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## THERE SHE IS...



Dorchester's Janelle Woods-McNish, right, was crowned Mrs. Massachusetts during a pageant on March 19 at the Boston Marriott-Newton.

Photo courtesy Mrs. Massachusetts

## Mrs. Massachusetts: Dot's Janelle Woods-McNish

BY TAYLA HOLMAN  
REPORTER CORRESPONDENT

The mother of 4-year-old twins girls, Janelle Woods-McNish, 31, was crowned Mrs. Massachusetts on March 19. The Neponset area resident said that, even though she has previous pageant experience, it was a "complete surprise" to hear her name called.

"The first thing I can remember seeing is my entire family stood up, and they were clapping and cheering me on," she said. "It was a priceless moment."

Woods-McNish said that her pageant experience in general has been "amazing."

"I know it's a cliché, but I've met some of my best friends through pageants," she said. "Pageants have been a

great vehicle for me to meet people and explore different cultures. I've also grown as a public speaker and I have more confidence."

Woods-McNish, who is the community involvement manager for Harvard Pilgrim Health Care, is also the executive director of the Miss Ethnic New England Pageant, a program that helps women of all ethnicities discover their inner beauty and celebrate their cultural backgrounds. The pageant also provides opportunities for the contestants to give back to their communities. The program also provides scholarships to each queen.

Woods-McNish acknowledged the work of

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## Quincy Street corridor revamp now on track for public review

BY GINTAUTAS DUMCIUS  
NEWS EDITOR

City officials are asking residents to weigh in on a multi-agency effort to improve the Quincy Street corridor. Potential improvements include crosswalks at intersections, better street lighting, highly visible signs, and bike lanes.

Jeremy Rosenberger, a senior planner with the Boston Redevelopment Authority whose agency hopes to "soften the image of the corridor," said the layout is a "bit hostile for pedestrians." "There's a lot of congestion, a lot of dangerous pedestrian connections out there," he said.

Mayor Thomas Me-

nino has allocated about \$3 million for the effort, but it could cost more, particularly if the 11 intersections that run through the corridor see changes.

The BRA hosted a public meeting last Wednesday at the Haynes Early Education Center on Blue Hill Avenue in Roxbury. Residents have

registered complaints with the city, calling the current setup of streets unsafe for pedestrians.

"The concepts will address ways to slow down traffic on Quincy Street, try and see if we can eliminate any cut-through traffic, making it safer for pedestrians and making the street (Continued on page 24)

## Dot Day season kicks off With chili cook-off, and meatloaf dinner

BY ED FORRY  
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The year's celebration of Dorchester Days got underway in the past week, with two festive events to mark the occasion.

Last Thursday night, March 21 organizers gathered at First Parish Church on Meetinghouse Hill for a traditional meatloaf dinner, prepared by the chefs at Gerard's Adams Corner restaurant. The catered "Kick-Off" meal has been served by Gerard Adomunes and his staff in the early spring every year for more than two decades.

The event finds roots in the gastronomical choice of the late John Harold, who helped

found the modern era of the Dorchester Day celebrations, and served as parade chief marshal a half century ago. The evening was hosted by Dot Day parade president Marty Hogan, vice president Joe Zinck and parade adjutant Ed Geary, Jr.

On Sunday afternoon, March 24 several hundred came together at IBEW Hall in Clam Point for the seventh annual Dorchester Chili Cook-off, an event organized by members of the Ashmont Adams civic association and its president, Pat O'Neill. Featured were a variety of chili, deserts and other treats prepared by local restaurants and (Continued on page 21)



The Ashmont Grill booth at Sunday's Dot Day Chili Cook-off was built and painted in cooperation with DotArt. Pictured from left: Millie Rooney, Chris Douglass and Nuno Alves. Photo by Ed Geary

## Marshall conversion proving a lure

BY GINTAUTAS DUMCIUS  
NEWS EDITOR

Ninety-one percent of students at the Marshall Elementary School plan to stick around for the coming school year as it edges closer to its conversion into an in-district charter school, school officials said this week.

The 600-student school has had among the "highest mobility rates of any elementary school" in the system, according to Boston Public Schools, and in a normal year, 17 percent of the students often leave the school and head to another.

Unlocking Potential (UP), a nonprofit school management group that already operates the former Gavin Middle School in South Boston, plans to re-launch the Marshall as "UP Academy Dorchester" in the 2013-2014 academic year. About 85 percent of Gavin students remained at the school during the conversion, and the school has seen gains in math scores in the last year.

The conversion will allow for greater flexibility in setting the curriculum and a longer school day,

proponents say.

The enrollment lottery for the new UP Academy in Dorchester was held earlier this month and the school received 1,314

applications, according to UP.

Tamekia Groce, 33-year-old single mother, is one of the (Continued on page 24)

## INSIDE

Two inside views on the Boston Public School's new home-based student assignment plan.

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# Security officers with SEIU 615 rally for more benefits

Local security officers rallied for an improved contract last Thursday in marching from Ashmont station to the historic Second Church in Dorchester. The officers, members of SEIU Local 615, are seeking better wages and benefits and more paid sick days and vacation time in their second contract campaign. The current contract expires on June 30th. The local is also seeking to grow its ranks. Currently 1000 security officers working in Boston and Cambridge are members.

About a dozen or so security officers and union employees gathered in the snow outside Ashmont station before the march. "I'm here today representing all security for better wages, better sick days, vacation days, and personal time," said Maxine Grant, a Dorchester resident who has guarded 100 Milk Street in Boston's downtown for more than four years. "Now it takes over three years to get paid sick days. Nobody should have to work and be sick."

"These officers are guarding multi-million dollar buildings," said Eliza Sparkes, a communications specialist at SEIU 615. "Most live in Dorchester and Roxbury, and a better contract for them can trickle into the



Members of SEIU 615 marched from Ashmont Station last week in support of local security officers. At right, Dorchester's Maxine Grant, a guard at 100 Milk St., on the bullhorn. Photos courtesy Eliza Sparkes/SEIU Local 615

community." City Councillor At-Large Felix Arroyo said he once was part of the union. "The bravest thing you did today was not stand out in the cold; the bravest thing you did today was speak truth to power," he said. "Tell those in power that you will be treated with respect and dignity; and not because they're doing it to you as a favor, because you deserve it."

SEIU Local 615 ratified its first contract in 2009 with seven major security contractors. That contract secured increased training and benefits, and annual salary increases for union members.

The officers are supported in their campaign by Greater Four Corners Action Coalition, and Action! For Regional Equity and Community Labor United.

— PAIGE BUCKLEY



# Cape Verdean PM to visit Dot House



Prime Minister Jose Maria Neves of the Republic of Cape Verde.

public of Cape Verde will visit the Dorchester House Multi-Service Center on Sun., March 31, for a public community meeting with Boston's Cape Verdean community.

Prime Minister Neves' visit to the United States will start on March 27<sup>th</sup> with a meeting in Washington, D.C. at the White House where he will join a

quadrilateral delegation of African leaders from Sierra Leone, Senegal and Malawi.

"I am honored that Prime Minister Neves will be holding a community meeting at the Dorchester House," said Walter J. Ramos, President and CEO of the Dorchester House. "Our health center serves one of the nation's largest Cape Verdean communi-

ties and this will be a historic opportunity to learn about the Prime Minister's vision for Cape Verde."

The community meeting will be held from 5:30-7p.m. at the Dorchester House Multi-Service Center located at 1353 Dorchester Avenue, Dorchester, MA. The event is free and open to the public.

### LEGAL NOTICES

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS THE TRIAL COURT PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT INFORMAL PROBATE PUBLICATION NOTICE Docket No. SU13-P-0543-EA IN THE ESTATE OF STUART H. RIDER DATE OF DEATH: January 1, 2013 SUFFOLK DIVISION 24 New Chardon Street, Boston, MA 02114 617-788-9300

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### Four-alarm fire damages Harvard Street stores

The Boston Fire Department reports a short circuit in the basement of the Real Deal Jamaican Restaurant started a four-alarm fire around 11:25 a.m. on Tuesday that caused an estimated \$500,000 in damage to the restaurant and neighboring stores. One firefighter suffered neck and back injuries; nobody in the stores was injured.

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# Menino isn't reticent about his latest initiatives

By GINTAUTAS DUMCIUS NEWS EDITOR

A push for 30,000 new housing units by 2020. \$11 million for an overhaul of a park in his rival's neighborhood. Some 10,000 mobile devices in Boston Public Schools over the next two years in a bid to promote "electronic learning."

Mayor Thomas Menino, who has not yet publicly said whether or not he will be running for another term, laid out those initiatives this week at the annual meeting of the Boston Municipal Research Bureau before an audience of business leaders and potential contenders for his seat.

"As I speak with you today, I have never been more committed, more confident about our city," Menino told the gathering of about 500 people at the Seaport Hotel.

Noting that the city has created 20,000 housing units in the last ten years, along with thousands of dorm beds, Menino said "groundwork" is needed for the additional 30,000 in the next 7 years. "We will work with experts inside and outside of government to prepare our city for the housing needs of all of our people, not just some of our people."

The speech came days after City Councillor At-Large John Connolly held a rally at the Omni Parker House Hotel, with about 400 supporters in attendance, where he charged that Boston is losing working and middle class families

even as its population has grown. He cited City Hall for a "disconnected, piecemeal economic development strategy," despite a pharmaceutical company like Vertex moving into the growing "Innovation District" on South Boston's waterfront.

"We need to focus more on transit-oriented development, more on workforce housing that prioritizes middle market 3-bedroom units for young families and affordable lofts for young artists and young professionals," Connolly said.

Seated in the back of the room inside the Seaport Hotel for Menino's speech, Connolly said it was "hard to disagree" with what Menino sketched out in his address. "The real question is where was the housing policy to keep young families and young talent ten years ago," he said.

A top critic of the city's school department, Connolly sat with the department's chief financial officer and Superintendent Carol Johnson's chief-of-staff, along with other late arrivals to the luncheon. Other attendees viewed as possible mayoral contenders were elsewhere in the room, including state Rep. Marty Walsh (D-Dorchester) and Councillors Rob Con-salvo and Tito Jackson.

Menino's speech was in some ways a continuation of his State of the City speech in January, highlighting the city's economic growth over



Students from the Pope John Paul II Catholic Academy greeted Mayor Thomas Menino before their performance to kick off the World Irish Dancing Championships at the Hynes Convention Center on Sunday. Boston is hosting the competition— only the second time in the event's 40-plus years that it has taken place in the US. (Philadelphia was the first, in 2009). Some 7,000 dancers, along with family members, friends and spectators, are visiting for the event. Photo by Isabel Leon/Mayor's Office

the course of his term and announcing the head of a new Women's Workforce Council, Cathy Minehan, former president of the Federal Reserve Bank of Boston, who will help young women negotiate for better pay.

The mayor also announced the co-chairs of a "quality advisory

panel," which was the recommendation of a group of academics and parents who advised the mayor on overhauling the city's complex and unpopular school assignment process. Meg Campbell, a Dorchester resident who serves on the School Committee and is a founding

member of the Codman Academy Charter Public School, will co-chair the new panel, as will Boston University Dean of Education Hardin Coleman, who also co-chaired the school assignment group. Menino returned to his Hyde Park home on Saturday, after a three-month stay at

the Parkman House, the city-owned house on Beacon Hill to which he headed after a two-month hospital stay at the end of last year.

In the speech, Menino reiterated his opposition to changing the make-up of the mayorally appointed School Committee. District 3 City Councillor Frank Baker has proposed a switch to a committee with three members who are elected and four who are appointed, arguing that it would bring more accountability to an unelected body.

The Boston Municipal Research Bureau has registered its opposition to the proposal. "You advocate for many good ideas," Menino said at the beginning of his speech. "You rightfully push back against bad ones, like re-politicizing the Boston School Committee. This proposal would only put the special interests ahead of our kids' interests."

The mayor, who has served five terms, did not provide a hint of his electoral plans at the luncheon, instead offering a variation of what he has said at recent fundraisers. "We pile progress on top of progress," he said. "And that job is never done."

## Dorchester Historical Society



### A Tale of Two Schools: Boston College and Boston College High School at 150 Tuesday, April 9, 7 p.m.

A talk by James O'Toole, Professor and Clough Millenium Chair in History at Boston College and author of "The Faithful: A History of Catholics in America." Prof. O'Toole reviews the history of Boston College and Boston College High School on the 150th anniversary of their founding.

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# Mattapan United issues 'Call for Champions'

Mattapan United will host its monthly Community Assembly meeting on Thurs., April 4 from 6-8 p.m. at the ABCD Mattapan Family Service Center, 535 River St. in Mattapan. The April meeting will be a call for champions. "If you have not been a part of our process but would like to learn about Mattapan United and see if your work aligns with our specific strategies, we would love to have you attend and learn how you, can become a Mattapan United champion," said organizer Karleen Porcena. Mattapan United brings together residents alongside educational and civic leaders, business owners, nonprofit organizations, and local and State officials to collaborate on development and implementation of a Community Contract that aims to build a stronger, safer, healthier and more vibrant Mattapan. The Steering Committee is comprised of residents, community organizations and local business leaders. The group's community survey reached nearly 700 people and its assessment process concluded with a visioning meeting. Our final action areas are: 1) Health 2) Business Development, 3) Jobs, 4) Community Fabric 5) Open and Green spaces, 6) Housing, 7) Public Safety.

# Dot's Janelle Woods-McNish crowned Mrs. Mass

(Continued from page 1) Miss America and Miss USA and said she has a "deep level of respect" for those organizations, but she felt having a separate pageant for married women was important because they are at different places in their lives than women who are not married. "You have different strengths," she said. "It allows you to see yourself at your best. Your life doesn't end when you become a mother, when you get married." Woods-McNish's first appearance as Mrs. Massachusetts was the American Red Cross' annual Youth Talent Show on March 23. Proceeds from the talent show benefited measles vaccinations abroad.



Mrs. Massachusetts Janelle Woods-McNish, left, poses with last year's winner, Barrie Ann Lynch.

During her reign, Woods-McNish said she will do community service around the state, getting involved in "anything and everything." Her emphasis, however, is on education. She will be working with an organization that works on preventing the high school dropout rate and helps students along the path to college. The next stop for Janelle Woods-McNish is the nationally televised Mrs. America Pageant, which will be held in August.

"I'm excited about the journey to get there," Woods-McNish said. "It's going to challenge me and I'm looking forward to that challenge. I'm looking forward to every moment of the experience."



**Dot Park Easter Egg Hunts is Saturday**  
The Dorchester Park Association will host its annual hunt in Dorchester Park on Sat., March 30. The event is open to children ages 12 and under and will be held rain or shine. It starts promptly at 10 a.m. near the tennis courts in the center of the park.

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## Boys & Girls Clubs of Dorchester

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The Boys and Girls Clubs of Dorchester hosted Singer, Ayla Brown and the winners of a Live Auction Prize at our Annual Grand Drawing event. The teens joined Ayla and Music Dir. Ayeisha Mathis to write and record their own song.

**American Idol, Ayla Brown Visits Club** - This past weekend, Country Music singer, Ayla Brown visited Boys & Girls Clubs of Dorchester to spend time with the lucky winners of the "Ayla Brown" live auction package from the Club's Annual Grand Drawing Fundraiser. Ayla spent the day mentoring the three lucky winners, shared her experience in the industry, and what it takes to become a singer. With Ayla's help the teens wrote and recorded their own song "Just Can't Get Over it" within just a few hours. With the help of Ayeisha Mathis, the Club's Music Director, the group recorded and mixed the song within the Music Clubhouse.

Congratulations to the three lucky singers and thanks to Ayla for her support of the Boys and Girls Club.

**April Program Highlights** - Upcoming April program highlights include members of the Marr-lin Swim Team heading to the National Championship Meet (4/5 to 4/9), Summer Program Registration Days (4/6 & 4/22), the Spring Gymnastics Show (4/9), a Denney Unit Retreat Weekend on Cape Cod (4/12 to 4/14), a visit by the Attorney General to recognize our young artists for their work on the Annual Victim Witness Calendar (4/24), our monthly Open Mic Night (4/26), Keystone



The Boys and Girls Clubs of Dorchester hosted participants of the Savin Hill Baseball League for Spring Training workouts during the month of March. The players will soon be heading outdoors to prep for Opening Day in late April.

members volunteering in the Boston Shines Initiative (4/27), and a trip to the B.C.E.C. College Fair (4/30). For more information contact Mike Joyce (mjoyce@bgcdorchester.org)

**Intramural Swim League** - Beginning 4/1 registrations will be accepted for the Intramural Swim League scheduled to start the week of 4/22. The 6-team league combines swim lesson graduates, recreational swimmers, and members of the Marr-lins. Each team will have one practice and one meet per week with the Championship scheduled for 6/1. For information contact Aquiles Gomes (agomes@bgcdorchester.org)..

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# Nine scenarios to keep an eye on as Baseball steps off on its 162-game parade



**Clark Booth**

They're back! Strike up the band! A tattered Nation flickers its star-struck gaze upon you, Jackie Bradley.

Baseball returns with less pretense and bombast hereabouts than usual, there being less urgency in striving to rise from the cellar. Still, the play's the thing. It's time for another opening, another show. Here are nine points to mark the moment. Call them issues or scenarios or a foot in the bucket list. For me they are the nine most interesting story lines - or at least those I'll most intensely follow - as another long, long season of the beloved pastime grinds from the blocks with its customarily glacial rapidity.

Boom or bust, smash or dud, the season will stretch over six full months, 162 days of play. Unlike on Broadway, in Baseball you can't fold your tent when you discover you've got a clinker on your hands. More's the pity! Anyway, here's our lineup:

**The Red Sox Seek "Redemption"** - Hokey as it may seem, even by this ballclub's legendarily turgid standard, that's the season's guiding motif: "the quest for redemption." It has been adopted by the front office as a promotional/sales strategy and accepted by the ever-gullible Nation as a matter of theology. Should they win the home opener, watch for the band to strike up "The Impossible Dream."

On the other hand, they do have much to redeem. Last season's 69-93 pratfall was the weakest since 1965 when hopes were being pinned on the likes of Felix Mantilla, Jim Gosger, and Dennis Bennett while experts were strenuously urging that they trade Carl Yastrzemski. Two years later, they hit the jackpot. Don't look for history to repeat itself. It's harder to do nowadays.

A busy but oddly unfocused off-season has been followed by a quiet, orderly camp, at least compared with last year's circus featuring Maestro Bobby Valentine. Of the king's ransom they luckily landed by dumping bloated contracts last summer, over \$100 million was spent on bit parts and role-players. But only one of the seven - Shane Victorino - is signed for more than two years, so perhaps they're learning. With near-half the roster and all the coaching staff having been turned over, it will be different. That alone is certain. But is it enough? The Nation is hardly famed for its patience.

**Theo & Tito** - There's such irony in the principal architects of New

## Sports/Clark Booth

England's renaissance now languishing in what amounts to baseball's Elba and St. Helena, they having been banished to the Cubs and Indians.

In Chicago, Theo Epstein seeks to re-build around the NL's most mercurial young star, Starlin Castro. In Cleveland, Terry Francona looks to a revived Jason Giambi and re-born Scott Kazmir to reach .500. *The Sporting News* says achieving that modest goal would make Francona Manager of the Year. As for Epstein's wayward Cubs, the Baseball-Bible terms their 2013 prospects as "grisly."

Ouch! In Boston, Theo and Tito's haughty employers could hardly be more amused. This game can be cruel.

**How the Blue Jays and Dodgers Will Blow It** - The answer is: "Easy." Consider your Red Sox two years ago when their winter-wonders had them proclaimed "greatest team ever." As this year's undisputed off-season champs, might the Jays and Dodgers have been similarly cursed? We hope so.

Everyone picks them to meet in October yet both have questionable leadership. The giddy Dodgers have displaced the Yankees as baseball's most wanton spend-thrifts, amassing a \$240 million payroll with such dubious moves as making Zack Greinke the richest pitcher. That makes their purchase of Josh Beckett look smart. Money is no object but they remain managed by still unproven Don Mattingly. They'd be better off with Bobby Valentine.

In Toronto, the only Canadian franchise fields a virtual Latin-American all-star team and adds to its pitching staff one of sport's most interesting characters, A.J. Dickey. But they entrust all this to John Gibbons, who has

already failed them once as manager, because they apparently could find no one else. Why?

**The Further Decline of the Phillies and Angels** - Each the most aggressive franchise in their respective leagues of late.

When the Phils added Cliff Lee, then Jonathan Papelbon to a staff already led by Roy Halladay the rest of the league was urged to surrender. Since then, the Phils have gone backwards.

When the Angels inked Albert Pujols to a monstrous two-year deal, they proceeded to miss the playoffs. So they rushed to add gifted but problematic Josh Hamilton, bringing to roughly \$400 million their investment in past-their-prime sluggers in one year.

If they again miss the playoffs, can we all agree there's a message there somewhere?

**The Further Rise of the Nationals and Rays** - Washington and Tampa are the trendiest picks to go all the way, by the game's smart set that favors rational thinking in a madcap business. Both teams are young, innovative, fundamentally sound, wisely built, and brilliantly managed at reasonable prices. It'd be a triumph for one to make it, a joy for both.

**The Ups and Downs of Other Contenders and Pretenders** - There are so many. The Rangers are trying to dump Nolan Ryan, proving they're still a dumb franchise. Why aren't the Giants picked to repeat? In Bruce Bochy, they have the best manager. The effects of Houston's switch to the AL could influence pennant races in both leagues. Will the Marlins' meltdown in Miami be allowed to continue? Whither the Tigers? Jim Leyland never repeats. Do the Orioles fade? How much more scandal pours


forth from that anti-aging clinic, Biogenesis, in Miami? Questions! Lots of them!

**The Pittsburgh Pirates** - They seek to smash their own record for having losing seasons 21 straight years? We'll root for them to do so, hoping that will change their rotten luck.

**The Kansas City Royals** - If there's a surprise this year it'll be Kansas City, high among America's finest and liveliest towns. They think they have their best ball club since the heyday of Brothers Saberhagen, Quisenberry, Wilson, White, and the incomparable Georgie Brett. If you love this town, you dearly hope so.

**The last waltz in the Bronx** - Over the years, many have lusted to proclaim the end of a Yankees era while living to rue their impertinence. This year such satisfaction could be unprecedented with no such potential downside. For the latest Yankees' ought take notice. Much as the sight of the almighty Yankees searching baseball's scrap heap for cheap alternatives was the off-season's most shocking story, tracing the dynasty's death throes will be the most fetching of the regular season. Moreover, rebounding will not be so easy for them this time. The game has changed greatly of late. Many will delight in all this. But not me. The Yankees are to Baseball what Beethoven is to Great Music or Rembrandt to Great Art. You need not love them to acknowledge they've been titanic and impossible to deny. But then, excellence is hard to live with. There are folks who also disdain Beethoven and scorn Rembrandt. I guess.

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# Gerard's Easter Breakfast and Dinner Menu

## Easter Breakfast Specials

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- Eggs Benedict** .....7.99  
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- Eggs Nova Scotia** .....8.99  
2 poached eggs on an English muffin with smoked salmon and topped with dill hollandaise sauce or cheese sauce.
- Nantucket Croissant** .....8.99  
Nantucket croissant filled with scrambled eggs, shrimp, broccoli, mushrooms, roasted red peppers, and hollandaise sauce or cheese sauce.
- Eggs Bagel Florentine** .....8.99  
2 poached eggs over a special bed of spinach with hollandaise sauce or cheese sauce.
- Farmers Morning Croissant** .....8.99  
Croissant filled with scrambled eggs, diced ham, asparagus, mushrooms and topped with hollandaise sauce or cheese sauce.

All items served with homefries and a complimentary cup of fresh fruit.

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Served Friday, Saturday & Sunday

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- Braised Short Ribs** ..... 13.99  
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- Stuffed Sole with newburg sauce** ..... 12.99  
Choice of 2
- Roast Leg of Lamb with pan gravy & mint jelly** ..... 14.99  
Choice of 2
- Delmonico Steak** ..... 14.99  
Choice of 2
- Smoked Shoulder** ..... 13.99  
With cabbage, beets, turnip, carrots and boiled potato.

Choice of two: Soup, Salad, Potato or Vegetable  
All of the above are served with rolls & butter.

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# Dot Day season kicks off



Gerard Adomunes and his team from Gerard's Adams Corner served up the good stuff. Photo by Ed Forry

(Continued from page 1) sponsored by a variety of local groups and politicians. All proceeds from both the events benefit the 2013 Dorchester Day parade.

The day's top award—the People's Choice Award—went to the chili entry from the McCormack Civic Association and the Eastman-Elder Civic Association.

The calendar for the Dorchester Day events includes:

- April 19- \$10,000 drawing Cocktails and Cash Golden Gala, Florian Hall, 55 Hallet St. Doors open at 6:30 p.m., drawing begins at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$100 each and includes admission for two, and one entry in the drawing; \$25 (each) for general admission without entry into the drawing. For additional information or to purchase tickets, contact the parade committee at 857-756-3675 or Jill Baker at 617-905-1102.
- May 11- Little Miss & Young Miss Dorchester Contests, First Parish Church, 10 Parish Street, Meetinghouse Hill 2 p.m. Little Miss Contestants must be 7-8-9 years old on the day of the contest. Appliaition forms at the website. For additional information on either contest, please contact Annissa George at (617) 474-0797 or email littlemiss@dotdayparade.com.
- May 31- Chief Marshal's Dinner, Florian Hall, Cocktails at 6:00 p.m., Dinner served at 7:00 p.m. An evening to celebrate the 2013 Chief Marshal of the Dorchester Armory and honoring 2013

Mayor of Dorchester. To purchase tickets please call the Parade Committee at (857) 756-3675. Tickets not available at the door.

• May 31- The winners of the annual Dorchester Day Essay competition will be introduced at the Chief Marshal's banquet. The contest is open to Dorchester students in grades 6 through 8; completed entries must be postmarked by May 20, Applications are available now at the parade website. Also, winners of the Dorchester Day art competition will be introduced at the banquet. More details on the art contest to be announced online. June 2- Pre-Parade Mass, St. Gregory's Church, Lower Mills, 9 a.m. June 2- Project D.E.E.P. & Blarney Stone 5K Road Race- Starts at the Blarney Stone Restaurant, Fields Corner Registration begins at 10:30 a.m. with a race start-time at 12:15 p.m. The 5K road race from Fields Corner to Lower Mills and back. It is sponsored by the Blarney Stone and proceeds to benefit Project DEEP and other organizations. For race info contact Project D.E.E.P. at 617-635-5027 or visit projectdeep.org. Entry fees are \$20 for registering before the race and \$25 day of race. June 2- Dorchester Day Parade, 1 p.m. The annual parade travels along Dorchester Avenue beginning at Lower Mills and ends at Columbia Road in Savin Hill.

Members of the 2013 Parade Board include President Marty Hogan, Vice President Joe Zinck, Parade Adjutant: Ed Geary, Jr., Secretary Mary DeMarino, Treasurer Chris Isabelle-

Hogan, Webmaster Ed Geary, Jr., Historians: George Hacunda & Dick Bennett, Judge Advocate: Karen MacNutt, At-Large Member: Joe Chaisson

**Parade Committee members include:** Jill Cahill Baker, Christine Hogan, Ruth Brown, Kelly Butts, Caroline Cahill Delano, Kim Kostka Delano, Jean Cahill Donovan, Sally Cahill, Annissa George, Marie Marshall, Binh Nguyen, Pat O' Brien, Ed Pimental, Allyson Quinn, Peter Sasso, Pam Smith, Barbra Trybe and Lisa Zinck.

For up to date information, visit dotdayparade.com, or facebook.com/dotdayparade.



Parade Guy' Will Droser. Photo by Ed Geary, Jr.



Among the attendees at last Thursday's Dot Day kick-off dinner were parade chief marshals, l-r, Joe Chaisson, John Scannell, Karen MacNutt, Joe Zinck, John Connor and (rear) Dick Bennett. Photo by Ed Forry



The winners of the Dot Day Chili Cook-off's coveted 'People's Choice' Award were a combined entry from the McCormack Civic Association and the Eastman-Elder Civic Assoc.: l-r, Travis Stewart, Joan Tighe and Millie Rooney. Photo by Ed Geary, Jr.



The 'Sombrero Award' went to Ashmont Grill, Tavolo and Dot Art. Photo by Ed Geary, Jr.



The Lower Mills Civic Association and the Sweet Life Bakery and Café teamed up to win in the category "Best Un-chili." Photo by Ed Geary, Jr.

# Easter Week Services at Catholic Churches

**Saint Ann Parish**  
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**HOLY THURSDAY, March 28th** – Morning prayer 9am & Mass of the Lord's Supper, 7pm. We enter into the Sacred Triduum together. After listening to the Sacred Scriptures, we do something unique: the priest celebrant washes the feet of our brothers and sisters, as an example, kneeling down before them in service. Jesus gave us this image of what the Church is to be, the servant of all. When we celebrate the Eucharist this evening, we are reminded that it has no ending. We stay and pray, we are now in the quiet and peace of adoration, so that we may be strengthened during His Passion.

**GOOD FRIDAY, Morning prayer 9am;** Stations of the Cross our Noon time walk through the neighborhood (beginning at Bostonian Nursing Home) and the Solemn Proclamation of the Lord's Passion, 3pm and 7pm: On this second day of the Sacred Triduum, we commemorate the ultimate act of the Father's love, the Holy Cross of His Son. Lift High the Cross: held up in our midst as we come forward one by one to reverence and adore Him, our sorrow and His Glory found in the wood of the Cross.

**HOLY SATURDAY** Morning prayer 9am and Easter Vigil, Saturday 8:00pm: Liturgy of Word, Baptism, Confirmation & Eucharist. The third day of the Sacred Triduum begins in the darkness of night. The Light of Christ, illumines the darkness, in the great candle that is made for us. We listen to powerful words in the Sacred Scriptures, as our God comes to save us: creation, water, life and redemption, and the song of the angels: Glory to God in the Highest... the great Alleluia is announced as we proclaim the gospel of the resurrection. We bless the holy water and renew our baptismal promises, renewing the covenant of our redemption. We see the example of our new parishioners baptized and received into the Church. Together we go to the altar and God is made present in the Easter Eucharist and we receive Him. Easter Sunday Masses, 8:30 & 10:30am

**St. Gregory Parish**  
2223 Dorchester Avenue  
Dorchester, Lower Mills, MA

**HOLY THURSDAY, March 28th:** 7:30 PM – Mass of the Lord's Supper. This is the only Mass of the day which will include Holy Communion.

There will be a procession with the Blessed Sacrament through the Church to be enthroned at the side altar. The Church will remain open for adoration until 11 pm and will conclude with Night Prayer. Please plan to make a visit during the evening hours.

**GOOD FRIDAY, March 29th:** 3:00 PM, Solemn Liturgy – Main Church. (Scripture readings, Passion, Reflection, Veneration of the Cross, Holy Communion). 7:30 PM Stations of the Cross – Main Church. Good Friday is a day of fast and abstinence.

An offering will be accepted at the boxes at the end of each aisle, as well as the side exit to help maintain the Sacred Shrines in the Holy Land.

**HOLY SATURDAY, March 30th:** 10:00 – 11:00 AM Confessions (Lower Church). 8:00 PM – Great Vigil of Easter – Main Church, Includes: Service of Light, Scripture readings, Blessing of the Easter Water, renewal of Baptismal Promises, Candidates and Catechumens are received into full communion with the Church, Easter Mass with Holy Communion.

**EASTER SUNDAY, March 31st** – Masses: 7AM, 9 a.m., 10:30 a.m. (Please note: There will be no 5 PM Mass). There will be one collection at the Easter Masses – our response to the Clergy Benefit Trust for the Priests of the Archdiocese. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

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**HOLY THURSDAY, March 28, 2013, 7:00pm** – Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper  
**GOOD FRIDAY, March 29, 2013 – 3pm**  
Celebration of the Lord's Passion: Liturgy of the Word, Adoration of the Holy Cross and Holy Communion

7:00pm – Stations of the Cross  
**HOLY SATURDAY, March 30, 2013, 8:00 pm** – The Easter Vigil  
**EASTER SUNDAY** of the Resurrection of the Lord, March 31, 2013 8am Easter Mass 10am – Easter Mass

## BLESSED MOTHER TERESA/ST PETER'S/HOLY FAMILY

**SATURDAY Easter Vigil 7pm** - all 3 Parishes

**SUNDAY**  
**BLESSED MOTHER TERESA PARISH EASTER CELEBRATION**  
9:00 AM Mass with Youth Choir (followed by Easter Egg Hunt)  
11:00 AM Mass with Adult Choir and Orchestra

**ST. PETER'S EASTER CELEBRATION**  
9:00 AM English Mass with Youth and Family Choir  
11:00 AM Portuguese Mass with Adult Choir

**HOLY FAMILY EASTER CELEBRATION**  
10:00AM English Mass  
11:00AM Spanish Mass with Choir (followed by Easter Egg Hunt)





Joseph F. Dolan

DOLAN, Joseph F., 88, of Dorchester, a longtime resident of Milton, died peacefully at his home following a brief illness on Thurs., March 21. Beloved husband of the late Virginia (O'Toole) Dolan, he was the devoted father of William Dolan and his wife Jill of Marshfield, Terry Dolan of Dorchester, Martha Dolan Cosgrove and her husband Brian of Milton, the late Kathy (Dolan) Newberry, Tom Dolan and his wife Maura of Westborough, and Joe Dolan, Jr. of Milton. He leaves five grandchildren, three...

great-grandchildren, many loving nieces and nephews, and many friends. At his funeral Mass at St. Gregory's Church on Monday, Mr. Dolan's son Tom delivered a eulogy, excerpts from which follow: On behalf of our entire family, I'd like to thank you all for coming here today to remember him, and celebrate his life. He reveled in our successes, and he comforted us when we failed. He was the consummate family man. I was especially lucky because Dad and I worked together for over 10 years at the Dolan Insurance Agency. During those 10 years he and I became very close. Dad was honest, and fun to be with. He was comfortable with brilliant big-shots from fancy schools as well as homeless souls who had lost everything. Dad approached business the same way he approached life. He saw...

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his business as a way to help other people. Dad lived a life of service to others, filled with compassion and kindness. I'll share an example of his kindness with you... But first, let me back up just a bit and share a few facts with you about Joe Dolan's early life. He grew up in Arlington, Massachusetts. When he was a kid he was a book-worm or, as kids today would say, a Nerd. His mom and dad felt that education was a critical path to success and Joe studied really, really hard. His school grades were great, and he had a real knack for mathematics. He was an A+ student. In high school the only team Dad was on was the debating team. He never won any sports trophies... but he could win just about any argument that he got into. He could really talk. It was a skill that he practiced his whole life. Wherever is his right now, believe me, he is talking. He was the valedictorian at his high school graduation... [and he followed in the footsteps of his father and brother when he went off to Harvard at the age of 16. Once he turned 17, he took the competitive exam held by his Congressman, and won an appointment to the [US Naval] Academy. He finished his freshman year at Harvard in May 1942 and reported to Annapolis the following week. As a naval officer he served in both the Atlantic and Pacific Oceans. He told me that being in the navy was the most exciting time of his life. He loved being in the Navy. (Does anyone here...

not know that Joe was in the Navy?) After serving his country, he settled in Milton with his wife and kids and felt a real desire to serve his community. He became actively involved in his local Catholic Church and Milton Town politics. Remember...he loved to talk. As Dad approached the end of his life... he told me that he had a great life here on earth and that he was really looking forward to the next part of his journey, the next chapter. Today we honor my Dad and we express our gratitude to him for being the wonderful man that he was. He will forever be in our hearts. EVANS, Robert A. of Dorchester, March 15. Beloved son of the late Marguerite O. (Mellen) and William Evans. Brother of the late William L. Evans. F. FEDERCHOOK, Eleanor F. (Brown) in Dorchester, age 91 years. Wife of the late Henry O. Mother of Henry J. and his wife Eileen A. Federchok of Dorchester and Billerica. Grandmother of Taylor J. Federchok. Sister of the late Frank, Joe, and Billy Brown, Dottie Wood, Mildred Shenk, and Florence Piscatello. Survived by many nieces and nephews. Late retired employee of Joseph Pollack Co. and Jordan Marsh Co. GRAVES, Driscilla of Dorchester. Wife of the late Berkeley Graves. Mother of Debra Graves of Dorchester. She leaves a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

everything. Dad had a spiritual side, and a social conscience, and Haley House provided him with a way of fulfilling his desire to offer selfless, compassionate, service to others. He was special. He certainly loved to talk... but he also turned talk into action. As Dad approached the end of his life... he told me that he had a great life here on earth and that he was really looking forward to the next part of his journey, the next chapter. Today we honor my Dad and we express our gratitude to him for being the wonderful man that he was. He will forever be in our hearts. EVANS, Robert A. of Dorchester, March 15. Beloved son of the late Marguerite O. (Mellen) and William Evans. Brother of the late William L. Evans. F. FEDERCHOOK, Eleanor F. (Brown) in Dorchester, age 91 years. Wife of the late Henry O. Mother of Henry J. and his wife Eileen A. Federchok of Dorchester and Billerica. Grandmother of Taylor J. Federchok. Sister of the late Frank, Joe, and Billy Brown, Dottie Wood, Mildred Shenk, and Florence Piscatello. Survived by many nieces and nephews. Late retired employee of Joseph Pollack Co. and Jordan Marsh Co. GRAVES, Driscilla of Dorchester. Wife of the late Berkeley Graves. Mother of Debra Graves of Dorchester. She leaves a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

McMAHON, Helend. (Haugh) of Dorchester, formerly of South Boston. Wife of the late John P. McMahon. Mother of Helen Cappellano of So. Boston, Michael McMahon, Debbie Stowers both of Dorchester, the late Thomas, Maryellen and John "Jackie" McMahon. Daughter of the late Thomas J. and Gertrude (Murray) Haugh. Sister of George, Eddie, Jimmy, Bobby Haugh, Gertrude McGrath, the late Leo, Tom and Billy Haugh. Mother in law of Paula McMahon and Kim Brock. Also survived by many loving grandchildren, the late Timmy Cappellano, great grandchildren, nieces, nephews, relatives and friends. Donations may be made in "Helen's" memory to the MA Alzheimer's Association, 480 Pleasant St., Watertown, MA 02472. SYMES, Mary R. (Donahue) of Dorchester. Wife of the late Victor C. Symes. Daughter of the late Ellen "Nellie" (Gilligan) and Patrick Donahue. Mother of Stephen Symes of Dorchester and Michael Symes and his wife Georgine of Bradford. ZAKS, Genevieve I. (Zolkowski) age 95, of Dorchester. Wife of the late Edmund J. Zaks. Mother of Anne K. Alcott of Pembroke and the late Robert E. Zaks of Brockton, Thomas J. Zaks of Raynham and Elaine G. Zaks of Dorchester. Sister of the late Stanley and Camille. Also survived by 8 loving grandchildren. Remembrances may be made to St. Brendan's Parish, 15 Rita Rd., Dorchester, MA 02124.

LEGAL NOTICES
COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS THE TRIAL COURT PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT Suffolk Probate & Family Court 24 New Chardon St., PO Box 9667 Boston 02114 (617) 788-8300 CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION Docket No. SU13P0488EA IN THE ESTATE OF MARY E. SALLUS DATE OF DEATH: 01/14/2013 To all interested persons: A petition has been filed by: John Moore of Milton, MA requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order of testacy and for such other relief as requested in the Petition. And also requesting that: John Moore of Milton, MA be appointed as Personal Representative of said estate to serve Without Surety on the bond. You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before 10:00 a.m. on 04/11/2013. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an Affidavit of Objections within thirty (30) days of the return date, action may be taken without further notice to you. The estate is being administered under formal procedure by the Personal Representative under the Massachusetts Uniform Probate Code without supervision by the Court. Inventory and accounts are not required to be filed with the Court, but recipients are entitled to notice regarding the administration from the Personal Representative and can petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including distribution of assets and expenses of administration. Witness: HON. JOAN P. ARMSTRONG First Justice of this Court. Date: March 06, 2013 Patricia M. Campatelli Register of Probate



Johnny Flaherty will read from his book of poetry, EBBING AND FIBBING during a book signing event at the Eire Pub on Thurs., April 4 at 4 p.m.

Saturday, March 30
Dorchester Park Easter Egg Hunt, 10 a.m., rain or shine. Meet at tennis courts. Children 12 or under.
Dorchester-based reading series Write on the DOT and the Grove Hall Branch Library present the Grove Hall Reading Series, hosted by Dorchester poet Arthur Collins and featuring local writers Veronique Epiter and Kurt Klopmeier. 2 p.m., Grove Hall Branch

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REPORTER'S CALENDAR

Library, 41 Geneva Ave. The series will include an open mic where writers will be encouraged to read their work to the group, as well as a writing exercise with Boston Public Library Writer in Residence Hollis Shore. Writers of all experience levels are welcome. Thursday, April 4
Johnny Flaherty will be signing his new book, "Ebbing and Fibbing," at the Eire Pub, 795 Adams St., from 4-6 p.m. The book of poetry on life and liberty and dreams and death, with surreal storytelling and slippery wisdom, where "the question is truly worth more than the answer." Come by for a pint and a poem. Friday, April 5
The Clermont Chorale from Dundalk, Ireland will join forces with Boston City Singers for a concert in St Mark's Church in Dorchester at 7:30 p.m. at 1725 Dorchester Ave. Dorchester. This will be a special event to raise funds for the Irish International Im-

migrant Centre (IIIC) and both choirs are delighted to support the excellent work that the Centre does for immigrants, particularly those from Ireland. To purchase tickets please phone the IIIC at 617- 542-7654. All proceeds will support legal, wellness and education services for immigrants from Ireland and from all over the world.

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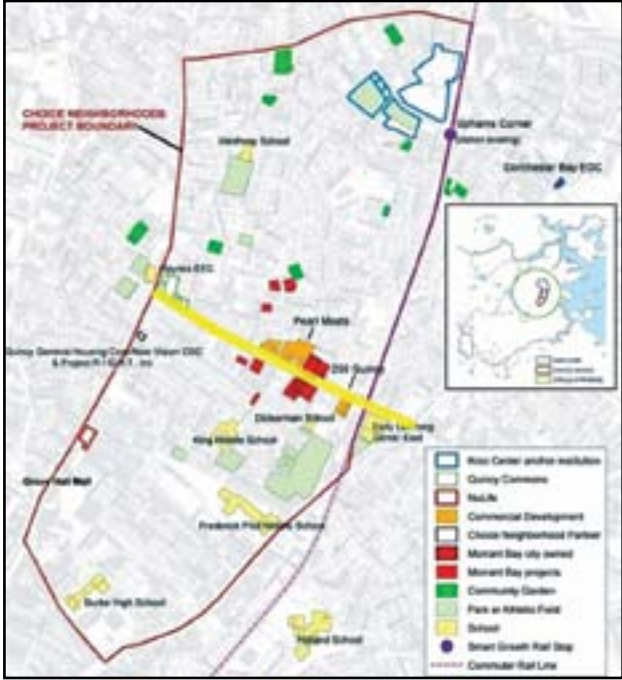
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# Quincy Street corridor revamp set for public review



With public input, city officials plan to overhaul the streets in the Quincy St. corridor, between Columbia Rd. and Blue Hill Ave., to make them more pedestrian-friendly.

(Continued from page 1) more friendly for the neighborhood," said Vineet Gupta, director of planning for the city's Transportation Department.

The improvements come as federal housing officials have set aside \$20.5 million for the revitalization of the Quincy Street area, which is home to about 8,900 low-income families.

Quincy Commons, a project with 40 units of affordable elderly housing, is under construction. Another project, known as Quincy Heights, will include the redevelopment of 129 existing homes and breakground in the coming months. A third piece of the area's redevelopment is a former factory, which is being converted into a space for small businesses.

The BRA has been charged with coming up with a preliminary design plan for the so-called Quincy Corridor, which has 11 intersections and stretches down Quincy Street from Blue Hill Avenue to Columbia Road. Two bus routes

go through the area: Route 16, from Forest Hills to JFK/UMass, and Route 45, which travels Blue Hill Avenue from Ruggles Station to the Franklin Park Zoo.

Side streets that fall within the boundaries of the project include Dacia Street, Perth Street, Howard Avenue, Dunkeld Street, Mascoma Street, Magnolia Street, Ceylon Street, and Baker and Drayton avenues.

Boston-based Cecil Group put together a presentation made to residents last week, which states that there are "pedestrian safety issues" at the Quincy Street and Magnolia Street intersection, that a crosswalk is necessary at the intersection at Howard Avenue, that the sidewalks are too narrow, and that there is a lack of benches and trash cans along the corridor.

The multi-agency improvement effort is expected to last six to eight months and includes the BRA, the Department of Neighborhood Development, the Boston Transportation Department,

the Department of Public Works, and the Mayor's Office of Neighborhood Services.

"We've got every department in the city meeting on a very regular basis," said Sheila Dillon, the head of the Department of Neighborhood Development. The effort would be implemented starting in 2015, according to the Cecil Group presentation.

More information on the effort is available at QuincyCorridor.org.

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# Marshall School conversion proving a lure

(Continued from page 1) parents hoping to stick around. Her nine year old is in the third grade and has struggled with math and reading at the Marshall, she said.

"I just feel like there was no structure there for my son," she said.

Groce, a Mattapan native who lives five minutes away from the Marshall, contemplated moving her son into a charter school, but decided to stay after attending meetings around the planned conversion into UP Academy. "It seems like they have plans in place for certain

areas; their main goal is to have children succeed and be successful," she said.

According to the school department, which cited MCAS test scores, 10 percent of Marshall students are proficient in English and 12 percent are proficient in math.

The school, which is located in the Bowdoin-Geneva neighborhood, has at times felt overwhelmed by nearby violence, such as in November 2009, when a man was shot 100 yards away and gang-related shootings after school hours.

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