

## 'Today, we are sworn in together'



Hon. Roderick Ireland, Chief Justice of the Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court, administered the oath of office to Mayor Martin J. Walsh on Mon., Jan. 6 at Boston College's Conte Forum. His mother, Mary Walsh, held the Bible as Mayor Walsh recited the oath.

Photo by Chris Lovett

## Walsh hits all bases in inaugural address

By BILL FORRY  
EDITOR

Mayor Martin J. Walsh was sworn in as the city's 54th mayor on Monday at 11:07 a.m. in front of 8,000 of his closest friends and near and distant relatives who had gathered in the sports arena of his alma mater, Boston College. The 46-year-old Savin Hill native took the oath on a Bible held by his mother, Mary Walsh, and with his brother John Walsh and his partner Lorrie Higgins standing nearby. The Hon. Judge Roderick Ireland, Chief Justice of the Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court, administered the oath to Walsh, who then delivered a 20-minute address to the jubilant crowd, which included thousands of campaign volunteers who had helped the former state representative from Dorchester ascend to the city's most coveted political job last November.

The inaugural remarks celebrated the city's proud revolutionary past and present: from its patriotic and abolitionist roots to its pioneering advocacy for gay rights. With a rhetorical flourish that invoked the words of Puritan forefather John Winthrop— who dubbed Boston a "City upon a Hill"— Walsh extended the metaphor to the neighborhoods, setting the stage for an administration that many— including the new mayor— hope will see greater prosperity and peace across the city.

"We are a City Upon a Hill, but it's not just the shining light of Beacon Hill," said Walsh. "It's Savin Hill, where I live. It's Bunker Hill, Bellevue Hill, and Fort Hill. It's Pope's

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## On his last weekend as Boston's mayor-elect, Marty Walsh kept his throttle fully engaged

By GINTAUTAS DUMCIUS  
NEWS EDITOR

Last Saturday morning, Marty Walsh walked through the revolving door of Boston Children's Hospital still a mayor-elect, but one with an ever-growing entourage. He had resigned as a Dorchester state representative the day before, and now he had a police

security detail, led by Sgt. Winifred Cotter, along with a band of aides and his partner, Lorrie Higgins.

Children's Hospital is outside his former State House district, but it is a special place to Walsh. He was in a room there in 1974, when he was 7 years old and being treated for Burkett's lymphoma. He

couldn't recall if any politicians had swung by. He remembered Bobby Orr, the legendary Boston Bruin all-star, visiting him. He remembered seeing the paintings of Snow White and Mickey Mouse inside the hospital.

The entourage went up to the hospital's oncology wing where Walsh walked

into and out of the rooms by himself, chatting with parents and their children while the entourage stayed outside. He preferred it that way.

For one visit, though, Walsh and Higgins donned yellow smocks and medical gloves when they dropped in on Noelle, a two-year-old with

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## Eyes turn to seat Walsh left behind

By GINTAUTAS DUMCIUS  
NEWS EDITOR

As Marty Walsh settles into the concrete confines of City Hall, the Dorchester-based House seat that he resigned from last Friday is attracting the attention of several attorneys and activists.

Four people have pulled nomination papers for the special election in the 13th Suffolk District as of Tuesday evening, according to an informal list kept by the Secretary of State's Of-

fice, which oversees Bay State elections. They include Daniel Hunt, a lawyer and former aide to the Department of Conservation and Recreation; Liam Curran, a City Hall attorney; Gene Gorman, a neighborhood activist who briefly contemplated a City Council at-large run last year; and William Lynch Sr., a longtime member of the Columbia Savin Hill Civic Association.

Two others are expected

to join the race: Tony Dang, a MBTA police officer who is active in the Vietnamese-American community, and P.J. McCann, who has worked in the general counsel's office at the Boston Public Health Commission.

Other potential candidates could still jump in. The deadline to submit nomination papers, with at least 150 valid signatures needed to get on the ballot, is Jan. 21. The primary

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WE KNEW HIM WHEN— The Reporter looks back at the political rise of Marty Walsh. Above, Walsh is shown next to Jim Hunt III during a 1997 debate held at the Kit Clark center in Fields Corner. Photo by Bill Forry, Page 10

## Richard family launches charitable foundation in New Year's message

By BILL FORRY  
EDITOR

The Richard family of Dorchester— whose son Martin Richard was killed in the Boston Marathon terror

attack in April 2013— issued a New Year's message on Monday in which they detail their most recent activities, including the launch of a new foundation in Martin's

memory.

Martin's parents— Bill and Denise Richard— were both injured and their 7 year-old daughter Jane lost her left

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# A busy time for the new guy, filling all the important seats

By GINTAUTAS DUMCIUS  
NEWS EDITOR

Joyce Linehan, the owner of a public relations business based out of her home in Lower Mills, was adamant in the days after the mayoral election: After spending most of 2013 on the campaign trail with Marty Walsh, working on policy matters and playing the part of close confidant, she wasn't going to work at City Hall.

On Tuesday, she was inside the Eagle Room, off of the mayoral suite, standing next to five other hires and behind the man she helped elect. "I know what I said," she stated in a blog post later in the day, explaining that she was taking the job of chief of policy.

She added: "How could I not do this? It's a mid-life career change for sure—as well as a wholesale cultural change. Aside from one short summer between my junior and senior year of high school at the First National Bank of Boston, I have never actually worked in an office. I seldom wear shoes that aren't sneakers. I do not own one business suit. This should be interesting."

In the room, Linehan was joined by state Rep. Eugene O'Flaherty, a Chelsea Democrat and Irish American who was elected to the State House around the same time as Walsh, and Alejandra St. Guillen, the executive director of Oiste, a group geared towards getting more Latinos and Latinas elected to office. Like Linehan, O'Flaherty and St. Guillen were reluctant to leave their current jobs, but Walsh managed to persuade them otherwise after campaigns to cajole them into City Hall.

O'Flaherty will be corporation counsel, the city's top attorney, and St. Guillen will serve as interim director of the Office of New Bostonians. O'Flaherty told reporters he expects to start the new job on Feb. 3.

Three other appointments were also announced: Joe Rull, who was Walsh's field director and inside the boiler room at a union hall on Election Night, will be chief of operations; Trinh Nguyen, most recently the chief of staff at the Boston Housing Authority, will head the administration's Office of Jobs & Community Services on an interim basis; and Keith Williams, who has worked inside City Hall in a variety of capacities including in the Mayor's Office of Neighborhood Services, has been appointed to oversee the Boston Jobs Policy as the interim director of Small Business.

The six appointments announced on Tuesday afternoon were not only diverse in gender and ethnicity, but also somewhat diverse in ideology as well. O'Flaherty is a conservative Democrat who as House chair of the Joint Committee on Judiciary has clashed with judicial reform activists, while Linehan is a self-described "unabashed liberal." O'Flaherty and Rull live outside of Boston—O'Flaherty in Chelsea and Rull in Norwell—and they will get a six-month grace period to move inside city limits.

Another position was announced on Tuesday night: William Evans, the acting police commissioner after Ed Davis stepped down last year, will be permanent as of Thursday. WCVB-TV's Janet Wu reported the appointment, a leak that caused the Walsh administration to quickly put out a statement confirming the move.



Mayor Walsh and Joyce Linehan

In one of the administration's first bumps in the road, the Walsh statement was an exact copy of Mayor Thomas Menino's statement when he appointed Evans as the interim. Hours later, a spokeswoman issued a revised release with an apology and a new quote. "Commissioner Evans has been an exceptional leader to the Boston Police Department, and public safety is one of my biggest priorities," Walsh said in the statement. "Commissioner Evans has been an invaluable resource to me during this transition period, and I know that his expertise and governance of the Police Department will be a key component to my Administration."

Walsh has also appointed Chief John Hasson, a member of the Boston Fire Department since 1973, as interim fire commissioner.

Over the weekend, he announced that Daniel Arrigg Koh, who has worked for Arianna Huffington and her website, the Huffington Post, will be his chief of staff, and ex-rival Felix Arroyo, a former city councillor at-large, will be the chief of health and human services.

An Andover native who briefly contemplated running for state representative, Koh, the son of Howard Koh, assistant secretary for health and human services under President Obama, is largely unknown in Boston political circles. Arroyo is the son of Felix D. Arroyo, a former city councillor at-large himself. "We've had many conversations after the campaign, and that's his passion," Walsh said on WCVB's "On the Record," a political chat show that aired Sunday. "His passion is around young people, his passion is around disparities and health disparities, the communities and neighborhoods."

On his first day in office, after returning from Conte Forum, Walsh swore in two members of the School Committee: Hardin Coleman, a Boston University dean who was appointed by Mayor Menino to fill John Barros's slot in 2013 after Barros left to run for mayor, and Michael Loconto, a West Roxbury attorney. Loconto, a Boston Public Schools parent, fills the slot of Mary Tamer, who supported John Connolly in the mayoral election. Her term had expired.

The seven-member School Committee met late Monday afternoon, and re-elected Michael O'Neill, a financial service executive, as its chairman. The committee will be working with a search panel to find the next superintendent, while John McDonough, the department's budget chief, serves as interim. O'Neill noted that McDonough had received a shout-out in Walsh's inaugural address, offering a vote of confidence for the interim superintendent. There was no mention of a time frame for choosing somebody permanent, he added.

Team Walsh's move into City Hall is expected to continue for another month. "The transition will go on probably into February, so we still have public meetings taking place and folks are getting their final reports ready and all that sort of stuff, so there's plenty of work still to be done," Linehan said. The Franklin Street transition headquarters will stay open until at least the end of January, according to Linehan.

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## On The Record

### Life-saver honored



State Rep. Dan Cullinane is pictured with Marcus Mattier, who was honored at the State House on Tuesday by Governor Patrick. Mattier is a summer lifeguard who made a life saving rescue last August rescue off of Spectacle Island. Thirty-three lifeguards were honored at the event.

Photo courtesy Rep. Cullinane's office

### Meeting to focus on future Port Norfolk park

The state's Department of Conservation and Recreation will lead a presentation on plans to build a park on the site of a former paper plant in Port Norfolk on Tues., Jan. 21. The meeting will start at 7p.m. at Port Norfolk Yacht Club, 179 Walnut St. State officials last month announced that they will commit \$4.25 million to fix the 14-acre waterfront site over the next three years. A December meeting on the topic was postponed until January due to a snowstorm.

### Meeting planned on Town Field renovations

The Boston Parks and Recreation Department will host a public meeting at 6:30 p.m. on Thurs., Jan. 9 to discuss field renovations and a proposal for public artwork at Town Field, located at 1545 Dorchester Ave. The meeting will be held at the Cleveland Community Center at 11 Charles St. in Dorchester. Efforts are underway to make improvements to drainage and field conditions with a construction cost of \$275,000.

According to the city department, "a Fields Corner community group would like to install artwork in the park. The art proposal is community-led with funding for the artwork anticipated to be drawn from the City of Boston's Edward Ingersoll Browne Fund in coordination with the Parks Department and the Boston Art Commission." For more information call 617-961-3035.

### Meeting on 'Lucky Strike' site next week

A proposal to build 22 units at the site of a former Fields Corner bowling alley will get a public airing next Wednesday, Jan. 15. The Boston Redevelopment Authority, which is reviewing the project, is holding the meeting, scheduled to start at 6:30 p.m. at Kit Clark Senior Services at 1500 Dorchester Ave.

Known as the "Lucky Strike Residency Project" after the former bowling alley, the three-story building will be located at 281-289 Adams St. Along with the housing units, the proposal includes four commercial spaces and off-street parking for 14 vehicles. The units include 2 studios, 12 one-bedrooms, and 8 two-bedrooms.

"The exterior of the new structure will be a combination of brick, large glass windows and clapboard and decorative design reveal elements at the top of the structure," the company behind the proposal, Lucky Strike Development, LLC, said in documents submitted to the BRA. "The first floor front and its both sides building façade will be brick with large glass windows to provide the front with a main street feeling." There are also plans for a small open green garden.



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# Doherty tapped to take Walsh’s post at Building Trades

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Brian Doherty, a 33-year-old Dorchester native who took over Mayor Marty Walsh’s position at the Boston Building Trades in an acting capacity last April, was elected unanimously to the role of general agent for the union on Dec. 19 at the Venezia Restaurant in Dorchester.

A state representative who resigned his seat effective Friday, Walsh was sworn in as mayor on Monday at Boston College.

“Brian Doherty is a great selection for General Agent of the Building Trades,” said Walsh in a statement. “He is a bright, progressive, young talent with an innate ability to lead. He displayed integrity and passion overseeing the Building Pathways program. He will stand up for working families, and lead the organization in a collaborative style. He has earned the respect of the trades, developers and community leaders.”

A 16-year member of Walsh’s old union, Laborers Local 223, Doherty has volunteered on campaigns and starting in the summer of

2011 has been the project coordinator for the construction union’s Building Pathways initiative, a pre-apprenticeship program aimed at providing opportunities for women and people of color.

Doherty said 75 people have gone through the program, which Walsh highlighted on the campaign trail.

Walsh stepped down as head of the Building and Construction Trades Council of the Metropolitan District in April to run for mayor.

“I’m very hopeful for Boston with Marty Walsh as mayor,” Doherty told the News Service. He said, “I honestly, sincerely think he did a great job at the Building Trades, and I think he’ll do the same in the City of Boston.”

During the campaign, Walsh said he would reform the Boston Redevelopment Authority, which handles much of the development in the city, and proposed putting City Hall Plaza up for sale.

A son of immigrants, Doherty has a degree from Boston University and he was the program coordinator of the All Dorchester Sports League.



Joyce Linehan and Brian Doherty watched Mayor Martin J. Walsh deliver his inaugural address in Conte Forum on the campus of Boston College on Tuesday morning. Linehan has since been named to serve as Walsh’s Chief of Policy, while Mahoney is now General Agent of the Boston Building Trades— a post formerly held by Walsh. Both Linehan and Mahoney are Dorchester residents. *Photo by Bill Forry*

## Longfellow bridge work will divert Red Line

The Longfellow Bridge over the Charles River will close to all motor vehicle travel, except MBTA buses, on the weekend of Sat., Jan.

11-12, weather permitting. The closure is to implement Red Line related work associated with ongoing bridge construction. Buses will

replace Red Line trains for service between Kendall/MIT Station and Park Street Station, with a stop at Charles/ MGH Station. The work

includes completing installation of protective fencing on the upstream side of the MBTA Red Line reservation at the Boston end of the bridge.

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# Walsh kept throttle engaged on his weekend drive to BC

(Continued from page 1) leukemia who was inside with her father, Patrick Lam. The father shook Walsh's hand while Noelle looked up from the Connect 4 game on her hospital bed and reached out to Walsh with her tiny hand. For a few minutes, the mayor-to-be spoke quietly with her, as she put the Connect 4 checkers on her head. "Is that your hat?" Walsh asked. She smiled and kept playing. "I was treated here, in the old hospital," Walsh told the father.

Later, as Walsh was leaving the hospital en route to his next event, he said, "When [you] have a sick kid, your whole world is crushed. Being here today, seeing so many sick kids, makes you realize: Be grateful for what you have."

After Walsh had left, Sandra Fenwick, who became president and CEO of the hospital in October, said, "He has a warm spot for this place and I think he understands the impact we have on kids."

The stop at Children's was one of a dozen service events leading into the inaugural on Monday: On Saturday, transition staffers delivered six bins full of all-ages books, as part of a book drive for the hospital



On his first full day in office, Mayor Walsh announced six hires. From left to right, they are Trinh Nguyen (Office of Jobs and Community Services), Alejandra St. Guillen (Office of New Bostonians), Joyce Linehan (Policy Chief), Joe Rull (Operations Chief), Keith Williams (Small Business) and Eugene O'Flaherty (Corporation Counsel). *State House News Service photo*

while Walsh read to children in Chinatown and appeared at a youth summit at Roxbury Community College that had been put together by his inaugural team; on

Sunday, he danced with seniors at an inaugural-themed brunch held at Northeastern University's Cabot Athletic Center.

And at 11:07 a.m. on

Monday inside Boston College's Conte Forum, he was able to drop the "elect" from his title, reciting the oath of office with his right hand raised, his left hand on

a Bible held up by his mother Mary.

"At our town halls and community meetings; through letters, e-mail and phone calls, you are making your voices

heard. I am listening – and I always will," Walsh said in the address. "I will listen. I will learn. I will lead."

## Eyes turn to the State House seat that Walsh left behind

(Continued from page 1) is set for March 4 and the general election will be held on April 1. Since the winner of the final election will be finishing out the rest of Walsh's term, he or she will have to run again in the fall for a full two-year term.

All candidates and potential contenders mentioned so far are Democrats. And because of the deep blue make-up of the district, the primary is likely to be determinative as to the winner of the general election a month later. The district includes

Savin Hill, Clam Point, the Neponset area, Pope's Hill, Port Norfolk, and a precinct in the northern part of Quincy, just over the Neponset River.

Hunt, whose father and brother have run for the seat in the last two times it has opened up, has a head start: He announced his candidacy in December, held a fundraiser at the Blarney Stone in Fields Corner, and already has been out gathering signatures. He is expected to announce that his campaign raised \$58,520 in December and has \$54,000 on hand.

The last time the seat was open was in 1997. Walsh won the battle, besting five other candidates, including future state Attorney General Martha Coakley, and Jim Hunt III, Dan's brother and future environmental chief under Mayor Thomas Menino.

Walsh succeeded Jim Brett, who ran against Menino in 1993, and after losing, spent several years at the State House before taking a job with the New England Council.

Brett won the seat in 1981, with Savin Hill as

his base. He beat out Jim Hunt Jr., among others. "You don't bank on Savin

Hill as your base," Brett told the *Reporter* earlier this year. "You hope to do

okay there, but you have to do well in other areas."

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Boston Globe photographer Bill Brett captured the scene inside Conte Forum as cellist Yo-Yo Ma performed prior to Mayor Martin J. Walsh's swearing-in.

*Photo by Bill Forry*

Below, Mayor Martin J. Walsh was greeted by a crush of reporters and cameras as he arrived for his first full day as mayor on Jan. 7, 2014.

*Photo courtesy Isabel Leon/Mayor's office*

# ‘Today, we are sworn in together’

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Hill, Jones Hill, and Telegraph Hill. It's Copp's Hill, Mission Hill, and Eagle Hill. So when I say we are sworn in together, it means we're in this together. We are in this together—every neighborhood.”

As Walsh spoke, former Mayor Thomas M. Menino was leaving City Hall en route to an undisclosed vacation spot. The outgoing mayor chose not to attend the inaugural events, insisting that Walsh should not share the spotlight on his big day. In the end, despite some private grumblings from both sides that the decision was a snub, there was no question that the full glare of the day's pomp and circumstance belonged to the new chief executive of Boston.

Still, Walsh's remarks included a gracious nod to his immediate predecessor:

“As a citizen of Boston, I am grateful for the lifetime of outstanding civic leadership by my predecessor, Boston's longest-serving mayor, Tom Menino, and his wife Angela. As a legislative aide who started his political career in the same building where I started mine, to a district city councillor, to mayor of our beloved Boston, his legacy is already legend and his vision is all around us. I am grateful for his support, and his advice as I go forward. Thank you, Mayor and Mrs. Menino.”

Walsh's speech doubled as a State of the City address, one that is customarily delivered in January. And so it was peppered with policy nuggets that

outline the initial emphasis of an administration in its infancy.

“My priorities are clear,” Walsh said. “Strengthening our economy and creating jobs; improving public safety and stopping senseless gun violence; ensuring our schools help every child to succeed; and increasing trust and transparency in city government.”

Walsh pledged to make the prevention of “senseless violence” a day one priority—and in fact, he did convene a meeting with mothers of young people murdered in the city in recent years on Monday afternoon following the ceremony at Boston College and a visit to the Boston City Council chambers.

“There were fewer murders last year – 40 homicides in our city,” Walsh noted. “And while that lower number is good news, and a testament to the hard work that has been done, we know, as Acting Police Commissioner Evans said the other day, 40 homicides still represents 40 grieving mothers too many. And I agree. We know what works. We know there are steps we can take now. We must redouble our efforts, and recommit ourselves to the safety of every citizen in our city. We will do that today and every day I am mayor.”

Walsh next addressed the city's public schools and pledged to “begin conversations” on Tuesday with the school committee to “launch a nationwide search for the next



superintendent of the Boston Public Schools.”

I want our next superintendent to be a proven urban education leader who shares my commitment to eliminating the achievement gap, universal early education, high school reform, inclusion programs, dual language programs, a new approach to school construction, and expanded, high quality career and technical training.”

In a section of the speech focused on job creation and economic development, Walsh said he was “committed to restructuring” the Boston Redevelopment Authority, the quasi-city agency that Walsh had targeted for reform in his 2013 campaign. “We have to make clear to everyone that

Boston is open for business,” Walsh said.

The new mayor said he hoped to “revitalize” the Main Streets Program—one of Menino's signature programs—and said he would “launch Neighborhood Business Districts, which will provide wider access to city resources.”

Walsh used Uphams Corner's Strand Theatre—a city owned asset—as an example. “The Strand is part of my family's history—a place I walked past countless times as a kid. And just recently, I began and ended my own campaign for mayor within its storied walls. Now, as the Strand approaches its 100th anniversary, it can once again be an economic engine for the neighborhood, an education

resource for our teens, and a new performance and gathering spot for our entire city.”

The address was well-rehearsed and carefully worded, but Walsh's casual and often self-deprecating personality shone through in places. He grew emotional, but remained composed, when he mentioned his late father, John Walsh, who passed away in 2011. And early in the speech, he drew laughter when he noted the gravity of the day for him and his family: “We are city of big dreams, and we have what it takes to make dreams come true. And if you doubt any of that, look at this kid from Taft Street in Dorchester who's now your mayor. I know my mother's not the only one surprised.”



# Linehan will head City Council; 8-5 vote seen to define new lines



Above, the City Council was sworn in by Mayor Martin J. Walsh at Boston College's Conte Forum on Monday, Jan. 6. From left: Michael Flaherty, Stephen Murphy, Ayanna Pressley, Michelle Wu, Sal LaMattina, Bill Linehan, Frank Baker, Charles Yancey, Tim McCarthy, Matt O'Malley, Tito Jackson, Josh Zakim, Mark Ciommo. *Photo by Chris Lovett*

BY GINTAUTAS DUMCIUS  
NEWS EDITOR

The City Council elected South Boston's Bill Linehan as its president on Monday afternoon in an 8-to-5 vote that roiled progressive activists who supported a last-minute bid by Ayanna Pressley, a councillor-at-large who lives in Dorchester. The vote potentially exposed new fault lines in the 13-member Council, which welcomed three new members and one familiar face to its ranks that same day.

The more progressive block did not have enough votes to elect Pressley and prevent Linehan, who was viewed as the conservative contender for the job, from ascending to the presidency. Aside from her own vote, she picked up support from District 4 Councillor Charles Yancey

(Dorchester/Mattapan); District 6 Councillor Matt O'Malley (Jamaica Plain); District 7 Councillor Tito Jackson (Dorchester/Roxbury); and District 8 Councillor Josh Zakim (Back Bay/Mission Hill). Jackson and O'Malley, who had clashed with Linehan during last year's battles over redrawing the nine Council districts, had each attempted a campaign for the top slot, but neither could get to the necessary seven-vote minimum.

The rest of the councillors threw in with Linehan, the councillor for District 2 since 2007. They included City Councillors At-Large Michelle Wu (South End), Stephen Murphy (Hyde Park) and Michael Flaherty (South Boston); District 1 Councillor Sal LaMattina (East

Boston); District 3 Councillor Frank Baker (Dorchester); District 5 Councillor Tim McCarthy (Hyde Park); and District 9 Councillor Mark Ciommo (Allston/Brighton).

"The side that lost started a little late," Baker said. "Billy had the votes."

Reelected to his second term in November, Baker had initially been with Jackson and O'Malley. But when their coalitions fell apart, he decided for Linehan. He was apparently open to switching to Pressley if Wu would flip, but she had pledged her vote to Linehan and despite immense pressure from some progressive activists, she stood by her decision.

"I made a commitment and I'm looking forward to getting started," said Wu, who voted for Line-

han because he promised to decentralize the office of the president and put emphasis on the various committees.

Mayor Marty Walsh did not weigh in who should have the president's chair, telling the *Reporter* last year that he had no interest in wading into the battle.

Michael Curry, head of the Boston branch of the NAACP, one of the groups that had lobbied against Linehan, said the District 2 councillor's election as president was a "disappointing first vote" for the Council. His organization has pledged to keep a scorecard this year and plans to include the Linehan vote in its tabulation.

"There are all sorts of loyalties that came into play," he said, noting that Pressley, in a speech on the floor just

before the vote, argued that she would be a "citywide" Council president, contrasting herself with Linehan and his perceived parochialism. "You leave it on the floor and now it's time to work with that City Council and that City Council president," Curry added.

Linehan, after winning the gavel, struck a hopeful tone. "I will not let you, or Boston, down," he said. He succeeds Murphy, who was term-limited in the presidency after three terms at the helm. The job is mostly ceremonial, but the president gets to hand out committee assignments and set the Council's agenda. Linehan will also become acting mayor when Marty Walsh is out of town or otherwise unavailable.

Walsh has promised a collaborative approach

in his dealings with the Council. But the city has a "strong mayor" system and the Council, despite often being stocked with rivals like Flaherty and former Councillor John Connolly, rarely overturned Mayor Thomas Menino's vetoes or other decisions while he was in office.

On Monday, Walsh administered the oath of office to the new council at Conte Forum at Boston College after he was sworn in himself by Supreme Judicial Court Chief Justice Roderick Ireland. As they congratulated each other, Walsh said the councillors could take their time sitting back down, since he would not be telling them what they could and could not do.

"Not yet," he added with a smile, drawing laughs from the crowd.

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# Arts & Entertainment

## BC High seniors do it all in presenting the drama ‘Orphans’ at school theater

Performances today (3 p.m.), tomorrow, Saturday (7 p.m.)

By CHRIS HARDING  
SPECIAL TO THE REPORTER

“It’s amazing how people stop struggling when there’s a little blood.” Funny/scary dialogue and unsettling performances power the action and tension in “Orphans,” an edgy drama that Newsday hailed as “a fast-talking adrenaline jolt.”

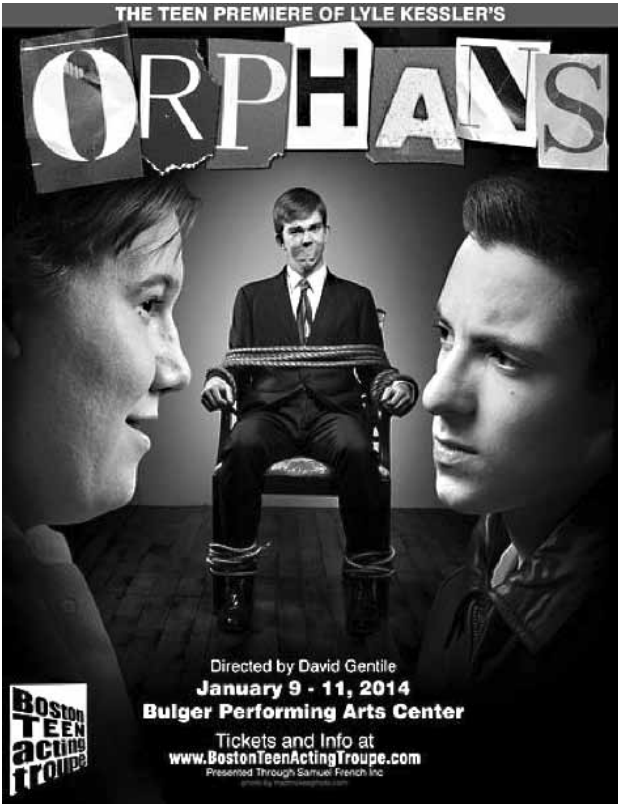
After previous productions had garnered ovations in Los Angeles and Chicago and on Broadway, this weekend the Boston Teen Acting Troupe (BTAT) will bring the three-character blockbuster to Dorchester. It just so happens that everyone involved in this show is a Boston College High School senior.

Opening tonight and running through Sunday at the Bulger Performing Arts Center at BC High, the BTAT premiere of Lyle Kessler’s “Orphans” will be the first professional production of the Drama-Logue-winning work produced, directed, designed, and performed by teenagers in Boston. Philadelphia may be “The City of Brotherly Love,” but it’s more like “The City of Brotherly Mind-Games” in a run-down house in North Philly where two orphan brothers live: the reclusive, sensitive Phillip,

sealed off in a world of StarKist tuna and Errol Flynn movies; and Treat, a violent pickpocket and thief. Into this ferocious and funny world enters Harold, a mysterious, wealthy, middle-aged man who is kidnapped by Treat, but who soon turns the tables on the two brothers, changing forever the delicate power and balance of their relationship. Both hilarious and heart-breaking, “Orphans” is a story of the universal love of a father for his son, and the son’s need to live his own life.

Three-time Massachusetts Educational Theatre Guild Award Winner Jack Serio appears as Treat; Max Gustafson as Phillip; and Seamus Matlack as Harold. The production is directed by David Gentile and stage managed by Ashmont resident Nate Guevin.

According to Serio, who is headed to NYU’s prestigious Tisch School of the Arts next year, this contemporary play can get his fellow adolescent males excited about live theater in a way that maybe works by Shakespeare or Miller wouldn’t. Variety agrees, saying that “Orphans” is a “guy play from the get-go.” The BTAT was founded in January of 2011 with



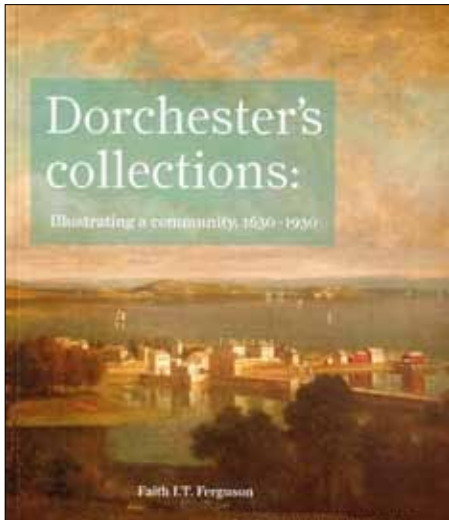
the goal of bringing enriching, engaging, and edgy theater to teens, as well as providing an outlet for Boston teenagers who are serious about their craft, whether that is acting, directing, or design. The BTAT aims to eliminate the cliché of “bad high school theater” by producing challenging plays not normally seen portrayed by young actors.

Since 2011, BTAT has produced 10 completely teen-run shows in a variety of Boston and Cambridge venues. Coverage in The New York Times and on National Public Radio has created a fan following for the

fledgling theater group. Before these BC seniors graduate they will do two more shows, each requiring female co-stars: “The Dream of the Burning Boy” by David West Read at the Calderwood Pavilion April 3-12; and later in the year, BTAT co-founder Catherine Spino will direct a revival of the Luigi Pirandello classic “Six Characters in Search of an Author.”

Regular single tickets are \$10 and \$5 for students. Shows are today (Thursday) at 3 p.m., tomorrow and Saturday at 7 p.m. Tickets may be purchased online at [bostonteenactingtroupe.com](http://bostonteenactingtroupe.com)

The Dorchester Historical Society offers Dorchester’s Collections, a new book about its buildings and artifacts in exchange for a \$25 donation



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## Congratulations to Griffan Wolusky

Congratulations Griffan on placed 4th at the Burlington youth wrestling tournament on 12/15/13 and placed 3rd at the Fitchburg holiday tournament on 12/21/13

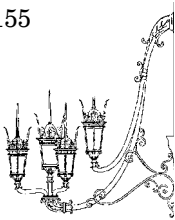
Griffan wrestles in the 5th-6th grade division for his weight (77-82 lbs).

Griffan is a 12-year-old who attends the Murphy School. He wrestles out of the Mad Dog Wrestling Club in Newton.



Griffan Wolusky pictured with his 3rd place medal.

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### ADAMS STREET BRANCH

**Thursday, January 9, 10:30 a.m.** – Babysing – Winter Session; 3:30 p.m. – Homework Help.  
**Friday, January 10, 9:30 a.m.** – Winter Play Group.  
**Monday, January 13, 3:30 p.m.** – Homework Help.  
**Wednesday, January 15, 3:30 p.m.** – Homework Help; 4 p.m. – BTU Afterschool Homework Help.  
**Thursday, January 16, 10:30 a.m.** – Babysing – Winter Session; 3:30 p.m. – Homework Help.  
**Friday, January 17, 9:30 a.m.** – Winter Playgroup.  
**Wednesday, January 22, 3:30 p.m.** Homework Help; 4 p.m. – BTU Afterschool Homework Help.  
**Thursday, January 23, 10:30 a.m.** – Babysing – Winter Session; 3:30 p.m. – Homework Help. **Friday, January 24, 9:30 a.m.** Winter Playgroup.

### CODMAN SQUARE BRANCH

**Thursday, January 9, 3:30 p.m.** – Homework Help. **Friday, January 10, 10:30 a.m.** – Preschool Story Time. **Monday, January 13, 3:30 p.m.** – Homework Help. **Tuesday, January 14, 3:30 p.m.** Homework Help. **Wednesday, January 15, 3:30 p.m.** – Homework Help; 4 p.m. – CANCELLED – Memory Card Workshop. **Thursday, January 16, 3:30 p.m.** – Homework Help. **Friday, January 17, 10:30 a.m.** – Preschool Story Time.

### FIELDS CORNER BRANCH

**Thursday, January 9, 3:30 p.m.** – Homework Help; 4 p.m. – BTU Afterschool Homework Help. **Friday, January 10, 3:30 p.m.** – Wire Sculptures with the MFA for Teens. **Saturday, January 11, 10 a.m.** – Baby Signs: Ride the Potty Train. **Monday, January 13, 3:30 p.m.** – Homework Help. **Tuesday, January 14, 3:30 p.m.** – Homework Help; 4 p.m. – BTU Afterschool Homework Help. **Wednesday, January 15, 10:30 a.m.** – Preschool Films and Fun; 3:30 p.m. – Homework Help. **Thursday, January 16, 3:30 p.m.** – Homework Help; 4 p.m. – BTU Afterschool Homework Help.

### GROVE HALL BRANCH

**Thursday, January 9, 3:30 p.m.** – Homework Help. **Friday, January 10, 10:30 a.m.** – Preschool Films. **Monday, January 13, 3:30 p.m.** – Homework Help. **Tuesday, January 14, 10:30 a.m.** – Stretchy Stories with Sherry; 2:30 p.m. – FNC Baby Playgroup; 3:30 p.m. – Homework Help. **Wednesday, January 15, 3 p.m.** – Snowflake Crafty Afternoons; 3:30 p.m. – Homework Help. **Thursday, January 16, 3:30 p.m.** – Homework Help. **Friday, January 17, 10:30 a.m.** – Preschool Films.

### LOWER MILLS BRANCH

**Friday, January 10, 10:30 a.m.** Friday Preschool Films; 12 p.m. – Internet Basics; 1 p.m. – William Powell Film Series: The Thin Man. **Monday, January 13, 4 p.m.** – Painting on Canvas with the MFA for Teens. **Tuesday, January 14, 10:30 a.m.** – ABC Preschool Story Time; 3 p.m. – Crafty Tuesdays; 3:30 p.m. – Homework Help. **Wednesday, January 15, 3:30 p.m.** – Homework Help; 10:30 a.m. – Circle Time. **Thursday, January 16, 4 p.m.** – Puppet Making with the MFA. **Friday, January 17, 10:30 a.m.** – Friday Preschool Films.

### MATTAPAN BRANCH

**Thursday, January 9, 3:30 p.m.** – Homework Help; 4 p.m. – BTU Afterschool Homework Help. **Monday, January 13, 3:30 p.m.** – Homework Help. **Tuesday, January 14, 3:30 p.m.** – Homework Help; 4 p.m. – BTU Afterschool Homework Help; 6 p.m. – Laptop Class. **Wednesday, January 15, 3 p.m.** – Painting on Canvas with the MFA for Teens; 3:30 p.m. – Homework Help. **Thursday, January 16, 3:30 p.m.** – Homework Help; 4 p.m. – BTU Afterschool Homework Help.

### UPHAMS CORNER BRANCH

**Thursday, January 9, 3:30 p.m.** Homework Help. **Monday, January 13, 3:30 p.m.** – Homework Help. **Tuesday, January 14, 10 a.m.** – Family Story Time; 3:30 p.m. – Homework Help. **Wednesday, January 15, 3:30 p.m.** – Homework Help; 4:30 p.m. – Make Your Own Balloon Animal.

**Thursday, January 16, 3:30 p.m.** – Homework Help; 5 p.m. – Family Film: Happy Feet; **Tuesday, January 21, Family Story Time; 3:30 p.m.** – Homework Help; 4:30 p.m. – Watercolor Painting with the MFA for Teens. **Wednesday, January 22, 3:30 p.m.** – Homework Help; 4 p.m. – Lego Builders.

**Thursday, January 22, 3:30 p.m.** – Homework Help.



## Another Walsh from Savin Hill honored by BC High

Robert Walsh, president of the RF Walsh Co and Vice chairman of the BC High Board of Trustees, has received the prestigious Paul J. Hunter '53 Man for Others award. Every year Boston College High honors one man for his outstanding service to the school and to others. The award was presented at The Hall of Fame dinner at the Hunter-Fahey Commons on November 26.

Walsh, who graduated in the class of '59, is a native of Savin Hill. He now lives in the Back Bay. Bob and his wife Karylann have been active with the Pine Street Inn for 40 years. He is a founding member of the Pine Street Board and Karylann is a long time volunteer and has been a part of their Women's Council.

"As the younger brother of Bob," said

Don Walsh '64, "I can attest to his early efforts to be a 'Man for Others'. Bob was a leader in our Savin Hill neighborhood, particularly in sports and as a baritone player in the parish marching band. He was president of St William's CYO while playing football and basketball at BC High.

"Bob also spent many hours teaching me how to box-out while rebounding, hold a runner close to the base as a first baseman and stay low in blocking and tackling. Most important though, he was a role model for me when we were kids and continues to be now as adults," his brother recalled.

"Dad is a wonderful, kind and generous man," said Bob's daughter Courtney, "devoted to his family and friends. Tonight he is receiving an award for making the



Robert Walsh was honored with Boston College High School's Paul J. Hunter '53 Man for Others award in November. Photo courtesy BC High

World a better place by his words and every day activities. Many people will reap the rewards of dad's Christian beliefs and serving others. He has been a great role model to his kids and now nine grandkids."

In presenting the award, President William Kemeza said Walsh was pivotal in helping BC High construct its newest building, Cadigan Hall: "Bob is the man who made much of this possible, behind the scenes – Bob was not only involved in the details in the very beginning from the early sketches we reviewed to the finished product of Cadigan Hall – but he continues to work with our Buildings and Grounds committee as they look ahead to one of our next projects, which you may have seen as you were arriving tonight – the refurbishment of our

upper fields, our track and our Baseball fields."

"It is only fitting that Bob is being recognized tonight with the Paul Hunter Man For Others Award because both men share many of the same characteristics. Both terrific athletes. Both grew up playing all sorts of sports all year round in Savin Hill and Dorchester. Bob was the guard and offense linemen on the Varsity football team and then also the guard on the basketball team. "Bob has been a trusted advisor for me for quite some time now – even before he became a member of our Board of Trustees. So again – Bob – you have done so much for BC High over the years. You have helped to make BC High a better place in your humble service to our school – so Thank you."

## College Hype completes expansion in Adams Corner

**College Hype**, an Adams Corner-based company which manufactures and provides quality custom apparel and school uniforms for schools, media outlets and corporate organi-

zations, through both screen printing and embroidery processes, has recently completed a major expansion of its facility at 540 Gallivan Blvd.

The build-out in-

creases the company's Embroidery Division by 3,000 square feet; the additional space will house the new, 6-head embroidery machine that has been added to the equipment that College Hype uses to manufacture the shirts, jackets and other apparel.

In addition to its own brands, College Hype maintains online stores on behalf of a number of clients and a great number of area schools.

College Hype President Jack Doherty said that the company has invested over \$100,000 to complete the build-out of the new space, plus acquire the new embroidery equipment, which he said will effectively double the company's output of embroidered goods. Additionally, the company has hired two additional team members.

"College Hype produces embroidered designs on all of the garments we sell," Doherty said, noting that a team of designers and artists take the process through every step, from first digitizing a logo to completion of final product, with turnaround for most orders within 5-10 days. He continued, "Apparel – both embroidered and screen-printed – is in demand for many organizations. Political campaigns, school uniforms, road races, special causes and events all make use of T-shirts, jackets, caps and other items with the name of the cause and logo imprinted upon it. We even have an OFD Line ("Originally from Dorchester"). He added,



As part of a \$100,000 expansion College Hype added new embroidery equipment, above, to its Adams Corner facility.

"We are thrilled to be expanding and hope that we will add even more jobs in the future. Much of our success comes from this Dorchester base. As a locally-based business we work with many community organizations, and we are all proud of this place we call home. We thank everyone for their continued support."

College Hype was known in the region for its efforts following the Boston Marathon tragedy for creating a line of shirts, "Dorchester Strong."

He said, "Sales exceeded even our wildest expectations. We wanted to do something, and we envisioned this new line of shirts as being a way

to do some good in the community, and we took funds from the proceeds of the shirt sales to help the family of Martin Richard," the boy who died as a result of the Marathon bombings. In all, College Hype's shirt sales contributed more than \$20,000 to the Richard Family Foundation.

### Bubbles's Birthdays And Special Occasions

By BARBARA McDONOUGH

Thomas Paine published his *Common Sense* publication on Jan. 10, 1776. (150,000 copies were sold within a few months of its first printing.) Paul Henreid was born in Trieste, Austria, on Jan. 10, 1908. The Designated Hitter Rule was adopted by the American League on Jan. 11, 40 years ago. Pineapples were planted in Hawaii for the first time on Jan. 11, 1813. A 7.0 earthquake struck near the capital of Port-au-Prince, Haiti, on Jan. 12, 2010. (200,000 were killed.) John Winthrop was born in Suffolk, England on Jan. 12, 1588,

"The Sopranos" began on HBO on Jan. 13, 1999. Dr. Jesse Bennett performed the first successful caesarean section in the US on Jan. 14, 1794. The patient was his wife Elizabeth. "The Today Show" will be 62 years old on Jan. 14. Lloyd Bridges was born in San Leandro, Cal., on Jan. 15, 101 years ago. The first Super Bowl was played on Jan. 15, 1967. The Green Bay Packers defeated the Kansas City Chiefs. The Molasses Flood happened on Jan. 15, 1919. (21 people died in the flood.) The Pentagon was completed on Jan. 15, 1943. Prohibition took effect on Jan. 16, 1919.

Celebrities having birthdays are Catherine, Duchess of Cambridge, 32 on Jan. 9; Rod Stewart, 69 on Jan. 10; Rod "The Birds" Taylor, 84 on Jan. 11; Julia Louis-Dreyfus, 53 on Jan. 13; Faye Dunaway 73 on Jan. 14; and Margaret O'Brien, 77 on Jan. 15.

Those celebrating their birthdays are Christine Cornish, Krista Zaremski, Logan Carver, Cinda GOyette (from FEDEX), Ch. 5's Mike Wankum, Barbara Wilcox, Diane Zinck, Eamon Galvin, Peggy Queeney, Kitty O'Donnell, Jessica Morrill, Kim Larkin Altovino, Robert Murphy, Mary Lyons, and Hayley Johnson.

Also observing their birthdays are Eileen Fahey, Esther Roche, Betty Lou Byrne, Ann Walsh, Joan Curley, George Munroe, and Mary Kate Hart. Donna Harraghy and Pat MacNeil are celebrating special birthdays this week. Peter and Madeline Cahill are celebrating their anniversary this week.



# The Marty Walsh we know

On Monday, the city and the region got its first extended glimpse of the political leader whom we've come to know, simply, as Marty. It was a good first impression and a reminder of why he won last fall: People want to like him.

They also want him to get better — to achieve more than even they thought he could. They still do. Like every one of us, he's a work in progress. And that has been the case with him since Day One of his move into politics.

For folks from Dorchester, he is now the vessel of their own aspirations: the kid from the three-decker on Taft Street who has beaten cancer, a drive-by bullet blast, and "the disease" to grasp his city's ultimate brass ring. Marty has become living, breathing proof that we can tame our own demons and even harness them for the purposes of a greater good — like ministering to an emerging generation of Bostonians whose futures are similarly imperiled by bullets and booze.

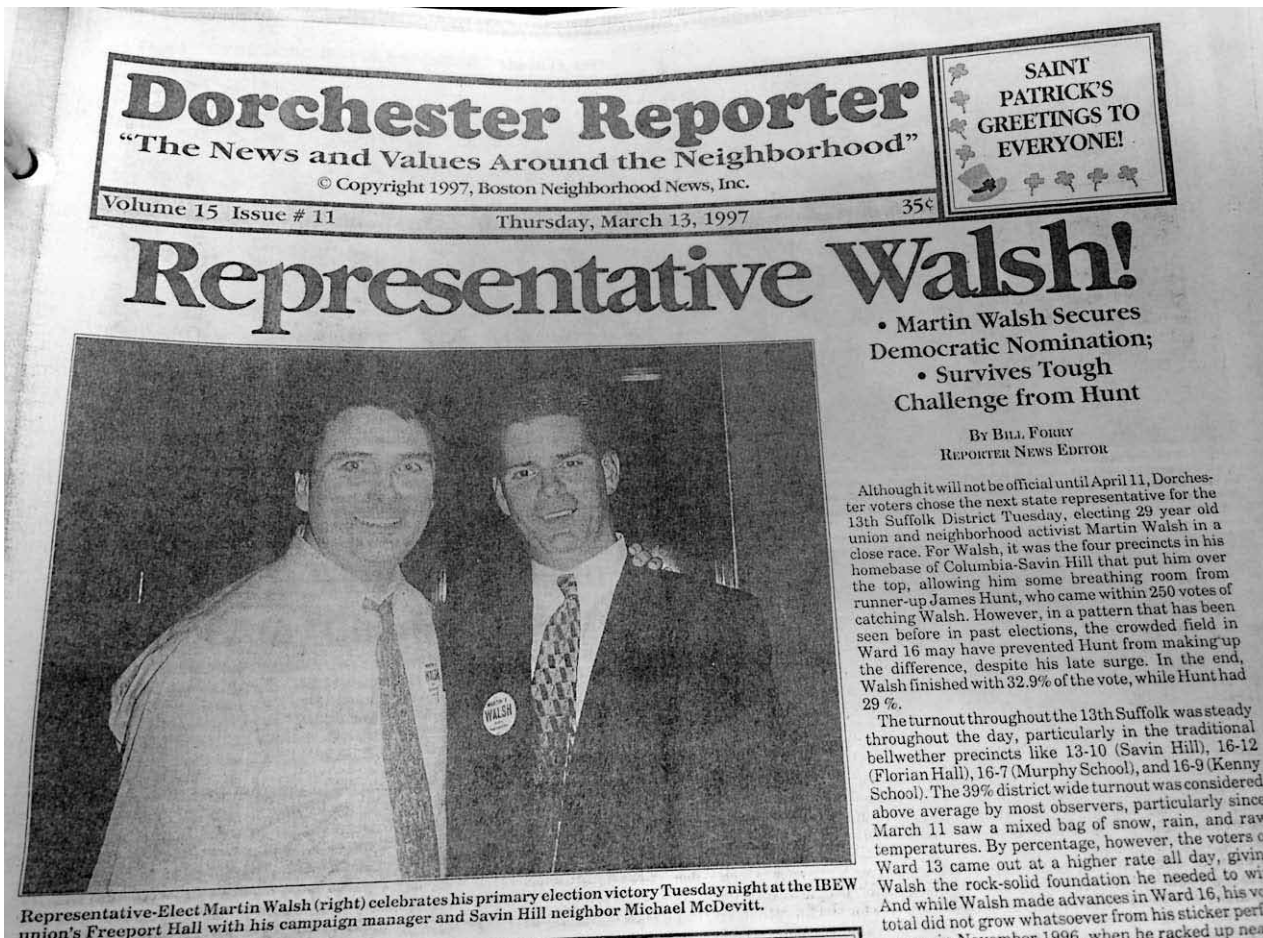
The confident, poised, and at times eloquent Marty Walsh who breezed through his Conte Forum address on Monday morning is a far cry from the hesitant, harried candidate I first encountered on a King Street sidewalk in the winter of 1997. He had come to Pope's Hill — then foreign turf for the Savin Hill upstart — to give his first press conference in the special election to succeed Jim Brett in the 13th Suffolk rep's seat. Walsh was nervous and edgy. His remarks were unremarkable — read from a 12-page "public safety" platform pamphlet — but they weren't what was important then. He was there to fly the flag in Neponset's Ward 16, to eat into his rivals' base, and to project the strength of a candidate who had managed to maneuver himself into an enviable spot. Two weeks before, his principal rival from Savin Hill — Rosemary Powers — had dropped out of the contest and thrown her support to him, giving Walsh a clear strategic advantage in the upcoming March special election.

There were other very good candidates in the race: Charles Tevnan, a lawyer from the Ashmont-Adams area; Jim Hunt III, then a law student and State House aide from a respected Neponset family; and a thoughtful, but unknown assistant DA named Martha Coakley. All of them — and two other candidates — lived in the same Ward 16 neighborhood. Hunt emerged as Walsh's chief rival, but the Ward 16 folks chewed each other up on election day — and Marty took home 32 percent to Hunt's 29. His Savin Hill dominance, union support, and fundraising prowess — all orchestrated by a top-notch campaign manager, Mike McDevitt (shown on the victory cover of the March 13, 1997, Reporter), consultant Ray Mariano, and Savin Hill political king-maker Danny Ryan.

The 29 year-old Walsh was eager to make friends outside of his comfort zone. Unshackled from the tension of a hard-fought, six-way race, his natural, good-natured style began to show itself more. He threw himself into the work of being a lawmaker, but more importantly, as a go-to person for people with problems.

"Marty chose people over power and by empowering other people he empowered himself," says Danny Ryan, his mentor and earliest political conscience. "He's addicted to helping people."

Under Tom Finneran, who was midway through his tenure as House Speaker when Walsh arrived, he was able to deliver big ticket items to his district, including long-delayed funding to build out the 72-acre Pope John Paul II Park in Neponset. Walsh played a supporting, but important, role in compelling the MBTA to pay for major upgrades to Dorchester's



The cover of the March 13, 1997 Reporter carried news of the election victory of Martin J. Walsh, who was shown with campaign manager Michael McDevitt, also a Savin Hill native.

four Red Line stations. And he put the heat — and a heaping dose of Irish guilt — on the old MDC to get Morrissey Boulevard's crumbling Beades drawbridge replaced, dramatically telling the Reporter in 1999: "I don't want my parents driving over the bridge when it collapses."

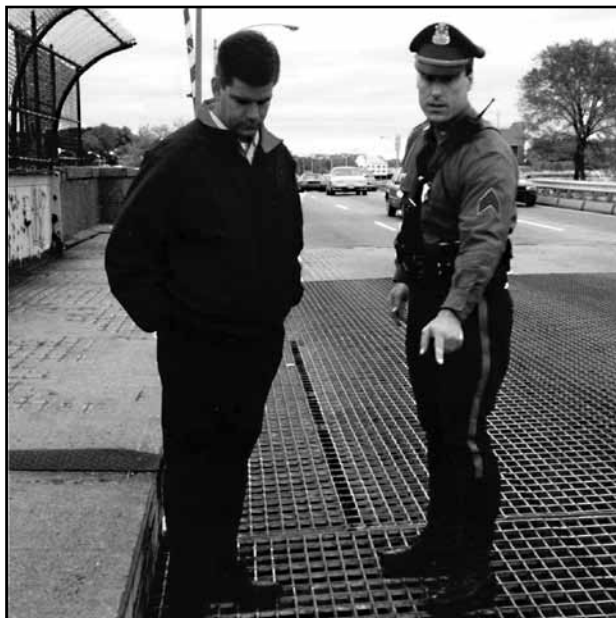
As disciplined as he was in his personal life, Rep. Walsh sometimes seemed to flail about politically. In Finneran's wake, he backed the wrong horse in two House leadership fights. In January 2002, he went public with his interest in becoming Suffolk County Registrar of Deeds — hardly a job coveted by a politician with higher aspirations. A week later, he pulled back from the brink — and despite being offered the job by Secretary of State William Galvin — opted to stay on course in the House.

"I've sat in the House chamber looking around and this job is the best job I've ever had and for as long as the people of Dorchester will have me, or until I decide to move on, this will be the best job for me," he told the Reporter.

Perhaps Walsh's most notable local dust-up came in 2001 when Stephen Lynch left the State Senate for the US Congress. The contours of the First Suffolk Senate seat had recently been re-drawn to include almost all of Dorchester along with South Boston and Mattapan — a dynamic that eventually helped my wife — Linda Dorcena Forry — win the seat in March 2013. But in November 2001, rather than entertain the idea of a Dorchester candidacy, Walsh immediately threw his full support to South Boston's Jack Hart — a move that cemented a political alliance with Lynch and Hart that was already strong and one that would later kick in to help Walsh dominate the votes in last year's mayoral election.

At the time, this reporter and others were sharply critical of Walsh's endorsement of Hart. It seemed like a rash and selfish decision — one that seemed to dismiss the notion of a Dorchester candidacy by either Walsh, Maureen Feeney, or a crossover candidate of color, including former Rep. Charlotte Richie or her successor, Marie St. Fleur. But Walsh was unmoved by the critique. In a letter to the editor, he defended his decision and criticized the Reporter (me) for "incorrectly inform[ing] readers that my support of Representative Jack Hart in the voting to elect a new senator from the First Suffolk District would come at the expense of Dorchester residents.... Its editors were reckless to lay the foundation for a wedge driven between the two communities who will occupy the new Senate district." Hart cruised to victory unopposed in the special election that followed.

Despite our disagreements — and there were other, less public instances — Marty Walsh never shut off the lines of communication or sought to exact revenge on this newspaper. He can get angry — and he'll let you know he is. But he has always come back to earth and acted professionally. He seemed grudgingly to accept — and expect — our scrutiny, and the criticism that would follow. He knew he would get a fair shot at getting his side out. It's safe to assume that as he takes on his newest challenge, minor tussles with watchdog reporters will no doubt be counted as an



Rep. Walsh inspected the Beades Bridge on Morrissey Boulevard with a State Trooper in 1999.

Photo by Bill Forry

important part of his political education.

More often than not, the Reporter tracked Walsh's career with routine reports about bills filed and campaigns won. He showed guts on many occasions and defied expectations. He defied an unhappy civic association crowd that wanted to block the Pine Street Inn from converting a dilapidated six-family house on Pleasant Street into transitional housing for the homeless. In the fight over building dorms on the UMass Boston campus, he defied his fellow union chieftains and stood alongside his Savin Hill neighbors in opposing dorms. And he would tell anyone who cared to listen — well before the Goodridge decision — that he'd happily vote to give gay men and women the right to marry.

"If you want to label me a liberal because I'm supportive of people who are trying to get sober and trying to recover, and trying to stop infectious diseases, they can label me as a liberal all day if they want," Walsh told former Reporter editor Jim O'Sullivan, now a political editor for the Globe, in a 2004 profile. "Because I'm a white Irish Catholic, people will assume that I'm gonna be a conservative, and I think that's unfair because people don't get an opportunity to talk to me and ask me my positions on the issues, or talk about issues. I think it's kind of an unfair label."

Walsh's best quality — the one that makes him so likeable — could be his greatest potential weakness in the mayor's job: He's a pleaser. He wants to leave everyone smiling. He seeks to defuse confrontation and focus on the things people have in common. This instinct makes him eminently electable, but it harbors the risk that candidate Connolly sought to define: That Walsh won't be tough enough to say no when it counts, if it means losing a friend.

It says here that Walsh has it in him.

— By Bill Forry

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# Inaugural address of Mayor Martin J. Walsh

*Following are excerpts from the text prepared for delivery at Boston College on Mon., Jan. 6, 2014:*

We are a city of courage and champions ... of hope and heart. We are city of second chances and redemption ... a place where hard times have forged character throughout our history. We are a city of proud families, and neighborhoods with big hearts and welcoming arms that make everyone feel like family. We are a city of high achievement and creative genius. Our educators, scientists, doctors, and artists are changing the world. We are city of big dreams, and we have what it takes to make dreams come true.

And if you doubt any of that, look at this kid from Taft Street in Dorchester who's now your mayor. I know my mother's not the only one surprised.

Today, we are sworn in together. Together, we are committing to do all we can for the city we love. Together, we can move our great city forward. This past weekend – even in the face of a blizzard – we came together in community service. We painted our children's schools, served meals to the homeless, shoveled out some of our neighbors. In the cold of winter, we demonstrated that every season is for service.

Since Election Day, and during our transition, we have invited, welcomed, and applauded thousands of people as they have stepped up and spoken out. And we listened. More than one thousand people came out on a snowy day to share their ideas at our town hall meeting at Roxbury Community College. More than one thousand people. And we listened. At our town halls and community meetings; through letters, email and phone calls, you are making your voices heard. I am listening – and I always will.

I will listen. I will learn. I will lead.

Boston has been called a "City upon a Hill." I can't tell

you how many times I've heard someone use that phrase to make a lofty point. But let me tell you what I think about when I hear it, with apologies to John Winthrop, the Puritan settler who said it first:

We are a City Upon a Hill, but it's not just the shining light of Beacon Hill. It's Savin Hill, where I live. It's Bunker Hill, Bellevue Hill, and Fort Hill. It's Pope's Hill, Jones Hill, and Telegraph Hill. It's Copp's Hill, Mission Hill, and Eagle Hill.

So when I say we are sworn in together, it means we're in this together. We are in this together – every neighborhood. We are in this together – every race and religion. We are in this together, every man, woman and child. For our seniors and our students, for rich and poor, and everyone in between. We will expand opportunity so it reaches every person in every corner of our city. We cannot tolerate a city divided by privilege and poverty. We will protect and grow our sense of community. For it is Boston's greatest source of strength. And we will ensure equality for all: No matter your age, race, religion, sexual orientation. No matter what. Together, we can create one Boston ... one Boston, a hub of opportunity, community, and equality for all.

The work starts now.

My priorities are clear: Strengthening our economy and creating jobs; improving public safety and stopping senseless gun violence; ensuring our schools help every child to succeed; and increasing trust and transparency in city government. These are big goals, but as President Lincoln said, "The best thing about the future is that it comes one day at a time."

We must redouble our efforts, and recommit ourselves to the safety of every citizen in our city. We will do that today and every day I am mayor.

No parent should worry that a bullet will stop a daughter or son from coming home. No woman should be scared on our streets. No seniors should



be afraid in their home. And no child should be forced to live with the trauma and the indelible scars of violence. We must find a way to provide our families and our communities with the help they need when they need it. Imagine if these kids, these parents had people to help them in times of trauma. Health care professionals and community members serving as volunteers, answering the call whenever a life – and with it, a family and a neighborhood – is torn by violent crime.

But that's not all. We have to make sure every kid gets a great education. We are known the world over for our great colleges and universities. It's time we had a world-class public school system, too. Every kid in every neighborhood deserves the chance for a pathway to higher education or a good career. Every kid in Boston deserves a great education that will give them the opportunity to get ahead. I want our next superintendent to be a proven urban education leader who shares my commitment to eliminating the achievement gap, universal early education, high school reform, inclusion programs, dual language programs, a new approach to school construction, and expanded, high quality career and technical

training. These are goals we can reach.

Education spending is the biggest piece of our city budget. So we start with this principle: Every dollar we spend on education must be put to best and most effective use. As mayor, I will work to make sure Boston secures its share of equitable state funding as part of a plan to rebuild its long-neglected and antiquated school buildings.

We must take some kind of fresh, innovative approach when it comes to our investments in job creation and economic development. Different pieces of the economic development puzzle are spread across city government. Too often, it's hard to fit them together. There's duplication and confusion. It's difficult for the city and for the businesses and workers we're trying to help. I am committed to restructuring the Boston Redevelopment Authority, and to bringing together in a smart, rational and effective way all the parts of city government dealing with job creation and economic development. We can make Boston a leader in streamlined, transparent, and effective job and business growth.

We have to make clear to everyone that Boston is open for business. That means attracting and growing new businesses and strengthening those already here – from big corporations to small start-ups. It means making certain that all businesses, including minority and women owned companies, have access to opportunity. And I am committed to permitting and licensing reforms that streamline what is now a complicated, maze of rules and regulations. Permitting and licensing should protect consumers without strangling our small businesses in red tape.

And we've got to take action to finally realize the full economic benefit of our city's many underutilized neighborhood assets. For example, Dorchester's Strand

Theater. The Strand is part of my family's history – a place I walked past countless times as a kid. And just recently, I began and ended my own campaign for mayor within its storied walls. Now, as the Strand approaches its 100th anniversary, it can once again be an economic engine for the neighborhood, an education resource for our teens, and a new performance and gathering spot for our entire city.

I stand here today profoundly grateful to the team that brought me to this moment and to all the people of Boston I am honored to serve. To my family: my mother who stands here proudly, and my father, who is in my thoughts every day, and to my brother Johnny. Your love, your unrelenting belief in me – through sickness and health, through hard times and good, helped me understand that anything is possible. To Lorrie and her daughter, Lauren, who believed in me every step of the way – thank you for standing by me as I followed my dream, and for being part of this incredible journey. I am so proud and lucky to have you by my side. I love you.

Together, we are all taking an oath to make our beloved city even better. Because that's what it will take – all of us, working together. Young people working hard in school for a future they can only imagine. Entrepreneurs in small start-ups, with big dreams. Parents working two and three jobs to make ends meet, because they don't want their kids to have to do the same. Soldiers home from war, looking for work. My sisters and brothers in the labor movement, who fight every day to build the middle class. Immigrants, new to our city, looking for opportunity. Seniors hoping for a secure retirement and a safe place to live.

I am inspired every day by the people of our city – by your hopes, by your dreams, by your determination. I am listening. I will keep on listening. We will move Boston forward together.

## ... and then there's Meeting House Hill ...

BY EDWARD M. COOK  
SPECIAL TO THE REPORTER

Longfellow Street runs down the back of Meeting House Hill, which is often the neigh-

### Commentary

borhood identifier that I use to locate our street in conversation with people from other parts of the Dorchester.

Meeting House Hill is also part of the section of Dorchester that was written about in the infamous *Boston Globe* series "68 Blocks," which offered no new insight into our neighborhood but fed off the suffering and pain of some residents. For that project, the *Globe* "embedded" (like Fallujah, Iraq?) two young reporters in an apartment at the top of Meeting House Hill, across the street from Ronan Park.

In his inaugural speech at Boston College on Monday, Mayor Martin J. Walsh listed parts of the city by their hill names to stress that he was focused on more than the power brokers of Beacon Hill, at the foot of which is Boston City Hall. Of the hills he mentioned he included Pope's Hill, Jones Hill and, of course, Savin Hill. He did not include Meeting House Hill. Perhaps because of my excitement at being in that crowd of 8,000 supporters at BC, after having worked for his election, after knowing him as a neighbor (Ronan Park is less than half a mile from his house on Tuttle Street) who represents two precincts in Ward 15 (centered on Meeting House Hill), after all of the personal interactions over the years

and, yes, because of my personal pride in seeing one of my tribe rising from his own ashes to lead the New Boston, perhaps with all of that in the back of my mind, that omission has stuck in my craw.

There is no doubt that Mayor Walsh knows the streets surrounding Meeting House Hill as well or even better than some of those elected to represent us. Nor is there any doubt that he understands the challenges and needs of this part of town and is committed to ending the neglect that many people here assume is normal. Still, it was like a dear friend forgetting to list you when he thanks loved ones at his wedding. No biggie, but ouch!

The original settlement of Dorchester was in the area across from

St. Margaret's School (now Pope John Paul II School), where the Blake House (the oldest house in Boston) now sits. This area was near what is called Old Harbor Beach because that is where shipping came in to sit on the sand at low tide and off-load supplies. Behind "The Blakie" is where the settlers built their first meeting house. As time passed, the settlement moved up onto Meeting House Hill, the highest point in Dorchester.

The meeting house was moved to the top of the hill and, with one eye closed, the little streets winding down from the top of the hill toward Dorchester Avenue can still look like a New England seaside town. The green park in front of the present First Parish Meeting House was called Dorchester Com-

mon (now Rev. Allen Park). The first public school in America, the Cotton Mather School, was founded by the congregation of First Parish. Beside the meeting house once stood the Dorchester Athenaeum, where Abraham Lincoln is reputed to have campaigned for election. The streets around the meeting house were called Dorchester Center. To make a more than slightly competitive statement, Father Peter Ronan chose the land on the far side of the common to build the grandest Catholic church in Dorchester, St. Peter's, quarrying the Roxbury pudding stone on the site for the exterior walls, decorating the gothic windows with German blue glass, and covering all with a stenciled wood ceiling. This parish once

boasted a congregation of 22,000, almost all of whom were Irish immigrants. Meeting House Hill, Dorchester, is a memorable place.

Back in the Conte Forum at BC, we rose to our feet with the thousands and cheered wildly for the new mayor, the mayor from Dorchester, the red-headed kid who was now the leader of the New Boston. We believe in him and trust that he will "listen, learn, and lead." We accounted Mon., Jan. 6, the twelfth day of Christmas, the Epiphany, the Feast of the Three Kings (Fiesta de los Tres Reyes), Inauguration Day, as a grand day.

And, down here on the back of Meeting House Hill, we trust that Mayor Walsh will not neglect us.



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**POLICE DISTRICT B-3 NEWS**  
For info, call B-3's Community Service Office at 617-343-4717.

**ASHMONT-ADAMS ASSOC.**  
Meeting on the first Thursday of each month at the Plasterers' Hall, 7 Fredericka St., at 7 p.m.

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

**CEDAR GROVE CIVIC ASSOC.**  
The monthly meeting, usually the second Tues. of the month, 7 p.m., in Fr. Lane Hall at St. Brendan's Church. Info: cedargrovecivic@gmail.com or 617-825-1402.

**CLAM POINT CIVIC ASSOC.**  
The meetings are usually held on the second Monday of the month (unless it's a holiday) at WORK, Inc. 25 Beach St., at the corner of Freeport St., across from the IBEW; on street parking available; at 6:30 p.m.- Info: clampoint.org. The 2014 meetings will be held on Jan. 13, Feb. 10; Mar. 10, Apr. 14; May 12, and June 9, with no summer meetings.

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

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

**CUMMINS VALLEY ASSOC.**  
Cummins Valley Assoc., meeting at the Mattahunt Community Center, 100 Hebron St., Mattapan, on Mondays 6:30 p.m., for those living on and near



Fr. Bill Joy, pastor of St. Angela and St. Matthew Parishes joins the Haitian choir for a photo on New Year's Day at the Cathedral of the Holy Cross, where Cardinal Sean O'Malley celebrated Mass for Haitian Independence Day and the combined choir provided music for the Mass. Photo by Patrick O'Connor

Cummins Highway. For info on dates, call 617-791-7359 or 617-202-1021.

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

**FIELDS CORNER NEIGHBORHOOD CIVIC ASSOC.**  
The FCNCA, which includes 63 streets and eight

civic associations in the Fields Corner area, will hold its second meeting on a Mon. (TBA) 6:30 p.m. at St. Ambrose Family Shelter, 25 Leonard St.. The larger organization hopes to pull resources from city, state, and other entities.

**FREEPORT-ADAMS ASSOC.**  
The meetings will be held the second Wed. of the month, 6:30 p.m., at the Fields Corner CDC office (the old Dist. 11 police station), 1 Acadia St. (Continued on page 16)

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# Boston meet-ups help local women 'go natural'

By VANESSA LEWIS  
SPECIAL TO THE REPORTER

The African proverb "It takes a village to raise a child" has many applications in the city of Boston.

A group of local women are taking the collective approach to navigating a particularly tricky element of their lives: natural hair care. For many women of color, transitioning from chemically treated to natural tresses comes with a steep learning curve—one that can be a stressful, time-consuming endeavor.

In 2009, a Dorchester-based group began meeting locally to change that dynamic. The group now boasts over 500 members and hosts free workshops bi-monthly—including one that is coming up this Saturday, Jan. 11 (1-3 p.m.) at U Mass Boston.

Whether meeting virtually or in person, the Meet-Up group takes a community approach by sharing ideas, products, and learning new regimens in the hopes of maintaining a healthier head of hair.

"Something like a small workshop at Whole Foods, on making hair organic hair care products, is exciting for local women. But cities like Chicago, NY, and Atlanta have been doing these types

of events for years," says Modjossorica Elysee, 28, the lead organizer of the Boston group since last August. "I am learning a lot about the needs of natural women in Boston. People want answers and I want this to be a place where they can find them."

To "go natural" means unlearning the things you once knew about managing your hair—for instance, chemically treated hair needs to avoid moisture, while natural hair requires moisture.

Parents will often make the decision to chemically process a child's hair at a young age. Once the young woman is old enough to care for her own hair she will often continue to have it chemically processed out of habit.

In the groups early days, the Boston Natural Hair gatherings were strictly social—dinners, mixers, and other opportunities to fellowship with one another. Today it is a sub-culture of natural hair enthusiasts gathering together regularly to educate one another.

Shauna Worrell-Waldron, of Mattapan, has been natural since 2009. She joined the group in August of 2009 to connect

will like-minded people who share the common interest in educating themselves on caring for their natural hair. Shauna has attended about a dozen Boston Naturals sponsored events since becoming a member. Product swaps and tutorials are among her favorites.

"A meet up group is worthwhile it's both educational in regard to natural hair and a way to meet new people. To sum it up love, peace, and coiliness," says Worrell-Waldron.

This Saturday's meet-up at UMass Boston already has 77 people signed up to attend a two-hour workshop that will feature demonstrations from Rebeka Gabriel, the owner of Styllistik Salon. Another upcoming workshop include: "Naturally Informed" Sunday, Jan. 19<sup>th</sup> from 4-7 p.m. at Q Salon & Spa in Jamaica Plain. Membership to the group is free and open to the public. In addition to workshop there are over a dozen "perks" for members to take advantage of; including discounts to local natural hair care suppliers and other boutiques. For more information or to join the group log onto <http://www.meetup.com/BostonNaturals/>.



Dr. Yolanda Lenzy spoke to a Boston Natural Hair meeting last week.



The Boston Natural Hair group is shown at a recent meeting at UMass Boston.

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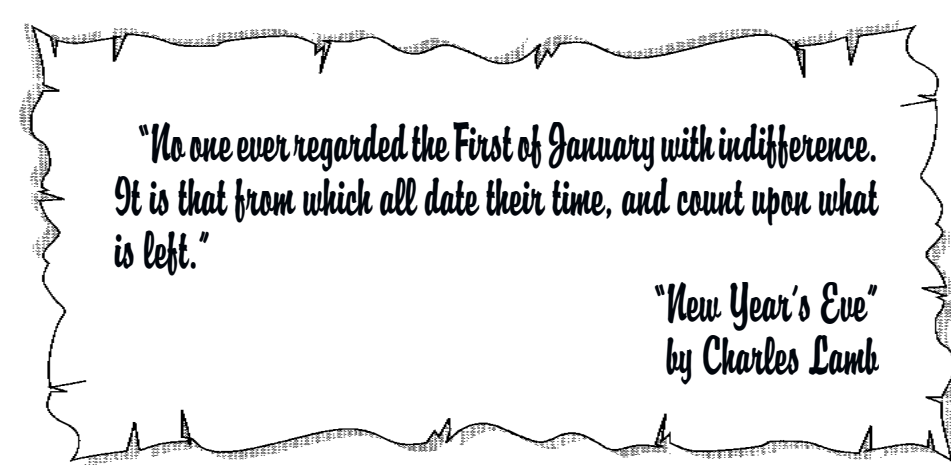
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VIEW FROM POPE'S HILL

Of course, Hubby and I stayed up till midnight to welcome in 2014. Daughter Sue came in about 11:45 p.m. She went to the fridge and got out the Welch's Sparkling Grape Juice (made from white grapes), plus the ready-made onion dip and the low-salt potato chips. I went into the kitchen and helped Hubby get down the little wine glasses from the high cabinet. We didn't want to wait till midnight to sample the chips and dip. We did wait till just after midnight to toast the New Year. We watched Ch. 4 because they were doing a great job showing Boston's New Year's Eve celebration. The fireworks were spectacular. We were happy that we were in our nice warm home. Years ago, Sue and niece Terri went into First Night and they could barely stand outside. Sue said it was just as bitterly cold as it was last week.

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What a nice time Hubby and I had at the annual Christmas Party for the Dorchester Board of Trade. As we got out of our car and walked toward Phillips Old Colony House, we were greeted by DBOT President Andrew Wilbur, who welcomed us with open



arms. When we went inside, we were greeted by Nancy Lafoe, the executive secretary of the board. Dianne McBride, the board's treasurer, was standing behind Nancy and gave us a big hug. There were quite a few members already in the room. Jim Cawley, vice president of the DBOT, and Elisa Birdseye, a librarian at the Adams Street Library, invited us to sit with them. I heard someone congratulate them so I asked what was going on. They told me that they were recently engaged and would be

married in the early spring. They will be honeymooning in Jamaica. (After the terribly cold temps of this past weekend, I may be on a plane to Jamaica in the next few days before Jim and Elisa get there. Don't I wish!) Lidsa Courtney, the former executive secretary of the DBOT, came over and told me about the new baby that she and husband Aonghus O'Nia recently welcomed: a girl, named Lena O'Nia. Congratulations are sent to Courtney and Aonghus. Tablemates Jim and Elisa asked Jim Cassetta to sit with us. He is the president of Work, Inc., which provides services to individuals with disabilities and Jim Cawley is the community relations/development coordinator for the Work Inc. organization. Our friend Phil Carver, chairman of the board of directors of the Board of Trade, then came to the microphone and told us that Mayor-Elect Marty Walsh would be unable to join the gathering. Phil then invited Neponset's Dan Hunt to come and speak. Dan told us that he is running for the new mayor's old legislative seat. In a stage whisper, I asked Dan to mention that he is a member of the Pope's Hill Neighborhood Association. Our pals Loretta Philbrick, Mary Shea, Ginny Biagiotti, and Gina McLaughlin came in and sat at the next table to us. Bill Puddister, from

the Members Plus Credit Union, came in late from work and sat with them. Hairdresser Mary Salas, from Hair Image, came over to greet us. I had spoken with her earlier in the week and she said she would see me at the Christmas Party. Cassandra Desroches, outreach and enrollment representative for the Geiger-Gibson Community Health Center, sat with us for a few hours. John O'Toole, former president of the Cedar Grove Civic Association and one of the owners of the Olde Towne Real Estate Company, was also introduced. He was sitting at the next table to us. .

Andrew Wilbur began giving out the prizes, which were available on fundraising chances. There were so many prizes, thanks to all the contributions, that those who had bought chances received at least one prize, and many got two prizes. We watched as people began bagging all the toys that the Board of Trade members had brought to Phillips that evening. Many needy children must have benefited from their generosity.

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I was sorry to read of the death of the death of Claire (McGrail) Gregor. We knew Claire because she and her husband Bill went to the 4 p.m. Mass at St. Christopher Church for years. We heard that she had moved to the Keystone Senior Apartments. She was, in recent years, a resident of Marina Bay. I send my sympathy to her daughter Marie Duff.

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My column is short this week. Hubby and I were invited to Mayor-Elect Marty Walsh's brunch for the senior citizens of Boston on Sunday so I ran short of time. I will tell you about the brunch next week.

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After the hectic pace during Christmas, this seemed to be a wonderful thought: "God put me on earth to accomplish a certain number of things. Right now, I'm so far behind, I will never die."

# Best of Luck

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# Henriquez trial begins with warning from judge about term 'kidnap'

By ANDY METZGER  
STATE HOUSE  
NEWS SERVICE

Witnesses in the case against Rep. Carlos Henriquez, a Boston Democrat, will be directed not to use the term "kidnap" and when the alleged victim takes the stand she will be asked not to use the term "hostage," Judge Michele Hogan ruled ahead of the trial Wednesday.

Middlesex Assistant District Attorney Clarence Brown said the prosecution dropped a kidnapping charge because to press such a felony against Henriquez would have required a grand jury indictment.

"The case did not warrant indictment," said Brown, who said the facts still support the kidnapping and he would advise his witnesses not to use those terms.

Henriquez is charged with three counts of assault and battery, witness intimidation and larceny for allegedly stealing the victim's cell phone SIM card.

The charges developed from an early morning incident in July 2012, when Henriquez met a young woman he had



Carlos Henriquez

been dating near her mother's home in Arlington Heights. While the two were in the backseat of a rented Zipcar, Henriquez allegedly became angry that she would not leave with him and allegedly back-handed her across the right side of her face, grabbed her by the throat and punched her in the chest area.

Henriquez then allegedly took her cell phone, which she later recovered minus the SIM card, and drove back into Boston where the woman jumped out of the stopped car near Northeastern University.

First elected in 2010, Henriquez was born and raised in Roxbury and is involved in the Dudley Street Neighborhood Initiative. He sits on the

House Ways and Means Committee.

Henriquez, who declined comment at the Medford courthouse, issued a statement right after his arrest saying the allegations were "completely untrue." The statement was soon after rebuffed by the victim, Somerville resident Katherine Gonzalves, who held a press conference at a Back Bay law firm reasserting her claims that she had been assaulted.

In a hearing held about 11 a.m., Hogan ruled against a motion by Gonzalves attorney Rick Brody seeking to prohibit television cameras from recording the testimony of his client.

Henriquez attorney Stephanie Soriano-Mills argued that Gonzalves had held a "huge media spectacle" where she was video-taped and said the alleged crime is not sexual in nature – which would have afforded certain rights of privacy to the victim.

Soriano-Mills mentioned that Gonzalves had been charged some months after the July 2012 incident when she drove by Henriquez's home. The charge was

annoying phone calls, Soriano-Mills said. Brody told the News Service the charge has been dismissed.

Potential jurors will be asked whether they have any racial prejudices, any opinions about elected officials, membership in domestic violence groups or participation in a neighborhood watch.

Soriano-Mills said photographs of the Zipcar had not been provided to her, and said Brown does not have possession of the photos either, although they are referenced in reports.

Brown, who said he inherited the case from a different prosecutor, said a search of the car uncovered a fingernail and an empty condom wrapper, and said no DNA analysis or fingerprint analysis had been performed.

The court was near ready to begin impaneling the 6-member jury soon after noon, when Hogan announced there were 25 potential jurors.

Soriano-Mills told the court she envisioned the case lasting until Monday or Tuesday next week.

## State chooses new high school equivalency test called HiSet

By ANDY METZGER  
STATE HOUSE  
NEWS SERVICE

For the first time since 1945, Massachusetts adults taking a high-school-equivalency test will not take a General Educational Development, or GED exam.

State education officials announced Jan. 2 they've selected Educational Testing Service to administer a new exam, called HiSET, which will measure the knowledge and proficiency equivalent to those of a high school graduate.

"ETS is an experienced testing company that will deliver a high quality exam," Department of Elementary and Secondary Education Commissioner Mitchell Chester said in a statement.

The HiSET exam will be available in late January or early February, and information about the new fee structure will be released in "coming weeks," DESE said.

After DESE went out to bid, GED Testing Service submitted a proposal as did CTB/McGraw Hill LLC and ETS.

The three-year contract will not require any state expenditure, as people who take the test will bear the cost,

DESE spokesman J.C. Considine told the News Service.

Considine said if the state had selected GED for testing this year the cost for test-takers would be "slightly higher." The HiSET model will phase in the more rigorous, national career and college readiness standards rather than introducing them all in January, Considine said.

The GED costs a flat rate of \$120 and a GED spokesperson, C.T. Turner, said the HiSET prices in New Hampshire range between \$95 and \$160.

GED spokesman Armando Diaz told the News Service that the test service updates its test every decade, and that the last test was introduced in 2002.

"This year we introduced a new test," Diaz said.

Considine said after GED announced it would develop a new test in 2011, DESE decided to go out to bid. He said the HiSET test will be available in both paper

and computerized form, and ETS will phase in the more "rigorous" national career and college readiness standards, which he said would be introduced all at once with GED's test.

"That's a potential pitfall for some of our adult learners," said Considine who said adults "need some time to become familiar with the new standards."

HiSET bills itself as a "more accessible, affordable alternative."

Turner said GED uses an online portal with "career pathways info" and the test ensures adults have computer skills "required for basic job tasks" such as applying to WalMart and Dunkin' Donuts.

"I believe Mass is the only state that currently uses computer-based intake exams in all of its adult education programs. Why would they be afraid of a computer-based exam for a GED credential if they expect everyone to take a computer-based exam before starting any

preparation programs?" Turner wrote in an email to the News Service. "You would think Mass would be in a better position to implement a computer-based test than most other states."

Every year about 11,000 Bay State adults seek the high-school-equivalent credential through local testing centers in adult learning centers, community colleges and public schools, according to DESE. Over the years, the credential has become colloquially known as simply the GED.

The program began as an effort to provide an educational credential to veterans returning from World War II, Considine said. The test is open to people over the age of 18 and 16- and 17-year-olds who are no longer enrolled in school.

Chester has kept the Board of Elementary and Secondary Education informed about the vendor selection and the decision does not require a board vote, Considine said.

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## 2014 To Break MCCA Record for Economic Impact and Hotel Room Nights New Year packed with groundbreaking meetings and conventions in Boston



BOSTON – The Massachusetts Convention Center Authority is predicted to break two major records in 2014, hosting events generating more hotel room nights and more economic impact than ever before in the city's history, according to MCCA Executive Director James E. Rooney.

2014's meetings and conventions are projected to generate a total of 629,000 hotel room nights throughout Boston and the region, and \$680 million in economic activity, the most since the Boston Convention & Exhibition Center (BCEC) opened in 2004. The New Year is expected to break 2006's record of 616,000 hotel room nights and 2012's economic impact record of \$656 million.

Split between Boston's two convention centers, 2014 will generate 390,000 room nights from BCEC events and 239,000 room nights from events at the Hynes Convention Center.

"Breaking these records in 2014 is more proof that Boston has arrived as a premiere convention destination in the world," said Rooney. "This record number of hotel room nights will generate another record in new taxes and revenue that benefit Boston and the Commonwealth, as well as record opportunities for our events to connect with the engines that drive our economy. These are not just heads on beds. These are people and businesses from around the world looking to connect and do business in Boston and Massachusetts."

Events generating the largest hotel room nights next year include:

- 38,358 American College of Rheumatology (Nov. 16-19 @BCEC)
- 35,475 American Society of Cataract & Refractive Surgery (April 26-29 @BCEC)
- 33,450 International Foundation of Employee Benefit Plans (Oct. 12-15 @BCEC)
- 32,850 American Bar Association (Aug. 8-12 @Hynes)
- 27,780 National Science Teachers Association Annual Convention (April 3-5 @BCEC)
- 23,325 American Academy of Physician Assistants (May 27-28 @BCEC)
- 23,220 Society for Worldwide Interbank Financial Telecommunication (SIBOS) (Sept. 29-Oct. 3 @BCEC)

June of 2014 will mark the 10-year anniversary of the Boston Convention & Exhibition Center, around the same time the center is expected to generate its 1 millionth taxi trip from the front door of the BCEC on Summer Street. "One million taxi trips means about \$30 million has been spent transporting people to and from the BCEC by our taxi industry, economic activity that would have occurred in another city if not for our public investment in the BCEC," said Rooney.

2014 kicks off in a major way in January as Boston hosts the Prudential US Figure Skating Championships Jan. 5-10 at the BCEC, where a full-size competitive skating rink will be constructed, followed by the Professional Convention Management Association (PCMA) Jan. 12-15, a group representing more than 6,000 meeting industry leaders and decision makers from around the world – a "marketing home-game" for Boston.

In addition, 2014 marks the debut of two Boston events that will be co-owned by the Massachusetts Convention Center Authority, a first for the MCCA and Massachusetts. On June 10, the MCCA and Intelligence Summits LLC will launch the Culinary Intelligence Summit, a conference at the Hynes focused on managing food allergens for large-scale food service operators. September 23-24, the MCCA and Sitarian Corporation will launch the Advanced Audio + Applications Exchange (A3E) at the Hynes, an international trade show, conference and social network exchange focused on new technologies that are transforming the music industry.

Annual events in Boston continue to thrive in 2014, including the amazing PAX East (April 11-13 @BCEC), which sold out in November. Yankee Dental Congress brings 26,000 attendees (January 30 – Feb. 1 @BCEC), and the International Boston Seafood Show (March 16-18 @BCEC) and Anime Boston (March 21-23 @Hynes) are both expected to draw 18,000 attendees each. New England Grows takes place Feb. 5-7 at the BCEC, the largest and most popular horticultural and green industry event in the Northeast with nearly 13,000 attendees. The New England International Auto Show arrives Jan. 16-20 at the BCEC with an estimated 32,000 attendees, and the Progressive New England Boat Show runs Feb. 22 to March 2 at the BCEC with an estimated 41,500 attendees. Finally, HubSpot's wildly popular Inbound 2014 conference moves from the Hynes to the BCEC from Sept. 15-18 with 12,000 attendees.

Continuing our efforts to attract multicultural conventions, Boston will also see a significant number of diversity-based events in 2014, including Sigma Pi Phi Beat Boule (1,300 attendees), the National Association of Black Journalists (2,400 attendees), and the Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Eastern Regional Conference (2,400 attendees).

International rotating events – events that choose one American city to visit during their worldwide annual rotation – coming to Boston in 2014 include the World Congress on Biomechanics (2,500 attendees), the World Congress on Treatment and Research in Multiple Sclerosis (5,000 attendees), the Society for Worldwide Interbank Financial Telecommunications (SIBOS) (8,000 attendees) and the International Society for Computational Biology (2,000 attendees). These knowledge-based global events bring thought leaders and scientists from around the world to Boston.

"The record 2014 for hotel room nights in Boston and all of our other robust activity points to the growing need to expand our capacity in the meetings and convention industry and secure our future role," said Michelle A. Shell, chair of the MCCA Board of Directors. "With the hopeful passage of legislation next year to expand the BCEC without the need for new fees and taxes, and the push to build more hotel space around the BCEC, we're on firm ground to break even more records in the coming years."

**About the Massachusetts Convention Center Authority (MCCA)**  
The Massachusetts Convention Center Authority owns and oversees the operations of the Boston Convention & Exhibition Center, the John B. Hynes Veterans Memorial Convention Center, the MassMutual Center in Springfield, MA and the Boston Common Parking Garage. The BCEC and Hynes have earned a rare gold standard from the International Association of Congress Centres (AIPC), making Boston only the fourth city in North America and the 12th worldwide to have been awarded this top standard, the highest certification level a convention facility can achieve under strict AIPC guidelines.

In 2013, the MCCA hosted 254 events at the BCEC and Hynes with 770,000 attendees, generating 462,000 hotel room nights and \$620 million in economic impact. The MCCA is currently in the midst of its Top 5 campaign to launch Boston into the top five convention destinations in North America. For more information, go to [www.massconvention.com](http://www.massconvention.com).



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For Sochi Games, anticipation and wariness

The Winter Games at Sochi have been dreaded since the moment they were proclaimed. Now, with but a month to go before they unfold – no doubt with the customary bombast at least on the surface – the dread approaches panic. Does the premise of the impending spectacle border on madness? Many, with good reason, are wondering and worrying.

There is so much that can go wrong!

From the outset, skeptics have questioned the wisdom of staging the Winter Olympics at a subtropical seaside resort site in very southern Russia. Consider that, as the crow flies, Sochi is closer to Iraq than it is to Volgograd. If the mighty Caucasus rise only a few dozen kilometers away, Sochi on the Black Sea is said to be over-run with palm trees. So don't look for Alpine conditions. The climate you'd likely get if you ran skiing events in the Appalachian foothills of northern Georgia or southern Tennessee is closer to what you can expect. As one wag has asserted, "Sochi makes balmy Vancouver look like Siberia."

It was to calm all such fears that Russian President Vladimir Putin and his ruling buddy at the Kremlin, Dmitry Medvedev, visited the ski-venue site on New Year's day and took a few runs on the boards. A devoted jock, Putin delights in sporting skills. In other words, he's a show-off. But this was more than just the familiar strutting. The iron-willed Russian ruler has much invested in the far-out notion that these games are destined to be blissfully grand, even idyllic, and will thus inspire the high rollers of the world to come flocking to his favorite personal resort, making it the Black Sea's equivalent of the Riviera. It may seem a long shot, but his determination to realize that dream, no matter the cost, is well beyond obsession.

And in the end, the weather will probably be the least of his problems. The cost has already been established as perfectly ludicrous. Initially budgeted for \$12 billion, it's believed to have surpassed \$50 billion last summer while continuing to mount since with the price of security alone lately skyrocketing. In the end, the final tab – many believe – may come closer to \$75 billion, although no one expects anything approaching accurate accounting from Mr. Putin. For some perspective, recall that the price tag for the

Sports/Clark Booth

last winter games in Vancouver was roughly \$9 billion and resentment over that in the ranks of the Canadian electorate ran deep.

Corruption spiced with cronyism is alleged to have been rampant with all of it ultimately linked to the president. It has become a bit of a joke across the Motherland where they have always had a keen sense of humor about such things. Quipped Garry Kasparov, the Russian chess champ turned politician and a vigorous opponent of Mr. Putin, "I never doubted he and his cronies would take the gold."

Other issues persist. Under pressure, the government has backed away from proposed severe curbs on demonstrations of homosexual preference and behavior while outlawing what it termed "homosexual propaganda," although not before harm was done to Mr. Putin's dream scenario as the issue prompted disdainful reaction from many western leaders, including President Obama. As payback, apparently mainly for all that, Mr. Obama is personally boycotting the games, a stinging rebuke to Mr. Putin.

There have been other rebukes. Human Rights Watch has charged the government with intimidating activists trying to probe corruption issues and journalists sniffing out all such stuff. The abuse of migrant workers at the game sites is alleged as well as the extensive eviction of families with properties seized without compensation to make way for the massive project. On a key sports matter, Olympic officials are concerned that the Russian teams' rather casual attitude

about performance enhancements might relax overall enforcement, making these Games "messier" than usual. There's just no end to things to fret about.

But they all pale compared with the security issue. With the late surge of increasingly spectacular incidents in the lead-up to the Games, fears are soaring, and with plenty good reason! All the extremist vigilante groups flourishing in southern Russia of late – and they are plentiful – demand grave concern but the lead dog in the pack, the Chechen separatist movement led by the formidable Doku Umarov, is world class in this dark and desperate business, and thereby profoundly to be feared.

You'll hear a lot about Mr. Umarov during the Olympiad's two-week run in February. He's generally credited with having his fingerprints all over the most spectacular terrorist strikes in Russia over the last dozen years, including the Moscow theater strike in 2002, the Breslan school strike in 2004, the Moscow subway strike in 2010, and the Donodovo airport strike in 2011. So while he hasn't yet claimed the distinction, it's assumed he's behind the back-to-back hits in Volgograd just before New Year's that killed 40 while deeply rattling every Olympics delegation in the civilized world.

At war with the Russian government since the suppression of Chechnya some 20 years ago, these guys are for real and their leader, Umarov, is a true tiger. He's said to find refuge in merry Dagestan, the pre-dominantly Islamic enclave on the Caspian

Sea that gave us the Marathon marauders of unhappy memory. He vows to destroy "Putin's games." Indeed, he has called them "Satanic dances." Clearly, he's neither amiable, nor a party guy, nor gifted with a sense of humor.

These are tough cookies. It should be recalled that in its previous incarnation Volgograd was known as Stalingrad, where the eastern tide of the Nazis in World War II was fatally turned in a colossal effort of courage and character by the city's citizenry and the Red Army. The name of the town has changed, but it's not likely that the character of its people have. If the Umarov gang can raise hell in Volgograd, the vulnerability of an inherently loose, chaotic, and nearly impossible-to-fully-police target like the Olympics speaks for itself.

Mr. Putin, who hardly needs a good excuse to crack down on dissent at the price of civil liberties, is hard at work rounding up all the usual suspects. By one account, he has jailed at least 700 alleged terrorists, some of whom, it's fair to presume, are merely unlucky. The roundup will continue through the opening ceremonies. The security staff, including police, military troops, and special-ops, has been increased to a mighty force of roughly 70,000. Individual delegations, most especially our own, will also have their own small but highly specialized security units.

No doubt Mr. Umarov is beside himself with

glee. He enjoys already a degree of success.

We've had plenty of precedent for all this nonsense. The chronicle of troublesome conditions blighting the games over the many years is lengthy.

And hardly is there anything new about the costs going haywire. China officials acknowledged spending \$40 billion on their Beijing bash, but the true cost was probably much more. Way back in 1976, an Olympiad plunged Montreal into a generation of debt and regret. In terms of controversy, the festivals in 1932, 1968, and 1980 were all superior examples. For scandal, how can you top the 1936 Nazi games in Berlin? For the repression of civil liberties the Seoul games in 1988 set the standard.

Nor were the games we staged free of such taints. Both Atlanta in 1996 and Salt Lake City in 2002 were corrupted. Security demands have long been accepted, but



the degree to which they were absolutely required at the London summer games two years ago shocked the Brits. As for the issue of violence featuring the radical intrusion of real-world evil on the tender Olympic myth, nothing surpasses Munich in 1972. At least not yet!

There's no escaping harsh reality, not even at glorious Olympiads. Never has there been any relief, never will be! But as a complete package, the forthcoming Sochi Winter Games have the potential to be the ultimate example. The world will watch warily while holding its collective breath.

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PUBLICATION NOTICE  
Docket No. 13P3063  
IN THE ESTATE OF  
DELPHINE WALKER  
a/k/a DELPHINE SUGGS  
DATE OF DEATH: 10/29/2013  
SUFFOLK DIVISION  
24 New Chardon Street, Boston, MA 02114  
617-788-8300  
To all persons interested in above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner a Will has been admitted to informal probate. Pearlina Hargrove of Holbrook, MA has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve without surety on the bond.  
The estate is being administered under informal procedure by the Personal Representative under the Massachusetts Uniform Probate Code without supervision by the Court. Inventory and accounts are not required to be filed with the Court, but interested parties are entitled to notice regarding the administration from Personal Representative and can petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including distribution of assets and expenses of administration. Interested parties are entitled to petition the Court to institute formal proceedings and to obtain orders terminating or restricting the powers of Personal Representatives appointed under informal procedure. A copy of the Petition and Will, if any, can be obtained from the Petitioner.

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THE TRIAL COURT  
PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT  
Suffolk Probate & Family Court  
24 New Chardon St., PO Box 9667  
Boston 02114  
(617) 788-8300  
CITATION ON PETITION ORDER OF COMPLETE SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE  
Docket No. SU07P0984  
IN THE ESTATE OF  
DINORA DUARTE  
To all interested persons:  
A petition has been filed by: John A. Aliperta of Woburn, MA requesting that an Order of Complete Settlement of the estate issue approve an accounting and other such relief as may be requested in the Petition for the First and Final of Temporary Conservator and the First and Final Account of Permanent Conservator. 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 01/23/2014.  
This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an Affidavit of Objections within thirty (30) days of the return date, action may be taken without further notice to you.  
Witness, HON. JOAN P. ARM-STRONG First Justice of this Court.  
Date: December 20, 2013  
Patricia M. Campatelli  
Register of Probate

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THE TRIAL COURT  
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Suffolk Probate & Family Court  
24 New Chardon St., Boston 02114  
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CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION  
Docket No. SU13P2977EA  
IN THE ESTATE OF  
ANNIE REEVES  
DATE OF DEATH: 10/30/2013  
To all interested persons:  
A petition has been filed by: Gloria Taylor of Dorchester, MA requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order of testacy and for such other relief as requested in the Petition. And also requesting that: Gloria Taylor of Dorchester, MA be appointed as Personal Representative of said estate to serve Without Surety on the bond.  
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 01/16/2014.  
This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an Affidavit of Objections within thirty (30) days of the return date, action may be taken without further notice to you.  
The estate is being administered under formal 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.  
Witness, HON. JOAN P. ARM-STRONG First Justice of this Court.  
Date: December 16, 2013  
Patricia M. Campatelli  
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LEGAL NOTICES

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THE TRIAL COURT  
PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT  
INFORMAL PROBATE  
PUBLICATION NOTICE  
IN THE ESTATE OF  
WILLIAM J. MCCARTHY, JR.  
DATE OF DEATH: October 14, 2013  
SUFFOLK DIVISION  
24 New Chardon Street, Boston, MA 02114  
617-788-8300  
To all persons interested in above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner Joseph Dinarello of Melrose, MA a Will has been admitted to informal probate. Joseph Dinarello of Melrose, MA has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve without surety on the bond.  
The estate is being administered under informal procedure by the Personal Representative under the Massachusetts Uniform Probate Code without supervision by the Court. Inventory and accounts are not required to be filed with the Court, but interested parties are entitled to notice regarding the administration from 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.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS  
THE TRIAL COURT  
PROBATE & FAMILY COURT  
SUFFOLK DIVISION  
24 NEW CHARDON STREET  
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Docket No. SU13D166DR  
DIVORCE/SEPARATE  
SUPPORT SUMMONS  
DOAN N. DIEP  
vs.  
PHAN H. NGUYEN  
To the above named Defendant:  
You are hereby summoned and required to serve upon: Doan N. Diep, 66 Greenwich Street, #1, Dorchester, MA 02122 a copy of your answer to the complaint for divorce which is herewith served upon you, within 20 days after service of this summons upon you, exclusive of the day of service. If you fail to do so, the Court will proceed to the hearing and adjudication of this action. You are also required to file your answer to the complaint in the office of the Register of this Court at the above named court either before service upon plaintiff or plaintiff's attorney or within a reasonable time thereafter.  
Witness, HON. JOAN P. ARM-STRONG, First Justice of this Court.  
Date: August 2, 2013  
Patricia M. Campatelli  
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Members of the Boys and Girls Clubs of Dorchester pictured at the Boston Common Frog Pond for Ice Skating during the school break. Our members and families would like to thank Dietz & Watson who hosted our visit.



Members of the Boys and Girls Clubs of Dorchester pictured visiting ice sculptures on New Year's Eve. During the vacation members toured a number of educational and cultural institutions throughout the city.

**January Program Highlights** - Upcoming events for the month of January include a Teen Trip to Ice Skating (1/10), followed by the Marr-lin Swim Team hosting the Waltham Club (1/11) and attending the Nashua Pentathlon Invitational (1/12). Later that week, the Teen program will team with the Fine Arts program for Snowman Making (1/17), followed by the Marr-lin Swim Team hosting the Nashua Club (1/18). On 1/20, our Denney Center Unit will partner with U-Mass Boston for a Day of Service event. On 1/24 the Teen program will host a Scavenger Hunt while the Keystone Club will volunteer with The Greater Boston Food Bank on

the following day (1/25). On 1/27 look for the start of the Friendship Club, Music Lesson program, and the Winter session of Gymnastics. We will close out the month with a Teen trip to B.U. Basketball (1/29), a new Ballroom Dancing Class (1/30) and our Denney Center's Winter Open House (1/31). For more information please contact Mike Joyce (mjoyce@bgc-dorchester.org).

**Mayor Walsh Community Service Event** - This past weekend the Boys and Girls Club hosted a group of 30 neighborhood volunteers for a service project as part of new Mayor, Martin J. Walsh's Transition In-

auguration events. Our thanks to these hard-working volunteers who helped paint the Early Education and School-age program classrooms.

**February School Vacation** - From 2/18 to 2/21 we will be offering a special vacation week program from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. for ages 5-12. Parents must pre-register their children to take part and there is a \$20 fee for each child for the week. Breakfast and lunch will be served each day. Teen members will enjoy extended hours at no cost. For more information, or to register, please contact Kevin Vo (kvo@bgcdorchester.org).

**Upcoming Special Event:**  
**Project B.I.N.D.**  
**Transition Workshop**  
**Monday, January 13th**  
**6:30 p.m. Start**

The workshop, being presented in partnership with Mass. Advocates for Children, is open to Parents who have students with special needs. Please R.S.V.P. to Dianne Lescinkas in advance.

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# Richard family launches charitable foundation



The Richard Family in an undated photo: l-r Jane, Bill, Denise, Henry and Martin.

richardfamilyboston.tumblr.com, began with a reflection of the year that just passed— “the most difficult year of our lives.”

“We are often asked how are we doing. The short answer is we are continuing to heal and doing our best to live our lives. Everyday life is busy with school and sports, daily chores

and longer-term house projects. Lately we find ourselves shoveling out like everybody else in greater Boston. We are also spending time with family and friends who continue to be a tremendous source of strength for us.

“Medical appointments still consume many hours of every week, but our healing progresses.

Jane is walking with a new prosthesis, and to our surprise is playing basketball for her CYO team (please don't tell her doctors!). Martin would be a 4th grader on that same team with Jane. We know he would be out there making sure Jane got her opportunities to score and being the floor general he always was. Henry is

busy maintaining good grades as a sixth grader, preparing himself for that big transition into 7th grade.

“We still have many people to meet and thank, some who risked their own lives for our family and others on Boylston Street that day: citizen bystanders, doctors, first responders and others.”

(Continued from page 1) leg in the explosion that killed Martin on Boylston Street. Their older son, 10 year-old Henry, was also at the scene, but was not injured in the attack.

The new foundation—the Martin W. Richard Charitable Foundation—will operate as “Team MR8”—a nod to his initials and favorite number and age. The foundation—which has just been created on Jan. 2 and is awaiting routine approval from the state—will serve as a way for Martin to be remembered, his parents explained.

“The mission of Team MR8 is ‘to honor Martin’s message of ‘No more hurting people – peace’ by investing in education, athletics and community,’” the Richards wrote. The foundation

will recruit a team of charity runners for the 2014 Boston Marathon—a process that will be handled through a new website, TeamMR8.org.

“Our lives have changed forever, but many things stay the same. We miss Martin deeply – more than any words on paper could possibly describe. We persevere, trying to live as normal a life as possible for our sake and for the sake of our children. Through all we have been through, it has become obvious that we need to fill the emptiness we continue to feel. Martin will forever be a part of us, but we also feel an obligation to make sure the world remembers him and his message,” they wrote.

The message—which was posted on the Richard family’s official website,

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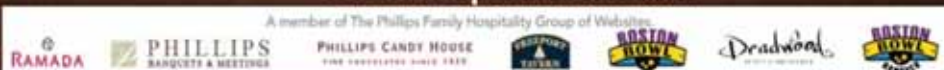


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# Managers pleased so far with Boston's latest tunnel project

By MATT MURPHY  
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NEWS SERVICE

Just yards inside the mouth of the Callahan Tunnel, workers are toiling around the clock, blasting away with high-pressured water guns at the five inches of concrete that separate the surface of the harbor tunnel from the steel beams that support the roadway.

It's the eleventh day of construction on the 53-year-old tunnel, and already highway officials are optimistic that contractors will finish ahead of schedule, which calls for the tunnel connecting downtown Boston to Logan Airport to reopen mid-March.

MassDOT Highway Administrator Frank DePaola is so pleased with the progress that he's already talking about doing it again in two years, only this time with the older, parallel Sumner Tunnel.

The Callahan Tunnel closed to traffic on Dec. 27, forcing motorists to devise alternate routes to Logan Airport or out of the city into East Boston. The state established three main detour routes through the Ted Williams Tunnel/Mass Turnpike Eastbound, over the Tobin Bridge, or for motorists coming

from points north - along Rte. 16 East to 1A South.

"We think the contractor will be able to definitely finish on time and possibly ahead of schedule and get some of that bonus," DePaola told reporters Tuesday as he prepared to lead a tour of the work.

DePaola said so far his department has not received much negative feedback about the traffic detours, and he believes the strategy to be working well save for some minor changes made to signage to ensure drivers understand the new routes.

Frigid temperatures that have blanketed the region for much of the past week have also presented few complications, according to project managers. A McCourt project official said workers feared the tunnel might turn into an "ice rink" after the brief warm-up and quick return to freezing temperatures this week, but have been able so far to avoid problematic icing.

The Callahan Tunnel opened in 1961, and last underwent a renovation in 1990s. Today it carries traffic from Interstate 93 southbound and downtown Boston under the harbor to Logan International



Crews from McCourt Construction worked in the Callahan Tunnel in January during its closure and renovation. MassDOT's Frank DePaola points to where work is being done.

Photo by State House News Service

Airport and Route 1A in East Boston, averaging 28,000 vehicles per day.

"It's in pretty tough shape. The concrete's coming up pretty good, so it's time was up. We're here just in time, as they say, to make sure this tunnel can last for another 50-plus years," DePaola said.

Monday presented the first real test for traffic planners with most residents back to work after the holiday vacation season. DePaola said that by 7:30 p.m.

traffic had cleared and was free flowing in the Ted Williams tunnel.

The \$19.3 million project - awarded to McCourt Construction of South Boston - calls for replacement of the deck, curbing and wall panels. Including design, traffic management plans and other expenses, the total MassDOT budget for the project is \$30 million.

For every day before March 12 that McCourt can finish the initial work to reopen the roadway, the company stands to

receive a \$71,000 bonus, up to \$2 million.

The work began by scraping up the asphalt surface of the roadway. The next phase of demolition - currently underway - involves breaking up the concrete deck of the tunnel to expose the steel beams and rebar that support the roadway.

Construction workers are using a technique called hydraulic demolition that involves high-pressured water guns

that blast the concrete into a mixture of mud and hand-sized rocks that can be carried away. While a traditional pressure washer might reach 1,500 pounds of water pressure, the guns being used by McCourt workers deliver a much bigger punch with 36,000 pounds of pressure being used to pulverize the concrete roadway.

The added benefit of using water, according to a construction official on the project, is that it

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Crews from McCourt Construction worked in the Callahan Tunnel in January during its closure and renovation. Here, a worker cuts away old rebar from the road bed.

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suppresses dust in the tunnel and gives workers more control, compared to a jackhammer, over how deep they cut. Once the mile of concrete is removed and the rebar cut away, workers will lay a new concrete deck on the tunnel beams and replace the wall panels that have been gone since 2012 with new stainless steel anchors in hopes of avoiding the type of erosion they saw with the previous galvanized metal.

So far, about 20 percent of the concrete tunnel deck has been removed. Demolition is expected to continue for another couple of weeks.

It's warmer in the tunnel than it is outside, the workers shielded from the biting winds howling on the city streets. As an

added benefit, the water vapor from the pressure hoses creates a slight humidity in the tunnel that offers a reprieve from the dry winter air, while the ground that might otherwise be a mud pit is mostly solid from the cold.

In two 12-hour shifts, work continues around the clock starting near the mouth of the tunnel during the day and working deeper into the tunnel by night to mitigate noise in the surrounding neighborhoods. Still, DePaola said there have been some noise complaints since work started and those living above the tunnel can occasionally feel the rumble of construction equipment moving in the tunnel below.

The impetus for the

reconstruction project to replace the deck and wall panels of the tunnel goes back more than a year to Christmas Eve 2012 when one of the tunnel's 2,800 wall panels dislodged from its supports and crashed down into the roadway. No one was injured.

The day after the holiday, crews went into the tunnel to conduct pull tests on the remaining wall panels and found 127 additional tiles loose. As a safety precaution, all wall panels were removed.

While inspecting the condition of the tunnel,

DePaola said, crews observed the deterioration of much of the concrete in the tunnel and over the next year hatched plans now in effect to replace the roadway and wall panels on a construction timeline expedited by closing the tunnel to all traffic for two-and-half months during the winter while no other work was being done on the roads carrying detoured traffic.

The Sumner Tunnel, which opened in 1934, runs parallel to the Callahan Tunnel and initially carried traffic under the Boston Harbor

in both directions until the Callahan opened nearly 30 years later.

Though it was renovated in the 1990s, the condition of the concrete in the Sumner is similar to that in the Callahan, DePaola said.

"It can last a little bit longer but we think the concrete is probably in similar shape," DePaola said. Based on the experience so far in the Callahan, DePaola said he would lean toward a similar shutdown of the Sumner Tunnel for renovations the winter after next in 2016.

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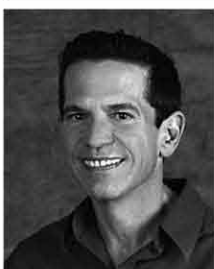


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RECENT OBITUARIES

**COOKE, Patrick B.** of Dorchester, passed away unexpectedly at the age of 66. Born in Elkhart, IN, he was a graduate of Purdue University and Harvard Graduate School of Design. Pat was an activist and visionary who worked to create vibrant neighborhoods as a landscape architect, builder and advocate for affordable housing and urban greenspace. He founded Living in Dorchester, Inc. in 1979 and led several other nonprofits including Dorchester Gardenlands Preserve. Two of his most beloved recent community projects were the Coleman Street Garden and Fields Corner Farmers Market. Pat was the son of William and Helen Cooke of Indiana, both deceased. He is

survived by his son Ian, daughter-in-law Jill and granddaughter Sophie of Acton, MA. He leaves behind siblings Jim Cooke, Mary Carroll, Mark Cooke and Sarah Gurka of Virginia, Texas and Indiana respectively, as well as numerous cousins, nieces, nephews and his longtime companion, Gwindale Q Cassity. Patrick helped everyone and anyone in need. He loved Dorchester and made a difference to the community and all who met him. His moment on earth made the world a better place to live. Donations may be sent to Dorchester Home and Garden Trust, 132 Ellington St, Dorchester, MA 02121.

**DOWNEY, Rita E. (Lynch)** of Milton and

Cambridge, formerly of Roxbury and Dorchester. Beloved wife of the late Daniel J. Downey of Dorchester. Mother of Cathy Downey (OFD), her husband Joe Owens, and cats Fluffy, Nadia and Sam, of Cambridge. Sister of Mary G. Kelleher of Cambridge and the late Robert A., Gerard and Katherine Lynch. Also survived by loving nieces, nephews, and cousins. She was a Boston Business School graduate and worked as a secretary for a number of years. In Dorchester, Rita was active in St. Marks Sodality and volunteered with Kit Clark Senior Services. Hobbies included bowling, knitting, baking, and Boston Globe crossword puzzles. She enjoyed following the Boston Red Sox and New England Patriots with her son-in-law as well. She will be sorely missed. Donations in Rita's memory may be made to Catholic T.V. (catholicstv.com/) or Little Sisters of the Poor (littlesistersofthepoorboston.org/).

**GREGOR, Claire M. (McGrail)** age 83, of Dorchester. Wife of the late William J. Gregor. Mother of Marie Duff of Milton. Caring grandmother of

four grandchildren and eight great grandchildren. Aunt of Maureen Lacey of Arlington. Sister of the late Mary Howley, Kay Lacey, James and John McGrail. Donations may be made to the St. Mary's Center for Women & Children, 90 Cushing Ave., Dorchester, MA 02125. Special thanks to the caretakers at Marina Bay Skilled Nursing Center.

**LINDSAY, Elizabeth H. (Viera)** 92, of. Mother of Henry Chico Nunes, Frank Nunes, Marguerite Nunes, Manuel Martin, Eugenia Smith, John DeAndrade and the late Robert Roderick, Doreen Hopkins, George Braxton and Ida Copeland. Sister of Cynthia Nunes, Gloria Hamilton, Manuel Viera, Donald Viera and the late Mary Fernandez and Raymond Viera. She also leaves a son-in-law Alfred Diollo. She has lived to see 6 generations of offspring and has over 150 grandchildren. The family requests donations in her memory made to Morris, O'Connor & Blute, 678 Main St., Harwich, MA 02645 to offset funeral expenses.

**McLAUGHLIN, Mary E. (King)** in Dorchester. Wife of the late Charles E., B.P.D. Mother of

Regina M. McLaughlin of Dorchester, Thomas J. McLaughlin of East Bridgewater, Richard J. McLaughlin of Quincy, Claire P. McDonnell of Dorchester, Robert L. McLaughlin of Pembroke, and the late John C. McLaughlin. Sister of Regina King of Carver, and the late Peter F. King, Kathleen E. Carley, John J. King, and Geraldine P. Mahoney. Survived by nine grandchildren and many nieces and nephews. Late member of St. Margaret's Legion of Mary and Altar Guild. Retired bookkeeper for Alliance Glass Co. for over 20 years. Donations in Mary's memory may be made to Pope John Paul II Catholic Academy, Columbia Campus, 790 Columbia Rd., Dorchester, MA 02125 or Hancock Park Nursing Center Alzheimers Unit, 164 Parkway, Quincy, MA 02169.

**McSWEENEY, Mary C.**, 96, of Neponset, formerly of South Boston. Daughter of the late Michael and Ellen (Horgan) McSweeney. Beloved godmother of Maureen McSweeney of Melrose and Michael Cicerone of Pembroke. Aunt to six nieces and nephews and

fourteen great-nieces and nephews and a great-great-niece and nephew. Sister of the late John, Paul, Francis, Catherine Cicerone, James, William, and Daniel. Forty-four year employee of the Gillette Company. A donation in Mary's memory may be made to Saint Ann's Church, 243 Neponset Avenue, Dorchester, MA 02122 or to Children's Hospital, 300 Longwood Avenue, Boston, MA 02115. Special thanks to her caregivers, Bridget, Mary, Liz, Mary Ann, Patrice and Bridget who provided her care and comfort.

**STONE, Edward A.** in Dorchester, after a brief illness. Son of the late Edgar W. and Doris J. (Graham) Stone. Brother of Thomas E. Stone of Dorchester, Cynthia L. Stone of FL, and Joseph Champagne of Quincy. Father of Edward Stone. Survived by several aunts, uncles, and cousins. Veteran U.S. Marine Corps. Edward was a graduate of Boston College High School Class of 1979 and a former chef at several local restaurants, including The Farragut House, Amrheins, Mul's Diner, and The Shamrock Pub.


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REPORTER'S CALENDAR



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UMass Boston men's hockey team (10-1-2) downed Salem State University 4-2 on Tuesday afternoon as part of the Citi Frozen Fenway event. The Beacons and Vikings, both playing for the first time at Fenway Park, met for the first time since 2009, renewing their former ECAC East rivalry. UMass Boston will continue their thrilling start to 2014 when they host #5 Norwich University on Friday night in Dorchester.

Thursday, Jan. 9

• Mattapan United Monthly Community Assembly, 6 p.m., located at the ABCD Mattapan Family Service Center, 535 River St., Mattapan. January's focus will be on Housing and best practices/resources for both homeowners and renters. Visit mymat-tapan.org for more.

• The Boston Parks and Recreation Department hosts a public meeting at 6:30 p.m. to discuss field renovations and a proposal for public artwork at Town Field, located at 1545 Dorchester Ave. The meeting will be held at the Cleveland Community Center at 11 Charles St. in Dorchester. For more information call 617-961-3035.

Saturday, Jan. 11

• Mayor-elect Marty Walsh's Transition Committee will host Issues Working Groups public hearing on Human Services, 10 a.m.-noon at Haitian Multi-Service Center, 185 Columbia Rd., Dorchester. Those

interested in attending are encouraged to RSVP on boston14.org. Those who are unable to attend may submit their ideas online to: boston14.org/

share-your-ideas.

• Boston Natural Hair meet-up at UMass Boston from 1-3 p.m. features a two-hour workshop with

demonstrations from Rebeka Gabriel, the owner of Stylistik Salon. For more information or to join the group log onto meetup.com/BostonNaturals/.

Tuesday, Jan. 21

• The state's Department of Conservation and Recreation will lead a presentation on plans to build a park on the site of a former paper plant in Port Norfolk at 7 p.m. at Port Norfolk Yacht Club, 179 Walnut St.

Thursday, Feb. 13

The UMass Boston Film Series opens spring season with Boston premiere of "URANIUM DRIVE-IN" at 7 p.m., Campus Center Ballroom "C" - 3rd Floor, 100 Morrissey Blvd. Free, open to public. In-person Q&A with Director.

Sunday, Feb. 23

• Boston Parks and Recreation Department hosts Pics in the Parks free winter photography session from 11 a.m. to 12 noon at Grampian Way basketball court, Savin

Hill Park, Dorchester. Individuals of all ages and skill levels are welcome to participate in these informal sessions presented as part of the ParkARTS program sponsored by Bank of America. Participants will learn techniques for taking impressive photographs of Boston's scenic parks as well as be given a theme to focus on each Sunday.

Thursday, Feb. 27

The UMass Boston Film Series presents "Southern Comfort" at 7 p.m., Campus Center Ballroom "C" - 3rd Floor, 100 Morrissey Blvd. Free, open to public.

In-person Q&A with Director.

Thursday, March 13

• The UMass Boston Film Series presents Boston premiere of "Rent a Family Inc." at 7 p.m., Campus Center Ballroom "C" - 3rd Floor, 100 Morrissey Blvd. Free, open to public. In-person Q&A with Director.

Thursday, March 27

• The UMass Boston Film Series presents Boston premiere of "Who Taught You to Drive" at 7 p.m., Campus Center Ballroom "C" - 3rd Floor, 100 Morrissey Blvd. Free, open to public. In-person Q&A with Director.



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