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A "City Hall" conversation - Mayor Walsh talks about his growing-up years in Boston, telling Michael Curry, onetime president of the Boston branch of the NAACP, that as a pre-teen during the busing controversies he didn't understand what was going on at the time. He added that people need to learn

An artist looks at what's going on behind Boston City Hall's façade

By KATIE TROJANO REPORTER STAFF

The four-and-a-halfhour-long documentary film "City Hall," which has as its focus municipal government as administered in the City of Boston by Mayor Martin Walsh and his associates, had its broadcast premiere last week on GBH. With his 45th film, Frederick Wiseman, a native of Boston and an accomplished artist with many acclaimed documentaries to his credit,

Frederick Wiseman captures Mayor Walsh & Co. in action

city government touches upon almost every aspect of its citizens' lives.

"Even in a film of four and a half hours it is impossible to show everything," Wiseman told the *Reporter* in an interview. "Some of the sequences show the mayor working with his cabinet, others involve meetings on affordable

undertook to show how a housing or homelessness or are examples of the work of the police or fire departments or are examples of community meetings or the work of building inspectors, garbage collectors, public health inspectors, or the departments that deal with birth, death, marriage, or parking tickets.'

He added: "All of these

activities are meant to suggest the wide variety of ways city government affects the life of the citizens of Boston."

When he first started thinking of making a film about a city hall in spring 2018, Boston was one of several municipalities Wiseman considered for his focus.

"I wrote letters to a number of City Halls," he said. "Some of them didn't reply, some of them turned me down. (Continued on page 10)

Optimism reigns as first Covid-19 vaccine doses are rolled out locally

By Katie Lannan State House News Service

Retired teacher Shirley Nolan raised her arms aloft after receiving her first Covid-19 vaccine shot, exclaiming, "Hallelujah." Nolan was the first resident of Boston's Edgar P. Benjamin Healthcare Center to get the shot, a moment publicized by state health officials as efforts began Monday to vaccinate longterm care residents in Massachusetts.

The coronavirus has exacted a tragic toll on longterm care centers both in the state and nationally and the risks faced by their residents and workforce have placed the facilities near the front vaccine rollout line.

In Massachusetts, where long-term care fatalities account for 60 percent of the 12,110 Covid deaths logged so far, the Baker administration's vaccine distribution timeline puts long-term care, rest homes, and assisted living facilities in the first phase, as the second demographic eligible for the shots after health care workers involved in pandemic response. (Continued on page 9)

Murphy's Mission: Christmas toys for those less fortunate

By Daniel Sheehan REPORTER STAFF

When he was seven years old, Neponset's Mark Murphy heard the news that a Toys for Tots trailer had been broken into. "He was upset and wanted to do something;

he just thought that every child should have a present at Christmas," explained his mother, Dawn.

And do something he has: For the last 11 years, Mark has organized a holiday season toy drive in his community. This year, of course, offered a special challenge: The pandemic's effects on the economy presented obstacles to fundraising efforts, and he knew that the extraordinary circumstances meant an even greater need for the Christmas toys he had been delivering for more (Continued on page 11)



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Rehab gives Neponset the Garvey Park it asked for

Only final touches left, Parks commissioner says

By Daniel Sheehan REPORTER STAFF

In recent weeks, neighbors of Garvey Playground in Neponset and those passing by have noticed that the park is at the final stages of a comprehensive \$5.1 million renovation project that has seen the grounds transformed by an emerald artificial turf field, reworked landscaping, new play structures, and other features intended to make it a more accessible community asset. The city's Parks commissioner, Ryan Woods,

said that he has been receiving positive feedback about the "long overdue" project, which is about 95 percent done save for some finishing touches that will be applied once warmer weather returns in the spring. Residents will be able to access the park once fencing is removed early next month, he said. "This project has been driven by the needs and wants of the community, and to see that we've made this much progress, and to be getting this

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The view from behind home plate at Garvey Park's new artificial turf field, the centerpiece of a recent comprehensive \$5.1 million rehab project. Daniel Sheehan photo



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Dasaro will head up **Ashmont Main Street**

Greater Ashmont Main Street has announced the appointment of its fourth executive director, Jeanne Dasaro.

Dasaro has 15 years experience as a social entrepreneur, artist, and community builder. Since 2010, Dasaro has served as the founder of the Wonder Women of Boston network which helps women leaders, artists, and professionals of diverse backgrounds connect with and support each other. In 2013, Dasaro served as the Innovator-In-Residence at Wentworth Institute of Technology.

Most recently, she served as executive director of the Art Connection, working to create access to original works of visual art in every Boston community. Additionally, Dasaro was the launch and operations manager at Quincy Yoga & Massage.

Having lived in Dorchester for 15 years, Dasaro said she has an appreciation for the size and diversity of the neighborhood.

"I've lived in the Polish Triangle, I've lived on Jones Hill, and I've also lived in St. Mark's and Ashmont, so I've had an opportunity to live in quite a few neighborhoods across Dorchester," said Dasaro. "For me, it has everything I need. It's a very neighborhood-centric neighborhood, so even though it's a big neighborhood

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Jeanne Dasaro A January start Courtesy Greater Ashmont Main Street

there are all these mini neighborhoods within – it's like hyperlocal pride."

Dasaro is filling the vacancy left by former Executive Director Jenn Cartee, who will be available as a consultant during Dasaro's first weeks. Dasaro has yet to meet with the board about their collective vision for the upcoming year, but said she's "excited" about getting to work and will first look to maintain the community programming that has proved successful in past vears, namely the Ashmont Farmers Market, the Dot Jazz Series, and the annual Bike & Brew celebration.

 $\hbox{``Some of those changed'}\\$ a little bit this year because of Covid, and we're still uncertain about what's going to happen in 2021 because of Covid, but we will absolutely look at how we can keep those important community connection points...a lot of the work in light of Covid will continue to be helping small businesses get support in the form of PPP loans, economic disaster loans, and making sure the district stays operating and vibrant."

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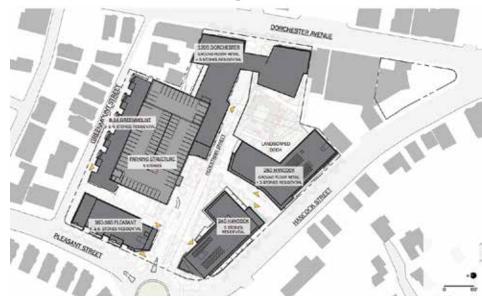
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With building permits in hand, DotBlock ready to break ground

The Boston Planning and Development Agency has approved a series of building permits for the \$200-million Dot-Block development in Glover's Corner. Given that development on Dec. 16, construction at the nearly four-acre site between Dot Ave and Hancock Street is expected to begin in the first quarter of 2021, said Diana Pisciotta, a representative for the developers, Samuels and Associates and Wintergold, LLC.

"As of right now, there's nothing new on the site, but if we start to move forward with actual construction, I think January or so could be within the realm of possibility," said Pisciotta.

The project will in-



Graphic lays out DotBlock structures

clude 488 housing units in 4 buildings – up from the 362 originally envisioned for the site. The complex will include

of neighborhood-focused retail space and more than an acre of public space. Revised plans also include a 345-space about 30,000 square feet underground garage;

the original plans called for a 5-story, 450-space above-ground facility.

– KATIE TROJANO

Rollins launches scholarship program in memory of a murdered prosecutor

By Reporter Staff High school juniors in Suffolk County are invited to apply for a

new paid internship program in the office of District Attorney Rachael Rollins that also serves as a memorial to the slain prosecutor Paul R. McLaughlin. A scholarship in his name has been set up to fund the program, which will pair each student with a mentor within Rollins's

office for two months. McLaughlin, an assistant DA who lived



Paul R. McLaughlin Slain while on duty

in West Roxbury, was assassinated as he left a train station near

his home in 1995. His killer was a leader of a Dorchester street gang that McLaughlin had been assigned to prosecute.

"I never had the priv-

ilege of working with Paul, but more than 25 years after his murder, his passion for justice and second chances still stand as an inspiration to all of us," Rollins said. "Paul's legacy lives on in the work that we are doing here at the Suffolk County District Attorney's Office, at the

Dorchester youth center that bears his name, and now with the McLaughlin Scholarship." McLaughlin Scholars

who go on to higher education will also receive financial assistance from the DA's office, Rollins said. An online information session will take place on Jan. 6. For more information or to apply for the scholarship, please visit suffolkdistrictattorney.com/scholarship. The deadline to apply is Feb. 5, 2021.

Two sought in South Boston stabbing case

Police, Courts & Fire

Boston Police have circulated an image of two people whom they want to question in connection with a Dec. 18 attack in South Boston that left a young man with serious stab wounds. The victim has characterized the assault as a hate crime. The incident occurred around 10:45 p.m. in the area of West Broadway and F Street.

Anthony Crumbley, 25, told news outlets that he was attacked



because he is gay and that he was in a coma for four days. Anyone with

information regarding the individuals shown in the acompanying image is asked to contact District C-6 detectives at 617-343-4742.

A28-year-old Dorchester man was arrested on gun charges after he fled from his vehicle during a traffic stop in Codman Square last Wednesday (Dec. 23) evening. Boston Police say Shaquone Cazeau took off running and tossed a handgun along the way after officers stopped his

vehicle for "traveling with excessive tint" near Washington Street and Talbot Avenue.

Afterapursuitthrough neighboring streets and backyards on Ashmont Hill, police say they lost sight of the suspect on Brent Street, but later found him hiding behind a home on Ocean Street. Police say they found a loaded Taurus handgun on Lithgow Street and charged Cazeau for illegal possession.

UPCOMING CIVIC MEETINGS AND COMMUNITY EVENTS

BPDA hosts virtual public meeting on Flood Resilience Zoning — Boston Planning & Development planning and zoning staff will host two virtual meetings — Jan. 13 and Jan. 15— to review the draft Coastal Flood Resilience Zoning Overlay, which will provide new zoning definitions, dimensional and use standards for development projects to promote resilient design and better prepare new and existing buildings for future coastal storms and sea level rise. The meetings will include a presentation of the draft zoning article and updates to existing zoning, followed by Q&A and comments. The same presentation and content will be covered at both meetings. The BPDA will take comments on the draft Resilience Zoning Overlay until Fri., Feb. 12. Translation and interpretation

services can be made available upon request by reaching out to chris.busch@ boston.gov at least a week in advance of the meeting. Zoom links for the meetings can be found in an advertisement on page 12 of this week's Reporter.

Columbia-Savin Hill Civic Association will meet virtually on Mon., Jan. 4 at 7 p.m. See columbiasavinhillcivic.org for more

Hancock Street Civic Association will meet virtually on Tues., Jan. 5. Volnay Capital intends to present a revised plan for a three-unit building at 44 Glendale St. and there will be an update on 120-122 Hancock St. Go to sites.google.com/ view/hsca02125 for more info.

Jones Hill Association meets on Wed., Jan. 13 at 7 p.m. via Zoom. Go to joneshill. com for link and more info.

Boston Harbor Now Sculpture Stroll— Boston Harbor Now will sponsor a Sculpture Stroll on Thurs., Dec. 31 from 1 p.m.- dusk on Boston's waterfront. Count down to 2021 with over a dozen ice sculptures hosted by businesses and cultural sites across the waterfront. Learn more at bostonharbornow.org/NYE.

Fuel assistance available — ABCD urges low-income individuals and families who are struggling to get by to apply for home heating assistance. To keep everyone safe during the pandemic, ABCD fuel assistance staff members are taking most applications over the phone by calling 617-357-6012. A fuel assistance staff member will take down application information and explain how to provide needed documentation, including mailing it, leaving it in a drop-box at

ABCD headquarters, photographing and sending from their phones and other options. Applicants can go to bostonabcd. org for more info. There is a wide range of eligibility based on income and number of household members. Read the guidelines at masscap.org. ABCD pays the household's fuel vendor directly. Right now the maximum fuel assistance benefit is \$875. Last year the top benefit was \$1,140.1 p.m. Call 617-822-8271 to schedule.

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Councillors: Body cam footage shows need for pepper-spray rules

By Simón Rios WBUR Reporter

"We're gonna start spraying." That's an officer's quote pulled from Boston police body cam footage from May 31 — when a massive, peaceful $demonstration in {\it response}\ to\ the\ police$ killing of George Floyd devolved into chaos in the city. After the official march ended, clashes broke out between police and protesters, and some damaged and stole from various stores along city streets.

The Suffolk County District Attorney's office recently released more than 60 hours of body cam footage to lawyers for four protesters facing criminal charges: three for disorderly conduct, and the fourth for assault and battery with a dangerous weapon - a water bottle.

The lawyers shared the footage with WBUR. Portions of the videos were first published on the online news site The Appeal.

WBUR reviewed one of the videos for this story, recorded over an hour and 23 minutes by a single unidentified officer. The video relates the first-person perspective of the officer, who is on a bicycle and often with several other police on bicycles. The officer is seen navigating an evening that, the video shows, often turns tense — even violent — with police dodging projectiles and getting screamed at by protesters.

"Move back!" a group of officers chants in unison at several protesters, the video shows. "Spray them!" replies one of the officers.

At various points in the video, offi $cers\ are\ seen\ deploying\ pepper\ spray$ against protesters. In some of those moments, officers appear to issue warnings to protesters first, and at others, they appear not to communicate that they intend to use their weapons.

It's not all confrontation. The officer



A protester has saline administered to him after he was pepper sprayed by Boston police on School Street after the Black Lives Matter rally at the Mas-Jesse Costa/WBUR photo sachusetts State House on May 31.

stops at one point to help an injured protester — and at another, explains to an elderly man why police are taking an aggressive stance.

"When they start throwing stuff, our job is to clear the crowd, for the safety of everybody," the officer wearing the body cam says.

"It just seems so aggressive," the unidentified man says. "It's not pretty," the officer replies.

Some city councillors say the body cam footage reinforces their earlier calls to place new restrictions on the use of weapons like tear gas and rubber bullets. Last week, the Boston City Council passed an ordinance to regulate how these weapons are used to control crowds. The law would force police to give warnings before using either tear gas or rubber bullets, announce what weapons they plan to deploy, and give people a chance to disperse.

Police also would have to warn protesters that officers plan to use pepper spray, wait two minutes, and repeat the warning. That would then give protesters another two minutes to disperse before weapons could be discharged.

The rules would only apply to situations involving 10 or more people. Violations would be subject to a minimum of a five-day suspension, and a maximum of discharge from the department.

Councillor Ricardo Arroyo says the goal isn't to ban these weapons. "If they find ... that they need this after they've tried all forms of de-escalation — which is what they say they already do in their manual — this requires them to give a warning to say, 'We are going to use this specific weapon,' ... and then it gives people two minutes to leave," Arroyo said.

The measure awaits a decision by Mayor Marty Walsh.

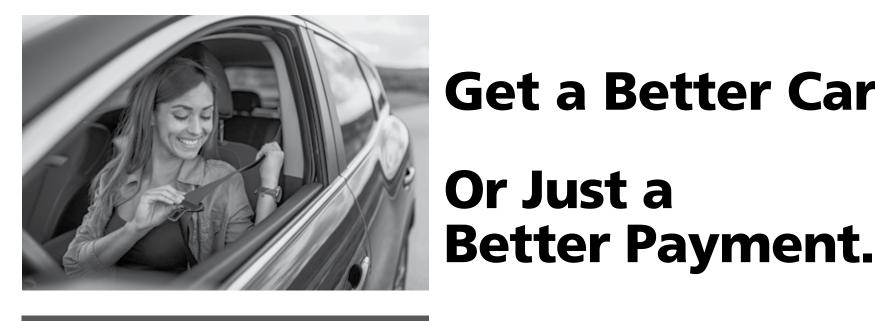
The pepper spray and riot gear ordinance comes as the mayor has indicated he supports a separate initiative to create a watchdog office to review police activity — an office advocates say could review body cam footage from the May 31 protests. A spokesperson for the mayor says Walsh has concerns the proposed council rules could lead to police using more lethal weapons.

A Boston police spokesperson pointed WBUR to a statement from Commissioner William Gross to the city council. Gross said the ordinance sets an "impossibly high burden" to doing police work in real time, making it "ill-suited to restore peace during episodes of crowd violence."

Councillor Andrea Campbell wrote the ordinance with Arroyo. Campbell who's running for mayor — says the city needs a law to govern the use of crowd-control weapons. "The depart-ment says they have policies in place to restrict the use of these weapons. That wasn't necessarily clear to us," said Campbell, "So we said, 'If you do, we want to codify that so it's part of the public record. And, so folks know exactly what that policy is."

Walsh is expected to make a decision on the ordinance in the days ahead. The measure passed the Council 8-5, meaning if the mayor vetoes it, proponents will have to persuade one of five councillors who voted against it to change his or her mind.

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\$5.1m rehab gives Neponset the Garvey Park it asked for

much feedback, there's a good sense of pride that we did right by the community," said Woods. The revamped space reflects a number of the community's hopes that were aired during a series of public meetings. The facility is anchored by a new artificial turf surface, a nice replacement for the old, often uneven and floodprone grass baseball diamond and playing field. "Throughout the community process we heard a want and need for artificial turf and for lighting," said Woods. "By having artificial turf, you can play if it rains, so the games can still take place in inclement weather. It also extends your season; if there's no snow, you $can\,start\,using\,turf\,fields$ much earlier, in March or December, for example. And the addition of the lights will extend the

time you can play.

"In the past," he added, "some flag football leagues would bring in rental lights and pay all this money. So the need was there, and with the incorporation of the turf field it was important to have stateof-the-art lighting." Some other suggestion-driven modifications include a new walking loop around



Above, a look at the new playground structures at Garvey. Below, the new basketball court boasts lighting fixtures and an electronic scoreboard. Lines and other final touches will be applied in the spring. *Daniel Sheehan photos*



the park, additional new playground areas bleacher seating, an updated street hockey rink with new fiberglass boards replacing the plywood ones, and

and structures for both younger and older kids.

The new basketball court, turffield, and rink now all have lighting fixtures and scoreboards. Several new trees and other plantings on the fringes of the park and at the nearby Devine Rink are part of recent Parks Department initiatives to make the neighborhood greener and cooler - and, by the way, create more of a natural barrier blocking particulate and noise pollution from the

Southeast Expressway. "In every single project we're doing, you're going to see us increasing the canopy," explained Woods. "Because of all the benefits trees bring health-wise, between water retention and providing shade, that kind of thing is becoming standardinallofour projects." As for parking, 20 spots have been added to the Devine Rink lot, which has regularly not had enough spaces to provide for park users. Woods said the city also installed a dog park in an area of the space that in the past has had a lot of "negative activity." That section has been positively programmed with features to attract dog walkers and kids. According to Woods, the wide-scale changes, representing the first substantial renovation work done to the park since the mid-2000s, fix chronic shortcomings that have persisted at the park for decades. "Drainage issues that have been around since the '70s are finally being addressed," he said. "The

way the Parks Department in past administrations had done stuff is they would address individual components of a park one at a time. When you do it piecemeal like that, there are certain areas that continue to get neglected, so when you're able to incorporate all the systems — drainage, lighting —and do it all at once and do it right, we felt we had to take that opportunity.' Woods, a Savin Hill native, said McConnell Park was his go-to spot growing up, but he acknowledged that Garvey holds a special significance for him and a lot of folks in the neighborhood. "Garvey Park is such a focus piece for the community. It's where they came together in the aftermath of the marathon bombing to show support for the Martin family. It's great to see these much-needed renovations finally come through...Our hope is that this is a park that the kids in the neighborhood will have pride in.

"This will be their home field for baseball, lacrosse, and flag football programs, and so when other kids come in, these kids from Dorchester will take pride in having a home field that looks great."

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News about people in and around our Neighborhoods

Zakim Fund marks 25 years of funding positive change

By Katie Trojano Reporter Staff

The Lenny Zakim Fund has been seeking out and supporting local organizations that are dedicated to achieving social and racial justice since 1995. Zakim, the longtime out-front head of the Anti-Defamation League locally in the last quarter of the 20th century, launched the fund 25 years ago as a public charity after he was diagnosed with a rare form of cancer

The fund works to support organizations through grant allocation, management assistance, fundraising, and more through the hands-on engagement of a volunteer board of directors. Many of the organizations funded are based in Dorchester and Mattapan or work to benefit local residents, including New England United for Justice, Immigrant Family Services Institute Inc., and Ground Mixed Martial

Eric Esteves, a Roxbury resident and executive director of the Lenny Zakim Fund, said his experience with the organization has come "full-circle. My introduction to the fund was many years ago, when I served on the board of an organization called Project Hip-Hop, which was funded by the Lenny Zakim Fund," he told the *Reporter*. "I was part of an organization that was funded and now I'm the person kind of in charge of the organization."

A philanthropist, educator, artist, community advocate, and technologist, Esteves previously served as Director of the Social Innovation Fund at The Boston Foundation. He joined the Zakim Fund last December.

He also previously served as a consultant for Root Cause, Harvard Business School's Interpersonal Skills Development Lab, and the Boston Impact Initiative. In 2019, he co-directed LeadBoston, an experiential professional development program focused on socially responsible leadership, based at YW Boston.

"Lenny Zakim was very active against bigotry and discrimination," said Esteves. "The fund grew out of his activism. Unfortunately, he passed away from cancer, but the fund has continued his work battling discrimination, hate, and racism. Achieving social change and equity in our communities requires building bridges between grassroots organizations, the people they serve, donors, volunteers, and community leaders.'

The fund supports organizations as far as outside of the city as Lawrence, Gloucester, Worcester, and Medford, but the majority of them are located in Greater Boston. Esteves said the fund is focused on inviting in and funding grassroots organizations. "We've also supported leaders and activists," he added.

Each year, applicants are encouraged to apply for funding. "We try to cast a wide net and make the application as simple as possible. Then we have members who read the applications and make final decisions

in the beginning of each year," said Esteves.

"We are unique in that we have to fundraise in order to know if we hit our goal. Sometimes we end up being able to give out more."

Esteves said the leadership team has had to maneuver their efforts during the pandemic, but were able to raise emergency funding. "Pretty early on we had an event that we had to cancel. We got checks out to people quickly and then launched an emergency fund. And, fortunately, folks were able to raise funds for

that," he said.

Looking ahead, Esteves is committed to continuing to keep burnishing Zakim's legacy. "Our goals for next year are to make sure that we still fulfill our mission of social, racial, and economic justice," he said.

Stagehands Union fundraising for unemployed members

The Boston union representing stagehands, IATSE Local 11, launched a GoFundMe campaign over the weekend to support its members, with the goal of collecting \$100,000 in contributions. As of 5 p.m. Monday, 45 donors had contributed a total of \$10,450. The union said that the fundraiser aims to ease financial burdens on the 900 stagehands, or 99 percent of its membership, who are unemployed because of the cancellations of live events during the Covid-19 crisis, and that donations will go directly to support Local 11 families "during the longest work stoppage in IATSE history.'

"There is nothing my members want more than to get back to work putting on the events that our community loves, but until we can do that safely, these workers and families need help," business manager Colleen Glynn said in a statement.

- KATIE LANNAN SHNS



An IATSE member emphasizes her position.

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Dorchester Historical Society Harold Grant Mitten – 1895-1989

At the Dorchester Historical Society, we are in the process of a two-year-long project to commemorate the 100th anniversary of World War I and the citizens of Dorchester who served in that conflict. The biographies are posted in the Society's blog. Following is the story of Harold Grant Mitten, excerpted from the Society's full presentation.

He was born at home, at 37 Folsom Street in Dorchester, on Aug. 2, 1895, to Quebec-born George A. Mitten and his Lowell native wife, Nellie Frances (Weeks) Mitten. George and Nellie were married in Lowell in 1891. They had seven other children, all born in Boston, with Harold their third child after William in 1891 and Olive in 1893. William, like Harold, served in World War I.

George was a provisions dealer, co-owning with his brother, John, the Mitten Brothers store at 1351 Washington Street in the South End. They advertised "Provisions, Poultry, Game in season, Fruits, Vegetables and Canned Goods of all descriptions

... The most fastidious buyer will find meats, or other articles suited to his needs at this es-



Harold Grant Mitten

tablishment."

By 1910, the Mittens were living at 12 Chamblett Street. In June of that year, Harold graduated from the Phillips Brooks School on Perth Street.

He was inducted into the army in Boston seven years later, on Sept. 8, 1917. He was 22, and reported that he had been employed as a machinist, working for the William Hall Company of Wollaston, Massachusetts, makers of "cutters, dies, jigs, etc." He left for France two weeks later, arriving in Saint Nazaire on Oct. 5. He was promoted to corporal on Dec. 6. According to family sources, he was a radio operator. His engagements included the Aisne-Marne offensive, July 18 through Aug. 4; the Saint Mihiel offensive Sept. 12 through 16; and the Meuse-Argonne offensive Oct.

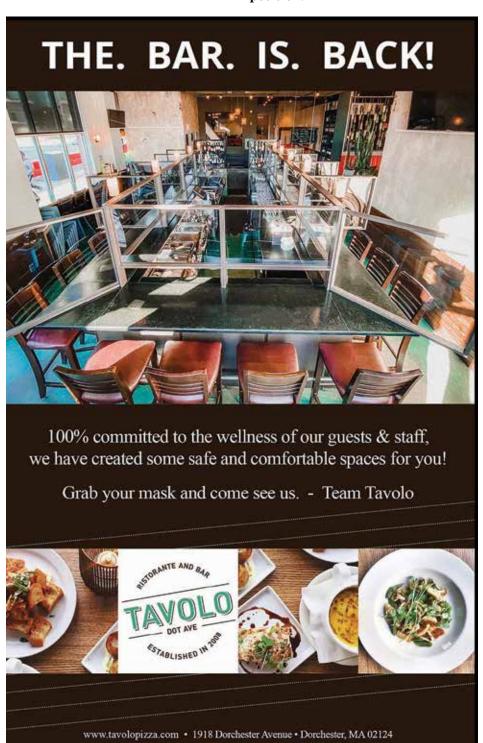
18 through November 11. He returned home in the spring of 1919, and was discharged at Camp Devens on April 28, 1919.

In 1922, he married Agnes Louise Wellbrock of 223 Boston Street. They had four children, George A. (1925-1991), Mary Elizabeth (1925-2005), David Vincent (1930-2002), and Harold Wellbrock (1932-1944).

Harold worked for the Boston Police Department for over 40 years. He was appointed to the force on Dec. 6, 1919, shortly after the Boston Police Strike of September 1919. He was assigned to a number of stations and posts: to Fields Corner in 1926; to Charlestown (1928) as a sergeant in command of a newly formed "liquor squad" during Prohibition; to the South End(1932) as a lieutenant; and to the Harbor Division (1948). He retired on Nov. 15,

Agnes died in 1972, and Harold on Feb. 20, 1989, age 93, after a short illness. Mass was said for him at Saint Margaret's Church, Dorchester.

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



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Editorial

Secretary Walsh? It's a real possibility

Our mayor, Martin J. Walsh, is on the super short-list of potential picks for Secretary of Labor in the Biden-Harris administration. The job would be very hard to pass up. Sources familiar with the mayor's thinking about it say he is likely to accept the position if it's offered.

Last week, Politico published a story that floated Walsh as Biden's personal favorite for the Labor post— "he definitely wants Marty Walsh," one unnamed source told the news site, adding that many prominent national union officials have been lobbying on behalf of their union brother.

But the Politico piece also threw up a big caution flag: Walsh's whiteness, which could prove a liability depending on how Biden and Harris round out the rest of their cabinet. Politico posited that if Walsh is the eventual choice, he may be among Biden's final appointments, probably much closer to the Jan. 20 inauguration date.

The timing and circumstances — from this perch—would seem to favor a Walsh appointment. The mayor is one of the most high-profile municipal leaders in America. He is the subject of a four-hour Frederick Wiseman documentary that is highly favorable and streaming on demand not only here in Boston and New England, but also nationally. The mayor has also been a frequent guest on national news programs in the context of the coronavirus crisis and has acquitted himself very well on the bigger stage. And, of course, Biden, who presided at Walsh's last swearing-in, does seem to have a genuine fondness for the Dorchester Democrat.

And, while it's still possible that other leading Massachusetts political figures will get recruited into roles on the Biden-Harris team, so far it has been just John Kerry, the former senator and Secretary of State, who has heard his 617-cell buzz for a new role: Special Envoy for Climate.

Of course, there's the question of whether the mayor would accept a post. It depends on whom you ask these days. Rep. Russell Holmes, who this week withdrew his own name from a contest to replace outgoing Speaker of the House Bob DeLeo, doesn't think Walsh will leave for D.C. in any event.

"I still fall in the camp that I don't think he's leaving," Holmes told the Reporter's Katie Trojano this week. "When I've talked to him, it still seems like he wants to finish the Long Island Bridge, do something about Mass and Cass, and I just know there are some things that, leaving the city, he would feel he would be leaving undone," Holmes said this week. "I really do believe that [he] is here for another four years."

The representative from Mattapan added that he himself has "no desire to run for mayor anytime soon." Staying in Boston would require Walsh to defeat

two strong challengers in City Councillors Michelle Wu and Andrea Campbell, at least one of them in head-to-head fashion, in next year's election.

Councillor Annissa-Essaibi-George, who could very well be a candidate for mayor herself in 2021 if Walsh does not run again, said this week that the pace of the mayor's race — so far—has been extra sluggish due to Covid restrictions.

But, she noted, it's also difficult to gain traction on a well-funded, popular, and incumbent mayor who has earned strong marks for managing the city, particularly through the hellscape of 2020. As she puts it: "The mayor doesn't get nearly enough credit for making some very difficult decisions under very difficult circumstances."

For his part, the mayor declined comment when we sought his take on a potential move to the nation's capital. The next week or so should tell the story.

- Bill Forry

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My pal's cup was filled with kindness

By BILL WALCZAK REPORTER COLUMNIST

"Auld Lang Syne," the Robert Burns poem that is sung at the end of the year, tends to be sung in a maudlin way, often with sadness and some liquor. Though our experience with the virus and the recent election may make us want to forget that 2020 ever happened, it has certainly been a time that we will always remember.

I was going through some photos on my phone last week, and I came across one from 2017 showing me and of one of my closest friends, Bob Tarrant, who died in early April of Covid-19, at Yankee Stadium. I chuckled as I remembered why I was there.

Bob and I were very close from an early age, and went to elementary and high school together. We grew up in New Jersey, and he stayed there when I came to Boston for college. We both were Yankee fans in the era of Mickey Mantle, known to all as "the Mick," who was thought by his fans to have supernatural powers. I switched my allegiance to the Red Sox during the 1975 World Series. Unlike most Bostonians, I don't hate the Yankees, except when I

have a conversation with avid Yankee fans like Bob. The story of the photo stems from an argument that Bob and I had over who had won the Heidi Bowl. For those of you who don't know what I'm talking about, the Heidi Bowl refers to an infamous 1968 football game between the NY Jets and the Oakland Raiders that went longer than planned. In the last minute of play, with Oakland down, the NBC network decided to leave the game to show the scheduled children's movie "Heidi," about a Swiss orphan girl and her family.

The decision led to an enormous number of telephone calls to NBC by fans curious to find out who had won the game. Amazingly, the Raiders had scored two touchdowns in the last minute to win, which resulted in so many angry calls to the network that all 26 of the phone line switchboard fuses were blown out. Many years later, Bob said that Oakland had won; in my mind, the Jets had won, and they had. The bet was that whoever was wrong would buy tickets to a Yankees/Red Sox game at the winner's stadium.

We both wore our colors, and though I got some catcalls at Yankee Stadium, people were generally in good humor. A woman in front of us wore a shirt with a drawing of Babe Ruth in a Yankee uniform giving the finger with the words ,"Hey Boston" written above. She posed for a photo and then took the picture of Bob and me.

Bob was a very smart and generous man. In St. Cecelia's Elementary School, he was voted the most likely to be a US Senator as he gave speeches for the eighth- grade student council election that had the teachers and students marveling at his abilities. He graduated near the top of our high school class without even trying. Eventually he became a registered nurse, working in intensive care wards of metropolitan NY hospitals. He retired a few years ago and spent much of his time as a volunteer for the St. Vincent DePaul Society, a Catholic charitable organization that helps those in need.

In early March, the head of the Society asked Bob to do a nurse visit for an elderly man associated with the charity who had come down with odd symptoms. He visited the man twice, and then took him to the



Red Sox cap in place, Bill Walczak relaxes with his pal, and Yankees fan, Bob Tarrant at Yankee Stadium in 2017.

emergency room, where he was released because his symptoms didn't match up with what Covid was thought to be at the time. A few weeks later, the elderly man and his wife died of the coronavirus, and their adult children came down with it. As did Bob, who had gotten a large dose of the virus from spending several hours with the elderly man.

At the hospital, they gave him hydroxychloroquine, the Trump-recommended medicine that wound up not having any useful purpose in dealing with Covid. To be fair, the medical world had no effective way to treat the disease this early in the pandemic. With his oxygen levels dropping, Bob died a few days before Easter, just one death out of the more than 335,000 we have seen since February.

I'm sure millions of Americans know of someone who has died of Covid, and they all have stories. In my view, the number of deaths is an unnecessary tragedy. Bob would likely be alive today if our government took Covid as seriously as many other countries did. Our government resisted masks, failed to produce a workable test, and gave out confusing messages about the virus that they knew were wrong.

President Trump knew in January that Covid-19 could be as bad as the 1918 Spanish Flu, which killed 50 million people worldwide and 675,000 in the United States. He told Bob Woodward on Feb. 7 that he knew it was deadly and that it was spread by breathing. Yet he continued to insist that it was under control, telling Woodward, "to be honest with you, I wanted to play it down because I didn't want to create a panic."

While the dangers were being hidden from us, the virus spread like wildfire, killing at least 130,000 Americans who would have lived had the president acted sooner and implemented widespread public health precautions designed to protect our nation.

Bob and I were supposed to get together on March 22 to see a play, but it was canceled along with everything else. Had the pandemic crisis hit just two weeks later, I would have met up with him right around the time he became infected.

I'll be singing "Auld Lang Syne" sadly this week, remembering my close friend Bob, and with hope that 2021 will be a year we will want to remember.

Letter to the Editor

Bruce Seals led a big life

To the Editor:

Thanks for your [Dec. 17] editorial about Bruce Seals, who taught sportsmanship and athletics to generations of Dorchester kids. My children, Sophia and Aleksandr, were lucky to have his support when they played basketball and floor hockey at the Colonel Marr Boys and Girls Club.

I was in awe how he managed to have a private chat with so many kids during each game. He had words of encouragement for those who were unsure on the courts and guidance for those who were going a little astray out there. And when he invited a kid to a chat in his office, I'm sure they were nervous, but he was guiding them to be their best selves.

And he remembered all their names. He always did all this quietly; it was between him and each young person.

He was a memorable person who helped so many kids go forward. Bruce Seals led a *big* life.

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Boston added jobs, avoided layoffs in face of the pandemic

By Meg McIntyre

Back in June, when the City of Boston was wrestling with its fiscal 2021 budget under the financial strain of the coronavirus pandemic, Mayor Walsh declared that municipal layoffs were off the table.

Now, six months later, Walsh has apparently stayed true to his word.

Despite making roughly \$65 million in cuts to its original budget proposal, the city has neither laid off nor furloughed any workers since the crisis began, according to budget director Justin Sterritt.

In fact, the city's total headcount is expected to increase from about 17,700 employees last January 2020 to approximately 18,030 employees in January 2021.

Early in the pandemic, staff cuts and furloughs hit other cities and towns in nearly every region of the state as local officials attempted to balance their budgets under Covid constraints.

'We've been really steadfast in our desire to limit layoffs and limit any service reductions," Sterritt said. "And frankly, I think we're probably one of the few cities or few major cities in the country that's been able to do

The \$3.61 billion bud- workers and clinicians get approved by the City Council represents about a 3.4 percent increase over spending in fiscal year 2020, according to officials.

To trim spending, Boston instituted a sixmonth hiring freeze for non-essential positions, which Sterritt said will be extended through the end of this fiscal year on June 30, 2021. Officials also limited overtime in certain departments, cut spending on travel and equipment purchases, and delayed the city's bond sale to the fall, he

The \$404.2 million police budget is down about 2.4 percent compared to fiscal 2020, partly due to the reallocation by the mayor of \$12 million in overtime funds to other departments to address what he called the public health issue of racism.

The city has added positions in some areas, Sterritt noted, including nurses, social workers and custodians in the school system, as well as some positions related to environment, public health, and economic development.

On the public health side, Sterritt said, the city made a "considerable investment" in neighborhood trauma teams - groups of social

that respond to trauma incidents. Some longterm positions were also created in the Public Health Commission using part of the reallocated police overtime funds.

In total, about 330 fulltime equivalent positions were added in this year's budget, according to the city, including 279 in the school system, four in the Public Health Commission, and 47 in other city departments.

Jim Durkin, legislative director for the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees Council 93, which represents government employees across New England, said city workers have been pleased with the level of support Walsh's administration has provided them during the crisis.

He said Walsh has shown "great respect and appreciation" for public sector employees. "Because they're needed on the job, our members haven't had the luxury of sheltering safely in the confines of their home, but the Walsh administration has worked with us to make sure they're as safe as possible," Durkin said. "We're never going to be able to eliminate risk, but by working with the mayor and his team, we've been able to reduce the risk of exposure."

Pam Kocher, president of the Boston Municipal Research Bureau, said the city has benefited from several years of revenue growth partly spurred by new development, which helped the city avoid staff cuts that have impacted some other major metropolitan areas. Boston ended fiscal 2020 with a \$15.3 million budget surplus, marking the city's 35th year of producing a surplus.

"So coming into this difficult situation for city government, for the community, for businesses in the city, Boston came into it positioned quite strongly financially," Kocher said. "So that has definitely made a real difference for the city."

Although the city was able to balance its budget without cutting staff, it has not been immune to the effects of a pandemic-era economy. Because the state has allowed businesses to delay payments of local taxes such as the rooms and meals tax and hotel tax until April 2021, officials are working with limited information around local revenues, Sterritt said.

And with the state facing another surge in cases that has prompted Gov. Baker to roll back some reopening guidelines, he said revenue from businesses like hotels and restaurants will likely continue to be affected. The city's fiscal 2021 budget anticipates that excise collections will fall by roughly \$38 million, or nearly 19 percent, according to the Research Bureau.

"It's definitely an area of concern, an area that we're a little less informed on than we normally would because the state has delayed those excise taxes," Sterritt said. "But we're certainly monitoring that as a potential area of risk."

However, more than 70 percent of the city budget comes directly from property taxes, a revenue source that has inspired a bit more optimism among officials during this period. Kocher explained that because there is a lag between assessment and payment of property tax bills, any decline in that area would not emerge immediately. But it typically takes an extended economic downturn to significantly impact property tax revenue, she said.

The remainder of the city's revenue comes from state aid, which is expected to remain level this year at \$464.2 million, and local receipts such as interest on investments, fines and fees, licenses and permits and departmental revenue, which are projected to decline by about 1.2 percent. Total revenue is estimated at \$3.6 billion for fiscal year 2021.

Going forward, Kocher said, Boston is still facing unforeseen expenses due to the pandemic, and it will be important for the city to make the most of its federal CARES Act funding and FEMA reimbursements to help reduce the economic impact of the crisis on residents. The amount of funding the city is receiving from external sources such as grants has increased by roughly 20 percent from fiscal year 2020 to fiscal year 2021, according to the Research Bureau.

Sterritt said the city's first concern will be keeping services intact. "We've sort of made a priority of basic city services," he said, "and that's why we've sort of focused our planning efforts over the last seven years to put us in a position to be successful when times are not as

Meg McIntyre wrote this article for the State House News Service.

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Optimism reigns as first Covid-19 vaccine doses are rolled out

(Continued from page 1) in the healthcare field,

Through a partner-ship with the US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, CVS and Walgreens are administering vaccines to nursing home and assisted living residents, with the pharmacies handling scheduling and coordination of on-site clinics, supply ordering, data reporting, and cold chain management of the vaccines.

Officials at the state's coronavirus command center said this month that they expected between 40,000 and 60,000 doses of the Pfizer/BioNTech vaccine to be shipped to CVS and Walgreens for skilled nursing facilities in Massachusetts.

As of last Tuesday. before the long-term care vaccination campaign began, 35,618 people in Massachusetts had received their first of the two vaccine doses, according to the Department of Public Health. Many of those in the first wave to be vaccinated are health care workers, including men and women who work at facilities in Dorchester. Staff at the Harvard Street Neighborhood Health Center received doses of the Moderna vaccine on Christmas Eve. Stan McLaren, president and CEO of the health center, was the first person to be vaccinated.

"There's been a lot of mistrust in my community, and some workers in the healthcare field, and a lot of it has to do with history," McLaren said. "I want to show that I believe the vaccine to be safe, and I would not ask my employees to do something I would not do myself."

Daniel Driscoll Neponset Health Center also received the Moderna vaccine last week and began its "phase one" rollout by vaccinating 30 staff members on Wed., Dec. 23. The effort — led by the center's practice manager, Jildaysi Gomes, and nurse manager Jilaine Morales, RN, will continue over the next month, according to the CEO of Harbor Health Service, Chuck Jones.

"In phase one of the roll-out we are vaccinating staff in accordance with DPH guidelines," Jones told the *Reporter*. "We look forward to welcoming the community to receive the vaccine in phase two and three, in early 2021."

Cardinal Sean O'Malley announced on Monday that he had received the first of two doses of the Moderna vaccine on Dec. 24 at St. Elizabeth's Medical Center in Brighton. In a statement, the 76-year-old O'Malley said Dr. Joseph Weinstein, chief physician executive of Steward Health Care Network, had noted "that I qualified for the Covid vaccine" and offered to facilitate the inoculation.

"With recognition of the importance that all persons be vaccinated when possible, I was very happy to receive this invitation," the cardinal said. "I am grateful to have been in line for the vaccine and encourage all people to be vaccinated as the opportunity is presented, as an important action of care and concern for our loved ones, our communities and our nation.

The archdiocese said O'Malley is scheduled to receive the second dose in January. The ongoing first phase of vaccination has been limited to health care workers and long-term care residents and staff. In a recent MassINC Polling Group survey of 1,180 Massachusetts residents, 36 percent said they would like to take the vaccine as soon as it's possible for them to do so, with 47 percent saying they wanted to wait until either a few people they know or many other people get the shot first. When the results are broken down by age, 45 percent of people age 60 and over said they wanted the vaccine as soon as possible.

More than 10,000 new cases of COVID-19 were identified in Massachusetts over the Christmas holiday weekend, and 2,156 people were hospitalized with the respiratory disease as of Sunday, according to Department of Public

Health data. One hundred new deaths reported Sunday and another 46 on Saturday brought the pandemic's death toll here to 11,852 since March 20, a figure that rises to 12,110 when deaths among people with likely Covid-19 cases are added.

Michael P. Norton of State House News Service and Bill Forry of the Reporter contributed to this article.

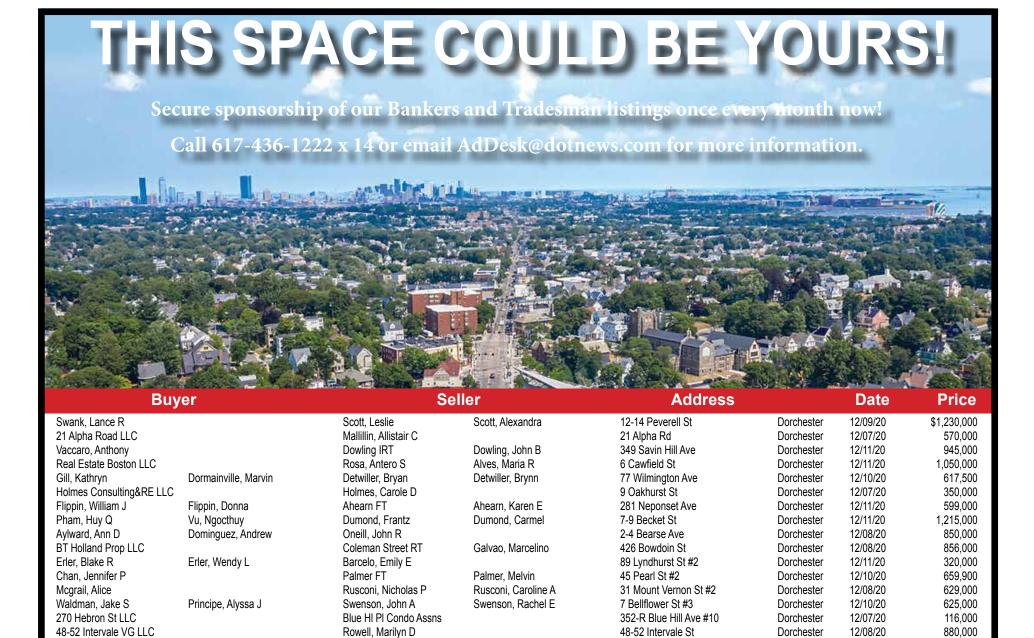








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An artist looks at what is going on behind City Hall's façade

(Continued from page 1) Fortunately for me, Joyce Linehan, chief of policy for the mayor, had seen and knew some of my movies, and she liked the idea."

Once Wiseman's concept was approved, he set up camp in City Hall, sat in on official meetings on numerous topics, and followed Walsh on his often-frantic public appearances schedule. His filming technique for the project, he said, was similar to that of his other works.

"Idon't do any research before the shooting begins because I consider the shooting of the film the research. Since I don't stage any events, I like to be prepared to shoot, because if I wasn't, something spectacular could be going on and I might miss it," he said.

The filming began in the fall of 2018, and carried through winter 2019, concluding with the mayor's State of the City address in Boston Symphony Hall.

By the time he had finished shooting, Wiseman had accumulated 104 hours of rushes, i.e., unedited, raw visual and sound footage. "It takes me six to nine months to edit all these selected sequences into a usable format," he said. "When I have all of the so-called candidate sequences edited in close to final form, I begin the first assembly of the structure," he said.

"When the film is finished, I go back and look at all the rushes again to make sure that there's nothing I left out that might be useful given the choices I made. Then the film's finished. And to counteract my depression I start to look for another subject."

The Local Angle

One of the standout scenes in the film centers on a meeting between community residents and the proponents of a proposed medical marijuana store in Dorchester that is required by law.

"From my point of view that's a very important sequence because it



In charge: Frederick Wiseman, shown below, at right, captures Mayor Walsh & Co. in action.

Photo courtesy of Zipporah Films

raised so many issues of importance to the community." said Wiseman. "It is an illustration of the complex issues involved when someone wants to open a cannabis store. Some of the issues raised are: the necessity of the store, the effect on the community, parking problems, selling cannabis close to a school, the hostility of different community groups toward each other, etc."

City Hall's Linehan, a lifelong Dorchester resident, said that Wiseman's "thing" is that "he reveals the humanity in America's institutions. It seemed to me that if we were to open our doors to him in the same ways that other institutions have before us, that that same thing might come through. It really ended up being everything that I could have hoped for in that it illustrates really beautifully the dignity and nobility of public service," she told the Reporter.

"I found that the most moving sequences were those that involved some of the frontline workers in City Hall," she added. "It's positively poetic but it also says a lot about how despite what might be happening around us, the city has to work because people depend on us to do that."

John Barros, a Dorchester native and the city's chief of Economic Devel-

opment who appears in the film a few times, said he was "impressed" with it, noting a long sequence in which he talked about immigrant-owned small businesses and income inequality at a community meeting held at VietAid in Dorchester.

"I feel that working as a public servant and working for the city, it's all about community engagement," he told the *Reporter*. "That meeting was about doing business with the city, about making sure that people get their fair share and that we're giving people as much information as possible about how you can do business with the city."

"Also," he said, "it's recognizing that we've heard from people that it's hard, it's not easy, and we're trying to address that. We want to do business with more people of color, women-owned businesses, and we want local folks and businesses— particularly immigrant-owned— to be a part of how the city spends its money."

Barros offered this distinction: "If it's difficult for a native speaker to navigate our consumer system, then just recognize the additional layer of difficulty for immigrants to do that."

A Study in Contrast

One recurring theme in the film is affordable

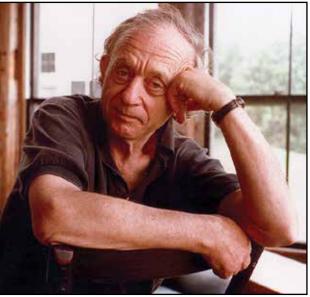
housing. A particularly significant scene, said Wiseman, concerned a meeting where city officials discussed how an attempt to appeal the Fair Housing Act by the Trump Administration could affect municipalities and threaten civil rights. "The staff member who talked about it gave a very clear and eloquent explanation of the consequences of the Trump policy," the filmmaker noted. "It was also an indication of the

He added: "The contrast between Boston city government and our federal government, the Trump presidency, which is fortunately about to be over, is enormous. Mayor Walsh

competence of the staff

people working on the

issue."



John Ewing photo

represents everything that Trump isn't – good, honest, competent government, offering people services and trying to deal with serious problems of housing, hunger, health and all the myriad issues that the city has to cope with on a daily basis.

"Obviously, all the problems aren't resolved. Some are more easy to resolve than others but the basic point is that a good-will effort is being made by employees of a city government that cares about its citizenry."

He continued: "In the Trump Administration, this effort was not made. There was an almost complete collapse of the accepted contractual norms between the federal government and the citizens."

"City Hall" begins and ends with sequences showing the city's 311 call workers answering phones. The viewer hears every type of complaint or question residents are asking, and gets a feel for the range of emotions the city workers encounter on a daily basis when answering calls that never stop coming.

Wiseman said he chose to use those scenes to open and close his film because they "literally shows that there's a hotline that anybody can call and get advice, or have their complaint listened to, or responded to, and that's an important part of the service that City Hall is offering to the residents. At a more abstract level, this suggests a wide range of problems for City Hall; there's no aspect of human behavior that the city doesn't have to deal with in one way or another.

"I wanted to show that demands for city services are constant," he said. "Requests are made for city assistance day and night every day of the week, month, and year. People have a need for city services. City government touches all aspects of our lives more than any other government, state or federal."

Wiseman finishes his commentary with a terse summary of the 270 or so minutes of filming that "City Hall" takes up: "It gives examples of the social contract between citizens and their government. The city is providing the services the citizens need and request and are paying for with their taxes."

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"City Hall" has been screened at film festivals worldwide, including the Venice Film Festival, the Toronto International Film Festival, the New York Film Festival, IDFA, and others. More information about Frederick Wiseman and his films can be found at Zipporah Films (zipporah.com).

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Murphy's Mission: Christmas toys for those less fortunate



Mark Murphy and younger brother Michael of Neponset raised money to donate some 425 toys to local Murphy family photo

(Continued from page 1) than a decade of holiday

ferent," said Murphy, a 17-year-old student

"It was definitely dif- at The Cambridge Matignon School. "There are a lot of people out

of jobs right now, so it was tougher to ask for donations. We had to

whereby people could donate \$5 to buy one or more squares on a numbered grid, with the final scores determining a winner at random. That popular initiative raised the bulk of funds, with Murphy's school, sports teams, and family members chipping in to round out the fundraising efforts. In total, Murphy raised around \$3,500, allowing him to donate 425 toys to

> it with which he partners each year to distribute the toys. Once the money was raised, Murphy and his

younger brother Michael

ABCD, the local nonprof-

think of more creative ways to raise money.

The [kids] needed it this

year more than ever."

One of his team's most

successful fundraising

efforts came in the form of "football squares," a

Patriots-themed raffle

spent three hours at the store, filling carriages with a variety of toys for kids of all ages from babies to teens. Delivering the gifts to ABCD knowing that they will brighten the holidays for needy children makes the whole operation worthwhile, said Mur-

phy.
"The most rewarding part is knowing you're giving these kids a chance to open something on Christmas, when they might not usually get to," he said.

The Murphy family had been planning to host a larger fundraising event such as a Fun Run or charity sports match this year, but saw those plans scuttled by the pandemic. Next year, they hope to host a larger community event and meet their goal of 500 tovs.



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TIMITHY MULLEN
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SUFFOLK DIVISION

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner Tony Depalma of Randolph, MA, a Will has been admitted to informal probate. Tony Depalma of Randolph, MA has been informally appointed as the Personal 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 Court. 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 under informal procedure. A copy of the Petition and Will, if any, can be obtained from the Petitioner.

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Celebrate your pet's first holiday season at home - safely!

By Dr. Edward Schettino Many people welcomed a new animal family member in their homes during 2020, and this

past.

season together. While the holiday season can bring joy to the humans in your household, it

will be their first holiday can also be a sensory overload for pets. Bright lights, shiny objects, trees inside the home. new sounds and smells can make pets both anxious and curious about the abrupt change in their surroundings.

The Animal Rescue League of Boston shares these five tips for keeping all the furry members of your household safe during the holiday festivities:

Decorate with care. Ribbons and tinsel are especially attractive and hazardous to cats. Holiday plants like mistletoe, holly, lilies, and poinsettias can cause vomiting, upset stomach, and blisters in your pet's mouth.

Secure your tree. Your frisky pet won't be the first to topple over a 6-foot fir! Support your tree with a sturdy stand and wires to prevent tipping, should they decide to make a leap for it. For vour canine companions. consider surrounding the base with a baby gate and hanging fragile ornaments higher on your tree. Also, watch for tree water spillage that might contain fertilizers and other toxic chemicals.

Menorah or candle placement. Avoid placing the menorah,



Together for the holidays: Cricket and Buzz

or lit candles, anywhere your pet can reach or on a surface that can be toppled over.

Watch out for wires. Chewing on electrical cords can cause severe oral burns and even fatal shocks for cats and dogs. Secure cords with plastic casing you can find at a hardware store, or cover with a bitter-tasting, non-toxic product from your local pet supply shop.

Plan your pet's meal around yours. This will keep your pet occupied and will make them less likely to try and partake in your holiday. Common holiday foods that can be toxic to our pets include: turkey skin, poultry bones, mushrooms, onions, grapes, raisins, certain types of nuts, raw dough, chocolate, and dairy products.

Planning on adopting a pet for a family member or loved one? Please don't make it a surprise! Bringing a new pet into a home is a huge decision and commitment, and the entire household should be involved in the process. There should be a conversation to see if the person not only wants a pet, but also what type of pet would best suit their lifestyle and living situation.

Yes, the puppy with the big red bow around its neck is a great image, but if you really want to get a pet as a gift, I would recommend giving a stuffed animal as a placeholder until the recipient is ready to take the next steps.

 $If you're \, spending \, your$ holidays with a new pet, then you've already received the best gift! Please keep these tips in mind so we can all have a safe, happy, and healthy holiday season.

Dr. Edward Schettino is the president and CEO of the Animal Rescue League of Boston, and has a doctorate in Veterinary Medicine from the Cummings School of Veterinary Medicine at Tufts University. Pet questions? Email ARL at press@arlboston.org.



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Virtual Public Meeting

Flood Resilience Zoning Overlay District

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6:00 PM - 8:00 PM

Friday, January 15

10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Zoom Link: bit.ly/CFRODJan13 Toll Free: (833) 568 - 8864 Meeting ID: 161 062 3707

Zoom Link: bit.ly/CFRODJan15 **Toll Free:** (833) 568 - 8864 Meeting ID: 160 772 4427

Project Description:

Please join Boston Planning & Development planning and zoning staff for a virtual meeting to review the draft Coastal Flood Resilience Zoning Overlay, which will provide new zoning definitions, dimensional and use standards for development projects to promote resilient design and better prepare new and existing buildings for future coastal storms and sea level rise. The meeting will include a presentation of the draft zoning article and updates to existing zoning, followed by Q&A and comments.

The same presentation and content will be covered at the meetings on January 13th and 15th. We will take comments on the draft Resilience Zoning Overlay until Friday, February 12th.

Translation and interpretation services can be made available upon request by reaching out to chris.busch@boston.gov at least a week in advance of the meeting.

mail to: Chris Busch

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Close of Comment Period:

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BGCD and Mark Wahlberg Youth Foundation Provide 250 Gift Packages for Club Youth: See details below.

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Boys & Girls Clubs of Dorchester
was unable to host the Annual Mark
Wahlberg Youth Foundation Party at
the Tewksbury Country Club this year,
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16 Boys & Girls Clubs from across the
region.

A huge thank you to our program partners Soles4Souls and Operation Warm who provided clothing and winter jackets for these gift packages. In addition, each member received a gift card for the holidays compliments of the Foundation.

BGCD would like to thank the Mark Wahlberg Youth Foundation for ensuring this opportunity remained available this year. FIND OUT WHAT'S INSIDE:
BGCD Thanks Partners &
Supporters for Successful Holiday

Season: BGCD would like to thank all of our partners and supporters who have hosted donation initiatives to help support our Clubs. So many came together to raise funds, host toy drives, donate meals and more. A huge thank you to Lower Mills Tavern, Yellow Door Taqueria, Harp + Bard Restaurant, Elevate Youth, Jamaica Mi Hungry Food Truck, Thermo Fisher, Star Market, Dell EMC, Nike, Sam Mewis, Marr Companies, RODE Architects, TD Bank, Duxbury High School, St. Mary's Church, Feeney Brothers, Lucy's American Tavern, The Bowery, Oracle, Tom Gannon & Friends and Sweet Teez Bakery. BGCD is thankful for all of our partners, supporters and friends for always thinking of our Clubs. With your help, we have been able to make our members and families Holiday Season merry and bright.



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CONNOR, Mary J. of Dorchester, 98. Born and raised in Dorchester, Mary was a bookkeeper for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts for 38 years. Daughter of the late John and Mary (Conboy) Connor. Sister of Ethel T. Connor and the late Catherine Cameron, Helen Lohan, Joseph Connor, Roger Connor, Thomas Connor and John Connor. Mary is survived by many nieces and nephews. Donations in Mary's memory may be made to Catholic Television, P.O. Box 9196, Watertown, MA 02471.



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DRISCOLL, Bridget (Mahoney), 91, of Kenmare Co. Kerry Ireland, Dorchester, Plymouth and Quincy. She was the wife of the late John J. Driscoll, Jr. Bridget is survived by her children and their spouses, Shawn and Mary Driscoll of Milton, Maureen and Kevin Coakley of Plymouth, Danny and Kim Driscoll of Quincy, and Kathleen and Peter Van der Graaf of Hudson, NH. She was predeceased by her daughter Patricia Murphy and her husband Dennis. She is survived by her seventeen grandchildren and was Great-Nana to 8. Bridget is also survived by her sister, Frances McKenna of Dorchester and her like-a-sister sister-in-law Ann Mahoney. She was predeceased by her brothers John in Dorchester, and Geoffrey and sisters

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Margaret Downey and MaryAnn O'Sullivan in Ireland. Contributions in Bridget's memory can be made to the John Adams RCF (Resident Council Fund/Activities Program), 211 Franklin Street, Quincy, MA 02169.



LYNCH, Mary, 83, of Dorchester. She is survived by her cousins, Margaret Lynch, Norwell, Lorraine Lyons, Weymouth, and Robert Lynch, Alpharetta, GA. She will be laid to rest with her mom and best friend, Mary Jeffrey.



MOORE, Garvin Jr. of Peabody, 93. Husband of Nancy (Hammond) Moore, father of Judianne Gillis of Danvers, his son, James Moore of Dorchester, his 2 grandchildren. A 34-year employee of Raytheon and U.S. Navy Veteran.



MILTON, Jesse, 95, born in Selma, Alabana to the late Richard and Flora Milton. He was the second eldest of nine children. Husband to the late Allice D. Milton. Jesse was also preceded by 4 brothers: Richard, Fred, Dave and Leon; one sister-Evelyn Cooper; one grandson-Artis Townsend; and many other in-laws, nieces,

nephews and friends. Jesse leaves his son-Joe Pendoris; his sisters-Laurine Rucker and Claudia Milton; his brother-George Milton; grandchildren, great grandchildren and great-great grandchildren many which are located in North Carolina and Georgia.



MULLIN, Brian of Dorchester, formerly of Inishmore, Aran Islands, Co. Galway, Ireland. Husband of Mary E. (McDonagh). Father of Sean and Michael, Brian and Teresa, Ann & Enda, and Kevin and Michele. Grandfather of 5. Brother of Pat and the late Mary and John. Also survived by many nieces, nephews, and friends. He was a strong advocate for the laborers union, retiring from the local 223 after 33 years of service. Donations in memory of Brian may be made to Beth Israel Deaconess Hospital – Milton.

MURPHY, Joseph M. in Quincy, formerly of Dorchester. Son of Patricia Denien of Quincy. Brother of April Knowlton and the late Michael Hayes. Nephew of Thomas Murphy, his wife Asmae and their family of Dorchester, Maureen Murphy of Quincy, Mary Murphy of Taunton, and the late John, Michael and Therese Murphy. Uncle of Unity and Jackson Knowlton. Grandson of the late Mary and John Murphy.



Margaret Mary (Jolley) in Natick, former-

ly of Dorchester. Wife of the late Michael F. O'Callaghan. Mother of Michael O'Callaghan and his wife Laura of Northbridge, Patricia O'Callaghan of Natick, Timothy O'Callaghan and his wife Diep of Sutton. Grandmother of 5. Sister of the late Thomas and John Jolley. Daughter of the late Michael and Beatrice (Corbett) Jolley. She is also survived by many brothers and sisters-in-law, and nieces and nephews. Peggy worked as a controller for John Hancock Insurance Company in Boston for 9 years, and part-time for the Town of Natick in Food Services for many years after starting a family in Natick. Donations in memory of Mrs. O'Callaghan may be made to the charity of your choice.



ROSENTHAL, Irene Ann (Sydell), born in 1950 in Boston and raised in Dorchester and Brighton. Predeceased by her mother Frances Sydell (Spunt) and Paul Kenneth Sydell, as well as her sister Elaine Burroughs and her husband Marc Rosenthal. She is remembered by her children Allison Ostroff (Jonathan), David Davis (Lee) and Steven Rosenthal (Michelle), as well as her sister Beverly Scheuer, sister and brother-in-law Betsy and Richard Weissel, and 5 granddaughters. In Irene's memory, donations could be made to the Alzheimer's Association, alz.org and the ASPCA, aspca.org



RYAN, Timothy P. in Marshfield, formerly of Dorchester, suddenly, 52 years. Husband of Kimberly M. (Garnett) Ryan. Father of Colleen M. Ryan of Dorchester, Brendan F. Ryan of Marshfield, Maggie R. Ryan of New York, NY, and the late Molly Clare Ryan. Son of the late Robert V. and Jo-Ann M. (Carroll) Ryan. Nephew of Alice Ryan Korzeniowski of Hingham and Margie (Carroll) Corcoran of Manomet. Survived by several cousins and any dear friends. Tim was a graduate of BC High Class of '86. Suffolk University Class of '90, and he received an MBA from Babson College. Tim was the Director of Performance and Attribution for Liberty Mutual Investments in Boston. He was a past president

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MA 02118, www.gbfb.org SCOLLINS, Edward **J.,** 79, of Norwood. Husband of the late Carol A. $(Travers) Scollins. \ Father$ of Paula F. Curley and her late Husband Charles Z. of Norwood, Kristin A. Gillette and her husband Michael of Norwood and Edward J. Scollins, Jr. and his wife Lisa of Wrentham. Brother of Helen Cronin of Acton. Son of the late Edward F. and Helen (Griffin) Scollins. Grandfather of 7. Also survived by many nieces and nephews. Edward was a member of the Port Norfolk Yacht Club in Dorchester for many years. Donations may be made in his name to Rettsyndrome.org 4600 Devitt Dr., Cincinnati, OH 45246.



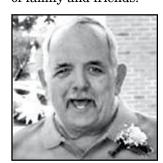
SETALSINGH, Monica V. of Mattapan, 100. Monica was born in Westmorland, Jamaica and lived in Jamaica until she migrated to the United States in 1968. She is the wife of the late Edward Setalsingh. Mother of Karlene Robinson-Francis of New York, Errol

Setalsingh of Boston, Karrol Setalsingh of Milton, Rohan Setalsingh of Boston and the late Irone Setalsingh. Stepmother of Daniel Setalsingh, Elaine Julal, Cocheta Setalsingh, Barbara Setalsingh and Joan Wilson. Mother-in-law to Leera Setalsingh of Milton. Sister of Beryl Thomas of Tampa, Fl. and the late Esther Woodley. Grandmother of 18. Great grandmother to 27.

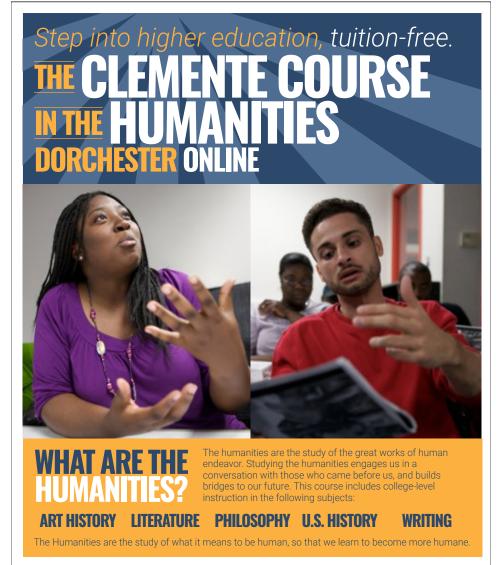


SINGLETON, Gerald D., 87, of Dorchester. Son of the late Theodore Linwood Singleton of Wilmington, North Carolina and Helen Selena Daniels of Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada. He worked at Suffolk Superior Courthouse until his retirement in 2006. He is preceded by his wife of sixty one years, Jacqueline G. Singleton and four children: Gerald D. Singleton III, Glenn Singleton, Rodney Singleton, and Renita Brodie, granddaughter Larissa Robinson of Pennsylvania, and all but one sibling. He leaves behind his remaining two children, Pamela and Lisa (James), 10 grandchildren: 9 great-grandchildren: and 1. greatgreat-grandchild. One sister Velma and a host of family and friends.

December 31, 2020



SOUTHWORTH. Barry Joseph, 71, of Mansfield. Born and raised in Boston to Eunice Ohrt of Dorchester and the late Ralph J. Southworth. Barry was a real estate investor and worked for Home Market Foods for 32 years. Husband to Gail (Cline) Southworth. Father to Thomas Barbato (wife Ann) of Hanson, Sharon Magnuson of Plymouth, Barry J. Southworth Jr. (Laura, partner) of Manchester, NH; and stepfather to William Becksted (wife Katja), Genevieve Becksted-Muske (husband Shawn) and Jason Becksted (wife Brenda) all residing in Portsmouth, NH. Grandfather to 10. Brother of Kathleen Connell Southworth, William Southworth, Michael Ohrt, Thomas Ohrt, Gerard Ohrt and Judith Kyousky and the late Christine Cass, James and Robert Southworth. Barry is also survived by several nieces and nephews. Donations may be made in Barry's memory to the National Kidney Foundation, Finance Department, 30 East 33rd St., New York, NY 10016.



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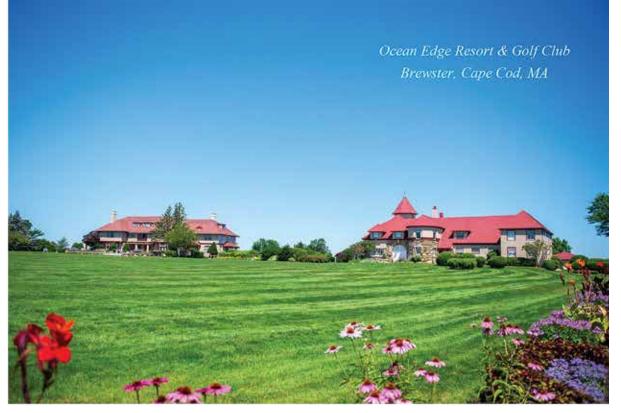
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