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Renovations at the former nursing home at 3 Melville Ave. have been attempted by many developers, but Dorchester's Johnny Ho of Kava Realty has finally completed the difficult task. Seth Daniel photo

What a developer went through to make his 'neighborhood look nice'

By Seth Daniel News Editor

At 3 Melville Ave., Kava Realty's Johnny Ho has succeeded in completing a masterpiece of renovation and new construction in replacing a crumbling structure that was a blight on one of Dorchester's premier thoroughfares. But all the work comes with a financial asterisk.

The property at 3 Melville Ave., once a nursing home, was left vacant for years after the home's operators moved out during which time a burst sprinkler system caused severe flood damage to the



Johnny Ho of Kava Realty stands inside the circular dining room in a turret on the home at 3 Melville Ave. Seth Daniel photo

building with its nice turrets and other architectural highlights. About six or seven years ago, a developer proposed demolishing the home and replacing it with a 12-unit building. After long discussions with neighbors, that plan morphed into the current six units, but the developer was not up to the task and five years ago he sold it to Johnny Ho and his partners.

What was supposed to be a \$1 million project turned into a \$2.5 million renovation and new construction development that was

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Bishop Borders is always paying attention

40 years on watch, on pulpit at Morningstar

By Seth Daniel News Editor

It was 3 a.m. sometime in 1979, and Bishop John Borders III was sitting in a hotel room in Switzerland with other members of his band "The Energetics" at a crossroads in his life that would soon take him out of the bright lights and into the pulpit at Blue Hill Avenue's Morningstar Baptist Church – a place where he celebrated a remarkable 40 years of service last year.

Borders's "moment" goes back to that night in Europe. His successful Atlantic Records R&B group gathered problems along with their increasing popularity. He had sensed that a change was needed while attending Concord Baptist Church in the South End over the previous two years.

"I heard the Lord say to me while I was in Geneva performing – What profit is it to a man to gain the whole world, but to lose his soul?" said Borders, 64, during an interview this week at Morningstar Church. "Marvin Gaye had followed us that night, and the Supremes had played before us. I told the group that morning at 3 – I'm done. I'm leaving."

The group faltered, and those backing it moved on to other successes, including as part of Boston's famous boy band New Edition. But Borders took the road leading to a life of Christian faith, preaching his first sermon from

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Bishop John Borders III, shown here inside Morningstar Baptist Church, has been its pastor for more than 40 years, guiding the Blue Hill Avenue institution through many twists and turns.

Seth Daniel photo

Dot, Mattapan projects get influx of city funds for housing starts

Columbia Crossing in Uphams Corner is on the grants list

By Gintautas Dumcius Managing Editor

Projects in Dorchester and Mattapan are set to receive millions in funding as part of a City Hall effort to create and preserve hundreds of income-restricted housing units.

Mayor Wu last week announced \$67 million in new funding, spread to 17 projects across 8 neighborhoods. The money, which comes primarily from three sources — the Mayor's Office of Housing, the Community Preservation Fund, and the Neighborhood Housing Trust —focuses on 802 housing units, with 160 of them set aside for seniors. Most of the units are mixed income, with rental housing for families and homeownership opportunities for city residents considered to have low to moderate incomes.

The projects also meet standards for zero-emissions and transit-oriented development.

In Uphams Corner, two nonprofits, Dorchester Bay Economic Development Corp. (EDC) and the Preservation of Affordable Housing (POAH), are seeking to renovate the former Dorchester Savings Bank building in a 86,000-square-foot project dubbed "Columbia (Continued on page 13)

Shawmut proposal set for Tuesday hearing; comments close March 4

By Gintautas Dumcius Managing Editor

The saga over a proposal to bring affordable housing next to the Shawmut MBTA Station will take another step toward a denouement as an advisory panel plans to meet and the close of the public comment period approaches.

The Boston Planning and Development Agency (BPDA) is reviewing the proposal, which calls for 74 residential units, most of them one-bedrooms, at 150 Centre St. Forty-five units (61 percent) would be marked as affordable housing. The site is currently home to Fitzpatrick Bros., an auto body shop.

The public comment period ends on Sat., March 4. Two days before that, the project's Impact Advisory Group (IAG), a panel that is part of the BPDA's review process that focuses on mitigation measures, will hold a virtual meeting at 6 p.m. At the previous IAG meeting in January, members who oppose the project called for a halt to the process.

Opponents argue that while they don't oppose affordable housing, the four-story project is too big for the neighborhood, which is already struggling with traffic woes. Supporters say the affordable units, ideally situated next to public transit, are desperately needed as the region grapples with a housing crisis driven by a lack of supply against high demand.

Opponents have launched a website and delivered flyers to neigh-

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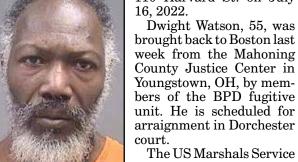
A two-alarm fire on Sunday morning left a building at 1553 Blue Hill Ave. with \$1 million in damage and displaced six adults and two children. Boston firefighters knocked down the blaze with an "aggressive attack from inside and outside working off five aerial ladders and the Tower Unit to help contain the fire and keep it from spreading to the surrounding buildings," according to a BFD account of the incident. **BFD** photo



Man arrested in Ohio, charged in July '22 Harvard St. murder

The Boston Police Department report the arrest of a local man on charges that he fatally stabbed Urvin

Gerald, 48, in the neck at 110 Harvard St. on July 16, 2022.



Dwight Watson

Dwight Watson

The CS Marshals Service
reports BPD had tracked
him to Youngstown earlier
this year, and that on Feb.

2, members of federal/local violent-fugitive task force found him in a house there:

"Watson initially gave a fictitious name to investigators, but his true identity was quickly revealed and he was taken into custody without incident."

A woman was shot to death inside a residence at 15 Fermoy Heights in Dorchester on Saturday night (Feb. 18). Boston Police say they responded to a ShotSpotter activation around 8:46 p.m. and found the adult female victim dead at the scene. She was later named as Diva Ayuso, 32, of Sharon. Detectives are asking for the public's help with information. Please contact them at 617-343-4470.

Police have released the name of a victim in a Feb. 13 murder on Dewey Street as 31-year-old Paris Quilter of Dorchester. He was one of two men found suffering from gunshot wounds in the area of 21 Dewey St. around 8:10 p.m. that night. No arrests have been made in the incident.

A Mattapan man who allegedly shot his brother in the head during a 2021 dispute over selling the family home was arraigned last week in Dorchester court. Trevor Lawrence, 32, was ordered held without bail pending a further hearing by Judge Maureen Flaherty. Prosecutors say Lawrence shot his 38-year-old brother in the face with a Taurus 380 firearm as they argued inside their family's Westmore Road house.

Members of the Boston police drug control unit apprehended Lawrence while conducting an investigation on Saturday at Balsam and Callender streets in Dorchester, according to District Attorney Kevin Hayden's office.

Two people were arrested on Saturday evening by officers investigating a stolen car they spotted on Westview Street near Franklin Field. The two suspects— Keyamanie Price, 40, and Jerome Anderson, 31, both of Dorchester— were taken into custody after police say they found a loaded Glock 22 inside the car. Price was charged for the gun and Anderson was charged with receiving a stolen vehicle.

Officials cite widespread thefts from mailboxes, say timing key to safe posts

By Seth Daniel News Editor

Postal authorities and local police are alerting residents of Dorchester and Mattapan that they should be careful when using the United States Postal Service's blue mailboxes, citing an increase in mail theft around the neighborhood and regionally, especially during certain time periods. The warning is addressed in particular to bills or payments that include a check.

"An ounce of prevention in this is worth so much," said Danielle Schrage, postal inspector at the US Postal Inspection Service's Boston branch. "We don't want people to be afraid of mailing. We think mail is incredibly safe. We carry millions of pounds safely every day, but these criminals target boxes at certain times.

"Please, please do not let your mail sit in the boxes, particularly overnight, on weekends, or on federal holidays," she added. "That's when these boxes are targeted for theft, usually in the dead of night. Bad guys know when stuff sits, and we want to make sure we don't leave it there for them."



Mailbox users beware: Postal service inspectors say to be strategic when you drop your mail, lest it be stolen by thieves.

In that regard, several local organizations and residents have learned lessons that the hard way, particularly when it comes to thieves stealing payments and "washing" checks, a process by which criminals will obtain checks unlawfully, often by fishing correspondence out of mailboxes, and wash them in chemicals to remove the ink and change information such as the payee's name and/or the dollar amounts. The offenders will then deposit the fraudulent check into a bank account under their control.

Unfortunately, in right no many instances, the victim or bank doesn't letters."

discover the checks are counterfeit until weeks or months later.

Annie Le, of the Boston Little Saigon organization, noted at the Fields Corner Civic Association meeting this month that they had three payments stolen from them and suspected they came out of a mailbox in the neighborhood. One was altered and cashed, and the other two were flagged by the bank and not cashed.

During the meeting, C-11's Sgt. Tim Golden said this kind of crime is happening all over the city, and he told residents that "it's a good idea right now to go inside the post office and mail letters."

Schrage agreed with Golden, but again said mailboxes can still be used safely, provided one uses a little strategy. Find out when the pick-up time is for the box – that information is typically attached to the box – and drop your mail into it shortly before the pick-up

Mail theft is not a new crime, and postal inspectors have been investigating it successfully for many years, said Schrage. In fiscal year 2021, postal inspectors made1,511 arrests for mail theft, and worked with local, state, and federal authorities to obtain convictions of 1,263 thieves. Some of the tools the inspection service uses to address the crime of mail theft include investigative, technological, and prevention tactics.

Instances of mail theft should promptly be reported to the US Postal Inspection Service and/orthelocal police department. Schrage advised residents to report mail theft to her office first, as a local police report may not get to them. A report can be filed online at uspis.gov/report or by calling 1-877-876-2455.

Healey names interim State Police head

Gov. Healey has tapped Lt. Col. John Mawn Jr., a 30-year veteran of the Massachusetts State Police, to serve as interim colonel of the department as she looks both inside and outside its current ranks for someone to assume the role on a permanent basis.

Col. Christopher Mason retired from State Police service last Friday after more than three years as the department's top official. Mawn has been serving as commander of the Division of Investigative Services, which takes up homicides, violent crime, crimes against children, drug offenses, cybercrimes, and organized crime investigations.

Healey's office said that the Investigative Services Division had a 97 percent homicide solve rate under Mawn



Lt. Col. John Mawn Jr.

and also launched new trainings to enhance investigations, increase police accountability, and implement new strategies. He also created the State Police's first division diversity officer position to recruit women and people of color, review job postings and hiring practices for potential bias, and report division-wide diversity statistics.

Healey said this week that she is looking for someone with "integrity and managerial competence." She is the first governor able to take advantage of a provision of the 2020 policing reform law allowing the State Police colonel to be hired from outside of the department's current ranks.

Mawn joined the State Police in 1993 after service with the US Marine Corps in the Gulf War and in Kuwait, and six years as a police officer in Harwich. He moved through the ranks to become captain and executive officer of Troop D, and later major and deputy division commander of investigative services. He holds degrees in criminal justice from Curry College.

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UPCOMING CIVIC MEETINGS AND COMMUNITY EVENTS

The BPDA will host a virtual public meeting on Tues., Feb. 28 at 6 p.m. to discuss BC High's plans for additional campus construction at 150-160 Morrissey Blvd. The meeting will be held via Zoom. See page 4 for more details.

The Ward 15 Democratic committee will meet via Zoom on Sat., Feb. 25 from 10-113:30 a.m. The link is available at the group's Facebook page.

The Boston Parks and Recreation Department will hold a virtual public hearing on Thurs., March 2, at 10 a.m. on a request to remove one London Plane tree measuring 15 inches dbh (diameter at breast height) at 15 Talbot Ave. in front of Harambee Park in Dorchester in order for the Boston Water

and Sewer Commission to replace a failing drainage structure. Please note that the hearing will be a virtual meeting via Zoom at https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82670474640. Written comments or questions may be submitted to parks@boston.gov prior to the hearing. A final decision regarding the request will be made within two weeks of the hearing. For further information, please contact the Tree Warden at 617-635-7275.

St. Mark's Area Civic Association will meet on Tues., Feb. 28 at 7 p.m. in the lower hall of St. Mark Church, 1725 Dorchester Ave. See stmarkscivic.com for more info.

The BPDA will host a virtual public meeting on Thurs., March 2 to discuss a proposed four-story building at 150 Centre St.,

Dorchester by Trinity Financial. The meeting will be held via Zoom.

Codman Square Health Center is offering free tax preparation clinics for Boston residents at 450 Washington St., Dorchester throughout the tax season. Drop by the clinic on Mondays and Tuesdays from 4-8p.m. or Saturdays 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Call 617-822-8182 for more info.

The New England Women's Leadership Awards, hosted by Boys & Girls Clubs of Dorchester, will be held on Monday, May 15, 2023. NEWLA was among the first events of its kind in the Boston area, and so far has recognized 134 outstanding women. To learn more about NEWLA, visit bgcdorchester.org.

Mattapan now has a free Senior Center open on Tuesdays and Thursdays at Mildred Avenue Community Center, 5 Mildred Ave, from 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. If you are not a member of the BCYF Centers in Boston you will fill out a form at the front desk. Regular activities are available in the game room, and exercise room with card games, refreshments, lunch, arts/crafts, socializing, karaoke and joint programs with the Mattapan Library. The follow is schedule of events: March: March 2 - Boston Fire Department Safety Presentation 10 a.m.; March 7 - Computer Classes begin.

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Wu vetoes council's proposal for elected school committee

By Max Larkin WBUR REPORTER

In a letter sent to the City Council last Friday (Feb. 17), Mayor Michelle Wu vetoed a City Council proposal to convert the Boston School Committee into an elected body, writing that she "deeply respect[s]" proponents' commitment to students, but that she "cannot support legislative changes that would compromise our ability to stabilize and support the Boston Public Schools during this critical period."

The veto did not come as a surprise given Wu's tepid support for the proposal.

Her letter came two days after Council voted, by a slim majority, on Feb. 15 to restore an elected school committee, after three decades in which members have been appointed by the mayor.

But before the switch to an elected committee could become a reality, the proposal needed something it didn't have: Wu's blessing. She told GBH News last Tuesday that she has "never been supportive" of the change.

Her veto makes the 7-5 City Council vote moot, for now. But there is popular support for the change.



Mayor Wu vetoed legislation that would have shifted, in two phases and election cycles, the school committee from mayoral appointees to elected members. $Image\ via\ Isabel\ Leon/Mayor's\ Office$

In the fall of 2021, 79 percent of voters in Boston supported switching from an appointed to elected school committee. Boston is the only municipality in Massachusetts that does not elect members of its school committee, which hires the superintendent and approves the district budget.

On the campaign trail that year, Wu said she would support a partly-elected "hybrid" committee. Since she took office in November 2021, though, she has argued

that it's a bad time to make big changes in the state's largest school district.

At last Wednesday's hearing, one city councilor argued that the mayor's position flies in the face of democratic norms — though the 2021 ballot measure was a non-binding advisory question. "At the end of the day, we were all elected — including the mayor—to represent the people. Those who put us in office expect us to do the work," said Julia Mejia, one of the measure's

co-sponsors. "This is not a time to cop out."

The council voted that day on a revised version of a petition first filed in 2021. It proposes phasing in a 13-member elected school committee over roughly four years, according to co-sponsor Ricardo Arroyo. The measure also proposes adding an additional non-voting student member — for two in total — in the fall of 2023.

The current school committee comprises of seven appointed members, and one non-voting student member. Two of the current members were appointed by Wu, while the others were appointed by her predecessors.

Among the skeptics of the switch to an elected body were Ed Flynn, council chair, who voted "no," and Councillor Kenzie Bok, who voted "present," effectively abstaining.

Bok said many of her constituents favored a hybrid, partly-appointed model, which was not an option on the ballot in the fall of 2021.

"What I've heard is a desire for stakeholder accountability," Bok said, listing as an example including members who have expertise with students with disabilities or English learners—something only mayoral appointments could guarantee.

Flynn sided with the mayor's argument on the question of timing, saying, "Now is not the time to make major change in the governance of our public school system."

Flynn added that Wu and Mary Skipper, the superintendent of the Boston Public Schools since September 2022, "deserve a chance to show us what they can do," given surging budgets and state-mandated

reforms to transportation, school safety, and other areas.

If the passed measure were to have won Wu's signature, it would then have needed approval from both houses of the Legislature and Gov. Maura Healey.

Councillor Kendra Lara of West Roxbury argued that an elected school committee would fix what she argued was a historical wrong. "When Black and brown people in the city of Boston were being shut out from ... their municipal government, the elected school committee was really a place where they could go to have their [voices] heard," she said, adding that the move to full mayoral appointment in 1992 took that outlet away.

Meanwhile, Councillor Michael Flaherty proposed an amendment on Wednesday to cut the proposed size of the elected committee from 13 to 7. He called the prospect of a 13-member body "unwieldy," but the amendment failed, with nine City Council members voting against it.

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Walsh will take up NHL union job in the middle of March

By Gintautas Dumcius Managing Editor

Marty Walsh is expected to start his new job as executive director of the National Hockey League Players' Association in mid-March, the union said in a statement last week.

Walsh, Boston's mayor between 2014 and 2021 and before that a local lawmaker and labor leader, is the first Cabinet member to leave the Biden White House. While continuing to live in Dorchester's Lower Mills neighborhood, he has served as President Biden's secretary of labor since March 2021. Walsh, 55, has been



Marty Walsh and Joe Biden in the Seaport in 2019. Image via Mayor's Office archives

quiet about taking the job since it was first reported weeks ago in a hockey news outlet. Reports indicate he'll be earning an annual salary of more than \$3 million.

union released this statement on his behalf: "My years of experience in the labor movement and in public life has taught me that the job is never Last Thursday, the about me. It's about us.

Toronto-based players

It's about the people we serve. So, I look forward to working with players and the NHLPA staff to make the NHLPA the best and most effective team we can be to advance and protect the interests of our players and their families."

The union's executive board unanimously voted to appoint Walsh as head of the union, ending a nine-month search to replace Don Fehr, who has held the job since December 2010.

"Marty is a proven leader with a strong union background," Kyle Okposo, a member of the search committee and a Buffalo Sabres player, said in a separate statement. "His energy and ability to connect with players were immediately evident to the search committee."

After reports of Walsh's move first surfaced several weeks ago, Dorchester residents and hockey fans wished him well.

"Things are changing in athletics now and it's such a business as well as it is entertainment, they'll need his labor expertise to navigate those changes," said Shaun O'Sullivan, a board member of Dorchester Youth Hockey (DYH). "All of his traits and characteristics and the

way he handles himself, it's nice seeing someone like that have this kind of opportunity."

Added Tim Rogers, DYH's secretary: "With him moving on to the NHLPA, and with Dorchester being a well-known hockey town, we're sure it will create some wonderful opportunities for our program and other programs throughout the city. When a Dorchester native makes it to that level, you can guarantee they are going to give back to where they came

Seth Daniel contributed to this report.

Healey taps Rep. Santiago for veterans' services secretary post

By Sam Doran STATE HOUSE News Service

Gov. Healey last week said that state Rep. Jon Santiago of Boston, a major in the US Army Reserve, is her pick as the state's secretary of veterans' services. Santiago recently returned from an overseas deployment, and Healey plans to swear him in on Wed., March 1, the date that the veterans' secretariat rises to the cabinet level under a 2022 reform law.

Speculation arose last week about Santiago's



Maura Healey and Jon Santiago on the 2022 campaign trail. Image via Twitter

future in the House committee assignments after he received no for the upcoming term.

His departure will likely lead to a special election for a Boston seat that begins in Copley Square and reaches down into Dorchester, around the area of the South Bay shopping plaza.

In addition to his military service, Santiago is an emergency medicine physician at Boston Medical Center, and his appointment comes during a time of increased scrutiny at the state-run long term care facilities for veterans.

The veterans' secretary will be "the ultimate appointing authority of the superintendents" of the two soldiers' homes in Holyoke and Chelsea, according to Healey's office.

"His public health expertise and military service make him uniquely qualified to serve as Massachusetts' first ever Secretary of Veterans' Services. I'm confident that he will be the leader our veterans need and deserve and will always stand up for their health, safety and wellbeing."

Born in Puerto Rico, Santiago studied biology and religious studies at the University of Texas at Austin, earned a master's in public health at the University of Washington at Seattle, and graduated from the Yale School of Medicine. He volunteered with the Peace Corps in the Dominican Republic.

The South End resident was reelected last November to a third term, after running for Boston mayor in 2021 but dropping out of that race. He first entered the House in 2019 after defeating longtime incumbent Rep. Byron Rushing in a Democratic primary the previous fall.



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Two (2) virtual informational meetings will take place on Wednesday, February 22, 2023, from 5:30 PM to 7:00 PM and Saturday, March 18, 2023, from 12:00 PM to 1:30 PM through the following link:

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Meeting of the general public to review the proposed 150-160 Morrissey Blvd project. This meeting will be focused on the proposed 150-160 Morrissey Blvd project. Please note that this is a Public Meeting. The meeting will begin with a 45-minute presentation of the project by the development team, followed by 45-minutes of public Q&A.

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Pressley, survivors highlight trauma response at Harvard Street Health

By Sam Drysdale State House News Service

The next pandemic with which the U.S. will have to contend is widespread and untreated trauma, Congresswoman Ayanna Pressley said Tuesday.

Pressley met with Boston Marathon bombing survivors at a community health center in Dorchester to discuss the Post Disaster Mental Health Response Act, which Pressley and other law-makers filed in 2021 after conversations with marathon bombing survivors. President Joe Biden signed the legislation into law in December.

The new law expands federal mental health support for survivors of natural disasters, domestic terrorist attacks and other crises that are declared designated emergencies by FEMA, according to Pressley. Before the law, shortterm mental health resources for survivors through FEMA were only available following "major disaster declarations," like COVID-19, but not "emergency declarations" for "smaller" disasters, like the Boston bombing.

Pressley said that there have been 4,000



Boston Marathon bombing survivor Lynn Julian, left, spoke during an event to higlight a new law aimed at assisting victims of trauma held at Harvard Street Neighborhood Health Center. Shown from 1-r: Julian, survivor Manya Chylinski, Councillor Julia Mejia, Harvard Street president Charley Murphy, and US Rep. Ayanna Pressley.

Photo courtesy Rep. Pressley's office

emergency declarations around the U.S. in the last decade, for which survivors did not get access to FEMA's federal resources for trauma recovery.

"Trauma is nonlinear and it's discriminatory, and our federal response should meet every impacted individual exactly where they are," Pressley said. "This measure will confront what I deem to be the next pandemic, and that's trauma."

Marathon bombing survivor Manya Chylinski called Pressley's office after connecting with fellow survivors and hearing that they all had struggled to find mental health care after the traumatic event.

"I just felt like I kept knocking on doors, kept saying, 'Can you help me? This thing happened to me, can you help me?" Chylinski said on Tuesday. "It felt like if I was going to get help, I had to figure it out myself."

FEMA's counseling assistance program, which is now available for survivors of emergency declarations, provides emergency mental health care within the first nine months of the event.

"We know that the earlier you help people, the better chance they have at recovery, and that might mean helping people enough that they don't then need formal mental health treatment," Chylinski said.

Lynn Julian, another Boston bombing survivor who suffered brain damage, permanent hearing loss, and severe neck, back and shoulder injuries, said her complex PTSD might have been avoided if she had gotten the therapy she needed more quickly.

It took seven months after the April 2013 attack for Julian to access group therapy, at which point her PTSD evolved to become "complex," she said.

She was afraid to leave her building and to get into a taxi alone with a male driver, she said. When Julian went to the emergency room for what was later diagnosed as PTSD and a brain injury, doctors offered to have her see a priest, then sent her home with discharge papers with just the word "anxiety" on them, she said Tuesday.

Julian said the Massachusetts Resiliency Center -- which provided free services for victims of the marathon bombings, operated by the state's Office of Victim Assistance -- turned her away. She said center staff told her they were not accepting survivors with "internal" or "invisible" injuries.

"Our trauma was fresh, and we needed help," Julian said.

In addition to providing federal resources to connect survivors of domestic terrorism with treatment, Pressley said the law will also help provide resources for those who survive natural disasters that are declared as emergencies. That feature, she said, will become more important as climate change fuels an increase in extreme weather events.

Samantha Paladini of nonprofit Communities

Responding to Extreme Weather, said a case study on Hurricane Katrina survivors found 54 percent said they developed anxiety and mood disorders, 54 percent of adults and 45 percent of children developed depression, and one in six people developed PTSD.

"Recognizing the interconnection between natural disasters and mental health in this bill is a big step forward for the climate action movement," she said.

Pressley introduced the legislation alongside Reps. Dina Titus of Nevada, David McKinely of West Virginia, Peter Meijer of Michigan and Sens. Dick Durbin of Illinois and Rob Portman of Ohio.

Morningstar's Bishop Borders always pays attention

(Continued from page 1) the pulpit at Morningstar's former building (the onetime Schlossberg Funeral Chapel building) in April 1981. What he didn't know is that when he left the church that day, the members had an emergency meeting to figure out how to make him their permanent pastor – which they did.

"The first time I preached at Morningstar was April 26, 1981, and it was my fourth time ever preaching in my life," he said. "The sermon was entitled, 'Going Back Fishing.' I've been here ever since. I've only presided over one church."

A church community evolves

Morningstar dates to 1965 when 20 people split from the New Hope Baptist Church in the South End and settled on Blue Hill Avenue in Mattapan at the old funeral home. After three attempts at a new building to support the growing mega-church, in the early 2000s, they completed the church that stands just up from Morton Street and is a visual beacon on the Blue Hill Avenue skyline.

Since Borders gave that first sermon, the story of Morningstar has been how it has adjusted to serve the community physically and spiritually. In his early days, Borders had to come up with a sermon "with no experience



Bishop John Borders III of Morningstar Baptist Church in Mattapan. Robin Lubbock/WBUR photo

at all." That prepared him for navigating unexpected situations.

Borders and Deacon Stanley McConnell, the chair of the church's Board of Deacons, noted that the church was changed forever in 1992 when a gang brazenly ambushed a church service trying to kill a young man in the sanctuary. The scene was chaotic and violent, and Borders said it stole something from them.

"We were one of the first churches in the country that suffered the loss of the ideal that the church is a safe sanctuary for people," he recalled. "When the gang came in here and tried to kill that young man and people were trampled upon and shot at and that young man was subsequently stabbed, what I heard throughout the city and

the community was the church is not a safe space anymore."

Borders said that changed Morningstar forever. To this day, the church is a congregation on "alert" and always at the ready during public meetings or worship services. On the positive side, the event led to the formation of the Ten Point Coalition, which includes 300 clergy from all religions coalesced to address Boston's gang problem. It became a nationally recognized initiative.

The trauma also pushed Morningstar and Bishop Borders into serving the community by addressing the violence around them, and by comforting grieving families. Many times, those being mourned at funerals were not even members, but community folks who needed the big shoulders of Borders and his congregation. That included the Odom family, who lost Steven Odom, 13, in a horrific 2007 murder.

"You become a certain kind of congregation when you have to handle a thousand angry, grieving mourners," Borders said. "So, to this very day we are more knowledgeable than most churches in dealing with grief and bereavement."

Community service also emerged in the late 1990s. "We sort of morphed from dealing with violence and grief to paying more attention to health and social disparities here," he said. "That led to a response to this neighborhood being a food desert. Last year we gave away 1,822 bags of food to the neighborhood, all church funded, and much of it to people who are not members."

McConnell said Borders is good at recognizing helpers, and delegating responsibilities well. He said he has a talent for seeing where people will be in six months or five years, and how they can be valuable to the church.

"I think it's the integrity piece of Bishop Borders and I think that played into Morningstar's favor," said McConnell. "Morningstar isn't mixed up in any scandals. For me to see other churches come and go, we've managed

to stay here. I know God has a plan for the church in the communities of Mattapan, Dorchester, and Roxbury."

Charting the future

Borders is already planning for life after the pulpit, though he's not retiring right now. When he does, he hopes to write more books. He has one coming out in April called 'Walk Your Path.' Outside of the pulpit, he has become very excited about a board member role with the one-year-old Independent Professionals Association (IPA), an organization that advocates for Black and Brown entrepreneurs and gig workers.

"Serving this gig economy is very exciting because I'm expanding as a socially conscious person and bringing my expertise as a pastor and someone in the community to the discussion," he said.

But adjusting to a changing community and keeping the message and their faith fresh Sunday after Sunday is what Borders and his deacons are focused on now. McConnell said they don't want to become one of those churches "that has a big, nice church building that no one comes to anymore."

Borders and McConnell say they continually face pressure to move the church off Blue Hill Avenue to the suburbs. Some 20 years ago, there was a call to move outside of Boston. Borders advocated for staying because moving would have discarded the growing congregation they had become. While other churches have made that move, Morningstar has not, and Borders said they're thriving because of it

Outside their doors, an uncertain future approaches with new residential developments and a new streetscape - including a proposed dedicated bus lane on Blue Hill Avenue - being mapped out. The languages spoken are not only English; Kreyol, Portuguese, Spanish have become more prominent. But with those changes, Borders said, Morningstar will also change. They will become a church that people can walk to.

"We are going to send out foot soldiers into this community and create an effort that results in people being able to walk to church," he said. "We're ready to adjust and recruit a whole new demographic, which happens to be our neighbors. It's the only way a community church survives. You survive by recognizing a community's needs and that's what we intend to do once again. I will be dead before this building ever becomes condos.'

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BPS officials eye May vote for Shaw-Taylor merger

By SETH DANIEL NEWS EDITOR

Boston Public Schools (BPS) and city officials told parents and staff from the Shaw and Taylor Elementary Schools in Dorchester and Mattapan that they still plan to merge the two schools and would like to present the plan to the School Committee on April 26. They're eyeing a committee vote by May 10.

Merger talks were first put on hold in September 2022. But BPS's current thinking on the merger came out during an online public meeting on Feb. 16, with school officials saying they planned to work closely with the two school communities over the next few months to design the proposal for presentation on April 26.

BPS hopes to merge the two schools by the start of the 2024-25 school term. The plan would consist of using the existing Shaw school building and the existing Taylor school building – which are located about a half-mile from one another on Morton Street – to house a two-campus merged school.

BPS officials noted the Shaw has 11 general education class-rooms and one early childhood classroom allotted for next year for grades K0-5. The Taylor has five different types of classrooms for grades K0-6. They include eight inclusion classrooms, seven general education classrooms, eight Haitian Kreyol Sheltered English Immersion (SEI) classrooms, two multi-lingual classrooms,



Parents protested the planned merger of the P.A. Shaw and Taylor schools at an event held at the Shaw school last year. At right: Supplies in a classroom at Shaw Elementary.

Emily Piper-Vallillo photos

and two moderate intellectual impairment classrooms.

The plan presented to the community would result in a merged enrollment of approximately 747 students. Students in all types of classrooms in grades K0-1 would likely attend the Shaw school building. Students in all different types of classrooms attending grades 2-6 would go to the Taylor school building.

Parents, staff and other stakeholders will be consulted through a design team that is being assembled right now. It will include three family members from each school, three staff from each school,



the school leader from each school, the BPS superintendent, a capital planning

project manager, a community engagement manager, a Racial Equity Planning Tool (REPT) liaison, and a City of Boston representative.

Prior to the School Committee vote, the team would be focused on creating the proposal using data and input to create a model that would "result in closing gaps and accelerating learning." After the vote, the team would continue their work until Sept. 2024 to implement the plan and further develop the details.

Anyone from the two school communities who would like to be a part of the design team should email capitalplanning@bostonpublicschools. org.



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Yet another push-back for L Street center re-opening

By BILL FORRY **EXECUTIVE EDITOR**

The long-delayed re-opening of the renovated Curley Community Center in South Boston continues to fall further behind schedule as workers wait for the delivery of essential equipment and furniture needed for operations inside the building.

In December, city officials told the Reporter that the community center— also known as "L Street"— would likely re-open this winter following a \$23.3 million renovation project that has overshot its original completion date by well over a year now.

This week, city officials once again moved the goalpost, blaming supply chain delays that will now push the re-opening into the late spring or early summer. In a statement, a city spokesperson said: "Boston Centers for Youth & Families is committed to reopening the Curley Community Center as soon as possible, and is excited to share its new facility features and programming that Boston families deserve.

"The opening is pending supply chain issues that have delayed the delivery of internet network equipment (which was ordered in the fall)

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Above: A drawing shows the building from above. A rendering, right, shows what the renovated L Street/Curley Community Center will look like when it re-opens someday following an extensive renovation project.

Čity of Boston images and furniture needed to open the site. BCYF is currently preparing for a spring opening as the city arranges temporary solutions for these delivery delays. BCYF will keep the local community informed as a timeline solidifies."

However, a spring re-opening is not a rock-solid proposition. Key equipment needed for internet services won't arrive until May and will still need to be installed, according to an official familiar with the



project. In the meantime, city workers are scrambling to get temporary furniture delivered as a stopgap measure until the full inventory arrives in the spring. Still, a precise opening date remains elusive at this point.

The new-and-improved

community center will house a new dance studio, fitness center, senior space, locker rooms and three multi-purpose rooms for community events.

The project — a complete rebuilding and modernizing of the 1930s era building on Columbia Road— was supposed to be largely completed in Nov. 2021. Key wellness and social services, including programming for children and seniors, have been displaced during the extended closure, which started in March 2020 due to the Covid crisis. The center never re-opened, with city officials choosing to instead "fast-track construction and work started inside the building in October 2020.

Last fall, the Reporter revealed that the project was beset by dueling lawsuits triggered by a dispute between the city $of Boston\, and\, contractors$ hired to complete the job.

The legal wrangling between the city and its chosen contractor, Boston Building & Bridge Co. (BBB), which won a competitive bid to gut and rebuild the Curley Center, started in 2021. The contractor said it found hazardous materialsincluding asbestos—that were not part of the original contract with the city. BBB claimed that the need to remediate the hazardous materials ran up costs on the project by nearly \$700,000, which the contractor said Boston refused to pay.

After the two parties failed to resolve the money and timing dispute through mediation, the city of Boston filed its own complaint against the architectural firm it hired to plan to project, the South Boston-based DesignLAB Architects, Inc. (dLAB) and its insurance agency, CAN Surety.





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Reporter's People in and around our Neighborhoods

Lisette Le to lead Barr Foundation initiative on Racial Wealth Equity

The Barr Foundation is $delighted \, to \, announce \, the \,$ appointment of Lisette Le as director of Barr's Racial Wealth Equity Initiative, effective Feb. 21.

Le brings extensive experience in nonprofit leadership with a consistent focus on work in communities. Throughout her career, she has advanced public policies for social justice. Le served for four years as Executive Director of the Vietnamese American Initiative for Development (VietAID) in Dorchester's Fields Corner neighborhood. She started her career with Boston's Chinese Progressive Association and most recently was a principal with Kittleman & Associates, a nonprofit executive search firm.

"Throughout her career, Lisette has brought a deep respect for the communities she has served and a keen focus on driving change," said Jim Canales, Barr's president. "Her skills, experiences, and approach all align to what we sought in a leader for Barr's Racial



Lisette Le, former executive director of VietAid in Fields Corner, this week took on a new position with the Barr Foundation.

Wealth Equity initiative. She is a collaborator who knows how to guide and support diverse coalitions. She is a leader who has built deep and trusting relationships in communities of color across Greater Boston. And she understands the policy and other system levers that enable change."

Said Le, "I am humbled and excited for the opportunity to join the Barr Foundation and lead this new facet of its broader work to center racial equity. I'm looking forward to learning from, working with, and meeting new partners who are eliminating the racial wealth gap and building strong, resilient communities.

Museum educator Frazier is praised as 'Hero Among Us' for work on Black history The Boston Celtics and Massachusetts State Lot- relentless passion, she restored a critical historical

tery recently named Dorchester native L'Merchie Frazier as a "Hero Among Us." Frazier dedicated her career to sharing untold stories and contributions of Black Bostonians of the past.

For more than 20 years as an educator at The Museum of African American History on Beacon Hill, Frazier reclaimed the narratives of more than 500 years of New England's Black history. With a

landmark and educated all who have entered by celebrating those on the front lines of racial equality throughout the nation's history.

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For her contributions to ensuring that Black history remains a part of American history and in celebration of Black History Month, L'Merchie Frazier was honored as a Hero Among Us on Feb. 1, when the Celtics played the Brooklyn Nets.

Conservatory Lab Charter School welcomes 'outer space' orchestra to Uphams Corner

On Friday, Feb. 10, Conservatory Lab Charter School in Uphams Corner welcomed the Multiverse Concert Series for the school-based premiere of Black Hole Symphony. Black Hole Symphony is a partnership between the Museum of Science and Multiverse Concert Series, whose world premiere at the Charles Hayden Planetarium Completely sold out.

"Black Hole Symphony is a symphonic journey through spacetime, performed by a live chamber orchestra under the Planetarium dome. This revolutionary new show is a unique collaboration between astrophysicists of the Harvard-Smithsonian CFA and Black Hole Initiative with the musicians of the Multiverse Concert Series. Composer David Ibbett has sonified the light of black hole galaxies as musical notes and chords, woven into a dramatic



Violinist Ryan Shannon, Cellist Johnny Mok, and Soprano Agnes Coakley-Cox, and Dr. David Ibbett, Conductor and Director of the Multiverse Concert Series. One photo

electro-symphonic score set to immersive 3-D visuals from the Charles Hayden Planetarium," said a spokesperson from the Museum of Science.

Conservatory Lab ries and James Monroe,

Charter School's Director of El Sistema, Andrea Davis, partnered with Dr. David Ibbett, Conductor and Director, Multiverse Concert Se-

Senior Producer, Adult Programs & Theater Experiences, Museum of Science to bring this phenomenal experience from the planetarium to Conservatory Lab Charter School's upper campus for a performance for the 6th, 7th, and 8th grade students. This stunning program included visuals that were specifically adapted for this performance. Students learned about black holes and sonification (the use of non-speech audio to convey information or perceptualize data) prior to the performance, and after were able to ask the performers and Dr. Ibbett about the composition process, music, and experiences.

This experience was part of Conservatory Lab's dedication to enriching their students' education with music across content areas, in this case the connection of music and science.

Kennealy joins BGCB as chief strategy officer

Boston (BGCB) recently named former Massachusetts Secretary of Housing and Economic Development Mike Kennealy as its chief strategy officer and senior advisor to the Nicholas President and CEO, Robert Lewis,

Kennealy will work to formalize and lead the development and implementation of BGCB's strategic plan, including in the local clubs on Blue Hill Avenue and at the Mattapan Teen Center.

With more than 30 business and public service for the Commonwealth, Kennealy will develop opportunities

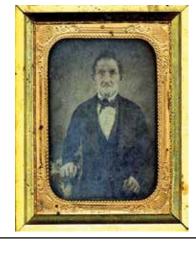
Boys & Girls Clubs of to drive the continued growth of the nonprofit organization. His work will include translating the new strategy for people across all functions and driving operational change in forging new working relationships and synergies.

"Boys & Girls Clubs of Boston is an incredible organization with a great team and board, beautiful facilities, and a new, visionary leader in Robert Lewis, Jr.,' said Kennealy. "Having known Robert for years, I look forward to making years of experience in his exceptional vision to cement BGCB as the leading youth development organization in the country – a reality.'

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DORCHESTER HISTORICAL SOCIETY Upham's Corner

Amos Upham, the eighth child of Lieutenant Phineas Upham, was born in Weston, Mass., on March 11, 1789, after the death of his father. He resided with his mother until he was apprenticed to learn the baker's trade. In 1817, he came to Dorchester, purchased a tract of land and established a grocery store at the place now known as Upham's (or Uphams) Corner, which he carried on for the rest of



Upham's (or Uphams) Corner is named for Amos Upham, who kept a general store at the corner of Dudley and Boston streets. The latter is today's Columbia Road.

his life. He was prominent, involved citizen of the town, an active member of the old fire department, a Free Mason, and member of the First Church of Dorchester.

On Dec. 28, 1819, he

married Abigail Humphreys, daughter of Deacon James Humphreys, of Dorchester. They had four children: James H.; Charles Amos, Abigail, who died at the age of five and half years; and Amos, Jr., who died in Philadelphia when about 32 years old.

Amos died on Jan. 25, 1872; Abigail died on Dec. 19,1878.

Source: "American Series of Popular Biographies.'

Massachusetts Edition, 1891.

The archive of these historical posts can be viewed on the blog at dorchesterhistorical society.org. The society's historic houses are closed due to the pandemic and building repairs. For now, our inperson programming has been suspended, and we are using Zoom instead.

Historian seeks to broaden narrative at the Pierce House

By IZZY BRYARS

SPECIAL TO THE REPORTER Just up the hill from the Adams Street Branch Library and across from Thomas J. Kenney School on Oakton Avenue sits the historic Pierce House, which is treasured as one of the last surviving examples of 17th century architecture in the city of Boston. Its present-day owners - the non-profit Historic New England open the premises to the public by appointment on select days throughout the year.

Middle school classes in particular visit the Pierce House to learn about its history and get a detailed look at ten generations of one family's history in Dorchester. Now, Historic New England has launched an effort to broaden the scope and mission of its programming about the house.

Paula Austin, a histo-



Paula Austin, Historic New England's new archival researcher dedicated specifically to investigating the Pierce House history.

Courtesy of Paula Austin

rian and assistant professor at Boston University, recently joined the Historic New England staff to kick off a new program called "Teaching the Full Dorchester Story." Part of that effort includes updating the organization's educational programs about the Pierce House to include

lesser-known voices from before, during, and after the Revolutionary War.

The Pierce House was built in 1683 by a member of the Minot family, who sold it as part of a 20-acre land sale in 1696 to Thomas Pierce, whose late father, Robert Pierce, had accumulated extensive property holdings in the Neponset River at the time. Thomas's family was the first of ten generations of Pierces to occupy the house.

Three generations later, Col. Samuel Pierce's account books and journals detail his part in "fortifying" Dorchester Heights during the Revolutionary War. Come 1968, the last member of the Pierce clan - Ann Grenway Pierce Shaughnessy - sold the property to Historic New England, which maintains the historic structure and offers three on-site courses based on family documents that have been passed down through the centuries. The main concept — until now— had been to teach kids about colonial life. Austin's program is intended to update the script.

"When the research for our current programs was done, close to 25



The historic Pierce House, owned and operated by Historic New England, was built in 1683. Colonel Samuel Pierce inherited the family house in 1768, the same year the British government sent troops to Boston in reaction to the Townshend Acts. Colonel Samuel Pierce recorded his involvement in fortifying Dorchester Heights from the British in the journals his family passed down. *Izzy Bryars photo*

years ago now, it was wonderful and thorough and really great," said Carolin Collins, Historic New England's manager of education programs. "And our programs are wonderful, but they really weren't looking specifically for stories of marginalized people."

Thanks to a grant from MassHumanities, Historic New England was able to bring on Austin to update the Pierce House research and uncover additional stories that can be infused into its current programs and, they hope, create new ones.

Austin, who started her research about a month ago, says the beginning phase consists of familiarizing herself with Pierce family and those with whom they might have interacted with as well as analyzing maps of the area.

"Right now, I'm just trying to get the lay of the actual land but also have the community landscape [like] 'who are all their neighbors?'" she said.

As she continues her work, Austin hopes to find way to bring lesser heard voices to the forefront of Dorchester history, but also connect those findings to today's issues. She specifically mentioned maybe finding stories of indigenous community members stories that fit into the Pierce House narrative.

"Many scholars of in-

digenous history actually talk about the kind of cultural dissonance there was, in which the selling [and compensation for land] wouldn't have actually been a meaningful thing for indigenous people," Austin said. "And, so, what they thought was happening in those interactions is very different from what the settlers thought was happening."

For Collins, the research could provide more reenactment opportunities for the House's Colonial Trades Program, a course based on the Col. Pierce's account books. In the course, students portray the people who would have been active at or near the home, from blacksmiths to wheelwrights.

Austin was struck in her first weeks of research by how many of the workers don't have last names. "Those people are really interesting to me because it tells me that they might be an enslaved person," Austin said. "It might be an indentured person. I don't know, I don't have those answers yet."

Austin thinks the research is important partly because it can help people of today's Dorchester "grapple" with current issues. "The only way that we can do that is by really understanding how we got here, and I don't think that we can do that without kind of fully knowing the very complicated history that we come from," she said.

The Pierce House is located at 24 Oakton Ave., Dorchester. It is open on select days for tours, but tickets are required. The next scheduled tour date is April 22. See historicnewenagland.org for more information.

Boston Pride for the People sets parade, festival in June on Common, City Hall Plaza

The Boston Pride parade and festival will be back in person this year for the first time since 2019 with a newly formed organization, Boston Pride for the People (BP4TP). The relaunched event planners intend to center the celebration around the people of the community.

Boston's Pride for the People parade and festival will take place on Sat., June 10, on Boston Common and at City Hall Plaza. More events and activities will occur on Sun., June 11, and throughout the month.

"The last time we came together, there was a different president, a different governor, a different mayor. The pandemic kept us apart for a long time," said Adrianna Boulin, President of BP4TP, in a press release. "Now, all of us are eager to reconnect, embrace each other as a community, and, most importantly, have fun."

BP4TP was formed in 2019 to reimagine Boston's annual Pride celebration. They took on responsibility for the festival after Boston Pride was dissolved in 2021.

The new organization has worked over the past year to ensure that input on the Pride events included a broad range of voices to make sure that people of marginalized communities feel "welcome and valued," according to BP4TP board member and an LGBTQ+ grassroots activist Jo Trigilio.

"Boston has a long history of advancing LGBTQ+ equality, and I'm so grateful to Boston Pride for the People to keep this legacy going and ensure the success of this year's events," said Mayor Michelle Wu in a press release. The last time a Pride parade was held in Boston it drew thousands of people to the city.

The group has set a fundraising goal of \$750,000 for the celebration. Anyone interested in volunteering to help with the event can apply at bostonprideforthepeople.org.

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A number of Dorchester residents who attend Archbishop Williams High School made the honor roll for the second term, including Shania Harry, Meghan McGoldrick, Aideen Kelly, and Emma Donovan, all of whom made the Principal's List with all grades of 90 and above. Those earning First Honors (grades 85 and above) included James Daly, Monica Kelley, Chloe Mannion, Aidan Nee, Luke Olsen, Maeve Applegate, Francis Armstrong, Halle Holt, Eve Moore,

Ava Porter, and Novia Nguyen. Second honors (80 and above) went to Mary Armstrong, Lila Curley, Patrick Hampton, Abigail Kelly, Casey Kelley, Margreta Kelly, Natalie Nguyen, Haziet Dong, Declan Hocker, Fiona Williams, Tadhg McDonagh, Alana Nguyen, Aisling O'Hagan, Ava Tankle, EllaRose Trapani, Patrick Cadogan, Mari Dolan, Ryan Higgins, Leo Lovering, Quinn Taylor, Iliana De La Cruz, Makayla Miller, and Alannah Tankle.

Students at Cristo Rey win design content for law firm

Morrison Mahoney LLP, a regional law firm headquartered in Boston that has partnered with Cristo Rey Boston's work study program since 2014, chose to work with students at the Savin Hill school to create a 75th Anniversary logo. Eight students across all grade levels participated in an Art Logo club and submitted designs in a competition.

"We have always been impressed by the drive, passion, and creativity of Cristo Rey Boston students and are so excited to partner with them to celebrate our firm's 75th Anniversary," said managing partner Scott Burke, who revealed the winning designs. Two logos created by junior year student Cynthia Nguyen of Dorchester and senior Brandon Barani of Hyde Park were chosen. Nguy-



From left, Scott Burke, Managing Director, Morrison Mahoney LLP, Cynthia Nguyen, Brandon Barani, and Rosemary J. Powers, President, Cristo Rey Boston High School.

Photo courtesy Cristo Rey Boston

en hopes to study at an Ivy League university and work toward a career as an architect.

In addition to the design contest, Morrison Mahoney will donate funds to Cristo Rey Boston to support the col-

lege aspirations of its students as part of their 75th Anniversary celebration, acknowledging their long-standing relationship with the school.

"We are thankful to Morrison Mahoney for providing many opportunities for students. Their involvement recognizes students' efforts to create a better future for themselves and their families," said Rosemary J. Powers, President of Cristo Rey Boston.

Editorial



Biden's finest hour

President Biden made a stealthy, but stirring visit to Ukraine's capital city on Monday, greeting the war-torn nation's leader, Volodymyr Zelenskyy, and touring Kyiv on foot as air raid sirens blared in the distance. It was a brilliant piece of statecraft, a blunt rebuke to Russia's Putin and a timely reminder that the American presidency – in competent hands – is the world's most powerful diplomatic tool.

The visit should galvanize public opinion domestically on the grave dangers of the Ukraine war and the imperative of blocking and repulsing Russia's aggression in the region. While some GOP extremists in Congress have sought to sow doubts about the US role in backing and financing Ukraine's defense, Biden's rousing response was a pitch-perfect rejoinder that has drawn praise even from across the aisle. In this era of pitched partisan entrenchment, that's quite the feat.

On Tuesday, in front of some 30,000 people in Warsaw, the president offered his own assessment of the war and its implications for freedom and democracy worldwide.

"One year ago, the world was bracing for the fall of Kyiv. Well, I've just come from a visit to Kyiv, and I can report Kyiv stands strong. Kyiv stands proud, it stands tall, and most important, it stands free."

He added: "When Russia invaded, it was not just Ukraine being tested. The whole world faced a test for the ages. Europe was being tested. America was being tested. NATO was being tested.

"And the questions we faced were as simple as they were profound: Would we respond, or would we look the other way? Would we be strong, or would we be weak? Would we, all of our allies, be united or divided? One year later, we know the answer. We did respond, we would be strong, we would be united, and the world would not look the other way."

Biden lacerated Putin and Russia for their prosecution of the war, alleging that Russians have "committed depravities, crimes against humanity," and "used rape as a weapon of war." But at the same time, he sent a clear message that the US and our European allies "do not seek to control or destroy Russia. The West was not plotting to attack Russia," he said. "This war was never a necessity. It's a tragedy. President Putin chose this war."

It was – to date – our president's finest hour in what has already been an impressive tenure in office. It may be too much to hope that Biden's triumphant trip might galvanize all Americans to back up a commander-in-chief who has so effectively rallied the western world to Ukraine's side. But perhaps members of his own party, at the very least, will see in their standard bearer a leader to admire and support.

Those who like to make sport of the president's speech-making and mannerisms by insinuating that he is somehow not up to his job, were dealt a large dose of reality this week. His bold visit— including a grueling, clandestine 20-hour round-trip train ride through a war zone and an eloquent, historic address a day later – exposes those critiques for what they are: an ageist slander against a good man who'll one day be regarded as a truly great president. – **Bill Forry**

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Commentary

It's a bridge too far gone

By BILL WALCZAK REPORTER COLUMNIST

"An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure" is a Ben Franklin maxim advocated in public health. Preventing or finding and treating a disease before it emerges lessens pain and suffering and reduces health care costs. Prevention works, and that goes well beyond health care.

Here in Massachusetts, our transportation system is way past being able to have a prevention strategy. Our long-neglected public transit system, considered essential for the economic growth of our state, breaks down almost every day. As to our highways, drive around and you'll find that nearly every bridge is heavily rusted.

Especially scary to me was a trip one recent morning to the Star Market on Morrissey Boulevard. The sun lit up the underside of the adjacent Southeast Expressway, where the edges of most of the beams are heavily rusted, and holes are visible in some. Every day, nearly 80,000 vehicles, including hundreds of 18-wheelers, use this roadway that sits directly above the tracks of the Red Line and the commuter rail line to the South Shore.

The 2021 Report Card for America's Infrastructure noted that 9 percent of Massachusetts' bridges were "structurally deficient," but the expressway, which runs through Dorchester, did not make the list. I can't imagine how bad a bridge must be to be considered "structurally deficient."

But somehow, the state's Department of Transportation has a plan to spend \$122 million to replace the drawbridge on Morrissey Boulevard that serves 160 pleasure boats associated with the Dorchester Yacht Club. The cost of the proposed replacement averages to \$762,500 per boat — quite a subsidy for the yacht club's boat owners.

According to the state Department of Transportation, the Beades Bridge opened 702 times in 2022 to let boats exit or enter the Dorchester Bay Basin, also known as Savin Hill Bay, at a cost to the state of \$116,480 for staff and operations. The drawbridge can be used by boats any day of the year, though during certain times of the year, use requires advance notice after midnight, and from October 15 through April 15, 24 hours' notice is required for it to be opened.

I'm told that the drawbridge is necessary because the basin below is considered a "navigable waterway," which is defined as "waters that are subject to the ebb and flow of the tide and/or are presently used, or have been used in the past, or may be susceptible for use to transport interstate or foreign commerce." It's true that the bay used to go over to Freeport Street, and that there used to be authentic commercial uses of the waterway, but the building of Morrissey Boulevard and the Southeast Expressway ended that.



A crumbling beam underneath the expressway. $Bill\ Walczak\ photo$

Wouldn't it be a lot cheaper – and more responsible to taxpayers – to move the yacht club to the other side of Morrissey Boulevard? Neighbors without boats are concerned that the bay will silt up if there is no yacht club there, but couldn't this problem be solved comprehensively as part of the plan to raise Morrissey Boulevard as a buffer against frequent flooding?

It's difficult to have any confidence in those responsible for maintaining our transportation infrastructure when much of it has been neglected for decades. The sides of the roads are filthy, and our public transit system continues to be a disaster, but we can find \$122 million for 160 pleasure boats.

But it's not just the Department of Transportation that's at fault. Our Legislature and our governors do not seem to care about long-term investment in infrastructure. When they had surplus money last summer, they gave it away rather than invest it in long-term needs. Why do we have to wait for a crisis to deal with things essential to our Commonwealth's success?

The recently passed millionaire's tax was a cry for prevention investment to deal with long term problems. Let's hope our leaders get the message.

Bill Walczak is a Dorchester resident and former president/CEO of Codman Square Health Center.

Off the Bench

So much violence, so many guns, with no solution in sight. How sad!

By James W. Dolan Reporter Columnist

The deplorable proliferation of firearms in this country is beyond resolution. The cat is out of the bag, Pandora's box has been opened, and the fat lady has sung. For years now we have witnessed mass killings, and after each event, the powers that be vow to tighten restrictions on the more than 300 million guns in the country, but it's too late for background checks, red flag laws and the like to have a significant impact.

There are just too many guns and anyone who wants one can get one, if not legally then illegally. The problem is just too immense to expect that half-way measures will have any appreciable effect. If you can't buy or steal a gun, you can make one. The myth that guns make us safer is nonsense. Look at the statistics of mass shootings here compared to other countries. How we must look to the rest of the world; a "shining city on a hill" set against a background of murder and mayhem.

The "founding fathers" could never have anticipated the Second Amendment, as absurdly interpreted, would become the linchpin in the destruction of a nation founded on "life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness." Had they known how destructive we would become, they would have added the word "grief." How violent a society we are. We consume it on television and the movies. Despite our contrived efforts to condemn and control it, we pause, shake our heads, and move on until the next time.

Guns are instruments of death and power. Larger weapons represent more power and more deaths. Na-

tions deplore war but rivals threaten each other with better and more lethal weapons. War is mass murder. Young people, many of whom don't understand why, kill each other on a massive scale. Innocent civilians are murdered by the thousands in bombing raids. For what? Nations resort to violence in defense of some real or imagined vital interest. Is it any wonder that armed individuals will do the same when reacting to some real or imagined provocation?

Sure, mental health issues, anger, and revenge all contribute to abusive behavior and we should strengthen efforts to address such problems before they turn violent. However, we cannot overlook guns, the most effective (and now readily available) instrument of death. How do we as a nation reverse course and severely restrict the possession of firearms? Given our history, are we so obsessed with a right to bear arms that we cannot change? Is it a sensible balancing of interests to tolerate mass mayhem so long as we, too, can be armed?

Some argue that sick or misguided people, not guns, are the problem. I disagree; as flawed human beings, we will always have the sick, misguided, and angry among us. The problem of gun violence cannot be alleviated by monitoring those with health or anger management issues. With guns so plentiful, they will always find a way to get one unless we do away with the Second Amendment as now interpreted. I doubt that will happen, and as a result, we are likely to go on lamenting the deaths of innocents.

How sad! We should be better than this.

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

Commentary

No more Seaports: To protect Dot residents, changes at the BPDA must begin immediately

By Steve Striffler and MARY JO CONNELLY SPECIAL TO THE REPORTER

The City of Boston is on the cusp of significant changes to its planning and development processes. In her January State of the City speech, Mayor Michelle Wu outlined plans to align development with Boston resident needs and enable it to address historical racial disparities. She will bring the Boston Planning and Development Agency (BPDA) under the control of the mayor and City Council, a move which is long overdue.

The mayor also committed to ending the BP-DA's redevelopment powers, shifting the agency's planning functions to a new city department with an updated charge: "to end the decades-old urban renewal mission of eradicating so-called 'blight and decay,' and rededicate our resources toward Boston's urgent needs: resiliency, affordability, and equity.'

If implemented, these proposed changes should, in theory, bring an end to a development model that has long fractured Boston neighborhoods and driven out working people who can no longer afford to rent or buy housing in Boston.

But what about the projects already in the BPDA pipeline? There are currently eighty-six projects in the development review process, plus three huge projects under Planned Development Area (PDA) review. Ten of these projects are in Dorchester. Most of them fail to address the mayor's priorities and, in fact, move our city in the opposite direction, creating entire neighborhoods where only the wealthy can live and play. What happened to the promise of "No More Seaports"?

To realign Boston development with the vision and goals Mayor Wu has set out, the city must start now, before there are no places left in Boston for working people to live. The city must put a moratorium on allowing the BPDA to approve projects that don't meet the new standards until those projects can be reviewed with these priorities in mind.

Most concerning for Dorchester are the three mega-projects that are each over 1.5 million square feet, with two of the three on Morrissey Boulevard. One of these, Dorchester Bay City, is a whopping 6.8 million square feet and it envisions a whole new neighborhood/city on a small ocean-side part of Harbor Point. It is emblematic of all that is wrong with the outgoing development model-and speaks to why the mayor's priorities need to be implemented now.

For starters, it is just too big for the 36-acre plot of land. It will add almost 2,000 housing units and over 4 million square feet of offices, labs, and retail space to an area that already faces some of the region's worst transit issues.

The most glaring problem, however, is that Dorchester Bay City will drive up rents and further gentrify the area, pushing residents out of Dorchester, one of the few remaining parts of Boston with large working-class communities of color and ethnic neighborhoods. It includes far too few affordable units and at levels that are twice or more the average Dorchester household income. The so-called "affordable" housing is not really affordable, and there isn't enough of it.

A project of this size should also do far more to create and fund good jobs for residents, to help keep our families and neighborhoods intact. This failure is especially tragic since Dorchester Bay City is being built on University of Massachusetts land public land where the commitment to building truly affordable housing should be stronger.

The Dorchester Bay City project, like others in the BDPA pipeline, reflects an outdated model of development where developer profits were prioritized over resident needs. It does not align with Mayor Wu's vision of recommitting resources to boost city's resiliency, affordability, and equity – a vision that implements campaign promises that earned her such a strong mandate in the last mayoral election.

Boston residents have been demanding development without displacement for years. The BPDA and Mayor Wu should halt approvals for mega-projects such as DBC until they meet or exceed the new requirements for truly affordable housing and pathways to good jobs. Allowing BPDA to continue with business as usual will crush our hopes for development that creates opportunity for all before it can even take root.

Mary Jo Connelly is a resident of the Jones Hill neighborhood of Dorchester. Steve Striffler is a professor of Labor Studies at UMass Boston and a resident of Dorchester.

Letters to the Editor

Shawmut site is ideal for 'TOD' housing

To the Editor:

Transit-oriented development, or "TOD", is nothing new. It's how land use and development have been organized in Boston for well over a century. This is certainly true along the Red Line, which opened in 1912, a month before Fenway Park.

The historic pattern of clustering dense, walkable development around Red Line stations is being replicated and reinforced—not only at Ashmont, JFK/UMass, Andrew, and Broadway, but out at the ends of the line in Cambridge and Quincy.

A lifetime spent riding the MBTA (including during my Dorchester childhood) has led to my work as a national TOD consultant and advocate. I've to build 74 apartments—most of them deed-restricted affordable units-on Centre Street, right next to Shawmut

To me, this seems like an example of why TOD is such a good deal. Seventy-four households get to live in a great neighborhood. They can walk out the door and have a one-seat ride to UMass, the financial district, downtown, Mass General, Kendall, and Harvard, and a two-seat ride to the airport, the Seaport, and practically everywhere else.

They can afford to live there if they don't own cars, and some can choose to forego a car to save money and help save the planet. For those who need to drive, as some obviously will, the proposed 39 spaces—one for every two been following with interest the plan apartments—is typical for a project of this type in subway locations.

I know people worry about density, and about the beautiful Victorians that surround the station area. Those are treasures. But the proposed housing site is an automotive business and parking lot next door to the train—exactly where good planning would tell you to put the density.

I've also read some concerns about how TOD can even work when the T is having so much trouble. I get

it—but that's the short view. The Red Line has been here a long time, and when the new fleet is finally in place, today's tribulations will fade. Boston's daily mobility is still organized around transit. Our ability to grow sustainably and house our people depends on a time-tested Boston idea—decent housing and good jobs near the T.

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Al Raine Brookline

A thanks to those working to preserve immigrant languages

The following letter was submitted in response to a Reporter article of last week titled "New Bostonians seek to preserve native tongues."

Fo the Editor:

When we were kids, my parents enrolled me and my siblings in the weekend language classes at VietAID. We were all embarrassed by not knowing how to read or write Vietnamese, even though most other students were pretty much at the same level. After we all decided to drop the course, the next time I was able to learn in a supportive setting was years later, with other first-generation students in college, an opportunity for which I remain immensely grateful.

Today, I appreciate all our community members working to preserve our languages—and our identities. Living in Boston and in a neighborhood like Dorchester, we are so fortunate to come across others with diverse cultures, yet ultimately similar dreams: to advance and provide a better life for future generations while staying true to ourselves. Communication, whether spoken or written, heard or read, is core to who we are.

At VietAID's Âu C Preschool, we

are overjoyed to welcome our youngest students of all backgrounds into the first and only Vietnamese bilingual, bicultural preschool program in Massachusetts. We recognize that language is crucial to passing on our culture and heritage, but that it can be especially hard for non-native speakers to emphasize their native tongue when the recurring thought tends to be that you must learn English to succeed in America

Oftentimes that expectation to assimilate falls doubly on their children, as bilingualism seems more at odds with, rather than complementary to, that journey. For many jobseekers, having an accent is a deterrent, even though speaking multiple languages is an asset that should be applauded.

While I'm not perfectly fluent in Vietnamese, what I have helps me connect with my mom, family members, and other folks in our community through conversation, text, and music. That's enough reason for me.

- George Huynh

The writer is the executive director of VietAID.



(MDPH)

BPDA board okays six-story mixed development on Dot Ave.

A new six-story building is expected to house 70 studio units and nearly 2,000 square feet of ground-floor commercial space at 1320 Dorchester Avenue, under a Fields Corner proposal approved last Thursday (Feb. 16) by the board of the Boston Planning and Development

The size of the units will range from 377 to 450 square feet. Eleven units will be set aside for affordable housing, and the project will have six on-site parking spaces. The plan, which originally sought 80 units, calls for a ground floor office and lounge space, as well as a fitness center, and a roof deck.

The \$20 million development involves the demolition of the two-story, mixeduse building that's currently there and has served as home to the "All American Water" company.

Construction is expected to start in



The 1320 Dorchester Ave. project seeks to replace a two-story residential and commercial building, as well as surface parking, with a six-story building that will be home to 70 studio-size units.

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the first quarter of 2024 and create 50 construction jobs.

Robert F. Raymond of 1334 Dot LLC is the developer, with George Morancy as the legal counsel, and Choo & Co. as the architect.

The developer plans to contribute \$50,000 to the nonprofit city organization called Fund for Parks that sits within the Parks and Recreation Department. The funds will be earmarked for maintaining green space at Ronan

The developer is also expected to work on providing curbside space on Dorchester Avenue for a BlueBike station with 15 spaces, to the tune of \$49,000, as well as improving the sidewalk dimensions at Dorchester Avenue and Ellsworth Street.

The project was proposed under the city's compact living policy pilot, first adopted by the BPDA's board in October 2018. The pilot offers design guidelines, for example, to help shrink a 1,000-square-foot, two-bedroom unit down to 600 square feet. Under the policy, studios have a maximum of 450 square feet.

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Comment period nearing end for residences by Trotter school

Plans for 23 residences on vacant parcels on Hollander and Holworthy streets by the Trotter Elementary School are facing the end of the comment period

on March16.

The proposal from Windale Developers, led by Arnold Johnson, includes 16 affordable housing units and 7 market-rate units, according to a filing submitted last year to the Boston Planning and Development Agency.

The BPDA's board last year voted to designate Windale, a certified minority-owned business, to develop 12 vacant and weed-strewn parcels owned by the city agency.

"As Dorchester apartment prices continue to rise, there is a strong need to keep longtime residents and new families from being priced out," the developer said in its filing, adding that the project will "revitalize abandoned land (and) provide new infrastructure

and landscaping."
The project will also create 46 on-site parking spaces for residents of the new buildings. On the west side of the property, an exterior courtyard will function as green space.

The area spans 35,300 square feet inside the Washington Park urban renewal area and close to Roxbury's Nubian Square, according to the 2022

The proposal is undergoing the BP-DA's "Article 80" review process for small projects, and needs approvals from the Boston Water and Sewer Com $mission\, and\, the\, Zoning\, Board\, of\, Appeal.$

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Dot, Mattapan projects get influx of city funds for housing projects

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Crossing." The mixed-used and mixed-income project by the Strand Theatre will create 48 income-restricted rental apartments, with 3,500 square feet of community space, and commercial space that will be less costly than the market rate. Twenty percent of the units will be marked for artists.

Columbia Crossing is steps from the Uphams Corner Station on the MBTA's Fairmount commuter rail line, and close to four bus routes. Developers plan to install an all-electric cooling and heating system, as well as a solar array.

The project is going up on land owned by Dudley Street Neighborhood Initiative, which picked the two nonprofits through a competitive process involving requests for proposals.

The project, approved by the board of the Boston Planning and Development Agency in November, is receiving \$3.9 million, Wu administration officials said in last week's announcement.

"This vibrant, mixed-use, mixed-income, and transit-oriented development will preserve and adaptively reuse the historic Dorchester Savings Bank building," Kimberly Lyle, CEO of Dorchester Bay EDC, said in a statement. "It will serve as a catalyst for future investment and development in the Uphams Corner neighborhood and provide affordable rental housing that is critically necessary.

Another project set to receive funds totaling just over \$5 million is DVM Consulting's proposal to develop 5



Columbia Crossing, which aims to restore the historic Dorchester Savings Bank building built in 1930, is one of several local projects that received city funds as Wu administration officials seek to support affordable housing production.

Rendering via POAH/DBEDC and BPDA

vacant parcels along Blue Hill Avenue into 12 units of income-restricted rental housing and 18 income-restricted homeownership opportunities, for a total of 30 units. The parcels are city-owned and DVM Consulting won the

The project also would add 3,300 square feet of commercial space on the first floor. Two income-restricted rental units will be geared toward artists. The Boston branch of Local Initiatives Support Corp. (LISC) last year loaned the project \$750,000 for architectural plans and permitting and financing consultants.

Construction is expected to get underway this fall, with completion set for fall 2024.

The Mattapan-based developer, run by Dariela Villon-Maga, has also worked on the "Dot Crossing" project behind the Fields Corner MBTA Station.

The last Dorchester/Mattapan project included in last week's announcement is the first building in the last phase of redeveloping the Mattapan State Hospital campus. 2Life Development Inc. is building the Brooke House, a 125-unit mixed-use building that will include supportive housing for seniors, two property managers who live in the building, a 4,000-square-foot child-care center, a 1,000-square-foot health care center, a small convenience store, and a 2,400-square-foot community space. A small convenience store is also part of the project.

The project, approved by the BPDA's board earlier this month, is receiving \$6 million from city funding sources.

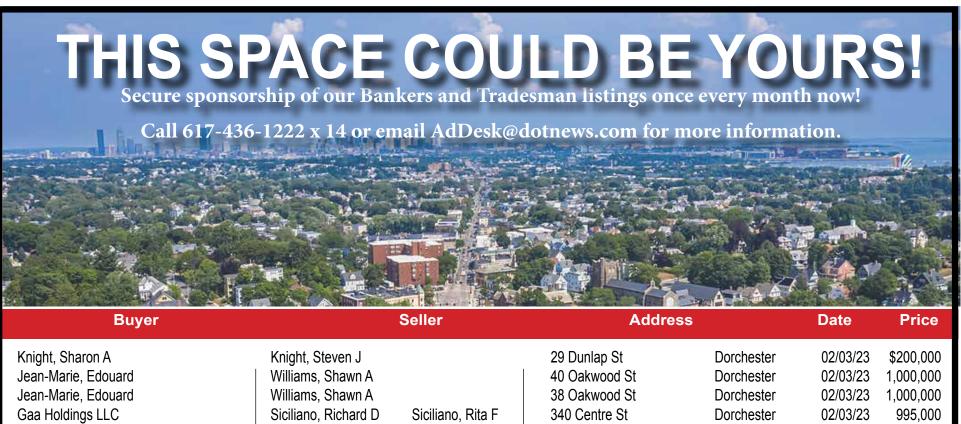
These housing awards represent significant investments in making our communities stronger and more affordable, ensuring that Boston remains a place that current residents, families and future generations can call home," Wu said in a statement.

The other projects include the renovation of the Brian Honan Apartments in Allston (\$1.5 million); the Asian Community Development Corp.'s redevelopment of a Chinatown parcel into income-restricted rental and homeownership units, along with a new neighborhood library branch (\$11.8 million); Roxbury Tenants of Harvard developing a new 12-story building at 775 Huntington Ave. in Mission Hill (\$6 million); and South Boston Neighborhood Development Corp. redeveloping the former convent known as McDevitt Hall into senior housing (\$5.1

Jamaica Plain and Roxbury each have three projects receiving city funding.

In JP, Pennrose Development and the Hyde Square Task Force are redeveloping the former Blessed Sacrament Church into rental housing and performance space (\$6.2 million); Jamaica Plain Neighborhood Development Corp.'s plan to redevelop Boston Housing Authority property by demolishing two buildings and building a new six-story building (\$5.2 million); and Urban Edge Community Development Corp.'s project to demolish one building and replace it with a new one in the same BHA complex, Mildred Hailey (\$4 million).

In Roxbury, there is money for: Madison Park Community Development Corp. and Urban League of Eastern Massachusetts teaming up to demolish a building and develop 84-88 Warren Street (\$6 million); Nuestra Comunidad Development Corp.'s Copeland Corner project (\$1.9 million); and Trinity Financial and Madison Park Community Development Corp.'s plan to develop 2085 Washington St. in Nubian Square (\$4.5 million).



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The comment period is coming to a close for the 150 Centre St. project, which envisions a four-story building replacing an auto body shop by **Shawmut MBTA Station.**

Image from ICON Architecture/Trinity Financial via BPDA

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bors as they seek to block the project. The area is zoned for single or two-family residences, and the abutting properties are owner-occupied single-family or small multi-family houses that were built more than a century ago "in an architectural style similar to that of the surrounding neighborhoods," the website says.

Nevin Lorden, an IAG member who supports the project and has clashed with opponents, took to Twitter to post a photo of flyer, calling it "litter" and adding, "if you feel that this flyer doesn't represent you, please join in standing up for dense, affordable, transit-oriented housing here in Dorchester."

The developer is Trinity Financial, which is coowned and operated by Jim Keefe, a Dorchester resident. The developer has also worked on the Carruth building next to Ashmont MBTA Station, transforming the area before moving on to redevelop the former Ashmont Tire business across the street into the Treadmark building.

The long-running battle over 150 Centre St. started with 91 units of housing, but after several rounds with local residents, Trinity has pared the number back to 74, with 39 parking spaces. Its letter of intent was filed in June 2022.

Michelle Sanchez, principal of the neighboring Epiphany School and an IAG member who attended the January meeting, asked proponents to lower the number of units even further, with more bedrooms to accommodate families. "It would be amazing if there was housing here that was family-oriented and low-income," she said at the virtual meeting.

The Epiphany School had itself sought to purchase and develop the property for itself, with its leaders saying they would seek to develop 100 percent affordable housing, with fewer units. But they backed off after Trinity sent a letter from their attorney, noting they have a purchase-andsale agreement with the Fitzpatrick Bros. property owners.

Healey says minimum wage should keep pace with inflation

After Gov. Healey responded to a question on the radio about another minimum wage hike without staking out a yes-or-no position, her press secretary said that she supports adjusting the wage floor to soften the impact of inflation.

"Governor Healey is a strong supporter of paying workers a fair wage and believes the state minimum wage should be adjusted over time to keep up with the cost of living," Healey spokes-person Karissa Hand said in a statement Wednesday afternoon. "She will review any legislation that reaches her desk."
The statement didn't

shed any new light on whether Healey believes the current \$15 per hour minimum wage is sufficient for the cost of living in 2023 or if she supports raising the minimum wage or indexing it to account for inflation, an idea that was dropped before the 2018 law was finalized.

The statewide minimum wage hit \$15 an hour on Jan. 1 in the last annual increase laid out under the 2018 "grand bargain" legislation that prevented a series of tax care," she said. and wage ballot questions from being decided by voters. In the weeks since the final hike took effect, supporters of the original push set their sights on charting a path to a \$20 per hour minimum wage by 2027.

Asked during an interview on WBUR's "Radio Boston" if she believes Massachusetts should take a step toward increasing the minimum wage again, Healey replied, "Right now, I am very much focused on what we have in terms of revenue, what we have in anticipated revenue, and what I can do in support through my proposed budget.

"When you talk about affordability, certainly wage and minimum wage is important, but it's also important to

look at what are we doing around food security, what are we doing around housing, what are we doing to drive down the cost of child

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A map shows how the proposed building, long and skinny, would be situated at 150 Centre St.

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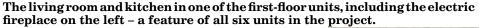
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What a developer went through to make his 'neighborhood look nice'







Natural light from large windows fills the bedroom of this first-floor unit.

(Continued from page 1) hampered by the inroads of Covid-19, supply chain issues, historic renovation considerations, investors backing out, and the expensive costs of taking too much time.

Now, with three units sold or under agreement, and the others actively on the market, Ho said he is happy with how the project turned out, even if it hasn't been a complete financial success.

"Many people tried to do this, and many people didn't even want to try it because it wouldn't amount to any profit," he said during a tour of the property last week. "I live in the neighborhood, and I know the history of the property. First, I wanted to try it because I want my neighborhood to look nice. It was sitting here for years, and I didn't want it to sit here for another five years. I did it and finished it, but on profits, it wasn't successful. I just want to recoup my costs and

break even. I only lost my time, but five years of it."

So far, Ho has sold one unit with a private deck for \$916,000, and a second for \$745,000. A third is under agreement for \$700,000, he said, and the remaining three units are priced between \$700,000 and \$800,000.

Each unit includes two spacious bedrooms with two bathrooms. Kitchens feature farmer's sinks and quartz countertops with highend appliances. Added touches include high ceilings (10.5 feet on the first floor) and electric fireplaces in each unit. There are laundry facilities inside each unit, and the building has central air conditioning, as well as 10 parking spaces in the back.

Over the last 60 months, 18 months were spent on planning and permits. The remainder involved dealing with spiraling construction costs and supply chain jams.



A farmer's sink and quartz countertops are striking features of the kitchens in each unit. Seth Daniel photos

For example, quotes for the required slate roof, copper flashings, and copper gutters came in far over budget and put everything in financial peril. A friend who does similar work on Beacon Hill homes was able to cut his price in half, but only if Ho was willing to allow him to work on it over a two-year period.

Another issue was the curved, tempered glass that was part of the historic front of the home. Supply chain problems were the key obstacle there. First, a contract with an Ohio company fizzled out after Ho waited seven months for them to deliver. He was able to find a company in China that could manufacture and deliver the specialty glass panels, but they cost \$6,800 each and he needed 20 of them. He had no choice but to go forward.

Things like that, he said, added up and as problems mounted, his investing partners wanted out. While they didn't withdraw fully, they decided not to put any more money into the project. Ho said he was at a crossroads, but decided he was going to finish this project no matter

what happened. "For them, that was it; that left me to have to go get the money from an equity loan and try to get money from friends to keep it going," he said. "I wasn't going to quit this project, but it was very hard to keep it going. We had to stop during the pandemic...My partner told me...if I didn't want to continue on my own, just sell it for a loss and move on. I knew if I did that, it would just sit another five years vacant, so I decided to see it out.'

Despite those trials, don't expect to see corners involving quality cut. The property has been returned to its former glory, with the outside now having clean lines and sharp edges, with modern conveniences inside.

Several neighbors, noting the completion of the project, have said they felt it was a win for the area, as the original plan was for demolition of the old home and construction of something less cohesive. They said the house is on one of the largest lots of land on Melville Avenue, so the pressure to develop something bigger was palpable.

Having done something that improves the neighborhood and puts a prominent vacant building back to good use, Ho said, "I'm very happy, and if I don't end up making any money, I'm still happy with the project," he said. "I'm in the neighborhood and I love the historic nature of it...You always learn something new in all of these projects. This was definitely a learning curve...Now I have very good experience with historic properties, and I think that will help if I were to do something again."

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Land deal near South Boston convention center generates backlash

By SAM DRYSDALE STATE HOUSE News Service

City officials and a state senator representing South Boston raised concerns last week that the independent convention center authority may be planning under "false pretenses" to develop land taken by eminent domain for mixed use rather than convention-related purposes.

State Sen. Nick Collins, Boston City Council President Ed Flynn and City Councilor At-Large Michael Flaherty sent a letter to state and city officials on Wednesday in opposition to the Massachusetts Convention Center Authority's plan to lease for 99 years three parcels of land on the South Boston waterfront for what they say is not its intended purpose.

After a meeting of the MCCAboardon Thursday (Feb. 16), a spokesperson for state Administration and Finance Secretary Matt Gorzkowicz also expressed concerns about the process of soliciting development proposals.

The mostly unbuilt 6.2 acres of asphalt along D and E streets across the street from the Boston Convention and Exhibition Center were taken by eminent domain in 2012 and 2013 to expand the convention center industry in the area.

After owning the properties for over a decade, the MCCA opened a 30day bidding period for the land on the week of Thanksgiving, resulting in only two bidders, according to the letter.

One development proposal filed by the Boston Global Investors firm would build three mixed-use commercial buildings that would include ground floor retail, a grocery store, a green roof for public gathering and urban agriculture, parking spaces and over 40,000 square feet of public open space.

Cronin Development's proposal also includes three mixed-use build-

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COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS THE TRIAL COURT PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT Docket No. SU23P0234EA ESTATE OF HERMINA EMELDICE LAYNE a/k/a: HERMINA LAYNE DATE OF DEATH: 8/31/2022 SUFFOLK DIVISION

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ings on the three land parcels. They propose a gallery focused on Black and brown artists, a performance and lecture space, life sciences labs, an open market area with food vendors, full service grocery store and a parking garage.

Both proposals also include 50,000 square feet of office space for the MCCA.

In the request the MCCA sent out on Nov. 21 to solicit proposals and start the 30-day bidding process, the authority said it was seeking development that "activates the D Street neighborhood through office, commercial, industrial and/ or similar uses," delivers the 50,000 square feet of office space for the authority, fulfills BCEC's parking needs and includes space dedicated to "community-based

When asked about the best use of the land for future development, authority spokesperson Philip Crohan referred to the "key elements and features we have identified as necessary.'

Collins said the development proposals didn't fit the listed purpose for the land taking in the 2012 and 2013 orders of taking, which say the properties should be used for "the expansion, operation, and promotion of convention and exhibition centers" or other facilities "necessary to provide services or accommodations to the public in connection" to the convention market.

"These assets were taken by eminent domain for a particular purpose that is not being executed with an open-ended bid offering," Collins, Flynn and Flaherty wrote to

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Register of Probate

Justice of this Court

Date: February 15, 2023

Administration and Finance Secretary Gorzkowicz and Boston's Chief Financial Officer Ashley Groffenberger, who sit on the board. "This has given rise to the concern about the MCCA land banking under false pretenses.

Collins said he believed the properties were intended for, and should still be used for, midpriced hotels to make BCEC more competitive for mid-priced conventions, rather than just luxury events.

"In addition to making Massachusetts more competitive in the meeting and conventions business by offering different price points, [hotels] would also deliver high-quality, blue collar jobs for a diverse array of area residents," the South Boston Democrat said.

The MCCA's request for proposal also says they expect the lease price per year would be 'at least" \$5 per square foot, which at 6.2 acres, is \$1.35 million. In 2012 and 2013 the MCCA paid roughly \$51 million for the land. Crohan said. The lease agreement is for a term of 99 years.

"We have heard from previous owners who would like their property returned if the aforementioned public purpose is no longer the driver for the need to own this land," Collins, Flaherty and Flynn wrote.

The three South Boston politicians urged the MCCA's board of directors to stop the "unusual and uncompetitive process so that the community and taxpayers can be sure that their assets are handled with integrity.'

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The authority board met Thursday to discuss the bids, but members quickly retreated into an executive session. The session was closed to the public under the basis that open discussion of the land rental "could have a detrimental effect on the Authority's bargaining and negotiation position."

Shortly after the public meeting was closed for the board to speak privately, Flynn tweeted, "Another example of @ MassConvention's lack of transparency: their board meetings are neither in person nor public. Anyone from the public trying to log in to the meeting right now where a 99-year public land lease is being discussed has been shut out. Time for change! #bospoli."

Crohan said the authority could not release any details of what was discussed in the executive session.

"The purpose of this function is to avoid any influence or detrimental effect to ongoing or future purchases, exchanges, or leases of property that an open meeting may inflict," Crohan said. "Because of the very definition and purpose of an executive session, I cannot comment on matters discussed by the committee members

after their decision to enter into this portion of the meeting."

Late Thursday, a Gorzkowicz spokesman reflected the secretary's concerns.

"The secretary, as a member of the Massachusetts Convention Center Authority board, has expressed concerns to Executive Director Gibbons about the process used in the issuance of the RFP for development of parcels adjacent to the convention center in South Boston, which resulted in just two bidders. He looks forward to hearing more from the director and his fellow board members about potential paths forward," Gorzkowicz spokesman Matt Murphy said in a statement to the News Service.

Collins was also frustrated by the Thursday meeting, pointing out that the meeting was held over Microsoft Teams, which he said is less accessible than Zoom.

"Not everyone has access to Teams, they should probably be live-streaming it on their website," he said. "Hybrid is fine but things need to be open to the public."

Collins newly chairs the Joint Committee on **State Administration and** Regulatory Oversight, which oversees matters

concerning competitive bidding on public contracts as well as open meeting law concerns. He received the appointment on Wednesday.

"Based off of what's going on with the convention center, there's clearly a need for reform, and the committee will be looking at that this session," Collins said.

He also filed a bill (SD 2406) that would require any state or quasi-state agency that takes private property by eminent domain and does not use it for its intended purpose to return the land back to the original owner at the cost at which it was

Nine of the 13 members of the MCCA board are appointed by and "serve at the pleasure of the governor," and two members are appointed by the mayor of Boston. The two other members are Gorzkowicz and Groffenberger, or a designee for Boston's CFO.

A spokesperson for Boston Mayor Michelle Wu did not reveal the mayor's feelings on the matter. "The Mayor is committed to working with city and state elected officials and community stakeholders to determine the best path forward," the spokesperson said in a statement.



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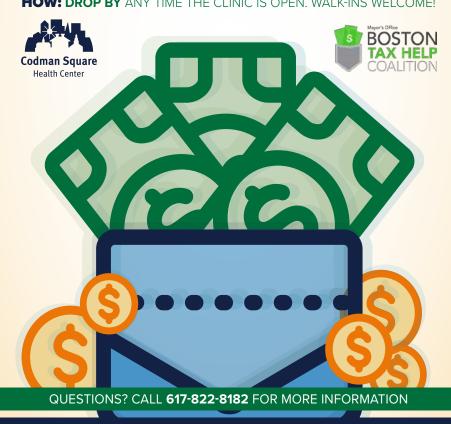
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Campbell lays out her gun enforcement approach



Attorney General Andrea Campbell is shown speaking during an event on Feb. 13 at Boston Winery alongside US Rep. Ayanna Pressley.

Mayor's Office photo by John Wilcox

By Sam Drysdale STATE HOUSE News Service

In addition to the creation of promised reproductive health care and police accountability units, the Attorney General Andrea Campbell's office will be adding a gun enforcement unit and government accountability working group under her purview.

Talking on GBH's "Basic Black" last Friday night, Campbell said that that the gun enforcement unit will be responsible for filing briefs in court to protect the state's gun laws, which she said she has already begun doing during her first month in office.

The unit will also work

with Gov. Healey's administration to educate police departments on conducting gun inspections, she added.

The Boston Globe $found \, last \, December \, that \,$ dozens of police departments around the state did not know they were supposed to do annual gun shop inspections, and at least 235 dealers had $reported\,356,\!000\,in\text{-state}$ sales since 2017 with no oversight from local law enforcement.

The Executive Office of Public Safety and Security, the federal Bureau of Alcohol Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, the Municipal Police Training Committee, Department of Criminal Justice Information Services and the Mass. State Police began developing a curriculum last year to teach police officers how to conduct gun inspections.

The first of these training sessions was held last Wednesday, and there are three more sessions planned in the first two weeks of March, according to Elaine Driscoll, communications director at the Executive Office of Public Safety and

So far, 300 officers are currently enrolled in the training program and the department can add more sessions to accommodate demand, Driscoll said.

Campbell, whose office provided training guidance for the course, said she looks forward to continuing to work with the Healey administration to ensure gun sale laws are enforced.

"Despite our Commonwealth's strong gun laws, illegal gun trafficking remains a threat to public safety," Healey said in a statement. "This initiative will provide local authorities with the tools and training required to conduct timely and comprehensive compliance inspections to ensure all dealers meet their legal obligations."

In addition to talking about her incoming gun enforcement unit, Campbell responded to a question on eliminating cash bail in the state with a noncommittal response though she didn't rebuff the idea.

"That's on the list to discuss and I will say it's an issue I care deeply about and that I've paid attention to for years,' she said.

The attorney general often talked about her own family's experience with the criminal justice system on the campaign trail, and on Friday night she said that when she was younger she couldn't afford a high cash bail for her twin brother Andre, who later died in custody.

"I talk openly about loved ones being incarcerated and my twin brother dying while in the custody of the Department of Correction. Part of the issue was a high cash bail that I, as next of kin, could not afford to pay, even though he had severe health concerns and health care issues," she said. "[It was] very difficult to get him out into a setting where he was provided adequate health care. And as a result of not receiving adequate health care, [he] would pass away while in that system."

She said an "internal government accountability working group" that her office is setting up will look at the issue of cash bail, in addition to prison reform, police accountability, wrongful convictions, misappropriation of funds, and pushing for transparency and accountability in the Department of Corrections.

"Once we develop that agenda we will be transparent about what it is and be really bold in going after critical solutions, she said.

Illinois became the first state to completely abolish its cash bail system on Jan. 1 of this year.

ENROLLMENT FOR SEPTEMBER 2023 IS NOW OPEN **Application Deadline is February 28th**

Boston Renaissance is a Pre-K through Grade 6 charter public school open to all students in Boston. Enrollment is open to students entering K1-Grade 4, and is determined by lottery, which will be held on March 8th, 2023. To enter the lottery, please visit https://bostoncharterschools.schoolmint.net/welcome.

Boston Renaissance integrates high-quality academic instruction with excellent visual and performing arts programs, including piano, violin, chorus, dance, visual arts, physical education, and technology classes. BRCPS proudly welcomes and serves all students, including those with special education and English language needs. With high academic standards and a well-rounded curriculum, we help students develop the confidence, character, and skills to succeed.

BRCPS does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, creed, sex, national origin, ethnicity, religion, gender identity, sexual orientation, mental or physical disability, age, ancestry, homelessness, special needs, English language proficiency or foreign language proficiency, athletic ability or prior academic achievement.

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Boston Celtics Partner with BGCD Members for Kids Night Art Work Display: See details below.

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BGCD Members for Kids Night Art
Work Display: Boys & Girls Clubs of
Dorchester was pleased to partner
with the Boston Celtics on their "Kids
Night" event last month. Our members
created portraits of the team members
which were shown on the Jumbotron
during the game.

Thanks to the Boston Celtics for partnering with BGCD and for showcasing the work of our talented young artists. BGCD encourages young artists to incorporate their culture, traditions, experiences and individual personalities into the work they create, and to celebrate each other's unique forms of expression.

For more information on the Club's Fine Arts program please contact Katy Farrar Sullivan at kfarrar@ bgcdorchester.org.

FIND OUT WHAT'S INSIDE: BGCD Boys 15&U All-Star Basketball Team Hosts Billerica BGC: The Boys 15&U All-Star

Basketball team at Boys & Girls Clubs of Dorchester hosted the Boys & Girls Club of Billerica for a league game this past week. Congratulations to our Stars who pulled out a victory over a talented squad from Billerica! The All-Stars have upcoming games against Lower Merrimack Valley, Brockton, West End House and Stoneham/Wakefield. To stay active and healthy, members are encouraged to try new sports and participate in and learn about small group and individual fitness and nutrition opportunities. These activities serve as a motivational tool, teaching members the importance of working toward a goal and always giving their best effort. For more information on the Athletics program, please contact **Athletics Director Octavius Nunes at** onunes@bgcdorchester.org.



DID YOU KNOW:

32nd Marr Family Catholic
Scholarships Awards at BGCD: Boys
& Girls Clubs Dorchester would like
to congratulate the 2022-2023 class
of the Marr Family Catholic Schools
Scholarship program. The program
was established in 1992 by a gift from
the estate of the late Daniel F. Marr,
Jr. and has since been augmented by
his late brother Robert L. Marr and his
wife Cynthia, to provide scholarships

his late brother Robert L. Marr and his wife Cynthia, to provide scholarships for tuition assistance for deserving members of BGCD to attend Catholic Schools in the Archdiocese of Boston. This year's group received a combined \$62,000 in scholarship aid for the current school year. This year marks the 32nd year of the program, and in that time has awarded over \$1.5 million in scholarships.

Many thanks to the Marr Family for their continued support of this special initiative.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Black History Living Museum February 23

Harvard School of Public Health College Visit February 24

Milk Street Cooking Class February 27

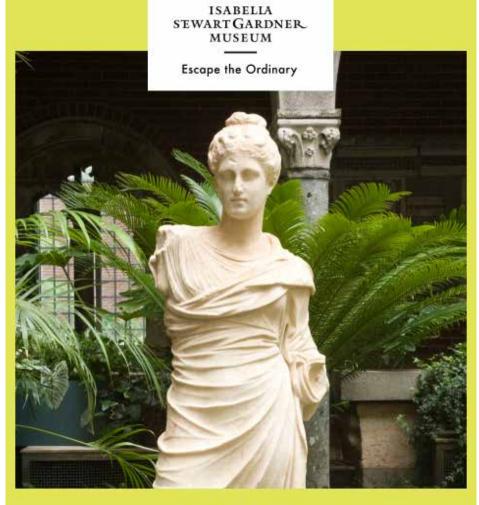
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Boston Irish Arts Calendar for St. Patrick's month

Selected events compiled by Sean Smith:

• The annual "St. Patrick's Day Celtic Sojourn" production will be on stage at four locations this year: Shalin Liu Performance Center in Rockport (March 15); Groton Hill Music Center (March 16); Sanders Theatre in Cambridge, MA (March 18, two shows); and Cabot Theatre in Beverly (March 19). The show is similar to its "Christmas Celtic Sojourn" cousin, with plenty of music, dance, and songs from Irish/Celtic strains, as well as recitations and general warmth and wit. So far, performers include **Nuala Kennedy** (flute, whistle, vocals), Eamon O'Leary (guitar, bouzouki, vocals), **Kevin Burke** (fiddle), **Katie McNally** (fiddle) and **Neil Pearlman** (keyboards). Inevitably, there will be attention and concern regarding the health of "Sojourn" founder and guiding spirit Brian O'Donovan, but at "Christmas Celtic Sojourn," the cast, crew, and community displayed an overwhelming level of support and caring that gave the whole thing an extra lift – and there's every reason to think the same thing can happen again.

Details and updates at celticsojournlive.com

•Before "Celtic Sojourn" comes to The Cabot, the theater will be host to Canadian Celtic music power couple **Natalie MacMaster and Donnell Leahy** on March 2 at 8 p.m., a show that was rescheduled from earlier. Representing the union of two legendary family music traditions, fiddlers and step dancers MacMaster (native of Cape Breton) and Leahy (Ontario) have now one of their very own: Their children typically travel with them on tour and join the pair during their concerts of powerful, up-tempo instrumentals as well as intimate, heartfelt melodies. MacMaster and Leahy have earned numerous honors, including JUNO and East Coast Music Awards, and have starred in their own family Christmas special.

Tickets, info at thecabot.org

•Another "Celtic Sojourn" venue, the Shalin Liu Performance Center in Rockport, will present three additional Celtic music events this month, starting with the **Seamus Egan Project** on March 5 at 7 p.m. It's the most recent venture of the Solas co-founder, a master of multiple instruments and an esteemed composer and arranger, as well as interpreter of traditional music and original music with traditional elements. For his Project, Egan gathers assorted musical friends and acquaintances to perform his original works, which were highlighted on his 2020 album "Early Bright." Joining Egan (flute, whistle, banjo, guitar, mandolin) here will be Boston-area fiddler Jenna Moynihan, guitarist Kyle Sanna, and bouzouki/harmonium player Owen Marshall.

On March 10, Shalin Liu's "Upstairs on Main" series hosts a concert and ceili by Cape Ann singer **Michael O'Leary** with friends **Bob and Jen Strom** (guitar, fiddle, vocals) and **Steve Levy** (tenor banjo, mandolin, bouzouki, guitar). O'Leary is a singer of Irish, Scottish, and maritime ballads and songs who has appeared at BCMFest, Portsmouth Maritime Folk Festival, Rockport Celtic Festival, Irish Connections Festival, New England Folk Festival, and other events and venues in New England. He also organizes music cruises in Gloucester Harbor and sessions on the North Shore. In 2003, O'Leary was co-recipient of a Massachusetts Cultural Council Traditional Arts Apprenticeship grant that enabled him to study the traditional Irish sean-nos singing style from Bridget Fitzgerald.

Donegal band **Altan** also will be in this month's line-up. See just below.

Gotorock portmusic. org for tickets and information.

 Naturally, the Burren Backroom series will do its part in contributing to March merriment, as Dervish pops in on March 8 in for shows at 6 and 8:30 p.m. Originally formed in 1989 as the Boys of Sligo, the band acquired a key part of its identity with the arrival in 1991 of lead singer and bodhran/bones player Cathy Jordan. Since then, Dervish - besides Jordan, its members are Shane Mitchell (accordion), Liam Kelly (flute/whistle), Brian McDonagh (mandola/mandolin), Michael Holmes (bouzouki) and Tom Morrow (fiddle) – has been a compelling exemplar of the instrumental and song traditions of Sligo and Leitrim. They've performed at events and venues all over the world, represented Ireland in the Eurovision Song Contest, served as cultural ambassadors to China, and received a BBC Lifetime Achievement Award in 2019. Their most recent album, "The Great Irish Songbook," features classic Irish songs sung by special guests like Steve Earl, Andrea Corr, Vince Gill, Kate Rusby, Imelda May, and Rhiannon Gidden.

Another groundbreaking and well-respected band, **Altan**, comes to the Backroom on March 28 at 7:30 p.m. as part of a swing through Massachusetts that will include stops at the Center for Arts in Natick on March 24 (natickarts.org) and Shalin-Liu Performance Center on March 25 (rockportmusic.org). A foremost exponent of the Donegal tradition, Altan – Mairéad Ní Mhaonaigh (fiddle, vocals), Martin Tourish (accordion), Ciarán Curran (bouzouki), and guitarists Mark Kelly and Dáithí Sproule – also are adept at making connections to music of other cultures and genres. The band's most recent album, "The Gap of Dreams" (2018), celebrates its birthplace and the valuable role of music, songs, dance, and stories played in helping past generations cope with the demands of rural life, as well as famine, conflict, and emigration.

The following night, March 29 at 7:30 p.m., will be Celtic-American roots band **RUNA**, which fuses Irish and Scottish music with Americana/roots, adding harmonies, rhythms and tints of jazz, bluegrass, flamenco and blues. The quintet of Shannon Lambert-Ryan (vocals, bodhran, step-dancing), Fionán de Barra (guitar), Cheryl Prashker (percussion), Jake James (fiddle), and Tom Fitzgerald (fiddle, mandolin) has a distinguished record of achievement in its nearly decade-and-a-half history, earning honors in the Irish Music Awards and Independent Music Awards. In 2020, they extended their artistic reach with an album of seasonal music, "The Tide of Winter."

The event to end all events at the Burren during March is, of course, the St. Patrick's Day Variety Dinner Show, helmed by owners **Tommy McCarthy and Louise Costello**, and with a bevy of special guests like Robert Elliott, Rose McCarthy, Padder Giles, Seamus Noonan, and an Irish step dancer or two (or more). The show runs March 17, 18 and 19 at various times.

For tickets and other information, see burren.com/music.html.

•As you might guess, the Irish Cultural Centre of Greater Boston in Canton has a marathon St. Patrick's Day in store, beginning at 11 a.m., featuring a number of area musicians such as Joey Abarta, Nathan Gourley, Colm Gannon, Niamh Healy, Patrick Bowling, Adam Hendy, and Skeaf Bridge, along with Jackie O'Riley Traditional Irish Dance, Greene-O'Leary School of Irish Dance, O'Shea Chaplin Academy of Irish Dance, HPK Academy of Irish Dance and others.

There's also an 8 p.m. concert with the band **Green Road** and soprano **Clodagh Kinsella**, all with Co. Wexford connections. Green Road combines Irish folk

and ballad standards with a country and bluegrass tint, from "Galway Shawl" and "Leaving of Liverpool" to "Only Our Rivers Run Free" to "Sonny's Dream" – a celebration of "the connections between folk music at home and abroad," as they say. Its members (P.J. Sinnott, lead vocals, five-string banjo; Jon Reville, mandolin, tenor banjo; Tony McCabe, bass, vocals; Ned Wall, uilleann pipes, low whistles; Fergal O'Hanlon, guitar, vocals) boast extensive experience in Ireland's pubs and clubs, sessions and fleadhs, and theater and TV performances.

Kinsella performs a repertoire of well-known Irish American concert hall classics by the likes of John McCormack and Frank Patterson, but that only covers part of her portfolio. A violinist and pianist as well as a singer, she attended the Royal Irish Academy of Music and has given solo performances of such works as Mozart's "Vesperae solennes de confessore," Haydn's "Stabat Mater," and Handel's "Messiah." She has also been part of Ensemble Dagda, regarded as one of Ireland's most vibrant "HIPster" (Historically Informed Performance) ensembles, bringing playful, engaging arrangements to lesser-heard works of 17th-century music.

For event and ticket information, see irishculture.

• Not exactly a quiet evening is in store at Medford's Chevalier Theatre on March 18: **Gaelic Storm** and **The High Kings** play a double bill beginning at 8 p.m.

Gaelic Storm is, of course, "that band from 'Titanic," but they've gone well beyond that cinematic moment, having built a solid and loyal fan base through some 25 years of constant touring, the release of more than a dozen albums, and in particular their crowd-rousing mix of Celtic, country, and rock/pop. Greater Boston native Natalya Kay is the group's new fiddler (since last year), joining co-founders Patrick Murphy (accordion, bodhran, harmonica, lead vocals) and Steve Twigger (guitar, bouzouki, lead vocals) as well as long-serving members Ryan Lacey (percussion, vocals) and Pete Purvis (Highland bagpipes, uilleann pipes, whistle). Gaelic Storm has appeared on the same bill with such acts as the Zac Brown Band, the Goo Goo Dolls, Emmylou Harris, and Lyle Lovett, and at various events and venues including the Telluride Bluegrass Festival, and Milwaukee's Summerfest. Oh, and their song "Scalliwag" was featured on the World music channel in the expansion pack for "The Sims 2" – in "Simlish."

The very model of a 21st-century Irish ballad group, The High Kings derive their sound from the classic style that swept into popularity during the 1950s and '60s through such bands as the Clancy Brothers and The Dubliners. Vocalists and musicians Finbarr Clancy, Darren Holden, Brian Dunphy, and Paul O'Brien have toured extensively throughout the US and Europe, recorded five studio albums and four live albums (including 2020's "Home from Home Live"), and released two live DVDs, combining modern songs in the folk idiom – and from other genres – with some of the benchmark ballad repertoire.

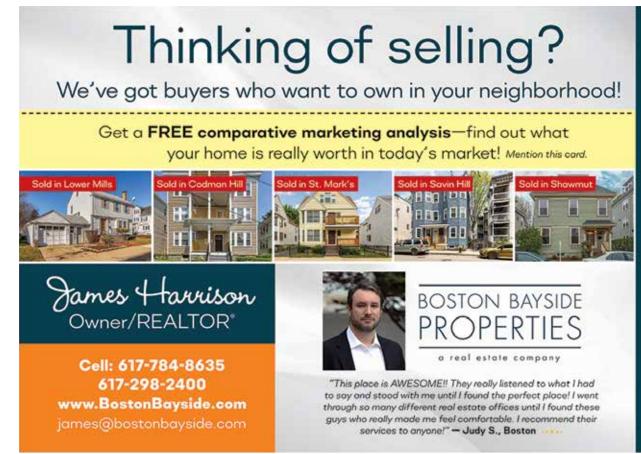
Go to chevaliertheatre.com

•Among the month's highlights at Club Passim will be appearances by Irish singer-songwriter **Karan Casey** (March 5) and New England fiddler-vocalist **Lissa Scheckenburger**, both of whom have brand new albums out. You can read interviews with them elsewhere in this issue.

Coming to Club Passim on March 30 at 7 p.m. will be one of the most influential purveyors of modern Scandinavian music, **Väsen**, whose work has made fans of many Celtic musicians and listeners. As teenagers, Olov Johansson (nyckelharpa) and Mikael Marin

(viola) would visit with older musicians in Sweden's Uppland region, who passed along their knowledge and love of Swedish folk music. The pair later joined forces with Roger Tallroth, whose innovative 12-string guitar accompaniment brought a new dimension to the traditional repertoire: components of rock, jazz, and classical. Over time, the trio integrated its own tunes into the mix, while collaborating and performing with musicians from around the world. Tallroth left the band in 2020 to pursue other musical projects, but Johansson and Marin have continued on - in fact, they're releasing their second album as a duo,

"Melliken," this spring.
Tickets available
through passim.org.



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To the Defendant:

The Plaintiff has filed a Complaint for Divorce requesting that the Court grant a divorce for Irretrievable Breakdown of the Marriage. 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 negatively impact the current financial status of either party. SEE Supplemental Probate Court Rule 411.

You are hereby summoned and required to serve upon: Barry R. Lewis, Esq., Law Offices of Barry R. Lewis, 16 Lanewood Ave., Framingham, MA 01701 your answer, if any, on or before 01/24/2023. If you fail to do so, the count 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. BRIANJ. DUNN, First

Justice of this Court.
Date: January 24, 2023
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What to do when pet care becomes overwhelming

By Dr. Edward **SCHETTINO**

Recently, the Animal Rescue League of Boston (ARL) took in more than 75 cats from several homes that were overcrowded with pets. While situations like this may be surprising to some, homes overcrowded with pets are more common than you think. In fact, ARL sees numerous overcrowding situations annually, three already in 2023.

Pets are family and give us so much, and for some, having just one pet isn't enough. But for a variety of reasons, sometimes the love for animals can become overwhelming and lead to having too many animals in the home.

There are a number of concerns regarding pet overcrowding, which have impacts on not only the animals involved, but also on their caretakers.

A primary concern is cost. According to the national animal welfare organization the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (ASPCA), the average cost of owning just one pet ranges from \$700-\$1,000 annually. Multiply that by 10-fold or more, and the cost of providing care for a large number of animals can quickly become out of reach for many pet owners and may lead to scaling back on food and basic necessities.

Potential health issues are also something to consider. A large number of animals in the home can present a multitude of health hazards, both for animals and people. Maintaining a sanitary environment for a large number of animals is a daunting task, and the presence of animal waste reduces air quality and introduces the risk of illness, some of which can be passed from animals to humans.

Additionally, ensuring that every animal in the home is receiving proper nutrition, grooming, veterinary care, and social-

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MASSACHUSETTS THE TRIAL COURT PROBATE & FAMILY COURT SUFFOLK PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT 24 NEW CHARDON STREET BOSTON, MA 02114 617-788-8300 CITATION ON PETITION

TO CHANGE NAME Docket No. SU23C0055CA IN THE MATTER OF: KATHRYN AUDETTE

A Petition to Change Name of Adult has been filed by Kathryn Audette of Dorchester, MA requesting that the court enter a Decree changing their name to:

Kathryn Alexandra Warren Barnes IMPORTANT NOTICE

Any person may appear for purposes of objecting to the petition by filing an appearance at: Suffoll Probate and Family Court before 10:00 a.m. on the return day of 03/16/2023. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance if you object to this proceeding.

Witness, HON. BRIANJ. DUNN, irst Justice of this Court. Date: February 09, 2023

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Sabrina is an adult cat that was living in home ARL Boston photo overcrowded with pets.

often times we see animals, primarily cats, that are shy, fearful, and need extensive and sometimes long-term care to become more comfortable in a home setting. Overcrowding also

ization is also difficult. In

overcrowding situations,

raises the issue of the importance of spay and neuter. The population of animals in a home can multiply rapidly when the animals are kept intact, which can make a situation more difficult. If you are caring for a large number of animals in the home, spaying and neutering them will eliminate unwanted litters.

Overcrowding is not an uncommon occurrence and it's important to know that there are resources available. More often than not, caretakers in these situations start out with the best of intentions, and simply let the situation evolve over time.

If you or someone you know is dealing with pet overcrowding, reach out to local animal control, or $an\, organization\, like\, ARL$ for assistance. When assisting an overwhelmed caretaker, organizations like ARL care for both the animals and people involved.

Whether it's providing

spay and neuter services, or removing some or all pets from the home, the goal is to ensure that the animals receive the care they need, and that the caretaker returns to a manageable number of pets in the home.

For more information on overcrowding or available services, please visit

arlboston.org.

Dr. Edward Schettino is the president and CEO of the Animal Rescue League of Boston. He holds a doctorate of Veterinary Medicine from the Cummings School of Veterinary Medicine at Tufts University.

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Codman Square NDC Director of Economic Development February 2023

Codman Square NDC seeks an entrepreneurial, selfdirected management professional to manage its Economic Development department, which has a focus on building assets and wealth within the community.

The position oversees homeowner services; foreclosure prevention; housing rehab lending; financial literacy, small business assistance programs, estate planning and related initiatives. Supports and manages staff, develops new initiatives, interacts with and cultivate funder and stakeholder relationships, manages reporting and related work.

Master's or Bachelor's degree plus 5-6 years progressively responsible and relevant experience, including management/supervisory experience. Must have excellent verbal and written communication skills, as well as strong Excel spreadsheet skills. Experience working in communities of color a plus. Submit resume and cover letter with salary

requirements by March 24, 2023:

Mail cover letter and resumes to Marcia Thornhill, VP of Operations, Codman Square NDC, 587 Washington Street, Dorchester MA 02124 or submit documents to laurene@csndc.com. No phone calls please.

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& §5-405
Docket No. SU23P0321PM
IN THE MATTER OF:
BEAREZA MOORE
of DORCHESTER, MA
RESPONDENT
(Person to be Protected/Minor)
To the named Respondent and al

To the named Respondent and all other interested persons, a petition has been filed by New England Sinai Hospita of Stoughton, MA in the above captioned of Stoughton, Ma in the above captioned matter alleging that Beareza Moore is in need of a Conservator or other protective order and requesting that (or some other suitable person) be appointed as Guardian to serve With Surety on the bond.

The petition asks the Court to determine that the Respondent is disabled, that a protective product or appointment of a Con-

protective order or appointment of a Con servator is necessary, and that the propose conservator is appropriate. The petition is or file with this court You have the right to object to this

You have the right to object to this proceeding. If you wish to do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance at this court on or before 10:00 A.M. on the return date of 03/30/2023. This day is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline date by which you have to file the written appearance if you object to the petition. It you fail to file the written appearance but the return date. he written appearance by the return date action may be taken in this matter withou further notice to you. In addition to filing the written appearance, you or your attorney must file a written affidavit stating the specific facts and grounds of your objection within 30 days after the return date.

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Notice is hereby given by Always Open Towing at 18 Talbot Avenue, Dorchester, MA 02124 in pursuant to M.G.L. c.225, section 39A, that the following vehicles will be for sale at a private auction on March 16, 2023 at 8 am to satisfy the garage keeper's lien for towing, storage and notice of sale:

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RECENT OBITUARIES



COLLINS, Anne M., **63**, of Watertown and formerly of Dorchester. Daughter of the late John and Mary (Mulkerin) Collins. Anne is survived by her devoted longtime partner Billy Connolly of Scituate, her siblings Richard Collins and his wife Marie of Eastham, Maureen Collins of Leesburg, FL, Christine Barrett of Marshfield and the late Michael and his surviving wife Ann of Braintree and John "Jack" Collins. Anne is survived by many nieces and nephews. Donations may be made in her name to Dana Farber Cancer or the American Heart As-



DONOVAN, John "Jack", Jr., Dorchester. Brother of Francis "Frank" Donovan of Dorchester and the late Virginia "Ginger" Wermers. Uncle of John G. Wermers and James "Jimbo" Wermers both or Dorchester. Also survived by many friends and extended family. United States Marine

Corp veteran. Donations in memory of John may be made to the St. Mark - St. Vincent de Paul, 20 Roseland St., Dorchester, MA 02124.



GREENE, Joanne M. (Borek), of Quincy, formerly of Dorchester. Wife of the late Joseph A. Greene. Stepmother of Joanne Keenan and her husband, Thomas of Weymouth, Kevin Greene, Julie Vialpando and her husband, Mark, and Michael Greene and his wife, Jessica, all of Quincy, and Kristin Mc-Donough and her husband, Patrick of Marshfield. 'Grammy Greene' to 11 grandchildren, and one great-grandson. Sister of Michael Borek and his wife, Kay of Quincy, and Richard Borek and his partner, Maureen Cahill of Johns Island, SC.

JONES, Eleanor E., 66 of Mattapan, Mother of Cherise R. Jones of Quincy. She is also survived by a host of other relatives and dear friends.

KELLIHER, Michael **J.**, 71, of Weymouth, formerly of South Boston, Dorchester and Quincy. Marine Corps veteran. Michael is survived by his wife, Katherine Kelliher (Fitzgerald), his siblings, Maureen Sullivan of West Bridgewater, Raymond Kelliher and his wife Rose of Brockton, Roseanne Keenan and here husband Charlie of West Bridgewater,

Patricia Cull and her husband John of Milton, Tom Kelliher and his wife Maureen of Brockton, Ed Kelliher of Quincy, and Bobby Kelliher and his wife Donna of Quincy. Donations can be made to St. Labre Indian School, The Disabled American Veterans, and to The Special Olympics.



MONAHAN, Joseph **T.** of Dorchester. Joe is survived by his children Courtney Monahan and Thomas Monahan and his wife Leeann. Joe is also survived by his sisters Diane Zhitomirsky and her husband Vic-Susan Monahan, and Paula Coe and her husband Brian Coe. He is also survived by his grandson and many special nieces and nephews.



MEUSE, **Jeanette** M. (Scarlata), 92, of Wakefield, formerly of Dorchester, originally of South Boston, Daugher to the late Hugo Scarlata and the late Esther (Nelson) Scarlata. She was preceded in death by her husband, James H.

LEGAL NOTICE

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THE TRIAL COURT
PROBATE & FAMILY COURT
SUFFOLK PROBATE & FAMILY COURT 24 NEW CHARDON STREET 24 NEW CHARDON STREET
BOSTON, MA 02114
CITATION GIVING NOTICE
OF PETITION FOR
APPOINTMENT OF GUARDIAN
FOR INCAPACITATED PERSON
PURSUANT TO G.L. c. 190B, §5-304
Docket No. SU23P0338GD
IN THE MATTER OF:
PAUL HARRIS
of DORCHESTER, MA
RESPONDENT
Alleged Incapacitated Person

Alleged Incapacitated Person
To the named Respondent and all other nterested persons, a petition has been filled by The Bostonian Nursing Care And R of Dorchester, MA in the above captioned matter alleging that Paul Harris is in need of a Guardian and requesting that (or some other suitable person) be appointed as Guardian to serve Without Surety on the bond. The petition asks the Court to determine

that the Respondent is incapacitated, that the appointment of a Guardian is necessary, and that the proposed Guardian is appropriate. The petition is on file with this court and may contain a request for certain process.

specific authority.

You have the right to object to this proceeding. If you wish to do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance at this court on or before 10:00 A.M. on the at this court on or before I UNO A.M. on the return date of 03/15/2023. This day is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline date by which you have to file the written appearance it you object to the petition. If you fail to file the written appearance by the return date, action may be taken in this matter without action may be taken in this matter withou further notice to you. In addition to filing the

further notice to you. In addition to filing the written appearance, you or your attorney must file a written affidavit stating the specific facts and grounds of your objection within 30 days after the return date.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

The outcome of this proceeding may limit or completely take away the above-named person's right to make decisions about personal affairs or financial affairs or both. personal arians on bount.

The above-named person has the right to ask for a lawyer. Anyone may make this request on behalf of the above-named person. If the above-named person aronat afford a lawyer, one may be appointed at State expense.

Witness, Hon. Brian J. Dunn, First Justice of this Court of the of this Court.

Felix D. Arroyo Register of Probate Date: February 15, 2023

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Meuse, Jr. She is survived by her sons, James and his wife, Lai Kuan of Melrose, Kevin and his wife, Susan Wong of Sudbury, and Brian of Woburn; and her daughter, Mariane and her husband, William Mears of Reston, VA. She is also survived by seven grandchildren. She is survived by her sister, Mary Spinazzolo, of Middleborough; her brother, Paul Scarlata and his wife, Patricia of California; and many nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her brothers, Thomas Scarlata and Robert Scarlata, MD; but is survived by her sisters-inlaw, Antoinette "Dolly" and Jacqueline. She was also preceded in death by her brother-in-law, Matthew Spinazzolo. Memorial gifts may be made to The Scholarship Foundation of Wakefield or the



charity of your choice.

PETERSON. Florence Jeanette, 87, of Braintree and formerly of Rockland, originally from Dorchester. She was predeceased by her husband George E. Peterson, her parents George and Roberta McCarron and siblings Robert McCarron and Maureen Flaherty. Sister of Roberta Murphy and her late husband Daniel of Norwell, Patricia Clark and her husband Richard of Braintree, George McCarron and his late husband Philip Stanley of Boston, Eileen Cina and her husband Sam of Rockland, Rita Turco and her late husband John of Rochester. Dennis McCarron and his wife Maureen of Burlington, William Mc-Carron and his wife Ann Marie of Winchester. She is also survived by

many nieces, nephews and great nieces and nephews. Donations in Florence's memory may be made to: My Brother's Keeper, PO Box 338, Easton, MA 02356-0338.



PLANT, Roseann (Connaughton), 93, of Mansfield, formerly of Milton and Stoughton, originally from Dorchester Daughter of the late Patrick J. and Rose A. Connaughton. (Fallon) Wife of the late Robert E. Plant. Mother of Stephen (deceased 2013) and his wife Bethany of Amesbury, Lawrence and his wife Carolyn of Rockland, Edward and his wife Susan of Norton MA, Richard, and his wife Jeanne of Chester, NH. and Carolyn Burnham and her husband Phil of Mansfield. Sister to the late Mary (Peg) Mattioli (Connaughton), the late John Connaughton, and the late Richard Connaughton. (Dick) Grandmother of 8, great

grandmother of 2.

RUBAUD, Nancy D. (Ottenad) in Dorchester, originally of St. Louis. MO. Daughter to the late Milton and Alice (Kilzer) Ottenad. Wife of the late Rene M.F. Rubaud. Sister of Arline Seib and her late husband, Charlie, Lois Bundschuh and her husband, Jim, the late Dolores Ottenad and the late Lorraine Schrimpf and her late husband, Bill. Daughter-in-law of Louise Rubaud. Also survived by many nieces, nephews, great-nieces and great-nephews. Donations in memory of Nancy may be made to the Boston Home, 2049 Dorchester Ave., Dorchester, MA 02124.

SULLIVAN, Donald F., 90 of Braintree, formerly of Quincy, Dorchester and Matta-



pan. Husband of the late Margaret F. (Ward) Sullivan. Father of Donald Sullivan, II. and his wife Kim of Rockland, Donna Sullivan of Weymouth, and the late Diane Dodd. Grandfather of 6 and great grandfather of 5. Also survived by his brother Robert J. Sullivan of Quincy. He was predeceased by his siblings Jeannie, John and Leo Sullivan. Donations to the John Scott House Activities Department can be made in Donald's name. John Scott House, 233 Middle Street, Braintree, MA 02184 Attention: Activities Dept.

WARD, Michelle, 57 of Dorchester. Daughter to Edroce Clark. Mother of Trei Stuckey and Desman Ward. Grandmother of Taylor and Trenton Stuckey. Aunt of Gabriel and Gaynel Clark.



WEGIELEWSKI, Katherine (Kolodziej), 98 of Dorchester. Wife of the late Mieczyslaw Wegielewski. "Mike" Mother of Edward "Eddie" Wegielewski and his wife Cory and Lucy Brown and her husband Bruce all of Dorchester. Grandmother of 3. Great-grandmother of 2. Donations in memory of Katherine may be made to the Tuberous Sclerosis Alliance, ATTN: Mail-In Donations, 8737 Colesville Rd., Suite 400, Silver Spring, MD 20910 ~ tscalliance.org

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