you were white, straight, financially secure and healthy, life was good. There was little contact and even less attention given to those who did not share in the benefits we took for granted.

To believe that Trump, whose behavior is the antithesis of what I consider Christian values, is intent upon saving us from destructive forces represented by immorality, progressivism, immigration, technology, partisanship, and the so-called "deep state" is

delusional. Measure him against the Beatitudes. Is there even one of those guideposts to a virtuous life that he embraces?

To what extent Trump is responsible for his obvious amorality is difficult to assess. He appears unable to recognize right from wrong. He likely suffers from a personality disorder that puts him at the center of his universe. Whatever he perceives as good for him is right while anything that threatens his self-image is wrong. Without a conscience or a firm hold on reality, he reacts impulsively. Trump is impaired. That may serve as an excuse for his errant behavior, or at least as a mitigating factor.

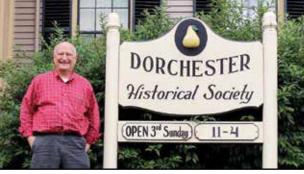
But what about those who should know better? By using him for their own benefit; be it the retention of power, influence, or financial gain, they condone behavior that serves their own ends but is harmful to the country. The difference between Trump and other presidents is not one simply of degree. None of our presidents, with the possible exception of Jimmy Carter, could be considered saints. It is a difference in kind; none posed as great a threat to the nation.

I feel sorry for our president. One can only guess at the forces in his life that gave rise to such insecurity. He could be a billionaire real estate mogul without doing too much harm. His eccentricities were more amusing than alarming. Now, he is in way over his head. What was once of little consequence is a significant threat to the equilibrium so important to a democracy.

The words spoken by Christ from the cross: "Forgive them, father, they know not what they do" have a universal application. We sometimes react without understanding either the merits or the consequences of our actions and can only hope we come to our senses before causing too much harm.

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

Support your community - shop local





Looking for a book about Dorchester lore? The Dorchester Historical Society will be selling books and other community memorabilia at its holiday party this coming Sunday at its Boston Street headquarters from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. Wine is your thing? Try the Boston Winery at 26 Ericsson St. in Port Norfolk. It sells its wines throughout the metropolitan area.

By BILL WALCZAK SPECIAL TO THE REPORTER

A few years ago, I decided that I would only purchase Christmas gifts that were made in Dorchester, Roxbury, or Mattapan. It wasn't an ideological decision, just one in which I decided that gifts made locally supported the local economy, and therefore you get two proverbial bangs for the buck – one for the gift and one for the support of a local business or organization.

It was also the result of going to a local department store and trying to find anything made in Massachusetts (couldn't find anything!), which didn't improve much when I expanded the geography to New England (there was an apple cider powder that was made in Rhode Island).

Even when I expanded the geography to the entire USA, there wasn't much to buy.

It wasn't difficult to find locally made items, especially if you include restaurant gift certificates, which, after all, represent locally made food. We actually have some excellent product that is produced locally. Here's a short list of things I've been able to find (and buy):

The Dorchester Historical Society sells books and other Dorchester memorabilia at their annual holiday party. Upcoming this Sunday, Dec. 15, from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. at 195 Boston St., Dorchester;

Phillips Chocolates sells handcrafted chocolates at 818 Morrissey Blvd., Dorchester;

Bully Boy Distillery has a great array of alcoholic beverages and a tasting room at 44 Cedric St., Roxbury:

Dorchester Brewing Company sells a huge selection of beers on its site at 1250 Mass Ave., Dorchester;
The Boston Winery at 26 Ericsson St. in Port Nor-

The Boston Winery at 26 Ericsson St. in Port Norfolk produces wines sold throughout the metropolitan area. You can find them at bostonwinery.com;

Backlash Beer is a newer brewery located in a former factory at 152 Hampden St., Roxbury;

It's a shame that Haley House (Dudley Square, Roxbury) won't reopen until January, as they had great baked goods and things like mugs for gifts. However, they still need your support. Email catering@haleyhouse.org to get gift cards.

And for that matter, send a gift in a loved one's name to one of our many nonprofit organizations. Look for "donation" or "contribution" on their websites.

Buy some local art. I can't find a listing of Dorchester artists, though there is a group called Dorchester Artists and Friends who put on the Open Studios in October. One popular local artist is Vincent Crotty, who has a studio at 22 Huntoon St., but there are many, many artists in Dorchester who could use your support.

Go to the winter farmers' market in Codman Square for some locally made items. Leonard Lee sells honey made by Dorchester bees at farmers' markets.

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We have such great restaurants in Dorchester. For those of us who were here in the '70s, it's delightful to have such choices, but they need your support, so buy some gift cards.

How about getting your loved one a car wash? We have two in Dorchester (near South Bay Shopping Center and at Neponset Circle.)

Find some new places in neighborhood business districts. Boston Main Streets has listings at bostonmainstreets.org/districts.

Buying local gives you something to talk about when you're gathered around the tree, and a much more interesting topic than how horrible traffic was driving to the mall.

Write me back with your buy local suggestions at billwalczak@gmail.com. I'm still not done with my shopping.

In Port Norfolk, taking on 'log jam' over revised plan

(Continued from page 1) had asked City Point to clearly outline community benefits, alternative development options for the site, and specify resiliency measures.

"There's a log jam here that needs to be broken, whether it's traction on the project as is, or exploring an alternative. We want to start the conversation and get moving because the land-owner is interested in developing," said Czerwienski.

"This is a very vulnerable spot, and it has the opportunity to do some good things for the neighborhood in terms of leveraging private investments. So, we want to see something start to move," he added.

Earlier versions of the project have been met with general opposition from Port Norfolk residents. In the past, much of the consternation over the project has hinged on traffic issues, too-tall buildings, and the absence of a plan to protect the neighborhood from flooding.

But at last week's session, more than a few residents voiced their support for the revised plan, which includes 85 condo units (generally consisting of two-bedroom units), 183 parking spaces, renovated boat storage and service facilities (that would also include additional seasonal parking,) a small bait shop, and, possibly, a coffee shop. Eleven of the condo units would be deed-restricted by the city as affordable housing entities.

Three residential buildings, referred to by Kevin Deabler of RODE Architects as buildings A, B and C, have undergone significant design changes that have over time reduced the density of the project by about 50 percent.

Building A, which lies closest to the neighborhood setting, would be split between four and five stories with 37 residential units and internal parking. Buildings B and C would both rise to five stories of 34 units each. The new onestory boathouse might not require a complete demolition of the existing boathouse, said City Point Capital's Ryan Sillery.

The architectural firm is "hoping to be sensitive to the characteristics of Port Norfolk," said Deabler, in a way that honors the old, industrial, brick-building feeling of the neighborhood yet "is looking forward and blending those two goals."

Deabler said that the 156,816 square-foot property would include a public harbor walk wrapping around the waterfront, a public pathway from the development's entrance out to a public



An aerial view of Port Norfolk shows the site of the proposed Neponset Wharf project along Dorchester Bay.

Image couresty RODE Architects, Inc.

pier, shoreline improvements, and open access to the water.

"We've been able to come up with a plan that meets all of the guidelines of resiliency that are continued to be worked out by the city," he said, adding that the developers would include a shuttle service available to both residents of the condos and the rest of the neighborhood linking them to local MBTA services.

Other benefits he mentioned include an "enhanced" waterfront area, inclusionary housing, and the funding of a traffic study.

Jared Eigerman, an attorney for the proponents, went over alternative uses that might be viable for the site, including: an adult education center, offices, retail and/or manufacturing cannabis establishment, community/day care centers, private sports grounds, retail, and a research or biotech laboratory.

Virtually all of these alternative uses would not require the development team to create open space, obtain variance, or provide mitigation/public benefits.

Some residents said that they couldn't see any upside to the project, while others announced their support of the plans as is.

"I'm for this project," said resident Matthew Raffio. "At the end of the day, I think something needs to go there and the alternatives suck. By default, I think the benefits really outweigh the costs associated with the project."

Others argued over an issue that has remained a constant threat strike against the proposal: concerns about rising sea levels.

"Why build in the flood plain?" asked longtime resident Maria Lyons. "It doesn't make sense to build in the flood plain. As far as climate resiliency," she said, "I'm still not convinced that the canals between the buildings won't act as a water conductor when

storm waters come into the neighborhood. A handful of other attendees residents echoed her concern.

Lyons referenced Chapter 91 of Massachusetts State Law, which regulates the protection and promotion of all public waterfront areas. She also referred to designations made by the state's Area of Critical Environmental Concern (ACEC) program.

"I think the overall issue here is that it's in an area of critical environmental concern. It's in an area where the state has invested in trying to return it to a more natural environment. There's a plan going back to the '60s for the river and this area. A large condo project is not part of that plan," she said.

Lyons and others also noted that Climate Ready Dorchester, a city-led initiative aimed at creating guidelines for development and infrastructure along the coast, has just begun meetings this fall.

"The Climate Ready study is being done but it's not even close to being finished," said Lyons. "Yet the BPDA and the city are ready to hand out these permits. There is no vision. The city doesn't have the vision and this doesn't fit the state vision, and nobody seems to care."

In his response, Czerwienski said: "The Article 80 development review process is designed specifically to give the city and the BPDA the nimbleness to be able to achieve citywide planning goals as they relate to climate change resilience, economic development, and housing production in places where there has not been widespread neighborhood planning."

He added: "We have housing goals, we're trying to build 69,000 units by 2030 to alleviate what is, quite frankly, a crisislevel affordability situa-

tion in the city. We have climate change goals. We are in a position where we need to leverage private development to fortify, soften, and protect the shoreline from sea-level rise."

Stephanie Kruel, a senior environmental planner at civil VHB—a firm hired by the city to facilitate the Climate Ready Dorchester effort, explained that the project would need to go through review at the Boston Conservation Commission (BCC) as well.

"There are specific performance standards within areas that are under ACEC and in other wetland areas that the project would have to comply with," she said. "The BCC will have the last word, and there's no way that the project could be built without complying to [multiple] criteria."

The room remained split throughout the presentation, with some

residents showing support while others intermittingly shouted, "Why is this good for the Port?"

Longtime Port Norfolk resident Ed Roche said he saw some opportunities for improving the latest proposal. He suggested, for example, that the team make the boathouse design more aesthetically pleasing.

"With all due respect," he said while pointing to the boathouse. "I see that box there, and we talked about trying to make your buildings more sympatico with the original buildings in terms of scale and mass. I see a box. I have a hard time accepting that we're only going to get one shot to do this and we have to get it right." Replied Sillery: "We can definitely look at that."

Ben Tankle, another longtime resident, spoke to his view of a historical lack of trust between neighborhoods and city development in terms of zoning changes, saying, "What I'm getting at is this: I'm worried about changing the zoning no matter what."

Grady Eason, a Savin Hill resident and representative of Carpenters Local 327, supported the project as is. "[Sillery] has sat down with the union and he has committed to union labor. He's not the big bad wolf," said Eason. "I'm in support of this project."

As the public meeting came to a close, there did not seem to be a clear path forward. "We're still at a little bit of an impasse here," said Czerwienski. "I'm going to take this back to the office, and I'll let you know what the next steps are."



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HALFWAY TO DOT DAY 5K ON DEC. 14

Dorchester Running Club sponsors the fifth annual Halfway to Dot Day 5k and Toy Drive on Sat., Dec. 14 at Pope John Paul II Park, Hallet Street entrance in Neponset, 9 a.m. Followed by a toy drive breakfast at Florian Hall, 9 a.m.-12 p.m. Suggested donation: \$20 and unwrapped toy for a child in need. More info at DotRunners.org.

PLAN: MATTAPAN MEETING ON DEC. 17

The Boston Planning and Development Agency (BPDA) will host a community meeting for the PLAN: Mattapan initiative on Tues., Dec. 17 at 6 p.m. at the Mattapan BPL branch, 1350 Blue Hill Ave. The meeting will build on last month's conversation about Topic Areas (Corridors, Residential Fabric, and Squares) and Focus Areas (specific places in Mattapan). This meeting will continue the conversation about how the BPDA led team will determine success for the planning process. Light refreshments will be available. Translated materials and interpretation services will be provided in Haitian Creole and Spanish. Contact: Muge Undemir at mugzy.undemir@boston.gov.

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Deborah Hughes, president and CEO of Brookview House in Dorchester, and South Boston's Robert Pacitti, were honored as Man & Woman of the Year by the Friends for Children organization on December 4 at Florian Hall. Each year, Brookview House provides 370 women and children experiencing homelessness with safe housing and multi-generational support services to achieve long-term stability and economic independence. Pacitti serves as a member of the board of the Joseph "Dodo" Nee South Boston Collaborative Center, the South Boston Special Kids & Young Adults, the South Boston Neighborhood House (The Ollie) and the Harry McDonough Sailing Center. He is also a supporter of the South Boston Community Health. *Photo courtesy Heidi Boie*

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 $tatoes, cranberries, cider \, and \, more. \, See \, urban farming institute. org \, for \, more.$

BPS SHOWCASE OF SCHOOLS ON DEC. 14

The Boston Public Schools will host their annual Showcase of Schools event on Sat., Dec. 14 from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. at Boston Latin Academy, 205 Townsend St., Dorchester. Meet with school leaders, teachers and learn about focus areas and dual enrollment at local colleges. See bostonpublicschools.org/register for more info. Or call 617-635-9046.

CENSUS 2020 RECRUITMENT FAIR IN FOUR CORNERS

Greater Four Corners Action Coalition is hosting a U.S. 2020 Census Job Recruitment Day on Sat., Dec. 14, beginning at 9:00 a.m. at 690 Washington St., Dorchester. U.S. Census Bureau staff will be available to assist residents interested in applying for temporary field positions for the 2020 Census through the 2020census.gov/jobs website. All positions are temporary, part time and offer paid training, weekly pay and flexible hours, including daytime, evenings and weekends.

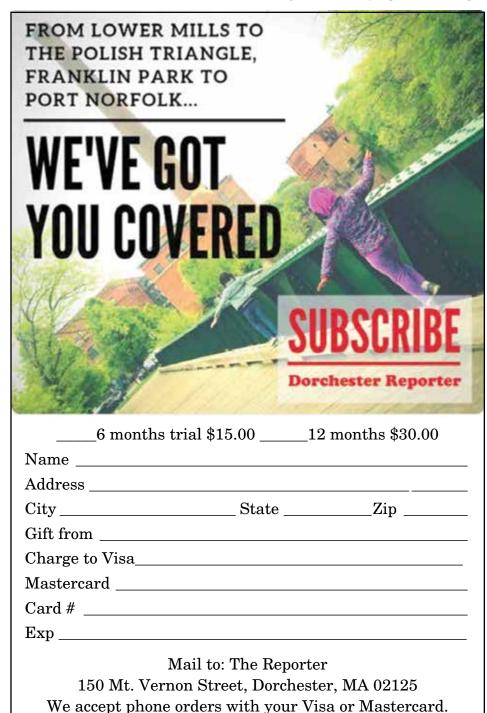
DOHERTY-GIBSON PLAYGROUND COMMUNITY MEETING ON JAN. 7

The Parks Department will host a community meeting on Tues., Jan. 7 at 6:30 p.m. at the Fields Corner BPL, 1520 Dorchester Ave. for the first in series of meetings on improvements to the Doherty-Gibson Playground. For more information call Annie Blair at 617-961-3028 or ann.frickblair@boston.gov.

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.

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Year's Eve til 11 p.m.

With naming of Lou Pasquale Square, the city salutes a Morrissey Blvd. fixture

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(Continued from page 1) ted by Hitler and the and listened as applause and chants of "Lo-uie" rang out in the square.

Pasquale's moral compass steered him true from a young age, even before his deal with God. After learning about the atrocities being commitNazis as a teenager, he says, he was compelled to enlist in order to protect his three Jewish friends who lived down the block.

"I told my parents I had to go in the service because this man is killing people because of who they are. They're killing people because of who they are, and I can't sleep."

Calling Pasquale "a true American hero," Walsh spoke to the veteran's impact on countless Dorchester residents,



On Sunday, Lou Pasquale held a street sign that bears his name. Mayor Walsh led a ceremony that paid tribute to the World War II veteran who has mentored generations of young men and women through his various roles with Phillips Family Properties on Morrissey Boulevard. Mayor's Office photo by Isabel Leon

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including himself as a said the mayor. "Ev- Committee - all the regular patron of Boston Bowl while growing up.

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JOSE PINA, Defendant(s) To the above named Defendant(s)

A Complaint has been presented to this Court by the Maria Monteiro, seeking a Complaint for Custody-Support-Parenting Time.

You are required to serve upon Maria Monteiro whose address is 150 Staniford St., #401, Boston, MA 02114 - 617-704-0855, your answer on or January 9, 2020. If you fail to do so, the court will proceed to the hearing and adjudication of this action. You are also required to file a copy of your answer in the office of the Register of this Court

at Boston. Witness, BRIAN J. DUNN, ES-QUIRE, First Judge of said Court this 21st day of November 2019. Felix D. Arroyo

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different organizations in this city went to Lou Pasquale.

Pasquale gives himself the credit for convincing Walsh and others that they should run for office, in addition to the scores of teens he mentored who went on to become firefighters, police officers, and judges kids who otherwise "could have gone down another road." he said.

But for all his acts of kindness and guidance, Pasquale expected nothing in return.

"I don't expect anything," he said. "If you do something for somebody and you expect something in return, it has no meaning. But if you do something, and you don't expect anything, it makes you feel good in your heart."

Several attendees at Sunday's celebration remarked that they rarely saw Lou Pasquale speechless. But seeing his name revealed on the sign outside Boston Bowl was overwhelming, said the honoree. "This is beyond anything in my dreams."

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Community Health News

Survey: In Greater Boston, women make far less than men; for women of color, numbers are worse

By Zeninjor Enwemeka WBUR REPORTER

The wage gap continues to be much worse for black and Latina women in Greater Boston, according to a new analysis. Latina women earned just 45 cents for every dollar white men earn, while black women earned just 49 cents, according to new data unveiled last Thursday by the Boston Women's Workforce Council.

Other estimates have consistently shown the wage gap is worse for these groups. The new analysis also found that Asian women earned 67 cents for every dollar white men earn, while white women earned 70 cents for every dollar white men earn.

On average, women in Greater Boston (defined in the report as ZIP codes within I-495) make 70 cents for every dollar men make, according to the analysis. This is a wider gap than the city of Boston's previous analysis in 2017 – which found that women earned, on average, 76 cents for every dollar men earn. The gap for women of color is also wider compared to that analysis.

But the city cautioned against comparing the two reports because the sample sizes are different and may represent different companies submitting data for the voluntary survey.

"What we do is just take a snapshot to see where we are at that point in time with the contributors that we had," said Tania Del Rio. the executive director of the mayor's Office of Women's Advancement. "We're looking to grow

the size of the data set because the more employers we have involved in this effort, the better off women are going to

The new findings are based on 2019 wage data for 136,437 employees - 13 percent of the Greater Boston workforce. The data were provided anonymously by 123 companies that are part of the city's 100 Percent Talent Compact initiative to tackle pay equity.

The wage gap also varied by job type. The largest gap was among service workers, where women earned just 45 cents compared to a man's dollar, according to the analysis. Meanwhile, the smallest wage gap — where women earned 93 cents to a man's dollar — was in a job category that includes parking attendants, bus drivers, and

machine operators.

Notably, female executives had the second largest wage gap earning 70 cents compared to a man's dollar according to the city. One area where women are out-earning men is among administrative workers. Women in those jobs earn 2 cents more on the dollar than men, the analysis found.

Del Rio acknowledges that progress towards closing the wage gap is "too slow. Our goal is to have that number reach zero. And if we don't reach zero, we won't be satisfied," she said.

Part of the city's efforts to close the wage gap include offering free salary negotiation workshops and supporting certain legislation, such as a bill that would require companies to report the gender and race of employees in management positions.

Pay equity has been taken up beyond Greater Boston, too. The state also offers salary negotiation workshops in several locations, and the Massachusetts pay equity law has been in place for over a year.

It's worth noting that another study found women in Massachusetts earn 83 cents for every dollar men earn. And nationally, women earn an estimated 82 cents for every dollar men earn. Those analyses rely on salary information reported by employees. By contrast, the city of Boston's analysis uses information reported directly by employers 'down to the cent," according to Del Rio.

The new data released by the city reflect highlights from a report due out in January. The next analysis will be conducted in 2021, according to the city.

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BOSTON, MA 02114 BOSTON, MA 02114
Docket No. SU19D2304DR
DIVORCE SUMMONS
BY PUBLICATION and MAILING
MARIE AGNES DEJESUS-CURET

BENJAMIN HERNANDEZ ARIAS o the Defendant:

The Plaintiff has filed a Complaint for Divorce requesting that the Court gran a divorce for Irretrievable Breakdown. The Complaint is on file at the Court. An Automatic Restraining Order has been entered in this matter preventing you from taking any action which would egatively impact the current financial status of either party. SEE Supplementa Probate Court Rule 411.

You are hereby summoned and required to serve upon: Marie Agnes DeJesus-Curet, 10 Bearse Ave., #2, Dorchester, MA 02124 your answer, if any, on or before 01/09/2020. If you fail to do so, the court will proceed to the hearing and adjudication of this action You are also required to file a copy of your answer, if any, in the office of the Register of this Court.

Witness, HON, BRIAN J. DUNN, First

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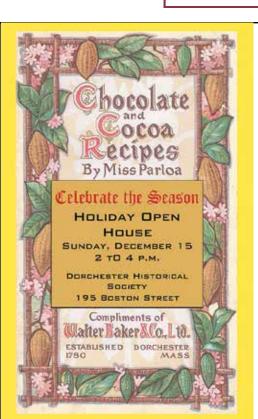
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Docket No. SU19P2480EA
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ESTATE OF: **ELEANOR FRANCES MALLOY**

a/k/a: ELEANOR F. MALLOY DATE OF DEATH: 06/14/2019 To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioners Sean P. Malloy of Dorchester, MA and Matthew D. Malloy of Dorchester, MA, a Will has been admitted to informal probate. Sean P.Malloy of Dorchester, MA and Matthew D. Malloy of Dorchester, MA has been informally appointed as the Persona Representative of the estate to serve without surety on the bond.

The estate is being administered under informal procedure by the Personal Representative under the Massachusetts Uniform Probate Code without supervision by the Cour Inventory and accounts are not required to be filed with the Court, but interested parties are entitled to notice regarding the administration from the Personal Representative and can petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including distribution of assets and expenses of administration. Interested parties are entitled to petition the Court to institute formal proceedings and to obtain orders terminating or restricting the powers of Personal Representatives appointed unde informal procedure. A copy of the Petition and Will, if any, can be obtained from the Petitioner. Published: December 12, 2019



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PETITION FOR APPOINTMENT
OF GUARDIAN OF A MINOR
Docket No. SU19P2211GD
IN THE INTERESTS OF
MESSIAH MALACHIA ROBERTSON-ISME
OF DORCHESTER, MA
MINOR
Notice to all Interested Parties

Notice to all Interested Parties

1. Hearing Date/Time: A hearing on a Petition for Appointment of Guardian of a Minor filed on 09/27/2019 by Sandra Robertson Muhammad of Dorchester, MA will be held 01/07/2020 08:30 AM Motion. Located Suffolk Probate and Family Court - Probation Department.
2. Response to Petition: You may respond

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.

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adult on behalf of the minor) has the right to request that counsel be appointed for the minor. 4. Counsel for Parents: If you are a parent of the minor child who is the subject of this proceeding you have a right to be represented by an attorney. If you want an attorney and cannot afford to pay for one and if you give proof that you are indigent, an attorney will be proof that you are indigent, an attorney will be assigned to you. Your request for an attorney should be made immediately by filling out the Application of Appointment of Counsel form. Submit the application form in person or by mail at the court location where your case is going to be heard.

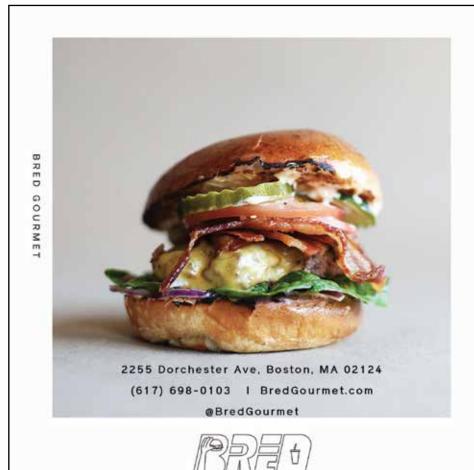
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POLICE DISTRICT B-3 NEWSFor info, call B-3's Community Service Office at

617-343-4711.

HANCOCK STREET CIVIC ASSOCIATION

The Hancock Street Civic Association meets monthly on the first Tuesday at Uphams Crossing, 530 Columbia Rd., Dorchester. Meeting time is 7–8:30 p.m. Annual dues are \$5; please contact hancockstreetcivic@gmail.com with any questions you may have. The next meeting is on Jan. 7.

WELLINGTON HILL NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

The Wellington Hill Neighborhood Council meets on the second Tuesday of the month from 6-7:30 p.m. at the Mattapan branch of the Boston Public Library. Next meeting is Dec. 10. Updates can be found on Facebook page:@wellingtonhillneighbors.Or Google Group: wellingtonhill@googlegroups.com

The River Street Civic Association

The River Street Civic Association meets on the second Thursday of each month from 6-8 p.m. at the Foley Senior Residences, 249 River St., Mattapan.

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 NEIGHBORHOOD 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 pattiashmont@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.



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ASHMONT VALLEY NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOC.

Meetings are usually the 2nd Mon. or Tues. of the month at $6:30\,\mathrm{p.m.}$ at $776\,\mathrm{Washington}\,\mathrm{St.}$, Dorchester.

CEDAR GROVE CIVIC ASSOC.

Cedar Grove Civic Association meets at 7 p.m. at Fr. Lane Hall, St. Brendan Church, 15 Rita Rd. The civic group meets on the 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 ASSOC.

Columbia-Savin Hill Civic meets the first Monday of each month, 7 p.m., at the Little House, 275 East Cottage St. For info: columbiasavinhillcivic.org.

DORCHESTER NORTH NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOC.

The Dorchester North Neighborhood Association (formerly the Annapolis Street Neighborhood Association) 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.

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FIELDS CORNER CIVIC ASSOC.

The FCCA meets on the first Tuesday of the month at 6:30 at the Kit Clark Center, 1500 Dorchester Ave. For more info. contact V. Girard, chair, at: vivian8120@gmail.com.

JONES HILL ASSOC.

The Jones Hill Association meets every month on the second Wednesday at 7 p.m. at St. Mary's Center for Women and Children in the Executive Board Room. All are welcome. Developers wishing to inquire or present should contact officers@joneshill.com. Information, events, and voting membership can be found on joneshill.com.

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.

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.

HECLA/LYON/EAST STREETS WATCH

A new neighborhood watch, on Hecla, Lyon, and East Streets will meet at Susi Auto Body Shop 79 Freeport St., corner of Linden St., on a date TBA. All residents are invited to join.

LINDEN/ELLSWORTH/LEEDSVILLE WATCH For info, call 617-288-0818.

LOWER MILLS CIVIC ASSOC.

Lower Mills Civic Association meets at 7 p.m. on the third Tuesday of the month (Sept. 17) at St. Gregory Auditorium. Dues (\$7) are now due. See the web page: dorchesterlowermills.org.

MCCORMACK CIVIC ASSOC.

Meetings are held at Saint Teresa of Calcutta Parish Hall in basement of Saint Margaret Church beginning at 6:30 p.m. More online at McCormackCivic. org. Please being ID for proof of residency within association boundaries. Dues are \$5 or \$10. If you have any questions, please e-mail McCormackCivic@gmail.com.

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NEIGHBORHOOD DEVELOPMENT

December 12, 2019 City gets \$1.8m worth of US housing vouchers

ASSOCIATED PRESS

Boston has been awarded \$1.8 million in federal funding to provide homes for residents with disabilities and homeless people. Mayor Marty Walsh announced the funding for the Boston Housing Authority (BHA) from the US Department of Housing and Urban Development on

Dec. 7. It will pay for 139

housing vouchers for residents with disabilities, homeless families, and the chronically homeless.

Walsh said the vouch $ers\,will\,provide\,a\,housing$ lifeline for some of the city's most vulnerable people, while offering services that can help to foster a better quality of life. The mayor's initiative to end veteran and chronic homelessness in

the city is called "Boston's Way Home." About 1,200 veterans and 900 chronically homeless people have been housed.

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In April, Walsh and the BHA announced that 1,000 new rental housing vouchers would be issued. The vouchers were also paid for by HUD, increasing the housing authority's total number of vouchers to 13,500.



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BGCD Partners with Wahlburgers for Toy Drive: See details below.



CONNECT THE DOT: BGCD Partners with Wahlburgers for Toy Drive: On December 5th,

Wahlburgers in South Bay Dorchester celebrated their 1 year anniversary. President & CEO Bob Scannell and Vice President of Programming Mike Joyce stopped by to congratulate Paul Wahlberg on his accomplishment. As a token of gratitude, Wahlburgers offered their customers 1 cent burgers for the night.

In partnership with Boys & Girls Clubs of Dorchester, Wahlburgers hosted a Toy Drive, collecting toys to be able to give to members in need this holiday

Thank you to our friends at Wahlburgers for your generous and continuous support of the members and staff at Boys & Girls Clubs of Dorchester.

FIND OUT WHAT'S INSIDE: BGCD Keystone Teens Volunteer

for Polar Express: On December 7th, members of the Keystone Club at BGCD headed to South Station to help decorate a MBTA commuter rail train to replicate the Polar Express, sponsored by Keolis Commuter Services.

Each year, a commuter rail train is decorated by BGCD teens and many others for younger members and families to board and immediately feel like they are on the Polar Express. Special guests, like Police Commissioner William Gross, volunteered to read the book for those on the train enjoying the ride, adding to the excitement.

Thank you to Keolis for letting BGCD be a part of something so special.

For more information on the Keystone Club, please contact Mike Joyce at mjoyce@bgcdorchester.org.

DID YOU KNOW:

Don't Miss Jingle & Mingle Tonight, **December 12th:** Boys & Girls Clubs of Dorchester, in partnership with The Barking Crab, presents our annual Jingle & Mingle on Thursday, December 12th! Join us at The Barking Crab for a night out of holiday fun!

The event starts at 6pm and will include delicious food, specialty cocktails, raffles, live music, meet and greet with Santa, and more holiday fun!

Tickets are \$40 per person and can be purchased at barkingcrabbgcd.eventbrite.com. This is a 21+ event.

All proceeds will benefit Boys & Girls Clubs of Dorchester. Thank you to The Barking Crab for continuously supporting Boys & Girls Clubs of Dorchester.

For more information, contact Patty Lamb at plamb@bgcdorchester.org.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Jingle & Mingle at The Barking Crab December 12

Winter Program Registration December 14 from 10am - 12pm

Marr-Lin Swim Team Hosts Lawrence BGC December 14

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McCormack Civic looks to recognize the 'best holiday decorated' homes in Triangle

By Reporter Staff

The McCormack Civic Association is inviting people who live in the Polish Triangle to participate in its holiday home decorating contest this weekend. Judges from the association will evaluate homes starting at 5 p.m. on Mon., Dec. 16, through 8 p.m. on Tuesday. The three top homes chosen

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will be rewarded at the decorations, animated organization's holiday party on Tues., Dec. 17, at 7 p.m. at New England Carpenter's Union Hall, 750 Dorchester Ave.

The judging process will be based on "curb appeal" as viewed from the street only and will draw upon criteria of "unique design and creative use of lights and decorations, display of placement of

objects, etc, and overall presentation."

Participation is open to all residential properties within the boundaries of the Polish Triangle of Dorchester, within the street boundaries of Boston Street, Columbia Road, and Dorchester Avenue. Entry is free, no cost or fees apply.

First place will win a \$100 gift card to a local sponsor, while second and third places will win \$50 and \$25 gift cards, respectively. Winners will be notified by a certificate posted on their front door and/or in their mailbox; they will also be posted on the Neighbors of the Polish Triangle (John W. McCormack Civic Association) Facebook page, and the Civic Association's webpage, mccormackcivic.org.

All participating homes should have their decorations up and activated during the evening hours of Dec.15 and 16. Please contact the McCormack Civic Association Board at mccormackcivic@gmail. com with any questions.



'The Nutcracker' opens at Strand Theatre on Friday

Jose Mateo Ballet Theatre's annual production of "The Nutcracker" will be back at the Strand Theatre for a string of ten shows over the next two weekends.

Performances will take place this Friday, Dec.13, at 7:30 p.m.; Sat., Dec.14, at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m.; and Sun., Dec.15, at 1:30 p.m. and 5 p.m. Next weekend's

performances will follow the same schedule. with performances taking place Fri., Dec. 20, at 7:30 p.m.; Sat., Dec. 21, at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m.; and Sun., Dec. 22, at 1:30 p.m. and 5 p.m.

Jose Mateo's Nutcracker, which first premiered in Boston in 1988, is the longest running production of the classic tale in New England. Over the years, it has distinguished itself as one of the first versions anywhere to focus on the dancing, creating a visually stunning and stimulating experience fit for Tchaikovsky's glorious score.

Tickets start at \$25 and are available for purchase online at ballettheatre.org/nutcracker.

AFTER COURTS BLOCKED PUBLIC CHARGE RULE -WHAT IMMIGRANTS APPLYING FOR GREEN CARDS OR VISAS **NEED TO KNOW**

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Last month, district courts blocked the Trump administration's rule that attempted to deny green cards to immigrants who fail to meet tough income tests or use public programs. This victory for immigrants means that the rule that was supposed to take effect on October 15 will be stopped while the court battles proceed.

It's still important to understand how the rule might have affected those applying for green cards. While the policy change expands the public programs the government considers in deciding some immigrant applications, it won't affect many immigrants living here. The public programs are limited to Medicaid, nutrition assistance (SNAP), and public housing (Section 8).

Here are three steps to take to see how this policy change might affect you and your family if the courts eventually allow it to be implemented.

- 1 Find out if you or your family members would be affected by the rule change. It doesn't apply to those applying for citizenship, humanitarian migrants such as refugees and asylees, and those applying to renew their DACA.
- 2 If your family is affected by the new rule, learn more about how participation in public programs might affect you before disenrolling. Using public benefits will not automatically make you a public charge - immigration officials must look at your overall circumstances to decide whether you pass the test. They weigh positive factors, like having a job or health insurance, against negative factors, like using certain programs, English proficiency, or having a health condition. Remember that we all have a right to use certain programs, and they exist to make us healthier and our communities stronger.
- 3-Speak out against these changes and advocate for inclusive policies in your community. Visit www.protectingimmigrantfamilies.org to learn more about how to fight back against this rule change, and find out whether your state or community is working on immigrant-inclusive policies. There is power in using your voice to make sure all our communities are healthy and thriving.

Questions about your immigration status or use of public benefits? Consult a pro bono immigration attorney near you: www.immigrationadvocates.org/nonprofit/legaldirectory.

This advisory was sponsored by Protecting Immigrant Fami-

lies, a national campaign to combat the Trump administration's public charge rule. For more information: www.protectingimmigrantfamllies.org



Airbnb is beginning to drop unregistered listings in Boston

By ZENINJOR ENWEMEKA WBUR REPORTER

Short-term housing rental company Airbnb is now booting listings that failed to register with the city of Boston. As part of an agreement Airbnb reached in its lawsuit over the city's 2018 short-term rental ordinance, unreg $istered\,hosts\,were\,subject$ to losing their listings as early as Dec. 1.

There are 6,100 Airbnb listings in Boston, according to the company. The city has combed the internet and identified some violators on its own. But, the city said, only a fraction of short-term rentals have officially registered.

We have received over 1,500 applications, out of which we have approved 650 applications," said Claudia Correa, Boston's assistant housing commissioner. "And the other ones have been denied."

Those denials include ineligible units as well as incomplete applications. Correa added that the city has issued over 300 fines for illegal listings, and at \$300 apiece, those penalties total more than

Both the city and Airbnb say they have been communication with hosts about the regulations. "We have reached every one of our hosts in Boston with information on the registration requirements," Gossett said.

Boston's short-term rental rules have been in effect since last Jan. 1. but some provisions were held up by Airbnb's lawsuit, which was settled in August.

Other short-term rental companies are also subject to the ordinance, and, Correa said, not all are fully complying with the registration requirements. The city is working with those companies to decide when they will start removing ineligible listings.

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Purdue's OxyContin leaving a trail of OD deaths, AGs say

By Colin A. Young STATE HOUSE News Service

Thousands of people who have been prescribed Purdue Pharma opioids like OxyContin will die of overdoses while the company pursues bankruptcy as part of a court settlement with states, Attorney General Maura Healey and the other states that oppose the proposed settlement contend in their latest filing.

Armed with data from the Massachusetts Prescription Monitoring Program, the 24 states and District of Columbia are attempting to get the Connecticut-based company to change how it markets and sells Oxy-Contin, and how it interacts with people getting high dose prescriptions of its drugs, before the company's bankruptcy process concludes.

More than 800 people have filled prescriptions for OxyContin in Massachusetts since Jan. 1, 2009, and have subsequently died of an opioid-related overdose in Massachusetts, according to data from the Department of Public Health. In the first half of 2019, 53 people — or more than two a week who had been prescribed OxyContin since 2009 died of an opioid overdose in Massachusetts, the die," Healey said in a filing said.

"Nationwide, it is likely that a dozen Purdue patients die of overdoses every day," the group of non-consenting states wrote. "Unless effective measures are taken, thousands of Purdue patients will die of overdoses during this case."

In September, Purdue filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy protection in New York and announced that it had agreed to a roughly \$10 billion settlement with 24 state attorneys general. Healey, who filed the first state lawsuit against individual members of the company's controlling Sackler family, opposed any settlement that does not require the Sacklers to forfeit some of the profits they counted from the sale of opioids and has formally opposed the

bankruptcy petition. Of the 7,437 people in Massachusetts who have filled prescriptions for 80mg OxyContin, the strongest pill Purdue makes, since 2009, about two percent have died of an opioid overdose, the filing said.

"The most recent evidence shows that Purdue's opioids are dangerous and far too many Purdue patients continue to overdose and

statement. "We are calling on Purdue to change its ways now, before more families lose people they love."

The states suggest nine actions Purdue could take while it is going through bankruptcy. The ideas include providing free doses of the overdose-reversing drug naloxone to people prescribed high levels of OxyContin, stopping the sale of the powerful 80mg variety of OxyContin, asking federal regulators to add warnings or restrictions to the OxyContin label, and retracting its past marketing.

In a statement, Purdue Pharma said the information in the latest filing is misleading and is an attempt of the dissenting states to "substitute their judgment for the scientific experts at the FDA."

'The 'Public Health Information' filed by the dissenting attorneys general is misplaced and misleading. The US Food and Drug Administration (FDA)" — not the bankruptcy court - " is the appropriate forum, with requisite expertise, to address these public health issues," the com-pany said. "The supposedly new information cited by the dissenters about the risks of OxyContin is highly misleading. They attribute deaths to OxyContin no matter how many years had passed since a patient had been prescribed OxyContin or what other factors or drugs contributed to their deaths.

"According to the dissenters, 17 OxyContin patients died from an opioid-related overdose in Massachusetts in 2019. Yet six of these patients received their last OxyContin prescription five or more years ago, and the only two who received prescriptions in 2019 received low doses."

Under the agreement "potential for substantial

it reached with 24 states, Purdue Pharma would reorganize itself through the bankruptcy process as a public beneficiary trust managed by those who filed claims against it for its alleged role in the addiction epidemic. About \$7 billion of Purdue Pharma's money, including some in the form of future proceeds from the sale of Oxy-Contin, and a minimum of \$3 billion from the personal fortune of the Sackler family, will flow into the new entity. The settlement, according to Purdue, also suggests the

further monetary contributions" from the sales of the Sackler family's ex-US pharmaceutical businesses.

"This settlement framework avoids wasting hundreds of millions of dollars and years on protracted litigation, and instead will provide billions of dollars and critical resources to communities across the country trying to cope with the opioid crisis," Steve Miller, chairman of Purdue's board of directors, said in a statement when the settlement was announced.

Zoning board rejects proposed Dollar Tree store in Codman Sq.

Appeal last Tuesday (Dec. 3) turned down a proposal for a Dollar Tree store at 493 Washington St. in Codman Square after aides to Mayor Walsh and City Councillor Andrea Campbell said that it could cause traffic problems while noting that there's a Dollar Tree outlet a mile away on Talbot Avenue.

The board's unanimous rejection was "without prejudice," which means Yijie Dai, who owns the now-vacant building, can come back in a year with another proposal.

The Zoning Board of Dai bought the building in 2016, when it was the home of the Full Life Gospel Center. The church moved out this past April.

Several residents dragged themselves to City Hall during Tuesday's snowstorm to support the discount store, including Daniel Bartlett of Bicknell Street, who cited the fact the store would have a small parking lot, which would let him drive into Codman Square to buy the supplies he needs as a landlord without having to schlep stuff around.

Also, he added, "My

mother would kill me if I didn't come in, because she's probably the biggest Dollar Tree supporter in the country."

Bartlett said that when he visits her in Florida, she takes him to her local Dollar Tree store and when he told her Dollar Tree might move in near his home in Dorchester, "she went crazy happy" about the idea. No residents rose to object to the store, but aides to Walsh and Campbell said people did oppose the proposal at meetings of nearby neighborhood associations.

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FITZGERALD, Eileen F. (Higgins) of South Yarmouth, formerly of Braintree and Dorchester, 83. Born and raised in Dorchester, Eileen graduated from Monsignor Ryan High School. Prior to herretirement, she worked at South Boston Savings Bank for over 20 years. Eileen was the wife of John "Jack" Mother Fitzgerald. of Carol Fitzgerald of Plymouth, Jack Fitzgerald and his wife Sharon of Braintree, Laurie Hannigan and her husband Paul of Braintree and Brian Fitzgerald and his girlfriend Linda Cugini of Rehoboth. Sister of Thomas Higgins and his wife Jacqueline of Marstons Mills, James Higgins and his wife Carol of Hanover and the late Fr. John Higgins, S. J. "Grammy" to Joseph, Brendan Patrick, Jamie, Jake, Patrick, Kaleigh and Danny. Sister-in-law of Thomas Madden and his late wife Suzanne of NH. Also survived by many nieces, nephews and friends. Memorial contributions may be made in her name to the Jesuit community at Campion Center, 319 Concord Rd., Weston, MA 02493.

HACKING, Arthur of Milton, 87. He graduated from Cranston High School Rhode Island School of Design (Class of 1955) with a degree in architecture. Much of his most work was in the biomedical community helping Children's Hospital, Brigham & Women's, Deaconess, Harvard Medical School, Lahey Clinic, Milton Hospital, and other organizations to build beautiful and functional patient care, administrative, research spaces. Mr. Hacking was a trusted adviser to Mayors of Boston for more than 30 years on projects large and small. The family takes great comfort in believing Arthur is now reunited with the love of his life, Claudia Hacking, to whom he

was married for more

than 30 years before her passing in 1999. He is survived by his children, Antony Hacking and his wife Dr. Hilary Levine of New York, NY, and daughter Sara Hacking. Papa to Jonathan Adler and his partner Kelly Talbot of Avon, Meagan Adler of Abington and her partner Brendan Stebbins of Stoughton, Aliza Hacking of New York, NY and Lili Hacking of New York, NY. In addition, he leaves brother Ken Hacking and his life partner, Sue Stringham of Warwick, RI and many cousins, nieces, nephews, and

close friends. HALEY, Robert E. of Weymouth, originally from Neponset, 96. Bob served in the United States Navy during WWII and was one of a three man crew to volunteer on an LCVP on Omaha Beach in the Normandy invasion. For his service there, he was awarded the French Legion of Honour. He also participated in the Pacific theater, landing in Okinawa. Bob worked in sales for National Research for many years and retired in 1989. Active in the town of Weymouth, Bob served as assistant veterans agent for 10 years and was a member of Weymouth Zoning Board of Appeals. He and his wife Mary were weekly attendees at the Irish Social Club in West Roxbury for 30 years. Bob was a founding member of Wey-mouth Youth Hockey and a longtime coach. He was also a cofounder and Commander of the Neponset VFW Post and a 50 year member of the Weymouth Elks. Bob was the husband of almost 70 years to Mary L. (Hogan) Haley. Father of Robert E. Halev, Jr. of Quincy, Paul R. Haley (former MA State Rep.) and his wife Jackie of Weymouth, Mark E. Haley of Quincy, and Brian D. Halev of Weymouth. Brother of the late Eleanor Nocher, William Haley and James Haley. Grandfather of Jennifer, Leesha, Michael, Christopher, Erin and his 5 great-grandchildren. Also survived by many nieces and nephews. Donations in memory of Bob may be made to Honor Flight New England, PO Box 16287, Hooksett, NH 03106.

HARRINGTON, Patricia Lyons A former teacher and music supervisor for the Boston Public Schools, 106. Formerly of Dorchester and Marshfield, Patricia spent the last thirtyone years of her life on the North Shore. Pat was born in 1913 to Drs. Marie F. Gavin and Joseph V. Lyons at their home in Roxbury. Pat worked in Boston as a music teacher for fortyfive years at the Mather and Grover Cleveland schools and was known for putting on the most spectacular shows and holiday assemblies. She trained and directed the school's orchestra and chorus as well as talent shows, pageants, and safety broadcasts. Pat enjoyed supervising the Youth Concerts at Symphony Hall. When she was not teaching music, Pat could be found on the Charles River teaching sailing at Community Boating. She is survived by her nephew George Lyons and his wife Ann, whom she lived with for thirtyone years; their three children, Mary, Katherine, Patricia and her husband Casey. Other survivors include her three nieces, Veronica Norton and her husband Shane, Patricia Kastli, Marie Lopresti and her husband John, many great-nieces and great-nephews, Pamela Harrington Tomkinson and her husband Don. She was predeceased by her brother, George A. Lyons, sister-in-law, Elinor, Rodolphe Kastli and husband John Evans Harrington. Visiting Hours: Memorial donations may be made in the name of Patricia Lyons Harrington to Care Dimensions, 75 Sylvan Street B-102, Danvers, MA 01923 where contributions will be directed into a fund that provides at-home care and services for families.

NORTON, Virginia Ann (MacDonald) in Weymouth, formerly of Dorchester, 75. Daughter of the late James C. and Virginia G. (Jones) MacDonald. Wife of William G. Norton for 50 years. Mother of Amy C. and her husband Stephen Delaney of Dedham, William M. and his wife Stephanie Norton of Wilmington, Leanna N. and her husband Michael Swiatkowski of Hingham. Sister of Arlene F. and her husband Richard Kotkowski of Taunton, Denise M. and her husband Eugene Toupin of Virginia Beach, VA, James J. MacDonald Weymouth, Paul

M. Matthews of Rockland and his late wife Karen, and the late Nancy M. Green and Donna Kotkowski. Loving "Grandma" to her precious grandchildren, Sean W., Margaret A., and Katherine M. Delaney, Matthew A. Norton, Luke N., Mark W., and Jack M. Swiatkowski. Sister-in-law of Atty. John J. Norton of Dorchester, Paul J. Norton of Dorchester, Michael W. and his wife Patricia Norton of West Roxbury, Brenda A. Norton of Dorchester, Anne Norton of Dedham, and the late Robert M., Edward T., and Atty. Mary F. Norton. Survived by many nieces, nephews, grandnieces, grandnephews, and many dear friends. Virginia was a graduate of St. Margaret Grammar School and Monsignor Ryan Memorial High School. She was a former bookkeeper for Hastings-Tapley Insurance Agency of Boston and Cambridge. She worked in the Title I Pre-K and Kindergarten Programs in the Town of Weymouth. Donations in Virginia's memory may be made to St. Margaret Church, 800 Columbia Rd., Dorchester, MA 02125.

PATRICK, Frances Of Everett. Mother of Linda Reiser and grandmother of Mindy Reiser of Dorchester and Patrick Patrick of Everett. Great-grandmother of Corinne and Stella Rei-

REDGATE, Alice C. (Donohue) of Dorchester. Wife of the late Robert Redgate. Mother of Pamela Redgate of Dorchester, Alison Connolly and her husband John of Sandwich and the late Robert "Bobby" Redgate. Sister of Ellen Butler of Hanson and Richard Donohue and his wife Rita of Quincy. Also survived by 6 grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Donations in Alice's name may be sent to Hancock Park Memorial Fund, 164 Parkingway, Quincy, MA 02169.

WILSON, Christina M. "Tena" of Dorchester, formerly of P.E.I., Canada. Aunt of Gail C. Coughlin and her husband John of Dorchester, and Lois MacAulay of Dorchester. Greataunt of Robert Medeiros of Dorchester, Amy Carter of FL, and Craig Medeiros of FL. Greatgrandaunt of Colin Todd of Dorchester, Olivia Todd of FL, and John and Adriana Carter of Florida. Dear daughter of the late Jenny and John James Wilson. Sister of the late Helen "Bea" MacAulay. Special friend of the Wallace family of Lynnfield. Donations may be made in memory of Tena to VNA Hospice & Palliative Care, 100 TradeCenter, Suite G-500, Woburn, MA 01801.

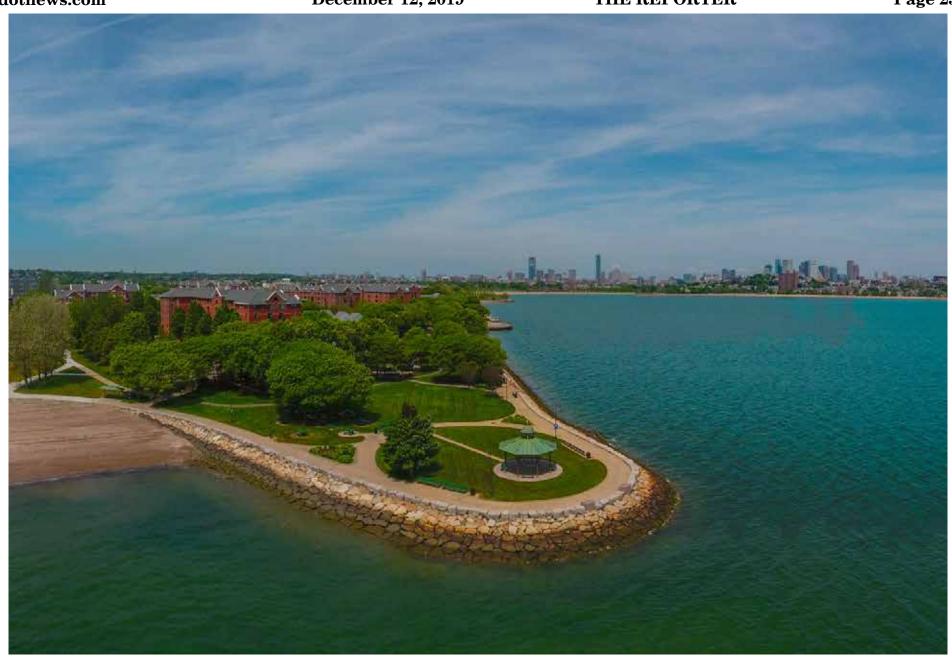
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