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It's Biden's Boston in 'Super' surprise Warren finishes third behind Sanders

By **BILL FORRY**
EDITOR

Former vice-president Joe Biden beat out Vermont Sen. Bernie Sanders by just 56 votes in the city of Boston, but won Massachusetts and eight other Super Tuesday states in a stunning reversal of presidential primary fortunes this week. The result was a devastating setback for the candidacy of Elizabeth Warren, the senior US Senator from Massachusetts, who finished third in the capital

city and overall across the state.

Biden, whose campaign has surged since he won a landslide victory in the South Carolina primary on Feb. 29, carried many precincts in Dorchester and Mattapan, according to a preliminary review of unofficial City of Boston Election Department results. Biden finished with 43,210 votes to Sanders' 43,154—roughly 30 percent each. Warren finished the night in third position with 39,188 votes— or 27

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Former VP Joe Biden in 2018. *Chris Lovett photo*

An 'Innocent' Idea Takes Off



Violinist and composer Shaw Pong Liu, right, engaged with students during an educational workshop at Roxbury Stringfest in 2017. *Robert Torres photo*

Let us now praise the legacy of history's black composers

By **DANIEL SHEEHAN**
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When violist Ashleigh Gordon founded Castle of Our Skins along with composer and pianist Anthony Green in 2013, the Dorchester resident had little idea that the concert and music education series would evolve into the bustling nonprofit it is today. But a

hugely successful first concert set the stage for that growth, and Gordon's "innocent" idea of promoting the music of black American composers took flight.

"We hadn't really envisioned something beyond that, but we knew that we were tapping into something that had a bigger need and a bigger

purpose," explained Gordon. "So we decided to do another, and another became seven years at this point."

Now an official 501(c)(3) nonprofit, Castle of Our Skins performs regularly around the city as an official Celebrity Series of Boston Neighborhood Artist, amplifying the works of

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State health officials: coronavirus risk low, but readiness critical

Two known cases in Mass

By **REPORTER STAFF**

Health officials in Boston say the risk to the public from the deadly coronavirus remains low locally, but they are still bracing for a potential uptick in cases. As of Tuesday, the disease had claimed 9 lives in Washington state this week and infected more than 100 Americans, including two in Massachusetts.

One of the infected people in the state has a Dorchester connection—he's a UMass Boston student who became ill after from returning from Wuhan, China in late January. The Department of Public Health confirmed the case on Feb. 1 and the student has been isolated at his home since then.

"We are happy to report that the UMass Boston student is doing well and continues to recover. He is self-isolating at his off-campus home," Boston Public Health Commission spokeswoman Caitlin McLaughlin said two weeks ago.

A second case—a woman in her 20s who lives in Norfolk County and recently traveled to Italy with a school group — was made public by state

officials on Monday. She is recovering at home, they said.

In statement to the Reporter on Tuesday, Mayor Martin Walsh said the city is "taking every precaution to keep people in Boston healthy and safe. The Boston Public Health Commission is advising key partners, including Massport and universities ... and continually assessing potential threats to ensure that we are ready in case the virus does

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BFD Photo

Retirement next for Joe Finn

Boston Fire Commissioner Joe Finn is retiring after 36 years on the job. Page 3.



Julia Mejia
Chasing 'justice'

Mejia asks hearing on parking tickets, tow fees; reaction from council mixed

By **KATIE TROJANO**
REPORTER STAFF

City Councillor-at-Large Julia Mejia wants her colleagues to consider a "sliding scale" for parking penalties in Boston, an income-based model that she says would ease the burden on low-income Bostonians while still following parking rules.

Mejia, who lives in Dorchester, has filed an order seeking a hearing "regarding the economic empowerment of income-adjusted parking tickets," noting that she had paid off \$159 in outstanding parking tickets this year before taking her seat on the council.

"For me, everything that I have done has always been

about my lived experience," said Mejia. "As someone who has lived a life of poverty, I think it's important to look at these issues from a lens of economic justice and how we can be more equitable when it comes to parking."

"Not to say that I'm here to break any laws or, you know,

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DOT BY THE DAY

March 8 - 20, 2020

A snapshot look at key upcoming events in and around the neighborhood for your weekly planner.

Sunday (8th) – The Boston Athletic Association (B.A.A.) hosts its annual Boston Marathon Youth Jamboree, a free community event at the Reggie Lewis Track and Athletic Center in Roxbury that gives young athletes the chance to experience track and field fun. Youth in Pre-K through grade 8 can experience the excitement of the Boston Marathon by participating in a variety of stations—including running, jumping, and throwing activities and age-group races. Registration is available online at baa.org and is strongly encouraged. Participants can also register on-site at the Jamboree.

Monday (9th) – The JFK Library will offer an historical take on the St. Patrick’s Day season with “Celebrate! Celtic Bells: The Irish in Boston” on Monday, March 9 at 10:30 a.m. The story of Irish immigrants in Boston will be recounted through songs and poems of work, humor, protest, longing for home – and longing to feel at home in America. Free admission; space is available on a first-come, first-served basis. Go to jfklibrary.org for further details.

• ‘The Future of Irish Cuisine’ – a forum at the JFK Library— begins at 6 p.m., featuring JP McMahon to discuss his new book, “The Irish Cookbook,” with Dr. Roberty Mauro of Boston College Irish Institute. See jfklibrary.org for more info.

Saturday (14th) – 14th annual Dorchester St. Patrick’s Day breakfast to benefit the Mary Ann Brett Food Pantry will be held from 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. at St. Teresa of Calcutta Parish Hall, 800 Columbia Rd. 2020 Dorchester Hall of Fame inductees include Fr. John Unni, Fr. Joe White, Connie Sullivan (in memorium.)

Sunday (15th) – Hub New Music and composer/harpist Hannah Lash perform a new multi-movement work for mixed quartet and harp as part of the Ashmont Hill Chamber Music series, 4 p.m. at Peabody Hall at the Parish of All Saints in Dorchester. Tickets are \$25, Student: \$18; EBT Card Holder: \$3 at door. Children under 17 admitted free.

Friday (20th) – On Friday, March 20 from 8 a.m.-1 p.m. at Florian Hall in Dorchester 110 Fitness in collaboration with St. Elizabeth’s Medical Center’s Department of Neurology will host the 2nd Annual Parkinson’s Disease Symposium for Veterans, First Responders, and Caregivers. This event is free and open to the public – all are welcome! Seating is limited. Please RSVP by visiting semc-parkinsonsevent.eventbrite.com or by calling Keith J. Ciccone, BS, LPN, Nurse Specialist, Department of Neurology, St. Elizabeth’s Medical Center at 617-789-3320. The symposium will feature presentations by prominent members in the Parkinson’s healthcare community as well as noteworthy members of the military.

A faulty ‘bolster’ sidelines new trains on Orange Line

On Tuesday morning, the MBTA announced that it had pulled all of its new Orange Line trains out of service. “Inspectors identified a fault with the bolsters which is being corrected to ensure the vehicles are reliable & safe for the duration of their service lives,” the transit authority tweeted. “We expect to return them to service later this week.”

The pullback is the latest setback for the T, which has long been beset by service and maintenance problems and budget deficits, and the latest problem to surface with the new train sets.

Last August, the MBTA began introducing new Orange Line trains, part of a larger plan to roll out 152



new cars to completely replace and expand a fleet that at the time comprised 120 cars. T officials didn’t say how many trains were pulled from service on Tuesday; a spokeswoman was unavailable to offer additional specifics about

the problem or impacts on service.

The Massachusetts House plans to debate legislation Wednesday that would raise taxes and fees in part to improve the MBTA.

– STATE HOUSE NEWS SERVICE

‘Mass Ave Better Bike Project’ will get airing via a set of open houses

The city has announced a trio of open houses later this month for the forthcoming Mass Ave Better Bike Project, an initiative geared toward making the avenue a safer and more viable commuting artery for cyclists.

The first of the three events, which will all be hosted at the Plumbers & Gasfitters Local 12 union headquarters at 1240 Mass. Ave. — will take place on Mon., March 23, from 6 to 8:30 p.m. The second will follow on Wed., March 25, from 6 to 8:30 p.m., and the third will take place Sat., March 28, from 2:30 p.m. to 4 p.m. The meetings comes after the city hosted biking and walking tours of the corridor last fall, met with local civic and business associations, and solicited community feedback comments through an online survey.

According to the project webpage, the Mass Ave Better Bike Project will target the section of Mass Ave between Melnea Cass Boulevard and Columbia Road and will design “a safe, comfortable biking facility to connect Dorchester, Roxbury, and the South End.”

The corridor, on which roughly 400 bikers ride weekday, has proven to be one of the more dangerous stretches in the city in recent years, and is the site of frequent crashes involving cyclists and pedestrians.

For more information on the project and the open houses, visit the project page at boston.gov or contact jennifer.



This stretch of Mass Ave between Melnea Cass Boulevard and Columbia Road has been targeted as the site of a new bike facility.

City of Boston graphic

rowe@boston.gov. Interpretation and event details will also be provided in Spanish.

– DANIEL SHEEHAN

Police

Dot man charged with killing mother – A 22-year-old Columbia Road man was ordered to undergo an evaluation at a state psychiatric facility at his arraignment last Friday where he was accused of murdering his mother.

Zackery Grandy was held without bail in the beating death of his mother, Gisel Thomas, on Thursday. A not guilty plea was entered on his behalf. Grandy is “delusional” and “completely out of touch with reality,” said his attorney, Keith Halpern.

Officers responding to a call went to the victim’s home at about 2:20 p.m. and found her body inside, police said in a statement. Grandy was later arrested. The woman’s death was the city’s 10th homicide of the year, police said.

– AP

Boston Police have released the name of a 29-year-old man who was shot to death last Monday (Feb. 24) on Delhi Street in Mattapan. The victim, Ricardo Bent-Hines of Roxbury, was shot multiple times near the intersection of Delhi and Violet Streets around 7:30 p.m. No arrests have been reported. Boston Police Detectives may be reached at 617-343-4470.

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Boston Police arrested two men and recovered a firearm last Thursday evening (Feb. 27) after they were called to a location near Mattapan Square for a report of a man with a gun near Cummins Highway. Police report that the operator of the car was seen “frantically attempting to stuff a large quantity of US currency into the center console” as officers approached the car. Police say they found “multiple bags” of marijuana and marijuana-infused candy, along with a loaded Glock 26 9mm gun in the vehicle. The driver, James Greene, 25, of Mattapan, and the passenger, Dante Singleton, 26, of Quincy, were both taken into custody and face a series of charges.

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Public meeting on plans for former Philips Old Colony site – The BPDA will host a meeting on Thurs., March 19 to examine plans by Michaels LLC to build a 206-unit residential building at 780 Morrissey Blvd, which is currently the site of the now-closed Phillips Old Colony House. The meeting will be held at 6:30 p.m. at Leahy Holloran Community Center, 1 Worrell St., Dorchester. Contact Stephen Harvey at Stephen.j.harvey@boston.gov.

BPDA hosts meeting on new mixed-use proposal for South Bay area – A proposal for a new mixed-use development along Boston and Enterprise Street with approximately 406 residential units will be the focus of a BPDA-sponsored meeting on Thurs., March 5 at 6:30 p.m. The meeting will take place at the Local 12 Plumbers and Gasfitters building, 1240 Massachusetts Ave., Dorchester. More info: bostonplan.org or call Raul Duverge at 617-918-4492.

March 16 meeting on plans for five-story building in Fields Corner – The BPDA will host a public meeting on Mon., March 16 at 6:30 p.m. to discuss a proposal to build a five-story, 29-unit apartment building at 1463-

1469 Dorchester Ave., on the site of what is now the John C. Gallagher Insurance Agency. The meeting will be held on site at the agency. The contact is Stephen Harvey at the BPDA, 617-918-4492.

Public meeting on proposed 29-unit building for Bailey Street – A proposal to build a new four-story, 29-unit residential building at 69 Bailey St. in Dorchester will be the subject of a BPDA-sponsored public meeting on Wed., March 18 at 6:30 p.m. at All Saints Church, 209 Ashmont St., Dorchester. See bostonplans.org for more info on the proposal or contact Stephen Harvey at 617-918-4418 or Stephen.j.harvey@boston.gov.

Ward 18 Democrats to meet on March 7 – Registered Democrats in Boston’s Ward 18 will hold a caucus on Sat., March 7 at 10 a.m. at the Hyde Park Municipal Building, 1179 River Street, Hyde Park, MA to elect delegates and alternates to the 2020 Massachusetts Democratic State Convention.

Tompkins hosts Mayors for RCC ‘Conversation’ – Sheriff Steven W. Tompkins and the Suffolk County Sheriff’s Department will convene “A Conversation About Municipal Government” on Thurs., March 19 at Roxbury

Community College from 6p.m. to 8p.m. Guests include Boston Mayor Marty Walsh, Somerville Mayor Joe Curtatone, Salem Mayor Kim Driscoll, Lawrence Mayor Dan Rivera, and Yvonne Spicer Framingham Mayor The event is free to the public and doors will open at 5:30pm. For more information or to register, call Nadia Lovinsky at 617- 704-6656.

Character breakfast on April 4 supports Dot Day Parade – Support the Dorchester Day Parade on Sat., April 4 at St. John Paul II Catholic Academy on Columbia Road in Dorchester for a delicious breakfast and a visit from many different characters including a guest appearance from the Easter Bunny. 9 a.m. Tickets are 20.00 per person and children two and under are free. You can purchase tickets at the door. This event is generously donated by the Bowery Bar and Lucy’s.

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Fire Commissioner Finn: ‘It’s time to be with my family more’

By KATIE TROJANO
REPORTER STAFF

Boston Fire Commissioner Joe Finn will retire next week, concluding his nearly 36 years of service to the city’s firefighting force. Appointed by Mayor Martin Walsh in 2014, Finn, a Dorchester native, served as commissioner of the department for five-and-a-half years.

In a statement on Monday, Finn called his work at the BFD “rewarding though challenging at times,” adding, “Now it is time to be with my family more.”

The commissioner used the occasion to cite the “tremendous support” he had received “from Mayor Martin Walsh and a great, beneficial relationship with BFD Local 718.” He added, “It’s been my honor to lead and work with the dedicated uniform and civilian staff of the BFD.”

He continued: “I’ll miss the great support we receive in the neighborhoods but know that the men and women who make up the BFD are the best, highly trained professionals who serve with distinction and compassion. Trucks and tools are nice but it’s boots on the ground that make our mission work.”

Walsh commended Finn in return, saying, “I

“Under his stewardship, the Boston Fire Department has put a renewed focus on health and wellness to reduce the cancer rate among its members and has ushered in a new era at the fire department with historic investments in firehouses, apparatus, training and equipment. His steadfast commitment to the men and women of the fire department never wavered, and for that, the city of Boston is grateful.”

— Mayor Marty Walsh

want to thank Joe Finn for his years of service in protecting the Boston community as a firefighter, and for his leadership as commissioner. Under his stewardship, the Boston Fire Department has put a renewed focus on health and wellness to reduce the cancer rate among its members and has ushered in a new era at the fire department with historic investments in firehouses, apparatus, training and equipment. His steadfast commitment to the men and women of the fire department never wavered, and for that, the city of Boston is grateful.”

The mayor added: “I look forward to naming Boston’s next fire commissioner in the coming days.”

During his time as commissioner, Finn established a training

program that increased the number of EMTs on the department by 50 percent and assisted in the development of state regulations implementing semi-automatic external defibrillators.

He also served as a committee member on the mayor’s task force for the integration of Boston Emergency Medical Services into the BFD, and as a committee member for the Massachusetts Human Resource Division in the development and implementation of a new entry-level firefighters test.

Finn joined the department in October 1984 after serving in the Marines from 1979 to 1982. Going forward, Finn wrote, “I’ll be continuing on a part time basis in the fire service” as he “weighs several opportunities.”



Fire Commissioner Joe Finn in command as Mayor Walsh has his back.
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Councillor Baker seeks hearing on how to ‘rebuild’ taxi industry

**BY KATIE TROJANO
REPORTER STAFF**
City Councillor Frank Baker wants the city to find new ways to support the city’s taxi drivers. Last week, he asked his colleagues to review the “Hackney Carriage” rules that govern medallion owners in the new era of ride-share services like Uber and Lyft.

“I’ve had grown men sitting in my office crying. This is an opportunity to think differently about this industry, give them a little bit of support,” said Baker. “If we look at this thoughtfully, we can try to rebuild the taxi industry, and help those families that have been

really hurt by Uber and Lyft. ... I think we could potentially get some people back in business.”

Baker wants a hearing to explore some form of relief from the extensive handbook of rules that govern taxi-industry regulations on everything from applications, to vehicles, to drivers. The Police Department has a division that oversees and enforces taxi rules.

Other councillors were quick to support the hearing order at the council’s meeting last Wednesday, and Council President Kim Janey referred it to the Committee on City and Neighborhood Services.

District 2 Councillor Ed Flynn said that the taxi industry has been long-supported by an immigrant population that helped build and strengthen the city.

“During difficult times in our city taxi drivers were always there for us, and there were a lot of immigrant workers that were cab drivers,” he said. “Cab drivers really helped make and strengthen our city, and now that the city is booming, it seems like there’s no place left for our cab drivers. They work hard, they don’t make a lot of money, and there should be a place in Boston for the

cab drivers.”

District 4 Councillor Andrea Campbell also thanked Baker and shared some insight into what the councillors have heard from constituents who work in the taxi industry.

“We’ve had meetings for years with hard-working, dedicated residents, folks that are just looking to support their families. Most of the people that we meet with are immigrants, most are from communities of color, and so this issue frankly is about justice,” said Campbell.

Campbell noted that while the ride-sharing companies Uber and

Lyft are subject to state regulation, the city controls the taxi industry, and it’s the responsibility of the council to explore ways to support taxi drivers and “do what’s fair.”

“We need to look at not just how we can make it a level playing field but how we can right some past wrongs,” said Campbell, and by that I mean renewing technology with innovation. When Uber and Lyft came down the pipeline, we did nothing to change things and allow taxi drivers to keep up.” She said she hopes that the hearing — which has not yet been scheduled —

will encourage taxi drivers to come forward and share their ideas.

“They have innovative ideas and solutions that they’ve brought to us and this is an opportunity to talk about those in a public way and move things forward,” she noted, adding, “It is really heart-wrenching to hear some of the stories of people who have sacrificed everything, bet their lives on this industry to get their children through college, buy a home, or to build wealth not only for their families but for their communities. This is our opportunity to support them in some way.”

Mejia asks hearing on parking tickets, tow fees; reaction mixed

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challenge the system, but I do think that we have an opportunity to make parking tickets a little more reflective of the financial situations that a lot of our residents are facing in the city today,” she added.

The idea has been met with mixed reviews from Mejia’s new colleagues, some of whom have said they are not yet supportive of a sliding scale on fees, but are open to a hearing that would air out issues over the city’s “pile-on” approach to parking tickets and towing.

“I can say right now I don’t think I’m there yet with whether we should have reduced parking tickets based off of income,” said Councillor

Lydia Edwards of East Boston, “but I certainly think that we should see how this is impacting individuals in several ways.”

Edwards pointed out areas of concern that might be addressed and called the city’s Ticket not Tow program “a balancing act. I think having your car towed especially impacts people who are impoverished. If you don’t have the money to pay the tow lot, you are then in a position that only hurts you more,” she said, noting that there are fees associated with paying parking tickets online.

“I don’t like having to pay to pay. When you pay online versus paying in person, you have to pay a transaction fee,” said

Edwards. “I know it’s because of the way that the system is set up online, but I wonder if that’s a real, fair, equitable way of looking at things.”

District 4 Councillor Andrea Campbell of Mattapan said that the council could “get really creative” in looking at ways to help constituents struggling with piled-on parking ticket fees. “Getting towed is an extreme hardship for some, and there has to be a better way for us to help our constituents do better,” she said.

“We need to look at how we can work for folks who want to do the right thing but are financially unable to do so,” she added, listing interest-free repayment plans and customer service

for residents as possible initiatives to be explored in the hearing.

Edwards said another form of equity might be implemented with a no-interest repayment plan. “I think there’s ways that we could look at that,” she said, “I’m not there yet on saying we shouldn’t assess everybody \$40, but I do think the other pile-ons that impact people should be discussed.”

Not everyone on the council agrees with her. “I’m not sure if this is the right approach,” said District 6 Councillor Matt O’Malley, “I appreciate the intent, but the enforcement piece and how we would actually make that determination does seem very difficult. It gives me pause.”

He said that the city should discuss “better and more creative ways to deal with parking issues,” like working toward cheaper or free transportation and alternative modes of mobility.

After last week’s council meeting, Mejia told reporters that she’s gotten a lot of pushback online from people who see the initiative as a way for people to get out of paying their parking tickets.

“I don’t think people should get away from paying their fee, but I think we have to find ways to make it easier for people to pay back debt,” said Mejia, “You’re still going to have to pay. It’s about the amount you pay. I don’t think it’s giving people a free pass to just rack up tickets. Ab-

solutely not. I think that would be irresponsible.”

She envisions that the city could assess an applicant’s income taxes to determine eligibility for income-adjusted tickets. “I think that bringing in your income tax from the previous year could be a way for us to determine how financially in hardship you might be,” she explained. “And then there are opportunities for us to look at doing a sliding scale so people can pay little by little.”

Mejia said she’s open to suggestions and said that the hearing would be a learning opportunity for the council to hear from residents and officials with transportation expertise who could advise on how best to look at the issue.

State senators throw up caution flag on Red Light bill

**BY CHRIS LISINSKI
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NEWS SERVICE**
Senate Democratic leaders got stuck at a

flashing red light and will now need to proceed with caution when they return to a bill authorizing traffic enforcement

cameras that was tabled mid-session Thursday.

The controversial legislation will not resurface for at least another

week. In the interim, it is unclear if Senate President Karen Spilka can get the members of her party who were

tepid about the bill to come around before advancing.

The legislation (S 2553) would create a local option for municipalities to install automated red light or school bus cameras that would photograph traffic violations. All fines would be directed to the car’s owner, regardless of who was driving, and would top out at \$25, though municipalities could only use the revenue to pay the costs of installing and operating the systems.

mously or along party lines. Senators raised concerns about privacy violations and the efficacy of camera enforcement during two hours of stop-start debate and private negotiations.

All four Republicans voted in favor of changing the authorization to a pilot program. So did 14 Democrats: Sens. Harriette Chandler, Sonia Chang-Diaz, Nick Collins, Jo Comerford, Diana DiZoglio, Jamie Eldridge, Paul Feeney, Anne Gobi, Eric Lesser, Mark Montigny, Marc Pacheco, Becca Rausch, Walt Timilty and James Welch.

“For a lot of senators, there really wasn’t a lot of focus on this bill until today, and obviously we all need to be better about that,” Eldridge told the News Service after the session. “The concern a lot of us have is that to increase government surveillance at a time when the public is deeply offended by increased surveillance by Google, Facebook, other governments in other countries — this bill seemed like a lot of government surveillance with not a lot of privacy protections.”

Before a parliamentary motion halted consideration of the bill Thursday evening, the bill had already drawn significant dissent from both Republicans and Democrats in a chamber where legislation often sails through unani-

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New Boston Ventures director named as Walsh’s chief of staff

Kathryn Burton a veteran in state political arena

By COLIN A. YOUNG
STATE HOUSE
NEWS SERVICE

Boston Mayor Martin Walsh has picked a long-time State House staffer and campaign official as his next chief of staff, turning to Kathryn Burton to fill that position.

Burton worked as chief of staff to then-State Treasurer Steven Grossman beginning in 2012, after serving as his cam-

paign manager. She has also worked as a senior official at the Barbara Lee Family Foundation and the Barbara Lee Political Office, and for the last four years has been director of operations for New Boston Ventures.

In the chief of staff role, Burton will oversee the more than 18,000 city employees in Boston.

“From her wide-ranging background across

Burton has served on a number of community organization boards, including a stint serving on the Rose F. Kennedy Greenway Conservancy Board of Directors, where she was part of the negotiation that led to a multi-party funding model for the greenway. She lives in the North End and holds degrees from the University of King’s College in Hali-

fax, Nova Scotia, and Dartmouth College.

Walsh’s office said Burton is a member of the Gesgapegiag Mi’kmaq tribe in Quebec and will be the first Indigenous person to hold a Cabinet-level position at City Hall. She will begin her job at City Hall on March 9, replacing David Sweeney, who left Walsh’s administration in January to take a role as the



Kathryn Burton

new president and CEO of the Medical, Academic and Scientific Community Organization for the 210-acre Longwood medical and academic neighborhood.

Cannabis testing lab wins support from Columbia-Savin Hill Civic

By KATIE TROJANO
REPORTER STAFF

The team hoping to open a cannabis testing lab on the third floor of an office building at 43 Freeport St. won a unanimous vote of approval – followed by a round of applause – at the Columbia-Savin Hill Civic Association’s general membership meeting on Monday night.

Dimitrios Pelekoudas and Kris Nybakken, the co-founders, CEO, and COO, respectively, of Assured Testing Laboratories have made the rounds to local civic associations in the area over the last month, asserting that safety is the top priority for the company and its backers.

“We’re asking for a letter of support because we need to get this process going and get can-



43 Freeport St.

nabis out of the black market’s hands,” said Pelekoudas, often noting that statewide deaths due to vaping of THC [the main psychoactive compound in marijuana] might have been avoided through testing practices like those that Assured Testing Lab would provide.

The testing is used to ensure that marijuana sold by various retailers, which would be completely independent from the lab, is free of elements

known to be harmful and to establish its potency so that customers will know exactly what the dosage they’re consuming is and how it is likely to affect them.

The team addressed concerns over a recent cannabis retail store proposal pitched for the first floor of the same building. Civic members wondered if that proposal, made by Fields Corner business owners Brian and Jason Chavez, might create a conflict.

“The short answer is that we don’t know exactly if their presence would make us ineligible,” said Nybakken. Added Pelekoudas: “Based on a recent meeting the Chavez brothers had where they proposed a different address, we believe that it won’t be an issue. It seems that they are no longer considering the [43 Freeport St.] space, and are looking at space in Uphams Corner, I believe.”

The team must request a conditional-use permit from the Zoning Board of Appeal (ZBA) and secure a ZBA date, before they can obtain a Host Community Agreement. Securing letters of support from community associations like CSHCA benefits the proponents, putting them in better standing to be approved by the city.

To date, there are no operational testing labs in the city of Boston and only a few statewide, although all products sold in the state are required by law to be tested by a Massachusetts-based, independent lab.

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Tavolo gig is next up for Savin Hillbillies

After playing a fundraiser show for the Codman Square Health Center at Dorchester Brewing Company’s new roof-deck “Hopser-vatory” on Wednesday of this week, the Savin Hillbillies, a five-piece country and Irish music ensemble fronted by Dorchester resident and former mayoral candidate Bill Walczak, move on to Ashmont where, on Sat., March 14, from 7:30 to 10 p.m. they will celebrate St. Patrick’s Day with an Irish-heavy set at Tavolo Restaurant. Sing along with the Hillbillies while you enjoy great food and drink! No cover!

The Dorchester-based quintet comprises sea-



The Dorchester-based quintet Savin Hillbillies includes Bill Walczak, left, on accordion and vocals, James Hanford, Jonathan Keller, Joe Lutz and Rob Atterbury.

soned musicians and features Walczak on accordion and vocals, Rob Atterbury on guitar and vocals, James Han-

ford on fiddle, Jonathan Keller on standup bass fiddle, and Joe Lutz on banjo and vocals. To learn more about the

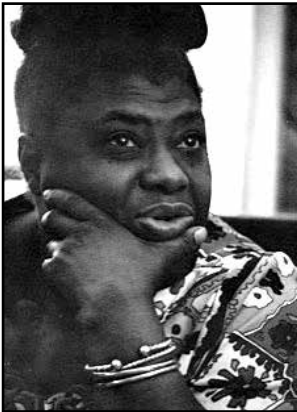
group and to book them for shows, visit savin-hillbillies.com.

‘Call to Artists’ – an opportunity to honor the legacy of Elma Lewis

BY DANIEL SHEEHAN
ARTS & FEATURES EDITOR
The Elma Lewis Center at Emerson College has launched the Elma Lewis Living Stories Project’s “What Miss Elma Lewis Taught Me” in honor of one of Boston’s most important African-American female luminaries in the arts, education, and the civil rights movement. The project is launching with a “Call to Artists,” inviting those who knew Elma Lewis best

and those who wish to honor her legacy to document in audio recordings, photographs, video, and film the stories they wish to share. The call will remain open through August 28, 2020. Miss Lewis, a Roxbury native who founded the Elma Lewis School of Fine Arts in 1950 to provide arts education for Boston’s African-American community and later founded the National Center of Afro-American Artists

(NCAAA), received the Presidential Medal for the Arts in 1983. She was recently honored by the City of Boston on February 25 as part of Boston’s Black Excellence 2020 initiative. “This Living Stories Project intends to bring the impact of Elma Lewis’s work into public memory as a core part of black history, arts, and education in the Boston area and in the world,” said Tamera Marko, executive director of the



Elma Lewis Center, in a press release. “Visual art is a powerful form of storytelling that can embody and communicate the soul and heart of what the storyteller wants to say about how Elma Lewis impacted them and their communities.”

According to Marko, many community members from the Boston neighborhoods of Roxbury, Dorchester, and surrounding areas can passionately tell a story about “what Miss Elma Lewis taught me,” and how their lives have been deeply impacted by the seven decades of her work.

“Elma Lewis had an unwavering dedication to hope, education, creativity, and intellectual development. She was an inspiration during her lifetime and remains an inspiration to us today at Emerson and in Boston,” said Sylvia Spears, vice president for Equity & Social Justice at Emerson College.

The Living Stories project is intended to move stories beyond the traditional cloisters of academic and institutional archives by thoughtfully circulating these stories in the form of artwork throughout vibrant and interactive community spaces, such as cafés, murals, and schools. Its goal is to also inspire ongoing conversations about Elma Lewis’ impact in the community and in the arts.

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Thurs., March 5, 10:30 a.m. – Films and Fun; 3 p.m. – Tech Help; 3:30 p.m. – Homework Help. Fri., March 6, 9:30 a.m. – Lapsit Story Time; 10:30 a.m. Preschool Story Time; 2 p.m. – Friday Afternoon Fun. Sat., March 7, 11 a.m. – Bilingual Vietnamese Storytime & Playtime. Mon., March 9, 10:30 a.m. – Career Workshops; 3:30 p.m. – Homework Help. Tues., March 10, 1:30 p.m. – ESL Conversation Group; 3:30 p.m. – Homework Help; 4 p.m. – BTU Homework Help; 6:30 p.m. – Hatha Yoga. Wed., March 11, 10 a.m. – Adult Stress Relief Coloring; 3:30 p.m. – Homework Help. Thurs., March 12, 10:30 a.m. – Films and Fun; 3 p.m. – Tech Help; 3:30 p.m. – Homework Help.

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Thurs., March 5 – 2 p.m. – Technology Help; 3:30 p.m. – Homework Help; 4 p.m. – BTU Homework Help; 5 p.m. – LEGO Club. Fri., March 6, 10:30 a.m. – Little Wiggles’ Lapsit; 1 p.m. – Susan Hayward Film Series. Sat., March 7, 10 a.m. – SAT Prep Workshop. Mon., March 9, 3:30 p.m. – Homework Help; 4 p.m. – BTU Homework Help. Tues., March 10, 3:30 p.m. – Homework Help. Wed., March 11, 10:30 a.m. – Preschool Storytime & Craft; 3:30 p.m. – Homework Help. Thurs., March 12 – 2 p.m. – Technology Help; 3:30 p.m. – Homework Help; 4 p.m. – BTU Homework Help; 5 p.m. – LEGO Club.

MATTAPAN BRANCH
Thurs., March 5, 3 p.m. – BTU Homework Help; 3:30 p.m. – Homework Help; 5:30 p.m. – Family Board Game Night; 6:30 p.m. – Gentle Yoga. Fri., March 6, 10 a.m. – ESL Beginner English Class; 10:30 a.m. – Hugs & Play; 3 p.m. – Crafternoons. Sat., March 7, 10 a.m. – STEAM Saturdays with New England Aquarium. Mon., March 9, 10:30 a.m. – Hugs & Play; 3:30 p.m. – Homework Help. Tues., March 10, 3 p.m. – BTU Homework Help; 3:30 p.m. – Homework Help; All-ages Non-contact Kickboxing; 4 p.m. – Tinker Time. Wed., March 11, 10:30 a.m. – Toddler Time; 12:30 p.m. – Tai Chi; 3 p.m. – Full STEAM Ahead; 3:30 p.m. – Homework Help. Thurs., March 12, 12 p.m. – Career Workshops; 3 p.m. – BTU Homework Help; 3:30 p.m. – Homework Help; 5:30 p.m. – Family Board Game Night; 6:30 p.m. – Gentle Yoga.

UPHAMS CORNER BRANCH
Thurs., March 5, 3:30 p.m. – Homework Help; BTU Homework Help; 6:30 p.m. – Brand Awareness for Creative Entrepreneurs. Fri., March 6, 10:30 a.m. – Reading Readiness. Sat., March 7, 11 a.m. – My Medicine(s). Mon., March 9, 10:30 a.m. – Baby and Toddler Lapsit; 3:30 p.m. – Homework Help; 4:30 p.m. – Make It Mondays: Crafts. Tues., March 10 – 12 p.m. – Job Search Workshops; 3:30 p.m. – Homework Help. Wed., March 11, 3:30 p.m. – Homework Help. Thurs., March 12, 3:30 p.m. – Homework Help; 4 p.m. – BTU Homework Help; 6:30 p.m. – Pajama Story Time.



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Dorchester native and former New Mission basketball standout Kevin Nunez played a pivotal role in Lasell University's quarterfinal upset victory over Emmanuel College on Feb.18. The junior guard contributed 21 points, going 8-of-17 from the field and 3-of-6 from three-point range to help lead the Lasers to a 98-77 win over the Saints. With that victory, Lasell

advanced to a semifinal matchup with Albertus Magnus College in New Haven, which they lost in heartbreaking fashion, 95-94. Nunez again played a key role in the losing effort, pouring in 19 while going 2-for-4 from beyond the arc and 5-for-6 from the stripe. Nunez finished the season as the Lasers' second highest leading scorer, averaging 16.1 points per game.

Dot's Marshall Martin is transferring to Kentucky Christian

Marshall Martin of Dorchester will transfer from MassBay Community College to Kentucky Christian University in Grayson to play with the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) Division II Men's Basketball team. He is a business administration major at MassBay.

"I am so proud of Marshall for earning a scholarship to play basketball and continue his education at Kentucky Christian University," said MassBay Director of Athletics, Adam Nelson.

"I have watched him play for the past two seasons and have seen first-hand how hard he has worked to achieve this goal. Marshall is not only a great player, but he is also a terrific person, who will be very successful at Kentucky Christian."

Martin played two seasons with the MassBay



Marshall Martin

Buccaneers as a starting guard and averaged 15.1 points and 7.9 rebounds per game. He was also a team captain for the men's basketball team.

"If you were to tell me a few years ago that I would be playing scholarship basketball, I wouldn't have believed you," said Martin. "MassBay has helped prepare me for this opportunity by helping me grow as a player and a leader both on and off the court. I want to thank all of the coaches, faculty, and staff who have mentored me."

Dot's Murrell cited for her work as advocate for people of color, women

Dorchester's Ceferina Murrell was honored for her years of advocacy on behalf of people of color and women by the Massachusetts Black and Latino Legislative Caucus last week. Born and raised in Uphams Corner, Murrell is the chief of staff to Sen. Nick Collins, who nominated her for the recognition.

"Ceffie has been an invaluable member of my team, not just as my chief of staff, but as an important advisor on matters affecting the entire district," said Sen. Collins. "She's been the driving force behind my education on issues affecting our communities of color, and a driving force behind my policy development particularly legislation focused on economic empowerment that has made its way or is making its way through the legislative process into law."

A graduate of Elizabeth Seton Academy in Dorchester and the



Sen. Collins with his chief of staff Ceferina Murrell and her mother Phylerrine Green. Photo courtesy Sen. Collins office

College of the Holy Cross in Worcester, Murrell has spent the last seven years serving in state government roles. Prior to her current role, she has held leadership positions in the City of Boston's Office of Women's Advancement under the Walsh administration and as communications director and chief of staff to former Sen. Linda Dorcea Forry.

"I was truly honored to be nominated by Sen. Collins and recognized by the Massachusetts Black and Latino Legislative Caucus for the work we are leading on in the Legislature to advance people of color and women. The ceremony was affirmation but also motivation to continue the work," said Murrell.

Conway, Cotterell earn UMass Boston honors

Two longtime leaders in the Dorchester community will be recognized for their contributions at the annual community breakfast at UMass Boston later

this month. Fr. Richard 'Doc' Conway, a Catholic priest who has been a fixture in the Bowdoin-Geneva community for years, will receive the Robert H. Quinn Award

for outstanding community leadership. Sandra Cotterell, CEO of Codman Square Health Center, will receive the Chancellor's Award. The breakfast event is set for

Thurs., March 26 at 8:30 a.m. at the university's Campus Center Ballroom. Go to umb.edu/communitybreakfast for more info.

Dot, Mattapan score on Dean's List at UMass Amherst

A number of students from Dorchester and Mattapan were named to the dean's list at the University of Massachusetts Amherst for the fall 2019 semester. In order to qualify, an undergraduate student must receive a 3.5 grade-point average or better on a four-point scale. To qualify, an undergraduate student must receive a 3.5 grade-point average or better on a four-point scale.

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14 from Dot, Mattapan gain Deans List at BU

Twelve Dorchester residents and two from Mattapan have recently been named to the Dean's List at Boston University for the fall semester, including: Melissa Alvarado, Ebony K. Atwell, Sophia Dorsainvil-Johnson, Ian P. Halliday, Trung H. Le, Alex C. Mitchell, Alicia Pham, Huy Q. Phan, Sang Phan, Angela Tran, Minh H. Trinh, and Emily T.

Vu, all of Dorchester. Thang H. Le and Karina Nova of Mattapan made the Dean's List as well.

Each school and college at Boston University has their own criterion for the Dean's List, but students generally must attain a 3.5 grade point average (on a 4.0 scale), or be in the top 30 percent of their class, as well as a full course load as a full-time student.

YESTERYEAR ARCHIVE

DORCHESTER HISTORICAL SOCIETY

This postcard from 1909 shows Pierce Square, the intersection of Washington Street, Dorchester Avenue and Adams Street. Adams Street comes in from the right, turns the corner and leads toward the viewer. Dorchester Avenue is the road straight ahead. The end of Washington Street East is hidden behind the building on the left.

The brick building on the right is the Pierce Mill of the Walter Baker Chocolate Co. On the left, the building with the dormers was the Thayer Hotel, which had commercial storefronts on the first level. It was replaced in 1911 by the Forbes Mill, a part of the Baker operation. The build-



Pierce Square, Lower Millis, in 1909

ing on the corner behind the hotel was the Wendemuth block of stores, which was replaced by the Baker Chocolate Administration building

in 1918-1919.

Henry L. Pierce was Walter Baker's step-nephew. He worked briefly as a clerk at the chocolate company in

1849 when he was 24. In 1850, he moved to Milwaukee to work at a newspaper but returned to Dorchester that same year at the request of Sidney Williams, the head of Baker Chocolate, who put Pierce was put in charge of the Boston counting rooms. When Williams died two years later, Pierce leased the Baker business from the trustees. Over the next 42 years, Pierce absorbed competing chocolate companies and constructed more and more buildings to serve the expanding business. He purchased the Baker company outright in 1884 and incorporated it as Walter Baker & Company, Ltd in 1895. The Baker company and Henry L. Pierce became well

known. Pierce served four terms as a congressman, was a representative in the Massachusetts General Court, and later served as an alderman in Boston.

The archive of these historical posts can be viewed on the blog at dorchesterhistorical-society.org The Dorchester Historical Society's historic houses are open on different dates. The Lemuel Clap House (1712 and remodeled 1765) at 199 Boston Street is open on the third Saturday of each month. The James Blake House, 735 Columbia Road (1661) and the William Clap House, 195 Boston Street (1806) are open on the third Sunday of each month. Open hours are 11 am to 4 pm.

Editorial

Early voting in dynamic primary just feels wrong

About 13,000 Bostonians decided to cast their votes early at City Hall or at one of several satellite polling centers last week, according to figures shared with the Reporter by the city’s Election Department. There’s probably a good chunk of those 13,000 people who’d wished they’d kept their ballot box powder dry *before* the weekend.

Joe Biden, counted out as a legit contender in Massachusetts based on consistent polls ahead of last week, scored a huge victory in South Carolina on Saturday. The former vice-president under Barack Obama squeezed every drop of juice out of his landslide win and capped it off with back-to-back-to-back endorsements from former rivals Pete Buttigieg, Amy Klobuchar and Beto O’Rourke.

By the time the actual election day rolled around on Tuesday, it was a very different contest on the Democrats’ side, but *if* you were one of the thousands of Bostonians who had already cast your lot, it mattered not.

What did early voting look like on the ground here in Dorchester and Mattapan? It wasn’t really a huge draw. A total of 864 people showed up last Thursday to vote at one of the three places in our two neighborhoods. The breakdown was 441 at All Saints Church on Ashmont Street; 243 at Mildred Ave Community Center in Mattapan; and 180 at First Parish Church on Meetinghouse Hill.

Outside of City Hall, the largest turnout at a satellite location was Roche Community Center in West Roxbury, where 1,187 voters showed on Thursday. Copley Square Library recorded 1,625 voters on Tuesday.

“I’m voting early because it’s just much easier, it’s convenient,” said Ira Li, a Dorchester voter who stopped to talk to the Reporter as he exited First Parish Church on Thursday afternoon. A woman named Margaret (who declined to give her last name) told us: “I came today because I work part-time and this is easier than rushing at the last minute and waiting in line.”

It’s true that early voting can be a big time-saver. But in the context of this election— a fluid, dynamic primary featuring a large menu of choices and some excellent candidates— it seems wrong-headed. This is the first time Massachusetts has staged a week of early voting ahead of the March presidential primary. It says here that it should be the last.

Look at the results from Texas for further indicators that early voting can be skewed. Biden’s bounce out of South Carolina was reflected strongly in the Super Tuesday vote, but his competitors led the field in the early vote, according to reports from CNN and MSNBC. That’s likely true in every state that conducts early voting.

As we’ve all just witnessed over the last five days, the nature of the presidential primary season is so compact, so turbulent that it really makes sense to let the preponderance of evidence prevail upon voters’ ultimate decisions.

We all want to see more participation — and there are better ways to do it; namely, same-day registration, which is something Massachusetts lawmakers seem close to considering this session. But, if we decide to stage early voting in the future, let’s save it for the general election in November, when there is a set, binary choice in front of the electorate. Let’s give future primary voters every opportunity to have all of the facts at their disposal before filling in their ovals.

-Bill Forry

Charitable tax deductions will hurt the Commonwealth’s bottom line

By BILL WALCZAK

As I write this, I’m looking at the “Service Alerts” from the MBTA over the past seven days: 15 for the Red Line alone, including 10 delays due to “mechanical problems” related to the 50-plus year-old trains that we ride in. The state needs billions of dollars for MBTA improvements and expansion. Add to that billions of dollars in deferred maintenance of our roads, bridges, schools, parks, and other capital needs that a wealthy state like Massachusetts should be taking care of during an economic expansion.

Instead, tax cuts going into effect this year reduce revenue, even as we face a \$93 million MBTA deficit for FY21. Making matters worse is the implementation of an initiative petition passed in 2000, which calls for state tax deductibility for charitable contributions.

As a person who has raised tens of millions of philanthropic dollars in my career, I’m certainly not saying that I oppose charitable contributions. Indeed, the generosity of Massachusetts residents has sustained many nonprofits that perform essential services.

The reality, however, is that this tax deduction is extremely unlikely to result in a windfall of donations to our community nonprofits. It will, instead, reduce our state’s tax collections by more than \$300 million. That’s money that is badly needed by state agencies that our communities depend on.

The Legislature should reconsider its decision to implement tax deductibility of charitable contributions. Here’s why:

First, the benefit of tax deductibility of charitable contributions is heavily skewed toward the wealthy. The Mass Budget and Policy Center determined that, with regard to federal taxation, nearly 100 percent of charitable contributions of the top 1 percent of income receive tax deductions. Compare that to the 22 percent of contributions made by the middle 20 percent of incomes and the 5 percent for those in the bottom 20 percent of income. This is mainly because getting the charitable tax deduction requires that you itemize deductions on your tax returns, which most moderate and lower income people do not do.

The state deduction would also require itemization, and as with the federal system, the benefit would mainly go to the affluent while taking money away from programs that benefit those in lower income categories. Do we really want to give even more tax benefits to the wealthy?

Secondly, philanthropic dollars go overwhelmingly to universities, museums, hospitals, and churches. Large donations are most often made in the form of quid pro quo arrangements. Some large donors to hospitals get special treatment when they need hospital services, and some hospitals have special floors where wealthy donors are treated.

And we certainly know how universities treat

wealthy donors. Upwards of one third of Harvard admits are “legacy” admissions, which means that about a third of those admitted have a parent who both attended Harvard and donates to the university. Legacy admissions are a reality for most of the very selective universities. Should the taxpayers subsidize legacy admissions to elite universities through tax reductions for parent-donors? I say no.

These universities also admit non-legacy students through “donations.” Jared Kushner’s father “pledged” \$2.5 million to Harvard in 1998 to ensure his son’s admission. Due to federal deductibility of such “donations,” Charles Kushner likely received, and the taxpayers lost out on, about \$1 million, based on the likelihood that multi-millionaire (and convicted felon) was in the 39.6 percent top tax bracket.

Another scheme is to name institutions or buildings of non-profit institutions in exchange for large “donations.” The infamous Sackler family, which made billions of dollars making opioid medications that addicted and killed countless victims, have their name on dozens of buildings. This is a way of buying good will among the powerful, while dramatically reducing their taxes, or as Kelsey Piper from Vox called it, “a way to wash blood off your money.”

Most large donors, infamous or not, donate to build their brand, which is a form of power. Buildings and parts of buildings are named for wealthy individuals who donate money with the expectation or requirement that they will see their name prominently. This is also a quid pro quo, for which there should be taxable acknowledgment of the value of the brand-enhancing naming. Creating a brand is very expensive. Partners Health Care is rebranding itself to “Brigham MGH” at a cost of \$100 million. The good will generated by a naming should have a price associated with it. They are getting something for their “donation” that has great value. It should not be tax deductible.

We have many great needs in our Commonwealth that are not funded because we don’t have the money to do so. We are already giving mainly well-off people the opportunity to get upwards of 35 percent of their contributions to non-profits back in the form of cuts to their federal taxes. Providing another nickel in lowered taxes from the Commonwealth for every dollar given to a nonprofit will not dramatically increase donations. It will eliminate \$300 million from the taxes that fund our schools, transportation systems, health care services, and other essentials.

While I think philanthropy is a great thing, it should be practiced without expectation that a third or more of the dollars will come from the taxpayers. Ask your legislator to stop tax deductibility for charitable contributions from being implemented in Massachusetts.

Bill Walczak is a Dorchester resident.

Letter to the Editor

Let’s be fair to Massachusetts voters: Sign up for Election Day Registration

To the Editor:

Election Day registration simply is not new as states like Minnesota, Maine, and Wisconsin have used it since the 1970s and it is now the law in 21 states, plus D.C. We know that EDR works, and is easy to implement. It’s time for Massachusetts to step up and make election day registration bills (H. 636, H. 685, and S. 396) a reality as soon as possible.

Massachusetts currently gives voters up to 20 days before elections to register in order to be considered eligible to vote. This 20-day deadline routinely disenfranchises thousands of eligible individuals who simply seek to have their voice heard, especially with many unfamiliar with the voting process who may not even be aware of it, or simply forget it. Same-day registration would eliminate that deadline, allowing eligible individuals to register on Election Day, and cast their votes. It would also make it possible for individuals to correct minor mistakes on their registration, such as an incorrect address, which may currently prevent them from voting.

A study by the National Conference of State Legislatures shows that following the implementation of Election Day Registration (EDR), states see an increased voter turnout rate as high as 7 percent, with an average of 5 percent. States with EDR typically exceed other states in terms of turnout percentages. States with EDR also have historically produced higher voter numbers. Finally, EDR does not shape partisan outcomes or benefit specific



populations, making the process fair and balanced to all potential voters.

Unnecessary restrictions that we have should no longer impede individuals from speaking their minds at the polls. I will encourage my state legislators to do all in their power to make EDR law and I hope that you will as well so voting will be easier for everybody in our great Commonwealth.

- Matthew J. Shochat,
Dorchester

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Upcoming report on BPS sparks anxiety, reflection

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State regulators are finishing up a review of the Boston Public Schools that seems likely to highlight some of the district's struggles. Officials, teachers, and advocates across the city are anxiously waiting to read it.

The anxiety is understandable. This will be the first such report put together by the Mass. Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) since 2009. And Boston Mayor Marty Walsh predicted on Radio Boston last week that "it's not going to be pretty."

State law requires periodic audits of school districts, especially those with a history of academic struggles, and a "comprehensive report" on the findings.

When an audited district is found to be underperforming, the state's education commissioner is authorized under state law to undertake a wide array of interventions: from modifications of curriculum or union contracts to the takeover of schools.

When asked about the prospect of state intervention on Radio Boston, Walsh said, "I'm not even gonna go there." He touted the ongoing construction of new schools under a facilities master plan, as well as investments in higher-quality food.

Given BPS's size and complexity — and the fact that a number of other districts post lower test scores on average — a decisive takeover of the district is probably off the table.

But some advocates for racial equity in Boston said they'd welcome some spur from the state. Ivan Espinoza-Madrigal — director of Lawyers for Civil Rights, which has warred with BPS over its approach to exam-school admissions — said the district has proven "highly resistant to change" on its own.

City Councilor Andrea Campbell stopped short of encouraging state intervention, but predicted the report will confirm "what we have long known: Boston Public Schools is failing to deliver an equitable education to our city's children."

Both asked that the report be released to the public before any interventions are proposed.

In a statement, BPS superintendent Brenda Cassellius sounded an optimistic note, saying that "the external lens of the DESE district review will only support our efforts to better serve our students, families, and staff," and adding that her staff "look forward to collaborating with DESE towards our shared goal."

But others are alarmed at the prospects. State-appointed receivers already run two BPS schools — the Dever Elementary and UP Academy Holland, both in Dorchester. Six other schools are under state monitoring for academic underperformance. Some advocates argue that the state's track record so far of turnarounds in public schools, including in Boston, is mixed at best.

DESE spokeswoman Jackie Reis had no comment on the report's contents, noting only that the it has not yet been finalized and that no date has been set for its public release.

WBUR contacted a dozen advocates, and current and former officials and parents in the Boston Public Schools. Few argue that the district is fulfilling its potential on every metric and most concede that the district has particular work to do when it comes to growing groups of vulnerable youth.

The last state audit in 2009 judged that in many areas, then-BPS superintendent Carol Johnson and her team were pursuing needed reform. The district had set clear, new academic goals, reorganized its leadership team, and consolidated 12 schools to create more K-8 offerings.

But when Johnson retired amid some controversy in 2013, her move kicked off an era of churn atop the district. Four superintendents have run BPS in the seven years since her departure, with more turnover in top roles.

The new report will arrive during another such transition.

Cassellius only took over as superintendent last July and renewed her pledge to focus resources and attention on Boston's neediest stu-

dents. During her public interviews, Cassellius argued that her prior experience — especially her eight years as education commissioner for the state of Minnesota — prepared her well to handle state regulators on BPS's behalf.

Walsh has pledged to send the district \$100 million in new funding to be targeted at struggling student populations. And the Student Opportunity Act, which passed last year, will enable diverse districts like Boston to spend even more on proven solutions for those students.

Jessica Tang, president of the Boston Teachers Union, acknowledged that union educators "have known about challenges" facing vulnerable students for years, and recently won additional nurses and social workers for the system. But she argued that state intervention couldn't come at a worse time. She said that under Cassellius, labor-management relations have improved — and that "if the state wants to be helpful, they should support us with resources, time, and stability."

Miren Uriarte, who served on the city's school committee from 2014 to 2018, agreed that it would be "shocking" if the state moved in any way to sideline Cassellius after just eight months on the job — and with her strategic plan for the district launched just last month.

"It would mean another start with another set of leaders," Uriarte said. "We really need to think about stability."

In 2009, state regulators found that 40 percent of BPS's English learners had chosen to opt out of the district's standard "sheltered English immersion" program. Under the program — which became state law after a

controversial 2002 ballot referendum — English learners were taught mainly in English and without using their native language.

Also in 2009, the US Department of Justice opened an investigation aimed at determining if Massachusetts teachers were adequately trained to serve English learners. Two years later, they concluded that the answer was no, prompting new state regulations.

Uriarte, a sociologist who studied bilingual and Latino students for decades, said the district has made some progress in the decade since. "In 2009, [Boston] could not even count. We didn't know with certainty the level at which kids were at in terms of English proficiency, or whether they were in front of a teacher who was trained to work with ELs," Uriarte said. "All that, with a lot of work, has largely been addressed."

But the number of English learners is growing — they now make up one-third of BPS's enrollment. And Uriarte argued that there are still too few teachers with the fluency and training to serve a district of Boston's linguistic diversity. She also noted that it has been three years since the Legislature dethroned the sheltered English immersion requirement after 15 years of disappointing results, and yet, in Boston "[it] continues to be the most prevalent program."

So while Uriarte may oppose state intervention, she also hopes that Cassellius will adapt where her predecessors have not to a changing student body.

Inequities like the ones facing English learners are magnified by BPS's three separate sectors of high schools.

Each year, the city's

three well-regarded exam schools enroll about 1,000 students — roughly 28 percent of all the district's high schoolers — with the grades and test scores to earn a seat.

Nearly a third of the district's teenagers instead find a place at one of nearly 20 alternative high schools. Those schools tend to be relatively small, with around 250 students on average, and specialized. Their graduation rate is lower than those of the exam schools, but higher than the district average.

The remaining 40 percent of the city's high school students wind up in one of the city's so-called open enrollment schools.

That group, like East Boston High, Charlestown High, and English High, tend to be large and to enroll the students who missed lottery deadlines, enter district mid-year after migration or changes of custody, or whose learning disabilities might not be adequately handled at smaller institutions. As a result, the open-enrollment schools serve disproportionately many vulnerable students.

Against that backdrop, stark differences of outcome emerge between the exam schools and their open-enrollment neighbors. Nine out of ten of exam-school students graduate within four years, with the vast majority going on to enroll in four-year colleges by the following year. Only about 30 percent of graduates from open-enrollment schools do the same.

It's worth noting that for more than a decade, BPS has seen its graduation rates steadily climb: districtwide, among "high-needs" students, and at open-enrollment schools. But some have cast doubt on that apparent progress.

Former Boston city councilor and one-time mayoral candidate John Connolly, for example, argued that the rise was driven by the district sacrificing high and universal academic standards: Increasingly, Connolly said, "chemistry at Brighton High can be totally different from chemistry at Mission Hill." (In her strategic plan, Cassellius calls for higher academic standards that conform to the state's MassCore framework.)

Connolly also pointed to stark differences of college success, as well as state graduation data published early this month that showed the first year-to-year decline in BPS's overall four-year graduation rate since 2006.

For now, district officials, parents, teachers, and advocates are waiting for what feels like a consequential judgment of a district trying to adapt to the city changing around it while also correcting a long historical record of inequity.

Given the wide gaps separating — for instance — students of color from their white peers, Elizabeth Pauley, who studies education at the Boston Foundation, agreed with Espinoza-Madrigal that state intervention "has to be on the table."

But activists like Mary Battenfeld of QUEST agreed with Tang, saying this is a sensitive and in some ways hopeful moment for the state's largest school district — and that while BPS has work to do, the state runs the risk of interfering with a promising educational experiment before it can get under way.

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PUBLIC MEETING ON PROPOSED 29-UNIT BUILDING FOR BAILEY STREET

A proposal to build a new four-story, 29-unit residential building at 69 Bailey St. in Dorchester will be the subject of a BPDA-sponsored public meeting on Wed., March 18 at 6:30 p.m. at All Saints Church, 209 Ashmont St., Dorchester. See bostonplans.org for more info on the proposal or contact Stephen Harvey at 617-918-4418 or Stephen.j.harvey@boston.gov.

WARD 18 DEMOCRATS TO MEET ON MARCH 7

Registered Democrats in Boston's Ward 18 will hold a caucus on Sat., March 7 at 10 a.m. at the Hyde Park Municipal Building, 1179 River Street, Hyde Park, MA to elect delegates and alternates to the 2020 Massachusetts Democratic State Convention. This year's state convention will be held May 30, 2020 at the Tsongas Center in Lowell. The caucus is open to all registered and pre-registered Democrats in Boston's Ward 18. Pre-registered Democrats who will be 16 by February 15, 2020 will be allowed to participate and run as a delegate or alternate. Boston's Ward 18 can elect 53 delegates and 8 alternates to the Convention. Youth, minorities, people with disabilities, and LGBTQ individuals who are not elected as a delegate or alternate may apply to be an add-on delegate at the caucus or at massdems.org. Those interested in getting involved with Boston's Ward 18 Democratic Town Committee should contact Rob Consalvo, Ward Committee Chair, ward18boston@gmail.com.



Tabla player Sandeep Das led a group of students from the Boston City Singers in a performance on Feb. 22 at The Boston Home, the culmination of a week-long School Vacation workshop at the Epiphany School in Dorchester.

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REGISTRATION NOW OPEN FOR DORCHESTER BASEBALL

Registration is now underway online for Dorchester Baseball, open to kids and teens ages 4-16. Sign up at dorchesterlittleleague.org or dorchesterbaberuth.org. Financial assistance available upon request.

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The 14th annual Dorchester Chili Cook-off will be held on Sunday, March 29 from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m., at Local 103 IBEW at 256 Freeport St. to benefit Dorchester Day Parade. More than 20 entrants representing restaurants, civic associations, youth groups, and community organizations, vie for bragging rights to the best chili in Dorchester. There is live entertainment, games and prizes. A panel of judges will award prizes

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Support the Dorchester Day Parade on Sat., April 4 at St. John Paul II Catholic Academy on Columbia Road in Dorchester for a delicious breakfast and a visit from many different characters including a guest appearance from the Easter Bunny. 9 a.m. Tickets are 20.00 per person and children two and under are free. You can purchase tickets at the door. This event is generously donated by the Bowery Bar and Lucy's.

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An ‘Innocent’ Idea Takes Off:

Let us now praise the legacy of history’s black composers

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both living and deceased black composers and classical musicians.

Last Saturday, Gordon rehearsed at the Boston Center for the Arts, where the group is currently enjoying a residency, with a string quartet that will perform at a host of upcoming events as part of South End Stringfest.

The Celebrity Series will also bring the quartet to Church of the Holy Spirit in Mattapan for a performance on May 2, where the group was greeted “enthusiastically” at their last performance. Gordon described the group’s role as a neighborhood artist as very “family-oriented.”

“The idea with neighborhood artists is to try to put local artists, local musicians in various communities to do more than just concerts but to do community building,” she explained. In addition to its concert series, Castle of our Skins also engages the community through several educational workshops hosted at Boston Public Library branches and BPS sites across the city, including in Dorchester and Mattapan.

In one of those workshops, called “A Little History,” Gordon tells the story of different figures in black history through original poetry, musical performance on viola, and audience interaction in a one-woman show geared toward grades 4-6. “A Little History”



Violinist and co-founder of Castle of our Skins Ashleigh Gordon has grown the concert and educational series into a bustling nonprofit. *Robert Torres photo*

will come to the Grove Hall branch on April 21 at 4 p.m. and the Fields Corner branch on May 12 at 4 p.m.

“Play Songs and Games,” a workshop targeted at a slightly younger age group (grades 3-5) explores African-American and Caribbean folk songs in an interactive, sing-and-clap-along format. Gordon recalled a particularly memorable recent workshop at the Codman Square branch in which she led thirty kids of color in song:

“At the end some of the kids were still singing it and asking to do it again,” she said. “It was great just to know that aspects of fun and singing, literally just playing together for an hour is still valued. There’s still so much meaning behind that for kids, and it doesn’t have to be with the computer, it doesn’t have to be with anything else but just ears and eyes and your voice.”

“Play Songs and Games” will return to the Grove Hall branch on April 4 at 3 p.m.

Castle of our Skins’ third workshop, “Build a Modern Day Spiritual,” is a more immersive, five-week workshop for grades 4-8 in which participants learn about the African-American tradition of spirituals, the basics of music-making and song writing, and perform their own original composition in a final showcase concert.

The next spiritual workshop will take place on a weekly basis at the Fields Corner branch between April 27 and May 19.

With a busier-than-ever schedule, Castle of Our Skins is poised to grow by adding more part-time positions in the near future, said Gordon, “to make sure we have more literal hands on deck.” After that, the nonprofit is eyeing a possible expansion beyond the Boston metropolitan area to pursue programming elsewhere in the region and the East coast.

Looking ahead to the organization’s 10th season, Gordon hopes to take on a large project such as a ballet, opera, or full symphonic orchestra concert. Such an ambitious project would ideally accompany a tribute to the group’s namesake, said Gordon.

“Our name comes from a poem by Nikki Giovanni, “Poem (for Nina,)” that basically says we’re all imprisoned in the castle of our skins, some of us have said,” Great, that castle is going to be my palace, I’m going to love it and fill it with beautiful things.’ It would be amazing to create a piece inspired by that poem and have Nikki Giovanni involved in that and do something quite commemorative, quite large with her, as she has been our inspiration all these seven years.”

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Reforms pitched to address State Police problems

By KATIE LANNAN
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Of the 2,120 sworn members of the Massachusetts State Police, 95 percent are male and 89 percent are white, Col. Christopher Mason told lawmakers on Feb. 26 as he made the case that the department has “an operational need for more female and minority candidates.”

Mason joined Public Safety Secretary Thomas Turco to pitch a new Gov. Charlie Baker bill that would institute reforms at the agency after a period of scandal and turmoil. Among Baker’s

proposals is the creation of a new cadet program to open up a pathway into the department for candidates from diverse backgrounds.

The bill (S 2469) changes the promotion process for the ranks of lieutenant and captain, streamlines the process for suspending troopers without pay after certain charges of misconduct, allows future State Police heads to be hired from outside of the agency, and create a new “fraudulent pay statute” that would allow the state or municipalities to recoup triple damages from police officers who submit false

time sheets.

“The department’s reputation has been damaged,” Turco said. “This is a direct consequence of the dishonorable acts of a small group of individuals, but it is also a consequence of the department’s failure as an organization to have prevented that kind of misconduct in the first place. The department’s problem in this regard developed over many years and can be traced at least in part to outdated management practices, an insular culture and too few measures and tools of accountability.”

Leaders at the State Police have begun implementing changes since an overtime abuse scandal that led to criminal charges for a number of troopers. Those changes include GPS tracking in cruisers, audits, and plans to roll out body cameras.

Mason said he’s proud of what the department has done so far, but there’s still more work to do.

“We cannot and will not allow the narrative of our agency to be written by the relative few who have violated their oath and disgraced their calling,” he said.

The bill is before the Public Safety Committee, and lawmakers on that panel were joined by Public Service Committee members for the hearing. They drilled

into specific components of the reform package, focusing their questions on areas including the cadet program and the hiring of a department head.

Rep. Paul Tucker, a former Salem police chief, and Sen. Joan Lovely asked about the potential for removing the state pensions for troopers found guilty of criminal wrongdoing. Turco said pensions are the domain of the State Retirement Board.

“Why don’t we want to put more teeth in this bill and say you’re going to have your pension stripped?” Lovely said. “I think that would really deter that type of activity.”

Baker tapped Mason, who previously held the department’s number two post, as the new State Police superintendent and colonel last November.

Existing state law calls for the governor to appoint as colonel a State Police member holding a rank above lieutenant. Baker’s bill would remove the requirement that the colonel come from within the department, requiring someone with at least 10 years experience as a full-time law enforcement officer and at least five years full-time experience in a “senior administrative or supervisory position in a police force or a military body with law enforcement responsibilities.”

Rep. Harold Naughton, who co-chairs the Public Safety Committee, raised the possibility of splitting the top post into two roles, with one leader coming from within the department’s ranks and another administrator who would not need to. Rep. Timothy

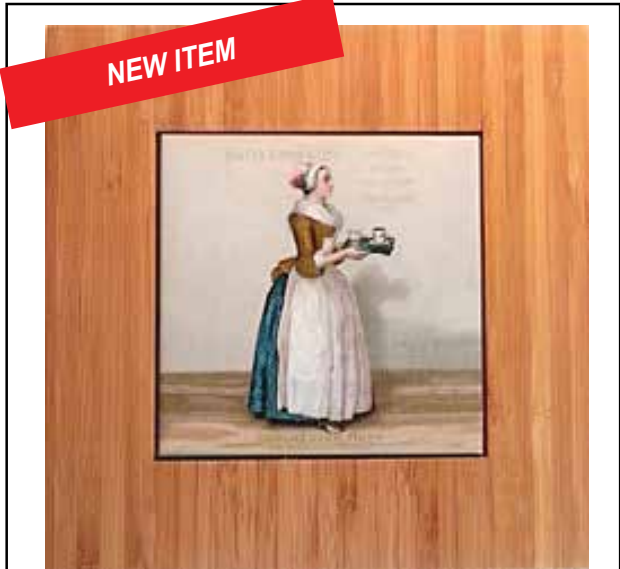
Whelan, a former State Police officer, said that before 1992 the colonel was overseen by a civilian commissioner, often a retired FBI agent, who “wore a suit [and] did not have arrest powers,” similar to the structure employed by the Boston Police Department.

State Police Association of Massachusetts President Corey Mackey said his union supports the idea of expanding the applicant pool for department head, but that it’s an “important morale issue” to have the colonel come from within the uniformed ranks of the department, whose members view wearing their uniforms as a privilege that they earn. He said that when other military and law enforcement agencies appoint outside candidates, those candidates “wear a suit to lead the agency” as superintendent and are not appointed to the uniformed branch as colonel.

SPAM also wants candidates to have more law enforcement experience than Baker’s bill calls for, as well as experience leading an organization of similar size and scope to the State Police, Mackey said.

Naughton said that as the committees continue weighing the bill, he wants more specifics of how a division of the top job might work out.

“If we’re going to go in this direction of a colonel and a superintendent, what are their jobs going to be?” the Clinton Democrat said. “And I think that needs to be developed further if we’re going to be successful with this legislation before the end of this legislative cycle. I need more.”



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To the named Respondent and all other interested persons, a petition has been filed by DMH c/o Office of General Counsel of Westborough, MA in the above captioned matter requesting that the court: Accept the resignation of the Guardian.
The petition asks the Court to make a determination that the Guardian and/or Conservator should be allowed to resign; or should be removed for good cause; or the the Guardianship and/or Conservatorship is no longer necessary and therefore should be terminated. The original petition is on file with the 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 10:00 A.M. on the return date of 03/26/2020. 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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Witness, Hon. Brian J. Dunn, First Justice of this Court.
Felix D. Arroyo
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Date: February 26, 2020
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LEGAL NOTICE

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
THE TRIAL COURT
PROBATE & FAMILY COURT
Docket No. ES20A0011AD
Essex Probate & Family Court
36 Federal Street, Salem, MA 01970
978-744-1020
CITATION
G.L. c. 210, § 6
In the Matter of:
ABIGAIL ELIZABETH FUGATE
To: any unnamed or unknown parent and persons interested in a petition for the adoption of said child and to the Department of Children and Families of said Commonwealth, 280 Merrimac St., 2nd fl., Lawrence, MA 01843.
A Petition has been presented to said court by: **Juan Mauricio Guerrero of Methuen, MA and Jaime Leigh Guerrero of Methuen, MA** requesting for leave to adopt said child and that the name of the child be changed to **Abigail Elizabeth Guerrero**.
If you object to this adoption you are entitled to the appointment of an attorney if you are an indigent person. An indigent person is defined by SJC Rule 3:10. The definition includes but is not limited to persons receiving TAFDC, EACDC, poverty related veteran's benefits, Medicaid, and SSI. The Court will determine if you are indigent. Contact an Assistant Judicial Case Manager or Adoption Clerk of the Court on or before the date listed below to obtain the necessary forms.
IF YOU DESIRE TO OBJECT THERE-TO, YOU OR YOUR ATTORNEY MUST FILE A WRITTEN APPEARANCE IN SAID COURT AT SALEM ON OR BEFORE TEN O'CLOCK IN THE MORNING (10:00 AM) ON 04/27/2020.
Witness, JENNIFER M. R. ULWICK, First Justice of this Court.
Date: February 7, 2020
Pamela Casey O'Brien
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PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT
Suffolk Probate & Family Court
24 New Chardon Street
Boston, MA 02114
(617) 788-8300
CITATION ON PETITION FOR
FORMAL ADJUDICATION
Docket No. SU18P1998EA
ESTATE OF:
BETTY ANN LEE
DATE OF DEATH: 03/30/2018
To all interested persons:
A petition for Formal Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative has been filed by Antioinette Renrick of Summerville, SC requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition. The Petitioner requests that: Antioinette Renrick of Summerville, SC be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve Without Surety on the bond in an unsupervised administration.
IMPORTANT NOTICE
You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: 10:00 a.m. on the return day of 03/26/2020.
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 day, action may be taken without further notice to you.
Unsupervised Administration Under The Massachusetts Uniform Probate Code (MUPC)
A Personal Representative appointed under the MUPC in an unsupervised administration is not required to file an inventory or annual accounts with the Court. Persons interested in the estate are entitled to notice regarding the administration directly from the Personal Representative and may petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including the distribution of assets and expenses of administration.
Witness, HON. BRIAN J. DUNN, First Justice of this Court.
Date: February 13, 2020
Felix D. Arroyo
Register of Probate
Published: March 5, 2020

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
THE TRIAL COURT
PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT
Suffolk Probate & Family Court
24 New Chardon Street
Boston, MA 02114
(617) 788-8300
CITATION ON PETITION FOR
FORMAL ADJUDICATION
Docket No. SU20P0414EA
ESTATE OF:
MUSALLAM ANWAR
MUSALLAM NOWILATI
DATE OF DEATH: 06/09/2016
To all interested persons:
A petition for Late and Limited Formal Testacy and/or Appointment has been filed by Ahmed Nowilati of Jeddah, Saudi Arabia requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition. The Petitioner requests that: Ahmed Nowilati of Jeddah, Saudi Arabia be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve Without Surety on the bond in an unsupervised administration.
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Officials: Coronavirus risk low, but preparations critical

(Continued from page 1) spread.”

On Monday, Governor Charlie Baker joined State Health and Human Services Secretary Marylou Sudders and Public Health Commissioner Dr. Monica Bharel to give an update on the state’s response to the respiratory illness that has become known as COVID-19.

Baker described a “constant back and forth” with the US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and other federal agencies as they continue preparations for, and the response to, the ongoing global outbreak of a new and deadly virus.

“The big thing about all of this is the facts are going to change, and as the facts change, people need to change with them,” Baker told reporters.

Earlier in the day, the governor participated in a White House conference call for governors, and Bharel was on the phone with the CDC. The governors, Baker said, were briefed on travel restrictions and the federal government’s steps to stockpile necessary supplies.

“Federal guidelines around how to handle both returning folks and whether or not people should leave, which is the other thing we’re waiting for guidance on, I think is going to be a really important message, especially for the big, scheduled organized groups,” Baker said.

Officials in [Bellingham](#) and [Newton](#) have asked students and staff who recently returned from Italy, where the CDC says there is a “widespread, ongoing

outbreak of respiratory illness,” to stay home.

On Monday, Sudders said, 608 people have engaged in self-quarantine procedures, including 377 who have completed the quarantine without symptoms. The remaining 231 are still within an initial 14-day home quarantine period.

In those cases, Sudders said, the local boards of health “felt it was the prudent, cautious thing to do... Self-quarantine at home and in concert with the Department of Public Health.”

She said the US State Department has recommended that organized school trips scheduled for this spring to international locations not be undertaken.

“We think that is very important guidance for people to consider,” Sudders said.

On Friday, the state public health laboratory received a green light from federal officials to perform diagnostic testing for the virus. “This is good news for Massachusetts, as testing at

the state public health lab enables us to speed up obtaining the test results and expedites ongoing testing of any confirmed cases that are recovered,” Bharel said.

He noted that said the department is providing hospitals and health systems with clinical and infection control guidance, and monitoring supply chains for personal protective equipment like gloves and face masks.

Worries about the inventory of equipment—like surgical masks, respirators, and gowns—is the foremost concern of leaders at the Mass League of Community Health Centers, which is helping the state’s 52 centers by providing the latest information on the unfolding crisis. The world-wide nature of the virus is worrisome — it has spread from its epicenter in China, which produces many essential medical supplies used here in the United States.

“Right now, what we are watching most urgently is the sup-

ply chain,” said Susan Dargon-Hart, vice president of Clinical Health Affairs for the Mass League. “Most health centers have about two weeks’ worth of supplies

on hand. We’re really watching our dental clinics in particular and trying to encourage health centers to do their own inventories and be prepared for what could hap-

pen if there are higher numbers of cases.”

State House News Service contributed to this report.

About symptoms, and what to do if ...

Coronaviruses are respiratory in nature and are generally spread through respiratory secretions (droplets from coughs and sneezes) of an infected person to another person. Symptoms of COVID-19 include fever, cough, and shortness of breath, and, in severe cases, pneumonia (fluid in the lungs). More information on COVID-19 is available at [mass.gov/2019coronavirus](#).

While the risk to Massachusetts residents remains low, the risk of the flu this year is high, so people are advised to take many of the same steps they do to help prevent colds and the flu, including:

Wash hands often with soap and warm water for at least 20 seconds.

Avoid touching your



Marylou Sudders, the state’s Health and Human Services Secretary, left, with Dr. Monica Bharel, Public Health Commissioner.

State House News Service photo

eyes and face.

Clean things that are frequently touched (like doorknobs and countertops) with household cleaning spray or wipes.

Cover coughs and

sneezes with a tissue or the inside of your elbow.

Stay home when feeling sick.

Get a flu shot.

Source: State DPH

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Contact: Tom Dougherty tdprojects@aol.com

THIS IS A CITIZEN’S OUTREACH FOR VOLUNTEERS TO GIVE INPUT TO THE FAA. THE FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION ISSUED NOTICE OF ITS MULTI-MONTH ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT PROCESS ON DECEMBER 23, 2019.

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COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
THE TRIAL COURT
PROBATE & FAMILY COURT
SUFFOLK PROBATE & FAMILY COURT
24 NEW CHARDON STREET
BOSTON, MA 02114
CITATION GIVING NOTICE
OF PETITION TO
EXPAND THE POWERS
OF A GUARDIAN
Docket No. SU17P0453PM
IN THE INTERESTS OF:
NORMA SOUVERAIN

of
RESPONDENT
Incapacitated Person/Protected Person
To the named Respondent and all other interested persons, a petition has been filed by Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center of Boston, MA in the above captioned matter requesting that the court: Expand the powers of a Guardian.

The petition asks the Court to make a determination that the powers of the Guardian and /or Conservator should be expanded, modified, or limited since the time of the appointment. The original petition is on file with the court.

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Neighborhood Notables

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TOMPKINS HOSTS MAYORS FOR RCC ‘CONVERSATION’

Sheriff Steven W. Tompkins and the Suffolk County Sheriff’s Department will convene “A Conversation About Municipal Government” on Thurs., March 19 at Roxbury Community College from 6p.m. to 8p.m. Guests include Boston Mayor Marty Walsh, Somerville Mayor Joe Curtatone, Salem Mayor Kim Driscoll, Lawrence Mayor Dan Rivera, and Yvonne Spicer Framingham Mayor The event is free to the public and doors will open at 5:30pm. For more information or to register, call Nadia Lovinsky at 617- 704-6656.

CITY LEADS UMPIRE TRAINING PROGRAM

The Boston Parks and Recreation Department invites teens ages 15 to 18 to take part in its Umpire Training Program beginning May 5. Participants learn to umpire in a hands-on, classroom environment and on the field throughout the spring with instructor Bill McCallum of the New England Baseball Umpire Club (NEBUC). Upon completion of the training, participants are guaranteed summer employment through the Department of Youth Engagement and Employment working as umpires in the Mayor’s Cup Baseball Tournament and Boston Citywide Baseball League. The classes will be held at the Boston Parks and Recreation Department headquarters on the third floor at 1010 Massachusetts Avenue in Roxbury on Tuesday and Thursday evenings for eight weeks beginning May 5. Games will be at Moakley Park in South Boston. This opportunity is open to Boston teens eligible for employment through the Department of Youth Engagement and Employment’s SuccessLink program. Candidates must turn 15 on or before July 6, 2020, and cannot turn 19 on or before August 14, 2020. Applicants must be full-time residents of the City of Boston. The deadline for applications is Friday, April 24. In order to apply, applicants must first sign up at successlink-boston.icims.com and select the umpire program. The second step is to fill out an application available by emailing program manager Charlie Connors at charles.connors@boston.gov. For a more in-depth explanation of this program and program expectations, please call 617-961-3093.

LAWRENCE O’DONNELL TO KEYNOTE NEPWRA ANNUAL MEETING

The Neponset River Watershed Association (NepRWA) annual meeting will be held on Friday eve-

ning, May 29 at 6:30p.m. at Florian Hall in Dorchester, and will feature Lawrence O’Donnell, host of “The Last Word with Lawrence O’Donnell” on MSNBC. Lawrence grew up in Dorchester, near the Neponset River, and has fond memories of jumping in the water to cool off in the summer. He’ll share a few stories with us from those times, as well as his thoughts on how politics affect the state of our environment. The public is invited to the Annual Meeting. Tickets can be purchased at Neponset.org/annualmeeting or by calling Nancy Mahon at 781-575-0354 x324. An optional pre-meeting tour of the Neponset River, led by NepRWA staff, will take place at 5:30 pm. Registration is required.

INDOOR GOLF CLINICS AT COMMUNITY CENTERS

The Boston Parks and Recreation Department is offering free indoor golf clinics at local community centers for both beginners and experienced players who want to brush up on their skills before they hit the links. The clinic series is six weeks long with registration on a first-come, first-served basis. The first hour of each clinic is the Junior Session (ages 7 to 17), the second hour is the Adult Session (18 and up). Equipment is provided, but you may bring your own clubs. Clinicians are highly qualified golf instructors. To register, please contact the sites directly. The clinic schedule includes: Mondays starting March 23 at the BCYF Leahy Holloran, 1 Worrell St., Dorchester. Call 617-635-5150. Junior session: 5 p.m. Adult session: 6 p.m. Wednesdays starting March 25 at the Marr Boys & Girls Clubhouse, 35 Deer St., Dorchester; Junior Session: 6 p.m. Adult Session: 7 p.m. Call 617-288-7120. Fridays starting March 27 – BCYF Perkins, 155 Talbot Ave., Dorchester. Junior Session: 6 p.m. Adult Session: 7 p.m. Call 617-635-5162. For more info, please contact Jennifer Widener at 617-961-3047 or jennifer.widener@boston.gov.

BOSTON PUBLIC LIBRARY’S HOMEWORK HELP

Boston Public Library’s free Homework Help program is underway offering free afterschool help and mentorship provided by high-achieving high school students. The program, offered Monday through Thursday from 3:30 -5:30 p.m. is open to students in grades K-8; no registration required. Boston Teacher’s Union tutors are also available during select weekdays from 4-6 p.m. for students in grades K-12. Visit bpl.org/homework.

POLICE DISTRICT C-11

Non-emergency line for seniors: 617-343-5649. The Party Line phone number, where you can report loud parties, is 617-343-5500, 24 hours/7 days per week.

POLICE DISTRICT B-3 NEWS

For info, call B-3’s Community Service Office at 617-343-4711.

HANCOCK STREET CIVIC ASSOC.

The Hancock Street Civic Association meets monthly on the first Tuesday at Uphams Crossing, 530 Columbia Rd., Dorchester. Meeting time is 7– 8:30p.m. Annual dues are \$5; please contact hancockstreetcivic@gmail.com with any questions you may have.

WELLINGTON HILL NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

The Wellington Hill Neighborhood Council meets on the second Tuesday of the month from 6-7:30 p.m. at the Mattapan branch of the Boston Public Library. Updates can be found on Facebook page: [@wellingtonhillneighbors](https://www.facebook.com/wellingtonhillneighbors). Or Google Group: [wellingtonhill@googlegroups.com](https://www.google.com/groups/list/wellingtonhill)

RIVER STREET CIVIC ASSOC.

The River Street Civic Association meets on the second Thursday of each month from 6-8 p.m. at the Foley Senior Residences, 249 River St., Mattapan.

APPLE GROVE ASSOC.

The Apple Grove Association meets on the second Monday (March 9) of every month at 6:30-7:30 p.m. at 1135 Morton St., Mattapan. The contact is Ms. Myrtle Huggins at 617-429-8531.

ASHMONT-ADAMS NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOC.

Meetings are typically held on the first Thursday of each month at the Plasterer’s Hall, 7 Fredericka St., at 7 p.m. Contact Pat O’Neill at pattiaashmont@gmail.com.

ASHMONT HILL ASSOC.

Meetings are generally held the last Thursday of the month. For info, see ashmonthill.org or call Message Line: 617-822-8178.

ASHMONT HILL BOOK GROUP

Everyone is welcome to Book Group, whether you’ve read the book or not. For further info, please contact Lil Konowitz at klil@hotmail.com.

ASHMONT VALLEY NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOC.

Meetings are usually the 2nd Monday or Tuesday of the month at 6:30 p.m. at 776 Washington St., Dorchester.

CEDAR GROVE CIVIC ASSOC.

Cedar Grove Civic Association meets at 7 p.m. at Fr. Lane Hall, St. Brendan Church, 15 Rita Rd. The civic group meets on the Info: cedargrovecivic@gmail.com or 617-825-1402.

CLAM POINT CIVIC ASSOC.

The meetings are usually held on the second Monday of the month (unless it’s a holiday) at WORK, Inc. 25 Beach St., at the corner of Freeport St., across from the IBEW; on-street parking available.

CODMAN SQUARE NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

The Codman Square Neighborhood Council meets the first Wed. of each month, 7 to 8:30 p.m., in the Great Hall of the Codman Sq. Health Center, 6 Norfolk St. Info: call 617-265-4189.

COLUMBIA-SAVIN HILL CIVIC

Columbia-Savin Hill Civic meets the first Monday of each month, 7 p.m., at the Little House, 275 East Cottage St. For info: columbiasavinhillcivic.org.

DORCHESTER NORTH NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOC.

The Dorchester North Neighborhood Association (formerly the Annapolis Street Neighborhood Association) generally meets on the third Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. in the meeting room of 8 Annapolis Street. Please see our Facebook page (search Dorchester North) for updates and announcements. Send questions and agenda items to: dorchesternorth@gmail.com.



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TechBoston’s post-season hoops dominance halted in tourney

By DANIEL SHEEHAN
REPORTER STAFF

One of the most dominant runs by a local high school basketball program in recent memory came to an end Sunday as the TechBoston Bears saw their hopes for a third straight MIAA Division 2 title dashed in a quarterfinal defeat to Westwood, whose team handed TechBoston its first postseason loss since March 2017.

On the heels of a thrilling, come-from-behind win over New Mission in the first round, the Bears seemed destined for yet another storybook postseason run. But, it wasn't meant to be.

The Wolverines rode the red-hot shooting of junior guard James McGowan, who went 9 of 14 from 3-point range and finished with 35 points as he buried the Bears under a barrage of jumpers. A team can prepare for a defensive game plan, but not for an individual performance like that, said TechBoston head coach Johnny Williams.

“McGowan shot the ball extremely well. You're not gonna win a game when a kid goes 9 for 14 from beyond the arc,” he said, noting that a good portion of those points came on contested shots.

But while the Bears came up short this year,

they can take pride in their recent record: three consecutive City League championships, back-to-back MIAA Division II titles, including the program's first ever basketball championship. For Alan Nunez and Shamar Browder, a duo of senior guards who were there every step of the way during the Bears' historic run, Sunday represented an emotional end to a spirited campaign.

“It was a lot of tears,” said Williams. “It was kind of surreal; when you have guys for six or seven years with the program, a part of you definitely leaves with them as they're walking out that door. It's a family, and they'll always be a part of the family...but in the end, I told them, you are two of the greatest, most successful basketball players in city of Boston history.”

Together, Nunez and Browder went to the city championship four years straight, winning three, earned two state title rings, and racked up over 80 wins. They, along with other veteran leadership, Williams said, were instrumental in instilling a “never quit” attitude in the group, a resilience that was evident as they surmounted a double-digit deficit in the final

minutes of the New Mission game. That tenet of perseverance will return next year, along with a talented core of players like junior Dakari Brown and sophomore Tre Norman, who hit the crucial deciding free throw in

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THE TRIAL COURT
PROBATE & FAMILY COURT
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24 NEW CHARDON STREET
BOSTON, MA 02114
CITATION GIVING NOTICE
OF PETITION FOR
APPOINTMENT OF GUARDIAN
FOR INCAPACITATED PERSON
PURSUANT TO G.L. c. 190B, §5-304
Docket No. SU20P0099GD
IN THE MATTER OF:
JOHN DONOVAN
of BOSTON, MA
RESPONDENT
Alleged Incapacitated Person
To the named Respondent and all other interested persons, a petition has been filed by Department of Mental Health (Boston of Westborough, MA) in the above captioned matter alleging that John Donovan is in need of a Guardian and requesting that (or some other suitable person) be appointed as Guardian to serve Without Surety on the bond.
The petition asks the Court to determine that the Respondent is incapacitated, that the appointment of a Guardian is necessary, and that the proposed Guardian is appropriate. The petition is on file with this court and may contain a request for certain specific authority.
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that contest. Williams said he's confident in the group he'll have next year.

“They're all kids who really love basketball. They really have a love for the game. They don't

want to do anything else or talk about anything else. They're gonna get us back to where we need to be.”

“We love the support the city always shows us, and we're ready to take

it to the next level. We can't take anything for granted” he said. “[Sunday's loss] put a flame back in our belly. We're gonna be a fire-breathing bear this year.”

DAVID W. DAVIS
MEMORIAL
INTERNSHIP



College juniors and seniors who reside in the City of Boston, Chelsea, Revere or Winthrop and are interested in applying for the David W. Davis Memorial Internship must have community service experience and must submit a 1,000-word essay. To be considered, all academic and residency criteria must also be met.

The David W. Davis Memorial Internship is a 13-week paid public service opportunity at Massport and is awarded annually to an exceptional junior or senior in college. Internship applications must be received by Massport no later than 5:00 p.m. on Friday, April 24, 2020. For more information about the David W. Davis Memorial Internship including an application checklist please visit: www.massport.com/scholarships.



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The developer proposes to build a five (5) story, twenty-nine (29) unit apartment building with ground floor retail space.100% of the residential units will be income restricted. The project will include twenty-five (25) studio units and four (4) one-bedroom units.

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COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
THE TRIAL COURT
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24 NEW CHARDON STREET
BOSTON, MA 02114
CITATION GIVING NOTICE
OF PETITION TO
EXPAND THE POWERS
OF A GUARDIAN
Docket No. SU18P2359GD
IN THE INTERESTS OF:
GERALDINE BIRD
of BROOKLINE, MA
RESPONDENT
Incapacitated Person/Protected Person
To the named Respondent and all other interested persons, a petition has been filed by Wingate at Needham of Needham, MA in the above captioned matter requesting that the court: Expand the powers of a Guardian.
The petition asks the Court to make a determination that the powers of the Guardian and /or Conservator should be expanded, modified, or limited since the time of the appointment. The original petition is on file with the 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 10:00 A.M. on the return date of 04/08/2020. 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.
IMPORTANT NOTICE
The outcome of this proceeding may limit or completely take away the above-named person's right to make decisions about personal affairs or financial affairs or both. The above-named person has the right to ask for a lawyer. Anyone may make this request on behalf of the above-named person. If the above-named person cannot afford a lawyer, one may be appointed at State expense.
Witness, Hon. Brian J. Dunn, First Justice of this Court.
Felix D. Arroyo
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Date: February 19, 2020
Published: March 5, 2020

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THE TRIAL COURT
PROBATE & FAMILY COURT
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24 NEW CHARDON STREET
BOSTON, MA 02114
CITATION GIVING NOTICE
OF PETITION FOR
APPOINTMENT OF GUARDIAN
FOR INCAPACITATED PERSON
PURSUANT TO G.L. c. 190B, §5-304
Docket No. SU19P2805GD
IN THE MATTER OF:
AMEOLIE M. TURENNE
of BOSTON, MA
RESPONDENT
Alleged Incapacitated Person
To the named Respondent and all other interested persons, a petition has been filed by Brigham & Women's Hospital of Boston, MA in the above captioned matter alleging that Ameolie M. Turenne is in need of a Guardian and requesting that Viona Eugene of Boston, MA (or some other suitable person) be appointed as Guardian to serve on the bond.
The petition asks the Court to determine that the Respondent is incapacitated, that the appointment of a Guardian is necessary, and that the proposed Guardian is appropriate. The petition is on file with this court and may contain a request for certain specific authority.
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 10:00 A.M. on the return date of 03/19/2020. 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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CITATION GIVING NOTICE
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EXPAND THE POWERS
OF A GUARDIAN
Docket No. SU18P0337GD
IN THE INTERESTS OF:
TYLER R. LONGLAND
of DORCHESTER, MA
RESPONDENT
Incapacitated Person/Protected Person
To the named Respondent and all other interested persons, a petition has been filed by Tewksbury Hospital of Tewksbury, MA in the above captioned matter requesting that the court: Expand the powers of a Guardian.
The petition asks the Court to make a determination that the powers of the Guardian and/or Conservator should be expanded, modified, or limited since the time of the appointment. The original petition is on file with the 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 10:00 A.M. on the return date of 03/18/2020. 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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Biden wins Boston, Mass in Super Tuesday shocker

(Continued from page 1)

percent. Former New York Mayor Michael Bloomberg finished a distant fourth with 11,878 or 8 percent.

According to preliminary numbers from the city's Election Department, 144,200 ballots were cast in Boston on Tuesday, a turnout of roughly 34 percent citywide.

Warren's relatively weak performance in city neighborhoods stands in stark contrast to her past dominance in head-to-head elections against Republicans. In 2012, when she unseated incumbent Scott Brown in her electoral debut, Warren won 83 percent of the vote in Dorchester and 96 percent in Mattapan. In her 2018 re-election, Warren won the city of Boston with 80 percent of the vote over Trump loyalist Geoff Diehl.

But Tuesday's contest—and Tuesday's field of competition—was a different dynamic altogether. Sanders won 41 percent of the Boston vote in 2016 in a losing battle with Hillary Clinton. Last weekend, Sanders rallied on Boston Common with a raucous crowd of supporters that numbered close to 10,000 people by some estimates.

But, Joe Biden's name has also been on Bos-

ton's ballots before, alongside the most popular Democratic president of his generation, Barack H. Obama, whose electoral dominance in neighborhoods across the city remains a high water mark. A resurgent Biden campaign has seized upon his partnership with the former president on the campaign trail, labeling himself an "Obama-Biden" Democrat, a not-so-subtle jab at Sanders, who has only recently competed as a member of the party he hopes to lead.

On Tuesday, the Biden surge that was sparked in the Palmetto state could be seen in returns from places like Savin Hill's Cristo Rey School, the bellwether 13-10 precinct. Sanders beat Clinton here in 2016, but in 2020 it was Biden who topped the ticket. The order of finish: Biden 243, Warren 239, Sanders 231, Bloomberg 46.

Sanders had better luck at the neighboring, lighter-voting precinct, Savin Hill Apartments in ward 15. There, the order of finish was Sanders 69, Warren 52, Biden 41. The Vermont Senator was also the ticket-topper at Fields Corner's Viet-AID community center, where he won 96 votes to Warren's 81 and Biden's 59.

But, the former VP's flex was felt in more pronounced fashion in Ward 16, a mix of Neponset, Clam Point, Ashmont and St. Mark's precincts that can deliver mixed results, with the high numbered precincts typically leaning right (think Florian Hall's 16-12, which sometimes shines Republican red on election days.)

On Neponset Avenue, Biden was the ticket-topper at the busy double-precinct polling station inside St. John Paul II Catholic Academy, a parochial school named for a Polish pope in what has long been an Irish-Catholic section of town. There, Biden was blessed with 340 votes to Sanders' 235 and Warren's 154.

In Lower Mills, Biden notched two more precincts in the win column. At the library on Richmond Street, which houses two precincts on election day, Biden was the top vote-getter with a combined 382 votes to Warren's 302 and Sanders 275.

Lower Mills was a telling harbinger, since the dual precinct voting station includes both Dorchester and Mattapan voters in diverse Ward 17.

Warren's loss in Massachusetts is sure to am-



Senator Bernie Sanders addressed a crowd on Boston Common on Sat., Feb. 29. Sanders came in second to Joe Biden in Boston. *Chris Lovett photo*

plify calls for Warren to exit the race, even as she and her campaign have talked about staying in "for the long haul" and have laid out a strategy reliant on there being no clear nominee heading into the July convention.

Warren voted in Cambridge on Tuesday morning before flying to Michigan, which votes next Tuesday, where she staged an evening rally in Detroit.

"Here's my advice: cast a vote that will make you proud," Warren said at the rally, urging voters in Michigan not to try to play the role of political pundit.

Asked whether she was concerned about the possibility of losing Massachusetts to Sanders,

Warren said, "I'm not worried. I'm happy to be a part of this democratic process."

But Warren didn't just lose to Sanders. She also lost to Biden, whose resurgent campaign had been polling a distant fifth in the last Boston Globe/Suffolk University poll over the weekend that had him behind even Bloomberg and Pete Buttigieg, who wound up dropping out and endorsing Biden.


Warren's failure to win at home makes her an anomaly in the long and storied history of presidential politics in Massachusetts, where virtually every home-state candidate since at least John F. Kennedy in 1960 has been able

to carry Massachusetts.

The other exception to the rule was also on the ballot Tuesday night, though former Gov. William Weld was never really considered a viable challenger to President Donald Trump in the GOP primary. With more than half of all precincts reporting, Weld had about 9 percent of the Republican primary vote.

Trump's dominance over Weld was reflected in Dorchester, too. At the Savin Hill Apartments (15-6), 60 people used Republican ballots. Fifty-nine of them voted for Trump, one for Weld.

State House News Service reporting contributed to this article.




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Project Description:

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BGCD to Host Young Professionals “Spring’s A-Brewin’” Event:
See details below.



BGCD Career Prep Staff Training with PSELi: See details below.

CONNECT THE DOT:
BGCD to Host Young Professionals “Spring’s A-Brewin’” Event: Join Boys & Girls Clubs of Dorchester’s Young Professionals on March 19, 2020 at the Dorchester Brewing Company for their Spring event.

The event will begin at 6 PM, where attendees can enjoy a complimentary adult beverage, raffles, appetizers, good company, and more.

Tickets are \$35 online at give.bgcdorchester.org/YP20 and \$40 at the door. This is a 21+ event. Dorchester Brewing Company is located at 1250 Massachusetts Ave, Boston, MA 02125.

For more information on our Young Professionals, please contact Jen Chiero at jchiero@bgcdorchester.org. New members are welcome.

FIND OUT WHAT’S INSIDE:
BGCD Career Prep Staff Training with PSELi: During the School Vacation Week, we provided our Career Prep team of high school students time to learn more about Trauma Informed Practices with Youth. Through our participation in the Partnerships for Social and Emotional Learning Initiative (PSELi) with Boston After School & Beyond, Megan Bartlett of We Coach trained 27 of our teen staff.

PSELi is a nationwide initiative researching the benefits of aligned social and emotional learning practices in and out-of-school time. As a PSELi partner, we work closely with the William E. Russell School to enhance and align SEL practices.

For more information on our partnerships, please contact Mary Kinsella at mkinsella@bgcdorchester.org.

DID YOU KNOW:
Save the Date for BGCD’s New England Women’s Leadership Awards: On May 7th, Boys & Girls Clubs of Dorchester will be hosting the 27th Annual New England Women’s Leadership Awards (NEWLA). In the past, we have recognized over 125 remarkable women who meet the challenges they face with confidence, persistence and compassion. Our honorees are role models and mentors for our members – their stories inspire our young girls (and boys) to dream big, work hard and succeed.

This year our challenge and theme for the event is for our members to commit to making positive changes and affirmations that can lead to positive lifestyles that will help them feel more confident about themselves.

For more information, please visit give.bgcdorchester.org/newla20.

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March 14

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BAMBERG, Walter H. “Wally” of Stoughton, formerly of Dorchester, 96. Husband of 68 years of Doris E. (Johnson). Father of the late Walter H. Bamberg, Jr. and Eric Nils Bamberg. Brother of the late Charles Bamberg and Bertha M. Davidson. Also survived by several nieces and nephews. Donations in Wally’s memory may be made to First Congregational Church, 76 Pierce St., Stoughton, MA 02072.

BARRETT, Paul J. of Brockton, formerly Mission Hill and Dorchester. Brother of M. Clare Gross of Hingham, William Barrett of Holbrook, Phyllis Boulter of Marblehead, and the late John Barrett, Robert Barrett, and Catherine Sullivan. Served in the U.S. Marines in Korea, and later in the U.S. Navy in Japan and the Middle East. Expressions of sympathy may be made in the memory of his name to Wounded Warriors Family Support, www.wwfs.org or St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital, www.stjude.org.

DALY, Rita T. (Keymont) of Dorchester, formerly of South Boston. Wife of 60 years to Francis J. “Frank” Daly. Mother of Francis J. Daly, Jr. of Weymouth, Dianne R. Dunphy and her husband Thomas of Pembroke, William Daly and his wife Mona of Mansfield, Dennis J. Daly and his wife Mad-



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leine of Marshfield, Thomas V. Daly of Weymouth, Debra A. Cahalane and her husband Terrence of South Boston, and the late Donna M. Daly, Robert E. Daly and his surviving wife Carol. Sister of Marie Goffredo, Raymond Keymont, and the late Walter and Ronald Keymont. Also survived by 14 grandchildren and 25 great-grandchildren. Donations may be made in memory of Rita to the Lustgarten Foundation for Pancreatic Cancer Research, 415 Crossways Park Drive, Suite D, Woodbury, NY 11797.

DESAULNIERS, Patricia M., 68, of Braintree, formerly of Dorchester. Patricia was born in Boston, to the late Eugene E. and Mildred F. (McNeil) Desaulniers. Raised and educated in Dorchester, she was a graduate of Saint Peter’s Elementary School, Saint Gregory’s High School, Class of 1969, and the Catherine Laboure School of Nursing. She was employed as a registered nurse for over forty-five years, thirty-five of which were at the Caritas Carney Hospital in Dorchester as a staff nurse and later as an assistant head nurse. Sister of Robert J. Desaulniers of Limington, Maine and the late Eugene J. Desaulniers. Dear sister-in-law of Christine A. Desaulniers of Quincy. Aunt of Laura Lewis of Maine, Robert C. Desaulniers of Oregon, Michelle Foster and her husband Jeff of California, Eugene L. Desaulniers and his wife Norah Tinti of Salem, Timothy E. Desaulniers and his wife Kristen of Whitman, and the late James E. Desaulniers. Great-aunt of Noah, Violet, Pearl, Victoria, Abigail, Jackson, Mila, Tyson and Evelyn. Donations in Patricia’s memory may be made the charity of your choice.

FERDINAND, Warren Arthur, 85. Husband of Mary T. Regan Ferdinand of Milton and the late Hope Ann (O’Hara). Father of Ralph E. of Redondo Beach, CA, Michael J. of Melbourne, FL and Dorothy K. Kelley of Dorchester, MA. Stepfather of MaryAnn Regan of Alaska and the late Mark C. Regan. Grandfather of seven grandchildren, 3 stepgrandchildren and one stepgreat-grandson. Decorated Ret. Col. Marine Corps Veteran. Donations may be made in his memory to St. Elizabeth Church, 350 Reedsdale Rd., Milton 02186 or to Friends of the Unborn, P.O. Box 692246, Quincy, MA 02169-2246.

FERRINI, Eleanor Claire (Tonelli), 90, of Brockton. She was the wife of the late Robert D. Ferrini, Sr. for over 60 years. Eleanor was the mother of Jan Giles and her husband Michael of Salem, Oregon and Robert D. Ferrini, Jr. and his partner Richard O’Mara of Brockton. She was the sister of Rose Cummings of Brockton and the late Eugene Tonelli and Gerry Cummings. She also leaves her sister-in-law Gwen Ferrini of Plymouth and many nieces, nephews, cousins and friends. Please consider making a donation in Eleanor’s name to the Fine Arts Department or Library Department at Brockton High School, 470 Forest Ave., Brockton, MA 02301.

FRONK, Raymond T. in Boston, formerly of Dorchester. Husband of Mary T. Fronk. Father of Karl T. Fronk of Derry, NH, Kristopher T. Fronk of Weymouth, and the late Kurt T. Fronk. “Granddad” of Kristopher, Genevieve, Karla-na, Taylor, and Anthony. Brother of Sandra G. Ravidia and her husband Herbert Lichtenstein of Canton, Todd T. Fronk of Chestnut Hill, and the late John T. Fronk, Lucille T. Jeffries, and Marie T. Fronk. Uncle of Ingrid Guptill and many other nieces and nephews. Ray was a medical photographer for many years. Donations in Ray’s memory may be made to The Animal Rescue League of Boston, 10 Chandler St., Boston, MA 02118.

GREENE, John Alan, 73 of South Boston and Falmouth, MA as well as Jupiter, FL. Dr. Greene joined the United States Marine Corps serving two tours in Vietnam as a door gunner in the Helicopter Unit HMM364 (Purple Fox). For his service, Dr. Greene was awarded the Bronze Star with V for Valor, the Purple Heart, the Presidential Unit Citation, the Vietnam Cross of Gallantry along with numerous other medals and commendations. Dr. Greene received his PhD in Psychology from Boston College and was a practicing psychologist for over 40 years. He was employed by the Veteran’s Administration in Boston for 31 years; he also had a private practice specializing in the treatment of first responders. Dr. Greene is survived by his wife Gerry Greene of Falmouth and Jupiter, FL. Dr. Greene is also survived by his son, Sean Greene and grandson, Michael, as well as his daughter, Meaghan Newhall and her husband Shawn of South Boston and his grandchildren, Ava, Sheamus and Maureen. He is also survived by his sister, Paula Coveney and her husband, James of Dorchester. He is the uncle of three nieces, a nephew, great-nieces, and a great-nephew. Donations can be made to the United States Marine Corps Scholarship Foundation mcsf.org or St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital stjude.org

HAMROCK, Paul J. of Canton, formerly of Dorchester, 80. Born and raised in Boston, Paul graduated from Christopher Columbus High School in the North End and later went on to attend Boston College. Paul proudly served his country in the United States Army during the Vietnam Era. He had a successful career in the publishing industry, where he worked for many years as a circulation director for Business Week Magazine. He was the past president of DistriPress and a member of the 25 Year Club. Paul was the father of Sean Hamrock and Joseph Robinson, both of NY. Brother of the late John Hamrock, Mary Hamrock and Claire Cavanaugh. Brother-in-law of Michael Cavanaugh of Braintree. Former husband of Terri Newman of NY. Uncle of Tracy Graham, Christine Giglio and Michael Cavanaugh. Grandfather to Riley. Memorial contributions may be made in Paul’s name to the Dana Farber Cancer Institute, 450

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Brookline Avenue, Boston, MA 02215 or to Tea Town Lake Reservation, 1600 Spring Valley Rd., Ossining, NY 10562.

LOUPO, William G. of Dedham and Hull, formerly of Roslindale. Husband of Diane M. (Crifo) Loupo. Father of the late Gina Marie Loupo. Grandfather of William R. Cosgrove of Dorchester and Kristina A. Cosgrove of Dedham. Cousin of Dr. E. John Lentini and his wife Grace of Hull. He was a member of Local 534 Cement Masons and life member of the Boston Lodge of Elks. Expressions of sympathy may be made in William's memory to New England Center and Home for Veterans, 17 Court St., #2601, Boston, MA 02108.

McCORMACK, John G., 63, of Norwood and Brighton. Husband to Debra A. McCormack (Marie). Father to Kelly A. McCormack and Sean G. McCormack of Norwood. Son of Thomas A. McCormack (deceased) and Elizabeth J. McCormack of Brighton. Brother of Theresa Converse and her husband Roger of West Roxbury, Elizabeth J. McCormack of Duxbury, Bernadette A. McMann (deceased) of Brighton, Thomas A. McCormack (deceased) and his wife Karen of Nashua, NH, Dennis P. McCormack and his wife Ann of West Roxbury, Martin P. McCormack (BFD) and his wife

Christine of Marshfield and Michael F. McCormack of Brighton. Uncle to many nieces and nephews. Donations may be made in his name to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital at stjude.org

MORRIS, Charles A. of Laguna Beach, CA, formerly of Dorchester. Son of Ellen Docherty of Milton and the late Geoffrey P. Morris. Brother of Elaine Reilly of Weymouth, John Reilly and his wife Gail of Beverly, Christine Reilly of Bedford, Peter Reilly and his wife Tracy of Andover, Jennifer Morris of South Boston, and the late David Reilly and Geoffrey Morris. Also survived by many aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends in the States and in Glasgow, Scotland. Donations may be made to the Gavin House in South Boston or the St. Anthony Shrine, Boston.

O'BRIEN, Edward J. JPETRINGA, Lucia A. (Valenti), 88, of West Roxbury, formerly of Dorchester, Lucia was born in Boston, to the late Frank and Vita (Marotta) Valenti. She was raised and educated in Dorchester and had lived in West Roxbury for over fifty-five years. She was a homemaker and had also worked as a bookkeeper for her husband Salvatore's firm, Ajax Transport Company of Boston. Wife of sixty-five years to Salvatore D. Petrin-

ga. Mother of David Petringa and his wife Stacy of Memphis, Tennessee. The last of four siblings, she was predeceased by Alfonso Valenti, Marie Sergi, and Francis Valenti. Lucia is also survived by many nieces and nephews. Donations in Lucia's memory may be made to Ethos, 555 Amory Street, Jamaica Plain, MA 02130.

PERRY, Paul L., 94, of Bellingham. He is the husband of Mary Louise (Murphy) Perry and would be married for 72 years on March 28. Born in Cambridge, the son of the late Samuel L. and Helen (Brennan) Perry. He is the brother of the late Russell Perry, Francis Robert "Bob" Perry, and Arthur Perry.

SHEA, William R. "Billy," 101, of West

Roxbury. Attended St. Gregory's Grammar School and graduated from Milton High School as a member of the Class of 1936. He was also a former employee of the Walter Baker Chocolate Co.. Enlisted in the US Army Air Force on December 22, 1941 and was deployed to the Middle East. Billy served in Palestine, Syria, Egypt, Libya, Tunisia, and Italy. He also participated in the Battle of El Alamein. Member of 1909 Quarter Master Truck Co. Aviation 323 Bomb Group with 9th, 12th, and 15th Air Force. Received the Good Conduct Medal, E.A.M.E Ribbon with 3 Bronze Stars. Egypt-Libya, Naples-Foggia, Rome-Arno. Discharged in 1945 with a rank of Corporal. Retired after

31 years from the City of Boston Parks and Recreation Dept. as a General Maintenance Mechanic Foreman. Member of the VFW Post 2831 Doyle Post, Hyde Park. Predeceased by his brothers Lawrence, Francis, and Paul, and his sisters Marion, Gertrude and Alice. Also survived by many nieces and nephews.

SMITH, Clifford L. Jr., 80, formerly of

Dorchester. Husband of Louise A. Father of Jennifer and her husband Alan Malloy of Quincy, formerly of Dorchester, Kathleen and her husband Alfonso Osornio of Milton, formerly of Dorchester, Jeff and his wife Melissa Smith of Braintree, formerly of Dorchester. Papa of Kayla, Richelle, Kyle, Ryan, Mateo, Maci, and Violet. Also survived by nieces and nephews.

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