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PSF center breaks ground



Mayor Thomas Menino was joined by a gathering of neighborhood kids for last week's ground breaking of the Presentation School Community Center.

Zack Huffman
Senior Reporter

Excited residents and local politicians came to Oak Square for a celebration Thursday afternoon. After six years of work to save the Presentation School, organizers were finally able to officially break ground on renovations to the school-turned-community center.

"After six years we're very happy that this is finally happening," said Nathan Spencer of the Presentation School Foundation (PSF).

The Boston Catholic Archdiocese made the decision that it would close down the Presentation School in 2005, amid dire financial straits as a result of settling major lawsuits in 2002 and 2003. In order to save the school as a community institu-

tion, the PSF was formed with the intent of purchasing and renovating the old school into a community center.

"Six years ago local residents were unified by this great vision that this neighborhood was worth fighting for," said Jim Prince, PSF president of the board. "Today is proof that that vision

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Feds to investigate Redesign and Reinvest school closing plan

Zack Huffman
Senior Reporter

When Boston Public School (BPS) unveiled its plan to close some schools and merge or relocate others, it was met with vocal opposition and charges that the plan unfairly burdened black and Latino communities.

Now, the Federal Department of Education's Office of Civil Rights (OCR) has announced that it intends to investigate BPS' plan to determine whether or not discrimination is taking place.

The Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights (LCCR) filed a complaint with the OCR, and argues that the closures and relocations in the BPS plan impacts black and Latino students at a greater rate than it does white students.

Of the schools to be closed, 46 percent of the impacted students are black and 44 percent are Latino, while only five percent are white. This is in contrast to the overall BPS demographics of 36 percent black, 41 percent Latino and 13 percent white.

LCCR's complaint further argues that communities that are most impacted by proposed

closings include Roxbury, Dorchester and Roxbury which all have large minority populations, while schools serving higher percentages of white students, such as those in West Roxbury, Roslindale and Brighton remained unaffected.

This particular assessment does not account for school re-



Boston Superintendent of Schools Carol Johnson

locations and mergers, nor the schools that will be receiving students from closed schools, which stretches the resources of the schools that remain open, such the Lyndon School in West Roxbury, which will take on 60 non-English speaking students from the Agassiz School.

The BPS Redesign and Reinvest

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Adult care advocates rally against budget cuts for seniors

Zack Huffman
Senior Reporter

The lobby at 2 Boylston St. was packed Thursday morning as citizens rallied against proposed cuts to MassHealth Adult Day Health funding.

The rally was organized to coincide with Thursday morning's public hearing on the proposed cuts, held by the Massachusetts Office of Health and Human Services' division of health care finance and policy.

Faced with dire budget shortfalls, the Deval Patrick administration has proposed Adult Day Health (ADH) funding cuts that if passed would reduce current ADH funding by 7.8 percent, ef-

fective March 15 of this year, while also eliminating \$55 million in MassHealth ADH spending from its FY12 budget.

The Massachusetts Adult Day Services Association estimates that the proposed cuts could result in a loss of service for about 11,500 ADH participants and layoffs for about 2,500 ADH staff members.

The need for adult day services is felt by both service consumers with disabilities and family members who may not be able to stay home all day to provide care.

"I have a special sister who lives with me," said Catherine Sullivan of West

Budget Cuts

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From left, Catherine and Ellen Sullivan of West Roxbury were among the many demonstrators on hand last week to protest proposed cuts towards Adult Day Health Services.

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Tom Gannon, who has lived in his Dorchester, Christopher Street home for more than 50 years, extends both hands to help others. A recipient of the city of Boston's Shattuck Award in recognition of his civic-minded spirit and his years of dedication while employed with the City of Boston's Department of Neighborhood Development, Gannon talks the talk and, more importantly, walks the walk.

A volunteer at the Boys & Girls Club of Dorchester, for nearly 20 years, Gannon believes in helping from the ground up. That is why he is asking you to "Spring for Kids," on Friday evening, March 4, at 7 p.m. at Dorchester's Florian Hall, 55 Hallett St.

The Trooper Paul Barry Family Foundation sponsors Friday's "Spring for Kids" fundraiser. The proceeds will directly support the programs of the Boys & Girls Clubs of Dorchester. You will help children while enjoying raffles, cocktails and dancing to the splendid sounds of Mark Morris and the Catunes.

State Police Trooper Paul Barry and his wife, Maryellen, grew up in Dorchester, where they were married in St. Mark's Church. They later moved to Franklin, MA, where they were raising their family. Relying on their love, their Faith and their strong values, they were making ends meet

POSITIVE FEEDBACK



Frank Reflections/ Frank Sullivan

and having fun.

Then, on June 15, 2006, Trooper Paul Barry, all of 39 years of age, was traveling on I-495 in Wrentham, when his cruiser struck a truck that was in the breakdown lane, but not quite entirely off the road. The father of seven later died as a result of his injuries.

"My initial thought when I realized Paul died was, 'I can't believe it.' I had spoken to him at 1 a.m., and there I was at Milford Regional Hospital at 7 a.m., and he was gone," said Maryellen.

The little things now hit Maryellen. So, too, did the big things. "This is my best friend, and I couldn't save him or protect him," Maryellen said.

In the aftermath of his death, Mrs. Maryellen Barry realized how hard it was going to be to not hear her husband's voice again, to not have her best friend physically there with their children. "I grasped the enormity of the loss for our kids. Paul was the father of a lifetime, the Dad that every kid wishes for," said Maryellen.

Their seven children, all under 11 years old, including a set of triplets and twins, were at home. The youngest, Elizabeth, had yet to celebrate her first birthday.

"I knew at the hospital that I had to be the person to tell the children that their dad had died. Other than being

in that hospital room, that would be the hardest thing to do," she said.

Maryellen called home, and asked that no one else tell the children. "I told the kids I knew how terrible and impossible it was for them to have this happen. I let them know that, sometimes, bad things randomly happen to even really good people.

"I don't want to make us sound morbid, but Paul is very much a 'current' subject in our home — in a healthy, positive way. He is and always will be their Dad. The relationship shifted dramatically, but they still need to have a relationship with him, and to feel that they can speak of him, laugh, cry, and remember him, each in his or her own way," Maryellen said.

The Paul Barry Family Foundation is one way of helping to keep Paul's memory alive. "I knew Paul and Maryellen from our work here in Dorchester with the Boys and Girls Clubs," said Mary Scannell, vice-president of childcare for the Boys and Girls Clubs.

"Maryellen thought that having a fundraiser in Paul's name, to help children from the Dorchester neighborhood they love, would be a natural fit," Scannell said.

"I'm so grateful that I ever had a moment with Paul, was married to him, and that we were blessed with these 7 incredible, loving, and wonderful kids. I think when things happen in life, either you're going to spiral into the negative, or you focus on the positives, on the blessings. That's what I've chosen to do," said Maryellen.

Tomorrow night you can join Maryellen Barry, her children and everyone else who believes in the positive. The Dorchester Boys & Girls Clubs provide services to nearly 4,500 youngsters — infants through 18 years of age. Tickets are \$30 at the door. For more information, go to www.trooperpfbfoundation.com.

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Innovations schools receive pre-approval

Gil Haylon

Staff Reporter

As Boston Public Schools' work to close achievement gaps and promote successful innovative strategies in education, they recently announced that 27 Innovation School prospectuses have received local approval from superintendents, school committee members and union leaders across the state.

An initial prospectus, or preliminary plan for a proposed Innovation School, must be developed by an applicant and approved by a local screening committee before an Innovation School can be established. The 27 potential new schools state-wide have successfully completed the first stage of the approval process, and applicants and partner districts are progressing toward operating new schools - many potentially as early as September.

"Innovation Schools represent one of the most exciting portions of the Achievement Gap Act that I signed last year," said Governor Deval Patrick in a press release. "I am heartened to see so many leaders step up and embrace the challenge and

the opportunity afforded by Innovation Schools."

A signature component of Governor Patrick's Achievement Gap Act of 2010, Innovation Schools function as in-district, charter-like public schools that can employ inventive strategies and creative approaches to education while keeping school funding within districts.

"Massachusetts students will be more competitive in the global economy by mastering academic knowledge and employing real world business skills," said Lieutenant Governor Timothy Murray. "Innovation Schools represent the next generation of schools that apply the best lessons we have learned from our most successful schools in the Commonwealth."

Of the 27 schools, eight are housed within Boston, with the first approved school, Dorchester's Clap School. While only eight schools have been approved thus far, BPS indicated that they are hoping for more in the near future.

There are no current plans for an innovation school in Hyde Park or West Roxbury.

These Innovation School

initial prospectuses were developed by a wide variety of applicants, including many teacher-led groups as well as superintendents, principals, partners in community organizations and representatives from higher education.

"Innovation Schools provide local teachers, parents, community partners and universities with the unique opportunity to open their own public school within existing districts," said Education Secretary Paul Reville. "They offer the power to reform from the inside, and I'm delighted to see so much strong interest."

The 27 potential new Innovation Schools represent a wide swath of the state and feature plans to educate students over the whole spectrum from Pre-Kindergarten through high school, including plans for conversion of existing schools and for opening new schools.

"The next generation of education reform is deeply anchored in our core principles of high expectations and doing what works for students," said Elementary and Secondary Education Commissioner Mitchell Chester.

The proposals include a STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) - themed school, a school that will promote stronger bilingual education programs, and an Alternative Education school, among many other themes and areas of focus.

To aid in the planning and approval process, the Commonwealth recently announced the availability of a total of \$2 million in planning grants, including support from the state's successful Race to the Top proposal, with additional support from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, the Boston Foundation and the Nellie Mae Education Foundation.

The planning grants will

support the development of innovation plans that will be submitted to local school committees for final approval, and the implementation grants will support operational costs for one year.

Innovation Schools were designed to complement the state's work with charter schools. The Achievement Gap Act of 2010 that authorized Innovation Schools also included a raising of the cap on charter schools by doubling the maximum allowable district spending on charter schools from 9 to 18 percent in the state's lowest performing districts for proven providers seeking to expand or open new schools.

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was the right vision for Allston-Brighton."

Prince praised the assistance that the PSF received from Mayor Thomas Menino, Sec. of State Bill Galvin and local politicians such as City Councilor Mark Ciommo, State Reps. Mike Moran and Kevin Honan and State Sen. Steve Tolman.

"We're blessed by a wonderful local delegation," said Prince, before adding that local residents also played a significant role in supporting the PSF. "What really got us going was the passion of the local volunteers."

Among those local volunteers was Kevin Carragee, who also spoke at the event.

"This has been a labor of joy," he said.

According to Menino, he was proud to be able to mark the occasion as one for celebration.

"What a beautiful day in the neighborhood," said Menino. "Us officials are up here doing our 'hoo-hahs' but it was because of the volunteers in the community that we are here today."

In 2007, the Presentation School Foundation purchased the site of the school from the Archdiocese at the reduced price of \$1 million. Since then, the PSF has been working to raise the \$3.8 million required to renovate the building.

"This started from a bake sale," said Tolman. "This is what happens when a community sticks together."

Organizers hope that when the center formally opens in September, 2011 at 634 Washington St. in Oak Square, that it will act as an anchor for the community through providing daycare, health and educational services, as well as acting as a gathering place for the neighborhood.

"This is a victory for you," said Ciommo. "It's a very special day for us in Allston-Brighton."

Renovations will include green improvements that will allow the center to attain LEED certification.

What began as a modest drive to raise funds soon evolved into a major effort that attracted assistance from city, state and local companies.

The city of Boston provided \$400,000, while the Commonwealth provided \$1 million in tax credits.

Among the major private contributors to the renovation fund was New Balance, which pledged \$200,000 to support the renovations, provided that the Presentation School Foundation could raise the final \$100,000 by June 11, 2010.

New Balance had previously donated \$377,000 towards the purchase of the

school from the Archdiocese.

Wainwright Bank, MassDevelopment and the Property and Casualty Initiative were among the organizations that also contributed financing for the project.

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The MBTA is a mess. Actually, that may be an understatement. It's a disaster. Charlie Sheen's publicist may have an easier job these days than the PR department at the T.

The breaking point for many, riders and observers alike, was the four-hour ordeal suffered by Worcester-bound riders trapped on a commuter rail train. When one could fly back from Las Vegas in roughly the same time it takes to get home from work, you know there is a problem.

It's not just this extreme ex-

ample. Every day trains are sputtering to a halt, often during peak times. "Schedule adjustments" add delays and insult to injury. Tyson chickens have more personal space than most morning riders.

A huge part of the problem is that we talk a good game in this state about public transportation, but seem unwilling to put our money where our mouth is. The "Big Dig" should have been an opportunity to enhance public transit. Instead, the car-focused project, only threw at us some foolish (and all-but-ignored) mandates, such as restoring the Green Line through Jamaica Plain, and shouldered the T with added debt and financial

burdens.

It's painful for cheapskates like us to admit, but the MBTA's woes can only be solved by money. We need to swallow the bitter pill of realization that better equipment and improved maintenance will cost money. Instead, we are driving the system into the ground, like a poor teenager trying to eke every last mile he can out of a constantly breaking down junk car.

That said, we'd really like to see some little moves to at least help ease our pain. MBTA officials, even before the Worcester meltdown, had been visiting commuter rail stations to talk to riders. Great idea. But do you really think

that holding meet-and-greets during the morning commute when folks are rushing to make trains was going to foster much in the way of in-depth dialogue?

A receptive ear, apologies and free rides are great and all, but are Band-Aids for the frayed psyche of beaten down, defeated riders.

More little things? How about immediately stopping the post 9-11 practice of camping out at stations at peak commuting times for bag searches? How much manpower and salary is wasted on this pointless piece of security-theater by MBTA police? Has anything ever been detected by all those peeks and chemical swabs? Wouldn't an actual terrorist merely just walk away at the sight of a checkpoint, delaying their deed for an hour or so until the cops pack up and move on? Or, downtown, at Park Street for example, maybe they could just shift from one bag-check delayed entrance, to one a few feet away that is unmanned and clear?

Can we also please have Charlie Card readers that work in all stations and on all buses? It is far too frequent that rushing to catch a train is foiled by the obnoxious buzz of an unreadable card. We've seen businessmen in suits forced to push past the gate and risk being cited for fare evasion because their valid card wouldn't let them pass.

These are tiny things. They won't balance the budget. They won't fix the problems. They will, at least, maybe offer some consolation until the time comes that we, through our elected officials, accept the importance of public transportation and invest in it properly. Little fixes will tide us over, just a bit, until salaries at the authority are reigned in, contracts are reviewed and spending judiciously appropriated.

There is a lot that needs to be done if the Boston area is to have a sustainable transit plan. Let's stop talking about it and get to work. The "T" needs both better oversight as well as more money. Both may be very tall orders.

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Ray Flynn's jersey retired at Providence College

When former Boston mayor Ray Flynn and his family returned home on Sunday from the city of Providence, where they attended a wonderful college basketball and civic event, the family had several telephone messages waiting for them.

He had been at the Providence Civic Center to see his old basketball jersey retired and raised to rafters in a Friar Legends Forever ceremony at half time of the Providence College and Cincinnati game. "I'm glad the *Providence Journal* and some of the other media outlets interviewed my Southie friends, because it gave the readers and the audience an opportunity to see the loyalty we have for each other in the town."

When asked about the event, Flynn, a South Boston resident said, "Having my grandchildren, family, teammates, classmates and especially so many old South Bos-

ton neighbors and friends on hand, certainly made me feel pretty happy."

Senator Jack Hart drove down for the event as did State Representative Nick Collins, Michael Flaherty, former Representative Brian Wallace and Judge Mark Lawton.

U.S. Congressman Steve Lynch introduced a Congressional Resolution recognizing the remarkable athletic, academic and political accomplishments of his long time family friend and political supporter. Former governor Mitt Romney called Flynn "an inspiration to young people."

Lieutenant Governor of Massachusetts Tim Murray was in attendance and talked about Flynn's "courage and commitment to an open and honest government while Mayor of Boston."

"Nobody did more in uniting Boston in the aftermath of school busing than Mayor Flynn," Murray told the audi-



Former Boston Mayor Ray Flynn was surrounded by South Boston friends and supporters over the weekend in Providence as they celebrated the retirement of his college basketball jersey.

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ence. "That took courage, and made the capitol city great once again."

Boston businessman and close friend of Flynn, Kevin Phelan echoed Murray's comments and told the group how Boston started building and rebuilding Boys and Girls Clubs once again when Flynn was mayor.

"Ray was an All American Student Athlete, the only person ever selected in our college's long history," said Phelan.

Jack Walsh spoke for a group of retired loyal Southie friends who said, "We are proud of Ray Flynn and his extraordinary record of public service and achievement."

"Ray never forgot where he came from, or let the town down," said Southie resident and retired Boston Firefighter, Eddie Donovan.

The half time ceremony was covered by ESPN televi-

sion and widely broadcast. "Ray Flynn received one of the longest and sustained standing ovations in Civic Center history", stated former NBA standout Ernie DiGregorio.

"Ray set the example for hard work and determination, on the court and in the classroom," the former All American told the press.

Former Seattle Sonics NBA star Joe Hassett said on radio, "With Ray, it was always about the team. Never about him."

Flynn was joined by his 17 grandchildren and his nieces and nephews at half court when his #14 basketball jersey was unveiled to the crowd. In thanking God, Flynn said, "Nobody achieves success on their own."

But the special night was not yet over. The happy group retreated to Patrick's Irish Pub, down the street from the State House. Everyone joined in the singing of Irish songs along with a lot of political story tell-

ing. Providence City Councilor Terry Hassett welcomed everyone to his district and read an official city proclamation about Ray Flynn.

He then introduced the colorful former Mayor of Providence Buddy Cianci, who poked fun at every Irish Boston politician there.

Even Nick Collins didn't escape Cianci's wit and sarcasm. He asked the newly elected State Representative from Southie, "What do you want to do when you grow up?"

When standing at half court at the Providence Civic Center, Ray Flynn thanked the people of South Boston for whatever success he has achieved in life.

"I received the love of a wonderful family, values from my Catholic faith and learned loyalty from the people of my hometown."

His comments were met with a sustained standing ovation.



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Concerns over Whole Foods persist

Patrick Rosso
Staff Reporter

As Jamaica Plain's Hi-Lo Foods closes and Whole Foods moves in, the debate about the new grocery store continues to stir emotions in Jamaica Plain. To ensure that residents have a chance to share their opinions, the Jamaica Plain Neighborhood Council (JPNC) has been holding regular community forums. The second forum took place Monday night at the Kennedy Elementary School with nearly 200 residents in attendance.

Although the JPNC is coordinating the meetings, they have not taken an official stance on the matter.

Andrea Howley, chair of the JPNC, said the main reason for the meetings is so that "the community will share their opinions both pro and con and have their voices heard."

The forum was open to anyone who wanted to address the crowd of concerned residents and community members.

Betsaida Guiterrez, a Jamaica Plain resident who's against Whole Foods coming to Hyde Square, was one of the first to address the crowd. She felt that it was more than just a war over groceries. "Jamaica Plain is our home and we want to stay here," she said.

Katy Kelly-Rand was another resident who addressed the audience. In a later interview she said that the way some audience members and residents were depicting the situation was unfair. "It's upsetting to me that it's being phrased here that if you're pro-Whole Foods, you're anti-diversity and I really don't think that's the case at all," she said.

Alex Volk also spoke during the forum. In a later interview he said that he's "excited for a good, well maintained facility, to come to JP that has good clean produce and healthy options."

He also said one of the main concerns he has is for real community representation during the debate.

"This has become a bigger issue than I really expected it to be. Hi-Lo moved out and we need a business to fill the space. Whole Foods stepped in and all of a sudden there is a huge apparent community uprising against it. But I don't believe there's been full representation" he said.

Not everyone shared Volk's opinion or thought Whole Foods would benefit the neighborhood. Rosa Nin, a volunteer of Whose Foods, an organization challenging the new grocery store, wants a store that reflects and helps the commu-



Residents and former employees remain concerned about a Whole Foods location moving in where Hi-Lo Foods used to be.

PHOTO BY PATRICK ROSSO

nity. "We want a local business that's going to flourish in this area, that's going to provide a service to low/moderate income residents, and also to all residents of JP," she said.

While many residents understand that the neighborhood is changing, some see it as a positive.

Gretchen Van Ness, a 20-year resident of Hyde Square, said, "There is a lot of worry and concern whenever there is change in JP. I think there will be things we have to work through, but Whole Foods didn't make Hi-Lo close. Whole Foods brings with it a lot of business, a lot of interest, and a lot of excitement, and that's what Hyde Square needs right now."

Although the forum was designed to allow community members a voice, many elected officials including Representative Jeffery Sanchez, At-Large City Councilor Felix Arroyo, and City Councilor Matt O'Malley were also in attendance. Councilor O'Malley, who did not speak at the meeting, sees both positives and negatives coming from this change.

"I understand this is a contentious issue, but I think that this can be something that can be very good for the neighborhood," he said. "We have to keep in mind it's a private business deal. Hi-Lo is closed down and Whole Foods could be a good anchor business there. We want to make sure it reflects the vibrancy and diversity of the district, but this could be a good thing for Jamaica Plain and the city."

Although there were some former Whole Foods employees at the meeting, there were no official Whole Foods' representatives present, but New

England Whole Foods Regional President Laura Derba recently released an open letter to the Jamaica Plain community addressing some of the concerns in the neighborhood.

"When we learned that the aging ownership at Knapp Foods was closing Hi-Lo Foods and making the lease available, we jumped at the chance to be a part of such a diverse, neighborhood with a passion for great food," she wrote. "Prior to signing the lease, however, the news was leaked to the media, along with a lot of false information. We were enormously disappointed that you were not informed in a more respectful and organized manner. Ideally, we would have had the opportunity to communicate with city and neighborhood officials prior to our announcement, as is our standard policy."

Derba reiterated Whole Foods' stated intention to guarantee priority interviews with former employees of Hi-Lo, as part of the 100 "team members" they plan to hire for the new store. Seventy percent of those jobs will be full time.

Derba also addressed the concern over access to ethnic foods.

"We believe that everyone has the right to have access to affordable, high quality, clean food free of artificial ingredients and additives," she wrote. "This includes carrying a wide variety of Latino products. As with all of our stores, we will carry products that cater to the diverse demands of the community. If shoppers express interest in a product and it meets our quality standards, we will carry it."

Whole Foods plans to hold some of their own community meetings once they have a more solid plan for construction.

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Roxbury. "The Rogerson Day Health Center is wonderful for her to attend because everyone in the household works. Lost services will take away a lot of solid interaction she gets."

Sullivan is worried about what the cuts would mean for her sister Ellen and the fellow seniors she interacts with at the day center.

"The social interaction is a necessity for them," she said. "Otherwise they're in their homes by themselves. They're lonely."

Ellen Sullivan is a consumer of the services provided by the Rogerson Communities, which operates three day centers for seniors with disabilities. Two of the centers are located in Roslindale, with the third in Roxbury.

"We service 130 clients every day," said Sheila Place, director of programs for Rogerson Community, who was also among those rallying downtown to preserve adult day services. "We are here because we are being faced with some major rate cuts. We are already insufficiently funded. We are facing regulation changes that would eliminate one of the basic services we provide."

State Rep. Ed Coppinger, who represents constituents in West Roxbury and parts of Brookline and Roslindale, submitted a letter to the commission in opposition to the proposed cuts.

"For my constituents who rely on ADH services, these cuts would be devastating," he said. "I fear that the Patrick Administration's proposal to cut MassHealth reimbursement rates for Adult Day Health programs by over \$4 a day will put many programs at risk of im-

mediate."

Coppinger is concerned that these cuts will result in more seniors having to be put in nursing homes.

"It's getting slashed so much, combined with the cuts they've gotten in the last few years, that it's going to be impossible for them to provide services," he said. "Where day care services are cut altogether, these people are going to be institutionalized."

State Senator and Health Financing Committee Chair Richard Moore (Worcester&Norfolk) described the proposed cuts as catastrophic for the state's senior population.

"I wish that I could truly believe that the Patrick administration had not already made the decision to cut adult day health services," he said. "We expect that if the cuts are not reversed, 11,000 seniors will lose healthcare services."

Moore further argued that with cuts to services, healthcare costs would place a substantial burden upon seniors.

"Many will have to leave their homes prematurely," he said. "Shame on us for abandoning this worthwhile program."

Opponents of the proposed cuts have argued that eliminating funding would actually create a greater financial burden upon the state than if the spending levels were preserved because many of the adults who would lose care would have to move to a nursing home, which is more expensive for the state.

"We're not really saving any money," said Moore. "We're just kicking the can down the road to the next generation so they have to deal with it."

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PITCHING IN FOR TIM
“Pitching in for Tim” sponsored by the Friends of Tim Burke Leukemia Fund will be held from 6:30 to 10:30 p.m. on Friday, March 11, at Nonantum Post 440, 295 California St., Newton MA. Brad Tackman to open up for comedian Johnny Lampert. DJ, cash bar, ballpark attire and food. To attend, please send your check (\$50/person) along with name(s) of attendee(s) and a contact phone # by March 4 payable to The Tim Burke Leukemia Fund, p.o. box 35124, Brighton, MA 02135. All proceeds to offset Tim’s medical expenses. Questions? Call 617-783-5869.

YOUTH MEDIA NON-PROFIT LOOKING FOR MENTORS
HOME, inc., a youth media literacy non-profit working in partnership with the Boston Public Schools is looking for adults working in communications and related fields to mentor high school students studying media. Applicants are expected to make a one-year commitment of up to one hour per week and attend an orientation workshop and occasional group activities. For further information go to www.homeinc.org and click on link “Opportunities” or contact Bruce Dillenbeck at 617-427-4663.

ALLSTON/BRIGHTON
ALLSTON AND BRIGHTON BOARDS OF TRADE ANNUAL DINNER

On Tuesday, April 19. at 6 p.m. at the Harvard Business School Spangler Center on Western Ave. The Combined Allston and Brighton Boards of Trade Annual Dinner. More to follow.

NEWS FROM THE BRIGHTON LIBRARY
On March 30, Spoon River Anthology by Edgar Lee Masters will be featured. Copies of the book are available at the library. Everyone is invited and admission is free. Those seeking further information may inquire at the branch, 40 Academy Hill Rd., Brighton, or call 617-782-6032.

Around the Neighborhoods

HYDE PARK
THE HYDE RESTAURANT’S FUNDRAISER FOR SUSAN G. KOMEN’S WALK

The Hyde restaurant at 5 Fairmount Avenue in Hyde Park will be holding its first annual “Pink Tie Event” as a fundraiser for Susan G Komen’s Walk for a Cure” on March 5 from 6 until 10:30 pm. Tickets are \$60 and include a \$15 donation to the foundation, 4 flutes of different Champagne and styles thereof, a fully catered buffet, guest speakers and a silent auction during the event. Dress is semi formal with a pink theme in support of the foundations pink ribbon. This is a fantastic opportunity to support a great cause in a celebratory fashion! For more information call the Hyde Restaurant at 617.364.9814. This is a Tickets Only event! Please come support a wonderful cause!

BIG BROTHER BIG SISTER FOUNDATION

Big Brother Big Sister Foundation would like to thank their generous donors of Hyde Park, Roslindale and Mattapan for contributing to the Foundation’s best year in history. In 2010 the Foundation raised over \$1,000,000 for local mentoring programs and the children they support. With the hopes to make 2011 even greater, they ask “while you do your spring cleaning, please consider donating your lightly worn clothing to the Foundation”. They will be collecting donations door to door in Hyde Park, Roslindale, and Mattapan on Wednesday, March 9. To schedule a free at home pick up please call 1.800.483.5503 or email donate@bbbsfoundation.org.

COURSES AT THE MAC:
“How To Make Comic Books” Learn the basics, ages 11 to adult. 5 weeks starting Saturday March 12, 10

a.m. to noon.
“Integrated Drawing”: Intensive still life instruction, ages 16 to adult. 5 weeks starting Wednesday March 9, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., Menino Arts Center, 26 Central Ave. More info: hpaa-mac.org/classes or 617-364-2787.

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Monoprinting,
Teen/Adult 15+ Thursdays, 6:30 -8:30 p.m. 5 wks, Mar. 10 - Apr. 14. Early M, \$100. Early NM, \$111. (Register by Feb. 28). M, \$111. NM, \$125.

How To Make Comic Books
Ages 11 to adult Saturdays, 10 a.m. - noon. 5 wks, Mar 12 - Apr 9. Early M, \$100. Early NM, \$111. (Register by Feb. 23). M, \$111. NM, \$125

The Language of Poetry
Teen/Adult 15+ Tuesdays, 7-9 p.m. 5 wks, Mar 8 - Apr 5. Early M, \$100. Early NM, \$111. (Register by Feb. 26). M, \$111. NM, \$125.

Integrated Drawing
Teen/Adult 16+ Wednesdays, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. 5 wks, March 9 - April 6. Early M, \$100. Early NM, \$111. (Register by Feb. 27). M, \$111. NM, \$125.

KIDS’ ART CLASSES
The Art of Imagination
Ages 5 - 12 Thursdays, 3:30 - 5:30 p.m. 5 wks, Mar 10 - Apr 14 *no class 3/17. Early M, \$100. Early NM, \$111. (Register by Feb. 28). M, \$111. NM, \$125.

HYDE PARK YMCA END DIABETES PROGRAM
On Mondays and Tuesdays from 1 to 2 p.m. Classes begin on Monday, March 7. The YMCA Exercise and Nutrition to Decrease Diabetes (END) program is for adults who have diabetes or are at risk for diabetes. This is a FREE program made possible thru a grant from Astra Zeneca. It is a 12-week course that includes nutrition information, cardiovascular exercise, and beginner strength training. Also included is a 6 month membership to the YMCA with follow-up coaching. A doctor’s referral is required. A maximum of 15 people can be accepted into the program at this time – participants will be enrolled on a first come, first serve basis. For questions or to receive a registration packet, please contact Ann Glora at 617-276-1122 or aglora@ymcaboston.org. Hyde Park YMCA, 1137 River St., Hyde Park, MA 02136.

JAMAICA PLAIN
WARD 19 DEMOCRATIC COMMITTEE
Agenda for Monday March 7, Nate Smith House* from 6:45 to 8:45 p.m, Corner of Lamartine and Paul Gore Streets across from the Stonybrook Orange Line stop.

4TH ANNUAL CURLEY K-8 SCHOOL SILENT AUCTION
On March 8, from 6 to 9 p.m. at Canary Square 435 South Huntington Ave., Jamaica Plain. Silent auction + raffle The cost \$15 per person suggested donation at the door. Items to

bid on include sports & theatre tickets, hotel stays, restaurant gift certificates, portrait sitting, jewelry, art & kitchen baskets, and more! All \$\$\$ raised will support Arts and Science programming at the Curley K-8 School in JP!Sponsored by the Curley SPC – more information on www.curleyk8.com.

JP BRANCH LIBRARY:
On Mondays and Thursdays, 3:30 p.m., Homework assistance program. 12 Sedgwick St., Jamaica Plain Info: 524-2053.

ROSLINDALE
ROSLINDALE LIBRARY ONGOING PROGRAMS
Conversation Groups for New English Speakers continue to take place every Wednesday evening at 6 p.m. Anyone learning English is encouraged to join our group to practice English in an informal setting.
Internet Basics: Exploring the World Wide Web Please see Branch Librarian Cathy Clancy to schedule a one hour session on the basics of Internet use.

The Monday Morning Preschool Film Series continues each Monday morning at 10:30 a.m.
The Thursday Morning Musical Story Time Our series for lap sitters and toddlers takes place every Thursday morning at 10:30 a.m.
Immigration ABCs with the Immigration Consortium Wednesday evenings, March 9 and 6, 2011 at 6:30 p.m. Join local attorney Lisa Modecker as she facilitates this series of workshops to assist new arrivals. Translators will be available to assist Albanian, Haitian Creole, Spanish, Greek, Portuguese, Arabic and Russian speakers.

ROSLINDALE MAIN STREETS
On Wednesday evening, March 23 at 6:30 p.m. All are invited to the annual meeting of Main Streets.

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WRSE SMART ENERGY PARTY

West Roxbury Saves Energy will be holding a community event about smart ways to reduce your household energy usage. Get energy-saving tips and information on ways to save money by lowering household carbon emissions, a root cause of climate change. Learn how to calculate your household's carbon footprint and about joining a family-based "Low-Carbon Diet" group in your neighborhood. Working together we can reduce our carbon impact and have fun doing it! Free CFLs donated by NStar will be given out while they last. At-Large City Councilor Matt O'Malley, chairman of the Council's Committee on the Environment and Health, and State Rep. Ed Coppinger are scheduled to attend. Come hear what this is all about on March 7 at 7:30 p.m. at West on Centre Restaurant, 1732 Centre Street, West Roxbury. For details and more information, visit WestRoxburySavesEnergy.org.

BAY STATE MODEL RAILROAD MUSEUM

On March 5 and 6, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., both days. Less crowded on Saturday and after 2 p.m. both days. Bay State Model Railroad Museum, Located at 760 South St. Roslindale, MA. (at the square). Located across from Commuter Rail parking lot. Featured are three large model railroads: "N" scale, "HO" scale and "O" scale, the latter including trolley cars. Donation: \$5 per adult, \$3 for age 5 yrs to 12 yrs., under 5 yrs no charge. Snow date: March 12 and 13. Call if weather is inclement. 617-327-4341. www.bsrm.org. Train layouts are on the second floor. Sorry, we are not handicap accessible.

WEST ROXBURY

ST. PATRICK'S BANQUET AT THE ELKS LODGE

On March 6 at 4 p.m. Residents are invited to celebrate St. Patrick's Day at the Elks Lodge, as Richard Gormley hosts his annual banquet at the West Roxbury Elks Lodge located at 1 Morrel St., just off of Spring Street. Come for music, food and traditional Irish step dance.

THE ROXBURY LATIN SCHOOL

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On April 1, at 7:30 p.m. The Roxbury Latin School welcomes the Eton College Chapel Choir on their 2011 United States Tour. Don't miss this rare opportunity to experience England's most accomplished choir of boys and young men. Tickets may be purchased online at: www.roxburylatin.org \$20 general admission; \$10 students and senior citizens The Roxbury Latin School, 101 St. Theresa Avenue, West Roxbury, Massachusetts.

NEWS FROM THE WEST ROXBURY LIBRARY

Spring is right around the corner and our two Spring-time events are rapidly coming up. The Poetry Contest is accepting original works in preparation for the April 28 presentations, recitations and awards. This year's theme is "Mistakes". The deadline for submission is March 17. There is a box in the lobby of the Library near the xerox machine where submissions can be placed. The Widower's Tale (2010) by prize-winning author, Julia Glass, has been selected for the library's Annual West Roxbury Reads Series. The Series which will run from mid-march through early April, will include several community-wide book discussions and tours, exhibits, panels and speakers related to the novel's many themes. Julia Glass will address the community on the evening of Thursday, April 7, following a wine and cheese reception for members of the Friends of the West Roxbury Library. Local resident from Lagrange Street, Silvina Mizrahi, will be conducting her second workshop after last week's "Masks" on Wednesday, March 9. The workshop is entitled "Mozaics". This workshop is for

grades 3 to 8 and will include some historical and cultural background about mozaics. Silvina will guide participants in their own creations. All materials will be provided by the Library. Space is limited. Register early in person or by phone: 617-325-3147, ext.3156. The Homework Assistance Program (HAP) continues its successful run on Mondays through Thursdays in the Children's Section. Local High School students and a retired Boston Public School Teacher will help your child finish their homework before dinner. This Program is conducted on Mondays and Thursdays from 3:30 until 6 and Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 3:30 until 5:30. The Ted D'Amato Chess Club runs classes on Mondays from 3 until 5 on the second level near the computers. This class is free of charge and is open to all youngsters up to grade 8. Novices, beginners and experts are all invited. Stay tuned for more exciting News from the West Roxbury Library.

PARKWAY CLEAT EXCHANGE

Kids outgrown their cleats again? Need another pair before the Spring soccer season starts in a few, short weeks? Then the Parkway Cleat Exchange is the place for you! Donate your gently used soccer cleats and receive a ticket for each pair that will allow you the chance to pick out a "new" (used) pair of cleats in exchange. Those without tickets can purchase cleats for \$5 per pair. Shin guards will also be accepted as part of the exchange or sold at \$2 per pair. Collection of cleats will take place on Saturday, March 19, 2011 between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. at 48 Maple Street, West Roxbury. Exchange/sale of cleats will take place on Sunday, March 20, between 9 a.m. and 1p.m. at 48 Maple Street, West Roxbury. Remaining cleats will be donated to Playing It Forward, Inc. (www.playingitf.org). Cash receipts will be donated to the Parkway Youth Soccer League. Volunteers are also needed for both days to help sort and organize cleats and for general staffing of event. For more information or to volunteer, please contact Cleat Exchange organizers, Julie Washburn (julie.washburn@hotmail.com) or Len Brown (lenxbrown@yahoo.com).

PARKWAY GIRLS SOFTBALL REGISTRATION FOR SPRING 2011 SEASON

The Parkway Girls Softball League (PGSL) is now accepting registrations for the 2011 season. PGSL provides softball instruction, competition, and fun in 4 age divisions - U8 (birth years 2002 & 2003); U-10 (birth years 2000 & 2001); U-13 (birth years 1997-1999); and U-18 (birth years 1992-1996) for girls in West Roxbury, Roslindale, Hyde Park, Brookline, Jamaica Plain, and surrounding communities.

Registration fees are \$110 for the first family member; \$175 for 2 family members; and \$225 for 3 or more. Early sign-up is encouraged; after March 6, registration fees rise to \$135; \$200; and \$250. Registration can be done in one of three ways:

On-line registration can be done easily and quickly at www.parkwaygirlssbl.com. Walk-in registration is available at the Roche Community Center in West Roxbury from 6:30 to 8 p.m. on Tuesday, February 22 and Monday, February 28. Players may also register at Dick's Sporting Goods in Dedham on Sunday, March 6 from 12 noon to 2:00pm. The store will provide players with money-saving coupons, for any equipment, such as sliding shorts, sliding pads, gloves or that special bat they've been looking at. Store employees will be on hand to assist players with proper sizing for bats and gloves. Players are encouraged to come out and register while supporting one of PGSL's generous sponsors! Mail-in registration can be done by visiting www.parkwaygirlssbl.com. Click on "Documents", and then "PGSL Registration Form 2011". Print, fill out, and mail the registration form with a check payable to

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"PGSL" to Parkway Girls Softball League Inc., PO Box 320354, West Roxbury, MA 02132. Tryouts/evaluations will take place on Sunday, March 20 indoors at West Roxbury High School from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tryouts/evaluations are only for players who are playing in the U-10, U-13, or U-18 divisions for the first time; or moving up to a new division for 2011. Players unable to attend tryouts will be placed in a blind draft and drafted after players who attend the tryouts. U-10 players will try out first at 10am, followed by U-13 and U-18 players at 12noon. Try-outs are for evaluation purposes only. All players trying out will be placed on a team. There are no tryout/evaluations for the U-8 division.

The registration deadline is Sunday, March 20. Registrations received after this date (including players returning from 2010) will be placed on a waiting list, and may not be guaranteed placement on a team.

Any questions can be directed to the PGSL voicemail at 617-571-3457, or emailed to pgslregister@gmail.com.

FRIENDS OF ROSIE'S PLACE

Join your friends and neighbors for a night out, dinner, and entertainment with vocalist Ginny Gibson and the children in the chamber orchestra at the Conservatory Lab Charter School and support a good cause as the West Roxbury Friends of Rosie's Place hold a fundraiser to benefit poor and homeless women and their children on Saturday, April 9. The dinner will begin at 7 p.m. and will be held at St. George Antiochian Orthodox Church, 55 Emmonsedale Road, West Roxbury. The church is handicapped accessible and a short walk from several MBTA bus routes. Tickets for the event cost \$25 each and can be purchased in advance by mailing a check, made out to West Roxbury Friends of Rosie's Place, to West Roxbury Friend's of Rosie's Place, P.O. Box 320076, West Roxbury, MA 02132. For questions about the event, please call, Maureen Hachey at (617) 327-1397.

West Roxbury Friends of Rosie's Place volunteers provide over 8,500 meals a year to Rosie's. The group also raises money to send homeless children to camp each summer at Vacation House at Sunset Point

PARKWAY CONCERT ORCHESTRA THE AMERICAN STAGE

The Dedham Music Association presents the Parkway Concert Orchestra in a concert of music of the Ameri-

can stage on Sunday, March 6 at 3 p.m. at Saint Susanna Parish, 262 Needham Street, Dedham. Music Director and Conductor Matthew Fritz has chosen a lively program including music from The Producers, The Phantom of the Opera and Porgy and Bess; the first movement from Dvorak's New World Symphony; and selections by Cole Porter. The program features violinist Sasha Callahan and cellist Leo Eguchi in the third movement of the Brahms Double Concerto in A Minor. The concert also features the world concert premiere of excerpts from Georg Henschel's 1884 comedy, A Sea-Change.

PARKWAY YOUTH SOCCER LEAGUE IS ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS

Parkway Youth Soccer League is accepting applications for the spring 2011 season. Games begin on Saturday, April 9. There will be 10 games during the spring played at Millennium Park, West Roxbury. Applications may be downloaded and printed from www.parkwayboston.com and the parkwayunitedsoccer site on Google. Applications may also be picked up at

the Roche Family Center, Phil's Barber Shop in West Roxbury, Elie's Barber Shop in West Roxbury or Sebastian's Barber Shop in Roslindale. Children born between Jan 1, 1996 and Dec. 31, 2006 are eligible to play. Applications received after Feb. 28 depend upon availability of space. For more information, contact 617-323-5785 or 617-327-3873.

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ACA approves TD Bank plans

Susan Zalkind

Staff Reporter

The Allston Civic Association (ACA) reviewed the plans for a new bank and for a new rental development in their monthly meeting last Wednesday.

Representatives from TD Bank revealed plans to put a new branch at 1230 Commonwealth Ave.

The bank will take the place of the old Uno's Chicago Grill, which closed in the midst of Uno's filing for bankruptcy. Architect and representative Henry Carr said that site has been vacant for over a year. The building currently takes up 2681 square feet.

The transformation from restaurant to bank will include both interior and exterior renovations.

"We are pretty much doing a complete façade renovation," Jennifer Soucy, another architect for the project, said.

TD Bank will keep regular business hours for general service, but they will also feature a 24-hour ATM service in a separate inside portion of the bank. A bankcard will be needed to gain access to this segment.

ACA President Paul Berkeley voiced concern that the 24-hour ATM may also serve as a resting place for the homeless at night.

"How do you deal with people who slip in and sleep there and scare everyone away?" asked Berkeley.

Carr says that the area will be monitored with a video camera and supervised by a contracted security firm.

TD Bank will also hire ten new full time employees, said Carr.

Though no one at the meeting expressed excitement for a new bank in the area, the board

unofficially accepted the plans. The zoning board must now approve the new plans.

"It's another bank, but it's not another restaurant," Berkley said.

Bob Pessek, an ACA board member, also updated residents on a plan for a new residential unit on Glenville Avenue and Greylock Road.

The new plan will go before the zoning board March 8.

The developer, Dmitry Baskin, originally brought the plan to the board a year ago, but the design was rejected by the ACA.

The old plan involved tearing down two Victorian homes and building a large rental complex with underground parking.

"It was just a huge box," Pessken said of the old proposal.

"He got shot down," he added. "It was kind of unusual."

Baskin has since worked with ACA board members in an effort to design a community friendly plan

"It's not perfect, but it's very much improved from what it was," said Pessken.

Baskin was not present at the meeting, but spoke later with the *Bulletin*.

The new plan will keep the Victorian houses on Greylock Road.

"They will require a lot of renovation, but it's worth it," said Basskin of the houses. "We hope to renovate them and give them a new life of a 100 new years."

The four-building development will now include a total of 16 bedrooms. Each building will be four stories tall.

The complex is currently estimated at 6,650 square feet - a figure that includes outside staircases and walkways. This figure, said Basskin, is still in flux.

The original plan exceeded

all nine aspects of the zoning board code. The new plan still exceeds four aspects, but Basskin feels the variances are justified.

"Although we are asking for several variances, we feel they are very appropriate variances," Basskin said.

For example, the height of the new buildings exceed the zoning board code, but they are still lower than the existing building, Basskin said.

The new plan still exceeds zoning board standards in floor area ratio, side yard, and rear yard.

Pessken also believes these variances are now appropriate. "He's doing a lot with [the space], I'll give him credit with that," he said.

Basskin says he is not dwelling on the failure of his old plan and is optimistic that the new one will go through.

"I still like them both just the same, I am very excited about this one," said Basskin. "Our goal then still and now is to improve this area."

Pessken is optimistic about the new plan too. "For what it's worth, I'm going to support it," he said.

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Allston Hit-and-run victim returns home

Zack Huffman

Senior Reporter

Many Boston readers were horrified two months ago to learn that 6-year-old Melisa Orosco was the victim of a hit and run in Allston, sustaining internal injuries and a broken neck.

Despite the horrific nature of her injuries, Melisa was fortunate enough to be able to leave the hospital on her own two feet.

When Franciscan Children's Hospital physical therapist Carrie Barlow first

met Melisa, she had just undergone several weeks of intensive care at the Boston Children's Hospital.

"My first impression of her was that she was still in a lot of pain," said Barlow. "Children's Hospital has gotten her past the life threatening parts of her injuries, but she was still having a really hard time moving. She just didn't seem like your typical 6-year-old."

Despite the pain, Barlow was struck by Melisa's strength and willingness to work

Orosco

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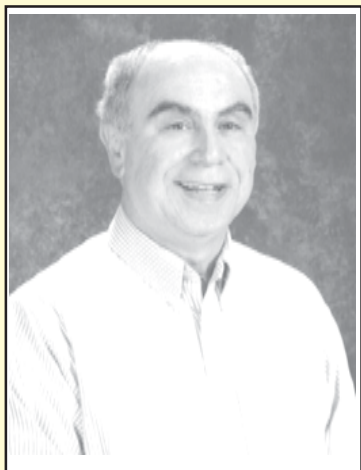


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March 16. Not exactly a memorable date locally, unless one wants to associate it with the eve of St. Patrick's Day or, for history buffs, the date before the Brits departed Boston.

For hundreds of committed Bostonians it's also a date for gathering at BC High for an eventful dinner to both celebrate and raise money for Nativity Prep, a school one block from Jamaica Plain's notable Bromley-Heath Housing project.

Feeling that they have left out a sizable portion of Boston residents, as their college and high school, BC and BC High respectively, cater to higher middle class families, the Jesuits in 1991 created Nativity Prep for boys from low-income families in grades 5-8. (Mother Caroline Academy on Blue Hill Avenue serves similar students with the Y-chromosome).

Operating solely on the generosity of its benefactors, tuition-free Nativity Prep serves almost 60 students of all faiths ranging in ability at entrance time from C- to A. Staffed by 7 volunteers living at a Jesuit residence on JP's Cornwall Street and by several master teachers, the fully accredited school derives no benefit from the state for any books, as is the plight of other private schools in Massachusetts (but not so in other states that try to support schools serving low-income students). Yes, except for the government funded lunch program, Nativity Prep is entirely dependent upon the largesse of area donors.

But for Thursdays and Fridays when the school day ends at 5:30 and 2:30, respectively, the school day runs from 7:30 in the morning when breakfast is served until 8:30 at night. Boston College students and others tutor in the evening (no government subsidy for dinner—again the thoughtfulness of area families and institutions such as Camella's). After classes end in mid-afternoon, the students have sports and other activities—which all contribute to improving their attractability to the area's private high schools.

Administered by the charismatic Rev. John Wronski, S.J., a Jesuit who grew up in hard-scrabble Chelsea and by imperturbable Bisi Oyedele, a Boston Latin and BC alum, the executive director and principal form the apt-named dynamic duo to bring out the best in students in a strict, dress-coded milieu that instills the Jesuit concept of "women and men for others."

Saving the Boston School Department more than half a million dollars per year (\$7 x \$9,000, about the average price for each regular education students), and much more if one wants to factor in the statistics for the risk of low-income students becoming a part of our criminal justice system, Nativity Prep looks to continue serving this same population for years to come, but since politicians won't or can't help this no-run-of-the-mill school it needs your help. Contact Rikki Bohorquez at rbohorquez@nativityboston.org for dinner arrangements at the 14th Annual Spirit dinner to converse with the students themselves and to see the North End's Cathy and Sean O'Neil recognized as recipients of the Raymond Callahan, S.J., Award for their extraordinary generosity over the years.

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through adversity.

"What was remarkable about Melissa was that even though she was in a lot of pain and really exhausted, what was amazing about her was how motivated she was to try," said Barlow. "She was willing to try anything her therapists asked her to do."

Barlow quickly learned to encourage Melisa by appealing to her love of Barbie dolls.

"She's a complete girly-girl," laughed Barlow. "I figured out that if I promised her that we could play Barbie at some point during physical therapy, I would be golden."

Barlow described Melisa's quick recovery as a miraculous feat of perseverance.

"It's really amazing. She's had a very remarkable recovery for the injuries she's sustained," said Barlow. "She's gone from being in a wheelchair to walking everywhere with just a minimum of neck pain left."

Melisa's spirit only grew stronger as the therapy progressed.

"Now she acts and talks and moves like your typical 6-year-old girl," said Barlow. "She's a completely different child."

According to Valeria Umana, who served as a spokesperson for the Franciscan Hospital, Melisa's parents Salvador and Jovita Orosco, steadfastly remained

by her side throughout the recovery, often sleeping in the hospital, so as to not be away from their daughter.

"To see kids who have such significant need, but know that they have an amazing potential and to be able to help them - it's what makes my job really fun," she said. "That I get to play Barbie dolls too, is even better."

Melisa had been crossing Harvard Avenue, Jan. 8, near the intersection with Cambridge Avenue with her family, when what was described as a grey Jeep Cherokee struck the girl. The driver fled the scene and was not identified.

Police are still looking for the Jeep and its driver.

BFD hosts charity hockey game



The Boston Fire Hockey Club has been around since 1968 and recently played their annual charity game against a group of National Guard soldiers who will be deployed to Afghanistan on Saturday.

PHOTO BY WILLIAM NOONAN

Gil Haylon
Staff Reporter

The Boston Fire Department hosted a hockey game this past weekend in South Boston to raise money for soldiers' families.

The event featured a face-off between the Boston Fire Hockey Club (BFHC) and the Grunts, a group of National Guard soldiers who will be deployed to Afghanistan on March 5.

"Annually we do charity games to try and help out a family or an organization, and this year we found a great cause," said Dan Magoon, a firefighter and a member of BFHC.

All proceeds from the game went to the Grunts' Family Readiness Group which will help the families left behind by the soldiers.

The group's major purpose is to help alleviate the stress of deployment for families as well as soldiers. They work to support soldiers and take care of their families while they are overseas.

"We figured it would be fitting to do have this game because the Grunts are leaving for Afghanistan so soon," added Magoon.

The Grunts team is made up of soldiers from the Massachusetts Army National Guard's 1st Battalion.

The BFHC has been around since 1968 and has strong history and tradition according to Magoon.

"It's a real tight-knit group of guys," he said. "We play games everywhere, but this charity game is always our favorite."

The team has played tournaments in Charleston, South Carolina and in Chicago already this year.

Magoon admitted that the fundraising efforts prior to the game were not what he had hoped, because the game had to be pushed forward due to the Grunts upcoming deployment. Nevertheless, the game managed to raise nearly \$2,000.

To raise money, the Boston

Fire Department held raffles, asked for donations and sold merchandise.

While the outcome of the game wasn't the most important aspect of the night, the BFHC did manage a 5-1 victory over the Grunts.

"We have a lot of fun out there, we're not the Bruins but it's a good time," said Magoon.

In the 1980s and the 1990s the BFHC used to play in the old Boston Garden once a year, but that is no longer is the case. Magoon said that the team is looking to bring back that type of commitment and passion to the club, but added that it's never easy to get a full squad together.

The team features firefighters from nearly every neighborhood in the city and has been a big part of sports culture in the Boston Fire Department for more than 40 years.

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In the Estate of: Kenneth Scott Lippman
Late of: Jamaica Plain, MA 02130
Date of Death: 11/24/2010

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, a petition has been presented requesting that
Marjorie Lippman of Jamaica Plain, MA
be appointed administratrix of said estate to serve
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February 16, 2011.
Richard Iannella, Register of Probate

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Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court Department
SUFFOLK Division Docket No. **SU11P0281PM**
CITATION GIVING NOTICE OF PETITION FOR APPOINTMENT OF
CONSERVATOR OTHER PROTECTIVE ORDER PURSUANT
TO G.L. c. 190B, §5-304 §5-405

In the Matter Of: Dorothy Williams RESPONDENT
Of: West Roxbury, MA (Person to be Protected/Minor)

To The named Respondent and all other interested persons, a petition has been filed by Roscommom on the Parkway of West Roxbury, MA
In the above captioned matter alleging that **Dorothy Williams** is in need of a Conservator or other protective order and requesting that
Steve Smith of Boston, MA
(or some other suitable person) be appointed Conservator to serve on the bond.

The petition asks the Court to determine that the Respondent is disabled, that the protective order or appointment of Conservator is necessary, and that the proposed Conservator is appropriate. The petition is on file with this court.

You have the right to object to this proceeding. If you wish to do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance at this court on or before 10:00A.M. on the return date of **03/17/2011**. This day is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline date by which you have to file the written appearance if you object to the petition. If you fail to file the written appearance by the return date, action may be taken in this matter without further notice to you. In addition to filing the written appearance, you or your attorney must file a written affidavit stating the specific facts and grounds of your objection within 30 days after the return date.

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NEW LISTING!
1ST OPEN HOUSE: SUN., 3/6, 1-3 PM



Highland Hill Beauty

WEST ROXBURY. 35 Park St. Stunning 10rm/7bd/2.5bath home. High ceilings, leaded glass, moldings, 2 FP's, A/C. A unique, beautifully restored property. \$850,000. Carole White.



Diamond in the Rough!

WEST ROXBURY. Stately 11rm/7bd/2.5bath Colonial in top Bellevue Hill location. Period charm, corner lot w/over 11K sf. A beauty! \$649,000. Deirdre White.



Wonderful Neighborhood

WEST ROXBURY. 2 fam. w/4 flrs of living space. '05 updated systems/ '06 windows/4 kitchens & 4 baths. In-law on 3rd, finished basement/'10 ext paint/porches/2c gar \$565,000. Sue Brideau.

NEW LISTING!
1ST OPEN HOUSE: 3/6, 1-2:30 PM



Prime Location

WEST ROXBURY. 6 Edgebrook. Turn of the century features blend w/modern amenities! 3bds/1.5baths, granite/SS kit & 1st flr fm rm. Won't last! \$469,900. Deirdre White.



Winter White Sale

WEST ROXBURY. Spacious 3bd/2bath renovated home. Granite/SS kitchen, tile bath, family rm & finished lower lvl plus fenced-in yard. A must see! \$449,900. Sheila Hayden.



Amazing Space

ROSLINDALE. Beautiful Bilevel Condo, Preserved Victorian w/Custom Kit/Baths, Central AC, Private Decks, InUnitLand, Parking, Yard. \$429,000. Susan Michaelidis.



Sunny & Bright

WEST ROXBURY. Nicely maintained 6rm/3bd Ranch w/large mstr, dbl closets, spacious FPLR & DR, finished basement, newer heat, A/C & roof. \$334,900. Sue Brideau.

NEW LISTING!
1ST OPEN HOUSE: 3/6, 12-1:30 PM



Comfortable Cape

WEST ROXBURY. 34 Eastwood Cir. Spacious LR&DR, H/W's thruout, 1st flr fm rm & 1/2 bath. 3 season porch, 2bds upstairs & full bath. Close to transp. \$329,900. Lisa Sullivan 617-477-5056.



Spacious Antique Colonial

DEDHAM. 10 room antique colonial on over 12K sf lot. Family room w/fireplace, hardwood floors, dead-end st, great location. \$329,000. Mary Costello.



Great JP Condo

JAMAICA PLAIN. Sunny 2 bdrm condo + a bonus room located in the hip Hyde Square of JP. Close to public transport & Longwood Medical area. \$309,900. Ryan Stoelk.

NEW LISTING!
1ST OPEN HOUSE: 3/6, 12-1 PM



Gorgeous Condo

WEST ROXBURY. 21 Oriole St., #1. Richly detailed 5rm/2bd condo on Bell Hill. Fab new kitchen, young systems, king sized mstr w/dbl closets. \$299,900. Maureen Hayes Rossi.

OPEN HOUSE
SUNDAY, 3/6, 1:30-2:30



Oakdale Cape

DEDHAM. 17 Youngs. Classic 1950s 3bd cape, open floor plan, newer windows, fireplace, walk to Oakdale School. \$289,000. Maureen Hayes Rossi.



Walk to Brookline Village

JAMAICA PLAIN. Across from Leverett Pond, 2 bdrm unit w/waterviews. Walk to Brookline Vill. Move-in condition & pet friendly. \$244,900. Beth Walsh Gangemi.



NEW PRICE!

Walk to Village

ROSLINDALE. 6 rm/3 bdrm, 2nd flr condo. Updated kit w/pantry, tile bath, hdwd flrs, replacement windows, walk-up attic, new heating system, garage. \$234,900. Matt White.



Jamaica Tower

JAMAICA PLAIN. New Year, New Price! 2 bedroom unit, immaculate – elevator, concierge, pool – the works! \$189,000. Carole White.



Stoneybrook Condo

WEST ROXBURY. Rear 1bdrm condo features spacious living rm w/sliders to deck, generous closets throughout. Unit needs updating, but worth it! \$139,000. Susan Michaelidis.

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