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US judge okays Carney closing on 'a final basis'



Patients and staff gathered to protest the proposed closure of Carney Hospital on Monday along the Dorchester Avenue sidewalk in front of the hospital. Seth Daniel photo

Church wants religious items returned

By BILL FORRY EXECUTIVE EDITOR

There are many parties to the bankruptcy proceedings in Texas involving Steward Health Care – and several are making their feelings known about Steward's current proposal to close the Carney Hospital, perhaps as soon as the end of this month.

One of the "debtors" that

weighed in with a legal response to the court in Houston on Tuesday is the archbishop of the Archdiocese of Boston, which owned the hospital prior to 2010.

Bottom line: The Catholic Church in Boston doesn't object to the Carney closing. But it wants its stuff back.

The archbishop "remains the owner of the religious items

and symbols located in the Caritas Hospitals, including Carney," two attorneys for the church said in a letter filed on July 30. "The religious items at Carney consist of property with profound religious significance and are important symbols of Catholic identity."

The lawyers for the archdiocese say the sales agreement (Continued on page 15)

State sets public hearing at Florian next Tuesday; Wu vows to block rezoning

By BILL FORRY EXECUTIVE EDITOR

A US bankruptcy judge in Houston issued a ruling on Tuesday afternoon that clears the way for Steward Health Care to close Carney Hospital – and another Steward-owned facility in Nashoba Valley – by the end of this month. There was no objection to Judge Christopher Lopez's ruling, which he cast as "final," from attorneys who were sent to court in Texas by Gov. Healey and her appointed Health and Human Services chief, Kate Walsh. Lopez's decision was accompanied by another ruling that approves a series of payments from the Commonwealth – roughly \$30 million – to keep the Steward hospitals operational over the coming weeks.

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He also allowed that the state's Dept. of Public Health "may hold public hearings with respect to the closures... on or before" the end of August. Given that, the DPH has scheduled a hearing at Florian Hall next Tuesday (Aug. 13) at 6 p.m. There will also be a virtual, phone-in hearing held on Aug. 14 at 6 p.m.

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Carney pharmacists try to assist anxious clients

By Seth Daniel News Editor

The owners of a small pharmacy that operates in a space just off the lobby of Carney Hospital are sharing the anxieties of their customers this week. Like them, they are scrambling to figure out their future in an information void that has followed the announcement by Steward Health Care that the Carney will close by the end of this month.

"It's hard because for a lot of patients here, this is going to significantly deteriorate their quality of life and health," according to Junghwa Lee, 50, who runs Community Care Pharmacy with her daughter, Taeyeon Kim, 22. They fill prescriptions for about 11,000 patients, about 40 percent of them residents of Dorchester.

While they also face an unknown future, they are now most concerned for their clients, who cannot get refills on critical medications because so many primary care doctors (PCP) have left their Carney practices.

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Archbishop-elect says hello to his new flock

Boston-area Catholics got their first look at their new archbishop – the region's seventh – on Monday when the Most Rev. Richard G. Henning, the 59-yearold bishop of Providence, joined retiring Cardinal Sean P. O'Malley, 80, at an introductory press conference at the church's pastoral center in Braintree.

Sitting next to O'Malley, Henning described himself as "a sinner in need of grace" who was "deeply shocked and surprised by this call." He added that his first task was "to be a listener."



Youngsters in the St. Brendan's Gaelic Athletic Club are seen at play during a recent afternoon practice session at Pope John Paul II Park in Neponset. Cassidy McNeeley photo

St. Brendan's club relies on generation churn to help keep Gaelic games alive

By Cassidy McNeeley Staff Reporter

The St. Brendan's Gaelic Athletic Club-Boston, founded in 2008, resembles a family – one big Irish family, that is.

The youth club offers both hurling and football, but most of the athletes prefer the latter. Gaelic football is an Irish team sport played between two teams of 15 players, including a goalkeeper, six backs, two midfielders, and six forwards.

During each 60-minute match, teammates work to score on the opposing goalkeeper by kicking or punching the ball into the other team's net for three points, or between two upright posts above the net for one point. Though the game is physical and competitive, the St. Brendan's Club encourages children and teens in and around Boston to play and enjoy Gaelic games regardless of ability. More importantly, the club does this in an environment that prioritizes fun, friendship, personal growth, and lifelong participation.

That's why it has become a generational organization.

Chris McGillycuddy, one of the club's founders, moved to Boston in 1986 when he was 25 years old. Having left behind his own amateur sports career in Ireland, he introduced his children to Gaelic football in the Irish Sports Youth League (ISYL) in Canton. "I got involved with my son. He originally played at (Continued on page 10)

He will be installed formally on Thurs., Oct. 31, at Holy Cross Cathedral in Boston.

O'Malley, a member of the Order of Friars Minor Capuchin who served as archbishop for 21 years, said he plans to split his time between Boston and Washington, D.C., where the order has a monastery. — REPORTER STAFF



Most Rev. Richard G. Henning, right, with Cardinal O'Malley in background. WBUR photo by Jesse Costa

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Police, Courts & Fire Speeding stop for Attleboro man leads to drug and firearm charges

An Attleboro man arrested in Dorchester last week is facing illegal gun and drug charges after prosecutors say he was pulled over for speeding near Codman Square on July 30. Pedar Legendd, 26, was arraigned in Dorchester Court the next day and ordered back there on Aug. 26 for a pre-trial hearing on \$5,000 bail. Suffolk District Attorney Kevin Hayden says Legendd has a criminal record dating back a decade that includes "various drug charges, unarmed robbery, shoplifting charges, and operating a motor vehicle under the influence."

The new charges will include illegal drug charges since he was alleged to be carrying "25 bags of marijuana and \$1,080 in cash" during the traffic stop. According to Hayden, "An officer also recovered a black plastic bag from the rear pocket of the passenger seat containing a black Ruger 9mm EC9 with one round in the chamber and four rounds in the magazine." Police say they also found crack cocaine and "plastic bags with blue pills believed to be fentanyl" in the car.

A federal judge last week sentenced a former sergeant who was assigned to the BPD's evidence warehouse to six months of home confinement and nearly \$31,000 in restitution and fines for the overtime pay he got for hours he didn't work over a three-year period.

After he's freed from home confinement, Gerard O'Brien, 66, of Braintree, will spend 18 months on probation, under the sentence ordered by US District Court Judge Nathaniel Gorton, the US Attorney's office said. O'Brien pleaded guilty to one count of conspiracy to commit theft in 2021 concerning programs receiving federal funds and one count of embezzlement from an agency receiving federal funds.

O'Brien is the latest in a series of Boston cops to plead or be found guilty for their role in OT abuse at the warehouse on Hyde Park Avenue. Three weeks ago, a former patrolmen's union president, Thomas Nee, got two years' probation for his role in the scandal.

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Boston Police arrested two Dorchester residents on charges that they opened fire on a couple of men on Summer Street downtown around 3 a.m. on July 25. Police say officers arrived at 40 Summer St. to find a man shot in the back, and a second victim a short distance away at Summer and Arch streets.

Robert Mallard, 45, and Emily Mackey, 27, were arrested at 1000 Harvard St. in Mattapan on July 31, police say. Mallard was charged with two counts of assault with intent to murder, discharging a gun within 500 feet of a building, illegal possession of a firearm, illegal possession of a loaded firearm and illegal possession of ammunition, police say. Mackey was charged with assault and battery with a dangerous weapon, police said.

A judge ordered Mallard held without bail until a dangerousness hearing on Aug. 6, court records show. Mackey had bail set at \$5,000 but was ordered held because she could not make bail. Should she be able to pay later, she will have to wear a GPS tracking device, records show.

City's planning chief Jemison takes job as head of Detroit housing panel

BY REPORTER STAFF

Arthur Jemison, recently named head of Boston's Planning Department, will leave his position next month and return to Michigan, where he will serve as executive director of the Detroit Housing Commission.

His work with Mayor Wu has been relatively brief – he arrived in May 2022 – but his term has been a productive one, helped no doubt by his previous experiences working in City Hall with the Boston Planning and Development Authority (BPDA) and the Boston Housing Authority (BHA).

In a statement to The Reporter this week, the mayor called Jemison "an exceptional leader and partner to accomplish our shared vision for Boston's growth – grounded in affordability, resiliency, and equity."

In a letter that he sent to the Planning Department staff last Thursday, Jemison, who has been living in Dorchester while his family has stayed in Michigan, said he is moving back home because "I need to be more available to my family."

He also used the letter to outline his beliefs about municipal planning and development – "I believe in growing Boston by leading with planning and elevating design. I believe in reforming the zoning code, modernizing development review, and ensuring public land for public good. Together, we made incredible progress to meet these priorities over the last 2+ years, and today our organization is thriving and set up for success in its next chapter."

And he laid out what he saw as the department's successes, among them, "approximately 11,000 new housing units, including 3,790 income restricted units approved in two years. ...We have also successfully launched Article 80 modernization, Squares + Streets, and are working hard on comprehensive citywide zoning reform."

He added: "I want to share my gratitude to Mayor Wu for giving me this opportunity. It has been my honor to serve the residents of Boston as part of her administration." He also noted that Devin Quirk, the former deputy chief of the BPDA and now the deputy chief of the Planning Department, will serve as acting director when he heads for Detroit.

The story of Jemison's imminent leave-taking sort of leaked out of City Hall via reports in *The Globe* that carried reactions by actors on the Boston development stage and a Dorchester politician.

"He was trusted by the development community to be honest and authentic with them, and to have an understanding of the vicissitudes of the development process in the midst of high interest rates and supply chain issues," Ted Landsmark, a BPDA board member and professor at Northeastern University, told the paper. "He initiated a transformative process that

Boston firefighters responded to a three-story building at 76 Intervale St., Dorchester on Friday (July 26) around 7:45 p.m. for a fire that displaced eight people, including seven children. There were no injuries, but the fire caused an estimated \$200,000 in damage and is under investigation, per the BFD.



Arthur Jemison plans to leave Boston City Hall in September. Reporter file photo

laid the foundation for changes the mayor promised."

City Councillor John FitzGerald, who represents Dorchester and worked on development for the city for some 17 years, had opposed creating a planning department while serving on the council. He told *The Globe* that he has heard reports of low morale due to the many changes facing the department's 210 employees.

"I think we've already seen a drain of institutional knowledge come out of that agency," he added. "The timing is tough right now. We need to make sure the city continues to grow."

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The city of Boston will host a **Zero Waste Drop-off** on Sat., Aug. 17, from 8:30 a.m. to noon at the DPW Yard, 315 Gardner St., in West Roxbury (Boston residents only, proof of residency required). Mercury products like thermometers, fluorescent lamps, and blood pressure units sought. See boston. gov/hazardous-waste for more info.

On Wed., Aug. 12, a Workshop on the **Fields Corner Squares + Streets** initiative from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. will feature a partnering with the Fields Corner Business Lab to imagine the future of small businesses in the neighborhood. See notice on Page 15 for more info.

On Wed., Aug. 14, a **Youth Zoning Workshop on Squares + Streets** will be held at the Codman Square Library from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. See BostonPlans.org for more info. Elma Lewis Playhouse in the Park – On Tuesday evenings from 6 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. through Aug. 13 At Valley Gates next to the Playstead ballfields. Bring a lawn chair and friends to hear local R&B, jazz, reggae, and Motown bands outdoors under the setting sun. Food and craft vendors. MBTA Bus #16 or walk up the hill from Green St Station on the Orange Line. For more information: franklinparkcoalition.org.

Mayor Wu's Movie Night series featuring family-favorite movies in 11 City of Boston parks started with "The Little Mermaid" on Tues., Aug. 6 at Ringer Playground in Allston. The Dorchester movie will be **"Wish" at Ronan Park** on Tues., Aug. 27. The series ends on Thurs., Aug. 29, at the Boston Common Parade Ground with "Ghostbusters: Frozen Empire." For a full list, see Boston.

Public Events



The Mayor's Movie Nights series is hosted by the Boston Parks and Recreation Department and sponsored by Bank of America with additional support from the Mayor's Office of Tourism, Sports, and Entertainment. All movies begin at dusk. Free fresh popcorn will be available while supplies last.

The Louis D. Brown Peace Institute's 9th Annual **Peace B'Que** is set for Sat., Aug. 10, from 12 - 3 p.m. at Town Field Park, 1520 Dorchester Ave. (Rain date is Aug. 17). This free summer celebration provides a safe, fun-filled afternoon of food, music, games and connection for residents and visitors alike. In partnership with the City of Boston, the Lower Roxbury Coalition, Dothouse Health and Fields Corner Cross-



roads Collaborative, the goal of the Peace B'Que is to foster community spirit and promote peace through a joyous, inclusive gathering.

The Boston Planning Dept. will host a virtual public meeting on Thurs., Aug. 22 at 6 p.m. to discuss a proposed project at **1274 Massachusetts Ave.** Alvan-Mora LLC is planning a six-story, 45-unit mixed-use development on the site. See notice on Page 3 for more info.

The Urban Farming Institute of Boston presents **Jazz at the Farm** on Sat., Aug. 24, from 5 to 8 p.m. at the Fowler Clark Epstein Farm, 487 Norfolk St., Mattapan. Tickets to this fundraiser for UFI are \$35 per person. 21-plus event. Call 617-989-9920 or go to urbanfarmingsinstitute.org for more info.

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Youth-run store brings authentic Asian-American flavors to Fields Corner

By Reporter Staff

A summer job program for young people in Fields Corner has turned into a summer business venture, as a number of teens have used their summer to learn how to take a business from concept to opening. The fruits of that labor will be paid in froyo - when



they open the new pop-up Saigon Swirl this Saturday (Aug. 10) in the former Reign Drink Lab space at 1370 Dorchester Ave.

adjacent to Pho Hoa Restaurant. "When we closed Reign Drink Lab's Dorchester location a year ago, we felt like we left a hole in our neighborhood," said Tam Le, noting that the former drink café moved to South Boston last fall. "It feels amazing to support the Boston youth in their opening

Tam Le

of Saigon Swirl in our former space, and it will be exciting to experience their pop-up this summer."

Added Boston Little Saigon Director Annie Le, "The City of Boston has created amazing youth programs, and we are so appreciative of being able to participate in the Immigrant Youth Advancement Program with Boston Little Saigon. The kids in our program are amazing, and we can't wait to show everyone what they've been working so hard on."

Operating exclusively for three weekends, this pop up is youth-operated via Boston Little Saigon in collaboration with Pho Hoa and Reign. All profit generated from Saigon Swirl will be donated back to Boston Little Saigon to fund future youth programming.

Saigon Swirl started with the idea of introducing Boston youth to the business world with leadership training and hands-on experience. Fun and creative menu offerings include "The Saigon Swirl," a combination of Vanilla and Thai tea froyo topped with boba and condensed milk. The pop-up will also be bringing back Reign Drink Lab's 'Dark and Stormy.'

Saigon Swirl will be open Friday to Sunday from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. through Aug. 25, with the grand opening celebration this coming Sunday from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. The program is made possible through the funding and support of the City of Boston Office of Immigrant Advancement, Pho Hoa/Reign Drink Lab, and the JP Fuji Group. The pop-up will have a presence on Facebook, Instagram, and TikTok.

Serial armed robber given six-and-a-half years in prison A federal judge last week sentenced a man to 77 months in prison for robbing a series of businesses in Boston in 2023 while he was on probation for a series of armed robberies in New York. Akeem Lahens, 34, brandished "two large knives" in each of the robberies of stores in Dorchester, Jamaica Plain, and Roxbury, prosecutors say. In one robbery, he wore sandals.

At the time of the first robbery, of a Metro PCS in Roxbury on April 21, 2023, Lahens was in only his third month of probation for 15 similar armed robberies in New York following a 30-month prison stay. He pleaded guilty to the Boston robberies earlier this year.

Boston Police, State Police, and federal agents began investigating Lahens after a friend of his child's mother told police that her friend had told her that Lahens had committed two recent robberies and that ...

store on Tremont Street she saw media coverage related to the armed robberies."

Lahens was charged with armed robberies of a Metro by T Mobile Store at 1049 Tremont St. in Roxbury on April 21, a Boost Mobile store at 373 Centre St. in Jamaica Plain's Hyde Square on April 26, the Cricket Wireless store at 306 Centre St. in Jamaica Plain's Jackson Square on April 27, and the Dunkin' Donuts at 1580 Dorchester Ave. on May 4.

In a sentencing memorandum, assistant US Attorney David Tobin urged US District Court Judge Allison Burroughs to hand down a sentence of at least 72 months, saying that a rough childhood, which included a bandonment and sexualand other physical abuse, was not a sufficient reason to be lenient, especially since Lahens has shown himself unable to stop from threatening and committing violent robberies.

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A number of young people have been working with Boston Little Saigon and other partners on an entre-

preneurship seminar for their summer jobs. The program's final piece is introducing a froyo pop-up called Saigon Swirl on Dorchester Avenue over the next three weekends. *Photo courtesy Boston Little Saigon*

Avenue proposes the redevelopment of a 17,120 square-foot lot at 1274 Massachusetts Avenue in the McCormack neighborhood of Dorchester. The Proposed Project is a mixed-use development consisting of a 6 story building containing 45 residential units, approximately 1,000 square feet of ground floor commercial space, a public landscaped plaza space, 46 bike storage spaces, and 25 accessory off-street parking spaces located in the building's basement level enclosed parking garage.

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'Dot kid done-good' funds a scholarship at Suffolk University

The motive "isn't about taking kids out of Dorchester," says scholarship donor Adam Russo, Suffolk U. '96.

By CASSIDY MCNEELEY **Reporter Staff**

More than thirty years ago, a kid from Dorchester received a scholarship from Suffolk University that changed his life forever. Now, Adam Russo, a lawyer and entrepreneur, has established his Russo Family Scholarship Fund exclusively for Dorchester students who attend Suffolk.

"I lived in Dorchester from the time I was born, to the time I was 16 and then I moved back when I finished school and I lived on Boston Street," said Russo. "My best friends today all either still live in Dorchester or spend a lot of time there like I do."

Russo, the CEO and co-founder of The Phia Group, LCC, and co-founder and managing partner of The Law Offices of Russo & Minchoff, grew up in the neighborhood's Polish Triangle, raised by a single mom who emigrated to the US from Poland and worked three jobs to provide for her family.

"I always wanted to be a lawyer because my mom had a hard time dealing with the court system with my dad's visitation rights, and child support. And she spoke broken English," said Russo. "While I was in school, we didn't even talk about college, but I wanted to be a lawyer and to be one, you have to go to college.

Russo spent his first two years of high school at the Boston Latin School, then transitioned to North Quincy High School when his family moved out of the neighborhood.

While living in Quincy, Russo wanted to attend a college that was close to home and affordable. Originally, he had imagined himself at Harvard or Boston College, but Suffolk offered him a scholarship that he couldn't turn down.

"I always knew I wanted to go to college, so I applied to a bunch of places. Suffolk gave me basically a free ride. I didn't have enough money to pay for a semester or even a couple of class-es," he said. "When that happened it obviously changed my life. I was able to go to college and



person's story."

live at home the entire time."

He graduated from Suffolk in 1996 and was then awarded another scholarship to continue his studies at Suffolk Law School.

Just a year later, he started his own company with his friend Mike Branco. Today that company, the Phia Group, LCC, which consults on healthcare cost containment, has 300 employees in Boston, Louisville, and Boise.

Russo knows that his company would not exist without Suffolk. "The best thing that ever happened to me was that they gave me that scholarship.

Adam Russo: It's all about "understanding the Suffolk University photo I always remember that and that's why it's really

important for me to have that opportunity to help others," Russo told The Reporter. "The fund is only for a Dorchester resident, that's it. You have to live in Dorchester. It's basically the same exact scholarship that was given to me. I figured

I should do the same for some other kid in a similar situation.'

Headded: "Dorchester is a cool place to live. [The scholarship] isn't about taking kids out of Dorchester. It's about taking kids that are in Dorchester who maybe don't have the same opportunity as some kid who lives in Milton or Weston or wherever and giving them an opportunity while also being there as a mentor to help them with whatever they want to do with their lives.'

This fall will be the first time a student at Suffolk University will begin his or her college career with the support of the Russo Family Scholarship Fund. While only one student was awarded the scholarship this time, Russo hopes to see the fund continue to grow so that multiple scholarships can be granted each year.

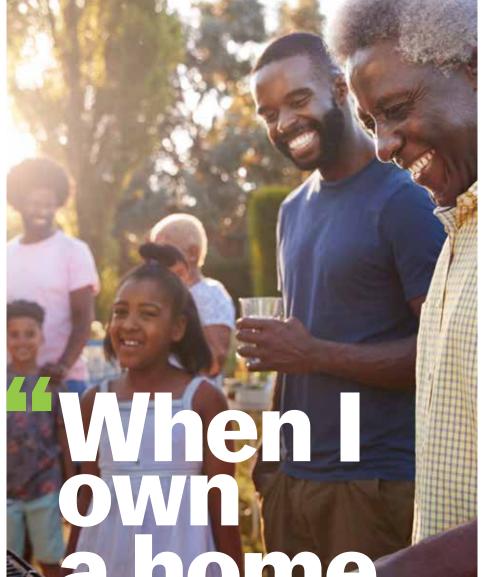
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didate, Russo said, "it's all tied to understanding the person's story." He said they will select "a kid who actually wants to go to college. You see they do great in school, they're motivated, they have a tough upbringing, and they don't have the financial backing from their family to go to a four-year college.³

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Russo, however, isn't just giving away money. Instead, he wants to be a mentor for these young adults in all aspects of life.

"Having the scholar-ship would give them the opportunity to have that first step. Even though they get the money, they still have to do well, so working with that student as a mentor, touching base with them, offering opportunities for work, having someone to talk to, and then watching them grow," Russo said. "My favorite thing is watching people grow as humans, as adults.





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After 3 weeks at sea, Codman Academy teacher has stories to tell his students

By Harriet Gaye Special to the Reporter

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Codman Academy teacher Nick Lee has just returned from a three-week assignment at sea with real-life experiences to share with his students.

The 25-year-old Lee joined NOAA Fisheries' Teacher at Sea program from June 29 – July 20, as part of a 9-person science team that focused on surveying pollock in the Eastern Bering Sea.

Now, Lee is looking forward to incorporating his time at sea in his lesson plans for the upcoming school year.

"For many students, science can feel inaccessible," Lee told the Reporter. "I enjoyed working with kids and was passionate about increasing young people's access to science and science careers."

NOAA's Teacher at Sea program offers educators the opportunity to use first-hand experiences in various areas of science to propel their students forward with advanced additions to their curriculums.

"The objective is to give teachers hands-on science research at sea for any subject level to have a better understanding at the research level, conducting why it's important, and how it connects to those students in the classroom," said Jennifer Hammond, Director of NOAA's Teacher at Sea Program.

Lee teaches AP Environmental Science and AP Computer Science at Codman Academy. He's hoping to use his experience to make some of the abstract concepts he teaches more concrete with his stories and photos.

"What was most unique about this as a professional development experience was how much I was immersed in the ship's community," Lee said. "I was living on the ship, eating all my meals with scientists and the ship's crew, so I was really embedded in a part of NOAA where everyone was committed to scientific research."

During his time on the cruise, he was a part of the night shift, helping scientists process the catch, sort and measure fish, and cut them open to collect otoliths to determine the age of the fish. Additionally, Lee gained insight from the scientists he assisted. He said he was fascinated to learn about their career trajectories, but he still hit learning curves throughout the journey.

"One challenge on the cruise was that everything was new and so much was outside of my control. As a teacher, I have my sphere of control in my classroom, and I prepare for each day with lesson plans, but on the ship, it was a totally new environment," Lee said. "I was learning the science, learning the schedule, learning my way around all at once. It was a good exercise in letting go and learning



Nick Lee hopes to find his land legs again in time for the new academic year at Codman Academy. *Photo Courtesy Codman Academy*

as much as I could in the moment."

One experience that stood out to Lee was when he released drifter buoys. He released the first one to float with the ocean currents. Now, he and his students will be able to track the drifter's trajectory.

"What's unique about Nick is that his students actually built their own

drifter," Hammond said. "He already had some experience with what a drifter buoy is and how it attracts."

On this trip, Lee realized that there's a variety of job opportunities for his students interested in careers in science. On the ship, there were engineers who kept the ship running, stewards who cooked the food, and a team to drive the ship. He's looking forward to opening his students' eyes to all the careers that can support marine research.

"One thing I learned, and something that I hope to pass on to my students is the diversity of skills and jobs that exists within the broader umbrella of marine careers."

Two lots at Norfolk and Mascot streets eyed for community space

By Harriet Gaye Special to the Reporter

The Mayor's Office of Housing and the Planning Department hosted a virtual public meeting on July 29 to discuss the potential re-use for community space of two empty parcels owned by the city of Boston on Norfolk and Mascot streets.

"We do agree that we'd like for a green space where community members can come together and unite together and have some place to have different events and some place to meet new neighbors," said Nina Johnson, chair of the Woodrow Avenue Neighborhood Association (WANA).

Trena Matos Ambroise, a member of the

group Redefining Our Community (ROC) said there is demand for such open space for programming.

"We just really want to do something for the community that connects both of the land parcels," said Ambroise. "We want to have something to make our community a more healthy, a more cohesive, and a safer, more informed place to be."

City Councillor Brian Worrell told The Reporter that he agrees with those expectations. "I'm hopeful that the Mayor's Office of Housing and Planning Department will issue an RFP [Request for Proposals] that aligns with the residents' desires for community open space," he said. "I'd encourage our many community-based organizations to take a look at the parcels and see if they can get involved in the RFP process. This is a great opportunity for organizations to control the land in their neighborhoods."

The idea for the RFP surfaced during an earlier meeting in March that was focused on the potential re-use of the vacant lot at 301-307 Norfolk St. During that discussion, it was suggested that the lot at 82 Mascot St be included as well. In response to that, a city project manager, Theresa Strachila, reached out to the Planning Depart $ment {\it to} {\it ask} {\it if they should}$ submit a joint request for proposals.

"MOH and the Planning Department are



A view along Norfolk Street shows one of two vacant lots that neighbors would like to see programmed for community use. *Seth Daniel photo*

required to conduct an open, fair, and competitive process that places all proposers on common footing," Strachila said. "Soliciting information allows us to make manageable and meaningful comparisons of the offers and base our decisions solely on the information solicited in the request for proposals."

There was plenty of



feedback throughout last week's meeting about community-based activities for the parcels, including exercise classes, movie nights, gardens, concerts, and more. The neighborhood groups made it clear that it's time for a space like this and that they had many ideas on how to use it.

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Reporter's **People** in and around our Neighborhoods

STEM camp at Walker Playground a hit with Mothers for Justice and Equality

By Seth Daniel News Editor

Summer time is science time at Walker Playground in Mattapan, where Mothers for Justice and Equality (MJE) sponsor a drop-in science-related program for young people that is overseen by MJE members and youth peer leaders.

The program runs from noon to 2 p.m. on Wednesdays and Fridays, with the fourth session just completed on Aug. 2. They will continue through next week showing kids simple science experiments and showing that the park is a safe place for mothers to bring children and for youth summer camps to visit.

Today, we are making ice cream and that's because we're observing how adding salt lowers the freezing point," said STEM Director Cici Yang, as temperatures soared to near 100 degrees. "They're having fun, eating homemade ice cream, and learning about science."

MJE Board Clerk Eileen Paterson said it's important to be able to have such activities in the park that are fun and a learning experience for everyone.

"This year we were surprised because we had quite a few children with special needs and it was amazing how we were able to work with them and include them in the experiments," she said.

Added outreach coordinator Aretha Maugé: "This gives the kids something to do when they visit the park. With some of the violence that happened in the



Kaleigh Burns of Dorchester, above, will run the Falmouth Road Race on Aug. 18 to help the Brain Injury Association of Massachusetts, which will field a 26-runner team along the iconic course.

In April, Burns lost her friend, Clara Clements, whose favorite place was Cape Cod, to complications from an anoxic brain injury. The next day, Burns applied to run in Clara's memory, saying she wanted to do "something to honor her and others in the same situation."

Though the Falmouth Road Race is not intended as a charity race, the Numbers for Nonprofits program allows nonprofit organizations like BIA-MA to both fundraise and participate. To support any of the Team BIA-MA runners in the 2024 ASICS Falmouth Road Race, please visit biama.org/falmouthroadrace.



STEM Director Cici Yang, Operations Manager Tyler Stewart, Board Clerk Eileen Paterson, Family Advocate Nikia Shell, and Outreach Coordinator Aretha Maugé at Walker Playground last Friday for the Mothers for Justice and Equality drop-in STEM camp. Seth Daniel photo

last eight months, kids were skeptical, but we're out here teaching science, doing walks with the seniors, and letting people know it's safe to come to the park."

Yang and Operations Manager Tyler Stewart said they will have new experiments each time they come out to the park and will have Peer Leaders from MJE available to assist with the science lessons. The program is free to all and no reservations are needed. Monalisa Smith formed MJE in 2010 following the

murder of a family member in an act of street violence. Leaving her corporate job, she eventually developed MJE into a large organization offering all types of services to mothers and fathers. Located at 1017 River St., MJE aims to end neighborhood violence by empowering mothers and youth to challenge the normalization of violence - with their trademark, "It's not OK" slogan.

Head of Zoo New England to retire

John Linehan, the president and CEO of Zoo New England, has announced his plan to retire after heading up the organization, which includes the Franklin Park Zoo, for the last 22 vears.

For 43 years, Linehan's passion for wildlife and people has been the cornerstone of his work on behalf of Franklin Park Zoo and Stone Zoo and their mission of education and conservation. Throughout his career, he has overseen incredible transformation and growth at both zoos, which continue to connect generations of visitors to the natural world.

"Throughout my career at the zoos, we have achieved so much, including many things I only dreamt about when I first started as a laborer right out of college. I'm incredibly proud of all the work on behalf of our beloved animals, as well as the passion and dedication of the staff, and all we continue to do to inspire the next generation of conservation stewards," said Linehan, who will stay in his role until his

successor is selected.

During his tenure, the Franklin Park Zoo was successfully transitioned from state agency management to a thriving non-profit model - Zoo New England. Both Zoos have achieved notable milestones under Linehan exceeding more than 1 million in annual visitation the past three fiscal years, exciting new experiences including Boston Lights: A Lantern Experience, and the Zoo-Teen program.

As a father of four, Linehan never forgot what it was like for



John Linehan **Conservation steward**

children to fall in love with animals and the natural world. "There is no greater joy than watching a child's first encounter with wildlife, whether it be a turtle, lion, cardinal, giraffe or gorilla," he said.

Shawmut block party to feature kids' clothing swap

The annual Neighborhood Summer Block Party encompassing Shawmut, Melville, St. Mark's, and Codman Square will take place in front of the Epiphany School on Sharp Street everyone to get ready for this Sat., Aug. 10, from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. The annual

event will once again be a family-friendly gathering with music, free food, games, and much more.

As part of the festivities, the kids' clothing swap will again help back to school. The annual swap is

coordinated by Jasen Lambright and Vienna Rothberg to assist families looking for a use for clothes kids have grown out of and finding clothes that kids are growing

has been quite a bonus. SaidRothbergofaswap in April: "The churn was real - the clothes in and out was really heavy...If I'm feeling that churn,

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doing both at the same time for free for his kids

I felt like othe feeling it too." into. Lambright said that -REPORTER STAFF

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DORCHESTER HISTORICAL SOCIETY Oliver and Royall Tomb and Dorchester Old North Burying Ground

The monument for the Isaac Royall family is the largest tomb in the Dorchester Old North Burying Ground. The picture with today's illustration comes from a 1904 report from the Boston Parks Department.

Isaac Royall was born in Maine in 1672, the son of William and Mary Royall. Royall moved with his family to Dorchester, when he was three years old. He became a merchant mariner and at 28, established a sugar cane plantation on Antigua in the West Indies. He married Elizabeth Elliott on July 7, 1697, in Charlestown. He later purchased the property now known as the Royall House and Slave Quarters in Medford.

Robert Oliver, an Antiguan planter and slaveholder who is said to have moved to Dorchester with them,

married a stepdaughter

of Isaac Royall. He and those named above are described in Robert Tracy Jackson's "His-



tory of the Oliver, Vassall and Royall Houses in Dorchester, Cambridge and Medford." The Genealogical Magazine, January 1907. Vol. II. No. 1.1907.

"About 1737, Robert Oliver, a wealthy planter from Antigua [West Indies], settled in Dorchester.... "Tradition records that he brought many black slaves with him. ... Three of his slaves, named Ann, Cambridge and Betty, are buried in the old

North Cemetery in Dorches-

ter. The graves of these slaves

are in the northwestern por-

tion of the cemetery, near to what is now Columbia Road, formerly Boston Street. Their positions are close together and are marked by three small slate head-stones."

 $These \, posts \, can \, be \, viewed \, on$ the blog at dorchesterhistoricalsociety.org. The Society's William Clapp and James Blake Houses are open to the public on the third Sunday of the month from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Editorial Carney's fate sealed by Healey's actions

A US bankruptcy judge in Houston issued a ruling on Tuesday afternoon that clears the way for Steward Health Care to close Carney Hospital - and another Steward-owned facility in Nashoba Valley - by the end of this month.

There was no objection to Judge Christopher Lopez's ruling from attorneys paid for by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts who ostensibly represent us – the people of Dorchester – and who were sent to Texas by Gov. Healey and her appointed Health and Human Services chief, Kate Walsh. In fact, Lopez's decision was accompanied by another ruling that approves a series of payments from the Commonwealth - roughly \$30 million - to keep the Steward hospitals operational over the coming weeks.

Within three hours of Judge Lopez's decision, the Healey administration began to circulate a public hearing notice of an in-person hearing on the Carney closure. The meeting, which will be held next Tuesday (Aug. 13) at 6 p.m. at Florian Hall, was also prescribed in the judge's ruling, which authorized the closing of both Carney and Nashoba Valley "on a final basis," but stipulated that the state's Dept. of Public Health "may hold public hearings with respect to the closures...on or before" the end of August. There will also be a virtual, phone-in hearing held on Aug. 14 at 6 p.m.

Next week's hearings will no doubt feature a range of testimony from elected officials heaping scorn on Steward's executives, who absolutely deserve the ridicule and wrath that's being hurled in their direction. As we've documented repeatedly, they have deliberately stripped Carney of resources over the last few years and set it up to fail. In our view, it was a deliberate act meant to undermine this specific facility in hopes that it would be less marketable to a new operator and, instead, could be liquidated as a real estate asset.

To her credit, Mayor Wu has thrown a wrench into the Steward plan by making it plain that whoever buys the 12-acre Carney campus will face a huge hurdle in any redevelopment scheme that follows.

But the Healey administration has sent a decidedly different message. The governor and Secretary Walsh have decided that it's preferable that Carney and Nashoba - and the vulnerable communities they serve - perish so that six other hospitals - and their constituencies – have a shot at survival.

There's no question that the governor and her team are in a very difficult position. As Steward teeters and ultimately fails, state government has become the key arbiter and broker of how to salvage what they can from the collapse and keep as many facilities online as possible. But, so far, they have offered no credible rationale for why Carney and Nashoba have been served up as sacrificial lambs in the process.

Walsh, who until 2023 served as the president and CEO of Boston Medical Center (BMC), is a seasoned health care executive who has been the key decision-maker in picking the winners and losers in the Steward matter. Walsh has said little about how Carney and Nashoba have been singled out for closure,

other than to suggest: "The market has spoken." But Walsh, until very recently, was a big part of that market. Now, she is a state official who is charged with regulating the very same hospital group – BMC– that she once managed.

Next week's hearing in Dorchester should not just be a gripe session about the evils of the Steward C-suite executives. State officials, including the governor and her chosen surrogates, owe this community a detailed explanation for why they've decided to walk away from the Carney and this community. -Bill Forry

Commentary Union bricklaying gave me a better life

By ANTHONY TONEY **SPECIAL TO THE REPORTER**

I am a lifelong Bostonian who has been fortunate to be able to provide a better life for my family and to give more back to my community because of the opportunities, wages, and benefits I have earned as a union bricklayer. I want the same for all of my neighbors and for any worker or family in the city of Boston that is striving for a better future.

I point with pride to the projects I have worked on as a bricklayer, including the Science Center at UMass Boston, the Boston Arts Academy, and the Dana-Farber Cancer Institute. I struggled in low-wage jobs early in life, which made it hard for me to pay rent, put food on the table, and otherwise provide for my family. Now, I am a homeowner with a stable financial footing and a secure retirement.

All of this was made possible because I said "yes" to the opportunities and the pathway to the middle-class presented to me at a building near the intersection of Dorchester Ave. and Columbia Road – the Bricklayers & Allied Craftsmen Apprentice Training Center, a gateway for hundreds of Boston residents who've made generational changes like I have, securing a future for me that is clear, and making my family proud.

Learning a craft and helping to make our city strong by knowing how to do quality, authentic, laidin-place masonry is something I would recommend to anyone who likes to work with their hands and wants to earn a great living.

Unfortunately, the career opportunities and community benefits created through the bricklaying trade are being put at risk by developers who are proposing to build in Boston with so-called "imitation brick panels" instead of with the authentic laid-in-place masonry work that Boston residents like me have made the tools of our trade.

The use of these artificial substitutes that are manufactured outside of the United States or at factories inside the US where companies don't pay living wages are creating an outsourcing effect on good jobs for Boston residents, and destroying pathways to the middle class as a result.

When I hear about developers making proposals to use faux brick panels, it's very personal, because I know that every proposal to use those fake materials is a proposal to outsource my job. I know that to some decision-makers in the process, people like me are numbers on a balance sheet. How much could one job possibly matter? Well, it matters a lot to me and my family, and, unfortunately, the use of faux brick panels not only cheapens the look of our city, but it also puts hundreds of jobs at risk for families just like mine.

What difference does it make if we use fake brick panels made in another country instead of real brick masonry done right here in Boston? To my son, Javari, it makes all the difference. Javari is the center of my world and I am able to keep our world together because of the great job I have as a member of Local 3 helping to build our city with authentic masonry work that is better for the environment than the fake products that some are trying to sneak by various approval processes.

Becoming a bricklayer and helping to build my city is the best choice I ever made. Now, impact advisory boards and other stakeholders in the evolving Boston development process also have a choice to make when it comes to proposals that use faux brick panels instead of real masonry and brickwork done by workers like me. My hope is that by telling my story they will say "No" to outsourced brick panels and "Yes" to good jobs for Boston families like mine.

Anthony Toney is a member of Bricklayers Local 3 Boston.

Eliminating the MCAS test is a bad idea

By WILL AUSTIN

SPECIAL TO THE REPORTER

On Nov. 5, Massachusetts will vote on a ballot initiative that proposes to eliminate the MCAS as a part of the statewide standard we have for high school graduation. This is a bad idea.

As a parent and a former public-school teacher and principal, I know that if this measure is approved, the result will be unfair and unequal educational outcomes. That is why my organization, Boston Schools Fund, has joined a growing coalition of educators, families, and community leaders to urge voters to vote 'No On 2' in November.

We can't go backwards. Question 2, if approved, would make us one of only two states that do not have a statewide graduation standard. That would leave us with 300-plus sets of graduation requirements, one for each individual school district. Such variance inevitably leads to inequality. We could be handing diplomas to students who cannot pass basic assessments in math, English, or science, rather than working alongside them to help them to learn and meet those standards.

I am not naive; no one likes tests. Which is precisely what makes them an easy target for proponents of this initiative, cynically capitalizing on something they see as unpopular. For all their imperfections, I have administered countless assessments-including the MCAS – because I understood I needed some way to know how my students were doing, hold them all to the same objective standard, and give more help to those I thought were struggling.

Question 2 is really about fairness. Today in Massachusetts, a high school diploma means the same thing no matter where you live or where you go to school. The alternative – offering different things to different children and families – is fundamentally

wrong. This is the exact kind of thinking that Massachusetts rejected more than 30 years ago with the passing of the Education Reform Act of 1993, which was designed to make public education more equal in the Commonwealth. That bipartisan compromise of more funding and high uniform standards is what has propelled Massachusetts to be a national leader in public education.

Because Massachusetts has one set of standards for graduation - which includes a passing score on the 10th grade assessment – we make the same promise $to \, eac\bar{h}\, child\, and\, family: Massachusetts\, public\, schools$ will prepare you for college and career.

Research indicates that this is not just a promise - it is a fact. Reports from the Annenberg Institute at Brown University clearly show that there is a direct correlation between Massachusetts students' performance on 10th grade assessments and their future earnings. What is remarkable about this finding is that it is true regardless of a student's race or income status

I know firsthand that education policy is complex, and it takes time, engagement, and expertise to get it right. We should be constantly improving public education in Massachusetts, whether it is funding, standards, or assessments. A ballot initiative does not do this work justice. We should not be changing important education policies with a single vote, particularly in this case, where voters won't know what the high school graduation requirement would be replaced with.

I urge you to vote no on Question 2 on Nov. 5 and ommit to the work that will truly protect our kids futures.

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Economists report 'pleasant surprise' for Massachusetts

On Monday this week, a day when the global financial markets took a sharp turn downward on signs of a US slowdown, the economists at MassBenchmarks reported the "pleasant surprise" that state economic growth exceeded expectations in the second quarter.

Massachusetts real gross state product increased at an annual rate of 3.3 percent during the second quarter of 2024, according to MassBenchmarks, while US GDP increased at an annual rate of 2.8 percent, per the US Bureau of Economic Analysis.

Both represent improvement over the first quarter, when Massachusetts GDP grew at an annual rate of 1 percent while US GDP grew at a 1.4 percent rate.

'In Massachusetts, this increase in growth was supported by moderate payroll employment growth and high withholding and sales tax receipts, which imply high wage and salary income and spending growth, low unemployment rates, and a growing labor force," according to the latest notes from the

MassBenchmarks board, published by the University of Massachusetts Amherst Donahue Institute in cooperation with the Federal Reserve Bank of Boston.

Compared to the second quarter of 2023, employment was up 0.7 percent in Massachusetts and 1.7 percent in the US during this year's second quarter. But, MassBenchmarks cautioned, the moderate employment growth estimate "may, however, be overstating job growth in Massachusetts." Over the last 12 months, Massachusetts has averaged a gain of 3,350 jobs per month, MassBenchmarks said.

"Rising rents and housing costs help to explain the higher inflation readings for the Boston area," said Alan Clayton-Matthews, the firm's senior contributing editor. The consumer price index for the Boston metro area climbed at an annual rate of 7.3 percent in the second quarter, compared to 2.8 percent for the US as a whole, according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics. - COLIN A. YOUNG/SHNS

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By Cassidy McNeeley **Reporter Staff**

Kevin Zarnoch Jr. began his baseball career in Dorchester when he was 4 years old. Some 19 years later, he has taken his talents beyond the city and onto Cape Cod, where he continues to pursue a dream.

When the 23-year-old made his debut last month with the Harwich Mariners of the Cape Cod Baseball League, it was his latest step on a journey that has taken many twists and turns.

"I feel like I've unlocked a totally new version of myself as a pitcher," said Zarnoch in talking with The Reporter. "I've started up my time here incredibly hot. I haven't allowed a run in over six innings and have struck out ten with one walk, which is pretty exceptional.'

The right-hander, who stands at 6-3, formally began playing baseball at four years of age and was a talented athlete by the time he reached high school. In his first few seasons at the Boston Latin School, he played for fun, but by his senior year, college coaches had begun to take notice.

"I was a bit of a late bloomer both physically and mentally in terms of someone who took baseball seriously," Zarnoch said. "I cared on the field in high school, but I didn't do anything in the off season. I didn't train; it was just something to do with my friends.³

When he wasn't in season, Zarnoch preferred getting breakfast at McKenna's Cafe, playing in the Boys & Girls Club of Dorchester Safe Summer Streets basketball league, and hanging at Malibu beach.

Baseball became a bit more serious in his final year of high school when he left the outfield for the pitcher's mound.

"I always kind of wanted to pitch but I wasn't great at throwing strikes and that's kind of an issue as a pitcher. I was a captain my senior year, so I really pushed for it with the coach, and he decided to give me a shot and it worked out," Zarnoch said. "Throughout my senior year, I started to realize I was good enough to play in college and maybe I should."

After graduating from BLS in 2019, Zarnoch went on to play DIII baseball at Worcester State University. But as was the case for most collegiate athletes, his freshman season was canceled by the pandemic after just two games.

Covid protocols also impacted the sophomore sea-



son by reducing the usual 40-plus game schedule to 23 games. When things finally returned to normal during his junior year, Zarnoch battled various injuries and throughout the season.

It wasn't until his fourth year in Worcester that the

Dorchester kid finally showed his wares. "My senior year finally all my work paid off, I got right, got healthy, had a really good year, and then I entered the transfer portal and did last year at UMass Lowell."

Since his first two seasons at Worcester State did not count, Zarnoch still had two seasons of eligibility after graduating. He put them to use in Lowell, where he is pursuing his master's degree in criminal justice and playing DI baseball.

In his first season as a River Hawk, he pitched 14.2 innings with 8 strikeouts. Hoping for a better output the following spring, he channeled his inner "Dorchester grit" and immediately hopped back into training at the end of the season.

'I was pitching in the Boston Park League just trying to stay in shape and see hitters. The coach of my team has a connection to the Harwich Mariners, and he reached out to them," said Zarnoch.

Whatever the coach told the Mariners worked: By mid-July, he had packed up his belongings, left the city, and moved to Harwich, where he is hoping to make the most of the opportunity. "It was totally unexpected to come down here if



Kevin Zarnoch Jr. (at left) and above on the mound for the Cape Cod League's struggled to stay healthy Harwich Mariners. The 23-year-old Dorchester native made his debut on July 17. Farrah Chernov photos

I'm being honest; it's a dream come true," he said He added: "The most gratifying thing about being here is seeing the support from friends and especially my family. Seeing how proud my mom, my dad, my brother, and my sisters are, that's something that stands out to me and I feel it pretty much every second of every day.'

While Zarnoch, who dreams of playing professionally, looks forward to a potential playoff run with the Mariners, he's also got his eyes on what will be his final NCAA season next spring.

'I'm really hoping to be one of our guys at Lowell, whether that's a conference starter or late-inning reliever. I just want to win and play meaningful games late into the season.

Wherever he goes, Zarnoch maintains pride in his roots. "To me, Dorchester is a bit more than just the place I was raised in. It's where the majority of my close friends and family reside, and where all my formative experiences happened. Dorchester in a sense molded me into who I am."

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Five out of the six Boyce children already play for the St. Brendan's Gaelic Athletic Club-Boston. The youngest, Margot, is expected to join them on the field in a few more years. *Cassidy McNeeley photos*



Anna (right), who previously lived in Ireland, feels a sense of community when with teammates like Maeve (left) on the Gaelic pitch.

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ISYL and then we founded St. Brendan's because the travel from Dorchester was a lot with the afternoon traffic," said McGillycuddy. "We went to St. Brendan's church and got a blessing from the principal for the St. Brendan's team and then we got this field secured and it moved along from there."

It has been 16 years since McGillycuddy and his



Brayden, 10, said "Hurling is fun because it's a fast-moving sport and you get hurt sometimes but it's part of the sport."

co-founders, Frank Hogan and Richie Hanberry, started the club, and participation rates are higher than ever.

"We have about 180 kids registered this year from U6 through U18," said club co-chair Brian McLaughlin. "The divisions are every two years. We have enough kids in some of the younger divisions to have two or three teams in each age group."

Practices take place every Tuesday and Thursday at Pope John Paul II Park in Dorchester, beginning at 6 p.m. In the winter the teams move their practices indoors at the Union Point Sports Complex in Weymouth.

Like McGillycuddy, McLaughlin's involvement in the organization stems from his children who now play in the U14, U12, and U10 divisions.

"Five or six years ago, all three of my kids played hockey and one of the other boys played Gaelic football and hurling at the club and they invited us down one Sunday afternoon," McLaughlin recounted. "The kids really took to it; the coaches were great, the parents were great, other families were involved. It was a lot of fun."

It only took the McLaughlins one practice to feel the sense of camaraderie that exists in the club. This same community has continued to be especially

important for many Irish immigrants, including U12 co-ed football coach Jonathan Bryne.

"I always say when I moved to Boston it was home from home, you were immediately involved in a community, a lot of people with the same background," said Bryne, originally from Donegal. "When I had kids, it was great we had a program to throw them in. It was nice to get involved and have them know a little bit about their Irish culture."

Bryne, also the club treasurer, has three children who play for St. Brendan's. This season he is coaching his son Noah, who plays halfback.

"Boston is a very diverse community, lots of different people with different backgrounds," Bryne said. "I think it's key to people's identity that the Irish kids, whether they moved here, first generation, second generation, that they have something that kind of ties them back to what their Irish culture is."

One player who was born in the US but formerly lived in Ireland is Noah's teammate, Anna, who plays both Gaelic and hurling. "I moved here from Ireland six years ago," she said, "and we found this club 'cause it's near where we live."

Playing the Gaelic games connects Anna back to the community she formerly called home. Now,

when her friends at school ask the 12-year-old what sports she plays, she jokes, "It's an Irish thing; you wouldn't get it."

Although some kids at school might not "get it," there are plenty of female players who came before Anna who could. This includes St. Brendan's Junior Ladies players Bevan, Caitlin, and Ava. All three have grown within the club for the past ten years.

"We've been playing since we were six years old at the U6 level. The three of us were the original ones and then our team has expanded. So now we have a full girl's junior ladies' team which is amazing," said Bevan, 17.

Caitlin added: "All of us have grown up together so it's kind of like a sisterhood. We're all like a family here anyway 'cause everyone knows everyone. It's a good community."

After being with the program for more than a decade, the young women have not only become good athletes, but exceptional role models for younger girls like Anna.

"When we were younger. once you got to 18 there was nothing," said Ava. "Even a lot of girls would stop playing at U14, U16 because there was nothing to work toward. But now that we have this team

at the junior level, and eventually senior, the little girls will keep playing and work up the ranks."

Bevan agreed. "Us continuing to play helps us build the program up. Now we have so much fun with the all-girls team. It helps boost the younger girls to see and try and reach us."

Though Bevan, Ava, and Caitlin are kind, helpful leaders, as soon as the match begins, they become fierce competitors.

Since establishing their St. Brendan's Junior Ladies team last year, the girls have dominated many major tournaments. They plan on continuing to do so for the rest of the summer, including when they travel to San Francisco at the end of this month to compete in the North American Finals.

Noted Junior Ladies' coach Hudi Mc Kenna: "Everybody in this club now looks up to them girls, they've set themselves on a pedestal. They've won alot of stuff. It's not all about winning but it makes it easier for when kids see it to keep it going."

Like the other coaches in the club. Mc Kenna once had a career of his own. He now hopes that as a coach he is passing down some of that knowledge. "It's our national game and we want to keep it going as long as we can." Mc Kenna told The Reporter. "It's really good to give some of your knowledge down. I've learned from a lot of good coaches throughout the years and hope, please God, that the players will learn a little from me."

As each coach shares elements of the game with the players, those players in turn pass down what they've learned to their younger siblings. Many players, including Bevan, Ava, and Caitlin, have brothers and sisters within the club, but the Boyce family seem to have the lead on having the most athletes on the field at one time.

The five kids currently playing are Liam, 16; Fionn, 15; Brayden, 10; Adelaide, 9; and Cormac



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Ava (left), Bevan (center), and Caitlin (right) started with St. Brendan's when they were just six years old. Over the last decade, they have paved the way for the club's next generations of female athletes.



6. In a few short years, the youngest of six Boyce, Margot, now 10 months old, will be repping the blue and gold, but then in a jersey of her own.

As siblings, cousins, friends, and neighbors train and compete together, older generations stand smiling along the sidelines. "It's fun seeing parents and grandparents come over and visit, watching their grandkids who were born in America learn the games that they grew up playing," said McLaughlin.

When these children age out and move on to senior football, another generation of Irish athletes will emerge. One of them will be yet one more McGillycuddy.

"Next year, another



U10 and U8 athletes were full of smiles even after an hour-and-a-half of practice under the hot July sun.

Christopher McGillycuddy is coming in. My grandson, he'll be four years old," said club founder McGillycuddy. "His father started with St. Brendan's and now he's coming next year. That's what the neighborhood's about."

For more on the St. Brendan's Gaelic Athletic Club-Boston, —and an exclusive video produced by Connor Nee of Connor Nee Media for the Dorchester Reporter—see DotNews.com.



U6 players learning the ins and outs of the Gaelic football with coach Lee Stevens. Cassidy McNeeley photos

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Some press for a halt to Carney closure; Wu to block re-zoning

(Continued from page 1) New information this week about a potential

buyer for Carney Hospital that was apparently not disclosed by Steward Health Care and other parties to its bankruptcy case in Texas is fueling calls for the Healey administration to re-think its position and fight harder to keep the Dorchester hospital open.

The lobbying effort aimed at the governor and her cabinet comes as Mayor Wu sent a firm warning to Steward and its landlord that she intends to block any effort to redevelop Carney's Dorchester Avenue campus for anything other than "the provision of health care."

On Monday, a group of state lawmakers and city councillors sent a letter to Gov. Healey urging her to reject Steward's request to expedite the closure of Carney and a second Steward-owned site, Nashoba Valley Medical Center in Ayer, Mass, by Aug. 31. The letter also calls on Healey and her Health and Human Services Secretary, Kate Walsh, to "reach out to any prospective hospital bidder, including Massachusetts healthcare networks, to purchase both hospitals."

The leaders, including state Senators Nick Collins and Liz Miranda representing Dorchester, also urge Healey to "provide bridge funding to keep" Carney and Nashoba "in operation while negotiations for buyers of the two hospitals continue."

Other signatories to the letter include City Councillors Erin Murphy, Ed Flynn, and John FitzGerald, along with eight other state lawmakers from communities that would be impacted by a Nashoba closure.

Last Thursday, Healey told reporters that her office would push to compel Steward to adhere to state guidelines that require a 120-day notice before any hospital closure. It marked a slight shift for the governor, who had previously suggested she could do nothing to halt the closures. For her part, Walsh – pointing to Steward's claim that they had no "qualified bids" for Carney or Nashoba – said that "the market has spoken."

But on Monday, news reports revealed that a Michigan-based company had in fact made an offer for all the Steward properties, including Carney and Nashoba. An executive at Insight, which operates hospitals in Michigan, Illinois, and New Jersey, confirmed the bid.

"Insight made a bid for all of Steward's Massachusetts hospitals and we indicated a willingness to negotiate terms and lease payments," Atif Bawahab, Insight's chief strategy officer, said in a statement to

DPH schedules hearing on Carney situation at Florian next Tuesday

The state Department of Public Health, taking note of Steward Health Care's intention to close the Carney Hospital later this month, has scheduled a pair of public hearings on the matter, one in person and one remotely, on consecutive days next week.

The first will be held at Florian Hall on Tuesday (Aug. 13) at 6 p.m.; the second, on Wednesday at 6 p.m., will be open to the public virtually by conference call at phone number 888-917-8055, passcode 4153805.

DPH notes that the hearings will not involve "adjudicatory" action on its part. They are meant to be "public forums for the presentation of any comments that may be relevant to the department's consideration of the proposed change" by Steward.

WBUR. "A mutual agreement was not reached, but we remain interested in being part of the solution to keep the hospitals' doors open."

On Thursday, Wu put Carney Hospital's landlord on notice that she intends to block any attempt to "capitalize on the closure of Carney Hospital by redeveloping the property."

In a letter to Edward Aldag, the chairman and CEO of Medical Properties Trust (MPT) – the company that owns the Carney campus – Wu wrote: "I would like to be absolutely clear that my Administration will oppose any effort by ownership to rezone the property for uses other than the provision of health care."

Wu's letter noted that the Carney site at 2100 Dorchester Ave. is currently zoned as Multi-Family Residential, which allows for residential housing, but only a specific type up to "3 stories or 35 feet"—roughly the size of a traditional Dorchester three-decker. "This zoning supports maintaining the site as a

"This zoning supports maintaining the site as a hospital/health care facility due to how difficult to would be to accomplish a financially feasible alternative use that is compliant with the existing zoning," Wu said, later adding: "Any change to zoning would require review by multiple boards and commissions and my Administration will oppose any efforts by your representatives to secure one."

The Wu letter marked a new front in the city's public campaign to save Carney and was seen as an important lever needed to convince Steward and its various creditors that they needed to make a course correction in the case of Carney specifically.

Sources familiar with the tightly held bidding process say Carney's nearly 12-acre campus property has been deemed more profitable to sell off as a redevelopment opportunity to benefit the various parties to Steward's bankruptcy case. The city currently lists the property's assessed value at \$76 million, according tax records, although the market-rate value is likely significantly higher.

In her two-page letter, Wu reminds the two executives that her office "has committed to cooperate fully in any state and federal investigation of illegal conduct by you and other entities involved in Steward's collapse.

"We will also hold you to your financial and maintenance obligations as large property owners. In the meantime, we wish to clearly communicate that, as to the hospital property, my Administration is opposed to any proposals that would allow you to take further advantage of this community."

On Wednesday, the Boston City Council is expected to discuss a resolution introduced by City Councillors John FitzGerald and Ed Flynn that urge the city and the Commonwealth to declare a public health emergency in light of the potential Carney closing. The resolution also calls on the city and state to "be prepared... to seize the property through eminent domain and to continue to operate the facility until a permanent operator is found."

City Council President Ruthzee Louijeune said on Monday that she is still reviewing the resolution while noting that "this is new information and it's incredibly important that we be able to vet Insight and see whether they actually are a viable bidder and potentially and operator for Carney."

She added: "It seems like a Steward money grab for this property and the mayor has made it very clear that that site will only be used for health care purposes going forward."

Flynn agreed, telling The Reporter, "I think that the city of Boston and the Commonwealth have a responsibility to look at the bid and it seems to me that it was a serious bid. It should have been worth us at least pursuing it and give the community a chance to hear and see the details. I think the city of Boston can declare a public health emergency that will provide us an opportunity to explore ways to keep Carney open," he said.

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Swift action needed to prevent a health emergency in Boston

By BILL WALCZAK Reporter Columnist

The decisions by Steward Health Care and the federal bankruptcy judge in Texas to close the Carney Hospital would seem to spell the end of this hospital, which was created in South Boston in 1863 by a bequest from Andrew Carney. In 1953, the hospital moved into Dorchester's Lower Mills neighborhood and expanded operations to serve the huge population of Catholics in the southeast tier of Boston and nearby communities

nearby communities. How the hospital got



to this point of closure is the result of some poor decisions made by the hospital and by those with authority over its administration over the past fifty years along with demographic and health system changes that affected these decisions. It is also the result of the failure of our state's leadership to have a comprehensive plan in place to support optimal health for the residents of Massachusetts.

But none of these things should dictate that the hospital should close. It has had difficult times over several decades, but it has persevered. A hospital for Dorchester and its neighboring communities is an essential part of what should be an overall health care system for Massachusetts. But such an entity does not exist. We need one, and the Carney Hospital needs to be a key part of it.

The lack of a comprehensive plan for health care in our Commonwealth affects the health and well-being of our communities, especially the low-income neighborhoods that are part of the Carney's service area. Allowing the destruction of a key health component in such a large section of metropolitan Boston should not be contemplated unless we have such a comprehensive plan in place. Unfortunately, Massachusetts leadership has allowed a type of laissez faire medical marketplace to dictate how health care is delivered, resulting in a chaotic, fragmented, and hugely costly system. Billions of dollars are allowed to be spent to create unnecessary luxury wings at hospitals with the goal of attracting wealthy foreign patients while convenient and lower cost community hospitals are allowed to close. Eliminating the Carney Hospital from the mix of services will just make that chaotic and costly system worse.

My experience with the Carney Hospital dates to a visit to the emergency room when I first arrived in Boston in 1972. The Carney was a bustling hospital operated by the Catholic Daughters of Charity with 424 licensed beds for its 10,000 yearly admissions It had a busy emergency room, a training program for physicians, a robust brain neurosurgery department, and a large 60+ bed psychiatric unit for adults, adolescents, and seniors. It also had a heliport built on the roof to assist in covering emergencies from the South Shore.

Dramatic demographic shifts in the Boston area during the 1960s and 1970s resulted in a population crash in the city, which lost 250,000 residents between 1950 and 1975. Much of that loss was in the Dorchester/Mattapan area, including a large part of the Catholic population of Dorchester, which constituted a major part of the Carney's patient population.

An internal report by Carney leadership in 1974 indicated that the hospital needed to be engaged in the Black community as a way to stem the losses in its patient census that were occurring because longtime White Irish Catholics were moving to the South Shore in droves and being replaced with African Americans with no experience using Carney.

The hospital's medical providers' interest was to continue to serve the insured White population emigrating to the towns south of Boston, but Carney leadership decided to try to both keep their traditional patients and look at the incoming population of African Americans as a source of new patients. A department was created in the Carney to coordinate hospital ambulatory care and community outreach into the changing neighborhoods. Led by Dr. John Coldiron and Sr. Kathleen Natwin of the Daughters of Charity, the Carney supported the development of community health facilities, including the Dorchester House, Little House, and the Bowdoin Street, Mattapan, Neponset, Roslindale, and Codman Square health centers, which helped fill the vacuum of health care in their communities from the loss of private physicians. That is how I got involved with the Carney. After the closing of the Codman Square branch library, the Codman Square Civic Association was looking for a new use for the building. A meeting was held in December of 1974 to discuss the idea of putting a health center into the library building, during which I was chosen to chair a Codman Square Health Committee with that goal, which was supported by the hospital. Dr. Coldiron and Sr. Kathleen were light years ahead in thinking about the future of the Carney, and, in fact, prescient about the future of health care, but their ideas were ultimately rejected by Carney Hospital leadership. Just as the health committee was preparing documents, with Carney help, to go



Above, the front entrance to Carney Hospital on Dorchester Avenue. The Carney opened its doors in Lower Mills in 1953 after relocating from its original home in South Boston. Seth Daniel photo before the health planning councils and committees necessary to create a health center, I received a call from Sr. Margaret Tuley, president of the Carney, telling me that the doctors on staff there had voted against the Carney expending any more effort in starting health centers in Dorchester. She said that she was sorry; the Carney could no longer help Codman Square.

The health committee continued to work, and eventually secured the support of Mayor Kevin H. White in 1978 to allow the library building to be used as a health center. Following the mayor's decision, the Carney re-approached us. I got a call from Sr. Kathleen Natwin, who said that since the health center in Codman Square was now going to happen, the Carney wanted to help us get it started. They provided initial staffing and allowed the center to use the hospital for payroll services and supplies.

I was chosen as the executive director of the health center and included in management meetings of the Carney, as were the directors of the aforementioned health centers. Most patients of the centers were sent to the Carney for specialty care and admissions, and our boards were invited to annual dinners.

Carney Hospital continued to experience strong divided opinions between the forward -thinking leaders (Coldiron, Natwin) who saw health centers as the new way to connect to the Dorchester community, keep the hospital vital, and deal with the reality of Dorchester's demographic shifts, and the medical staff, many of whom saw the newer nonwhite residents of Dorchester as a source of poor reimbursement for care.

Then it all crashed and burned. In 1987/88, the Carney changed its direction, and ended its relationships with five of the seven health centers. As for Codman Square, I was contacted by the Carney president's office in 1988 and informed that the hospital no longer wanted a relationship with us; that it was closing off its main administrative support (payroll and supplies); and that we should look for another hospital to work with.

In 1988, I approached Boston City Hospital's (BCH) Commissioner Judith Kurland and asked for a relationship between that hospital and Codman. Over the next few years, all Codman physicians and nearly all patients became part of the BCH (now Boston Medical Center) system. The other health centers also developed relationships with other hospitals. The end result was the movement of thousands of Carney patients to other hospital systems. Every couple of years, there would be some effort to save the Carney, which I would join, though the patient census continued to shrink. Around 1993, discussions started between leaders of Massachusetts General Hospital and Carney president Jack Logue about the Carney becoming part of Mass General. These talks were put on hold when Partners Healthcare was created in 1995, and Boston's Cardinal Bernard Law ended any chance of this development coming to life in 1997 by requiring the Carney to join Caritas Christi, the archdiocese's hospital group, which resulted in the Daughters of Charity giving up the hospital. Caritas Christi produced a 2006 analysis of conditions at the Carney that looked at both the cost of closing the hospital and what could be done to make it profitable. The analysis indicated that the hospital's financial health depended on about \$5 million in state support per year. It calculated that the cost of closing the hospital would be in excess of \$50 million, due mostly to unfunded liabilities and loans, severance and unemployment costs. To increase revenue, the analysis suggested adding

long-term acute care services, additional oncology programs, and MRI capacity, closing unprofitable services like psychiatry, and merging some services with other Caritas hospitals. Caritas later looked at the having the entire system become part of Ascension Health in 2008.

But the Carney continued slipping toward obscurity, shrinking from over 400 beds in the 1980s to 160 licensed beds and occupancy under 100 patients per day on average, half from the Carney psychiatry unit. The facility was old and needed substantial capital investment. The mainstay Irish Catholic population had developed relationships with suburban hospitals and Dorchester residents had developed relationships with the downtown hospitals through their health center affiliations. Patients for nonpsych units tended to be Vietnamese, Haitian, and older white residents. Most of the health centers became part of payment systems that cemented their relationships with Boston Medical Center or Beth Israel. The centers suggested that the Carney transform its residency program to create a family medicine residency as a way to rebuild relationships with them, but that didn't happen.

In 2010, Caritas Christi was purchased by Cerberus Capital Management, creating for-profit Steward Healthcare, with plans for more than \$400 million in new capital. With Caritas Christi and the archdiocese in financial trouble, the new deal and the money was seen as a way to preserve the hospitals and it received the support of hospital unions, which saw their pensions funded, and of elected officials, who saw it as way out of a crisis. All the regulatory agencies of government approved it. And I joined the latest task force to help figure out what to do about the Carney. I was later offered the opportunity to try to restore the hospital as its president, but my tenure was short. During my time there, the Carney was offered to Boston Medical Center for free, but the hospital refused the offer, despite its need for psychiatric beds.

The Carney Hospital is the victim of many poor decisions and its fate could be characterized as "death by a thousand cuts," with perhaps a few stabs wounds along the way. While the Carney has been allowed to atrophy, this does not mean that it is not needed. There are more than 200,000 Massachusetts residents within a few miles of the hospital.

Emergency rooms elsewhere are already chaotic and overwrought, and our highways have continuous traffic that would jeopardize the lives of people in need of emergency care if the Carney ER is not an option. Just this week, I had dinner with a Dorchester friend who believes her life was saved by virtue of having the Carney emergency room close to home. She got a bacterial infection with a 20-30 percent fatality rate that quickly overwhelmed her. Being seen quickly at the Carney ER prevented further damage from the infection.

Beyond emergency room access, the loss of the Carney's 60+ psychiatric beds will be disastrous for our state's overburdened behavioral health system. The Carney is also a teaching hospital with many residents and fellows in training to become physicians.

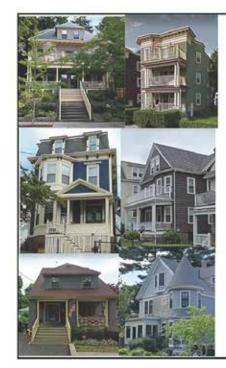
It is absurd to allow the flawed medical marketplace to determine health care needs. But that is what our state leadership is saying. Gov. Healey and Health and Human Services Secretary Kate Walsh need to rethink their view that a decision by a judge in Houston to close the Carney is acceptable for Massachusetts' health care system. They also need to re-think the notion that the "market" is the best way to have and sustain a comprehensive health care system that meets the needs of all Massachusetts residents, let alone the people in neighborhoods with among the

poorest health outcomes in the Commonwealth. Is anyone thinking about what happens the next time there's a pandemic?

The governor needs to act before Carney operations cease from lack of patients and staff. She can declare a public health emergency, which will allow the Commissioner of Public Health to take actions, including taking over the hospital. It is important that this happen quickly, so that essential services, such as the emergency room and the psychiatric units, can continue operations.

Only then can discussions begin on how to constitute a system of comprehensive services for the more than 200,000 people in this area of metro Boston, which happens to produce the worst health outcomes in Massachusetts. This could include assembling a coalition of health centers that could create a system to use the hospital for lower acuity services, or engaging hospital systems to take responsibility for essential services at the Carney in collaboration with the health centers.

The cost of such an intervention will be far less than forcing the thousands of residents in this section of Massachusetts to have only the high-cost options of downtown hospitals. Failure to act quickly is medical malpractice on these needy communities.



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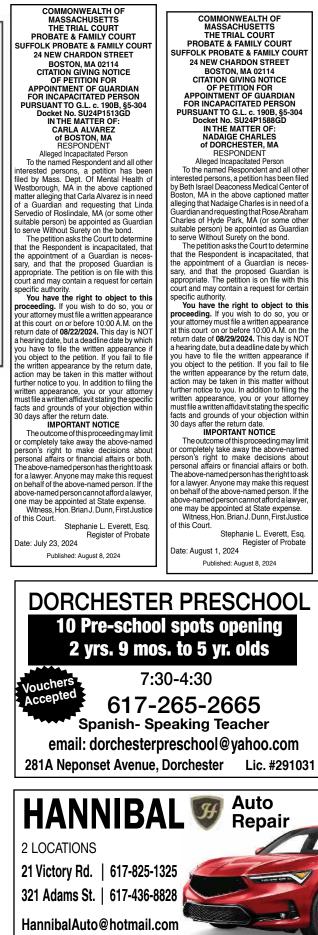
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Pharmacists at Carney have few answers for anxious patients

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"Our patients are afraid they are going to die," said Kim. "We're afraid they are going to die. They call us crying because no one is talking to them. We can't tell them what is happening because we don't know, either. The city, state, or public health hasn't come to tell us how this will be done in a way that's safe...We're 28 days from closing with no plan in place.'

Elderly customers are particularly worried, particularly those who need controlled-substance medications for pain requiring monthly approvals.

'Patients feel completely abandoned and so many are just giving up," said Kim. "These patients no longer have a PCP and they need refills of prescriptions and they can't get a PCP in order to get refills. We can't fill their medications, so they get sicker and end up in the Emergency Department...We're recognizing that pattern could get really, really dangerous, really quickly."

Lee has worked in the pharmacy since 2015. The business model allowed them to fill prescriptions for patients inside the hospital as well as for those in the community at-large, often through a home delivery service. She began the process of buying the pharmacy last year and finishing the transaction

on Jan. 1 of this year. They are now in limbo with their lease, not evicted, but informed that no one will open the door for them to operate after Aug. 31.

Both women faulted state leaders for not acting earlier. "If the state had gotten ahead of this a lot earlier and made it clear Carney was unstable, patients and providers would have had time to transition. "We probably wouldn't have bought this pharmacy...It's a lot to search through when no one knows what's going on and none of the officials are talking to

us," said Lee. Suzanne Koenig, an ombudsman appointed by the federal bankruptcy court to ensure patient care during the process, shares that sentiment. After a visit to Carney on July 30, she reported concerns over bad communication between corporate offices and staff at Ĉarney. "The senior leadership

on the ground at Carney had few details regarding the closure process and steps," read her report. 'This communication needs to improve to ensure that the staff 'on the ground' understand the closure plan and are focused on implementing that plan safely and caring for the patients remaining at the hospital."

At Community Care Pharmacy, their day-today routine now includes tearful visits and worried calls from patients asking questions that the pharmacists can't answer.

"We have to take those calls all day from really, really scared patients



Community Care Pharmacy owner Junghwa Lee, right, and her daughter, Taeyeon Kim, fill prescriptions in their store in the lobby of Carney Hospi-Seth Daniel photo tal.

telling us not to abandon trying to balance their them and we have no control," said Kim. "I think Maura Healey or the officials that aren't doing enough or who are

own interests should have to listen to some of these things like we do before they make their decisions.'

Archdiocese of Boston wants religious items returned from Carney

(Continued from page 1) between Caritas Christi -the chain that the archdiocese controlled until it sold its hospitals to Steward in 2010 - explicitly deals with the hospital chapel, crucifixes, and other items that are still considered the property of the church—including the Carney name itself.

The Agreement provides for the return of such items, and the cessation of the use of the specific names of the Caritas Hospital in question, if the Caritas Hospital in question is no longer operated pursuant to the terms of the Agreement," the letter reads. "The goal of the Agreement was to ensure that the Caritas Hospitals continued to maintain their Catholic identity and to operate as Catholic health care facilities in accordance with Catholic norms."

Before it was run by the archdiocese, Carney Hospital was owned and operated by the Daughters of Charity, an order of Catholic nuns who specialize in health care. The Daughters ran Carney and another Dorchester hospital-St. Margaret's, a maternity-focused facility on Jones Hill that closed in 1993 - along with a nursing college, Laboure, that was once housed on the Carney campus in Dorchester. The Daughters transferred ownership of both

Carney and Laboure to Caritas Christi in 1997.

Like many hospitals, Carney has a chapel for patients and, until recently, offered Catholic Mass on Sundays. The exterior of the main building on Dorchester Avenue features a white-relief statue of the Virgin Mary above the entrance to the main lobby and a large crucifix on the top of the building. According to the brief filed with the US bankruptcy court in Houston

by Francis C. Morrissey and D. Ethan Jeffrey, the archdiocese "does not oppose the proposed funding from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts nor the proposed closure of the hospitals."

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A 'bittersweet' last call at the Blarney Stone

By Seth Daniel News Editor

About 100 patrons tipped their pints last Monday to 61 years of good memories at the Blarney Stone in Fields Corner. The Irish-themed pub, once known for being the first in America to serve "a proper" Guinness, is now officially closed. A new tapas-themed establishment, called Acapella's, is slated to open at 1505 Dorchester Ave. after renovations.

The event was a moment to look back fondly at good times with the Blarney's co-owners for the last 23 years, Ben Johnson and Dave Cawley, who swapped stories with long-time regulars and former staff members who "grew up" working at the diverse neighborhood hang-out.

While the tavern has been in business on the block since the 1960s, Johnson started working there in 1994, then came back with Cawley in 1999 when the space was modernized into a restaurant pub with one of the neighborhood's first outdoor patios. Since then, the favored spot for generations of politicians who started their careers there with their first "times" has become a common ground meeting spot for all of Dorchester.

Mayoral Liaison Anthony Nguyen was on hand

to present Johnson and Cawley with certificates of appreciation from Mayor Wu. Former employees like Vincent Gilroy and Melissa Callahan popped by, too.

Gilroy poured the first beer of the "new" Blarney Stone in 2001, Johnson said. "It was a Coors Light," he said with a laugh after someone insisted it must have been a Guinness.

Callahan said she started as a "busser" at the age of 15 and worked there until she was 29. "I had a mom and dad, of course, but they also raised me here and I moved up to waitress and was manager when I left."

Some of the tradesmen who had come over from Ireland in the 1990s and "needed to be paid in cash" relayed stories of coming to the Blarney Stone on Friday nights with a check that could certainly be cashed after a pint and a "job" at the pub.

"The safe is still downstairs; it's huge," said Johnson. "I was surprised no one ever knocked it off; there was so much cash on Fridays back then."

But those old memories won't all go away in Dorchester. Johnson and Cawley, owners of the successful Milkweed Café in Mission Hill, plan to bring a version of that to Dorchester's Morrissey Boulevard – ideally no later than eight months from now.



Fields Corner Main Streets members Gaitre Lakhan and Jackey West Devine, business owners Junior Pena and Vivian Veth, and Alina Lopez-Thomas gather for the last toast.



Melody Rodrigues, Alina Joazard, Melissa Aybar, and Emily Centeio.





Mayoral Liaison Anthony Nguyen presents city citations to Blarney co-owners Ben Johnson, left, and Dave Cawley. *Seth Daniel photos*



Bartender Lizzie Lawless served up a cold Guinness draught at the Blarney Stone's last call.



Co-owner Ben Johnson with Dorchester's Louis Ashman.



Vincent Gilroy, center, in his Blarney Stone softball jersey from way back, with co-owners Dave Cawley and Ben Johnson. Gilroy served the first beer in the revamped Blarney Stone in 2001.



Long-time Blarney Stone customers Peter Withington, Don Callahan, and Joe Carroll hoist a final toast to their favorite establishment.

Ben Johnson and Dave Cawley with Melissa 'Missy' Callahan, who started working at the Blarney as a "busser" when she was 15.



Jonathan Rogers, Edward Wilson, and Joe Adduci.



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for Outdoor Adventure Week: Boys & Girls Clubs of Dorchester was excited to partner with our friends at Elevate Youth for a week of special outdoor trips for our members. A group of members took part in several exciting experiences such as Sailing, Kayaking, Farming, Fishing and an Overnight Camping Trip. Elevate Youth's mission is to empower youth to explore the outdoors alongside mentors, sharing awe and the richness of our natural world. Thanks to our friends at Elevate Youth for our ongoing collaboration and for providing these incredible opportunities for our youth! We are already looking forward to our school year program which will kick off with a Surfing trip in early September. To learn more about BGCD's partnership with Elevate Youth, please contact Mike Joyce at mjoyce@bgcdorchester. org.

FIND OUT WHAT'S INSIDE: **BGCD Inclusion Rugby Partner NE Free Jacks Win Major League** Championship: Boys & Girls Clubs of Dorchester would like to congratulate our friends the New England Free Jacks on winning the Major League Rugby Championship in San Diego! We would also like to congratulate Free Jack Ben Lesage for being awarded the Marcus Calloway Community Impact Award! BGCD was honored to partner with the Free Jacks for our Inclusion Rugby Program. The fully immersive program is designed to teach the basics of rugby to youth with physical and developmental disabilities over an 8-week period. Participants build a base knowledge of the sport by learning and drilling new skills and competing in games. We're so grateful for this partnership and can't wait for future endeavors! For more information on Inclusion Programs, contact Erin Ferrara at eferrara@bgcdorchester.org.



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DID YOU KNOW: **Save The Date - Bright Futures** Grand Drawing Gala Nov 23rd: On November 23rd, BGCD will host our Annual "Bright Futures" Grand Drawing Gala at the Fairmont Copley Plaza, Boston. This year's theme is "Lights, Camera, Inclusion!" which focuses on the importance of welcoming children of all abilities to be included. It will be a fabulous night including a silent auction, live auction, four course dinner, plenty of dancing and our incredible Grand Drawing with your chance to win one of our ten amazing Grand Prizes! This annual gala is one of BGCD's premier fundraising events focused on raising critical funds for our Clubs. If you would like to support this year's Grand Drawing as a Sponsor, please contact Patty Lamb at plamb@bgcdorchester.org or visit bgcdorchester.org/grand-drawing. With your contributions, you're making bright futures possible at BGCD!

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most of all, spending time

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his son Shane Young of

Abington, his wife Kerry,

and two grandchildren,

Colby and Brett, his two

stepdaughters Tracy Noves of FL, her husband

Frank Sobolewski, Dawn

Noyes of FL, and his

granddaughter Kenna

Bedgood, her husband,

Matt Bedgood, and their

children Emma, Cason,

and Jaci. One of 15

children, David is also

survived by his siblings,

Denise Sweeney of MA,

Harold Young of RI,

Loretta Young of NH,

Barbara Smith of NH,

Leonard Young of NH,

Darlene Duchaine of

NC, Deborah Ronald of

MA, Annette Motta of

MI, Lorraine Bell of ME,

Shirlee Vaughn of MA,

and Tammy Prisco of

MA. He was predeceased

by Douglas Young, Craig

Young, and Darrel Young. BOWLES, Kenneth

Benedict, 71, of Dorches-

ter died unexpectedly on

July 22. He was born to

the late Edward & Elea-

nor (Selden) Bowles in

Boston on June 23, 1953.

Kenneth is survived by

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS THE TRIAL COURT PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT INFORMAL PROBATE PUBLICATION NOTICE Docket No. SU2400099EA

Docket No. SU24P0999EA ESTATE OF: CONSTANCE L. PERRUZZI a/k/a: CONSTANCE PERRUZZI DATE OF DEATH: 03/03/2024

RECENT OBITUARIES

BATEMAN, Henry E. Jr. Of Dorchester, passed away on July 19. Beloved son of the late Henry and Therese Bateman. Loving brother of Catherine O'Callaghan, Paul Bateman (Mary), Brian Bateman, Dennis Bateman, Theresa Bateman, Christopher Bateman and Patricia



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Noble. Also survived by manylovingnephewsand grandnephews. Henry was a proud Vietnam Veteran serving with the 3/9 Marines. In lieu of flowers, please consider making a donation to Wounded Warriors. Services will remain private for family. Interment in Massachusetts National Cemetery, Bourne. MAS MARQUES,

Marybeth (Bulman) of Marlborough, formerly of Dorchester, passed away peacefully on July 28. Beloved wife of Rick Mas Marques. Loving mother of Evan Bulman and his wife Nicole of Enfield, CT. Dear daughter of the late Betty and Edward Bulman. Cherished sister of Edward Bulman and his wife Linda of Hanover, Elaine Ippolito and her husband Ål of Branford, CT, and Thomas Bulman and his wife Lillian of Newton. Marybeth is also survived by many loving nieces and nephews. Ar-

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS THE TRIAL COURT PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT Suffolk Probate & Family Court 24 New Chardon Street Boston, MA 02114 Boston, MA 02114 (617) 788-8300 CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION Docket No. SU24P1575EA ESTATE OF: THERESIAS EMMANUEL BERNADOTTE DATE OF DEATH: 05/20/2024 all interseted parsons:

DATE OF DEATH: 05/20/2024 To all interested persons: A Petition for Formal Adjudication of Intestacy and Appointment of Personal Representative has been filed by Heather Gill for Next Step Health of Melrose, MA requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other police or resurved up the for such other relief as requested in the for such other relief as requested in the Petition. The Petitioner requests that: Jac-queline Cook of Amherst, NH be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve With Personal Surety on the bond in supervised administration. IMPORTANT NOTICE You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to obtain to this proceeding

You have a right to object to this proceeding To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: 10:00 a.m. on the return day of 09/11/2024. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which your must file a written appearance and

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 you rain to fie a lumpy writen a pagerance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you. UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION UNDER THE MASSACHUSETTS UNIFORM PROBATE CODE UNIFORM PROBATE CODE A Parcogant Barressentative appointed under

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

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rangements by John J. O'Connor & Son Funeral Home, please visit oconnorandson.com.



YOUNG, David J., age 70, passed away peacefully on July 28, 2024, at home. He was born on March 11, 1954, in Boston, MA, to Harold and Pauline Young.

David was a resident of Dorchester for most of his childhood before moving to Ocoee, FL for 20 years with his significant other, the late Patty Noves. He was previously married to the late Charmaine (Learning) Young. David was a member of the United States Coast Guard, where he served five years in Cape May, NJ. He was also a mem-ber of Local 33 Carpenters Union in Boston where he worked for many years. David was a talented carpenter along with many other talents and trades. He enjoyed painting, fishing and,

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CITATION ON PETITION TO CHANGE NAME Docket No. SU24C0285CA

IN THE MATTER OF: CHRISTIANA MINH LE Petition to Change Name o Adult has been filed by Christiana

Minh Le of Boston. MA requesting hat the court enter a Decree chang ng their name to: **Diamond Anh Kim** IMPORTANT NOTICE Any person may appear fo ourposes of objecting to the petition by filing an appearance at: Suffolk robate and Family Court before 10.00 a m on the return day of 08/28/2024. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance if vou object to this proceeding. Witness, HON. BRIAN J. DUNN

First Justice of this Court Date: July 31, 2024 Stephanie L. Everett, Esq. Register of Probate

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SUFFOLK DIVISION To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner Nancy R. McFeeley of Norwood, MA, a Will has been ad mitted to informal probate. Nancy R McFeeley of Norwood, MA has beer informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve without surety on the bond. The estate is being administered under informal procedure by the Personal Representative under the Massachusetts Uniform Probate Code without supervision by the Court. Inventory and accounts are not required to be filed with the Court, but interested parties are entitled to notice regarding the administration from the Personal Representative and can petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including distribution of assets and expenses of administration. Interested parties are entitled to petition the Court to institute formal proceedings and to obtain orders terminating or restricting the powers of Personal Representatives appointed under informal procedure A copy of the Petition and Will, if any can be obtained from the Petitione Published: August 8, 2024 COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS THE TRIAL COURT PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT INFORMAL PROBATE PUBLICATION NOTICE Docket No. SU22P0566EA ESTATE OF: RANDY ADAM THOMAS DATE OF DEATH: February 15, 2022 SUFFOLK DIVISION To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner Roxanna A. Thomas of Staten Island, NY. Roxanna A. Thomas of Staten Island, NY has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve without surety on the bond. The estate is being administered under informal procedure by the Personal Representative under the Massachusetts Uniform Probate Code without supervision by the Court. Inventory and accounts are not required to be filed with the Court, but interested parties are entitled to notice regarding the administration from the Personal Representative and can petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including distribution of assets and expenses of administration Interested parties are entitled to petition the Court to institute formal proceedings and to obtain orders terminating or restricting the powers of Personal Representatives appointed under informal procedure. A copy of the Petition and Will, if any, can be obtained from the Petitioner. Published: August 8, 2024



his twin brother Robert and his partner, Tracy, his sister Maryellen and her husband George. He is also survived by many cousins, nieces, nephews, grand-nieces, grand-nephews, greatgrand-nieces and greatgrand-nephews. He was predeceased by his brother Julius.



HOGAN, Richard A. Jr., 83 of Foxborough, on July 31, the beloved husband of DonnaMarie (Morse) Hogan. Born in Boston, MA on Feb-ruary 11, 1941, he was a loving son of the late Richard A., Sr. and Lillian (Arno) Hogan. Dick grew up in the Meeting House Hill neighborhood of Dorchester and was a 1958 graduate of Boston Technical High School. He attended night courses at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and proudly served his country as a member of the United States Army Reserve. Richard was employed by the MBTA, a career that spanned twenty-three years and retired with the position of a Resident Engineer. See shermanjackson.com for more.

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Docket No. SU24P1278FA ESTATE OF: LINDA DOROTHY MALVAROSA

DATE OF DEATH: 04/08/2013 A Petition for Late and Limited Formal Testacy and/or Appointment has been filed by Raymond M. Dunner of Mendon, MA requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition as requested in the Petition. IMPORTANT NOTICE

IMPORTANT NOTICE You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: 10:00 a.m. on the return day of 09/06/2024. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which your must file a written appearance and

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Witness, HON. BRIAN J. DUNN, First lustice of this Court

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Boston is installing more than 2,000 speed humps on city streets

By ANDREA **Permodo-Hernandez WBUR**

Coming to a Boston street near you: speed humps. This jolting method of speed enforcement involves a large mound of asphalt — 3 to 4 inches tall and 11 feet $\begin{array}{l} across - placed \ several \\ hundred \ feet \ apart \ along \end{array}$ many residential roads.

The city is installing over 2,000 of them as part of a program called "Safety Surge" that is aimed at slowing down vehicles, reducing crashes, and improving safety for pedestrians and cyclists.

Boston Chief of Streets Jascha Franklin-Hodge said his team has created speed-hump zones within every city council district to ensure that they're spread out fairly.

"Historically the city has sometimes over-indexed for being responsive to the people who ask for things or who have the strongest voice and know how to get ahold of folks in the city," he said. Franklin-Hodgesaidhe

didn't want residents to view speed hump installation as a competition for safety. "This shouldn't be a lottery." Streets are prioritized based on crash data and demographics – like the number of children and seniors living in a neighborhood.

"We are going to the places where we have the most vulnerable people,



A crew works to adhere markings onto a speed hump on Peter Parley Road in Jamaica Plain. One man places chevron-shaped decals on the hump while another sticks the decal on with a blowtorch.

Andrea Perdomo-Hernandez/WBUR

and that's where we're delivering this service first," Franklin-Hodge said.

There were more than 3,500 traffic crashes in Boston last year, according to police and emergency service data. A report from the nonprofit WalkMassachusetts found 16 of those crashes resulted in fatalities.

In the Jamaica Plain neighborhood, where new speed humps have popped up over the last few weeks, resident Jason Heinbeck said he's relieved to see them on his street.

We live on Park Lane, which is a dead-end road. And Google Maps, I think, sends people down there mistakenly all the time," he said. "So, everybody goes down, and then they get pissed off, and they come back up really fast."

He thinks the humps will help. "Car traffic is the number one thing that scares us," he said. "I'm glad they're doing it."

Not everyone is delighted. The humps, which are much more prominent than speed bumps, can be an annoyance. The city says it notifies residents of affected neighborhoods by mail before the humps are installed, but they can take residents by surprise when they first appear.

Rob Simmons, a Jamaica Plain resident of three years, said, "I've encountered the, 'Oh, I'm going a little bit too fast and this is a new speed hump — like, whoops!'" But, he added, "They've certainly been installed on streets where you're not supposed to be going that fast anyway.'

In most of Boston, the speed limit is 25 miles per hour. But it's tough to enforce, according to WalkMassachusetts **Co-Executive Director** Brendan Kearney. Police can't be everywhere at once. "If you install speed humps, that is 24/7 enforcement," he said. Physical changes to the

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road, like speed humps, are the most effective way to get drivers to slow down, said Catherine Gleason, the policy director of the Boston-based nonprofit LivableStreets Alliance.

"Lowering the speed limit alone, unfortunately, doesn't necessarily change driver behavior," Gleason said. "Having that physical addition to the road that really forces drivers to think about how fast they're driving and slow down their speed so that they don't experience any, you know, discomfort when they're driving over it or potential damage to their vehicle."

The city claims you can take speed humps at 20 miles per hour. But this reporter doesn't recommend it. On a test drive, the rosary beads hanging from the rearview mirror were banging against the dashboard at 15 mph.

That appears to be the point. On a recent morning in Jamaica Plain, a crew in neon shirts was putting the finishing touches on newly installed speed humps on Peter Parley Road, which intersects with Forest Hills Street, an area that has seen 21 accidents since 2015.

The workers placed white decals on each hump, assembling them in a chevron-shape to indicate direction and

to alert drivers to slow down.

"And you think doing puzzles when you were a kid wasn't important, right?" joked Joe Boc-chetti, a Boston Public Works employee supervising the operation. Once the pieces are placed just right, the men used a blowtorch to adhere the markings. "It kind of melts it in. It's like a grilled cheese sandwich,² he said.

They install the humps on clusters of streets at a time. That way, speeding traffic can't just move over to a parallel street, according to Franklin-Hodge. Some 400 miles of residential streets are eligible for the humps, he said.

"Some folks don't like them. They find them annoying to drive over," he said. "But the overwhelming feedback we get has been positive enough so that we felt that we could start to treat speed humps as standard infrastructure on our streets."

Franklin-Hodge aims to put speed humps on every eligible residential street. So, whether Boston drivers like them or not, they're going to have to ease off the gas pedal and learn to live with them.







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etting in the habit of saving money is important, as it helps lead to creating a financial cushion to cover future expenses. Saving is not easy, especially when everyday products are at an all-time high given recent years' rising inflation and simply suggesting cutting back on small indulgences can be irritating.

Thankfully, there are options to help saving money become more of a habit to better equip you for life's unexpected needs. Before determining how much to start saving, first understand money coming in and money coming out - like cost of rent, food, car or public transportation, utilities, and other direct payment expenses, such as subscriptions to various streaming services. Apps can help track these recurring expenses, making it a good time to reconsider or renegotiate them.

Once you've understood your monthly budget, check what's remaining to determine a doable amount to start setting aside each month. When it comes to saving, there are various strategies, from keeping a certain amount in your bank account each week, to automating transferring money from your checking to your savings account each month. You can also save for something specific, like a vacation, home project, or a splurge you've had your eye on for a while. Here are a few saving account options to consider:

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529 Plans: Saving over the years to pay for the education of a child, grandchild, or niece/nephew. Savings are tax-deferred and can only be used for the beneficiary's education, whether for college or another educational institution.

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Be sure to ask your bank or financial advisor whether the account you plan to open has a monthly deposit or balance minimum, or any additional requirements or fees. For more budgeting and savings tips, visit chase.com/financialgoals.



Standard Saving Accounts are the most common, easy to access and typically open. Savings accounts can often be accessed and managed online or through the bank's mobile app, which can make things easier. Before choosing an account that best suits your needs, ask if there is a monthly service fee and potential ways to waive the fee.

Certificates of Deposit (CDs) are highly sought after when interest rates are favorable, but you must commit to leaving the money deposited in the CD untouched for the agreed upon term, which is usually months or years. There may be minimum deposit requirements, but they offer returns so are useful for short-term goals, such as the down payment on a house or car.

Long-Term Accounts provide an opportunity to accumulate returns over years, depending on how the markets fluctuate. These accounts are designed for a specific financial goal and have tax advantages. Consult your financial institution for long-term savings account options, some of which may include:

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