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Mayor Marty Walsh surveyed the scene at the newly-renovated Garvey Playground in Neponset in what might have been his final public ribbon-cutting appearance in Dorchester as the city's Mayor on Feb. 6. In celebrating the milestone, Walsh assured neighbors that he was not leaving the neighborhood behind, despite his likely new job in Washington, D.C.. “We’re not selling, just for the record,” he said of his home in Lower Mills. Story, Page 12. *Bill Forry photo*

Walsh takes questions in polite US Senate confirmation hearing

By KATIE TROJANO
REPORTER STAFF

Richard Burr, a North Carolina Republican, and the ranking minority member of the US Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor & Pensions, surely made Marty Walsh feel comfortable at the mayor's confirmation hearing on his nomination as US Secretary of Labor at the Capitol last Thursday.

“You quite frankly have the experience and qualifications to be the Secretary of Labor,” said Burr as he welcomed Walsh and his partner Lorrie Higgins. He added: “I hope you can commit to



Mayor Walsh makes a point at his Senate hearing last Thursday in the US Capitol. *Mandel Ngan/AP photo*

doing the job the right way and I think you will.”

After more than two-and-a-half-hours of statements and questioning, the committee chair, Sen. Patty Murray, a Washington Democrat, closed the session and said that the committee would accept testimony from the public for a period of ten days— a time frame that will likely push a final vote on Walsh's confirmation into late this week or early next week.

“It is my intention to schedule a vote in committee on Mayor Walsh's nomination as quickly as possible so we can move his (Continued on page 13)

Cristo Rey Boston is now tuition-free for all students

By KATIE TROJANO
REPORTER STAFF

Prospective and current students at Cristo Rey Boston High School on Savin Hill Avenue will be awarded full tuition scholarships beginning this month, a commitment that will cost about \$150,000 annually on top of the school's \$3 million yearly budget.

The school's board plans to continue the full-tuition scholarships for the “foreseeable future,” according to Rosemary Powers, the school's president.

“Acknowledging that Cristo Rey



A 10th grade student at Cristo Rey Boston.

Boston students and families have been disproportionately impacted by the effects of Covid-19, the Board of Trustees has decided to provide full tuition-free scholarships to our existing students as well as incoming classes,” Powers said in a statement.

“This decision helps address the financial challenges that so many of our families experience and enables our students to pursue their academic and professional dreams free from any financial worries that tuition might present.” (Continued on page 11)

At this point, Janey focused on making transition a success Taps key advisors to assist

By KATIE TROJANO
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City Council President Kim Janey, who will take over duties as the city's mayor when Marty Walsh formally resigns, probably within two weeks, says she is “laser-focused” on planning for an orderly transition over the coming days and weeks.

In an interview with the Reporter last Friday – her first since Walsh was nominated for US Secretary of Labor on Jan. 7 – Janey outlined her plans and revealed the names of the people she will be counting on to lead her initial efforts in the mayor's office.

Janey, who has represented Roxbury and the parts of Dorchester that are included in District 7 since 2018, said over the phone that she has not made a decision on whether she will seek a four-year term in the next election, be it in early summer or in the fall.

“This is a non-traditional transition; we don't have a clear date by which we're going to assume office,” she said. “Right now, forming this team, attending the briefings, and making sure we are doing our (Continued on page 14)



Kim Janey
“Doing due diligence”

Hopefuls lining up for campaign to fill District 4 opening

By MADDIE KILGANNON
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With City Councillor Andrea J. Campbell having set her sights on the mayor's office, a number of candidates have been doing the groundwork to fill her District 4 seat, which primarily includes sections of Dorchester and Mattapan, as well as parts of Roslindale and Jamaica Plain.

Jacob Urena, Josette Williams, Brian Worrell, Leonard M. Lee, Sr., William Dickerson III, Joel Richards, and Trevour Smith have all set up accounts with the state's Office of Campaign and Political Finance, each naming the District 4 seat as their target.

Last September, Campbell, who successfully challenged veteran Councillor Charles Yancey in 2015, announced her run for mayor, in the process leaving her seat open to others this year.

Williams, 52, is the only woman currently in the mix of hopefuls. She describes herself as “Brooklyn born, Chelsea raised, and Dorchester developed,” and adds, “I do not come from a political background.” (Continued on page 5)

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New, scaled-back plan for 75 Morrissey includes office space

By Reporter Staff

A development team that previously said it would put two apartment high-rises on the site of the old Channel 56 studios on Morrissey Boulevard told the Boston Planning and Development Agency (BPDA) on Tuesday that it now wants to put up one residential building and one building for “life science/office” use.

The letter of intent, from David Raftery of Morrissey CFL Holdings, which bought the site from car dealer Herb Chambers, calls for a 175-unit apartment building and a research and office building with 250,000 square feet, along with 868 parking spaces.

The letter, which is supposed to indicate the impending submission of detailed plans, does not specify the building heights. A similar letter last year, however, called for buildings of 15 and 17 stories.

Both buildings would only be the first phase of an even larger development that would eventually include the neighboring Star Market and Beasley Media parcels. Morrissey CFL has said that along with its detailed plans, it would file a request for a “planned development area” in which the land’s existing zoning would essentially be tossed so the developer and the BPDA could negotiate on the details of the large project.

The filing comes one day before City Councillor Ed Flynn (South Boston, South End, Chinatown, Downtown) files a request for a hearing on whether residents should have more of a say in the planning



A draft master plan from 2019 showed the phasing envisioned by Morrissey CFL Holdings for the redevelopment of parcels it controls along the Morrissey Blvd. corridor. The 75 Morrissey parcel is depicted in “Phase 1.” The developer sent word to city officials this week that it is changing its plan for the site.

of biotech research facilities in or next to residential areas. In his hearing request, Flynn says we’re seeing more such projects and that residents are growing concerned about just what sort of testing and research is being done in them.

“Residents should have a say in what gets built in their community, especially if it is a laboratory that can potentially impact public health and safety in the area,” he writes.

BPD’s White on leave amid review of decades-old abuse allegations

Police, Courts & Fire

Boston’s newly installed Police Commissioner Dennis White is now on leave after allegations of domestic violence surfaced last week. Superintendent-in-Chief Gregory Long is serving as acting commissioner.

The *Globe* reported on Feb. 3 that in May 1999 a judge had issued a restraining order against

White after he allegedly pushed and threatened to shoot his then-wife. The *Globe* noted that there is no evidence White was charged with a crime. At the time, he denied the allegations in court filings.

Mayor Walsh named White to the post to replace outgoing commissioner William Gross,

who retired abruptly on Jan. 29. White was sworn into office on Feb. 1. The mayor’s office said in a statement that after learning of the allegations, he placed White on administrative leave while an outside lawyer conducts an investigation.

“In an attempt to create a smooth transition and honor former Commissioner Gross’s desire to spend time with his family, Dennis White was asked to quickly step into the role of police

commissioner, beginning last Friday,” Walsh said. “These disturbing issues were not known to me or my staff, but should have been at the forefront.”

White has spent 32 years with the department, and most recently was a superintendent and Gross’s chief of staff. Walsh picked White to serve on his police reform task force last summer that was charged with recommending reforms to increase transparency and accountability at the



Dennis White department. Among the recommendations: An Office of Police Transparency and Accountability that would investigate officer misconduct and oversee internal police investigations.

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Feb. 4. The Reporter and WBUR share content through a media partnership.

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A 32-year-old man from Dorchester was shot to death on Feb. 4 around 10 p.m. as he sat in a car near the corner of Capen and Evans streets. According to a Boston Police report, the victim, later named as Brandon Williams, was pronounced dead at the scene. He was shot multiple times, according to BPD, which requested that anyone with tips contact detectives at 617-343-4470. The murder was the sixth so far this year in the city.

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Former Dot man appointed to high-ranking role at HUD

Arthur Jemison, a former Dorchester resident, has joined the Biden-Harris administration as one of the top leaders at the US Dept. of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

Jemison and his family lived in the Ashmont neighborhood during

his time in state government— when he served under Gov. Deval Patrick as a housing planner. They moved in 2014 when he became the leading redevelopment planner for the city of Detroit.

According to the *Detroit Free Press*, Jemi-

son was sworn into his new federal position on Jan. 20— the day that President Biden was inaugurated. According to the newspaper, Jemison is now principal deputy assistant secretary in HUD’s office of community planning and development. —BILL FORRY



Arthur Jemison

UPCOMING CIVIC MEETINGS AND COMMUNITY EVENTS

Boston Planning and Development Agency will host a virtual public meeting on Wed., Feb. 17 from 6-8 p.m. to discuss the development of two combined lots: 1121 Dorchester Ave. and 31 Savin Hill Ave. totaling in 12,029 square-feet. The proposed project would contain two structures: a new 4 story building fronting Dorchester Avenue containing 21 residential units and 19 off-street parking spaces and a separate 3 story building fronting Savin Hill Avenue containing 3 additional units. Parking is located in the main building’s underground garage accessed via a shared easement off of Savin Hill Avenue. For more info, see bostonplans.org. Contact Ebony DaRosa at 617-918-4419 or ebony.darosa@boston.gov for more info.

UMass ‘fireside chat’ features Councillor Janey, new chancellor — UMass Boston will host a virtual event on Thurs., Feb. 18 featuring Chancellor Marcelo Suárez-Orozco, City Council President Kim Janey and panel of other community leaders in what the university calls a

“fireside chat” to discuss how UMass can contribute to solutions important to Boston and urban communities. The event is set to run from 9:30 a.m.-11 a.m. Register online at DotNews.com.

JFK Library will host a Black Heritage Month celebration online on Wed., Feb. 17 at 11:30 a.m. featuring the Benkadi Drume and Dance group. Register at jfklibrary.org/Celebrate.

The Melville Park Neighborhood Association meets the third Thursday of each month at 6:30 p.m. via Zoom. The link is posted on Nextdoor Melville along with the agenda.

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

documentation, including mailing it, leaving it in a drop-box at ABCD headquarters, photographing and sending from their phones and other options. Applicants can go to bostonabcd.org for more info. There is a wide range of eligibility based on income and number of household members. Read the guidelines at masscap.org. ABCD pays the household’s fuel vendor directly. Right now the maximum fuel assistance benefit is \$875. Last year the top benefit was \$1,140.

The MBTA’s new Winter schedule — aimed at aligning service with the lower ridership levels experienced during the pandemic— went into effect on Sat., Jan. 23. Commuter rail will only offer weekend service on the Newburyport/Rockport, Framingham/Worcester, Fairmount, Providence, and Middleborough lines. All other Commuter Rail lines will not have weekend service.

The new Winter Service Schedule includes additional trains on the Fairmount Line, which runs through

Dorchester and Mattapan. “These added trains help to fill in service gaps that existed in the previous schedule and help to offer more consistent train intervals, such as clockface service which makes riding simpler for passengers,” according to an MBTA statement.

For instance, on the Fairmount Line, the new Winter Service Schedule offers clockface service every hour. From Readville, a train will depart on weekdays every hour at 30 minutes past the hour between 6:30 AM and 10:30 PM. This consistent interval is maintained for all stops on the Fairmount Line, and during higher ridership times additional trains are available. The new schedules are available at mbta.com/CommuterRail.

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Dot attorney takes public safety seat on cannabis board

By DANIEL SHEEHAN
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Last month, Attorney General Maura Healey tapped Ava Callendar Concepcion, a Dorchester attorney, to fill the vacant public safety seat on the state’s Cannabis Control Commission.

Concepcion, a self-described “Mattapan girl” who grew up near the Mattapan/Dorchester border, now lives in Uphams Corner with her husband and 14 month-year-old child. In an interview with the *Reporter*, she described how being a lifelong Boston resident compelled her to pursue a career rooted in social justice and advocate for change at the local level.

Concepcion’s early years were “a huge part of why I ended up getting a degree in criminology and becoming a lawyer,” she explained.

“In the early 90s there was a really bad increase in crime in my area, on my street. As a kid I remember someone being a victim of homicide right outside my door and it being taped off,” she said.

“This still kind of happens now, but shootings were being masked by fireworks, so you wouldn’t know if it was a firework going off or a gun going off,” she said. “But it did boost my in-



Ava Callendar Concepcion: Perspective counts

terest and I started then getting more socially active and more politically active and started to look into a career in public safety...I wanted to know more about it, and I wanted to know what I could do to effect change in my area.”

Those first steps down the criminal justice path eventually led Concepcion to Johnson C. Smith University in North Carolina where she completed an undergraduate degree in criminology. While back in Boston for winter and summer breaks, she interned at former Suffolk DA Dan Conley’s office, working in community relations and catching up-close

glimpses of the criminal justice system at work.

“I would shadow the victim’s witness advocates — the people who are the first point of contact for victims of crimes — help people navigate the court systems, connect them with resources, make sure they understand their rights,” said Concepcion, who soon became a victim witness advocate herself.

“I realized how important it is not just to have someone there but to have someone there who understands the process and who has my perspective. A lot of the people I would see in court were the same

people who would ride the train with me home.”

That experience convinced Concepcion that she should go to law school, and she earned a degree from New England Law Boston. She eventually joined the office of state Sen. William Brownsberger, where, she said, working on criminal justice legislation laid the framework for her current public safety-centric role.

“I think I got the biggest taste of what it takes to be in the role I’m in today from that experience because we worked on the criminal justice reform act of 2018, which was a huge legislative package that changed our criminal justice system.

“Doing that, I understood how many different perspectives you need to bring forward, how you need to communicate with different stakeholders, and how you need to reach out to the people who are most directly impacted and the experts in the field,” Concepcion said. “So, we’re talking about different activists, prisoner legal services, members of the judiciary, making sure you’re understanding how this affects their day to day.”

In 2013, she made an unsuccessful bid for the District 5 city council

seat, finishing in fourth place. Most recently, she worked as director of governmental affairs and external partnerships for the Suffolk DA’s Office under Rachael Rollins.

Last month, Concepcion took the vacant public safety seat on the commission formerly held by Britte McBride. The last few weeks of onboarding have been hectic; Concepcion compared it to finals week at law school, describing it as a whirlwind educational process.

“The staff of the commission have blown me away; they’re the smartest, most hard working group of people,” she noted.

Pursuing the commission’s equity objectives, intended to ensure that the growing industry includes people from communities that have been disenfranchised and disproportionately harmed by cannabis laws in the past, will be a sizeable part of Concepcion’s role going forward.

She described that component as “one of the core parts” of the commission’s work. Some of her early days will include “looking at what is in place now, and gauging whether or not things need to be tweaked,” she said.

At a broader level,

much of Concepcion’s work will be aimed at growing the burgeoning cannabis industry in Boston’s predominantly Black and brown neighborhoods and reducing the “stigma” that she believes still accompanies the now-legalized drug.

Last year, Dot residents Kobie Evans and Kevin Hart made history by opening Pure Oasis in Grove Hall, the city’s first recreational dispensary through an economic empowerment program. But at Dorchester civic group meetings, a negative view of pot can sometimes result in opposition from residents skeptical of a dispensary moving into the area.

“I think there’s still a stigma attached to it,” said Concepcion. “I think people are still very leery and hesitant because of the stigma, and I think the more we educate people and allow them to understand that this is a really amazing economic opportunity, specifically in areas that we all know have been disproportionately impacted by old laws that were not really the fairest to these communities, the better...I’d like to see people in Dorchester taking advantage, learning more and really becoming a part of this.”



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With two incumbents leaving, at-large race draws new names

By MADDIE KILGANNON
AND BILL FORRY
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Two new candidates – including a woman from Dorchester who sought one of four at-large seats on the Boston City Council in 2019 – emerged as potential contenders for citywide council this week.

Two incumbent city councillors— Michael Flaherty and Julia Mejia— are both expected to mount re-election campaigns to hold onto their citywide seats. But, with two at-large councillors, Annissa Essaibi George and Michelle Wu, running for mayor, there is extra incentive for hopefuls to consider campaigning at that level.

Erin Murphy, who finished in sixth position in the last municipal election for at-large seats, told the Reporter on Tuesday that she is “strongly considering” a candidacy this year. “I do think we ran a very successful grass-roots campaign and the momentum just grew,” she said. “I’m a much stronger candidate the second time around and I’ve made hundreds of calls over the last couple of weeks. I definitely know I can improve on last time.”

Murphy is a lifelong



Kelly Bates

Dorchester resident who has worked for 24 years in the Boston Public School system. Speaking as a special education teacher, she says the council will need someone like her as the city emerges from the pandemic.

“Now more than ever, the council needs a schoolteacher and that expertise to help with the safe return of students and teachers,” she said. “There’s been a huge social, emotional impact.”

Murphy, who already has an account open with the state’s Office of Campaign and Political Finance (OCPF), says she expects to make a final decision in the coming days.

Also seriously weighing a candidacy is Kelly Bates of Hyde Park, who filed a statement of organization with OCPF on Monday. Bates, 50, currently serves as president of the Interaction Institute for Social Change and holds



Erin Murphy

a degree from Boston University Law School. “Boston is in crisis: Covid-19 and addiction are ravaging our public health, families can no longer afford to remain in the city they love, and we desperately need a swift economic recovery that works for all,” said Bates in a statement to the Reporter.

If she decides to run, Bates said, she will focus on finding solutions to some of the city’s most urgent and multi-faceted issues, from addiction to education to climate change.

“I was born to a young interracial couple who married in 1963 before it was safe or even acceptable to do so. My Irish father, a local reporter, lived in the South End of Boston with my Black mother, a public schoolteacher,” Bates said. Though she herself is a New York native, Bates said, “Boston always felt like home.” She moved to Boston at age 23 and has

lived in neighborhoods across the city, which, she said, has given her a broad perspective. “I have deep, lived experiences” in many of them, she said.

Bates is the executive director of the Massachusetts State-Wide Women’s Legislative Network, a founding board member of Emerge Massachusetts, and a member of the Ward 18 Democratic Committee.

A new name to surface in the last month is Said Abdikarim, a refugee from Africa who settled

in Boston as a teenager, attended Boston Public Schools, and sold newspapers at age 14 to send money home to his family in Africa. Another candidate who will likely be in the mix is former at-large councillor Althea Garrison, who told the Reporter last week that she will opt to run for council instead of mayor in 2021.

A number of other people have declared their intent to run citywide, including: Dorchester’s David Halbert, who ran in 2019 and finished

eighth. Alex Gray, a Jamaica Plain resident and City Hall policy analyst; Hyde Park resident Nick Vance, who has been active in the NAACP; and Domingos DaRosa, a native of Cape Verde who grew up in Dorchester and Roxbury and ran for council unsuccessfully in 2017 and 2019.

Candidates for council at-large are required to get a minimum of 1,500 certified signatures from city voters to make the ballot. Nomination papers will be made available on April 13.

Jones Hill man eyes District 3 run

Stephen McBride, 31, plans to challenge councillor Frank Baker for the District 3 council seat.

“I’m running to be a new, progressive voice for District 3 and for Boston,” McBride told the Reporter on Tuesday. “I want to build back our small businesses in the wake of the pandemic, address systemic inequities within our schools, fight for climate justice, and be a fierce champion for all the people of District 3.”

McBride officially filed with the Office of Campaign and Political Finance over the weekend but has been thinking about running for a spot on the Boston City Council since the summer.

A Boston transplant by way of Pennsylvania, he is a Northeastern grad and works at HubSpot.

“I would like to be known for being someone who can be worked with,” he said. McBride said he wants to ensure that newly developed areas of the neighborhood, such as Dot Block, provide real, affordable housing options. “We should learn from the Seaport,” McBride said.

McBride and his husband moved to Dorchester three years ago and is “running to be another proud, LGBT voice on the council” to better represent the city.

“I wouldn’t say that this is necessarily a



Stephen McBride slight against him,” McBride said of his campaign to unseat Baker, noting that “I think he’s done great things for Dorchester.”

In order to get on the ballot, McBride will have to garner 200 signatures from the district. Nomination papers are not available for another two months— on April 13.

- MADDIE KILGANNON

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Candidates hoping to replace Campbell are honing messages

She is currently the program manager for Countdown to Kindergarten for the Boston Public Schools. As a single mother, Williams said, she raised her daughter “in a village of social capital. I did not get here alone.”

If elected, she said, she wants to be a force for recovery in the wake of the ongoing pandemic. “We don’t want to go back to old structures,” she added, citing the wealth disparity across the city.

Lee, 63, lives in Dorchester’s Melville Park neighborhood and has served on the Boston Parks Commission. He oversees the operation of Melnea Cass Recreation Complex, Roxbury Heritage State Park, and Dillaway Thomas House. He also has served as past executive director at a number of nonprofits, including Dorchester Neighborhood Service Center and the Roxbury YMCA. This campaign is his first, although he has been politically active for decades.

“I get more done by not being a politician than being a politician,” Lee said. “I know city councillors who don’t do a third of what I do.”

He describes himself as a proud father of three, an urban beekeeper and a “person who



Leonard Lee



Joel Richards



Jacob Urena



Josette Williams



Brian Worrell



Trevour Smith

cares about the community unconditionally.”

If elected, Lee said that combatting Covid-19 and increasing vaccine distribution would be his priorities. “That trickles down to everything: economics, public health, violence, all of it!”

“I’ll do two terms and I’m done,” he said last week. “My goal is to mentor young people who want that job.”

Urena, 23, is a commissioned minister in the Order of St. Martin de Porres, affiliated with the Evangelical Episcopal Church.

He told the Reporter that he hopes to bring a fresh perspective to the council while continuing much of the work of “breaking barriers” that Campbell has started. He introduced himself as “a product of Mattapan,” and said “I believe it’s really time for City Hall to incorporate young voices. I’m running to represent the commu-

nity that raised me. I’m not too much of a Sunday-type preacher,” he added, “but more of helping the community— fulfilling that type of need.”

If elected, Urena said, he would like to focus on addressing affordable housing and dismantling white supremacy— among other issues. “I’m not going to feel afraid to tackle things outside of D4,” he added.

The 37-year-old Richards, who has spent seven years teaching in Boston Public Schools, and his wife Madeligne Tena are raising two sons in Dorchester. He describes himself as a “first-generation American born of two Jamaican immigrants and a union organizer.

“I’m running to bring the movement for justice in housing, the economy, and education to City Hall and to strengthen organizations that empower working-class

communities.” Richards wrote in a statement on Feb. 7.

Worrell, a real estate broker and a lifelong resident of District 4 – “I am one of the people who never left,” he said in a statement to the Reporter – says he plans to make “bold changes” if elected.

“As an entrepreneur, I understand how to dream big and put in the infrastructure to face the challenges that are set before us,” he said. People in the district are calling for resources and opportunities they need and deserve in order to thrive. Survival is not enough anymore.”

Smith, 34, is the latest addition to the pool of District 4 campaigners. A math teacher at Boston Latin School, he is a recent arrival to the district, having moved to Dorchester from Brighton last August.

On Monday, Smith said he was considering

a run for at-large council as an alternative to District 4. He said he is looking at the numbers and running his campaign like a math teacher. His years spent as a wrestling coach have also taught him to carefully measure his opponents, he added.

Another potential candidate is former state Rep. Evandro Carvalho, who lives in the district and is said to be weighing

a run— either district or at-large— this year.

The field continues to develop. To qualify for the ballot, candidates must collect 200 nomination signatures from voters in the district. The nomination process does not begin until April 13 and the final slate of candidates will not be published by city officials until June.



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Savin Hill business-combo proposal: The Daily on top, The Nightly below

By DANIEL SHEEHAN
REPORTER STAFF

Just over a year after TheDaily market opened its doors on Savin Hill Avenue, a new restaurant is in the works for the bottom floor of that building.

The developer James Baker told the Reporter last Wednesday that he had already filed for a liquor license, and was awaiting approval from a city hearing that day for the eatery, which would include a dining room and kitchen on the basement level beneath the market, as well as a second-floor function and event space and an outdoor terrace seating area. As a complementary business to The Daily, the restaurant will naturally be called

The Nightly. While the menu for the restaurant hasn't yet been fully developed, Baker said he expects The Nightly to serve "more than just pub food, since there are already so many offerings like that in the neighborhood." He added that his team plans to "develop a really good pizza that will be the centerpiece of the menu." As with the market, the eatery would focus on sourcing local food products and drinks.

Community support for a new restaurant in the neighborhood has been strong since he first began developing the property a couple years ago, Baker said, describing an "extensive" community engagement process that his team ex-

ecuted through a digital survey system.

"We got a lot of feedback on the design and what people would like to see," he said. "Number 1 was the market, which we've executed on. 'Close behind was a restaurant.'"

More than 400 people responded to the 35-question survey, a process that Baker called "much deeper and richer than typical. We're confident we're addressing a desire and a need in the community," he said.

The bottom level space currently houses an industrial grade kitchen, but it needs to be outfitted with pizza ovens, salad stations, and a full bar, among other necessities. The dining room space will have a



capacity of around 80, while the event space will hold 120, and the outdoor patio roughly 40 guests. Baker hopes it will be ready to open before the fall.

"We're excited, especially with places like Florian Hall not being open. They're obviously a local favorite for events and parties and stuff like that. They've done a great job with it, and we're hoping we can fill some of that void."



The Daily and Nightly building on Savin Hill Ave.

Addressing concerns about parking at the location, Baker noted that The Nightly has an agreement with Cristo Rey High School next door to use their parking spaces for events taking place at night and on the weekends.

The complex would be the newest face on a block that has seen considerable change in recent years. Baker touted that

transformation, which he says has brought needed amenities and services to the residential neighborhood.

"With this section right off the train station, it's highly unusual to have no amenities...we've been slowly building with McKennas, the market, SBK, and now this, and we think it will be a real nice addition to the community."

Retail pop-up events at South Bay will feature Black-owned vendors

Black Owned Bos., an online platform launched in 2019 to amplify and incubate local Black-owned businesses and ventures, will host its first retail pop-up of the 2021 season this month at South Bay Center.

The "Spread Love" themed retail market will kick off the day before Valentine's Day (Sat., Feb. 13) and run from noon to 6 p.m. for four Saturdays through

March 6. The indoor rotating collective of local Black-owned businesses from throughout the Greater Boston Area will feature gifts and goods that offer something for everyone while promoting the collective empowerment of Black entrepreneurs. From sweet treats and cards to clothes and accessories, the collective will offer a diverse selection

of business categories. The Spread Love Collective Pop Up will be held at 28 District Ave., in the former Loft Outlet space next to Ulta and Starbucks. The first event this Saturday will feature the following businesses: 195essential, Adorn Me Africa, Akosua's Closet, Ankhara By Luciana, B. Royal Boutique, BGM Apparel, Buttah Beauty, Clarke's Cakes &

Cookies, Emerald City Plant Shop, iLoveFGC, The Poetic Artiste, and Unplugged Essentials.

"Black Owned Bos. prides itself on creating safe, inviting, and thoughtfully curated spaces where businesses and customers alike are positioned to have a worthwhile experience," said Jae'da Turner, founder and managing

director of Black Owned Bos. "When one door closes, another door opens. The retail market is changing and with many businesses shuttering their doors due to the pandemic, these vacancies present a unique way to leverage the collective strength of our vendor partners to create new opportunities." In addition to creating a space to spread love to

some local Black owned businesses, the Spread Love Collective Pop Up will be raising money to support local mutual aid community fridges that have sprung up around Boston to address food insecurity and other needs.

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-DANIEL SHEEHAN



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Dot student, 12, organizer of ‘self-care’ workshop for girls

By DANIEL SHEEHAN
REPORTER STAFF

A seventh grader at Helen Y. Davis Leadership Academy in Fields Corner is behind a new “Covid self-care” workshop for girls ages 10-14 that will take place next week over February break.

Jay’dha Rackard, 12, a South End resident, explained to the *Reporter* that she saw an opportunity to teach her peers some necessary self-care skills and practices.

After applying for and winning a \$20,000 grant, Rackard set about organizing a Covid-safe workshop that will take place Monday through Friday, Feb. 15-19, from 11 a.m.-3 p.m. each day.

“I wanted to advocate and speak up for people that need self-care, to help with their health, and help teach other kids how to care for themselves,” said Rackard. “To me, self-care is taking care of yourself when you’re feeling down, helping yourself feel better, and taking care of your body. It could just mean watching movies, stretching, cooking, or doing something you like. It’s about doing things for yourself that make you feel better.”

At the workshop, which will be hosted at a spacious studio in Hyde Park, girls will be given supplies to make face and body scrubs, lip gloss, bath bombs, and t-shirts, as well as take lessons on self-care,



Jay’dha Rackard meditation, self-expression through poetry, dance and yoga, and participate in a photoshoot. All supplies, including PPE, will be provided for the participants. Lunch and a snack will be included. Girls in the workshop for 12-14 year olds will even be given their own laptop.

Rackard pointed out that while self-care tools and resources are particularly vital during the ongoing global health crisis, not everyone necessarily has access to those tools. Giving girls the skills and tools to care for themselves will set them up for healthier habits and lifestyles down the road, she reasoned.

“The idea is to teach them that they can be doing self-care, too, at home or on their own time,” said Rackard. “It’s showing them what it means to empower yourself.”

A few slots remain open for next week’s workshop. For more information and to download an application, email Jay’dha at jbrackard@gmail.com



Longtime City of Boston Credit Union member Anita Sutton was surprised with a call from the team at the Credit Union’s Dorchester branch that she won \$2,500 as part of its WINcentive Savings program. The WINcentive Savings account is designed to help members improve money habits in a way that makes saving fun. Members with a WINcentive account are entered for a chance to win each time they increase their savings balance by \$25. The Credit Union’s program is the only one available in Massachusetts. Shown above, l-r, are Dorchester branch manager Ashley O’Sullivan, Winner Anita S, Director Susan Connolly, Director Kevin Linskey, President/CEO Neil Gordon.

Swanton takes charge at Irish Pastoral Centre

The Dorchester-based Irish Pastoral Centre, a non-profit that helps immigrants from Ireland get settled in Boston, has a new leader, Mary Swanton, a native of Ireland’s Co. Limerick.

Active for years in Adams Village, where the organization is headquartered, Swanton started as executive director on Jan. 25.

“She brings with her a wealth of relevant experience that she has accumulated from many years of work-

ing in fine arts, programming, and community development,” read a statement from the agency’s board of directors.

“Well-known in the Boston Irish community, Mary has liaised with all Boston area organizations through work at the Irish Emigrant newspaper, and she created many programs and performances for Boston Irish events.” Said Swanton: “Boston has been my home for 34 years and it means a lot to me to be Irish

in Boston. We are part of a great multi-generational story that’s rooted in our shared heritage where the Irish Pastoral Centre serves us so well.

“This is truly a unique ‘heart and soul’ organization that quietly supports all of us in joy and sorrow, in the past and present. I am honored to share and continue their great work and legacy.”

The Irish Pastoral Center was founded in 1987 at St. Mark parish. The agency’s offices, now



Mary Swanton located in a professional building at 512 Galloway Blvd. are closed due to the pandemic. Swanton and her staff can be contacted by telephone at 617-265 5300. -ED FORRY

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4 from Dorchester make Dean’s List at Holy Cross

Four residents of Dorchester made the Dean’s List at the College of the Holy Cross for the fall semester: Abigail Connolly, a member of

the Class of 2022, majoring in Spanish; Michael Griffin, ‘22, majoring in History; Andrew Murphy, ‘23, majoring in Psychology; and Jailanny

Pena ‘24, an undeclared major.

To qualify for the Dean’s List, students must pass four or more letter-graded courses

with no failing grades during the semester and earn a GPA of 3.5 or higher. A total of 1,453 students made the list for the fall term.

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The Mason Regulator Company was located in Lower Mills, in the building where Standish Village is now. The company produced machine parts, i.e., speed and pressure regulators, balanced valves, and steam traps. It moved from Jamaica Plain to Lower Mills in 1898, establishing itself as a new industry in the Lower Mills area. The company’s products were used in steamships, railroad engines, automobiles, and manufacturing facilities.

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Part of the assembly room at the Mason Regulator Company, Dorchester Center, Boston, showing testing apparatus and material for Navy Department ready for final inspection and test.

Photograph taken during World War I by Curtiss Photographers, Boston.

amount of pressure in a pipe supplying steam to an engine, compensating for variations due to the intermittent shoveling of coal into the boiler or heavy usage of steam by another machine sharing the same supply source.

Mason Regulator constructed the first engines to be used

in the legendary Stanley Steamers.

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

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Note: The historian Kerri Greenidge will speak about her book “Black Radical: The Life and Times of William Monroe Trotter” at a Society program to be presented through Zoom on Sun., Feb. 21, at 2 pm. Anyone wanting to attend should email Earl Taylor at earltaylor@orch-histsoc@gmail.com, and he will send back a link for the meeting.

Editorial

What to expect next in Walsh-City Hall transition

If you’ve spent the last few days luxuriating in—or recovering from— Sunday night’s big victory by the Florida Patriots, there’s plenty to catch up on in the suddenly super-charged world of Boston politics. As President Biden would likely say: “Look, here’s the deal, folks.”

Last Thursday, Mayor Walsh got his much-anticipated hearing before a US Senate committee charged with reviewing his credentials to serve as the next US Secretary of Labor. To say that it went favorably for Walsh would be a wild understatement. It was a love fest, with the most revealing exchange centered on Hizzonah’s passion for the delightful coffee served up at Doughboy Donuts— a South Boston establishment that has the good fortune of being located on Dorchester Avenue.

As smooth as the hearing went for our neighbor, he’s not yet out the door at Government Center. While the Senate committee will undoubtedly green-light his appointment— and send it to the full Senate for a vote— we don’t yet know exactly when that will happen.

The chair of the committee— Sen. Patty Murray (D-WA)— said that the body will allow ten days for written testimony to be submitted— stretching the timeline into next week. The Senate, of course, is otherwise occupied at the moment with the second impeachment of the last president. And, to further gum up the works, Congress is scheduled to be off next week for a break that coincides with school vacation week in many parts of the country, including our own.

So, at this point, Mayor Walsh is not likely to get a confirmation vote until the last week of February at the earliest. It could, we’re told, stretch into March. We’ll see.

Meanwhile, the day after his hearing in DC, Mayor Walsh signed the Home Rule petition to skip a special election to replace him when he resigns. The measure will bypass a spring-summer special election, stick with the regularly scheduled elections in the fall, and keep soon-to-be-acting Mayor Kim Janey in the mayor’s office through November (at least.) Walsh’s approval came after a near-unanimous vote (Councillor Essaibi George abstained) by councillors last Wednesday.

But, Walsh’s sign-off only brings the effort to skip a special mayoral election to the 50-yard-line. It goes next to state lawmakers, who must review Boston’s petition and pass it through both chambers. Then, Gov. Baker needs to sign it.

Members of the Legislature who represent the city discussed the measure in a call on Monday and resolved that the current head of the Boston delegation— Rep. Chynah Tyler of Roxbury— will file a bill with the House Clerk’s office to advance the home rule petition. As of Tuesday, the bill had not yet been filed.

Once it is, the clerk’s office will make a determination on which of several legislative committees will give it a hearing. That committee will, most likely, “report favorably” on Boston’s petition and set a date for a vote for the House, followed by the Senate. But, given that Beacon Hill is also taking a pause next week for February’s school break, it’ll most likely get pushed into the final week of the month.

So, for now, Mayor Walsh remains in charge of the city with a cabinet that is largely intact, even if the mayor himself is beginning to split his own time getting prepped for a major national post. In the meantime, Council President Janey— faced with the daunting task of getting her own team and herself ready to take charge— has a couple of more weeks to do so.

It’s a dynamic situation. So, stay tuned for updates by following our reporting team at DotNews.com and on Twitter at @DotNews.

-Bill Forry

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Reading the Globe then (1981) and now shows how democracy has been curbed

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Last week, while shuffling boxes around my basement, I discovered a complete *Boston Globe* edition from Feb. 3, 1981, close to the heyday of the newspaper’s circulation and profitability. I saved it to memorialize my son’s birth date, but I hadn’t revisited it since first placing it in that box 40 years ago.

I’ve heard a lot of opinions about the difference between today’s Globe and when it was one of America’s premier newspapers. These opinions note that most of the articles in the national section are now from the *New York Times* or *Washington Post*, that the editorial and Op-Ed pages have been eviscerated, and that it is much reduced in all regards.

I took the time to read through the 40-year-old edition, juxtaposed with the Feb. 3, 2021 edition, to see what struck me as the same and

what is different. Feb. 3, 1981 was a Tuesday and this past Feb. 3 was a Wednesday, both weekday editions.

The first thing I noticed was the actual size of the paper, which has lost 3 of its 14 inches in width over 40 years, a loss of over 20 percent. But the size of the print had also shrunk by 15 percent, so the loss of printable space was 5 percent. The 1981 edition had 60 pages, compared to 40 last week, but the amount of advertising was immensely different. The 1981 paper had 25 pages of advertising, compared to only 3.25 pages of ads in 2021, a stark difference, and the major reason daily newspapers are in trouble.

Last week’s paper had three full page ads – one each for liquor, cars, and an awards ceremony. The 1981 edition had 3 pages of cigarette ads, 2 full pages of real estate ads, 6 pages of job listings, 1½ pages of bank advertisements, 3 pages for cars, a page for stereos (remember them?), and a movie guide. In addition, there were 4 pages of stocks and bonds listings.

Having seen that most of the articles in today’s national news section are reprints from other sources (mainly NY Times, Washington Post, and AP), I was surprised to see that the 1981 national/foreign section was also mainly made up stories from other sources, at about the same percentage as 2021.

The stories from 1981 reflected that Ronald Reagan had just been inaugurated as president, and that the weather had been unusually warm. It carried a story about the decision-making process to determine who would get the contract to wire Boston for cable television, a full-page story on Walter Cronkite’s retirement, and a story by reporter and Dorchester resident Richard Knox (who went on to NPR as the medical editor) headlined “Study finds much surgery is needless.”

The editorial page was more extensive than today’s version, with three editorials (one on the mayor of Pittsfield, one on federal deficits and tax cuts, and one on America’s relationship with the Soviet Union). Two of the three are still current topics for editorials.

The Op-Ed page was also more robust in 1981. Today, we typically get three op-eds and a large graphic, but in 1981, there were five op-eds, one related to “populist governor Ed King,” one on Mayor Kevin White and Proposition 2 ½, one international column, one comic piece by Art Buchwald, and one

Letter to the Editor

Senators, do your duty: Convict Trump

To the Editor:

Ever since the Jan. 6 armed insurrectionist attack on the US capitol (and on our democratic process itself), I’ve been thinking of my high school civics teacher, Mr. Adair.

I didn’t adequately appreciate Mr. Adair’s efforts at the time, but those freshman-level lessons have stayed with me. I learned about the formulation of our laws and civic structure, and Mr. Adair explained the unique American experiment of our representative government, its balance of powers as laid out in the Constitution, and its dependence on citizens’ active engagement and involvement.

He also taught about the power of civil, peaceful protests.

While the Capitol attack took place on a single day, it was the culmination of months of lies and disinformation, and the single most culpable person in perpetuating #TheBigLie that Biden’s victory was a “fraud,” ultimately leading to the siege itself, was Donald J. Trump.



on Jean Harris and Hy Tarnower (a spectacular murder case) by Ellen Goodman.

The Metro section had a column on the creation of corporate boxes at the old Boston Garden, and how it affected the “Gallery Gods.” Other stories were protests of cuts at the MBTA, evictions at housing projects, various crime stories, Kevin White’s proposed \$295.8 million budget, including \$97 million in cuts, and how Prop 2½ was affecting the town of Hanson. The Business section disclosed General Motor’s \$763 million deficit, the impact of computers on businesses, and the drop of the prime interest rate from 20 percent to 19.5 percent. One Dorchester story was about the closing of a Neponset Avenue store, with a headline “One of the last of the old mom and pop stores.” The store, named “George’s,” owned by George Jakub, was described as “an old piece of Americana,” and stores such as his “as stabilizing a unit in the community as the family or the local church (or the local pub).”

“Cambridge basketball star Patrick Ewing to attend Georgetown,” read the reference above the Page One flag to a story in the sports section, reinforcing a widely held view that the Globe is a sports-oriented newspaper, then and now. In the sports section itself were two follow up stories on Ewing, along with major stories on the Beanpot, and one on the upcoming free agency of Carlton Fisk. City Councilor Fred Langone proposed having the city take over the Boston Garden and renovate it with \$15 million in state funds, a precursor to the Convention Center idea.

My look at the 1981 vs 2021 Globe surprised me in a few ways: Although the editorial and op-ed pages have been greatly diminished, the amount of news covered was not dramatically different. I also found that many of the articles, editorials, and OpEd topics from 1981 continue to be the same in 2021. The paper still has upwards of 300,000 subscribers – print and digital – making it still a preeminent media powerhouse in Boston. What scares me is that the business model for big city newspapers, including the Globe, is not sustainable, and hasn’t been for going on 20 years now. The Globe would not continue to be an essential community institution were it not for its billionaire owner, John Henry, and his wife, Globe CEO Linda Pizzuti Henry, who have a commitment to own a newspaper.

Social media cannot be expected to replace newspapers for the simple reason that, unlike social media, journalists are in the news business, with the ability to study topics and ensure a level of accuracy in coverage. But social media has taken away the advertising revenue that used to go to newspapers. As a result, our democracy has suffered due to the financial collapse of so many of the nation’s newspapers. Boston needs and deserves to have excellent newspapers, and it is up to its residents to make sure that local papers like the *Dorchester Reporter* and regionals like the *Boston Globe* are supported with our subscriptions.

Bill Walczak is a Dorchester resident and a Reporter columnist.

While many participants in the Capitol Coup are being arrested and tried, and deserve to be, it is Trump himself who must be held accountable above all. The Senate has a solemn duty to protect against future such attacks: they must vote to #ConvictAndDisqualify, preventing Trump from ever holding public office again. Perhaps your readers had their own Mr. Adair. I urge all who read this, regardless of party affiliation, to contact your senators and tell them: #DoYourDuty. Make it clear that attacks on our democracy will not be tolerated, nor will the incitement and fomenting of such attacks.

And please: Tell your friends in other parts of the country to reach out to their senators as well, Republicans and Democrats alike. We must unite to uphold the ideals that I first learned in freshman civics class in order to move forward together toward a more perfect union.

Matthew Murphy
Wayne Street

Fauci: An on-time second dose of vaccine best way to go

By **KATIE LANNAN**
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Getting as many people fully vaccinated as possible is the best defense against the evolution of Covid-19 variants, Dr. Anthony Fauci, the director of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, said Monday at a White House coronavirus briefing.

Because vaccine demand is greater than supply, the question has arisen in some quarters about whether the government should focus its efforts on providing the first of two necessary vaccine doses to as many people as possible, “with less emphasis on the second dose.”

Fauci said that the first dose of both available vaccines, from Pfizer and Moderna, provides some protection from the coronavirus, but the second shot, administered 21 to 28 days later, boosts the protection level tenfold higher.

That added level is important not only for the potency of the protection, Fauci said, but also because it provides a “greater breadth of response” covering for currently circulating virus variants as well.

“The other theoretical issue that could be problematic with regard to only a single dose is that if you get a sub-optimum response, the way viruses respond to pressure, you could actually be inadvertently selecting for more mutants by a suboptimal response,” he said.

“So for that reason, we have continued to go by the fact that we feel the optimum approach would be to continue with getting as many people on their first dose as possible but also making sure that people, on-time, get their second dose.”

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Director Dr. Rochelle Walensky said that 699 variant cases have been confirmed across 34 states as of Sunday, and 690 of those cases are the B.1.1.7 variant first detected in the United Kingdom.

Fauci said that variant could be the dominant version present in the US by the end of March, and that the Moderna and Pfizer vaccines are “quite effective against the 1.1.7 lineage.” He added that those vaccines are not as effective against a variant first identified in South Africa, “but hopefully we will get the virus under much better control by the time that there is any indication that that might become dominant.”

Continued proliferation of variants “is a threat that could reverse the recent positive trends we

are seeing,” Walensky said, adding that it remains important to wear masks, stay six feet away from other people, and avoid poorly ventilated spaces.

“I recognize that the pandemic has taken an enormous toll on all of us,” she said. “But if we all work together and take these prevention steps, we can finally turn the tide.”

In Massachusetts, Monday marked the first day

Septuagenarians tell their vaccination stories

Massachusetts residents 75 years of age and over have had 11 days as of today to line up and receive the first of two doses of vaccination against the coronavirus from either Pfizer/BioNTech or Moderna. Waiting in anticipation for their turns are those people listed for Phase 2, Group 2, among them, individuals aged 65 and older; people with two or more medical conditions putting them at increased risk for severe illnesses; and/or residents and staff of low income and affordable senior housing.

Many of those 75 and older who have followed through and received their first shots have used social and traditional media to talk positively about their experiences, emotions often affirmed by their children and grandchildren who seem just as relieved about the doses as their elders.

At the *Reporter*, two age-eligible editors found their vaccination visits salutary:

“I was among a half dozen folks at the Walgreens in Lower Mills last Saturday morning for my initial injection,” wrote Ed Forry, the paper’s co-founder. “It was all a simple and straightforward process: I checked in 15 minutes before appointment time, a staffer took my temperature with a hand-held thermometer, and we completed a one-page form while one by one waiting for the needle.

“The shot itself was uneventful. Although I admitted to some anxiety, I barely noticed the needle going in my arm, as the technician and I casually chatted about the day, the weather, the Super Bowl the next day. That procedure took less than a minute and afterwards I sat back in a chair for 15 minutes while waiting to see if there would be any adverse reaction to the inoculation. There was none.

“Several people have told me they had experienced some discomfort, mostly a sore spot on the arm where the injection had taken place. But I experienced none of that.

that businesses, including stores, restaurants and fitness centers, were allowed to operate at 40 percent capacity, after being capped at 25 percent since Dec. 26. The state has a mask order in place, and social distancing and other specific public health measures are required across an array of sectors. Bars, indoor performance venues and indoor recreation facilities like roller rinks remain closed.

“I had heard that for many, a sense of happiness – almost euphoria – prevailed after the shot.

“After almost a full year of anxiety over the killer Covid virus that has taken so many lives and hurt so many other people and businesses, that brief visit to the pharmacy Saturday brought great relief to me. More than one senior has expressed publicly how helpful, caring, and empathetic all the folks administering the shots have been. And I agree.

“I walked back to my car last Saturday feeling that I just got a new lease on life. I will come back for my booster shot in four weeks. I have been told that the protections of the first shot might take six or seven days to be effective, so I’ll be watchful. And I’ll continue to wear a mask and practice social distancing until I’m told I can ease up in that regard, which is likely to be well after the second dose.”

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“I got my shot at Gillette last Thursday, which happened to be my 78th birthday. For those of us who are running out of first downs to extend our playing time, losing almost a full year at this stage to live as hermits has been a real downer,” said Reporter associate editor Tom Mulvoy. “But a sense of renewal rose with the sun on Feb. 4, and late in the day (4:42 p.m. was my scheduled time), I drove to the stadium, parked as instructed at 4:25, entered the clinic area at 4:32, followed up along the way on the required paperwork with the staff, and got the shot from my nurse at exactly 4:42.

“After waiting for 15 minutes in case a serious reaction followed the injection, I walked out the stadium gate with a skip to my step, itself a rare event for me these days. Next visit: March 4, same time, same station.

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Dorchester Baseball gears up for spring season; safety is key focus

By KATIE PEDERSEN
SPECIAL TO THE REPORTER
The pandemic has interrupted in-person schooling and social life for most kids in the neighborhood, but Dorchester Baseball has been working for months to ensure that it won't upend their baseball season, too. Following a successful

summer season in 2020, the board of Dorchester Baseball, now in the fourth year of a partnership between the Babe Ruth and Little League programs, has met regularly to plan a safe spring season.

"One of the things that was reassuring to the board was that we got so we were sort of a leader on [Covid-19] over the summer," said Charlie Maneikis, the co-president of Dorchester Little League.

Opening safely last year wasn't cheap. Maneikis estimates that pandemic-related safety measures cost the league north of \$12,000.

"One of the biggest expenses was that we had to make sure every kid had his or her own helmet, his or her own bat," Maneikis said. "I think one of the most innovative things we did at great cost was that we had the Covid-19 Safety Umpire at each game," and that, he said, was to ensure that the coaches could coach baseball and not be responsible for enforcing safety measures.

Samantha Ciarocco, a social worker for Boston Healthcare for the Homeless and Massachusetts General Hospital, also stepped up as the League's Covid-19 Safety Director.

"I have, professionally, a different perspective" on the pandemic and additional education, said Ciarocco. "I was really thankful that I had that education when we were thinking through how to create a baseball season last summer."

"I was able to look at all of the reopening recommendations from Massachusetts General Hospital and the state and decipher them to make them apply to baseball."

Laughing, she added, "It's sometimes a little like reading IKEA instructions."

With such careful planning, Maneikis made it clear that league prioritizes the safety of Dorchester kids and their families above all else.

"We want to make sure we execute," he told the *Reporter*. "We want to make sure we do everything within reason to avoid any type of outbreak of the virus come back to any sort of deficiency on our part. We can't control what the kids do outside the playing environment, but we want to keep the kids safe first and foremost."

Mike Manning, co-president of Dorchester Little League, said the organization's ability to mount a season last summer gave kids and parents a desperately needed outlet.

"Baseball and other sports provide an essential outlet for many kids," said Manning. "We received such great and touching feedback last year when we ran an abbreviated season during the summer. We had so many parents telling us how much our program had meant to their kids' social and emotional well-being."

Charles Pessia, co-president of the Dorchester Babe Ruth League, emphasized the importance of the life lessons kids learn from sports.

"It's a good blueprint for life and for future experiences the kids are going to have. Being part of a team and learning to work together and deal with adversity," he said. "When every other sense of normality was taken away, we saw how important it was for kids to get out there, to move and socialize, and have a safe environment where they could still have some sense of normalcy."

This upcoming season, Dorchester Baseball is excited about using the newly renovated Garvey Park in Neponset, which was officially rededicated in a small ceremony last Saturday in which Mayor Walsh cut the ribbon.

Activities are slated to begin in March or early April, pending state guidelines. The league fields programs for children aged 4-16. Families can register for the season at dorchester-littleleague.org.



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Cristo Rey Boston is now tuition-free for all students

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Part of a Jesuit-founded network based in Chicago, Cristo Rey Boston is one of the system's 37 college prep schools in place across 24 states that exclusively serve students and families with limited resources. It offers students a rigorous curriculum, a distinctive work-study program, and the support of an inclusive community.

"Identifying systemic inequality in education is the first step to offering a remedy," said Tom Guilfoile, the chairman of the Board of Trustees. "We know that our students are bright, highly motivated young men and women. The question becomes how to ensure an education that provides the best opportunities for future success?"

"We believe that a college preparatory curriculum, combined with the Corporate Work Study Program provides an unparalleled academic and career experience for our students that prepares them for success in college, their career, and in life."

In an interview with the Reporter on Friday, Powers said the tuition decision is in step with the school's mission.

"At Cristo Rey, our mission is that we only serve kids whose families are at or below the poverty line, so we never raised a lot of money from tuition," she said. "We really learned this year about the unbelievable stress that our families



Rosemary Powers

are under— mostly financial but also in other ways. We thought about what we could do to make the lives of our current families a little bit easier, and also what we could do to make sure that families who are similarly situated understand that Cristo Rey can be a great option for them."

A full 100 percent of the student body was already receiving some sort of financial aid or tuition assistance. Offering full tuition scholarships to current and incoming students reflects the school's goal of identifying and removing the barriers to students' academic and professional success.

"We're a school that focuses on a very rigorous pre-college program for our high schoolers, and we're all about getting kids into college and making sure that they stay there so that we are bridging the opportunity gap and trying to work toward racial equity and social justice," said Powers.

"We think that taking this step now just seems like the right time and the right thing to do. We have so many generous benefactors and organizations that support us, and the board just felt that it was important that we do this—to relieve the burden on our families. We think that if we do a better job of telling people who have resources about our mission, we'll be able to raise that, and the board has committed to it."

Tuition generally makes up a relatively small part of Cristo Rey's financial model, around 4 percent of the overall budget. In a typical year about half the budget is raised through philanthropy, and the rest is brought in through Corporate Work Study Program (CWSP) partnerships supported by professional partners from corporations across greater Boston, who commit to offering students the opportunity to work in a professional setting.

All Cristo Rey Boston students must work one day per week and the revenue generated by those efforts supports the student's education. "They're really earning half of the cost of their education," explained Powers.

"It costs about \$18,000 a year to educate a student at Cristo Rey Boston, and the students earn about \$9,000, which pays about half of our budget," she added. Then we raise the rest through philanthropy."



Things have changed a bit due to the pandemic, said Powers, and the work/study program has accounted for about 25 percent of the school's budget, with 75 percent raised through philanthropy.

"This has been a really hard year for our program because most people aren't going into the offices. We have jobs for about half of our students, where typically we have jobs for all of them," she said.

"A lot of them are doing

remote work, and other corporate sponsors who are committed to the mission have signed contracts and still paid, but might not necessarily have a job to offer a student because their offices are remote."

"We're about half of where we should be, but we're feeling pretty positive about the fall. The news of the vaccine is good. We're hoping that we'll have our kids in school full time and that the corporate world will at least look a lot

more normal than it does right now."

Cristo Rey Boston High School is currently accepting students for the classes of 2025 and 2024. Seats are available for the class of 2024 at the 9th and 10th grade levels.

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Walsh takes victory lap at completed Garvey Playground

**By BILL FORRY
EDITOR**

Mayor Walsh made what might have been his final public ribbon-cutting appearance in Dorchester as the city's Mayor last Saturday at Garvey Playground, where a \$5.8 million project has transformed the city-owned park over the last 18 months.

Walsh surveyed the new playing fields and amenities and posed for photos with a small group of about 30 mask-wearing people who were on hand for

the event.

Walsh was a bit emotional as he spoke before cutting the ribbon with a group of youngsters from the Dorchester Youth Hockey program.

"In the next couple of weeks, I'll probably be voted on by the United States Senate to be the next Secretary of Labor," he said.

After a notable pause he added: "This means a little bit extra to me today because I got my start here as a state representative in St. Williams and St. Margarets and St. Anns and

St. Brendans parish. I'll never forget this neighborhood. I'm not moving. A few people said, 'You're moving.' A lot of people [are] sending letters to my house to buy my house. We're not selling, just for the record."

Walsh was joined at the event by city Councilor Frank Baker, whom he credited with helping to push for the project. Thanks to funding from Mayor Walsh's Capital Improvement Plan and the Community Preservation Act, the 5.27-acre park at 340 Neponset Ave. now boasts some



Mayor Martin Walsh is shown touring the new playground area at Neponset's Garvey Park on Sat., Feb. 6. The 5.27-acre park at 340 Neponset Ave. now includes state-of-the-art play areas, a new artificial turf field, basketball court and street hockey court, and a fenced-in recreation space for dogs. The dog park is named in memory of a neighborhood man, Gerald 'Jerry' Cunningham.
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of the finest amenities in the city. They include age appropriate play areas for children ages 2 to 5 and 5 to 12; and a new artificial turf field can be used for Babe Ruth baseball, men and women's lacrosse, and flag football. There is also a basketball court and street hockey court, and a shade structure will be installed in the spring.

The field also features integrated concrete bleachers that fit into the landscape. Other amenities include a new dog recreation space, a field house terrace, and scoreboards and lighting for the ball field, basketball court, and street hockey court. The state-of-the-art playground was designed by GroundView Inc. and built by Fleming Brothers.

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Walsh takes questions in polite US Senate confirmation hearing

(Continued from page 1) nomination forward and he can begin the important work as Secretary of Labor,” she said.

In opening the hearing, Murray told Walsh: “I hope we will be able to confirm you quickly, because we do not have a minute to delay.” She said that he clearly “has the right experience leadership and priorities to proctor workers during this critical moment,” citing his long history in labor’s ranks and the Covid-19 response in Boston.

Sen. Elizabeth Warren introduced Walsh, saying: “I am really happy to be here after four years of a Trump Labor Department that did its best to undermine workers. Marty will be a Secretary of Labor who actually supports workers,” she said, “I trust Marty to look out for America’s working men and women because he has a strong record of doing exactly that.”

Warren pointed favorably to Walsh’s local Covid-19 response, racial equity work, emergency childcare program and the Boston Resiliency Fund. “Deep down, he is a good man who believes that government can and should serve the people,” she said.

In his opening state-



Mayor Walsh was shown before his confirmation hearing began on Thurs., Feb. 4.

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ment, Walsh thanked President Biden and Vice President Harris, saying, “I share their commitment to the health and safety of the working people in carrying them through this pandemic.” Of worker protections, fair wages and treatment, access to mental health substance abuse treatment services, he said: “These are not just policies to me, I live them.”

He added: “Throughout my career, I’ve led by listening, collaborating and building partnerships. That’s how, if confirmed, I will lead the Department of Labor.”

In the first round of questions, Sen. Bernie Sanders of Vermont, himself said to have been under consideration for the Labor appointment, congratulated Walsh for his leadership in Boston and then used the opportunity to asked how a \$15 dollar minimum wage is working in the city, and whether or not he would support increasing the federal minimum wage if confirmed.

Responded the nominee: “When I think about the minimum wage on the federal level it’s been the same for 11 years... it’s impossible to raise a family of one on that. I

definitely support raising the minimum wage and I know that President Biden has made that part of the plan as well.”

Sanders also asked how Walsh would tackle systemic racism, sexism, and closing the wealth gap.

“First and foremost, we need to have more conversations around the country,” Walsh said. “I don’t think there are enough going on. I’ve seen it happen in Boston where we all get to the table and there’s little disagreement; the issue is how we move the ideas forward,” said Walsh.

Sen. Roger Marshall (R-Kansas), queried Walsh about the cost of living in Boston, and asked him where he got

his last cup of coffee and how much did it cost? Walsh said: “Probably Doughboy’s Donuts and it was about \$1.75.”


Marshall also asked about “de-funding the police,” noting that this is something he opposes. Walsh replied: “That was not a defund movement; we shifted \$12 million from our police budget into programs like mental health, trauma counseling to deal with the issues we were facing in Boston.”

Sen. Tim Kaine (D-Virginia) said he has “a soft spot for Irish Catholic mayors that grow up in pro-union households,” adding that Walsh should look to the examples set in states like Virginia during the beginning of the pan-

demic as to what OSHA (Occupational Safety and Health Administration) might do in terms of its temporary standard.

Kaine also asked how Walsh would work toward supporting infrastructure improvements and making sure people are prepared and trained for those jobs.

“The Department of Labor can save lives when it comes to standards and working with OSHA, enhancing opportunities and pay equity, we can also expand mental health and substance... There are lot of areas within the DOL that are pro-worker, but it’s also pro-economy,” the mayor said.



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At this point, Janey is driven to make transition a success

(Continued from page 1) due diligence in terms of my team is incredibly important so that on Day One we continue providing services to the residents of Boston with a focus on Covid.

"I am confident that we have a strong team in place who are ready to continue to serve the residents of Boston," Janey said. "I'm excited about the energy and what people are bringing to this process."

Her transition team includes honorary chairs Mayor Yvonne Spicer of Framingham and Mayor Sumbul Siddiqui of Cambridge. Leading the transition as co-chair will be former state Sen. Linda Dorcena Forry, now vice president of Diversity, Inclusion and Community at Suffolk Construction; Betty Francisco, general counsel at Compass Working Capital and co-founder of Amplify Latinx; Steve Grossman, a former state treasurer and CEO of Initiative for a Competitive Inner City; Quincy Miller, vice chair and president of Eastern Bank; and Kate Walsh, president and CEO of Boston Medical Center Health System.



City Council President Kim Janey, center, toured the Strand Theatre on Tuesday with the city's Health and Human Services chief Marty Martinez, left. They are shown speaking with Christin Price of Brigham & Women's Hospital, which is conducting Covid-19 testing from a mobile unit at the Strand. *Katie Trojano photo*

"In terms of my transition committee," Janey said, "I'm very excited, honored, and thrilled to have the only two women of color mayors in our Commonwealth— Mayor Spicer in Framingham and Mayor Siddiqui of Cambridge serving as honorary co-chairs."

As to a possible candidacy for a full term, Janey said: "At the appropriate time, I will give that serious thought and consideration and

let folks know. I'm really just focused on transition right now and the unprecedented challenges in our city."

Janey will take control of the mayor's office the minute that Mayor Walsh submits his letter of resignation to City Clerk Maureen Feeney, the former city councillor from Dorchester who is next in line of succession. She will be acting mayor in the event that Janey is out of town or indisposed during her time as Walsh's replacement.

Janey brought on Gustavo Quiroga of Graf-fitoSP, a real estate development and urban design firm where he has worked for seven years, to serve as her transition director last week.

Quiroga has been working with the Walsh team on daily briefings and updates for Janey. He has convened an advisory committee of leaders and experts from a range of policy areas, and is overseeing a staffing plan for key full-time senior positions.

The briefings "have been going well," said Janey, "probably dozens of those by now I would say. In addition [we're] sitting in on key conversations [like] the recent snowstorm we had for the coordinated response and certainly around Covid response."

She added: "Mayor Walsh and I have regular communication over the phone."

Janey said that she expects that as in any transition, "there will be a few folks who may decide to move on and some new folks coming in. The most important thing for me is ... I am confident that we have a strong team in place who are ready to continue to serve the residents of

Boston.

"As it comes to power, I'm going to quote Alice Walker: 'The most common way people give up their power is by thinking they don't have any.' 'I'm clear about the job, I'm clear about what it is we need to do: We've got to focus on the residents of this great city by making sure that they are well cared for, well served, and that we are leading in a way that will help close the many inequities that we see."

"I'm clear about that work, obviously. Going in, a big priority will be Covid and the vaccine rollout, making sure that our residents have not only access to the vaccine but also confidence in it so that we can open up businesses, get people back to work, and get our kids back in schools."

Janey also faces an unexpected challenge: the leadership situation at the Boston Police Department. Last Wednesday, Walsh put the newly named Commissioner Dennis White on leave after allegations of domestic violence from the 1990s surfaced during a Globe inquiry.

"These were very serious allegations and there is an independent investigation," Janey said. "It's important that we let that investigation run its course so that we have all the information needed to go on from there."

"I think it's prema-

The view from where Janey sits

Janey offered a reflection on where she finds herself at this time: "I would highlight the historical nature of this," she said. "I just feel incredibly humbled to be stepping into this role as the first woman and the first Black mayor for Boston. I think back to my own childhood, being a little girl. I was 11 years old when I was bused doing court-ordered busing, during the darkest days in our city — with rocks being thrown at our buses and just a lot of turmoil and trauma."

Janey says she finds the entire experience "incredibly humbling. I think about what that means for my grandchildren, particularly my six-year-old granddaughter — she can look to the mayor of Boston and see herself reflected. And what that means for all children of color throughout our city; more than that, what it means for all kids to see what is possible in our great city and to see what leadership looks like."

ture to make any kind of decisions about what will happen next until we have the facts from this investigation," she said. "At that time, we'll certainly come back and have a conversation."

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Legislature gets petition to bypass special election

Multiple members of Boston’s delegation in the Legislature said on Monday that they think the path is clear for a petition to call off a special election for mayor that would be triggered if Mayor Walsh resigns to become US secretary of labor before March 5.

Walsh signed the bill last Friday after the City Council unanimously approved the change to the city’s rules, sending the matter from City Hall to the State House where the Legislature and Gov. Baker must also sign off.

The Boston delegation met over Zoom on Monday to discuss the issue, and several lawmakers on the call told State House News Service that Rep. Chynah Tyler is expected to file the home rule petition in the House in the coming days.

“Since it was pretty unanimous from the council and signed by the mayor, I can see us moving pretty quickly on it,” said Rep. Aaron Michlewitz, a North End Democrat and chair of the House Ways and Means Committee.

“It does seem that everyone in the delegation is in agreement,” said Rep. Ed Coppinger, a West Roxbury resident. “The City Council passed it. In a way, who are we to disagree with them?”

Sen. Nick Collins, of South Boston, was at the State House Monday and said he did not expect any hiccups, given that Baker has also indicated that he would sign the petition if city leaders approved.

“I haven’t heard anybody in opposition, so I expect that it will be receiving broad support from the delegation,” Collins said.

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The city of Boston published its official 2021 election calendar last week. The preliminary balloting is set for Tues., Sept. 21, and the general election will be held on Tues., Nov. 2.

The first day for candidates to pull nomination papers needed to make the ballot from the city Election Department is April 13, and the deadline for filing the required signatures is May 18.

It’s important to note: Candidates who want to run for district city council are required to have lived in that district for one year prior to Nov. 3.

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Democrat Ben Downing, a former state senator who went on to work in solar energy, announced Monday that he is running for governor in 2022, mounting a campaign he said will aim to infuse state government with a sense of

urgency.

Now an East Boston resident, Downing was 24 when he was elected to the state Senate from Pittsfield. He served there for a decade, becoming the chamber’s point person on clean power before opting not to seek a sixth term in 2016.

“I’m excited for this. I really am,” Downing told State House News Service ahead of his announcement. “The opportunities that are in front of Massachusetts, they’re huge, and the only thing that’s missing is leadership.”

Though Downing has spent the last five years

away from Beacon Hill, he has continued to weigh in on state government matters, including through radio appearances and on social media, where he maintains a running Twitter thread dating back to September 2019 that encourages people to “focus on the record” of the Baker administration.

It is still unknown whether Baker will seek a third term, but Downing in recent weeks has amplified his criticism of the Republican on social media, blasting the administration for its choppy Covid-19 vaccination rollout.

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Dana Depelteau, a 36-year-old New Hampshire native who has lived in Dorchester since 2013, has filed paperwork with the state’s Office of Campaign and Political Finance signaling his intention to run for mayor.

Depelteau, who lives with his husband on Claybourne Street, told the *Reporter* last week that he doesn’t plan on accepting any campaign donations. Instead, he will encourage any supporters to donate to organizations in the community.

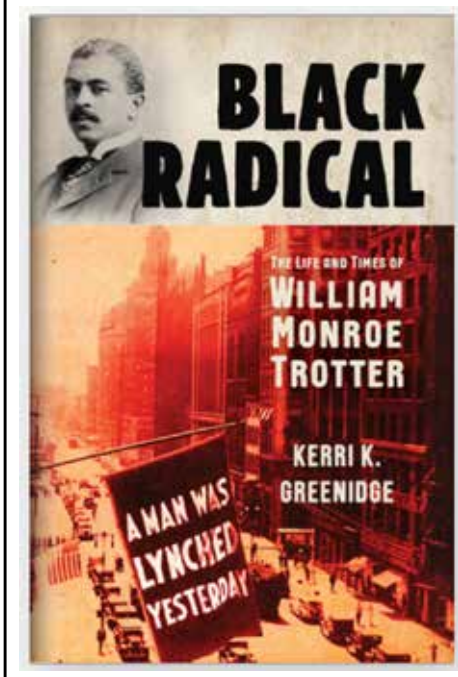
Depelteau’s career to date has been in hotel management, but he says he lost his most recent job



at a Boston hotel due to the pandemic.

“The mayor is the general manager of the city,” Depelteau said last week. “I feel strongly convicted to run for mayor. This is one job I’m applying for.”

Reporter correspondent Maddie Kilgannon and Sam Doran, Katie Lannan, and Matt Murphy of State House News Service contributed to this roundup.



The Dorchester Historical Society welcomes Historian Kerri Greenidge
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Strand Theatre, now a testing site for Covid, may soon add vaccines

**By KATIE TROJANO
REPORTER STAFF**

City Councillor Kim Janey, who will become acting mayor when Mayor Walsh resigns to join the Biden cabinet, toured a Covid-19 testing setup at the Strand Theatre on Tuesday morning, where she and Marty Martinez, the city's chief of Health and Human Services, discussed with officials from Brigham and Women's Hospital, who are managing the testing, the possibility of using the site for vaccinations.

Wanda McClain, vice president of Community Health and Health Equity at Brigham and Women's, said that while the goal is to use the Strand for injecting vaccines, there is "still some road to go" to get there.

"This space would be

ideal," said McClain, who, noting the supply issues with the vaccine, said officials were thinking they maybe could take up vaccinations on days when they aren't testing.

"Right now, we're thinking two days a week to start," she said, adding McClain, who said that "if we have the supply" as many as 1,000 people could get the vaccine over the couple of days.

The Strand, at 543 Columbia Rd. in Uphams Corner, is open for walk-in testing on Mondays and Wednesdays from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Individuals can be tested for free, regardless of symptoms or insurance.

Martinez, who has led the Walsh administration's response to



From left: Christin Price of Brigham and Women's, Council President Kim Janey and Marty Martinez, Boston's Health and Human Services chief are shown inside the Strand Theatre on Tues., Feb. 9. Katie Trojano photo

the pandemic, said that bringing the Strand and other community assets online for "walk-in sites" would "be huge for our communities when we get to the point where everyone is eligible" for vaccinations.

"If we don't have walk-in sites we're going to struggle," he said. "This is all great and if we can be helpful on the city side while this is in the works, we'd obviously love to help. We want more in-community sites, and this location would be great for it."

Said McClain: "These are all goals. I want to make it clear that no plans are yet in place, but the goal would be that

we would vaccinate both patients in our system and non-patients. Those who are patients would already have medical records, but we could enter non-patients into our system on site so that we could know when their second dose is due and do all of the outreach so they can come back.

"The key component right now we're thinking about is supply and not wasting any vaccines. That's one of the reasons for having appointments so that you know who's coming and can make sure you have the right amount of doses," she said, "But I agree, the more barriers we can eliminate, the better."

Janey brought up zip code prioritization for testing at the site and asked if that would also be incorporated into any eventual vaccine planning.

"It's good to hear that the majority of people coming to get tested here are from 02125," the councillor said. "And obviously we still have to get down the list of who's eligible. But once we get that, I'm interested in how we ensure that the local zip code is being prioritized."

Replied McClain: "We've already begun thinking about that. In terms of access, we are going to really try to attract the residents from

zip codes in the city that are the highest priority neighborhoods. We're trying to ensure equity in how we vaccinate. We've all seen the news reports that when you open a site in a neighborhood where a majority of people of color live, you don't necessarily draw in that population. We're trying to combat that by being proactive."

Dr. Christin Price, administrative director of the Brigham Health Bridge Clinic, noted that the hospital has created a Vaccine Equity Task Force that is "staffed by physicians and non-physicians and we're communicating with parishes, churches, and community centers to build those relationships and give them a priority to be scheduled for a vaccine. Those partnerships will be key," she said.

Brigham and Women's is collecting race and ethnicity data at the site. It also provides information about resources and wraparound services in the area and connects patients with access to healthcare and urgent care through a partnership with Uphams Corner Health Center.

"Our positivity rate is 16 percent. Among Black patients, it's 22 percent, and in Hispanic patients about 17 percent, so obviously the disparities still exist," said Price.

Health care workers at the Strand said on Tuesday that they saw a spike in the number of people coming in for testing around the holidays, but that the influx has since slowed down.

McClain later reiterated that planning for vaccinations at the Strand is still in the beginning stage. "We still have some road to go before we can say we're open for business," she said, "but we are actively exploring it."

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Docket No. SU94P1558
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CITATION ON PETITION FOR ORDER OF COMPLETE SETTLEMENT
ESTATE OF: LOUIS MYERS
DATE OF DEATH: 03/14/1994
A Petition for Order of Complete Settlement has been filed by Leroy Myers of Boston, MA requesting that the court enter a formal Decree of Complete Settlement including a determination of heirs at law and other such relief as may be requested in the Petition.

IMPORTANT NOTICE
You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before 10:00 a.m. on the return day of 03/17/2021.

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Witness, HON. BRIAN J. DUNN, First Justice of this Court.
Date: February 03, 2021
Felix D. Arroyo
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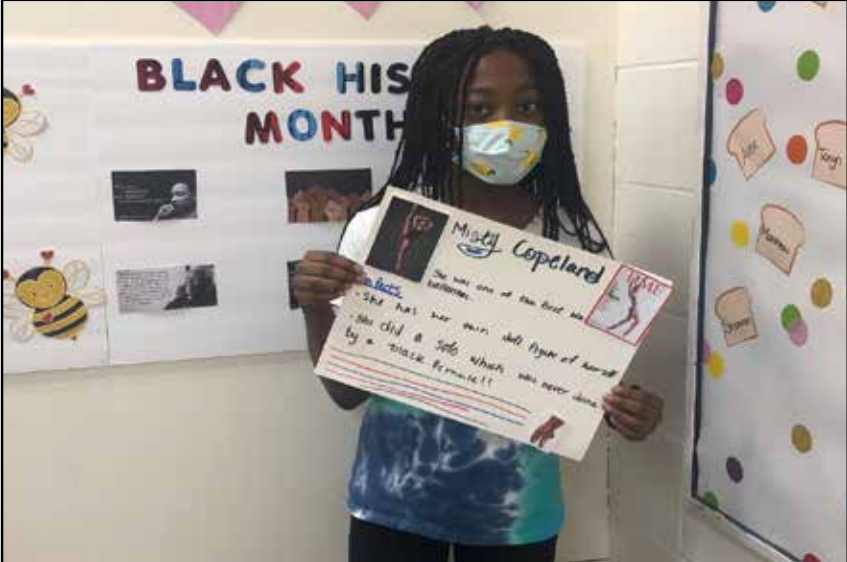


Elevate Youth Creates a New Healthy Meals Initiative for BGCD Members: See details below.

CONNECT THE DOT:
Elevate Youth Creates a New Healthy Meals Initiative for BGCD Members: BGCD has a long-standing partnership with Elevate Youth. Elevate Youth empowers youth from under-served neighborhoods by cultivating mentor relationships through engagement in outdoor experiences. Our latest opportunity will partner with 40 Club Families on the E.A.T. Initiative (Educate, Access, Thrive) which includes a monthly delivery of a curated box of produce and dried goods to be used in an interactive cooking lesson with a local Chef. The first activity is Thursday, February 25th with local Chef & Storyteller, Tamika Francis. Registration will also allow access to take part in outdoor activities throughout the Winter & Spring. The program is free but you must be registered by February 10th. To register you can text EAT to 857-995-8050 or email to cam@elevate-youth.org.

FIND OUT WHAT'S INSIDE:
BGCD Members Celebrate Black History Month with Art Projects: February is Black History Month which is an annual observance originating in the United States that celebrates African-American history. As an inspirational and educational project, members in our Learning Hubs will create posters of black leaders in history who have inspired them.

The posters will include a description of why they chose them, a short biography and some fun facts. Once the posters are completed, they will be displayed around the Club for other members and staff to enjoy and to learn more about these important leaders in Black history. BGCD always encourages our members to recognize how they too are able to make a difference in their own communities and stand up to be the change they want to see in the world.



BGCD Members Celebrate Black History Month with Art Projects: See details below.

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For more information, please contact Teen Director Ariana at anazario@bgcdorchester.org.

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band Stephen of Hopkinton and the late Thomas Cheney, Jr. Sister of Mary Jepsen, Patricia Troy, and Charlie Sim. Grandmother of 15 and 24 great-grandchildren. Also survived by many loving nieces, nephews, in-laws and friends.



DANCE, Tasjahnaya Khalia(“Tasji”), 19, of Dorchester. Daughter of Telisha Moore and Kelvin Dance. Granddaughter to Beverly Mattison and Cheryl Dance. She is

survived by her siblings, Tatiana Moore, Shyheem Moore, J'Shawn Moore, Tierra Durham, J'Mar Durham, and Kayla Dance.



FOLAN, John “Jackie,” in Braintree, formerly of Dorchester and Rusheenamanagh, Connemara, Co. Galway, Ireland. Retired member of the Laborers Union Local #223. Husband of Joanne (Cotter) Folan. Father of Sheila Folan of Whitman, John M. Folan Jr. and his wife Bridgid Folan of Pembroke, and Annemarie and her husband Mike Griffin of Salem. Dado of Robert John Folan. Son of the late John and Barbara (Ward) Folan. Brother of Mary Hochsteadt of

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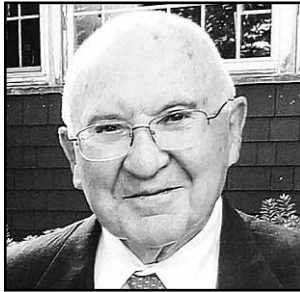
HERCULE, Louisa, “Lolo,” 61, of Dorchester. Born in Jacmel, Haiti to Diesuel Bertrand and Christiana Hercule. Mother of Derek, Joanne “TiTi,” Roselynne “Bebe,” Grand-

mother of 4. Sister of Rosemarie, Nivel, Serge, Richmond, Mediliet, Maneta, Renette, Melius, Wanis, and Olene.



McKENNA, Anne M. (McDonough) of Dorchester, formerly of South Boston. Wife of the late George E. McKenna. Mother of George McKenna of Dorchester, Thomas McKenna and his wife Betty Ann of Weymouth, Nancy Walsh and her late husband James “Gaucho” of Braintree, James McKenna of Weymouth, Stephen McKenna and his wife Debbie of Randolph, Elaine O'Connor and her husband Charles of Marshfield, Marianne Kelley and her husband Francis of Milton, John McKenna of Weymouth, Carol Sullivan and her husband John of Marsh-

field, Patrice Hanlon and her husband Michael of Marshfield, and Brian McKenna of Dorchester. Sister of the late Mary Fallon, Margaret Downes, and John McDonough. Grandmother of 17 and 5 great-grandchildren. Also survived by many loving nieces, nephews, and friends. Donations in memory of Anne may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105.



O'BRIEN, George A. Jr., 94, of Braintree, originally from Dorchester. Husband of the late Patricia (Murphy) O'Brien. Father of Maureen Morse and her husband Jeffrey of Hopkinton, Mark O'Brien and his wife Aileen of Braintree, Diane O'Brien and her husband Andrew MacInnis of Duxbury, Janet O'Brien of Weymouth, Mary Frances O'Brien and her husband Alexander Starkman of Braintree, Karen Hisenberg and her husband Greg of Weymouth. Papa of 10. Preceded in death by his sisters Isabel Griffin and Jean O'Brien. George worked for 33 years for the Massachusetts Port Authority, retiring as Secretary Treasurer. WWII Navy veteran. George requested donations be made to the USO of New England, 427 Commercial Street, Boston, MA 02109.

TRAN, Vincent “Vinnie” Wayne Kim Oanh, 77, of Dorchester. Husband of the late Anna Nguyen Thi Thu Huong. Father of Julienne Tran of Quincy, Jennifer Tran



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CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION
Docket No. SU20P2400EA
ESTATE OF
UGOCHUKWU KINGSLEY AKUSOBI
DATE OF DEATH: 04/01/2020

To all interested persons:
A petition for Formal Adjudication of Intestacy and Appointment of Personal Representative has been filed by Amaechi Akusobi of Fayetteville, GA requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition. The Petitioner requests that Amaechi Akusobi of Fayetteville, GA be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve Without Surety on the bond in an unsupervised administration.

IMPORTANT NOTICE
You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: 10:00 a.m. on the return day of 03/17/2021.

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A Personal Representative appointed under the MUPC in an unsupervised administration is not required to file an inventory or annual accounts with the Court. Persons interested in the estate are entitled to notice regarding the administration directly from the Personal Representative and may petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including the distribution of assets and expenses of administration.

Witness, HON. BRIAN J. DUNN, First Justice of this Court.
Date: February 04, 2021

Felix D. Arroyo
Register of Probate

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THE TRIAL COURT
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Suffolk Probate & Family Court
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CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION
Docket No. SU20P1383EA
ESTATE OF
JOHN F. MAHONEY
DATE OF DEATH: 06/03/2020

A Petition for S/A - Formal Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative has been filed by Jacqueline Murphy of Quincy, MA requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.

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Witness, HON. BRIAN J. DUNN, First Justice of this Court.
Date: January 28, 2021

Felix D. Arroyo
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INFORMAL PROBATE PUBLICATION NOTICE
Docket No. SU19P1662EA
ESTATE OF:
PHILBERT R. COMMA
DATE OF DEATH: May 13, 2019

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner Sheldon Dixon of Dorchester, MA, a Will has been admitted to informal probate.

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

Published: February 11, 2021

LEGAL NOTICE

MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale in a certain Mortgage and Security Agreement given by Sherika Alford dated May 20, 2019 recorded with the Suffolk County Registry of Deeds in Book 61145, Page 230, of which mortgage the undersigned is the present holder, for breach of the condition of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing the same will be sold at Public Auction at 12:00 P.M. on the 23rd day of February, 2021, on the mortgaged premises located at 268 Itasca Street, Boston (Mattapan), Suffolk County, Massachusetts, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage, as follows, to wit:

A certain parcel of land with buildings thereon, situated on Itasca Street, Mattapan, Suffolk County, Massachusetts and being shown as Lots 94, 95, 96 & 97 on a plan of Homeward Terrace made by John N. McClintock, C.E. dated April 25, 1908 and recorded with the Suffolk Deeds in Book 3274, Page End and containing 8,000 square feet of land, more or less according to said plan.

For Mortgagee's title, see deed dated April 26, 2019 and recorded with said Suffolk County Registry of Deeds Book 61145, Page 228.

The Mortgagee reserves the right to postpone the sale to a later date by public announcement at the time and date appointed for the sale and to further postpone at any adjourned sale date by public announcement at the time and date appointed for the adjourned sale date.

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TERMS OF SALE: A deposit of TEN THOUSAND AND 00/100 DOLLARS (\$10,000.00) by certified or bank check will be required to be paid by the purchaser at the time and place of sale. The balance of the purchase price is to be paid by certified or bank check at a closing to be conducted no more than thirty (30) days after the date of the auction. The description for the premises contained in said mortgage shall control in the event of a typographical error in this publication.

Other terms, if any, to be announced at the sale.

BRARM, LLC
Present Holder of Said Mortgage
By its Attorneys,
Tamkin & Hochberg, LLP
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617-964-2501 (phone)
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of Lincoln, NE, Annette Tran of San Diego, CA, Joanne Tran Cevik of South Boston and his son Nicholas Tran of Dorchester. Grandfather of 8. He is also fondly remembered by his 4 sons in-law, his brothers and sisters, nieces and nephews. Vincent was born in Ninh Binh, Vietnam studied Law and was an officer in the South Vietnamese army. He started anew in the United States after the Vietnam War. He worked with special needs students in the Boston Public Schools for over 30 years. Many people remember his great smile, big heart and hard work through his participation at Saint Ambrose Church, Planet Fitness in Neponset, Pope John Paul Park and the Richard J. Murphy School. Kindly consider donating to St. Ambrose Church, Dorchester in memory of Vincent Oanh Tran (<https://www.st-mark-stambrose.org/form/payment-form?-fid=4171>).

REED, Ramona A. (Aguiar), of Mattapan, 69. Wife of William Reed of Mattapan. Mother of Michael Aguiar of Malden, Samantha Aguiar of Chelsea, Victoria Scott



of Lexington and Joseph Scott, Jr. of TX. Sister of Ramon Silva of Boston, Dolores Aguiar of Brookline, Lawrence Allsop of Lynn, Curtis Silva of FL and the late Lacy Con-sales, Rita Sylvia and Jewel Allsop. Grandmother of 3.



TRAYERS, James Leo Jr., 75, of Milton, formerly of Dorchester, South Boston and Hyde Park. Jimmy was the former owner and director of Scally and Trayers Funeral Home in Dorchester for 40 years. Jimmy was a past member of the Board of the Massachusetts Funeral Directors Association, member of The Neighborhood Club of Quincy, past member of the Milton-Hoosic Club, Puritan Canoe Club of South Boston, Falmouth Men's Club and The Ancient

and Honorable Artillery Company, where he achieved the rank of Sergeant. Jimmy was the son of the late Leo and Betty Trayers, brother of Mary Jane Campbell of Milton, Paul Trayers of Burke, VA, Ellen T. Wendell of Brewster, Elizabeth T. Manning of Osterville and Edmund Trayers of Hyannis. Donations may be made to the James Leo Trayers, Jr. Memorial Fund at St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105 or online.



WALLACE, Coleman F. "Coley," 96, retired Lt. BFD, Engine 22, of Milton, formerly of South Boston. Son of the late Coleman J. Wallace and Barbara Flaherty Wallace. Predeceased by his siblings, Mary, John, and Margaret. Companion of 45 years to Carol A. Jameson of Milton. "Uncle Coley" was cherished by his extended family, especially his many nieces and nephews, with whom he shared a deep relationship. WWII Navy veteran. Please donate to St. Francis House, 39 Boylston Street, Boston 02116.

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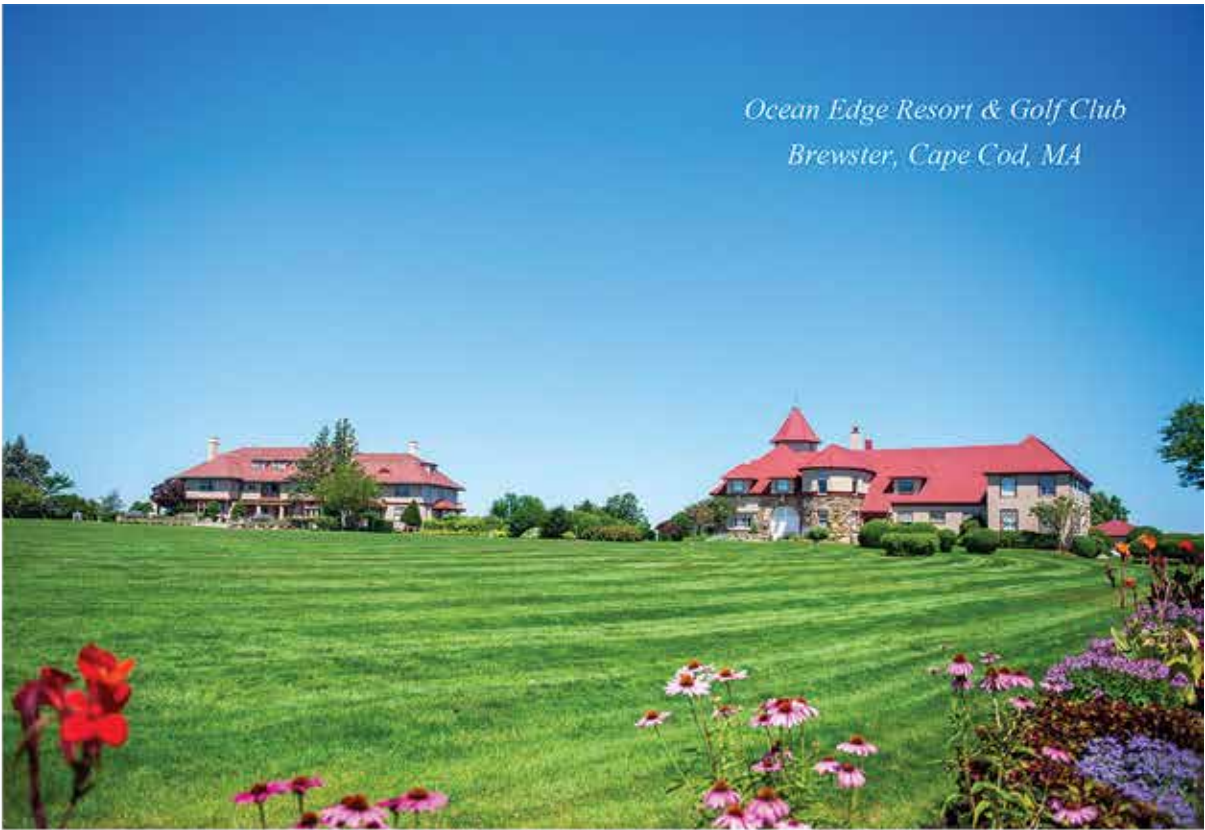
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