### It’s Biden’s Boston in ‘Super’ surprise

By Bill Forry

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 in third position with 39,188 votes.

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### An ‘Innocent’ Idea Takes Off

By Daniel Sheehan

Arts & Features Editor

When violist Ashleigh Goranson founded Castle of Our Skins along with composer and pianist Anthony Green in 2017, the organization set the stage for that growth, and Goranson’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 history’s black composers.

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

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.

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### State health officials: coronavirus risk low, but readiness critical

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 nine 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 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 spokesman Caitlin Mauglihn 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 health 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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**UPCOMING CIVIC ASSOC. MEETINGS • FULL LISTINGS ON PAGE 10**

**Public meeting on plans for former Phillips Old Colony site** – The BPDA will host a meeting on Thurs., March 19, at 6:30 p.m. at the Boston City Hall, 100 Cambridge St., for a 254-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 Leahi Holloran Community Center, 1 Worrell St., Dorchester. Contact Stephen Harvey at stephen.harvey@boston.gov.

**BPDA hosts meeting on new mixed-use proposal for South Bay area** – A proposal for a new mixed-use development along the new B Fast commuter rail in many different characters including a guest appearance by Steven W. Tompkins and the Suffolk County Sheriff’s Department. Dot man charged with killing mother – A 22-year-old Columbia Road man was ordered to undergo a psychiatric examination at a state psychiatric facility at his arraignment last week where he was accused of murdering his mother. Zackery Grandy was held without bail in the beating death of his mother Jennifer last week in Mattapan.

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 held 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. in meetings to be held in small groups to discuss the project, using newly developed bike facilities, and money orders payable to The Dorchester Reporter. Interpretation and event details will also be provided in Spanish.

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**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 in Southie, a free community event at the Reggie Lewis Track and Athletic Center in Roxbury that gives visitors 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 on a variety of stations—including, running, jumping, and throwing activities and age-group races. Registration is available online at baa.org for $17 and encouraged. Participants can also register on-site at the Jamboree.**

**Monday (9th) – The JFK Library will offer an afternoon take on the 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 some history. Free admission; space is available on a first-come, first-served basis. Go to jfklibrary.org for more details.**

**Saturday (14th) – 14th annual Dorchester St. Patrick’s Day Parade. Bagpiper, bands, and floats. Rain or shine – the parade takes place from 12 to 3 p.m. at the Stephen F. Austin Track and Field Center in Roxbury. For more info on the proposal or contact Stephen Harvey at 617-343-4470.**

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**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 our service lives,” the transit authority said in a statement. They expect to return them to service later this week.”

The pulling of the bolsters 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.

In August, the MBTA began introducing new Orange Line trains, part of a long 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 Monday, 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.

**‘Mass Ave Better Bike Project’ will get airtime via 5 open houses**

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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 400,000 riders travel daily, is 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 website at boston.gov or contact Jennifer Halterman.

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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 714.” 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 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.”

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Councillor Baker seeks hearing on how to ‘rebuild’ taxi industry

By KATIE TROMANO

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 metropolitan ownership of the era of ride-share services like Uber and Lyft.

“I’ve had 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.”

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 have always been for us, and there was a lot of immigrant workers who 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 resid- ents who 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 just about justice,” said Campbell.

Campbell noted that while the ride-sharing companies Uber and Lyft are subject to state regulation, they still control the industry, and it’s the responsibility of the city to explore ways to support taxi drivers and “do what we can.”

“We need to look at not just putting it in a level playing field but how we can right the ship from the last meeting with Campbell, and by that I mean renewing tech- nology and innovation,” she said. “When Uber and Lyft came down the pipeline, they’re always looking at new ways to make money and allow taxi drivers to keep up.”

She said the city should focus on making the hearing — which has not yet been scheduled — “a division that oversees licensing expertise who could come forward and port them in some way.”

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

By CHRISS LISINSKI

State senators throw up caution flag on Red Light bill

Leaders got stuck at a committee hearing on Monday to discuss a bill authorizing the use of traffic enforcement cameras that was tabled mid-session Thursday.

The controversy of the legislation, (S 2553) would create a local option for municipalities to install alluvial red light or school bus cameras that would photograph traffic violations.

All fines would be directly paid to the owner, regardless of who was driving, and would be at $25, though municipalities could only use the revenue to pay the costs of installing and operating the systems.

At one point during Thursday’s debate, Democrats defeated a leadership-to-reject riders’ calls to incorporate into the bill an amendment that would have scaled back comprehensive approval for some communities to install cameras with a three-year pilot program.

“It’s an ongoing discussion on how we balance public safety and the Senate welcomes discussion on those ideas,” Senate President Brian Flaherty said.

Before a parliamen- tary motion halted con- sideration of the bill, Thursday evening, the bill had already drawn significant dissent from both Republicans and Democrats in a chamber where “everything, bet their lives on this industry to get them through children college, buy a house, or give them a little extra money for their families but for their communities. This is an opportunity to really hurt by Uber and Lyft.”

He said that the city should discuss “better ways to create a market to deal with parking issues,” like working toward cheaper public transportation and alternative modes of mobility.

After last week’s council meeting, Mejia told re- porters that she’s gotten a lot of feedback from people who see the initiative as a way for the council to get out from under red-light and helping their parking tickets.

“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 seems very difficult. It gives us pause.”

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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.

“From her wide-ranging background across sectors, it is clear that she is someone who is smart and driven, and who has a keen sensibility of the opportunities and challenges we face as a city,” Walsh said. “Her commitment to common sense solutions will be a valuable asset as we work together to carry out wide-ranging and progressive agenda of bold initiatives to move Boston forward.”

Burton has served on a number of community organization boards, including a stint serving on the Rose F. Kennedy Greenway Conservation 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 Halifax, Nova Scotia, and Dartmouth College.

Walsh’s office said Burton is a member of the Gesagepiag Mi’kmag 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 new president and CEO of the Medical, Academic and Scientific Community Organization for the 210-acre Longwood medical and academic neighborhood.
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 rooftop “Hopscor-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 to Ashmont where, on Sat., March 14, from 7:30 to 10 p.m. they will celebrate St. Patrick’s Day with an Irish-themed dinner at Tavolo Restaurant. Sing along with the Hillbillies while you enjoy great food and drink! No cover!

The Dorchester-based quintet comprises sea-soned musicians and features Walczak on accordion and vocals, Rob Atterbury on guitar and vocals, James Hanford 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 savinhillbillies.com.

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

By Daniel Sheehan

The Elma Lewis Center at Emerson College has launched the Elma Lewis Living Stories Project, “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 29, 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 (NCAA), 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’ 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.

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 clutters 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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Come meet with Boston Water and Sewer Commission staff in your neighborhood and learn why it’s important not to pour fats, oils or grease (FOG) down the sink or toilet.

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Early voting in dynamic primary just feels wrong

By Bill Walczak

As I write this, the “Service Alerts” from the MBTA over the past seven days: 15 for the Red Line alone, including 10 delays due to “mechanical failure” and 5 due to “mechanical failure” of old-year trains that we ride in. The state needs billions of dollars for MBTA improvements and expansions. Add to that the state needs billions in the maintenance of our roads, bridges, schools, parks, and other capital needs that a wealthy state like Massachusetts can be taking care of during an economic expansion.

Instead, tax cuts going into effect this year reduce revenues州际 billion of dollars in FY21. Making matters worse is the implementation of an initiative petition passed in 2020, which is a 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, return to the state’s coffers more than it brings in. That’s money that is badly needed by state agencies that our communities depend on.

The legislation gives localities the discretion to implement tax deductibility of charitable contributions. Here’s why:

First, the benefits of tax deductibility of charitable contributions is heavily skewed toward the wealthy. The Mass Budget and Policy Center determined that with regulations proposed, nearly 70 percent of charitable contributions of the top 1 percent of income receive tax deductions. Compare that to the bottom 40 percent of income, which made the middle 20 percent of income, which received 6 percent, and then the 5 percent for those in the bottom 20 percent of income. This means because of regulatory changes, charitable tax deducibilities will allow you to itemize deductions on your tax returns, which middle and lower income people do not.

The state deduction would also require itemization as well as a new regulation, the state would mainly go to the affluent while taking money away from programs that benefit those in lower income categories who do not get 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 hospitals have been given billions of dollars when they need hospital services, and some hospitals have special floors where wealthy donors are treated.

And we certainly know how universities treat donors to hospitals get special treatment when they get tax benefits. So we really want to give even more tax benefits to the wealthy?

Add to that billions of dollars in deferred tax benefits to the wealthy. The state needs our state’s tax collections by more than $300 million from the taxes that fund our schools, and other capital needs that a wealthy state like Massachusetts can be taking care of during an economic expansion. These universities also admit non-legacy students in exchange for large charitable contributions from being implemented in Massachusetts.

Bill Walczak is a Dorchester resident.

Charitable tax deductions will hurt the Commonwealth’s bottom line

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. 639, H. 865, and S. 396) a reality as soon as possible. Massachusetts could see up to 20 percent before elections to register in order to be considered eligible to vote. This 20-day deadline routinely disqualifies thousands of eligible individuals who simply seek to have their voice heard, especially with many unfamiliar with the voting process who may not be aware of or savvy enough to fill it out. Same-day registration would eliminate that deadline, allowing eligible individuals to register to vote, cast and eat their vote. It would also make it possible for individuals to correct minor mistakes on their registration, such as changing an address, cast their ballot, and eat their vote.

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 fewer issues with election fraud. This 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 be in place. The state of Massachusetts has been a leader at the polls. I encourage my state legislators to do all in their power to make EDR law and I hope there should be taxable acceptable one that is easier for everybody in our great Commonwealth.

Matthew J. Shochat, Ward 17 Democratic Committee.

The writer is an associate member of the Boston Ward 17 Democratic Committee.
Upcoming report on BPS sparks anxiety, reflection

BY MAX LARKEIN  WBUR REPORTER

School officials are finishing up a review of the Boston Public Schools (BPS) year — a report expected to highlight some of the district's struggles. Officials and advocates asked to see the report by the end of March, but many advocates across the city are anxiously waiting to read it.

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

(Continued from page 1) 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.

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Several educational series into a bustling nonprofit.

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

Gordon tells the story of different figures in black history 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-hour format intended for 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:

“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, as she has been our inspiration all these seven years.”

To learn more about Castle of Our Skins and to view a complete schedule of upcoming performances and educational workshops, visit castleskins.org.

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Reforms pitched to address State Police problems

By Katie Lannan

STATE HOUSE NEWS SERVICE

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 allow the state or municipality to recoup treble 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,” 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 department’s hiring of a department head.

Rep. Paul Tucker, a former Salem police chief, and Sen. Joan Lovely said there was potential for removing the state pensions for those convicted of criminal wrongdoing. Turco said pensions are the “least of our worries” on the Retirement Board.

“Why don’t we put more teeth in this bill and say you’re going to have to be fired by the union stripped?” Lovely said.

“I think that would really deter that type of activity,” Baker tapped Mason, who previously headed 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 police member holding a rank above lieutenant. Baker’s bill would require the state to remove that requirement that the colonel come from within the department.

The department has been auditing the bill for about 10 years, he said, and at least five years of “time experience in a ‘senior administrative or supervisory position in a law enforcement or 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 be Rep. Timothy Whelan, a former State Police officer, said that before 1992 the colonel was overseen by a civil management administrator, 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 civilian component for department head, but that it’s an “important message” that the colonel come from within the department’s ranks, 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 are “a suit to lead the agency” as superintendent and are not appointed to the uniformed branch as colonel.

SPAM also wants changes in the law, he said, noting that law enforcement experience in the top job might work out.

“If we’re going to go in this direction of a colonel and a superintendent, what are we asking for?” the Clinton Demo crat said. “And I think that needs to be developed further if we’re going to be successful with this other component of the end of this legislative cycle. I need more.”
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THE REPORTER

Officials: Coronavirus risk low, but preparations critical

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 federal agencies as they continue preparations for, and the response to, the ongoing global outbreak of a new and deadly respiratory illness.

“The big thing about all of this is the facts are going to change with them,” Baker told reporters. “Facts change, people need to, the ongoing global outbreak of a new and deadly respiratory illness,” to stay home.

On Monday, Sudders said, 608 people have engaged in self-quarantine procedures, including 377 who have completed the quarantine.

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 a 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 tests for the virus.

“Right now, what we are watching most urgently is the widespread test chain,” said Susan Dargen-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 happen in the coming weeks.”

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

State House News Service photo

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 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.

Source: State DPH

Pleasing help address airplane noise

The FAA is conducting an Environmental Assessment of noise impacts of airplanes descending over Mattapan and Dorchester to land on Logan Airport Runway 4L.

If you live under the flight path in Mattapan or Dorchester, you experience the noise.

Please join a working group of residents who live under the flight path to provide input to the FAA about noise impacts and to help work toward a more equitable flight pattern.

Together we can try to influence FAA’s review.

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.
TOMPKINS HOSTS MASTERS FOR RCC "CONTINUING EDUCATION" SERIES

Sheriff Steven W. Tompkins and the Suffolk County Sheriff's Department will convene a "Conversation About Municipal Government" on Thurs., May 19 at Roxbury Community College from 6pm. to 8pm. Guests include Boston Mayor Marty Walsh, Somerville Mayor Joe Curtatone, Salem Mayor Kim Driscoll, Lawrence Mayor Dan Rivera, and Yvonne Spicer Framingham. The event is free to the public and doors will open at 5:30pm. For more information or to register, call Nadia Lozynski at 617- 704-0596.

CITY LEADS UMPIRE TRAINING PROGRAM

The Boston Parks and Recreation Department invites teens aged 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 McCullum 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 students who are seeking employment through the Department of Youth Engagement and Employment’s SuccessLink program. Candidates must turn 15 on or before July 1, 2020, and cannot turn 19 on or before August 14, 2020. Applicants must be full-time residents of the city of Boston. The deadline to apply 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 coordinator Jennifer Widener at jennifer.widener@boston.gov. For a more in-depth explanation of this program and application process, contact Jennifer at 617-961-3047 or jennifer.widener@boston.gov.

LAWRENCE O’DONNELL TO KEYNOTE

The Neponset River Watershed Association & Insured 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 nepsonset.org/annualmeeting or by calling Nancy Mahon at 781-575-0354 x324. An optional pre-meeting tour of the Neponset River, led by NEPWA 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 pm. Adult session: 6 pm. Wednesdays starting March 25 at the Marr Boys & Girls Clubhouse, 35 Deer St., Dorchester. Junior Session: 6 pm. Adult Session: 7 pm. Call 617-288-7120. Fridays starting March 27 at BCYF Perkins 155 Talbot Ave., Dorchester. Junior Session: 6 pm. Adult Session: 7 pm. Call 617-635-5102. For more info, please contact Jennifer Widener at 617-961-3047 or jennifer.widener@boston.gov.

BOSTON PUBLIC LIBRARY’S HOMEWORK HELP PROGRAM

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

POLICE DISTRICT C-11

Non-Departmental Meetings: March 27 at 7 p.m. The Party Line number, where you can report loud parties, is 617-343-5500, 24 hours/7 days per week.

POLLING STATION STATIONS

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TechBoston’s post-season hoops dominance halted in tourney

By Daniel Sheahan

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 II title dashed in a sectional final loss to Westwood.

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 ending. But not for an individual who buried the Bears under a mountain of talent, and for a team that was one win away from their third straight championship.

Matt McGowan, who hit the crucial three-pointer that put TechBoston back in the game, said TechBoston head coach John Williams.

"McGowan shot the ball extremely well," said Williams. "It was kind of a backdoor set play, and 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 a part of you definitely be coming back. They're gonna get it to the next level. We're gonna be a fire-breathing bear this year."
Biden wins Boston, Mass in Super Tuesday shocker

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percent. Former New York Mayor Michael Bloomberg finished a distant fourth with 11,578 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, to-head elections against past dominance in head-in stark contrast to her neighborhoods stands weak performance in city's Election Department on Tuesday, a turnout were cast in Boston city’s Election Department or 8 percent.

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. She took 41 percent of the Boston vote in 2016 in a losing battle with Hillary Clinton. Last weekend, Sanders rallied on Bos-ton Common with a rau-tous crowd of supporters to persuade voters to make a last-minute swing to Sanders to win.

In Dorchester, Biden surged 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 in the neighboring, lighter-voting precinct, Savin Hill Apartments in ward 15. There, the order of finish was Sanders 69, Warren 62, 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, Ash-mont and St. Mark’s precincts that can de-liver mixed results, with the high numbered precincts typically leaning right (think Florian Hall’s 16-12, which sometimes shines Re-publican red on election days.)

On Neponset Avenue, Biden was the tick-et-topper at the busy double-precinct polling station inside St. John Paul II Catholic Acad-emy, 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 War-ren’s 154.

In Lower Mills, Biden notched two more pre-cincts 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 Sand-ers 275.

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

Warren’s loss in Mass-achusetts is sure to amplify 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 Mas-sachusetts 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 endors-ing 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.

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Daly, Rita T. (Keymont) of Dorchester, formerly of South Boston. In her 90th year of life on May 6, 2020. Daughter of Francis J. “Frank” Daly. Mother of Francis J. Daly, Jr. of Weymouth, Dianne R. Danphy and her husband Thomas of Pembroke, William Daly and his wife Mona of Mansfield, Dennis J. Daly and his wife Madeline of Marshfield, Thomas V. Daly of Weymouth and Debra K. Rinaldi and her husband Terrance of South Boston. She is survived by her twin sister, Carol. Sister of Maire Greffo, Raymond Keymont, oursur, Walter and Ronald Keymont. Also survived by 14 grandchildren and 25 great-grandchildren. Family and friends may call in memory of Rita to the Landstrom Foundation for Pancreatic Cancer Research, 415 Crossways Park Drive, White Plains, NY 10603. DE SAULNIERS, Patricia M., 50, of Braintree, formerly of Dorchester. Patricia was born in Boston, to the late Eugene E. and Mildred F. (McNeil) De Saulniers. 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 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 lab nurse. Sister of Robert J. De Saulniers of Lynn, Maine and the late Eugene J. De Saulniers. Daughter-in-law of the late Josephine A. De Saulniers of Quincy. Aunt of Laura Lewis of Maine, Roberta of Bellingham, WA, Michelle Foster of Oregon, Michelle Foster of California, Eugene L. De Saulniers and his wife Beth, Brian Regan of Salem, Timothy E. De Saulniers and his wife Joanne, Howard Whitman, and the late James E. De Saulniers. Nieces and nephews include: Anna, Jennifer, Lisa, Marilyn, Victoria, Pearl, Victoria, Bill, Abigail, Jack, Miles, Tyson and Evelyn. Donations in Patricia’s memory are requested to the charity of your choosing.

Ferdinand, Warren Arthur, 88 of Braintree, formerly of Mary T. Regan and the late Hope Ann (O’Hara), Father of Raymond of Randolph, MA, Charles Michael of Braintree, CA, Michael J. of Waltham, and the late Kurt T. Ferdinand. Brother in law of Genevieve, Karla, grandmother of Sarah, Rachel, and Andrew, the late George, grandfather of Lindsey, Andrew, and the late Kate. Donations may be made to the Jesus Resue League of Boston, 10 Chandler St., Boston, MA 02116.

Green, John Alan, 73 of South Boston and Falmouth, MA as well as Jupiter, FL. Dr. Green joined the United States Marine Corps serving two tours in Vietnam as a door gunner in the Helicopter Battalion HMM-364 (Purple Heart). For his service, Dr. Green was awarded the Bronze Star with Veteran’s Badge, a Purple Heart, and the Presidential Unit Citation. His family requests that donations in his memory be made to St. Jude Children’s Research, 415 Crossways Park Drive, White Plains, NY 10603.

Ferrini, Eleanor Claire (Tonelli), 90, of Braintree, MA, wife of the late Robert D. Ferrini. Sr. for over 60 years. Loving mother of Janice and her husband John of Saugus, Salem, Oregon and Robert D. Ferrini, Jr. and his wife Jody of Milton, MA. Sister of the late Pat McConachie of Braintree. She was also predeceased by all her nieces and nephews. She is survived by several nieces, nephews, and grandchildren, at the time of her passing, she had lived at Falmouth and Jupiter, FL. Dr. Greere is also survived by her sister, Marianne Greere and grandson, Jaron Greere and his fiancé, Meghan Neall and her husband, Sean Hamrock, and their children, Ava, Sheamus and Maureen. He is also survived by his sister, Paulina Cooney and her partner Richard O’Mara of Quincy. Dr Greere was the uncle of three nieces, a nephew, great-niece and a great-nephew. He also leave two nieces, one to the United States Marine Corps Scholarship Foundation and one to St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital.

Hamrock, Paul J. of Milton, MA, 81 of Dorchester, 80. Born and raised in Boston, Paul was a veteran, retired, and whom together Columbia High School in the North End before attending Boston Community High School. He has three children, Timothy, Paul and Trevor. He had a successful career in the apparel industry, where he worked for many years as a circuit 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 Milton, MA, the late John Hamrock, Mary Hamrock and Claire Caughlin. Paul was married to the late Michael Cavanaugh of Boston. Paul was the brother-in-law of Terri Newman of NY. Uncle of Tracy Grace, Claire Vaughn and Michael Cavanaugh. Gramny was a member of the Boston Cancer Institute, 450

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LOUPO, William G. of Dedham and Hull, formerly of Roslindale. Husband of Diane M. (Crido) Loupo. Father of the late Gina Marie Loupo. Grandfather of William R. Cosgrove of Dorchester and Kristina A. Cosgrove of Dedham. Cousin of Dr. Ela 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 Brightown. 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 Brightown. Brother of Theresa Converse and her husband Roger of West Roxbury, Elizabeth J. McCormack of Duxbury, Bernadette A. McMan (deceased) of Brighton, Thomas A. McCormack (deceased) and his wife Karen of West Roxbury. Attended St. Anthony’s Grammar School and graduated from West Roxbury High School. Former member of the Boston Police Department. He was a member of the West Roxbury VFW Post 2831 Doyle Air Force Base Post 922 (Marotta) Veterans of Foreign Wars. A member of the Boston Police Department’s 25-year Benevolent Association. He served in the U.S. Army Air Force during World War II. He served in Rome-Arno. Discharged in 1945 with a rank of Corporal. Retired after 33 years with the Boston Police Department. He was the brother of the late Samuel L. McCormack and Sean (Marotta) Valenti. He was raised and educated in West Roxbury. Attended St. Gregory’s Grammar School, and graduated from Milton High School as a member of the Class of 1938. 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 10th 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 33 years with the Boston Police Department. He was 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 1938. 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 10th 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 33 years with the Boston Police Department. He was the brother of the late Russell Perry, Francis Robert “Bob” Perry, and Arthur Perry.

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