

Flood devastates Catholic Academy's Columbia campus



Rev. Jack Ahern surveyed the damage on the second floor of St. John Paul II Catholic Academy's Columbia campus on Monday morning.
Bill Forry photo

Hundreds of students displaced after pipe bursts on 4th floor

By BILL FORRY
EDITOR

A high-pressure sprinkler pipe burst inside a fourth-floor custodian's closet in the Columbia Road campus of St. John Paul II Catholic Academy a week ago Monday night, sending a cascade of water throughout the former St. Margaret's school building, destroying large sections of classroom space, and leaving the campus's main building "uninhabitable." Repair costs will likely run into the millions of dollars and take many months to complete.

More immediately, the incident triggered a crisis for school officials and their church partners, who scrambled last week to relocate more than 350 students and faculty members as a return from February vacation loomed.

By the weekend, a plan had been devised to keep the school's youngest pupils housed on the Columbia Road campus in a newer annex building that was not damaged in the flooding. Students in grades 2-8, however, were scheduled to attend classes beginning yesterday (Wed., Feb. 25) at a nearby church-owned building on Dorchester Avenue just over the bridge in South Boston. (Continued on page 17)

Mattapan trolley back after 3-week snow hiatus

By LAUREN DEZENKI AND MONIQUE ATKINSON
Commuters on the Mattapan Trolley line are breathing a sigh of relief. After nearly a month out of commission, the line resumed service on Monday—five days ahead of a restoration schedule.

"The shuttles were helpful, but not nearly as quick as the trolley forgetting to Mattapan," Linda Endinger, who relies on the trolley for a commute from Lowell into Boston, said in an email to the Reporter. "For a bus to follow the trolley route it has to do what I call the Tour de Dorchester; it's a very roundabout way to get from A to B."

The 2.6 mile trolley line connecting Mattapan Square to Ashmont Station had its service suspended since Feb. 2, with intermittent service prior to that, all due to Boston's barrage of storms over the last month. Shuttle busses wound passengers up and down Adams and River streets.

Forty five workers
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Workers labored to clear the Mattapan Trolley tracks near Milton Station over the weekend. Service resumed on the trolley line on Monday after weeks of being off-line due to snow and ice.
Photo courtesy Ellen Berlin

Olympic backers press case in latest public meetings

By LAUREN DEZENKI
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After two public meetings held this week to consider the contours and costs of Boston's bid for the 2024 Summer Olympics Games, two themes have emerged: Anxious citizens are looking for hard facts about the effect of the Games on their lives and on their neighborhoods, and backers of the bid are reluctant, even unwilling, to offer hard answers about an international event that is nine years in the future.

In the midst of all the back and forth, Mayor

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Walsh and three members of Boston's political delegation made news of their own:

Walsh announced on Tuesday that the city and the US Olympic Committee had revised the so-called Joinder Agreement, a statement of mutual obligations that both parties had signed onto earlier, to strike language barring city employees from offering their opinions

about the city's pursuit of the games and obliging the mayor to oppose any ballot referendums on Boston's bid.

On Wednesday, state Sen. Linda Dorcea Forry and state Representatives Michael Moran of Brighton and Aaron Michlewitz of the North End offered a bill that, if enacted, would give the Legislature substantial oversight over public participation in developments leading up to the Games. (See story, Page 6.)

At a city-sponsored forum on Tuesday night
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Runner seeks gold for Cape Verde

By LAUREN DEZENKI
REPORTER STAFF

"Who could forget Ruben Sanca?"

For coaches who worked with him and the countless student runners who have followed after him, nearly everyone at the John D. O'Bryant School in Roxbury knows the graduate who competed in the London Olympic games and who is a serious contender for the Rio games next summer.



Ruben Sanca

"Back in the day, everyone wanted to be like him because his work ethic was unbelievable,"
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A snapshot look at key upcoming events in and around the neighborhood for your weekly planner.

Thursday (26th)

JFK Library Forum series present Mark Shriver, son of Sargent Shriver; Princeton Professor Julian Zelizer, author of the recently published *The Fierce Urgency of Now: Lyndon Johnson, Congress and the Battle for the Great Society*. Panelists include Melissa Boteach, Vice President of Half in Ten and the Poverty and Prosperity Program at American Progress; and New Yorker writer Nicolas Lemann discuss the legacy of the War on Poverty programs with Scott Stossel, editor of *The Atlantic*. The event will take place from 6 p.m. to 7:30 pm. See jfklibrary.org for more info.

Saturday (28th)

The Vietnamese American Initiative for Development, or Viet-AID, will host a Lunar New Year celebration on Sat., Feb. 28 to welcome the Year of the Goat. The celebration will take place from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Vietnamese American Community Center located at 42 Charles Street in Dorchester. Viet-AID presents the event each year to the community and has reached over 300 guests at past events. This year, activities of the event will include observances of traditional ceremonies, performances, music as well as food and drinks. To learn more about the Lunar New Year Celebration or the Vietnamese American Initiative for Development visit vietaid.org or call 617-822-3717.

Sunday (1st)

Day of Irish Music and Dance to Honor Fallen Firefighter. Local Irish musicians and step dancers will perform at the Brighton Elks Lodge to raise funds for the Last Call Foundation. Called "A Ceilidh for Mike Kennedy," this family-friendly event kicks off at 12 noon. Brighton-based band Tin Can Hooley (along with special guests, will provide a lively afternoon of traditional Irish songs, jigs, and reels with a mix of fiddle, accordion, guitar, piano and percussion. For more information, contact Patrick Kennedy at 617-935-9139.

Monday (2nd)

Legendary photographer Bill Brett discusses his recently published book of photographs showcasing Boston's Irish with Boston Globe reporter Kevin Cullen and others at the JFK Library from 6- 7:30 p.m. For more information and to register visit jfklibrary.org.

Main Streets 'Bingo'

The city is ripping a page out of a tried-and-true playbook used in church halls and senior centers this week in an effort to boost commerce in neighborhood business districts. Mayor Walsh's office on Monday rolled out "Boston Bingo" — a game that encourages residents and tourists to win prizes by shopping at Main Street shops through March 15. Download the bingo card at boston.gov/bingo. Prizes include Bruins tickets, a Hubway membership and coffee with the Mayor.

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Last of the Titus games at UMass Boston



After four decades of coaching the UMass Boston men's basketball team, head coach Charlie Titus guided the Beacons to one final regular season win as UMass Boston defeated Western Connecticut State University by the final of 95-79 Saturday afternoon in the Clark Athletic Center Gymnasium. Titus, who is retiring at the end of the season, was honored with two game balls, and proclamations presented by State Representative Nick Collins and Boston City Councillor Charles Yancey, the latter who called Saturday, February 21 Charlie Titus Day. A Dorchester native who grew up next to the Columbia Point campus, Titus co-founded the UMass Boston men's basketball program in 1974, which, at the time, was a club sport. Titus is also a founding father of the league UMass Boston is now a part of - the Little East Conference - and is a member of both the university and conference's halls of fame. Although Titus is retiring as coach, he will continue in his role at UMass Boston as the vice chancellor of athletics and recreation, special programs and projects. Pictured (above) UMass Boston senior basketball players Steven McGuire, Luc Ulysse, Gregory Young of Dorchester, and Carl Joseph present Coach Charlie Titus (center) with a game ball following Saturday's win.

New temporary parking plan in place for Morrissey Star Market

As reported last week in *The Reporter*, parking is now at a premium at one of the neighborhood's busiest shopping destinations. The Star Market on Morrissey Boulevard has seen a drastic reduction in parking spots this month as work begins on a neighboring apartment complex. The Hub 25 Apartments is scheduled to be built this year on a lot between the Star and the JFK-UMass MBTA station.

On Friday, the development company that is building the apartments issued a memo outlining a plan to "reduce the current congestion." According to Criterion Development Partners, the plan includes an aggressive snow removal and traffic management system that will "will free up parking spaces" and "redirect outgoing traffic around the back of the building." Michael Vaughn, a consultant for the company, said that the plan came after inquiries from City Councillor Frank Baker, who had fielded



multiple constituent calls about the parking woes at the store.

In order to free up additional parking spaces for customers, Star Market employees will park behind the store, said Vaughn, who said that 10 additional spaces would become available in 10 weeks when the existing construction fence is moved.

Once completed, the 278-unit Hub 25 complex will offer one and two-bedroom apartments for rent right next to

the JFK-UMass Red Line and commuter rail hub. The construction project was supposed to

be in the ground already, but winter weather has slowed the job's progress.

Call-in potholes to state

MassDOT is enlisting the public's help this winter season in reporting pothole locations on state roads, allowing repairs to be made as quickly as possible. To report a pothole, drivers are encouraged to call MassDOT's Pothole Hotline at 857-DOT-INFO (857-368-4636). "While the winter is not yet over, we want to make a proactive effort to reach out to drivers and ask them for their help," said MassDOT Highway Administrator Frank DePaola. "While we have crews out routinely patching potholes, we were able to expedite the scheduling of repairs with the public's assistance."

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New BPS leader faces long list of issues, officials say

BY LAUREN DEZENSKI
REPORTER STAFF

For the elected officials representing the families in Boston Public Schools, the new district superintendent will need a litany of skills to take on a mountain of challenges in the country's oldest school district.

This new superintendent "will be the most important hiring decision this mayor will make," said Mark Culliton, CEO of College Bound Dorchester. His organization partners with BPS and runs the Little House Alternative Middle School, the district's largest alternative middle school, as well as other programs.

"The first big thing to tackle is the systemic failures for subsections of the student body. The fact that there are whole groups are being failed while there are pockets of excellence," said Cul-

liton, who, like others, cited shortcomings for English language learners and special education students compared to those in high-achieving exam schools like Boston Latin School.

Last week the city announced its four superintendent finalists from a field of 70 candidates nationwide: Dr. Dana Bedden, superintendent of Richmond Public Schools in Virginia; Dr. Tommy Chang, local instructional superintendent, Intensive Support & Innovation Center at the Los Angeles Unified School District; Guadalupe Guerrero, deputy superintendent of instruction, innovation, and social justice for San Francisco Unified School District; and Pedro Martinez, superintendent-in-residence for the Nevada Department of Education.

All four men will each

spend a day this week in a marathon of interviews, meetings, and panels with elected officials, parents, students, the press, and other stakeholders before the mayorally appointed 12-member school committee selects its new permanent superintendent on Tuesday, March 3 at BPS headquarters on Court Street.

At-Large City Councillor Ayanna Pressley called the day-long interview process "exhaustive."

"What I mostly appreciated was the opportunity to have a window into the process because the decision is such an important one," she said. "I do believe it is unprecedented that it was this transparent."

State Sen. Sonia Chang-Diaz, chair of the joint committee on education, and other electeds including City

Councillor Tito Jackson and State Rep. Nick Collins, have been a part of morning meetings with each candidate.

"I'm looking for the ability of the candidate to move the issues on achievement gap," Chang-Diaz said, when asked to identify the first big issue the new superintendent should tackle. "That includes a ton of things, but it specifically includes things ranging from being an effective coalition builder, valuing parental involvement, and building a strong leadership team in the central office."

The new superintendent faces significant hurdles when he—all four candidates are men—takes over a district that includes a more than \$50 million budget deficit and facilities in bad need of upgrade. Current interim superintendent John McDonough has

been in place since May 2013 after Dr. Carol Johnson stepped down after six years as superintendent. McDonough has faced a litany of issues in the district, from severe scheduling problems at Madison Park, alterations to the Dearborn School, transporting 7th and 8th graders on the MBTA, and teacher hiring concerns.

"This is a system that needs a long-term leader," said Jackson, who chairs the council's committee on education. "One that has a five to seven year vision for BPS. We've been without a permanent leader for over a year and a half. It's absolutely critical that we get a strong, innovative leader."

City Councillor Matt O'Malley, vice chair of the council's education committee, said the new superintendent needs to "juggle three, four, five

balls at a time," including cooperation with parents and students and "ensuring resources and facilities are as strong as humanly possible. The goal is to grow the public school system," O'Malley continued. "We have fewer than 60,000 students but a generation ago we had close to 100,000."

Everyone involved in the process has acknowledged that the new superintendent will face serious and significant challenges, but with the right candidate, progress can be made.

"Someone needs to come in and say 'I'm going to be the first school district to close the achievement gap,'" Culliton said. "It's such a small district, relatively, that we can do it. But you have to be passionate, committed, and have to be willing to take on the status quo."

'Remarkable' women focus of Shirley-Eustis House series

The Shirley-Eustis House, a National Historic Landmark, is beginning its 2015 Winter/Spring Lecture Series on Sunday, March 22. The series will focus on five remarkable women: Phillis Wheatley, Rachel Revere, Elizabeth Murray, Isabella Stewart Gardner and Louisa May

Alcott.

In the first lecture, taking place on March 22, Valerie Link Foxx will begin the series with a first-person performance of the life of Phillis Wheatley. Foxx is an actor, author, wife and mother from Roxbury. On March 29, audiences will hear the story of

Rachel Revere, as Joan Gattorna tells of the Boston Tea Party, the Midnight Ride and the Siege of Boston. April 12 will feature Elizabeth Murray, a Scottish immigrant, who developed a successful retail business in Colonial Boston. Una MacMahon will share how Murray led

an adventurous and challenging life journey from Scotland to London to North Carolina and eventually Boston, which she made her home.

On April 26, the series will welcome Marcia Stein-Adams as the featured speaker about Isabella Stewart Gardner. Adams has been a

teacher at the Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum for ten years. The last lecture, on May 3, will feature one of America's most prolific writers, Louisa May Alcott. 20th century audiences have the opportunity to "meet" Louisa May Alcott through the living history portrayal of Jan

Turnquist.

All lectures will take place at 2 p.m. at the Shirley-Eustis House. Admission for each lecture will be \$10 per person. Located at 33 Shirley Street, Roxbury, the house was built in 1747 for Royal Governor William Shirley.

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Olympic plans scrutinized in two public meetings



The scene inside the Condon School in South Boston on Monday. A crowd of more than 400 attended the meeting, but by about 9 p.m.— when this photo was taken— many of those people had left. *Lauren Dezenski photo*

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at the Condon School in South Boston, more than 400 people packed the elementary school's cafeteria for more than two hours as questions in search of those hard answers were posed to a group of bid backers, including Mayor Walsh, the developer John Fish, the architect David Manfredi, and Boston 2024 CEO Rich Davey, who were careful to maintain that they are in the "proof of concept" phase while noting that specifics can change. They spoke of the planning leading to the Games in Japan and London games, which changed between 40 percent and 50 percent from the bid proposal to the start of the competition.

The mayor, who showed up in the second hour of the meeting, again fielded questions about the city's financial risk in the process while defending the pursuit of the bid. In response to questions, Walsh said he had met with a number of groups, including businesses from Widett Circle and the opposition group No Boston Olympics. "Their concerns are legit," he said, "the peoples' concerns are legit."

Despite that concession, community members who attended Tuesday's city-sponsored meeting and those who were at the Boston 2024 session held Monday night in Roxbury spoke about their frustrations at the lack of solid answers from Games proponents.

A woman from Fort Point asked for details about the proposed media compound sited for Fort Point, a 27-acre plot of land abutting the Boston Convention and Exhibition Center—Boston 2024's plans for the location, detailed in bid documents but not included as a part of Tuesday's presentation. In the exchange that followed, Fish defending withholding

those details from the meeting, noting that the broadcast center in London was only 60 percent occupied because it was designed so far ahead of the games that it did not keep up with rapid changes in technology. "You know, in fact, it's going to change," he said. "But it's 29 acres you're reserving," the woman replied, striking a theme echoed by many questioners. "I know it's a building there; just tell us what is in store for us."

Fish, in line with later comments from the city's Boston 2024 liaison John Fitzgerald and others, called the idea that that the group would simply "reserve" or take the land proposed in the bid without a process is a "misnomer." "No one has promised us this land," Fish said. "I believe we need to vet this over next 18 to 24 months." The woman continued: "Let us understand what it's going to mean for those of us that are going to live next to it." Fitzgerald then cut in, saying he would personally attend every neighborhood group and association in an area involved with the Games bid.

During the first hour of the meeting, state Rep. Nick Collins asked audience members from South Boston to raise their hands. "About half," he replied after surveying the hands that shot into the air. Boston City Council President Bill Linehan, a South Boston resident, defended the proposal. "Do we need to host the Olympics?" he asked. "No we don't," a man in the audience shouted. "Yes we do!" Linehan responded: "Why can't Boston host the Olympics? It would be an extraordinary achievement in our city to be among the great cities of the world to be able to do this." Linehan added that community members should "formulate questions" for their elected officials

"to drive the agenda home and resolve these issues, so we can have a collective, really good feeling going forward for city of Boston."

The atmosphere at the meetings was not entirely querulous. A number of community members voiced support for the Games as being beneficial for the city and a boost to jobs and investments. At the beginning of the meeting, the crowd cheered for a brief speech by retired hockey player Dave Silk, a member of the 1980 Olympic hockey team that won the gold medal in Lake Placid.

At Monday night's session, Fish offered that the boost might involve 100,000 to 125,000 jobs "between volunteers and newly created jobs." That statistic was not raised on Tuesday night.

On the whole, a number of key items posed at the meeting were not answered, including specifics about the amount of transportation funding that will go into the preparation for the Games and the specifics of back-up locations for

sited facilities.

Sen. Dorcena Forry, married to Reporter publisher and editor Bill Forry, went right to that point with the backers: "I think it's important that when we talk about money needed that you come out with it directly," a specific reference to talk about upgrades and/or alterations to JFK/UMass Station, Kosciuszko Circle, and Franklin Park. "I think it's important that we talk frankly about it and put it out right now and just talk about the cost."

For his part, Davey was clear in saying that the additional Red and Orange Line cars, scheduled to be delivered to the commonwealth beginning in 2018, were the only transportation upgrades necessary to benefit the Games. However, last month, the *Reporter* found that the transportation improvements including a Kosciuszko Circle overhaul, JFK/UMass station upgrade, and the South Station expansion, were not in the state's pipeline of funded projects as

Boston 2024 had initially stated. Boston 2024 has since walked back those statements, and did so again on Tuesday night. Davey said that "discussion" of the South Station expansion, Green Line extension, and a rail link between the Boston Convention and Exposition Center are all things "we think the Olympics can help push, prod, and frankly, there's nothing like a deadline when you're working in transportation."

Earlier in the meeting, Manfredi addressed the matter of an upgraded JFK/UMass station, saying the Games could be a "catalyst" for JFK/UMass station improvements as well as other Columbia Point upgrades. Boston 2024 has said that the group was mulling a public-private partnership to upgrade JFK/UMass station. Additional bus platforms would be added to the station to accommodate the Olympic Lane buses shuttling athletes and visitors to and from the Athletes Village on Columbia Point, according to statements by former

Boston 2024 president Dan O'Connell, who stepped down last month.

Davey specifically addressed the nightmare traffic rotary at Kosciuszko Circle, listing it as a location in need of "traffic improvements that isn't currently funded. Kosciuszko Circle is among improvements that could happen" because of the Olympics.

As to the larger picture, Davey conceded that while Boston 2024 is still in a listening and fact-finding mode, the group could "put a new plan out and infer feedback" from residents, possibly before the September deadline to submit a bid to the International Olympic Committee. Boston 2024 will then be able to continue to tweak the bid over the following two years until the final host city is selected in 2017. After the meeting, Fitzgerald told the *Reporter* that community meetings will be "ongoing even after September. They'll be ongoing from here on out, until we know whether we have it or not."

House bill would give Beacon Hill oversight of Olympics bid process

By LAUREN DEZENSKI
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A bill filed in the Legislature last month would create a seven-member commission charged with ensuring that the process of Boston's bid to become the host city for the 2024 Summer Olympics "be transparent and accountable to the people of the commonwealth," according to a copy of the bill provided to the *Reporter*.

The bill, filed by state Reps. Michael Moran of Brighton and Aaron Michlewitz of the North End, is co-sponsored by more than 85 legislators. State Sen. Linda Dorcena Forry signed on to co-sponsor the legislation in the Senate this week. The bill would also give Gov. Charlie Baker the ultimate yea or nay on the bid before it is submitted to international Olympic officials in September.

Under the bill, the seven-member commission would be made of individuals appointed by elected officials: the governor, attorney general, treasurer, inspector general, Speaker of the House, President of the Senate, the mayor of Boston, with the chairperson designated by the governor.

Should the bill be enacted, a number of mandates would be set in place:

- The Boston 2024 group would be required to submit its bid to the commission prior to submitting it to the International Olympic Committee.

If the commission signs off on the bid, then "the governor shall have final approval of the bid."

- In line with the deadline for Boston to submit its bid to the International Olympic Committee — September 15 of this year — the bill would require that the commission, the city of Boston, and Boston 2024 to enter into a memorandum of understanding "on or before Sept. 14, 2015" incorporating the commission's recommendations. If passed, this law would stay in place until Dec. 1, 2017 or until the IOC selects the official 2024 host city. Should Boston be selected, the law would remain in place until June 30, 2025.

The commission would be responsible for gathering "facts and information related to public safety, economic and social impacts of siting the 2024 games," as well as for approving any orders of land taking by eminent domain.

Land ownership will be a key aspect leading up to the Games. While Boston 2024 maintains that 70 percent of the game sites would be located on college and university land, significant large developments, including locations in Widett Circle, Columbia Point, and Franklin Park, are private or protected land. Boston 2024 has said it will "pursue omnibus state legislation" to implement and integrate facilities.

Walsh, 2024 chiefs meet with Widett Circle owners

By **BILL FORRY**
EDITOR

Mayor Martin Walsh and top officials from Boston 2024 met with business owners from New Boston Food Market on two occasions over the last week to soothe fears over the businesses' future and clear a path forward for a possible agreement over the use of the coveted Widett Circle parcels along Dorchester Avenue in South Boston.

The meetings come as proponents of the Olympics bid seek to advance their plans to build a temporary Olympic Stadium on

land that is now occupied by a flourishing compound of food processing businesses, the proprietors of which have balked at the idea that the Olympic plans have advanced this far without their input.

Last Thursday, Walsh personally met with a group of owners from the impacted area, according to Michael Vaughan, the principal of Nauset Strategies, a consultancy that has been advancing the interests of Widett Circle.

On Tuesday, Vaughan and a group of Widett owners met with Boston 2024 Chief

Executive Officer Richard Davey and a former top Walsh aide, Joseph Rull, who was hired by Boston 2024 last month to assist in planning and marketing the bid. According to Vaughan, both meetings were "productive."

Of the session in the mayor's City Hall office last week, Vaughan said, "It was a great meeting. He gave them his assurance that he is a supporter of the Olympics bid, but more importantly a supporter of theirs. He's convinced that both can happen and that he would make sure that Widett Circle was

looked after. The people from Widett left that meeting feeling positive. They were scared. The mayor went a long way towards easing those fears."


Bonnie McGilpin, a mayoral spokesperson, said he sought to express "his commitment to working with these businesses so they can continue to thrive in the city. The mayor recognizes how important the Widett Circle/New Boston Food Market businesses are to food access in the city and Boston's economy," said McGilpin.

Vaughan said that

Tuesday's meeting began with Boston 2024 officials apologizing for past "missteps," which include not consulting directly with business owners about the idea of siting the Olympic Stadium on land they own control.

"They made it clear," Vaughan said, "that the mayor has impressed upon them the importance of the jobs at Widett and that those jobs need to remain – if not at Widett Circle – then in the city of Boston." Widett Circle representatives, Vaughan added, expressed that

they are supportive of the Olympics bid. "We support the Olympics. It's a good thing for the city of Boston. When Boston is doing well, we benefit," he said. But, he added: Widett Circle businesses remain adamant that they are not for sale, and that their present location is "essential" to their food-related businesses. It was "premature," Vaughan said, to say that Widett Circle businesses are open to relocating to another site to make way for a stadium.



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The purpose of this meeting will be to provide the Jamaica Plain community with an update on the progress made on the Casey Arborway Project since the construction kick-off session on January 21st. The meeting will also focus on the next approximately 90 days of construction operations including temporary roadway configurations and traffic controls. An overall schedule for the project will also be provided as will answers to questions asked at the last meeting regarding environmental controls and construction period traffic. This meeting will provide important details regarding construction and all residents, abutters, local business owners, and interested commuters are strongly encouraged to attend. **In case of inclement weather, a snow date for this meeting has been set for Wednesday, March 11th at the same time and location.**


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To be added to the project email list, please contact Jim Kersten at (857) 368-9041 or james.a.kersten@state.ma.us

Chocolate, Culture and the Politics of Food
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Arts & Entertainment

Students at Elizabeth Seton Academy strut stuff with quality arts programs

By CHRIS HARDING
SPECIAL TO THE
REPORTER

Dorchester's Elizabeth Seton Academy (ESA) isn't letting its modest-sized student body or the lack of a big campus stop it from offering high-quality, wide-ranging arts programming. Already this year, the young women of ESA have published a literary magazine and participated in a poetry competition, and next month they'll present their first juried arts show.

The sole remaining all-girls' Catholic high school in Boston, ESA is a private, urban, college preparatory high school with just under 100 enrollees that ESA opened its doors to its first classes on Sept. 8, 2003, at the site of the former Saint Gregory Parish High School in Lower Mills.

During the year, ESA's art department, headed by practicing painter Amanda Herzog, introduces students to a wide variety of media: painting, printmaking, sculpture, graphic arts



A painting by ESA teacher Amanda (Montgomery) Herzog, who is one of the organizers of the school's art show. The juried art show will be held next weekend, March 6-8 at Laboure College.

and digital art. Student-artists are recognized at an award ceremony hosted by the mayor, and ESA artwork has appeared on various billboards around the city.

Early last month, ESA published *Paper Planes*, its literary magazine, and this volume featured students' artwork, poetry, and short stories. The young authors were inspired by their favorite songs and novels, but most importantly by poets like Ralph Waldo

Emerson and Henry David Thoreau.

Elana Aurise, ESA's advancement manager/alumnae coordinator, noted, "True to our education, service, and achievement mission, these 11 staffers have learned to create and execute an idea, work together as a team, and use the tools necessary to publish their magazine at no financial cost."

The day following the release of *Paper Planes*, ESA hosted its second annual Poetry Out Loud

competition. This friendly rivalry demonstrated how well a student can verse and memorize a poem with the correct rhyme and meter. Eight students recited poems by Al Young, Emily Dickinson, and Maya Angelou, among many others. Peers, faculty, and staff were there to support the students' efforts.

Ultimately, three students stood out: For best dramatic appropriateness, it was Sheila Duplan, who recited "The Negro Speaks of Rivers" by Langston Hughes; runner-up was Shannon Flaherty, who recited "Domestic Situation" by Ernest Hilbert. The overall winner was Kailana Harriot, who recited "The Animals in that Country" by Margaret Atwood.

The winning performances can be viewed on ESA's YouTube channel at youtube.com/TheESABoston.

Next weekend (March 6-8), Elizabeth Seton Academy will be presenting its first juried art show. The opening reception will be on Fri., March 6, from 5 to 8 p.m. at Laboure College, 303 Adams St., Milton. The showcase, a wide variety of media co-sponsored by Laboure and *Art New England*, will be judged by three high profile artists: Debbie Hagan, editor-in-chief of *Art New England*; Lower Mills's Jim Scherer, an award-winning commercial food and still life photographer; and Scherer's wife, Elena Balsameda-Scherer, a noted botanical artist.

How did ESA get the editor of "New England's leading visual arts and contemporary culture magazine" to head the jury of its first art show ever? For starters, Visual Arts teacher Amanda (Montgomery) Herzog is the daughter of Tim Montgomery, the publisher of *Art New England*.

In addition to the visual and literary arts programming, ESA has a choral group (headed by Spanish teacher Robert Congdon) that participates in school liturgies and performs at the Christmas Gathering and Spring Festival of the Arts. ESA students are slated to hear performances by the Boston Symphony on March 25, and by the Handel and Haydn Society on April 9.

St. Elizabeth Seton, a fine pianist and great lover of poetry and other literature, must be very proud!

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FIELDS CORNER BRANCH

Thursday, March 5, 3:30 p.m. – Homework Help. **Friday, March 6, 10:30 a.m.** – Lapsit Story Time. **Monday, March 9, 3:30 p.m.** – Homework Help. **Tuesday, March 10, 3:30 p.m.** – Homework Help. **4 p.m.** – BTU Homework Help. **6:30** – Hatha Yoga. **Wednesday, March 11, 10:30 a.m.** – Preschool Films and Fun. **3:30 p.m.** – Homework Help. **Thursday, March 12, 3:30 p.m.** – Homework Help. **Friday, March 13, 10:30 a.m.** – Lapsit Story Time.

LOWER MILLS BRANCH

Thursday, March 5, 3:30 p.m. – Homework Help. **4 p.m.** – BTU Homework Help. **6 p.m.** – Homebuying 102: How to Buy a Condo. **Monday, March 9, 3:30 p.m.** – Homework Help. **4 p.m.** – BTU Homework Help. **Tuesday, March 10, 3:30 p.m.** – Homework Help. **Wednesday, March 11, 3:30 p.m.** – Homework Help. **Thursday, March 12, 3:30 p.m.** – Homework Help. **4 p.m.** – BTU Homework Help.

MATTAPAN BRANCH

Thursday, March 5, 3:30 p.m. – Homework Help. **4 p.m.** – BTU Homework Help. **6:30 p.m.** – New Year, New You: Your Workout. **Friday, March 6, 2:30 p.m.** – Friday Film. **Monday, March 9, 3:30 p.m.** – Homework Help. **Tuesday, March 10, 3:30 p.m.** – Homework Help. **4 p.m.** – BTU Homework Help. **4 p.m.** – Youth Woodworking Class. **6 p.m.** – ESL Conversation Group with Miss Cannon. **Wednesday, March 11, 3:30 p.m.** – Homework Help. **Thursday, March 12, 3:30 p.m.** – Homework Help. **4 p.m.** – BTU Homework Help. **Friday, March 13, 2:30 p.m.** – Friday Film. **Saturday, March 14, 9 a.m.** – AARP Tax Aide.

UPHAMS CORNER BRANCH

Thursday, March 5, 3:30 p.m. – Homework Help. **4 p.m.** – BTU Homework Help. **Monday, March 9, 3:30 p.m.** – Homework Help. **Tuesday, March 10, 3:30 p.m.** – Homework Help. **Wednesday, March 11, 3:30 p.m.** – Homework Help. **Thursday, March 12, 3:30 p.m.** – Homework Help. **4 p.m.** – BTU Homework Help.

GROVE HALL BRANCH

Thursday, March 5, 3:30 p.m. – After School Tutoring with 826 Boston. **4 p.m.** – BTU Homework Help. **Saturday, March 7, 10 a.m.** – Operation LIP-STICK. **1 p.m.** – Baby Diaper Bank. **Monday, March 9, 3:30 p.m.** – Homework Help. **Tuesday, March 10, 3:30 p.m.** – After School Tutoring with 826 Boston. **3:30 p.m.** – Homework Help. **Wednesday, March 11, 3:30 p.m.** – Homework Help. **Thursday, March 12, 3:30 p.m.** – After School Tutoring with 826 Boston. **3:30 p.m.** – Homework Help.

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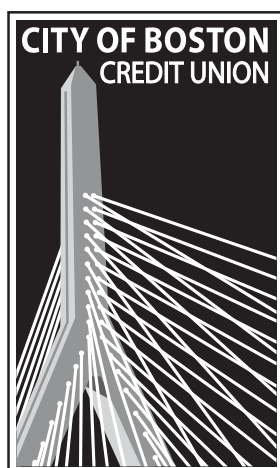
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Cedar Grove's O'Brien sisters will enter Fontbonne's Hall of Fame

Two Dorchester natives are receiving a special honor from their alma mater. Christine and Noreen O'Brien are being inducted into the Fontbonne Academy Athletic Hall of Fame for their memorable track performances two decades ago.

The O'Briens were raised on Granville Street, and attended the St. Brendan School before moving on to Fontbonne Academy. Christine O'Brien McLaughlin graduated from the academy in 1990, followed by her sister Noreen O'Brien Kelley in 1994. The two sisters are both married and still live within St. Brendan Parish, where all of their children attend school.

Both Mrs. Kelley and Mrs. McLaughlin are Boston Public School

special education teachers, one at the Henderson School and one at the Bates School.

To be considered for a place in the Fontbonne Academy Hall of Fame, alumnae athletes must have graduated from the Academy at least five years prior to nomination. They must display outstanding character and sportsmanship, and the four cornerstone values of Fontbonne Academy: respect, responsibility, reconciliation and reverence. As well as displaying moral upstanding, nominees must receive an 80 percent approval from the selection committee.

When nominees are approved, they are inducted at a date determined by the Hall of Fame Committee. Christine McLaughlin was a natural in track, and

had an incredible record at Fontbonne Academy. On just her first day of practice, McLaughlin broke the school's record for the 200-meter sprint. She was a member of the All-Scholastic Team for the Boston Globe as well as the Boston Herald. McLaughlin won multiple State Championships in both the 400 and 600-meter competitions.

After McLaughlin graduated from the academy, she received an athletic scholarship to Boston University, where she earned a Masters Degree in Special Education. During her time at BU, McLaughlin ran for the 400 and the 800-meter dash. She currently holds the university's 800-meter relay record.

When the younger O'Brien made her way to

Fontbonne Academy, she made her own mark in the school's track team. A dual-sport athlete, Noreen Kelley was a varsity soccer player as early as her freshman year at the academy. Through running, Kelley was truly able to shine. She was undefeated in league races for all four of her years in Fontbonne. Kelley won three state championships, and placed second in New England. She was featured on Channel 5 News' segment High Five and was recognized on the Globe and the Herald's All-Scholastic Team.

Just like her sister, Kelley also received an athletic scholarship to Boston University and earned a Bachelors Degree in Math and Math Education. At BU, she competed in



Christine O'Brien McLaughlin and Noreen O'Brien Kelley — Sisters excelled at Fontbonne and beyond.

Cross Country as well as Indoor and Outdoor Track.

The Athletic Hall of Fame Dinner and induction ceremony is on Thursday, February 26. Tickets are \$35 per

person or \$350 for a table of ten. The 2015 inductees into the Fontbonne Academy Athletic Hall of Fame include the O'Brien sisters and four other Fontbonne coaches and alumnae.



Boston Police and Fire officials credit neighbor Randle Roache with giving them a huge assist — and say he helped "save lives" by shoveling out this fire hydrant near 23 Abbot St. A building fire at that address struck last Thursday displaced 17 residents, but was quickly knocked down thanks to Roache's diligence in clearing the hydrant of snow and ice. "I always keep it clean," said Roache.

Photo by BPDNews

Former Y child to run marathon

Tina Kennedy is one of four people selected to run this year's Boston Marathon to raise funds as a part of the YMCA of Greater Boston's team. Kennedy, a Dorchester native now living in Boston, has a goal of raising \$9,000. Tina grew up in the Y community where she sought care and support afterschool.

Kennedy, 24, will take on her first Boston Marathon, raising funds as part of the YMCA of Greater Boston's marathon team. Kennedy, a former Canton High School track and cross country captain who struggled through back injuries, took a break from running long distance during her time at UMass Amherst. Having overcome physical injuries, she is looking at this opportunity as a

chance to rediscover the passion she once had for the sport.

A current executive and research associate for The Brennan Group Inc., Kennedy is ready to re-lace her running shoes and give back to the organization that has provided her with so much throughout the years.

"I learned to tie my shoelaces at the Dorchester YMCA," says Kennedy. "My father worked six days a week, with early morning starts and late evening walks in the door, as the owner of his own construction company, and my mother took on administrative positions while teaching herself business accounting."

"My parents did not have the luxury of leaving early from work to

pick me up from school to care for me so they turned to the Y."

To this day, Kennedy says that her relationship with the Y has come "full circle." Since recently moving to the Fenway area, Kennedy has become part of the YMCA's Huntington Ave. branch where she trains and works out in preparation for the Boston Marathon.

Although it will be her first marathon, Kennedy has enjoyed running local 5K and charity runs. "I fell in love with the whole sport because it is a mental game against yourself," says Kennedy. "The running culture is a whole different group where you find some real inspiration and people with heart. It is the best thing that ever happened to me and has shaped me



Tina Kennedy: Dot YMCA was her early home away from home

into a more confident and outgoing person."

For more information on how qualified runners with bibs can join the Y team and raise a minimum of \$1,500, email ymarathonteam@ymca.org

Bubbles' Birthdays and Special Occasions

By BARBARA McDONOUGH

The first attack on the World Trade Center (a 1,300-pound device that was hidden in a van) occurred on Feb. 26, 1993, and resulted in six deaths and more than 1,000 injured. Tony Randall was born in Tulsa on Feb. 26, 1920. Henry Wadsworth Longfellow was born in Portland, Maine, on Feb. 27, 1807. The largest flower show in the US will be held in Philadelphia from Feb. 28 to Mar. 8. Some 165,000 people are expected to attend. Diane Stern, co-anchor of WBZ's afternoon news programming, has been with 'BZ since Feb. 28, 1983, an amazing 32 years.

March is American Red Cross Month. John F. Kennedy signed a decree establishing the Peace Corps on March 1, 1961. (The decree is commemorated each year on the second Tuesday of March.) March 1 is the feast day of St. David, the patron saint of Wales. New England Cable News began broadcasting on March 1, 1992. The McKeon Post was organized on Mar. 1, 1954. Veteran meteorologist Barry Burbank will be with WBZ-TV for 37 years on March 1. The "Sound of Music" was shown for the first time — in New York City — on March 2, 1965. Time Magazine was published for the first time on March 3, 1923. Sam Cole opened the first tavern in the country



The final episode of "M*A*S*H" aired on Feb. 28, 1983; 77 per cent of the viewing public watched it.

on March 3, 1634. On March 4, 1830, John Quincy Adams returned to the US House of Representatives after serving as president, and continued to sit for eight consecutive two-year terms. The Boston Globe began publishing on March 4, 1872. On Mar. 4, 1629, a charter was granted to the settlers of the Dorchester Company.

Celebrities having birthdays are Fats Domino, 87 on Feb. 26; Josh Groban, 34 on Feb. 27; Joanne Woodward, 85 on Feb. 27; Bernadette Peters, 67

on Feb. 28; Chelsea Clinton, 35 on Feb. 28; Harry Belafonte, 88 on March 1; Robert Conrad, 80 on March 1; Ron Howard, 61 on March 1; Daniel Craig, 47 on March 2; and Mary Wilson (of the Supremes), 71 on March 4.

Those celebrating their birthdays are Jack Cobb, Helen Gaffney, Mary Ellen Driscoll, Matt Kenney, Elaine Happnie, Maureen (Kroner) Connors, Jamie Byrne, Jonathan Aveni, Alex Rubington, Alanna O'Sullivan, Richard Sweeney, and Jerry McDonough.

Those with birthdays on Feb. 29 are Mimi La Camera and Judge Linda Connolly. The Ice Creamsmith should be open on Sunday, March 1, for the 38th year. Those observing their birthday in early March are John Lyons, John "The Bicycle Man" Gustafson, Abbie Glicker, Stephanie (Norton) Hampton, Mark Juaire, Colin Picarelli, Matt Cataldo, former Congressman Brian Donnelly, Bethany (Solletti) Lyons, Mary Coughlin, Ann Tumilty, Kari (Finnegan) Rizzo, and Sheila (Lehane) Lawn.

Bill Brett is having a special birthday this week. And John and Barbie Vibert are celebrating their anniversary this week.

Federal fix needed in city housing rule

On Wednesday, the Boston City Council gave its approval to a Boston Housing Authority (BHA) plan to seek federal permission to change the way it distributes housing units to senior citizens and disabled adults in the 36 elder/disabled apartment buildings owned by the city.

The change would alter the formula now used to assign seniors or disabled, non-elderly people to units as they open up in BHA apartment buildings.

The BHA is required to submit a so-called "Designated Housing Plan" to Housing and Urban Development (HUD) administrators in Washington, D.C. for their approval. Currently, the BHA is mandated to keep a ratio of 70 percent elderly to 30 percent non-elderly disabled in their developments. William McGonagle, the BHA's administrator, has proposed changing that formula to 80 percent elderly- 20 percent non-elderly disabled. To offset the loss of non-elderly disabled units inside those buildings, McGonagle proposes giving Section 8 vouchers to non-elderly-disabled residents to secure private housing.

The BHA will submit its plan to HUD in the coming weeks, but there is no guarantee that it will be approved. In fact, on two previous occasions, the last one in 2007, attempts to change the ratio have been rejected by HUD. This time, we hope HUD officials and our elected leaders in Washington will see things differently.

Boston's population is aging rapidly and its demographics have changed dramatically since the last change in the HUD formula, back in 1999. The 2010 census documented an 11 percent increase in Bostonians age 60 and over. That figure is projected to rise even further by 2020. City officials estimate that 90 percent of new demand for housing in these BHA units will come from elderly residents over the next nine years. Meanwhile, the BHA says that the proportion of non-elderly disabled applicants has declined by 14.5 percent.

In our view, the change to an 80-20 ratio will also ease the negative impacts of mixing these two distinct populations within the BHA developments, a federal requirement that city officials would otherwise seek to change on their own. They cannot. But they can pursue reducing the impact on the aging population by creating a "more manageable ratio that will help minimize lifestyle differences."

This change would bring Boston's public housing system into synch with other cities across the nation and close to home. Cambridge, for instance, has an 87.5-13.5 percent ratio; Brookline is currently set at 80-20. It is time for federal administrators to allow our city's administrators to change its formula to respond to the needs of the Boston of 2015.

— Bill Forry

A note to our subscribers

We have had numerous reports in the last week about a serious delay in the home delivery of the Feb. 19 edition of the *Dorchester Reporter*, especially in the 02124 zip code. The *Reporter* was published last week at our normal time and delivered to the USPS for distribution. We have made inquiries to the USPS to determine what caused the delay. We apologize for any inconvenience this may have caused our readers. Please contact our office to report a missing edition: 617-436-1222.

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A Boston Olympics in 2024? By all means, yes! Here's why

BY BARRY LAWTON
SPECIAL TO THE REPORTER

It came as a surprise to many that Boston was even in the running for the Olympic bid. It was, however, no surprise when we found out which cities we were competing against: Los Angeles, which hosted the Olympics in 1932 and 1984; San Francisco, another prominent West Coast city; and Washington D.C., which would offer a logistical nightmare in our nation's seat of government.

The remaining global competitors are from Europe, a continent that has hosted nine out of the last eighteen Olympic events.

Geopolitics suggests it is Boston's to lose. It would be the oldest American city to host the Olympics; it possesses a history and heritage that is voluminously unique in America; and it would send a global message to those who choose terror over negotiation that Boston is not only a defiant city but a resilient one as well.

The economic and social benefits of having the Olympics games in Boston are many and the boost to tourism throughout the region would be unparalleled. This is not a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity; it is a once-in-generations possibility. If done correctly, it would do more than a federal stimulus, three casinos, and business tax breaks combined. We could not afford a better commercial for our city's tourism, educational and medical institutions.

Here are some realities. Each of the last three Olympics held in major US cities left no deficits and produced combined profits of \$361 million. The increased use of technology and global markets, when coupled with more efficient delivery of services, suggests that the record \$250 million profit posted at Salt Lake City's Winter Olympics could be surpassed substantially because the Summer Olympics nearly double the number of participating nations.

Critics are correct that sacrifices and compromise will be required. I challenge them, however, to provide a better incentive for infrastructure improvements than the Olympics coming to Boston or to identify a new revenue stream without raising taxes.

Nevertheless, it is wrong to dismiss critics simply as naysayers; their concerns are valid. However, they cannot replace the employment opportunities for residents in our poorer neighborhoods and our growing immigrant population. Many of their concerns can be addressed with transparency, open lines of communication, compromise, and the

"Get angry" about METCO cuts

BY GINTAUTAS DUMCIUS
STATE HOUSE NEWS SERVICE

A proponent of the voluntary program aimed at increasing diversity and giving students school choice options called on her fellow advocates Tuesday to "get angry" about cuts in state funding.

The Metropolitan Council for Educational Opportunity (METCO), a grant program funded by the state, allows students in Boston and Springfield to attend public schools in communities that have agreed to participate in the program.

Aleisa Gittens-Carle, president of the association of METCO directors, on Tuesday decried the emergency cuts made by Gov. Charlie Baker and his predecessor Deval Patrick to balance the state budget. The cuts brought the allocation for METCO to \$17.9 million from \$19.1 million.

Patrick cut METCO by more than \$287,000 in November and Baker slashed \$943,000 in METCO funding earlier this month.

Baker inherited a \$768 million budget gap that he moved to close this month with a mix of unilateral cuts, spending reductions approved by the Legislature, and other measures. The proposal cleared the Senate on a voice vote and passed the House by a 153-1 vote.

The Baker administration has stressed that the budget fix does not raise taxes and does not reduce local aid or funds to combat homelessness.

"I think METCO is a pretty successful program," Baker told the News Service on Tuesday, adding that his household served as a host family for METCO students when he was growing up in Needham.

Baker is due to file his version of the fiscal 2016 budget on March 4.

"We're still in the process of putting together our finishing touches on fiscal '16," Baker said. "It's going to be a difficult budget year but METCO will certainly get our full attention."

Speaking to a crowd of METCO directors, students, superintendents and elected officials in Nurses Hall, Gittens-Carle said she could not give a "nice and sweet and flowery" speech, because of the "injustice

willingness of Bostonians to make it happen.

Their concerns about funding for education and human services require new revenues. The tax revenue generated from hosting an Olympics would help mitigate the increased burden on taxpayers. In addition, the improvements to long-term quality of life and the commitment of universities to construct new venues, housing, and dormitories will help mitigate the rising demand for and cost of housing. When the Olympic games exit Boston, they will leave behind more housing, more businesses, and a legacy that will be priceless.

The greatest challenge for Boston 2024 is to project the perception to the IOC and to the world that Bostonians are on board. The key to gaining the support of Bostonians is the articulation of the short- and long-term benefits derived from hosting this event as the representing city for the United States. The support will come: The IOC, the federal government, the private sector, and citizens across the country will contribute. Major cities across the nation could host Boston 2024 fundraisers where they would not only raise funds, but also identify sponsors.

The Walsh administration is correct to tread lightly on the democratic process before it is an issue, but if it focuses its energies on unambiguously promoting the benefits to the residents of Boston, a referendum in all likelihood would favor hosting the games. The jobs and revenue generated over the next nine years will far exceed the inconvenience. This city has survived a revolution, racial strife, terrorism, and numbing snowstorms year after year. We will get over two weeks of Olympics traffic problems in about two weeks.

There is validity in the opponents' concerns about the lack of transparency prior to the submission of the application, but there is also validity to the concern that early dissension would have placed Boston at a disadvantage with our American competitors. That aside, the sooner we can present a unified front, the sooner we can put forth the most viable proposal possible. That could ultimately influence or deter the decision of the remaining global competitors from even submitting applications.

All of which boils down to a simple question: Will Boston be a better city for hosting the Olympics? Logic and history say Yes! We need to lay out the best welcome mat for the world and for Olympian athletes, and that means all hands on deck.

Barry Lawton is a Dorchester resident.

being done to our kids."

"I need you to get angry," she said, repeating the phrase several times throughout her speech. "Simple as that."

"Do it nicely, though," added Gittens-Carle, who also serves as METCO director for Cohasset Public Schools. "I don't want you cussing."

Proponents of METCO say they want the money restored and they're asking for \$21.5 million in fiscal year 2016, which starts in July.

Sen. Richard Ross (R-Wrentham) said he disagreed with the fiscal 2015 budget cut to the program. "As he's making judicious cuts, this is one of those programs he needs to reconsider," Ross said of Baker. "It's one of the few programs I think we get so much out of."

The program often draws bipartisan support, and since 1992, its funding has decreased just five times, falling in 2003, 2004, 2009, 2010 and 2011, according to METCO.

Sen. Sonia Chang-Diaz (D-Jamaica Plain) said METCO funding is the same as local aid spending. "This is not just 'give us our increase out of the blue,'" she said. "It's a good investment for the state."

Other lawmakers who attended the gathering of METCO supporters included Rep. Alice Peisch (D-Wellesley), who served as last year's co-chair of the Joint Committee on Education, and Reps. David Linsky (D-Natick), Frank Smizik (D-Brookline), and Paul Donato (D-Medford).

Program advocates say METCO students, the majority of whom go to college, go on to become lawyers, teachers and laborers. Under the fiscal 2015 budget, 37 participating communities received \$3,581 per student in education funding, along with transportation funds for the program's 3,317 students, according to METCO. The program's advisory committee has called for \$5,000 per student, along with transportation costs. Advocates say Chapter 70 funding, also known as local school aid, has increased 70 percent between fiscal years 1999 and 2015, while METCO funding has increased just 44 percent.

"It's not okay," said Gittens-Carle. "It's not okay for us to not be funded at the same level."

High school students kick the tires at EMK Institute

BY LAUREN DEZENSKI
REPORTER STAFF

The best museums give their visitors a take-away message, something that can stick with them long after they leave the building. At the Edward M. Kennedy Institute for the United States Senate – slated to open next month on Columbia Point in Dorchester – that message will be participation, according to Museum Director Billie R. DeWalt.

“We want people to say, ‘I am inspired here to go out and make sure that I am in contact with my representative or senator or mayor and I’m darn sure going to be voting on the next election day. In the meantime, maybe I can get involved in a civic organization.’ Because that’s what makes the system work,” explains DeWalt.

The EMK Institute, a vision of the late senator and the second Kennedy family institution to rise up on the peninsula, will officially open its doors next to the John F. Kennedy Presidential Library and Museum on March 31.

In anticipation of the opening, EMK Institute’s officials have invited school groups to visit the 68,000-square-foot facility for a trial run of the museum’s educational



The exterior of the Edward M. Kennedy Institute for the United States Senate, shown above in this rendering, will officially open after a ceremony slated for later in March. However, select student groups are getting opportunities to test-out the institute’s interactive tours in recent visits.

programming that will perhaps identify kinks in the system in return for a sneak peek at what’s inside.

Last Wednesday, two dozen high school students from UMass Boston’s Urban Scholars Program spent the morning role-playing a US Senate immersion session where they worked to pass comprehensive immigration reform, no small task, especially for the folks actually elected to do just that.

In a process that will be in effect when the institute opens to visitors, all the students were

given tablets to guide them through the exhibit space as well as explore specific policy issues and historical events. They also took “selfie” photos of themselves that accompanied them throughout the museum.

The students were then assigned a Senate district and guided through the process of understanding issues important to their constituents. They also learned how to strike deals and make compromises on both sides of the aisle in line with their issues before finishing with a debate

and final vote taken in the replica of the Senate chamber at the Capitol in Washington, the institute’s crown jewel. The Institute’s chamber, which is being kept under tight wraps as the opening approaches, is commanding at first look with its detailed sense of authenticity right down to the inkwell on the late senator’s wooden desk and the moldings along the walls. That authenticity extends to the replica of Ted Kenney’s Senate office that is another signature feature of the museum.

“Kids get off the bus,

they’re all jabbering and the front foyer is loud and they are having a good time. Then once they walk through the doors, it almost takes the breath out of everybody,” DeWalt said. “They quiet down immediately because they feel like they’re in the presence of something that is really important and really special. And we try to reinforce that with the experience.”

DeWalt said that when he first walked into the chamber, “I got chills running up and down my spine. And I think that is the kind of reaction that just about everybody who walks in there gets.”

The wide halls around the chamber feature interactive multimedia projections that have been designed to allow visitors to use their tablets to explore specific topics that interest them. All the technology creates an active museum experience, DeWalt said. “It’s just a means of getting to the point where guests think ‘Okay, I have to think about getting a provision on a bill and what kind of provision would I like to introduce to make this bill pass?’ You have to participate.”

Following the pre-opening tours by student groups and array of elected officials, a select

group of friends, supporters, and neighbors from around Columbia Point will make a trial run through the institute on March 7.

When the institute officially opens, a temporary exhibit highlighting Sen. Kennedy’s career will be available to visitors.

The institute’s and the senator’s focus on participation, both in its mission and its programming, can create a lasting difference, DeWalt said. “Unless people are participating and actively engaged, the whole system is not going to work. There’s nothing more needed at this time, where you’ve got such cynicism in the country about the government, and especially about the House of Representatives and the Senate. We can only affect that a little bit, but I think what we can do is inspire those kids who come through here.”

Admission to the museum will cost \$14 for Massachusetts residents between 25 and 61, and \$12 for the state’s seniors, students, and veterans. Admission will be free to Massachusetts children between 6 and 17. Regular admission for out-of-state residents will be \$16.

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CODMAN SQUARE NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

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Layeforest and Joseph Donald were honored on February 11 when the Celtics faced off against the Atlanta Hawks. The Dorchester couple have served as foster parents since 1982— helping hundreds of teenage boys over the last three decades. They also work closely with the Massachusetts Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children to provide support and structure for the young men.

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Meetings, Tues., 7p.m., in St. Gregory's Auditorium. Please bring bottles/ cans and any used sports equipment to the meeting for Officer Ruiz. See the web page: DorchesterLowerMills.org

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To apply, please fill out the application below, cut out this page and send it to: KIPP Academy Boston, 384 Warren St, Roxbury, MA 02119. Applications received by Friday, March 6th, 2015 will be entered into our enrollment lottery on Tuesday, March 10th, 2015!

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Dot-raised runner seeks gold

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said Jose Ortega, one of Sanca's track coaches at the O'Bryant. "I thought it was good enough but as he got older, he got stronger and faster."

In an interview with the Reporter, Sanca, 28, laid out how his running while growing up in Dorchester helped lay the groundwork for what has shaped up to be an Olympian level experience.

Sanca was born in Cape Verde in 1986 and came to the United States in 1999 with his family, settling in Roxbury. In middle school, his parents bought a home in Codman Square where they still live—and where Sanca still occasionally trains today.

While he was at the O'Bryant School, coaches persuaded Sanca, then a soccer player who casually ran races, to give his all to cross country and track and field. He was a natural.

Soon, Sanca started running "almost anything he could get his legs on," Ortega said. "You should have seen him. Back in those days, he was flying."

To train, Sanca said, he would run loops, beginning at his parents' home in Codman Square, up Talbot Avenue, up Blue Hill Ave, and down Columbia Road. "I can't tell you how many times I got made fun of for running in Dorchester. I literally had someone almost punch me for running. It was on Harvard Street, right off of Blue Hill Avenue." He also relied on Franklin Park's expansive network of paths and roadways as training grounds.

Sanca graduated from the O'Bryant in 2005, but he still holds the school's records for the 4x4 relays set in 2004 and indoor mile and 1000 meters, both set in 2005. He went on to earn two degrees, including an MBA, from UMass Lowell, graduating in 2011 before preparing for the 2012 games.

Though he missed the podium in London's 5,000 meter competition, he has been working hard to qualify for the 2016 Rio Games, where he hopes to compete in



Ruben Sanca holds a trophy during his high school years at the John D. O'Bryant School in Dorchester. The Cape Verde native still holds a number of records at the high school, set in 2004 and 2005. Submitted photo

the marathon representing Cape Verde. In order to qualify, Sanca has to run a marathon (26.2 miles) in 2 hours and 18 minutes. "It was a lot of challenge to get from running one mile freshman year in 5 minutes and 12 seconds and now I'm trying to do the same thing for 26 miles," he said.

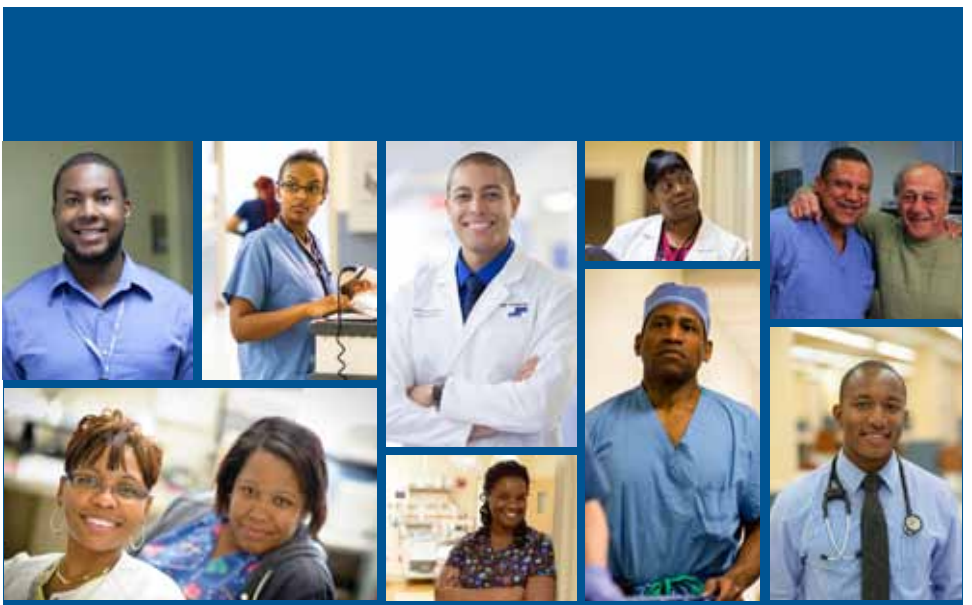
In addition to preparing for the 2016 Rio games, Sanca is also working on helping to bring the 2024 summer games to Boston. Boston 2024's backers hope that emphasis on homegrown athletes can help turn the tide in public support for the Olympic games.

"Ruben Sanca is a champion and Boston 2024 is proud to have his support. His story of growing up in Dorchester and dedicating his life to running is just one of the many inspiring tales that will energize Boston and the commonwealth as we build our historic Olympic and Paralympic bid," said Boston 2024 CEO Rich Davey. "He and other athletes are key parts of our effort as we build a plan that will make the city, the nation, and the world proud."

Sanca said the Boston games would open city kids' eyes to the world of sports, something that he has witnessed running

through towns along the Boston Marathon route.

"Bringing racing and the Olympic spirit to Boston would also be great for the kids that are 3 or 6 or 7, who really don't know anything about the sport," Sanca said. "When I would go for early morning runs, kids at bus stops would say things. Going running in Cambridge and Newton, that didn't happen. It's different because the marathon is right there."



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VIEW FROM POPE'S HILL

I wish I were back in Ireland at this time of year with all the Irish events to attend. I worry that the snow on the ground will not be gone by the day of the Southie parade, March 15. Hubby got out on the roof of our front porch two days last week and shoveled off a great deal of snow, which was above his waist when he began. He was worried that the roof wouldn't be able to take the weight of the snow. Hubby had me walk down the path toward the back yard as he took photos at various intervals so he could document the height of the snow. Our back yard looks positively beautiful with barely a mark in the snow.

Take heart from all the snow and the cold: Sullivan's at Castle Island will open for the year this Saturday, Feb. 28. If the weather is not the best, Sully's probably will not stay open too late in the afternoon.

Because all the events

that I hoped to attend were cancelled this past month, I found my columns of my first and only trip to Ireland, in 1994, which I will share with you over the next few weeks:

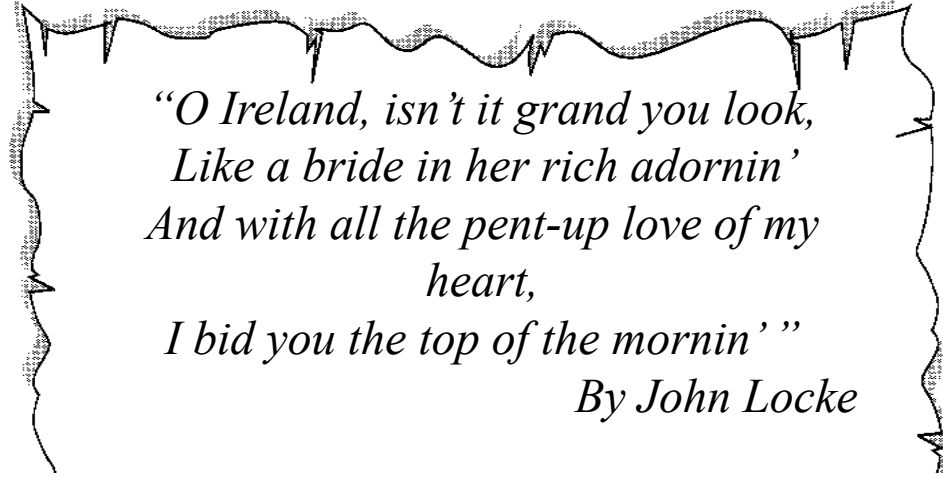
"A Diary of Our First Irish Vacation"

Boston Irish Reporter, August 1994

"Céad Mile Fáilte!"

A hundred thousand welcomes! Hubby and I heard "fáilte" many times as we took a trip across "the great pond" to Ireland. First, we went to our local travel agent, Freda, who made all our arrangements through Celtic International Tours. We chose the second week of July so that Hubby would have a few days to recover from the end of school.

Laden with suitcases filled with clothes for all types of weather (ponchos, sweaters, even a pair of shorts – and the essential umbrellas), we arrived at Logan Airport Saturday evening and boarded a giant Aer Lingus 747 for the trip. (We had watched the Aer



*"O Ireland, isn't it grand you look,
Like a bride in her rich adornin'
And with all the pent-up love of my
heart,*

I bid you the top of the mornin' "

By John Locke

Lingus plane leave for Ireland several nights before our trip (between 7:45 and 8:10 p.m.) as we sat at Castle Island. We tried to sleep on the plane, knowing that it would be 6 a.m. in Ireland when we arrived, but being excited about our first trip to the "old sod," we found sleeping difficult.

As we came through Shannon, we were greeted by our tour guide, a terrific person named David O'Brien who told us that we were the only ones from Boston, that all the other members of our group had been

delayed because of bad weather. He advised us to have some breakfast at the airport's restaurant as he awaited the rest of the group. As we looked for the restaurant, we saw the reservations desk for Aer Lingus. We went over to the agent, asking her to arrange seats for our return flight in the non-smoking section. On the way over, in order to get adjoining seats, we had to sit in the smoking section, which was difficult.

Finally, the rest of the tour group landed and off we went to the Cliffs of Moher, a dramatic sight as the barren cliffs rise 700 feet from the Atlantic Ocean. (Hubby went to the top of the observation area while I took photos at a strategic spot part way up.) A light rain had begun to fall and it was extremely cool, so we were delighted to get back in the coach. We struggled to stay awake until we arrived at the Limerick Inn Hotel in Limerick, where we slept for a few hours. Then it was off to a medieval dinner at Bunratty Castle. This was a spectacular evening, with the employees dressed in medieval garb. (I thoroughly enjoyed being called "My Lady.") The meal was interesting, since we were supposed to

eat with only the aid of a dagger. (We cheated and used a fork.) After the meal, the waitresses treated us to a wonderful concert of traditional Irish music. We poked our heads into the famous Durty Nelly's Pub, but it was so dark and crowded inside that we retreated back to the bus.

The next morning, we ate breakfast early – a full Irish breakfast consisting of eggs, bacon (I prefer our own crispy kind to the fatty Irish kind.), scones, juices, fruits, croissants, toast (white bread and brownbread), and even different cereals, if you wished. Then off we went through Tipperary to the Waterford factory. Since I had to get a few wedding gifts, I declined to go on the tour and went directly to the Mail Order section. The large crystal pieces on display were spectacular, and Hubby took photos so that we could remember them, in particular the chandeliers. Then it was off for lunch at a place that in English means The Storyteller; I never got the Irish word, except in the photos, which have not yet been developed. Finally, we arrived at our hotel, Jury's in Cork City where we had a lovely dinner and breakfast the following morning.

The next day, thanks to David, we were the first visitors at Blarney Castle. Up the long flight of stairs we went, difficult, pie-shaped stairs, both narrow and slippery, to the top of the castle. Hubby kissed the Stone, even with his bad back, while I chickened out, a foolish move that I regret. (As long as Hubby would hold my feet while the castle employee held my waist, I would chance it in a minute. We'll just have to go back!) After a little shopping, we drove through Macroom to the lovely town of Kenmare where we had lunch. Then we rode through the Ring of Kerry and ended at Muckross House, where we took a jaunting car ride. (What a great photo we have of six of us in the jaunting car – just like the scenes from "The Quiet Man.") The driver (the jarvey) Michael took us back along the main road to our hotel, the Great Southern in Killarney, as a long line of cars and buses queued up behind our slow, little cart. That evening, we went to an Irish theater presentation, "The Bodhran," at the East Avenue Hotel in Killarney. The evening proved to be delightful, with singing, Irish step dancing, and even set dancing. All during the trip back to the hotel, my feet were doing a great Irish jig – while seated, of course. There will be more about our tip to Ireland next week.

Here is an Irish blessing, a wee bit early: "May your life be filled with laughter, your home be filled with love, and may the good Lord shower you with many blessings from above."



Employment Opportunity Economic Development Specialist – Housing Services

About the NDC: The mission of the Codman Square Neighborhood Development Corporation (the "NDC") is to build a better, stronger community in Codman Square and South Dorchester by creating housing and commercial spaces that are safe, sustainable, and affordable, promoting financial and economic stability for residents and for the neighborhood, and providing residents of all ages with opportunities and skills to empower themselves to improve their lives.

About the Economic Development Line of Business: The Economic Development Line of Business includes key service and program functions that help Codman Square NDC support our community's vision for a stable and economically vibrant business district, abundant employment and business development opportunities for community residents, a well-prepared workforce, and the steady creation of assets and wealth among residents.

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Core Responsibilities:

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4. Manage communication with clients based on program policies and procedures, ensuring productive client interface, workflow, and documentation;
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7. Participate in external and internal meetings and, as appropriate, act as lead staff contact/liaison for our foreclosure prevention services;
8. Provide leadership and support, as appropriate, to ensure quality documentation related to grant proposal and funder report production;
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The ideal candidate for this position will demonstrate the following qualifications, skills, and/or traits:

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2. Proficiency with Microsoft Office Suite, as well as experience with data management and reporting systems;
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4. Strong administrative skills with keen attention to detail, and demonstrated ability for planning, time management, multi-tasking, and troubleshooting;
5. Ability to use good judgment and achieve outstanding service protocols while meeting program and agency protocols and policies;
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Bruins are failing us in our winter of discontent

From earliest times, in my book, the game of hockey has always brought charm to winter. Some of the best winter days of all-time memory featured frigid pick-up games on weekend afternoons on the frozen playgrounds, creeks, bogs, even reservoirs of our neck of the woods that ended only when the sun set. I was pushing deep into my fifties when I finally hung up the blades. Hockey is never better than on open ice. The harder the winter, the better the game.

Which suggests, given the historic harshness of this melancholy winter that New England is now enduring, that the game ought to be more of a joy than ever and helping to redeem some of the misery. So goes the reasoning that if you're no longer playing it, you've got to be getting even more of a kick than usual out of tracking it, be it at the youth league, or high school, or college level, and especially at the level of its ultimate expression, which is where we find the Boston Bruins, one of our prized cultural icons.

Those would be the same Bruins who are currently failing us, robbing us of the precious little satisfaction this brutal season of the year might grudgingly yield, dimming that precarious "charm" earlier noted, making us yearn more and more for spring, which has never seemed farther distant, and otherwise infuriating us regularly and sometimes even nightly.

Will the real 2014-2015 Bruins stand up and be accounted for! On the other hand, maybe we don't really want that.

This has always been a fairly inscrutable team but we've suffered them gladly not only for the reasons aforementioned but also because they've always seemed an amiable bunch of chaps, more "regular" (whatever that means) and easier to like than the rather more spoiled brats featured on other teams in town. The Bruins have always been the most easily forgiven of our professional teams. The New England sporting public, which for better or worse seems to include most of us, tends often to feel sorry for the Bruins while never really getting mad at them. This is

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a season when we should get mad.

Take the five-game road-trip just ended when they but thinly skirted total disaster by snapping from their near-fatal swoon in the trip's finale against, inexplicably, the toughest team they faced in a stadium long the most hostile to them. Nothing about this team makes much sense. While maybe they ended on a high note, they're still teetering on the brink of despair, to coin a phrase.

If you are the Bruins, do you wonder what "nadir" looks like and if you've experienced it? "Nadir," which Webster defines as "the time of greatest depression, or dejection," otherwise known in the King's parlance as, "the pits," or, more precisely, that point at which it can be safely declared, "It can't get any worse than this, dang it." The road trip dangled on the edge of that abyss from start to finish. Game after game it only got worse.

They opened in Vancouver, a tough town, with one of their worst performances in recent memory. They were out of it from about the 45-second mark of the first period. It was an effort entirely listless, lackluster, almost craven, much to the delight of the local yokels, some of whom you may fondly recall set fire to their town after losing the Cup to a rather more tenacious Bruins team. That was only four years ago, although there are weeks - this surely was one of them - when it seems more like 40.

On to Calgary, where after a three-goal lead was blown, there was that ludicrous finish with two ticks left on the overtime clock when defending Vezina Cup goalie Tuukka Rask became mesmerized by a shanked puck that floated aimlessly above him before darting irrationally like a knuckle ball and skimming off the back of his head and into the net. You will never see a more preposterous losing goal, nor a more embarrassing moment for an alleged world-class goalie.

Next, in Edmonton, against the team that currently ranks 29th in



the NHL and has been buried in the cellar most of this millennium - a pushover they'd beaten 13 straight times - they rallied from two down to push the game to a shootout, only to lose when 12 consecutive of their shoot-out shooters look as if they were auditioning for Mini One-on-One, NESN's between-periods show featuring 12 year olds. The Oilers' winning goal came when a walk-on Czech defenseman beat Rask for the first goal of his NHL career. No team in hockey, all the way down to the Pee Wees, looks sillier on the shootout than the Bruins. Do they ever practice this thing?

Finally, arriving thoroughly frazzled in St. Louis against a legitimate Cup Contender in the Blues, they featured the needless and flat-out dumb humiliation of their most prized prospect, as 21-year-old Malcolm Subban was drilled for three goals on three shots leading to his prompt banishment on the next train to Providence. Some suggest the Bruins were showcasing the kid for trade-deadline deal-making - having so little else that's tradeable - although one finds that highly doubtful. Having him debut against the league's second best team (point-wise) on their ice when they're hot and you're cold remains curious. It's too early to conclude that, consistent with their historic relationship with Montreal's Canadiens, they've been stuck with the lesser pick of the estimable Subban litter.

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six-game losing streak and with their hold on a playoff spot down to a single point, they crawled into Chicago, a shrill din of iniquity for them for the last 40 years, and in defiance of all logic smacked the Blackhawks, 6-2. It was an odd game, proclaimed as "chaotic" by play-by-play guru Doc Emrick, and en route they were as sloppy as they've routinely lately been, incurring four unpardonably stupid penalties in one three-minute stretch, which usually is enough to croak them. Luckily, it was the Hawks who were listless this time. Pretty as it may be to think so, the wacky win in Chicago hardly signals a turn in their fortunes. It only confuses the picture still more.

Was this ever, before the injuries and other issues reared, a team that might have been good enough to win the Cup? I've never thought so. But Sports Illustrated picked them to go to the Finals and Michael Farber, who makes such decisions for SI, knows his stuff. After they seemingly got themselves straightened out in January, losing only 3 of 16, a team of NHL experts proclaimed them the team most to be feared in the playoffs.

There followed the post-All-Star game flop in February, which has been almost as bad as their dismal performance in December.

Now, they have returned from their brutal round-trip with a three-point lead over

the Panthers and a four-point lead over a late rearing menace, the Flyers, who are piping hot, in the furious battle for the last playoff berth. Nor are Ottawa and New Jersey far distant.

Their Vezina Cup goalie, is strongly implying that he is worn out. One is tempted to remind him that back when men were men and there were only six teams in this league, chaps like Glenn Hall, Eddie Johnston, Terry Sawchuk, and Jacques Plante played every game of the season and never dared complain lest they lose their jobs. But that would doubtless be unfair.

Most important, they return having lost Kevan Miller, for the season, merely their most dependable defensive defenseman now that Brothers Chara and Seidenberg have faded. They have also lost David Krejci, arguably the key to their entire offense, to yet another of his mysterious ill-defined injuries. When Krejci gets hurt, you should assume the worst. This injury is said to be to his "lower body." The last one, to his "upper body," and still undefined, sidelined

him for two months.

Let me tell you this, friend. If they don't find a way to compensate for Miller's loss and if Krejci is gone another two months, they will not make the playoffs.

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Catholic Academy's Columbia campus damaged in flood

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"This is a good option and we just have to expedite moving some things into the buildings," said Rev. Jack Ahern, pastor of Blessed Mother Teresa parish, who has been engaged in assisting the Academy in managing the week-long crisis. Ahern also enlisted the help of Mayor Martin Walsh, a graduate of the old St. Margaret's School, who directed his lieutenants to expedite an occupancy permit that was needed to keep the youngest students — in grades K-0 through 1 — housed in the annex beginning today (Thurs., Feb. 26). Ahern also worked with Cardinal Sean O'Malley's office to secure space inside the former St. Mary's School at 52 Boston St., which is owned by the parish of Our Lady of Czestochowa. The former school building was considered the best alternative space available because of its proximity to Columbia Road. St. Mary's was closed in 2009, but the building is used on the weekend for parish events and Polish language classes.

On Monday, scores of workers in protective suits and hardhats hauled debris out of the school building and into large dumpsters in the school parking lot; inside, as hundreds of drying fans whirred,

other workers ripped out ruined drywall and flooring while looking to salvage what they could. Meanwhile, Father Ahern toured the building with officials from Suffolk Construction, who had arrived to survey the damage and prepare preliminary plans for repairs. Suffolk built the annex and renovated the old St. Margaret's building in 2008-2009. The company's owner, John Fish, and his wife Cyndy were major contributors to the philanthropic efforts to build the Academy. A floor of the annex — which includes a gymnasium and several classrooms — is named for Fish and his wife.

The flood was discovered around 6:30 a.m. a week ago Tuesday by the school's main custodian, Tony Hutchins. The 25-year-old Savin Hill resident arrived at about the same time as Boston firefighters, who had been notified of a report of an alarm going off inside. In fact, Ahern and other neighbors later said, the alarm had been activated around 10 p.m. on Monday night — evidently triggered by the pipe break.

By the time of Hutchins's discovery some eight hours later, up to four inches of water had risen on each of the four floors of the building — compromising the walls,



Rev. Jack Ahern and a Suffolk Construction official inside the school on Monday.

the ceilings, and the wooden floors. "When I walked in it was overwhelming at first. A lot of the ceiling tiles had dropped. You could tell it was bad," said Hutchins. The source of the water was quickly pinpointed as being in a cavity above Room 403 — the custodian's closet — where a pink elbow pipe had fractured.

The archdiocese of Boston called in a professional disaster relief company — Service-Master by Gilmore — to respond to the scene. The Framingham-based affiliate of the international company brought in a large generator that is now the source of power for the extensive cleanup effort inside the building.

After the pumping-out of a large quantity of water, the work is now focused on identifying sections of wall and flooring that must be removed because they are too water-logged to be salvaged.

"When you're dealing with a school and children, everything has to be done to perfection so that come July and August you don't have residual problems arise," explained Steve Gilmore, the president and CEO of the Service-Master by Gilmore. "It either has to be dried properly or removed. There's a lot of plaster and sheetrock in there and we'll save as much as we can. We've got infra-red cameras that can detect moisture

inside the walls and underneath surfaces, so it's not a guessing game. It allows us to be very, very precise. But if there's any doubt, you take it out."

In fact, on Monday, several workers were seen tearing down whole sections of the first-floor hallway near the school's main entrance, exposing the building's exterior brick wall. Gilmore said it was too early to say just how costly the damage will be. "I don't have a number yet, but it'll be in the millions," he said, noting that the company responded quickly — despite the heavy demands from other weather-related emergencies — because it does a lot of work for

the archdiocese.

"It's Biblical right now," said Gilmore on the volume of calls coming in from people experiencing burst pipes or other water infiltration across the snow-ravaged region. "We're three weeks out getting into residential homes. Normally, when someone calls us, we're out within an hour. That gives you a sense of the magnitude of where we're at." He added: "We're not shutting our phones down like some places. Even though we can't service them today, we are helping them with tips about what they have to do."

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MEETINGHOUSE HILL CIVIC ASSN

The meetings are held at 7 p.m., at First Parish Church. For info, contact Megan Sonderegger. New e-mail address is: meetinghousehillcivic@gmail.com.

MELVILLE PARK ASSN

Clean-up of the MBTA Tunnel Cap (garden at Shawmut Station), the first Sat. of the month, from 10 a.m. to noon. The meetings are held at 6 p.m., at the Epiphany School, 154 Centre St., Dor. Dues of \$10pp are now being collected

PEABODY SLOPE ASSN

The Peabody Slope Neighborhood Assn's meetings, the first Mon. of the month, at Dorchester Academy, 18 Croftland Ave., 7 p.m. For info: peabodyslope.org or 617-533-8123.

POPE'S HILL NEIGHBORHOOD ASSN

Neighborhood E-Mail Alert system. PHNA meetings, usually the fourth Wed. of the month at the Leahy/Holloran Community Center at 7 p.m. The February meeting was cancelled because of extreme weather and poor walking conditions. The next meeting will be held on Wed., March 25, at 7 p.m.

PORT NORFOLK CIVIC ASSN

Meetings the third Thurs. of the month at the Port Norfolk Yacht Club, 7 p.m. Info: 617-825-5225.

ST. MARK'S AREA CIVIC ASSN

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RONAN PARK

Meetings held from 6:30 to 8 p.m., at the Bowdoin St. Health Center.

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Senior Supper, Wed., Mar. 11, 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. with Dr. Umar Shakur, DO, speaking on Cardiology. In addition to dinner, there will be Irish entertainment. RSVP to Doctor Finder at 1-800-5959 and indicate either corned beef and cabbage or fish. A Breast-Cancer Support Group, the second Wednesday (only) of each month, 6:30 to 8 p.m. The Carney's adult/child/infant CPR and First Aid: instructions every week for only \$30. Call 617-296-4012, X2093 for schedule. Diabetes support group (free), third Thurs. of every month, from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m., Info: 617-506-4921. Additional support groups at Carney: Family Support.

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BOWDOIN ST. HEALTH CENTER

Peace Circle, where those affected by violence may speak honestly, the second Tues. of each month, 6 to 8 p.m., sponsored by Beth Israel Deaconess Med. Ctr, the BSHC, and the Louis Brown Peace Institute. Call Janet at 617-296-2075 for info.

IRISH PASTORAL CENTRE

The IPC is located in St. Brendan Rectory, 15 Rita Road. Dorchester. Our coffee social meets every Wed, from 10 a.m. to noon at 15 Rita Rd., where freshly baked breads are served. Everyone is welcome to come and join in the friendly conversation and various weekly activities. Mother and toddler playgroup, each Wednesday, 10 a.m. to noon, in St. Mark's lower church. All are welcome.

IRISH SOCIAL CLUB

The club is located at 119 Park St., West Roxbury. Performers for Feb.: Sat., Feb. 28, Parkway in Motion, in Memory of Firefighter Mike Kennedy, (five \$1,000 scholarships), call 617-413-1329. March performers are: Sun., Mar. 1. Mossie Coughlin and the Boston Irish; Sun., Mar. 8, Margaret Dalton; Fri., Mar. 13, Pub Night, with the Fenian Sons, free admission; Sat., Mar. 14, County Roscommon's St. Patrick's Dinner, 5 p.m. to 10 p.m. Call Lord Mayor Richie Gormley (617-327-7777) for tickets at \$40; no tickets sold at the door. Music by Erin's Melody. Acclaimed photographer and author (of new book "Boston Irish") Bill Brett will be present.; Sun., Mar. 15, Silver Spears; Tues., Mar. 17, Noel Henry's Irish Show Band; admission, \$20; Sun., Mar. 22, Andy Healy; Thurs., Mar. 26, Members' meeting, at 7:30 p.m.; and Sun., Mar. 29, Denis Curtin. Fri. Apr 10. Lucy's Love Bus fundraiser; call Johnny Costello at 617-678-7949.

LEAHY/HOLLORAN COMMUNITY CENTER

The annual St. Patrick's Dinner for seniors will take place on Wed., March 11, at 6 p.m. Call LaToya at 617-635-5150 to RSVP. The center is located at 1 Worrell St.

MILTON-QUINCY CONGREGATION (TEMPLE SHALOM)

Purim events: a Purim carnival, with food, fun, raffles, and prizes for all. Costumed children and adults are most welcome, from 11:30 a.m. on Sun., Mar. 1. The retelling of the Purim story will precede the carnival. The carnival will take place in Cunningham Hall at 75 Hill Road in Milton. On Mar. 4, the congregation and guests will enjoy Passover wine tasting and light refreshments, before the Megillah reading at 7:15 p.m. This will be held at the Johnson Great Hall at the First Congregational

Church, 95 Canton Ave., Milton. Children and adults are encouraged to wear costumes. The new name is: Congregation Beth Shalom of the Blue Hills. Worship services, in the Great Hall, 495 Canton Ave., Milton. The phone number is: 617-698-3394 or e-mail: office@TempleShalomOnline.org for info.

PILGRIM CHURCH

The Worship Service each Sunday at 11 a.m.; all are welcome. Bible Study, each Wed. in the Conference Room, from 1 to 2:30 p.m.; the public is invited. Browse the gift shop, which is open weekdays and Saturdays. Call 617-807-0540 for details. Community lunch is served free every Sat. from noon to 1:30 p.m.; the public is welcome. Pilgrim Christian Endeavor Society meeting, second Tues. of each month at 6:30 p.m. Pilgrim Church is a Congregational Christian Church, associated with the United Church of Christ, and is located at 540 Columbia Rd, in Uphams Corner.

DIVINE MERCY CELEBRATION

Divine Mercy Observance is held the third Friday of each month. For further info: call the Sisters at 617-288-1202, ext. 114.

FIRST PARISH CHURCH

Weekly worship services and cooperative Sunday School, Sunday at 11 a.m. Fellowship Dinner, second Friday of each month, 5:30 p.m., in the Parish Hall; everyone is welcome. Fair Foods each Friday, from 3 to 4:30 p.m.; \$2 for a bag of fresh produce and open to all. 10 Parish St., Meetinghouse Hill; firstparishdorchester.org

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ST. BRENDAN CHURCH

The Food Pantry is in great need of non-perishable food. Please be generous. The 9 a.m. Mass Monday through Wednesday will be celebrated at St. Brendan Church; (Thursday through Saturday Mass, at St. Ann Church.) The Play Group is back on Mondays, 10 a.m. to noon, in Fr. Lane Hall. Breakfast with Dr. Seuss, following the 10 a.m. Mass on Sun., Mar. 8.

ST. CHRISTOPHER PARISH

Small faith groups have resumed on Thursdays, from 2 to 3:30 p.m. Call Louise at 617-834-9127. Rosary (in Spanish), each Thurs., from 6 to 8 p.m. Call Jose at 617-541-3402. The reception in honor of Fr. George's anniversary of ordination was postponed from Feb. 12 because of the weather. A new date has not yet been set.

ST. GREGORY PARISH

The Eucharistic Adoration will take place on Sundays from 2 to 4:45 p.m. (with Mass following at 5 p.m.) and every Saturday morning from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. during Confessions. The time for Confessions is now following the 9:30 a.m. Mass to 10:30 a.m. on Saturday mornings in the upper church. St. Gregory's Prayer Group will meet on the first Saturday of the month, following the 9 a.m. Mass. Please use the front entrances during the winter months. Snow falling from the roof can be hazardous.

ST. MARK PARISH

Mass changes: on Saturdays, 4 p.m.-no change; on Sundays, 7:30 a.m.-no change, then, on Sundays, 9 a.m. in Eng.; 10:30 a.m. in Span.; and noon, in Eng. A small Food Pantry has been set up by the St. Vincent de Paul Society; come to the rectory on the third Monday of each month from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. to receive a bag of groceries. Items needed are toilet tissue, paper towels, cleaners (Ajax, SOS, etc.) and shampoos, soaps, etc.. Mother and Toddler Playgroup, each Wed., from 10 a.m. to noon in St. Mark's Lower Church.

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and Lower Mills Council #180 merged into a new Dorchester Council #107, with meetings held the second Wed. of each month at the V.F.W. Post, Neponset Ave., at 7 p.m. (earlier starting time). Info: contact Mike Flynn at 617-288-7663.

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Meetings each Wed., 7 p.m., in the white building in the rear of the Grammar School, for boys ages 7 to 14.

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Members of the Boys & Girls Clubs of Dorchester pictured at the Mardi Gras Carnival to close out the February Vacation Week program. Registration for the April Vacation Week program will begin this week.



Participants in the Tween Program at the Boys & Girls Clubs of Dorchester pictured on a tour of Universal Wilde, a local printing company. Members toured the factory and worked on a series of logo designs while on the tour.

March Program Highlights - The month of March will close out the Winter program schedule and there are a number of special events on the calendar. On 3/1 the Marr-lin Swim Team will host their Annual Bean-pool Meet with several participating Clubs joining in. On 3/4, in partnership with TD Bank we will host a

group at the Boston Celtics game. On 3/5 we will begin the first of our 5-part Job Ready Class for Teens. On 3/7 we will host registration for our Spring programs, Keystone Club members will be volunteering at the Massachusetts Special Olympics in Worcester, and the Marr-lin Swim Team will be attending the Watertown Invitational Meet. On 3/13 we will host members of the Senior Class at B.C. High for a service project and follow that up on 3/14 with registration for our summer N.F.T.E. (National Foundation for Teaching Entrepreneurship) program for ages 14-18 (entering, or in High School) as well as accepting registrations for our on-site Summer program for members ages 5-12 (10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.). If openings still exist we will also hold registration sessions on 3/6 (9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.) and on 3/18 (5:00 - 8:00

p.m.). During the week of 3/23 we will host our Winter "Arts Bash" with exhibits, performances and more from our Film, Photography, Fine Arts and Music programs, including a Family Arts Night with the M.F.A. (3/23). For more information please contact Mike Joyce (mjoyce@bgcdorchester.org).

B.G.C.A. Fine Arts Competition - The Fine Arts program will be collecting selected works created by members over the past year for inclusion in Boys & Girls Clubs of America's National Fine Arts competition. Those works selected will be sent to the Northeast Regional exhibit being held in Leominster, MA. Good Luck to all of our entries into the competition. For information contact Jessica Hulslander (jhulslander@bgcdorchester.org).

Upcoming Special Event: Job Ready Class For Teens ages 14-18 Starts on 3/5 at 5:30 p.m.

The Club in partnership with the City of Boston, will be offering a 5-part class for teens seeking summer employment. Participants must commit to attending all 5 sessions. For information, or to register, contact Nate Roos at nroos@bgcdorchester.org.



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Mattapan trolleys back on tracks after snow hiatus

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from the Service Employees International Union worked over the weekend to dig out the Mattapan trolley tracks.

"SEIU forces stepped up all week for the MBTA, and we are very grateful for everything they did to help us restore service throughout the system," said MBTA spokesperson Joe Pesaturo.

Kirk Hazlet, who takes the trolley daily in his commute from Belmont to Curry College, was not aware trolley service had resumed this morning and missed the first one he could have taken, but when he got on the next car, things went smoothly, he said.

At first, [it] "took a few days for the MBTA to get their act together," with one shuttle bus replacing three or four trolleys, said Hazlet, 69, but he gives the MBTA credit for resolving the issues.

"I'm happy that it's back in service and grateful to the employees of the MBTA for making this happen one week ahead of schedule, but I'm still very disappointed at how long it was down," said State Rep. Dan Cullinane. "Three weeks is far too long for the people who rely on Mattapan Line."

Cullinane said he and the rest of the Dorchester delegation have heard a great deal from constituents about inconsistency train service. He plans to see what Gov. Charlie Baker's "advisory council" tasked with assessing the T's governance, finances and operations finds when it present findings and recommend fixes for the transit system by the end of March. The seven-member council includes Dorchester resident Bob Gittens, vice president of public affairs at Northeastern University who served as secretary of health and human services for former Acting Gov. Jane Swift.

"More than anything



Bob Gittens— Serves on Governor's MBTA Task Force

else, this is a problem that has come about because of lack of investment over time," Cullinane said, adding he would focus on a funding fix.

On March 3, the MBTA will review "a series of options" to reimburse passengers for their fares due to the month of service delays and shutdowns, according to an email from MBTA General Manager Beverly Scott. A final

recommendation on fare reimbursement will be brought to the next meeting of the MassDOT Board on March 11. Scott will step down from her post on April 11, a surprise move she announced two weeks ago.

"This past month has been an extraordinarily challenging time for the MBTA, but even more so for our customers," Scott said. "We tremendously respect

and appreciate the hundreds of thousands of our customers who use MBTA services every day for work, school, medical visits, shopping and recreation. And, fully recognize the hardships and inconvenience caused by the significant disruptions in service over the last four weeks."

The MBTA staff will review options for providing fare reimbursement with the MassDOT Finance Committee on

March 3, and present the full board with a final recommendation a week later.

Gov. Charlie Baker has voiced support for exploring the idea of fare reimbursements given the extended period of time over which MBTA services were either cancelled or subject to significant delays.

State House News Service reports contributed to this article.

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vs.
MIGUEL PENA
To the Defendant:
The Plaintiff has filed a Complaint for Divorce requesting that the Court grant a divorce for irretrievable breakdown of the marriage. The Complaint is on file at the Court. An Automatic Restraining Order has been entered in this matter preventing you from taking any action which would negatively impact the current financial status of either party. SEE Supplemental Probate Court Rule 411.
You are hereby summoned and required to serve upon: Jessica Pena, 52 Columbia Rd #16, Dorchester, MA 02121 your answer, if any, on or before 03/26/2015. If you fail to do so, the court will proceed to the hearing and adjudication of this action. You are also required to file a copy of your answer, if any, in the office of the Register of this Court.
Witness, HON. JOHN M. SMOOT, First Justice of this Court.
Date: February 1, 2011
Richard Iannella
Register of Probate

RECENT OBITUARIES

BONANNO, Frances Mary of Scituate, formerly of Dorchester and So. Boston. Daughter of the late Michael and Mary (Crimi) Guarnotta. Wife of 69 years to Dominic J. Bonanno. Survived by her children, John M. Bonanno and wife Beth of Hiram, ME, Christine M. James of Scituate, Judith M. Bonanno and Maria K. Bonanno. Also survived by her grandchildren Dominica A. Bonanno Lopes and her husband Christopher Lopes, Crystal A. James and Shane M. Ricci. Great grandmother to Nina Plum Lopes. Sister of Anna Stanziani and

her husband Walter of Quincy, Janet Dennis and her late husband James of Quincy, Mary Ciroti and her husband Mario of North Reading, and Grace Ochs and her late husband Jake of Stoneham. Frances also leaves many nieces, nephews and cousins. She worked as a secretary for the Scituate School Dept. for 30 years.

CEDERLUND, Donald A. of Hingham, formerly of Dorchester. Husband of the late Rosalie M. (Peters). Father of Deborah Cederlund Tessier and her husband Matthew of MD, Brian K. Cederlund and his wife Kim of Taunton, and the late Arthur D. Cederlund. Brother of Carol Ellis of Randolph, Brendalee Cederlund of Milton, and the late Gail Cederlund. Also survived by five grandchildren and seven great grandchildren. Retired Auto Body Repairman for Hassan Bros., Quincy. Late member of William G. Walsh Post, Dorchester. Korean War Army Veteran. Expressions of sympathy may be made to South Shore Hospice, 100 Bay State Dr., Braintree, MA 02184.

CLEARY, Anna June

(Cosgrove) of Walpole, formerly of Dorchester. Wife of the late Joseph P. Cleary, Capt. B.F.D. Eng. 3. Mother of Maureen Cleary of South Boston, Susan Kelly and her husband Kevin of Walpole, Timothy and Charles Cleary of Walpole and the late Joseph P. Cleary, Jr. Grandmother of Shawn, Kerri, Colleen, Christine, and Leo. Also survived by eleven great-grandchildren.

CLINTON, Donald R. of Chelsea, formerly of Dorchester. Son of the late Nicholas M. and Rosanna (McAvoy) Clinton. Brother of the late Nicholas M. Jr. Late employee Local #589 MBTA. Member of the Roy John Henderson Post #7423 VFW. Vet. Korean War USMC.

CONNOLLY, Patrick J. age 62, of Quincy. Husband of Kathleen M. (Cawley). Father of Joanna N. Connolly and her husband Lou Campos of R.I. and Sean T. Connolly of Spain. Brother of Michael J. Connolly and his wife Patricia of Dorchester, Maureen Hennessey and her husband Joe of Centerville, Coleman Connolly and his wife Lori of Braintree and Barbara Wood of Manchester,

N.H. Brother in law of James Cawley and his wife Elisa of Hyde Park, Patricia Cawley of Dennis, Geraldine McGee and her husband Jack of Braintree, Michael Cawley and his wife Ellen of Dorchester and Marianne Pick and her husband Ted of Quincy. Also survived by many nieces, nephews and cousins. Donations may be made in his memory to the Juvenile Diabetes Assn., 60 Walnut St., Wellesley, MA 02481.

COSGRAVE, Mary (Naughton) of Braintree, formerly of Dorchester and Galway, Ireland. Mary grew up in Galway, Ireland settled in Dorchester and has lived in Braintree since 1976. Wife of the late John J. Cosgrave. Mother of Mary Ann Cosgrave of Braintree, Kelly Bognanno and her husband Joseph of Braintree, John and his wife Karen of Whitman, Michael and his wife Suzy of Plymouth, NH. Sister of Anne Reynolds of Watertown, Colm Naughton of New York, Bridget Kelly, Helen Barrett, Pdraig Naughton, and Nora Talbot, all of Ireland and the late Michael Naughton. Nana of J.T., Julia, Bridget, John, Mikey, Jack, Cate, and Grace.

CRUTHIRD, Willie Mae, age 90 of Dorchester. Wife of the late Frank Cruthird, Sr. Mother of Ethel Rollins, Anna Lee Brown, Carmet Cruthird, Doris Cruthird of CT, Jesse Cruthird, Arlene Cruthird, Celeste Cruthird and Harvey Cruthird of FL and the late Redic Cruthird and Frank Cruthird, Jr. Sister of Celeste Hall and Jack Bowling, both of MS. She is also survived by a host of grandchildren, great-grandchildren, great-great grandchildren, extended family and friends.

DAY, Mary N. of West Roxbury, formerly of Dorchester. Mother of Kareem Day of West Roxbury. Sister of Jean Day of Dorchester and Perry Day of Milton. Also survived by many nieces and nephews.

FOLEY, Francis J. of Quincy, formerly of Dorchester. Husband of Patricia (O'Connell) Foley. Father of Catherine M. Usevich and her husband James of Kingston, Joann M. Squitieri and her husband Philip of Norfolk, Thomas P. Foley of Quincy and Joseph F. Foley and his wife Laura of Weymouth. Grandfather of Joseph J. Usevich and Nathan B. Foley. Brother of Rev. Thomas C. Foley of Regina Cleri Residence, Boston, Barbara Pickering and her husband Charles of Braintree, William Foley and his wife Natalie of Milton, Bernard Foley and his wife Anne of Delaware, Richard Foley and his wife Marie of Canton and the late John P. Foley and James Foley. Brother-in-law of Patricia Foley and Barbara Foley. Frank is also survived by many nieces, nephews and cousins. Frank was a graduate of Boston College as a Francis Ouimet Golf Scholarship winner, a US Navy veteran, former owner of Foley Chrysler Plymouth of North Quincy and honorary member of Wollaston Golf Club, Milton.

FOLEY, Rev. James D. age 81, of Danvers. Son of the late Timothy F. and Sheila Mangan Foley. Ordained to Priesthood February 2, 1960 where he served multiple parishes,

Haverhill, East Boston and most recent Salem. James was also the Pastor in Dorchester, at St. James, as well as Our Lady of Fatima in Sudbury. Rev. Foley is survived by his brothers, Daniel M. Foley of Beverly, and Michael K. Foley of Danvers. He was predeceased by a loving sister, Emily C. Foley; his brothers, John J. Foley, Jeremiah Foley and Timothy F. Foley.

GIANNOTTI, Julio J. age 92, a life long resident of Dorchester/Neponset passed away peacefully. Born in Boston, Julio was the son of the late Amerigo Giannotti and Concetta (Cesari) Giannotti, and his beloved step-mother Rosa Giannotti. He was the husband of the late Ines M. (Venturelli) Giannotti. He is survived by his long time companion Loretta (Bravoco) Russo, and his two daughters, Diane M. Giannotti of Weymouth and Laura J. Najjar and her husband Nicholas of Medford. Grandfather of Michael S. Perry and his wife Jackie and his three loving great-granddaughters Samantha, Nicole, and Kristen all of Bow, New Hampshire. Julio was a lifetime member of the Boston Local 9-535 Musicians Union. He traveled extensively throughout the United States with the USO during World War II and played his music with the big bands entertaining the troops during the war. He was one of the best well known accordionists in Boston, Massachusetts and beyond, he also played the piano and the organ. He worked with entertainers on many of the cruise ships during his career and accompanied many well-known singers, artists and Hollywood figures during that time. He had a large number of students which to this day are still playing out professionally and still consider him one of the best teachers they ever had. Nearing the end of his career he entertained in a lot of senior homes, nursing homes and assisted living homes for the senior population. At the request of the family all services will be private.

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LEGAL NOTICE

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS THE TRIAL COURT PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT Suffolk Probate & Family Court 24 New Chardon St., Boston 02114 (617) 788-8300 CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION Docket No. SU14P2990EA IN THE ESTATE OF LAURA LEE WILLIAMS a/k/a LAURA CAMPBELL DATE OF DEATH: 09/02/2014

To all interested persons: A petition has been filed by: Percy E Johnson of Dorchester, MA requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order of testacy and for such other relief as requested in the Petition. And also requesting that: Percy E. Johnson of Dorchester, MA be appointed as Personal Representative of said estate to serve Without Surety on the bond. You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before 10:00 a.m. on 04/30/2015. 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. ARM-STRONG First Justice of this Court. Date: December 16, 2014

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Published: February 26 2015

LEGAL NOTICE

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS THE TRIAL COURT PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT INFORMAL PROBATE PUBLICATION NOTICE Docket No. SU15P0261EA IN THE ESTATE OF ROBERT DAVID BUSIEK DATE OF DEATH: October 10, 2014 SUFFOLK DIVISION 24 New Chardon Street, Boston, MA 02114 617-788-8300

To all persons interested in above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner Robin B Margaris of Dorchester (Boston), MA, a Will has been admitted to informal probate. Robin B Margaris of Dorchester (Boston), MA has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve without surety on the bond.

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

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COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS SUFFOLK, ss. THE TRIAL COURT PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT NOTICE AND ORDER: PETITION FOR APPOINTMENT OF GUARDIAN OF A MINOR Docket No. SU14P1806GD IN THE INTERESTS OF JOHN R PACITTI OF DORCHESTER, MA MINOR

Notice to all Interested Parties
1. **Hearing Date/Time:** A hearing on a Petition for Appointment of Guardian of a Minor filed on 07/28/2014 by Mary E Pacitti of Dorchester, MA will be held 03/12/2015 08:30 AM Review Hearing. Located at 24 New Chardon Street, 3rd Floor, Boston, MA 02114 - Probation Department.
2. **Response to Petition:** You may respond by filing a written response to the Petition or by appearing in person at the hearing. If you choose to file a written response, you need to: File the original with the Court; and Mail a copy to all interested parties at least five (5) business days before the hearing.
3. **Counsel for the Minor:** the Minor (or an adult on behalf of the minor) has the right to request that counsel be appointed for the minor.
4. **Presence of the Minor at hearing:** A minor over age 14 has the right to be present at any hearing, unless the Court finds that it is not in the minor's best interests.

THIS IS A LEGAL NOTICE: An important court proceeding that may affect your rights has been scheduled. If you do not understand this notice or other court papers, please contact an attorney for legal advice. December 11, 2014, 2014
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COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS SUFFOLK, ss. THE TRIAL COURT PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT NOTICE AND ORDER: PETITION FOR APPOINTMENT OF GUARDIAN OF A MINOR Docket No. SU14P1805GD IN THE INTERESTS OF SOPHIE PHILLIPS OF DORCHESTER, MA MINOR

Notice to all Interested Parties
1. **Hearing Date/Time:** A hearing on a Petition for Appointment of Guardian of a Minor filed on 03/12/2015 by Mary E Pacitti of Dorchester, MA will be held 03/12/2015 08:30 AM Review Hearing. Located at 24 New Chardon Street, 3rd Floor, Boston, MA 02114 - Probation Department.
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COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS SUFFOLK, ss. THE TRIAL COURT PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT NOTICE OF PETITION FOR APPOINTMENT OF ADMINISTRATOR Docket No. SU13P1734EA IN THE ESTATE OF FERDINAND OLIVER MCNEIL DATE OF DEATH: 01/23/1989

To all persons interested in above captioned estate, a petition has been filed by Joan E Mitchell, of Dedham, MA and Arthur R McNeil of Framingham, MA requesting to vacate the Decree and Amend the Petition to Add an Heir. You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner 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 10:00a.m. on 03/19/2015. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an Affidavit of Objections within thirty (30) days of the return date, action may be taken without further notice to you.

Witness, HON. JOHN M. SMOOT, First Justice of this Court.
Date: Feb 12, 2015
Published: February 26 2015
Felix D. Arroyo, Register of Probate



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REPORTER'S CALENDAR

Thursday, February 26

JFK Library Forum series presents Mark Shriver, son of Sargent Shriver; Princeton Professor Julian Zelizer, author of the recently published *The Fierce Urgency of Now: Lyndon Johnson, Congress and the Battle for the Great Society*. Panelists include Melissa Boteach, Vice President of Half in Ten and the Poverty and Prosperity Program at American Progress; and New Yorker writer Nicolas Lemann discuss the legacy of the War on Poverty programs with Scott Stossel, editor of *The Atlantic*. The event will take place from 6 p.m. to 7:30 pm. See jfklibrary.org for more info.

A proposal by Trinity Financial, Inc. to build a six-story, mixed-use building on the present site of Ashmont Tire on Dorchester Avenue gets a hearing before the Boston Redevelopment Authority (BRA) board on Feb. 26 at 2 p.m. at City Hall.

Saturday, February 28

The Vietnamese American Initiative for Development, or Viet-AID, will host a Lunar New Year celebration on Sat., Feb. 28 to welcome the Year of the Goat. The celebration will take place from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Vietnamese American Community Center located at 42 Charles Street in Dorchester.

Viet-AID presents the event each year to the community and has reached over 300 guests at past events. This year, activities of the event will include observances of traditional ceremonies, performances, music as well as food and drinks. To learn more about the Lunar New Year Celebration or the Vietnamese American Initiative for Development visit vietaid.org or call 617-822-3717.

Sunday, March 1

Day of Irish Music and Dance to Honor Fallen Firefighter. Local Irish musicians and step dancers will perform at the Brighton Elks Lodge to raise funds for the Last Call Foundation. Called A Ceilidh for Mike Kennedy, this family-friendly event kicks off at 12 noon. Brighton-based band Tin Can Hooley (along with special guests, will provide a lively afternoon of traditional Irish songs, jigs, and reels with a mix of fiddle, accordion, guitar, piano and percussion. For more information, contact Patrick Kennedy at 617-935-9139.

Monday, March 2

Legendary photographer Bill Brett discusses his recently published book of photographs showcasing Boston's Irish with Boston Globe reporter Kevin Cullen and others at the JFK Library from 6- 7:30 p.m. For more information and to register visit jfklibrary.org.

Tuesday, March 3

Community meeting at Mildred Avenue Community Center, 5 Mildred Ave. regarding KIPP Academy's plan to build a new school building at 1464 Blue Hill Ave. Starts at 6 p.m.

Saturday, March 7

County Donegal Association hosts St. Patrick's Day Dinner Dance, 7 p.m. at Florian Hall, 55 Hallet St., Dorchester. Entertainment by Erin's Melody. Tickets \$40: 617-698-7112 or 617-696-1702.

Registration for Mattapan Youth Soccer at Almont Park, 10 a.m. – 1 p.m. at Mildred Ave. Community Center, 5 Mildred Ave., Mattapan. Spring Program Session April 1 through June 1. Any child, boy or girl, ages 5-14.

Saturday, March 14

The JFK Presidential Library and Museum will host the Irish Balladeers from 10:30-11:30 a.m. The event is part of the museum's Celebrate! Series that presents American culture diversity through performance.



Vacationing school children trudged through the snow to take swings in the batting cages at Fenway Park last week. The Red Sox have coordinated this sign of spring for about 20 years with Boston Parks and Recreation to benefit approximately 250 kids. The kids came from all over the Boston-area and had quite a blast despite the snow and cold.

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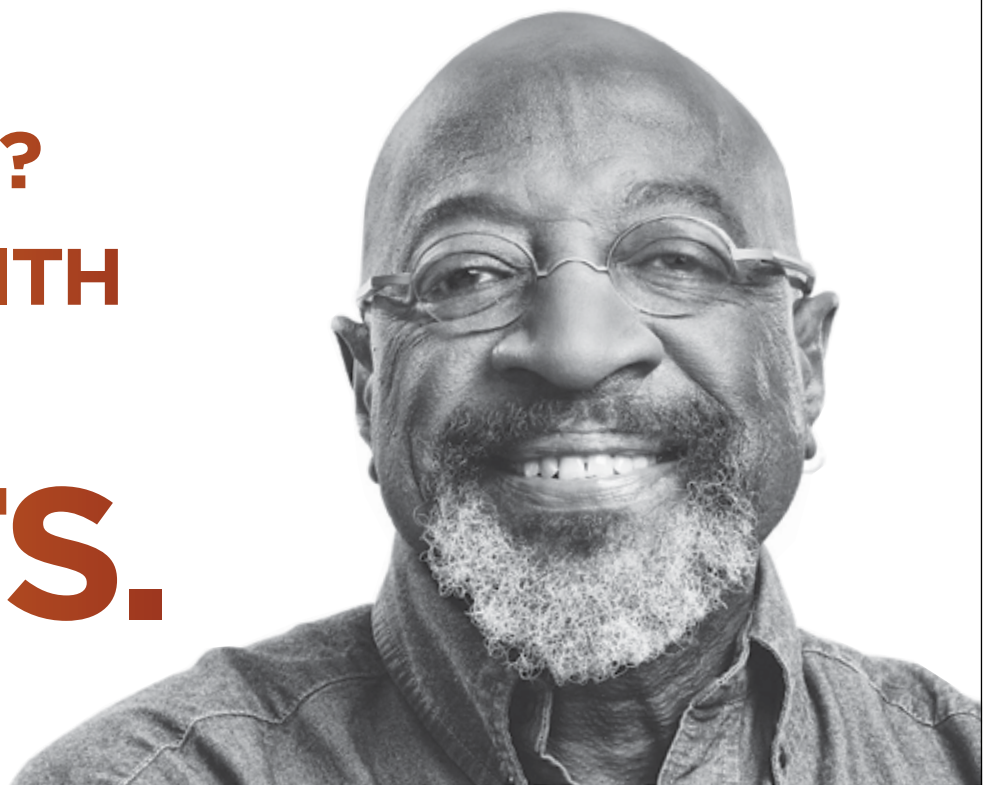
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