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Patrons place their order at Society Coffee Bar on the first floor of the Kilburn Mill in New Bedford. PETER PEREIRA/THE STANDARD-TIMES

Markey wins board seat over Coward by 1 vote

Frank Mulligan

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NEW BEDFORD – Former Ward 1 City Councilor Brad Markey emerged as the winning candidate for the school seat held by the late Bruce Oliveira in a 9-8 tally over Marcus Coward.

A “convention” of the city councilors, remaining school committee members and Mayor Jon Mitchell – 17 in all – each had a vote. The procedure is established under the Mass. General Laws.

Coward had run in the Nov. 4 Municipal Election for a seat on the committee, attracting 3,182 votes but fell short of getting enough votes to win one of the three seats then available. Oliveira passed away on Nov. 14.

Coward is a U.S. Army veteran, a New Bedford Human Rights Commissioner, a deacon and Sunday school teacher, and a volunteer with New Bedford Health Initiative as the director of operations. He has been endorsed by the Coalition for Social Justice, and the Greater Southeastern Massachusetts Labor Council.

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U.S. pitches ‘New Gaza’ development plan

Steve Holland, Rami Ayyub and Nidal al-Mughrabi
REUTERS

DAVOS, Switzerland – The United States on Jan. 22 announced plans for a “New Gaza” rebuilt from scratch to include residential towers, data centers and seaside resorts, part of President Donald Trump’s push to advance an Israel-Hamas ceasefire shaken by repeated violations.

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Israeli military vehicles drive past destruction in the Gaza Strip, as seen from the Israeli side of the Israel-Gaza border, on Jan. 21 in southern Israel.

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How much could the SouthCoast get in federal funding?

Margie Cullen

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Massachusetts could receive nearly \$93 million in federal funding – and some of it is headed to the Greater New Bedford area.

On Jan. 15, the U.S. Senate passed a trio of bills to provide funding for an array of projects across the government. The bills include \$92.78 million in federal funding for Massachusetts, split across 93 projects in areas like infrastructure, energy and science.

It includes \$1.5 million for Worcester Polytechnic Institute to build a device to destroy PFAS, \$1 million

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Trump says Ukraine deal is ‘coming soon’

Kim Hjelmgard and Francesca Chambers
USA TODAY

President Donald Trump joined world leaders for a signing ceremony in Switzerland on Jan. 22 for his Board of Peace and said it has the potential to be “one of the most consequential bodies,” though it wasn’t clear what specific function the board will have or under whose authority it might act.

Trump suggested during the presentation that a

peace settlement connected to Russia’s war in Ukraine was “coming very soon.”

Ukrainian officials did not immediately return a request for comment on Trump’s assertion.

Shortly before the declaration, Trump and Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy held talks in Davos, Switzerland, on the sidelines of the World Economic Forum international summit. The private

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