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The Bayside Expo Center sign after one metal panel fell and crashed into the parking lot below. No one was injured in the incident.

Gintautas Dumcius photo

By GINTAUTAS DUMCIUS Managing Editor

The University of Massachusetts has ordered up an assessment of the "structural integrity" of its outdated Bayside Expo Center sign on Mt. Vernon Street after a metal panel fell from the top off the towering, three-legged installation and crashed into a parking lot below early this month.

In the meantime, work is ongoing to ensure safety at the site, which abuts a busy sidewalk used by Columbia Point residents, UMass Boston students, guests at the Doubletree Hotel heading to the JFK-UMass T station, among others.

 $Last\,Thursday\,morning\,(March\,9), orange\,barriers$ encircled a small section of the parking lot below

the sign, and yellow caution tape was tied to nearby trees, blocking the sidewalk.

Additional panels have been removed from the sign, one of which could be seen hanging precariously from the top of the sign, its marquee light bulbs still attached before it was removed.

UMass bought the 20-acre Bayside Expo Center property, which was built as a shopping center in 1966 before becoming an exhibition hall in 1982, in 2010, and nine years later designated Accordia Partners to build a major part of a \$5 billion mixed-use project known as "Dorchester Bay City" on the site. That proposal remains under review by the city's planning and development agency.

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At 88, 'model' defense attorney 'Arnie' Abelow rests his case as courtroom friends hail his legacy

By GINTAUTAS DUMCIUS Managing Editor

Anthony Ellison was a prosecutor working in Dorchester District Court in the late 1990s when he first met the defense attorney Arnold "Arnie" Abelow. "I was having a good day as a prosecutor," he recalled, coasting through arraignments, while Abelow was on deck as "lawyer for the day." "Arnie goes over to me and says, 'You're wasting your talents,' and walks away. A ear later, I'm on the defense bar," Ellison said with

The exchange was a classic interaction with Abelow, a man known for politely and persistently clashing with prosecutors. Now 88, he is attempting to settle into $retirement, capping\,a\,half\text{-}century$ as an attorney beloved in nearly every corner of the courtroom.

Anthony Benedetti, chief counsel at the Committee for Public



Arnold "Arnie" Abelow

Counsel Services, which offers legal help to people who can't afford it, said Abelow has "changed the trajectory of thousands of lives."

That was evident as dozens of attorneys, court and probation

officers, and judges inside Roxbury District Court's First Session gathered one afternoon earlier this month to toast the man and his career. Another get-together, this one a surprise, was held last week at Dorchester's Florian Hall, where a standing-room only crowd clapped and cheered as a shocked and typically humble Abelow entered the room.

Arnie Abelow's early years were spent on Jones Avenue in Dorcheser before his family moved to Mattapan, first on Evelyn Street between Blue Hill Avenue and Norfolk Street, then to Fessenden Street before they crossed Blue Hill Avenue over to Wellington Hill. His family had a furniture business at 227 Bowdoin St. in Dorchester, an address now home to a cell phone store.

Another address close to Abelow was 10 Hazelton St. That's where

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City Council tees up rent control issue for battle on Beacon Hill

By GINTAUTAS DUMCIUS Managing Editor

City councillors last week okayed Mayor Wu's proposal to bring rent control back to Boston. Wu on Monday signed the home rule petition, sending it to the State House for consideration by the Senate and the House. Should both approve the bill, it will then be sent to Gov. Healey for her consideration.

The proposal caps rent increases at a maximum of 10 percent a year. In pitching the proposal, Wu cited similar measures in place in California and Oregon. Rent control has been banned in Massachusetts since $a\,1994\,ballot\,question, thoughjust\,Boston, Brookline,$ and Cambridge had the policy in place at the time.

Councillors also voted to approve, and Wu signed, another home rule petition: Wu's proposal for changes at the Boston Planning and Development Agency (BPDA), still formally named the Boston Redevelopment Authority (BRA).

The quasi-public agency was rebranded as the BPDA under Mayor Marty Walsh. Wu's proposal would abolish the Boston Redevelopment Authority, formally rename it the Boston Planning and Development Agency (BPDA), and move BPDA staff members onto the city payroll through the annual budget process.

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'World-class' new school seen as part of **Shaw-Taylor merger**

By SETH DANIEL **News Editor**

The Boston Public Schools (BPS) will pursue state funding and approvals for a new K-6 school complex in the Dorchester-Mattapan area, officials said last Thursday (March 9) in announcing they will file an application with the Massachusetts School Building Authority (MSBA) if the Boston School Committee approves a merger of the Pauline A. Shaw and Charles H. Taylor Elementary schools at its meeting

Both the School Committee and the City Council will have to approve the filing with the state authority.

"I'm excited about this proposal and the opportunity to build a world-class facility to serve the Dorchester and Mattapan communities for generations to come," said Mary Skipper, BPS superintendent and Dorchester resident, in a statement to the *Reporter*. She noted that MSBA has been an "invaluable partner" with BPS.

District officials said they planned to submit a "statement of interest" to the MSBA for a new school following an affirmative vote by the School Committee. If the state agency gives its approval and puts the merger funding into its pipeline, it could take up to four years to see construction begun.

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A Mattapan woman who assaulted a 13-year-old boy at a Andrew station last week is being held in lieu of \$15,000 bail after she allegedly struck the boy in the face with a soda can that had jagged edges. Velez-Caraballo's was already out on bail for another assault case out of Roxbury. She is due back in court April 6 for a pre-trial hearing. The boy was taken to the hospital for treatment of a facial laceration.

A Cape Cod man was arrested on Saturday for allegedly trying to rob a bank inside the South Bay Stop & Shop. Police say Lukas Gauthier, 27, of Mashpee, walked up to the counter at the branch around 11 a.m. on Saturday, went up to a teller window and "passed a note and indicated that he was armed with a firearm but no weapon was seen." The teller said no, and the suspect ran out and disappeared. Later, around 10 p.m., officers in the South End approached a motor vehicle, at Washington and East Berkeley streets, that had been reported stolen. Gauthier was initially charged with receiving a stolen motor vehicle and driving with a suspended license, but then realized he was also a suspect in the bank incident and further charged him with attempted bank robbery.

The founder of Violence in Boston and her husband, already facing an 18-count federal indictment alleging various types of fraud now face a newer, expanded indictment that charges they defrauded Boston city programs aimed at helping small businesses and tenants weather the pandemic. They are also accused of helping a relative file a bogus claim for pandemic unemployment and filing false federal income-tax forms.

Monica Cannon-Grant and Clark Grant were already facing charges, in an indictment issued in March, that included sucking money out of the non-profit, defrauding the state pandemic unemployment system and lying to a mortgage lender.

The US Attorney's office says Cannon-Grant started Violence in Boston in 2017 and raised \$1 million in donations and grants until her indictment last year. The new charges could theoretically land the two in federal prison for decades if they are convicted, although maximum sentences are usually only imposed on people with extensive records.

Philippe Elie, 26, was arraigned Friday in Dorchester Court after he allegedly assaulted a woman on March 1 on Intervale Street. Police say the female $victim \, was \, left \, bloodied \, and \, swollen \, after \, the \, suspect \,$ assaulted her over a text message she received. She was transported and treated at a nearby hospital. Elie was ordered to be held pending a dangerousness hearing this week.

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Fields Corner native, a track star at Lasell, charged in theft of some \$550k from job

A Lasell University track star and jewelry store employee was accused of stealing nearly \$550,000 from her employer, and funneling the money towards purchases of a Tesla in addition to a trip to Hawaii.

NBC10 Boston reported that 19-year-old Ariel Foster, a Fields Corner native, was charged with larceny and arraigned last Friday in Woburn District Court. After a not guilty plea, she was released on \$1,000 bail and ordered to stay away from her employer, the Lovisa store inside Burlington Mall.

According to the news station, a police investigation "determined that on three dates in February, items scanned at the register had their price increased, and the cost of the item was then refunded to a credit card belonging to Foster.

She allegedly spent \$35,000 on a Tesla, \$6,000 on a Delta Airlines trip and \$20,000 on a five-star hotel in Hawaii. Another \$5,000 went towards Louis Vuitton purchases.

"Burlington police, Boston police and Lasell University police executed search warrants at Foster's residence and her dormitory at the university in Newton on Wednesday (March 8). She was taken into custody without incident.

The Reporter profiled Foster, a Boston Arts

Academy graduate, in February, when she talked about buying herself a Tesla after she received her third "Rookie of the Week" recognition from the Great Northeast Athletic Conference. She claimed to the Reporter she was working on a criminal justice degree while holding down two jobs, one at a women's store and another selling life insurance.

-REPORTER STAFF

18-condo building proposed for vacant Polish Triangle lot

Two developers want to build a four-story, 18unit condo building on what is now a vacant lot that stretches between Dorchester Avenue and Boston Street in the Polish Triangle, just south of Andrew Square.

In their filing with the BPDA, Mark Little and Jack Ordway said that three of the units in their \$7-million building will be sold as affordable. The building, roughly a tenth of a mile from the Andrew Square T stop, would have no on-site parking. Their proposal, they

said, will involve building out an underutilized site that will fit contextually at an urban scale with its abutters and surround-



ing neighborhood. The building will be designed with a modern aesthetic. but small considerations, including the use of

cornices, building mass setbacks, and careful decisions on material and color will all contribute toward a more visually cohesive streetscape.

The site is visible along the Southeast Expressway (Interstate 93) and along commercial and residential roads in the Triangle.

Little and Ordway hope to begin roughly nine months of construction in early 2024 after approvals by the BPDA and the Zoning Board of Appeal.

– REPORTER STAFF

Commute slowed as T checks track safety

MBTA commuters faced sluggish travel Monday morning with speed restrictions still in place as crews continue their work to verify that previously identified track defects have in fact been addressed.

T officials announced Sunday evening that slow zones remain in place on the entire Green Line and Mattapan Line after a failure to document repairs prompted them to impose systemwide speed restrictions Thursday night.

The Red, Blue and Orange Lines since Friday were subject to a series of localized speed restrictions, not end-toend slow zones, that T officials now say affects nearly a third of track

As of Monday morning, the MBTA has 39 newly implemented "block speed restrictions" in place on the Red Line, 19 on the Orange Line and six on the Blue Line, together covering 31.9 percent of the track for those three routes. Officials did not provide any information about where the new slow zones are located.

"A block speed restriction is a length of track that may include multiple defects that need

to be investigated or mitigated," the T wrote in a press release. "As each defect is validated and corrected as needed, the length of the block speed restriction will be reduced until the block is fully removed." Officials said the 31.9 percent figure does not account for slow zones that pre-dated last week's upheaval, so the total percentage of the heavy rail subject to slower-than-usual travel is larger.

Before the latest development, 11.9 percent of the Red Line, 12.8 percent of the Orange Line and 1.6 percent of the Blue Line had been subject to speed restrictions. MBTA Interim General Manager Jeff Gonneville,

who continues to hold the top job while Gov. Maura Healey searches for a permanent leader of the T, said last week that T officials "did not have confidence" in the existence or quality of documentation proving that repairs were made to issues flagged by specialized "geometry car" scans of the tracks. The slow zones will remain in place as teams work to verify that maintenance work has been conducted as needed.

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UPCOMING CIVIC MEETINGS AND COMMUNITY EVENTS

The Dorchester Day parade is scheduled for Sunday, June 4 at 1 p.m. Participation forms are available on the website dotdayparade.org or email info@dotdayparade.org. Applications are now available for candidates the 'mayor' of Dorchester contest. A Dot Day Karaoke contest fundraiser will be held at Ghost Pepper on Savin Hill Ave., on Wed., March 29from 7-9 p.m. The cost is \$10 to enter the contest and \$1 to place your vote for best singer. The next parade committee volunteer meeting will be held on Tues., March 14 at Savin Bar and Kitchen, 116 Savin Hill Ave.. Dorchester.

The BPDA hosts a virtual public meeting on Wed., April 5 at 6 p.m. on the Dorchester Bay City project. See bostonplans.org for meeting details.

The Ward 15 Democratic Party Committee will hold its monthly meeting via Zoom on Sat., March 18 from 10-11:30 a.m. Join the meeting at: https://fb.me/e/TIb2nF3S. All are welcome.

Lower Mills Civic Association will meet on Tues., March 21 at 7 p.m. in the St. Gregory

auditorium. Stan McLaren, president at Carney Hospital, will be a guest speaker. Codman Square Health Center is offering free tax preparation clinics for Boston residents at 450 Washington St.. Dorchester throughout the tax season. Drop by the clinic on Mondays and Tuesdays from 4-8p.m. or Saturdays 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Call 617-822-8182 for more info. The Neponset River Greenway Council and the Neponset River Watershed Association will sponsor a Spring Bunny Hop along the Greenway Trail for kids young and old on Sun., April 2 from 1-3 p.m. There will be music from DJ Ed Regal, crafts, games and surprises! The Vintage Tractor and Construction Inc. will be displaying vintage tractors and construction machinery at this free event. Contact ripley@neponset.org for more info.

The New England Women's Leadership Awards, hosted by the Boys & Girls Clubs of Dorchester, will be held on Mon., May 15. NEWLA was among the first events of its kind in the Boston area and so far has recognized 134 outstanding women.

To learn more about NEWLA, visit bgcdorchester.org

The Irish Pastoral Centre will celebrate St. Patrick's Day on March 17 with a Mass and blessing of shamrocks, a corned beef dinner, and live music and dancing with Erin's Melody, 11 a.m.- 3 p.m. at Florian Hall, 55 Hallet St., Dorchester. Go to ipcboston.org to reserve a ticket, \$30.

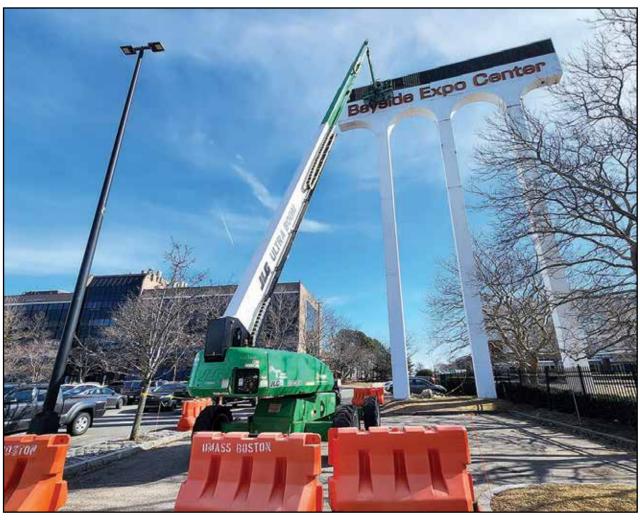
Dorchester's 14th annual St. Patrick's Day Brunch to benefit the Mary Ann Brett Food Pantry will be held on Sat., March 18, 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. at St. Teresa of Calcutta Parish Hall, 800 Columbia Rd.

First Parish Dorchester on Meetinghouse Hill will host a Dorchester Community Passover Seder on Sat., April 8, from 5.30 p.m. to 7 p.m. in the parish hall. The event is family friendly and all are welcome to participate in the Passover story and meal. Potluck food donations are welcome. For more information, call the First Parish office at 617-436-0527.

The Fields Corner Crossroads Collaborative's Youth Council Board is hosting a free cultural festival on Sat., April 29, at Town **Field** in Fields Corner to showcase the art of youth and promote the cultures within the neighborhood. This free intergenerational festival will celebrate all the arts and cultures, through painting, digital art, photography, poetry, dance, writing, etc. This program is supported in part by the Children's Health Equity grant from Boston Children's Hospital. Crossroads welcomes visual artists, musicians, poets, dancers, and painters to submit. The deadline for submission is March 22. While the youth council prefers electronic applications, applicants are welcome to drop off hard copies of the form at DotHouse Health, Attn. Keyla Kelley, 1353 Dorchester Ave, by March 22. For more information, please visit https://instagram.com/ fieldscornercrossroadscollab or contact Kevla Kellev at DHFieldsCornerCrossroads Collaborative@dothousehealth.org or 617-921-7883.

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Bayside Expo sign undergoing safety assessment after panel from tower dropped onto a parking lot below



Work was underway to remove panels from the sign after one came crashing down. Gintautas Dumcius photo

The sign straddles land owned by UMass and the Corcoran Jennison Companies. The latter's

(Continued from page 1) five-story office building is home to the State Lottery and the Dorchester Reporter, among other tenants. UMass Boston

has also leased space inside the building.

Corcoran Jennison and UMass have clashed over the sign in the past. Before the UMass purchase of the Expo site, a steel access panel on the back of the sign blew off and fell in May 2014, though



The panel came down during the weekend and narrowly missed a car. Image via Corcoran Jennison

like in the most recent incident, it occurred during a weekend, and no one was injured. And in the months before the Expo building was demolished in 2016, an attorney for Corcoran Jennison reached out to the state Department of Public Safety to flag concerns about the sign.

Noting that the Bayside Expo Center had also fallen into disrepair, the attorney wrote, "This sign similarly has been neglected and poses a serious threat to public safety. ... it has rusted panels, rivets and screws, as well as a corroded steel superstructure.... there is also oil contamination in the soil underneath the sign.

The letter also noted that Corcoran Jennison's structural engineer believed the sign was "dangerous."

Later that year, UMass hired its own engineering firm, Simpson Gumpertz & Heger, to review the state of the sign. The firm's report called the corrosion "minor" and said the sign was considered safe and secure under the state's existing building code.

Last Wednesday, a spokesman for the UMass Building Authority (UMBA) said the entity, which handles construction matters for the five-campus system, along with UMass Boston, has contacted Simpson Gumpertz & Heger to conduct a new "assessment of the structuralintegrity of the signstructure.

'UMBA has been in constant communication with the State Building Inspector since becoming aware of the situation, the statement said.



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Candidates are lining up for 9th Suffolk special election

By Gintautas Dumcius Managing Editor

The race to replace Jon Santiago, who left his 9th Suffolk House seat for a Healey administration post, is underway. Anchored in the South End, the House district's boundaries stretch down past the South Bay shopping plaza, all the way to Columbia Road.

Santiago, a major in the US Army reserve who first won the seat in 2018, resigned several weeks ago to become Gov. Maura Healey's veterans' services secretary.

John Moran, a Scranton, Pennsylvania, native who was the first candidate to formally launch a campaign for the seat, moved to the South End 24 years ago and has since worked for Biogen and Liberty Mutual. He still lives there with his partner Michael and their dog Edna.

He held a campaign kick-off at Titus Sparrow Park last week, where he criticized the city's development process and called for a "planning first approach" that takes into account "protecting our most vulnerable."

On Monday, he hit businesses in the Polish Triangle, as well as at Dorchester Brewing.

Others appear to be wading into the race. Amparo Ortiz, who works at Boston University's School of Public Health and lives in the South End, has opened a campaign fundraising account. Jonathan Alves, a third South End resident and neighborhood advocate, said in an email last week that he is "strongly considering a run."

Brian Kearney, a Dorchester Democrat who lives on Mt. Vernon Street, also opened a fundraising account but has said little since then.

The primary is set for May 2. The final election is May 30, but the district's heavily Democratic electorate means



John Moran is the first candidate to officially launch a campaign for the 9th Suffolk House seat, which includes parts of Dorchester.

Image via Moran campaign the primary will be determinative. focal point for our joint initiative to

Worrell brothers open joint constituent office

District 4 Councillor Brian Worrell and his brother, state Rep. Chris Worrell, will open a joint office at 5 Erie St, between Franklin Park and the Four Corners/Geneva MBTA commuter rail stop, this Saturday at noon.

Brian, who won the election to succeed Andrea Campbell in 2021, represents Dorchester and Mattapan on the 13-member City Council; Chris won a seat in the Fifth Suffolk House, which has parts of Dorchester and Roxbury in its district, last year, replacing Liz Miranda, who was elected to the state Senate.

"This district office will serve as a

focal point for our joint initiative to amplify the voices of our community to local governments," Councillor Worrell said in a statement. "We will hold meetings, events, and many future community engaging opportunities here in order to deliver results for our

Rep. Worrell said his goal as a state lawmaker is to "create a government that constituents can touch." The district office will be a "hub for all things in the 5th Suffolk, he added.

constituents. I cannot wait to open this

office and continue to deliver results

for District 4.'

At-large field gains a candidate

Clifton Braithwaite, who has worked behind the scenes of campaigns over the years, says he will put his name on the ballot for a City Council



seat in this year's municipal election. The 55-year-old Braithwaite, who formed a fundraising committee in the beginning of March, told the *Reporter* in a phone interview last week that he's running for one of the four City Council At-Large slots and that he had already gone door-knocking in West Roxbury. (The nine district council seats will also be on the ballot; the mayor's office isn't up again until 2025.)

"On the city level, we need some more stability and someone who truly gets it for the people," he said.

Braithwaite, who calls Mattapan home, grew up in Newton, the son of an electronics consultant for GE and a stay-at-home mother who went to work as an executive secretary at Children's Hospital after his father died when he was young.

With rent control likely to be a topic on the campaign trail this year, as it remains popular with voters and legislation, backed by Mayor Wu and the City Council, and is headed to Beacon Hill, Braithwaite said he needed to take a "deeper" look at the legislation before taking a stance. It's headed in the "right direction," he said, with capping rent increases at a maximum of 10 percent.

The four incumbent city councillors are Michael Flaherty, Julia Mejia, Ruthzee Louijeune, and Erin Murphy. The preliminary is set for Sept. 12 and the final election is scheduled for Nov. 7.

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Poll shows statewide support for \$20 minimum wage

By Erin Tiernan State House News Service

New polling suggests statewide support for another minimum wage hike and as lawmakers weigh a push to raise the wage floor, an advocacy coalition is now actively pondering a ballot question to "force the issue."

Getting back to the numbers for now, 59 percent of Bay State voters said they would support raising the minimum wage in Massachusetts to \$20 an hour compared to 33 percent who are opposed and 7 percent who are undecided, according to the results of a new poll shared first with MASSterlist.

The Change Research survey conducted for Northwind Strategies polled 711 likely Massachusetts voters last month, recruiting responses over Facebook and Instagram and through text message appeals.

It revealed a majority of voters are in favor of boosting the minimum wage, which at \$15 an hour is already the fourth-highest in the nation.

"I was surprised, to be honest -- given that we just raised the minimum wage -- that support was this high on the heels of finishing up the last hike. But it is," longtime Democratic strategist Doug Rubin told MASSterList.

The poll was the first to put the issue back in front of voters as discussions around a wage hike and the state's high

cost of living heat up.

It takes nearly \$18 as of November 2022 to buy what \$15 bought in June 2018, according to the federal Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Bills filed by Winchester Sen. Jason Lewis (SD 2032) and Reps. Tram Nguyen of Andover and Daniel Donahue of Worcester (HD 3965) would raise the minimum wage by \$1.25 per hour a year until it reaches \$20 in 2027. The wage would then be tied to the consumer price index starting in 2028 so it automatically rises alongside inflation. The bills would also effectively double the lowest wage for tipped workers to \$12 an hour.

Massachusetts' minimum wage hit \$15 an hour in January after five years of gradual raises. But weeks after the rate hit the ceiling outlined by the 2018 "grand bargain" law, progressive power players are already mobilizing to keep the hourly wage floor rising.

The Raise Up Coalition, the deep-pocketed faction of labor and community groups behind the first wage hike and the just-passed income surtax ballot initiative, on Friday filed paperwork with the Office of Campaign and Political Finance indicating their readiness to organize yet another ballot campaign.

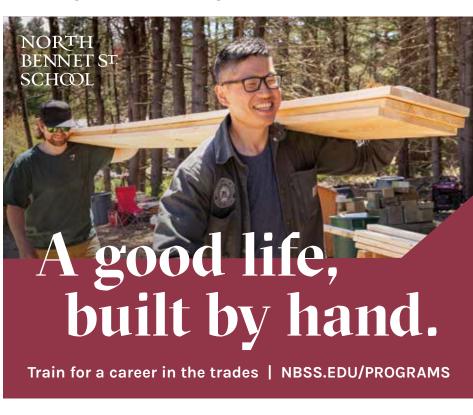
"We considered organizing for a ballot initiative as a way to force the issue a bit," said SEIU State Council Executive Director Harris Gruman, who filed the paperwork on behalf of Raise Up. "There is a tendency on Beacon Hill to go slow and be cautious. We respect that but with this, we feel the need to put it on the front burner."

Gov. Maura Healey, who has been trying to build a pro-business reputation, has said she believes the minimum wage should be adjusted over time to keep up with the cost of living. An aide told MASSterList only that she "would review any legislation that reaches her desk."

Senate President Karen Spilka and House Speaker Ronald Mariano haven't mentioned a wage hike bill among their session priorities, but their support would be critical to any effort to push a bill through the Legislature. No other state in the country has a \$20 minimum wage nor legislation on the books to push it to that threshold in coming years. The \$15 per hour wage that took effect Jan. 1 puts Massachusetts fourth among states and territories behind Washington, D.C. (\$16.10), Washington state (\$15.74) and California (\$15.50), according to data tracked by the Economic Policy Institute.

Just 26 percent of GOP voters said they would support a wage increase compared to 64 percent of Democrats and 42 percent of unaffiliated voters.

Women overwhelmingly support increasing the minimum wage to \$20 an hour, with 69 percent of female voters indicating support compared with 48 percent of men. Just 21 percent of women opposed boosting hourly wages while men revealed a near-even split on the issue with 46 percent saying they're opposed.







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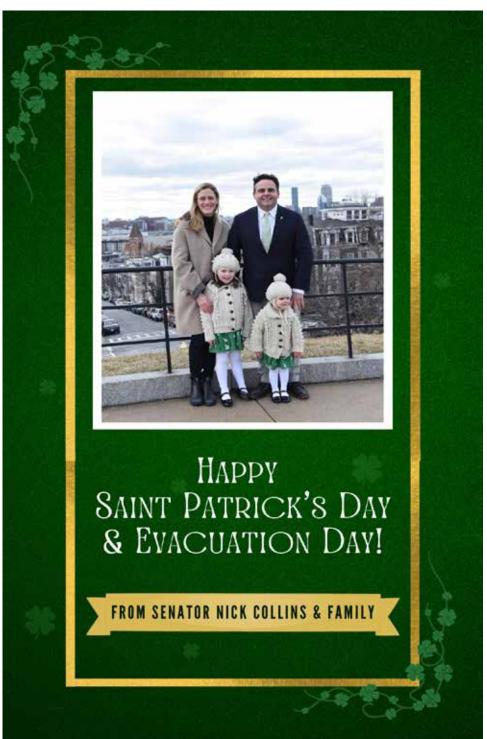
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Science is alive and well at Holmes School science fair

Under the leadership of Interim Principal Matthew Ginsburg and Lisa Hess, a science instructional coach, the Oliver Wendell Holmes K-6 Innovation School in Dorchester held its first science fair on March 2, in the school gym. While grades K-4 had presentations that they showed

to visitors, students in grades 5 and 6 presented their work from science projects. Some examples: balloon cars, sugar crystals, and salinity/buoyancy. Several faculty members, Boston Public School staff, community residents, and a *Reporter* staff member acted as judges.



Interim Principal Matthew Ginsburg and Lisa Hess, a science instructional coach, take a break from their judging.



Students, faculty, and visitors review the science projects in the Holmes School gym on March 2.



Sixth grader Temidayo Okoro shows how to build a balloon car: Measure how far the car will go with various levels of air in the balloon.



Sixth grader Serenity Mendez presents her project to Laquisa Burke, a science fair judge and member of the West of Washington Neighborhood Association.



Fifth grader Tarick Williams (right) shows off his 'Gas Planets' science project to his grandmother, Diana Williams, along with his project partner, Brandon Braun (left).

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'Play Shed' at Town Field aims to help residents embrace the last days of winter

By SETH DANIEL NEWS EDITOR

Many Bostonians have always had a difficult relationship with the winter months, if not a disdain. But city officials want to change that and persuade residents to embrace cold, and they began their mission with a display at Town Field last week.

Amy Mahler, a Dorchester resident who works for the Mayor's Office of New Urban Mechanics, in partnership with All Dorchester Sports Leadership (ADSL) and Fields Corner Crossroads Collaborative, opened the city's first-ever Play Shed, which contains includes toys, winter gear, and equipment for both winter and spring play $that \, residents \, can \, borrow$ these items for free.

The Shed, a pilot program, will be open every day from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m at the Fields Corner park through the end of the month. The city will be monitoring how things go, and if it is successful, it could be extended and expanded to other parks.

The weather-proof building operates like a lending library, except with sports balls, snowshoes, sleds, bubble wands, Frisbees and a



Eric Ly of Coco Leaf helped to keep the fun rolling with bubble teas and tasty treats from his Fields Corner dessert shop.

variety of folding seats and chairs. Whatever is borrowed is expected to be returned after use.

The Play Shed, which is made of recycled bottles, can be accessed via a QR Code on the side of the building, or by calling 3-1-1 and asking for the Play Shed code, which can be used to open a lock on the door. \

"The concept for the Play Shed came out of imagining how we could bring residents together in one of the coldest, darkest parts of the year, and we hope it might bring additional joy to this additional space in winter," said Mahler.
"It's not as active and as
exciting here as it is in the
summer, and we wanted
to introduce something
people can enjoy. I think
there's hope this will expand the model of sharing
things and enjoyment for
community members,
especially in places that
don't get as much use in
the winter."

"I think this is a great start," said ADSL Director Candice Gartley said, noting that she has advocated for a seasonal ice rink at Town Field for years. "In the winter, this space is a wasteland. Nobody is here. We want



When there's no snow, leave it to youngsters like Sebastian Bash to still figure out how to use snowshoes.

to see if there is a way to make this a multi-purpose space for all seasons. There are nine months of nothing on the baseball fields so maybe it can be something else when not in use."

The project is made possible by a partner-ship that includes REI, ADSL, Fields Corner Crossroads, Fields Corner Main Streets, CultureHouse, OpBox, and VietAID.



Amy Mahler, of the Mayor's Office of New Urban Mechanics, and ADSL Director Candice Gartley get ready to unveil the new Play Shed pilot program on Town Field last Thursday (March 9).



Ivy Quinn Marc enjoys bubble tea and treats from Coco Leaf after playing with some of the equipment in the new Play Shed.



Apparently sleds work on sand, too, and Seraphina Lambert was having the time of her life with a sled borrowed from the new Play Shed on Town Field. Seth Daniel photos



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For Franklin Field's Jamison, uncertainty turns into stardom

By Seth Daniel **News Editor**

Two years ago, St. Thomas Aquinas College (STAC) point guard DeVante Jamison had anything but basketball on his mind. His thoughts were consumed with hospitals and doctors as they tried to diagnose an uncertain heart condition in the young star athlete. He had just completed a solid freshman season, and now he thought he might never return to the court.

But stardom replaced uncertainty, as the junior point guard with basketball roots at the Lee School near his Franklin Field home, led the



DeVante Jamison, of Franklin Field, was named the East Coast Conference's Most Outstanding Player on March 5 for his performance in St. Thomas Aquinas College's win over Daemen College. He is shown accepting the trophy from Melissa Reilly, ECC senior associate commissioner.

Junior DeVante Jamison, of Dorchester's Franklin Field, in action against ${\bf Daemen\ College\ on\ March\ 5\ in\ the\ East\ Coast\ Conference\ Championship\ game.}$ Photos courtesy St. Thomas Aquinas College

PCAS rally for living wage, then deliver letter to Healey

The Personal Care Attendants (PCAS) represented by 1199 SEIU, along with representatives from the BCIL (Boston Center for Independent Living), the MSAC (Mass. Senior Action Council), and elected officials, hosted a rally on March ?? for better wages and benefits as key elements of addressing the shortage of PCAs in the state. T

The event started at the Embrace Boston Memorial in Boston Common and ended with the delivery of a letter detailing their demands for change to the State House office of Gov. Maura Healey

"It was important for me to make my voice heard because we do great work, and we deserve to be able to afford to take care of our families too," said Shaunte



Photo courtesy 1199 SEIU

Johniken, a personal care attendant from Dorchester. "I would be so happy to make \$25 per hour; it would mean I could afford to live and no longer have to borrow from other people."

The PCAs begin negotiations for a new contract with the state this month, with the priority to increase wages and benefits that will pay workers a living wage. The high turnover and shortage of PCAs has left elders and people with disabilities waiting for months for help, often with no assistance in their homes, and limited ability to care for themselves.

Coast Conference (ECC) championship over Daemen University on March 5 and collected the Most Outstanding Player trophy in the process.

The team came up short last weekend, losing to Southern New Hampshire University, 78-64, which ended their Division II NCAA Men's Basketball East Region tournament run. The team finished 26-5, and Jamison said he plans to be back at STAC for his senior campaign.

On a personal level, the 21-year-old Jamison couldn't be happier that he was back on the court. "It was hard being in and out of the hospital and doing so many different tests," he said in a phone interview from STAC's Sparkill, NY, campus. "I wore heart monitors for a few days or sometimes for weeks and I never knew if I was going to return to basketball. I put my trust in God; it was all I could do."

Eventually, doctors were able to treat his heart condition — he declined to specify what a protocol that, step by step, built up his strength and get clearance to play.

Last year, he made a striking comeback, averaging 22 minutes a game, and this year he was on fire, averaging 14.7 points and 5.9 assists per game while leading the team to the conference championship. He credits being sidelined with becoming a better basketball player, mostly because he had time got to study film of starting point guard Demetre Roberts (now at Division 1 Fairleigh Dickinson University) and play against him in practice.

He said he also learned how college basketball is different. "It showed me there's more to basketball than what anyone can learn in high school," he said. "You have to really learn to play and find your niche because in college everyone on the team was the star and a 1,000-point scorer in high school."

Though Jamison, a sports management major, attended Renaissance Charter School in Hyde

Spartans to another East it is - and put him on Park, he got his start on the courts at the Lee School on Talbot Avenue with help from Eric Bradshaw. He attended middle school at TechBoston Academy, and then had a stellar high school career at Jeremiah Burke High School under head coach Sean Ryan and alongside standout guard Levar Williams. He scored more than 1,000 points at the Burke and landed a full scholarship to STAC.

"Coach Ryan really pushed for me to get here," said Jamison. "He thought I could play Division 1 out of high school, but a lot of people didn't think that. I had a couple of Division 2 offers and decided to come here. I was also fortunate enough to have both of my parents and siblings supporting me."

Back in Dorchester, Antoine Jamison Sr., DeLisha Green, Antoine Jamison II, and DeShawna Green are his biggest fans and have followed him through this year's ECC tournament and the NCAA Division 2 tourney as well.

YESTERYEAR ARCHIVE

DORCHESTER HISTORICAL SOCIETY The Roger Clap Monument

Roger Clap was one of the settlers who arrived in Massachusetts in 1630 on the ship Mary and John, which dropped anchor off Nantasket because the captain was not familiar with Boston Harbor. The settlers traveled overland from Nantasket until they found a good place to live at what is now Dorchester. From there, Clap and a group of men set off in a small boat to explore the area. Following is what he wrote in his "Memoirs" about that venture:

"Here landed Roger Clap and the Dorchester men. June, 1630. We went up Charles River, until the river grew narrow and shallow, and there we landed our goods with much labor and toil, the



bank being steep. And night coming on, we were informed

that there were hard by us three hundred Indians. One

Today's illustration is a photograph of a bronze plaque erected by the Historical Society of Watertown in 1947. The scene depicts a Puritan and a native American exchanging gifts of fish and food in an area described as "around Watertown" by Roger Clap

Englishman that could speak the Indian language, (an old Planter), went to them and advised them not to come near us in the night, and they harkened to his counsel and came not.

"In the morning some of the Indians came and stood at a distance off, looking at us but came not near us. But when they had been a while in view, some of them came and held out a great bass towards

biscuit and changed the cake for the bass. We had not been there many days, though by our diligence we had got up a kind of shelter to save our goods in, but we had order to come away from that place which was about Watertown unto a place called Mattapan, now Dorchester, because there was a neck of land there fit to keep our cattle on. The archive of these historical posts can be viewed on the blog at dorchesterhistoricalsociety.org. The society's $historic\, houses\, are\, closed\, due$ to the pandemic and building repairs. For now, our in-person programming has been suspended, and we are using Zoom instead.

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Editorial

The Saint's Day puts the Irish & friends in a festive mood

By Ed Forry ASSOCIATE PUBLISHER

The month of March – Saint Patrick's Month –is underway, with Irish-themed events all over town. Boston's Irish stay connected with many events throughout the year, at the Irish Cultural Centre, the Irish Pastoral Centre, the Rian Center for Immigrants, and gatherings at pubs and parishes, where their heritage is celebrated and sustained.

Over these days in mid-March, there are many more places where celebrations of Irish culture are

Locally, celebratory events continue this weekend in our neighborhoods, among them: The Dorchester-based Irish Pastoral Centre will host a Saint Patrick's celebration with an annual Mass and a blessing of shamrocks at Florian Hall on Friday from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.; Ireland's current Tánaiste and Foreign Affairs Minister Micheál Martin will visit the JFK Library Saturday afternoon for a forum with *Boston* Globe columnist Kevin Cullen; and the St Patrick's/ Evacuation Day parade – a city-sponsored observance of the day British troops were forced to flee Boston Harbor - March 17, 1776 - will step off this Sunday

at 1 p.m. on the streets of South Boston. (You can bers of the Brett family to honor the memory of their see a full listing of events at our companion website, BostonIrish.com.)

Mary Ann Brett Food Pantry fetes Supt. Baston, Sen. Collins

A recent traditional event planned around the Saint's holiday will resume again this Saturday. The 14th annual St Patrick's Brunch to benefit the Mary Ann Brett Food Pantry will be held this Saturday (March 18) from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at Saint Margaret Church of Saint Teresa of Calcutta Parish in Dorchester. The event will honor Boston Police Department Supt. Nora Baston and state Sen. Nick Collins, with all proceeds to support the free program.

The Pantry provides nutritious groceries to individuals and families living in the Dorchester neighborhood who are facing economic hardship. In cases of emergency, groceries are provided to individuals and families as needed. In addition, if a person or family in need is unable to come to the Pantry because of health-related issues, the food will be delivered to them.

The pantry was conceived and supported by mem-

 $mother.\ ``The\,Mary\,Ann\,Brett\,Food\,Pantry\,is\,a\,minis$ try of faith and love staffed by volunteers," the Bretts say, "and it serves any and all residents of Dorchester in need. The annual brunch always attracts several prominent business and political leaders.

In 2018, then-Boston Mayor Marty Walsh emphasized the lasting impact of the annual event on the community. "The money that's raised here today helps the food pantry all year long," he said. "This breakfast can help someone in need in July.

Also that year, Gov. Charlie Baker, who regularly attended the event, lauded Dorchester as "a community of dreams," saying, "I come here because I feel really good when I leave," he said, speaking of the brunch. "Every year it's a wonderful gathering that breathes hope, faith, and love."

In 2019, pantry volunteers served some 1,300 families and helped almost 5,000 individuals facing food insecurity.

Jim Brett sums up the family's commitment to honor the memory of his mother and the mission of the food bank: "We cannot forget our neighbors," he said. "That's what this is all about."

Commentary

How Brian Donnelly changed my thinking on government

By BILL WALCZAK REPORTER COLUMNIST

It was with great sadness that I read of the death of former ambassador, congressman, and state representative Brian Donnelly. Brian was a powerhouse congressman (1979-93) who always worked behind the scenes and delivered for Boston.

He also played a major role in my education as the leader of community nonprofit organizations, for which I'll be forever thankful.

I was involved in the founding of the Massachusetts Nonprofit Network (MNN), the state's voice for the nonprofit sector. The idea to create such an organization germinated during the recession that followed the 9/11 attacks. The national economy went into a tailspin, which resulted in state cuts to nonprofit human service, healthcare, youth, and development agencies. Though the need for these organizations increases during hard times, then-Gov. Mitt Romney announced that nonprofits could not expect more support because he was going to preserve jobs. He was of the opinion that nonprofit jobs weren't "real jobs."

Those of us in the nonprofit sector couldn't imagine how the governor could neglect all the jobs created by nonprofits. Indeed, the largest employers in urban neighborhoods are often nonprofits. A group of us decided to study the impact of nonprofits and we found that in Boston, Cambridge, and four other close suburbs, the nonprofits were a \$2.5 billion sector of the economy, not including hospitals, universities, and museums.

Other regions' nonprofits also did studies and found that nonprofits made up an enormous part of their economies as well

The result was the creation of MNN, which is a strong statewide advocacy organization. In the process of forming MNN, however, we found that many nonprofit leaders were apolitical. In fact, many of them believed that they could not lobby politically for support from government (they can), or advocate on a referendum question (they can).

I learned the importance of lobbying government in the mid-1980s via an effort to get federal support for the capital needs of Dorchester nonprofit agencies. Kristen McCormack, who ran Federated Dorchester

Square Health Center) both had agencies with capital needs that would cost millions of dollars to fix. Kristen talked with the YMCA and Boys and Girls Club, also in need of capital dollars, and we found that all of us were seeking dollars from the same foundations, making it highly unlikely that our needs would be fulfilled. While looking in a file cabinet, Kristen came upon

Neighborhood Houses, and I (the founder of Codman

documents related to the 1974 construction of the Dorchester House Multi-Service Center. She found that the Dorchester House was built with federal funding from a "special purpose grant," money that is usually is given to organizations represented by congresspeople with power. She requested a meeting with Congressman Joe Moakley of South Boston, who was impressed that Kristen knew that a photo on his wall was of former US House Speaker John McCormack and that there was such a thing as a 'special purpose grant.'

He suggested that such a grant was possible and that we should work with Brian Donnelly, who was on the House Ways and Means Committee. We met Brian in Washington, where he had his chief of staff bring out a huge binder that listed programs of the federal government. I remember sitting there with the chief of staff reading out the names of different funding sources, and Brian saying "no" or "not a match" until we got to one that had "community" and "agency" in its title.

Brian asked his chief of staff, "What's that for?" "I have no idea," the chief of staff said.
"Sounds perfect!" Brian said

We drafted the language with Brian's staff, and it was attached to a piece of legislation calling for money for four agencies in Dorchester, but not listing our actual names, which is standard for legislation, though, if funded, the four agencies would be the only ones that would qualify for it. From there, the legislation went to the Rules Committee, which was



Rep. Donnelly received several honorary university degrees for his work on immigration reform. Reporter file photo

Reporter file photo

chaired by Joe Moakley. I don't remember if our legislation was attached to a Vietnam Memorial for Mississippi, or if we were in competition with the memorial, but Moakley got it through, and our four agencies shared \$4 million, a lot of money in those days. Brian Donnelly, as was his way, never took public credit for the funding.

My exposure to this process changed my view of government and political process. First, community nonprofits need government be-

cause a large percentage of the people we serve are dependent on government. Second, government can be responsive, but you have to be both knowledgeable of government processes and, frankly, pushy.

In the 1990s, I visited a health center conference in Washington and dropped into Congressman Joe Kennedy's office (the one who represented Boston). He lectured the health center directors that we were too nice. He said that hospital representatives came into his office with a list of demands, while health center representatives asked him how he was doing.

Nonprofit leaders have a responsibility to shape public policy. Since we deal closely with society's problems, we need to be seen as the experts on what works and what doesn't. Participating in the political process is how this can happen. It means being able to make a case for support, educating elected officials on why what you do is important, and, especially, developing strong relationships with elected officials. Thank you, Brian, for teaching me this.

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At 88, 'model' defense attorney 'Arnie' Abelow rests his case as courtroom pals hail his legacy

(Continued from page 1) quipped that Abelow the Boston Public Library's Mattapan branch was back then, and Abelow was like a resident there, devouring books on sports and paging through baseball magazines before moving on to the rest of the stacks.

His route from the library to the courthouse was circuitous: He graduated from Boston Latin School in 1952, and like many of his classmates, went on to Harvard after which he attended graduate school at the University of Pennsylvania hoping to avoid military service. It was an unsuccessful effort; he soon found himself riding in the back of a truck on its way to Fort Drum in upstate New York. A year after his discharge in 1958, he met his wife Leila at a community center for Jewish students at Boston University.

Speaking with the Reporter, Abelow, who now lives in Brookline, relayed his biography in a just-the-facts manner: The family furniture business wasn't for him. "I came home in 1965 one night and I told my wife that I wanted to go to law school," he said.

With a law degree from Suffolk University in hand, he began practicing in 1969, starting out in a little office at One State Street that rented for \$75 a month. In 1972, he moved to Everett along with Jerry Sweeney, who handled civil cases while Abelow focused on criminal defense work.

On a recent Thursday, during a lunch break inside Roxbury District Court, about 50 people surrounded Abelow, who wore a purple jacket and a striped tie, his proud wife by his side. Some struggled to hold back tears as they talked about what it was like to work with him.

Rochelle Burgos, the assistant clerk magistrate, recalled the moments they shared when the court was in recess. She first met him 25 years ago, and learned they were both graduates of Boston Latin, she in 1988. She came to appreciate his love of music, and during the recent holiday season, when they were both in the Third Session, he asked her to play "What Are You Doing New Year's Eve?" as sung by the Orioles in 1949. On the literary side of things, Arnie reads the "Iliad" and the "Odyssey" for fun.

He has long received VIP treatment whenever he walked into the clerk's office, never having to wait in line. (He didn't have to wait at the probation department either, according to Edith Alexander, an officer there.)

Kevin Thomas, the chief court officer, was the only person he allowed to bring his cell phone into the courtroom during cases, because it was a flip phone, and he "didn't know how to turn it off."

Thomas added that he learned about the history of the city's neighborhoods as Abelow recalled who lived at what home and who attended which schools. "I've never met a guy who knew something about everyone," he said. "I don't care if you were Black, White, Hispanic, Italian, Jewish. You name it, if you brought the subject up, he knew something about it. I don't think he realizes that just by the conversations we would have in the morning, how much of a mentor he was for

John Osler called Abelow a "model" for attorneys like himself, a dedicated man who can be found with a client at $ajail\,or\,prison\,on\,Sunday$ mornings. "He's a model because of his concern for his clients," he said. "Arnie sees his clients as fellow human beings and fellow sufferers. If you bump into him in a courthouse, he'll talk about the client, the mess the client is in, and how and Breen's brother

to bring resources to bear to help.'

Added Steve Sack. a fellow attorney: "If a client needed a ride to court, he'd go pick them up.'

Osler turned to Abelow, who was seated in front of him: "I don't know what it's going to be like not seeing you in court," he said. "But I hope retirement is good to you. If anybody deserves a break, it's you, Arnie."

When it was Abelow's turn to speak, he slowly stood up and briefly addressed the crowd. He thanked the probation department, the court officers, the judges he grew up with, and the prosecutors who "most of the time" helped him resolve a case in the best interest of a client.

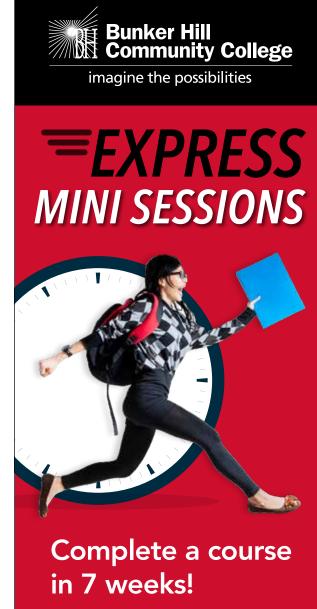
Acknowledging some current medical problems, Abelow said, "I've had a bad break but I'm still here."

As the court's lunch break came to an end. well-wishers kept coming up to talk to Abelow. Among them was David Breen, a prosecutor who became a judge in 2015. He was an elementary school classmate of Abelow's son Jerrold,

grew up with Abelow's daughter Aviva, so Breen has known Mr. Abelow. as he has always called him, since second grade.

'Whether he's on the winning side or not, he's respectful to the court, to his client, and to the prosecutors," Breen said. 'It's a great lesson for us all: Even in a really contentious environment. you can still be kind to one another and get the results you're looking

Ellison, the defense attorney, noted that when Abelow was young, the streets he grew up on were known as predominantly Jewish enclaves, a mix of synagogues and three-deckers. The Mattapan branch library, which opened on Hazelton Street in 1931, has since moved, and it's now a four-minute walk away, right on Blue Hill Avenue, hosting books in Haitian-Creole, Spanish, and French. Sixty-eight percent of the neighborhood's residents identify as Black or African American. "One thing didn't change," Ellison said: "That was Arnie Abelow, representing people in Roxbury, Dorchester, and throughout Suffolk County."



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One councillor thinks it's time to rethink Main Streets model

News Editor

Tania Fernandes Anderson, who chairs the City Council's Ways & Means Committee, told members of the Greater Mattapan Neighborhood Council (GMNC) early this month that the city bureaucracy moves too slowly in distributing funds and the Main Streets model does not work in Black and Brown communities. She suggested that some other type of program replace the model in communities like Mattapan and Dorchester.

Fernandes Anderson, who once led the Bowdoin-Geneva Main Streets program, was discussing the upcoming city budget process at the remote meeting when she brought up her criticism of the model, which involves independent nonprofits focusing on helping commercial districts.

 $\hbox{``A lot of time the people}\\$ on the board-they're not equipped with the tools to fundraise, she said. "A lot of time the people on the board - they're not equipped with the tools to fundraise. The point is I believe Main Streets should be properly funded[by the city] and people should be better paid.

"The formula has one director overseeing all



Councillor Tania Fernandes Anderson is shown while walking in the Roxbury Unity Day parade in July 2021.

businesses with zero resources," she added. "We need to better fund our Main Streets and communicate to our small businesses what resources are available."

She also gave a harsh appraisal of one of the programs in the Main Streets portfolio – the storefront and signage improvement effort, calling it "stupid" because it requires businesses to pay the money up front and then be reimbursed. That's a challenge in low-income Black and Brown districts, she said.

"It doesn't make any sense," she noted. "You can't ask our people to cough up money from their overhead to pay for a sign and then be reimbursed. The city has to do a better job of moving

Chris Lovett photo faster. It's too slow."

Those comments by Fernandes Anderson, whose District 7 Council seat includes Roxbury and parts of Uphams Corner and the South End, came weeks before thousands of Main Streets professionals from around the country are scheduled to arrive in Boston (March 27-29) for the Main Streets Now 2023 conference that will bring Main Streets leaders from cities all over the country.

The agenda calls for the usual workshops but also for attendees to see the successes of Boston's 20 Main Streets districts, including five in Dorchester:

Greater Ashmont, Bowdoin-Geneva, Uphams Corner, Fields

Corner, and Mattapan District 4 where it should Square.

Anderson's comments on Main Streets and the city's slow ways with them were prompted by community member Azan Reid, who noted that a lot of residents are doing upkeep for the city on their own dimes.

"I spend money out of my pocket to buy trash bags and tools to beautify the neighborhood," he said, detailing efforts to clean up city property like the Mattapan Branch Library landscape. "At the same time there are people that hang out in the neighborhood all day long. Maybe we can give them gift cards to help clean up and I think they would...There's really no funds to help small people with these small things...No one is interested in finding out what is happening in Mattapan until someone gets killed and then they want to be seen."

District 4 Councillor Brian Worrell, who represents most of Mattapanand is the vice chair of the Ways & Means Committee, also attended the virtual meeting. He said that he has been reviewing historic disinvestment in District 4 via the city's capital budget for the last 18 months and that is something he hopes to reverse, putting be on funding for parks, schools, and other infrastructure.

"I'm excited about this new year and this new fight to make sure our community gets the investments it needs and should have had," he said. "Throughout this process I'd like our neighbors and residents to be heard at the hearings."

Fernandes Anderson is about to embark on her second year as chair of the budgetary review committee as councillors work with new budgetary powers that give them a greater say in what the mayor proposes.

Typically, the mayor presents the administration's budget proposal to the City Council in April. From there, numerous hearings will take place in the Ways & Means Committee, and a budget will be hammered out, maybe revised, and sent back to the mayor. The new budget is due to be in place on July 1.

MATTAPAN NOTEBOOK

•The new Mattapan Senior Drop-in Program at the Mildred Avenue Community Center is showing great popularity quickly, said Barbara Crichlow. They have had some 50 senior citizens at the Tuesday and Thursday drop-in. She said

many seniors in Mattapan need socialization and many also live alone. They will begin computer classes this month.

• The new GMNC Education Committee gathered a lot of steam with its first meeting late last month, led by members Meshell Whyte (a BPS parent), and Cisco Fernandez (a BPS student).

"We need to hold these teachers accountable, and we need to hold the School Committee accountable," said Whyte.
"The curriculum definitely needs to change. Going forward, I am incredibly optimistic about this committee."

•The new Economic **Development Committee** will have its first meeting on March 22 under the leadership of member David Halbert. It will focus on small business development.

• Councillor Brian Worrell said he is mounting a campaign at the Council to advocate for more liquor licenses designated for District 4. He noted that there are only about one or two Black-owned businesses with licenses out of approximately 1,200 licenses citywide. He said those businesses want more than 200 to be designated for just Roxbury, Dorchester, Mattapan, East Boston, and Hyde Park.

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New program aims to keep teachers with visa issues in city classrooms

By SETH DANIEL **News Editor**

Anupam Raj teaches first-year physics at Excel High School in South Boston, and thanks to a pilot program launched by the Wu administration, the 27-year-old from India will be able to continue doing so in Boston for another year.

That development is a positive ending to what was a frustrating and confusing process for the science instructor, who had tried in vain to get the necessary visa extension that he needed to stay in the country. In February, he wrote an impassioned letter to Mayor Wu and BPS officials, imploring them to address the need to keep teachers like him on the job.

"I was frustrated and slightly annoyed that they didn't have any program, and they also didn't have people to do these jobs," Raj told the Reporter. "I was frustrated for the kids because it doesn't make sense not to help qualified people like me fill jobs that they cannot fill."

Raj's case garnered attention from fellow colleagues across BPS and from parents, many of them from Dorchester and Mattapan, who jumped into action to advocate for him after reading his letter.

Raj wasn't the only one in this position. City officials had for some time recognized that they needed a way to sponsor would-be employees in positions like Raj's, a



Physics teacher Anupam Raj demonstrates to his students at Excel High School in South Boston the concept of propulsion by using a fire extinguisher and a skateboard. Photos courtesy Excel High School/South Boston

process that is common in the corporate world, at universities, and even in public school districts in states like Colorado and New York.

The city's Chief People Officer, Alex Lawrence, said officials had the makings of a sponsorship program "well underway" – and they quickly reached out to Raj to encourage him to apply through the Mayor's Office of Immigrant Advancement (MOIA).

The program opened in February with a targeted outreach to existing employees known to need visas, including Raj. On Feb. 24, the program closed with about 20 applicants from a wide range of fields involved, including BPS, Boston Police, Public Works, and Labor Relations. The next step was to get qualified applicants in touch with a partnering law firm to send applications to the federal government's H-1B visa office, which opened March 1 and closes this Friday (March 17).

"We're very excited to see the that our hypothesis was correct in that we thought we would have a number of employees who were interested," Lawrence said. "We want to be an employer of choice that is competitive with all others in the region. This is just another step to making that happen.'

Raj said he was "very impressed" by the swift action from Mayor Wu and her team. "I didn't think that would happen. I thought I would get fired for speaking up. I was very happy I was supported so much by other staffers and parents. I'm happy it's not just about me anymore, but it's about other people in the system too.'

be irresponsible for the city to lose qualified employees like Raj only because there is no sponsorship program.

"Our hope is we'll learn a lot from this pilot and be able to expand it," he said. "It's small-scale now, but there are a number of jobs where we have a tremendously hard time hiring and retaining due to the nationwide shortages.

"To think we might lose these valuable employees because we don't offer these sponsorships is bad and we believe so deeply in immigrants who have left their home country and come here. They so often have grit and determination and are committed to the city, and we want to do everything we can to retain them."

Raj earned his undergraduate diploma and first master's degree in Lawrence said it would India and was going to



Excel High School physics teacher Anupam Raj is shown in his South Boston classroom. An impassioned email in mid-February about his visa situation garnered major support from colleagues and parents.

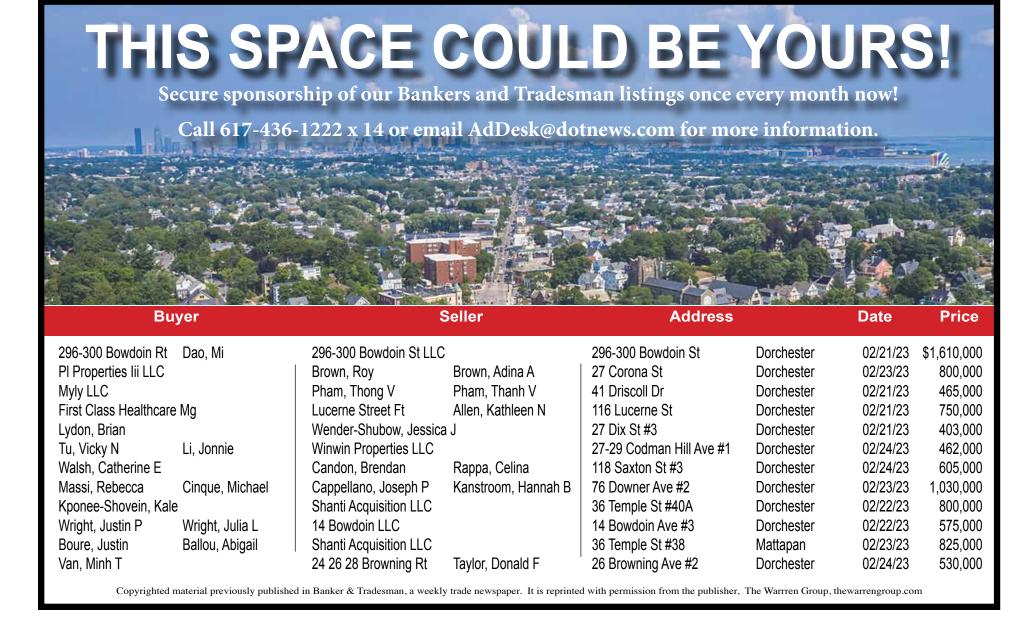
move into the research field and get a doctorate, but he felt called to teaching. He left India and began studying at the University of Maine for his second master's and became certified to teach math and science. He turned down jobs in Maine and in wealthy districts like Newton specifically to teach at Excel. \

In coming from a small village in northern India with limited opportunities, Raj said, he only succeeded due to the devotion of his parents and his teachers. He hoped to be able to motivate students in the city, and perhaps help them see they also could be talented scientists.

By all accounts, his first-year teaching has been full of successes, and it's one reason he didn't quietly pack up and head for a university that likely would have hired him and sponsored his visa.

"Students come in with the mindset that they cannot understand math, physics, or science, and that it isn't for them," he said. "Slowly with a lot of work and boosting their self-image, they see it's doable...Their perception of what a science or physics person is changes and they see they can perhaps be good at it... Seeing them realize they can handle science and seeing their self-esteem go up, that's my favorite part of the job."

There are still a lot of unknowns regarding the H-1B visa program, but Raj has at least begun the first step by getting city sponsorship, being assigned an attorney, and filing all the paperwork. He has high hopes that he will win a visa and be back in his South Boston science room next year, teaching a new crop of freshmen students from across the city how to excel at physics.



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City Council tees up rent control issue for battle on Beacon Hill

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Wu said the proposal modernizes the legal language that defines the mission of the agency, shifting from the 1960s-era focus on getting rid of "urban blight and decay" to taking into account climate resiliency and housing affordability.

With their votes, both11-to-2 tallies, councillors handed a quick pair of victories to the mayor, who campaigned on rent control and abolishing the BPDA in 2021.

Rent control had the support of three-quarters of Boston voters in a poll during the mayor's race conducted for the Dorchester Reporter, WBUR, and the Boston Foundation, and the BPDA has long served as a punching bag for mayoral candidates and neighborhood groups unhappy with developers.

Wu said the rent control measure, which made it through the Council unchanged from her proposal even as it took some heat from the liberal and conservative wings of the 13-member body, protects residents from "extreme price gouging." The measure also exempts owner-occupied small buildings.

The reality is the vast majority of good landlords are not increasing

their rents by more than 10 percent a year because they know that's a bad strategy for them to make money," she said. District 5 Councillor

Ricardo Arroyo, who represents parts of Mattapan and shepherded the measure through the Council, said that 55 percent of rental units in Boston would be affected. The proposal initially drew skeptical notes from critics on the Council's for going too far or not far enough. In the end, District 3 Councillor Frank Baker and At-Large Councillor Erin Murphy, both from Dorchester, were the only ones in the "no" camp for both votes.

In explaining his "no" vote on rent control, Baker pointed to the Wu administration's other efforts to increase fees on developers through the BPDA development process. Baker argued that city officials were adding layers of bureaucracy on developers and landlords as the real estate industry has created generational wealth for the city's middle class.

"It's not easy being a landlord, especially a small landlord," he said, while acknowledging a 10 percent cap is "kind of fair."

But others, like District 4 Councillor Brian Worrell, who represents parts of Dorchester and Mattapan, said rent control will provide residents and landlords with predictability and stability as the region faces a housing crisis driven by high demand and low housing supply.

Added At-Large Councillor Ruthzee Louijeune of Mattapan: "This is going to help level the market. You know you're doing something good when the real estate industry is so scared." She accused rent control opponents of sending a "tracker" to one of her events to record what she told constituents.

Greg Vasil, CEO of the Greater Boston Real Estate Board, which has launched a campaign to block rent control from passing, said he was "disappointed but not totally surprised" at the votes. He said opponents are focused on a "long game."

Vasil added: "As the bill makes its way to Beacon Hill, we are prepared to expand the Rent Control Hurts Housing campaign to educate voters and legislators on the serious harm rent control will have on the residents of the Commonwealth.

"We look forward to promoting pro-housing policies focused on decreasing red tape, additional costs, and regulatory burdens, while increasing production as the path to overcoming the state's affordability

Speaking with report-

ers after the Council session, Wu reiterated that some opponents are "fear-mongering" about her proposal and said the 11-2 vote on rent control grants her administra-

tion a "full runway" to engage in conversations with state lawmakers.

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'World-class' new school seen as part of Shaw-Taylor merger

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"If the application is successful, we will start the process of finding a location in the southern Dorchester or Mattapan area and designing a school that better serves our students – one that is healthy, sustainable, and inclusive, with the individual support, services, and resources that each student needs to thrive," said Delavern Stanislaus, BPS chief of

capital planning.

The new school's location would be determined during the MSBA process, with extensive community involvement, according to officials.

If all goes as hoped for, the new school will be the 10th one built in Boston over the past 40 years, and the first in Mattapan and Dorchester since 2003 when both the Lila Frederick Pilot Middle School on Columbia Road



Delavern Stanislaus

in Dorchester and the Mildred Avenue School in Mattapan were opened under the late Mayor Thomas Menino's administration

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the plans for a new building brings excitement but also an air of frustration for some. Many BPS students for the past few generations have gone to buildings without mod-

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ern amenities, a "harsh reality" that Stanislaus acknowledged in noting that most current Taylor-Shaw families will not benefit from the new amenities due to the long time line for planning andconstruction.

"It's unfortunate all of the kids in the city, including myself, didn't get to attend a state-ofthe-art school with music labs and gyms and all of those good things," she said. "It's exciting for me to do the work for future BPS students...and be empathetic to families that say, 'You do this for other kids, but it wasn't done for my kids.""

Stanislaus noted that BPS is trying to write the wrongs of the past and stressed that under the "Green New Deal for BPS" - which includes 15 school projects and a renovation of White Stadium - new schools would be "community hubs," not just schools.

"These schools will start with the students, but they don't end with the students," she said. "Your kids may not have had the classroom experience [of a new school], but they will have experiences in utilizing community spaces as a community hub."

The bid for a new school does not mean the current two-school, one campus situation will get any less attention, school officials told the Reporter. If approved, the merger will take effect for the 2024-2025 school year and the overall plan includes short-term and the long-term investments. For instance, the Taylor is scheduled to have a new HVAC system installed this year and to get a new roof. Additionally, classrooms will be reconfigured with an eye toward merger approval, which will free up dedicated space for things like libraries and art specialist facilities.

Other considerations flow from discussions about the merger.

 BPS has affirmed that every school in Boston eventually will be a full inclusion school. Inclusion can mean many things, but essentially it ends the practice of separate classrooms for students with disabilities. Though not every student will end up in general education classrooms, they will at the least start out there and get "pull-out or push in" services added to their day, school officials said.

A key consideration for a new Shaw-Taylor school will be making sure that full inclusion is in effect on the campus. Right (Continued next page)



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now, the Taylor has some language and inclusion services, but the Shaw does not; it's considered a "single-strand school" that only serves general

education students. • Student population. School officials said a new school would only be for the Shaw-Taylor school community only. It would have an enrollment of around 600 students, and would not be part of a larger plan to close multiple "single-strand" smaller schools that only serve general education students.

 More mergers and perhaps closures could be coming over the next year once a district-wide facilities audit is completed. "That will put us in a place to know the condition of all of our buildings. We will have a long-term master plan where we can better plan for all our future projects and understand what buildings need to be accelerated,' said capital planning chief Stanislaus.

"We're going to have to look at different options. I will be looking at merging buildings, closing buildings, and building new buildings."

In its coverage of the school system, the Reporter has heard from officials and the public talk about mergers or closings in Dorchester and Mattapan. They include the Sarah Greenwood, the Joseph Lee Academy, the Kenny School, the Oliver Wendell Holmes, the Russell Elementary School and the Roger Clap Elementary.

BPS proposed three school mergers last May, one of which they postponed indefinitely. Those remaining are Shaw-Taylor and the Sumner-Philbrick pairing in Roslindale.

• The number of older buildings that are underutilized due to decreasing enrollment.

· The need for a baseline school design standard to speed up construction, akin to what the Boston Public Library uses for its building projects. A basic design outlook is something the mayor referenced in an interview after her State of the City Address in January. School officials said new school projects in Boston often start from scratch as if they don't know what a school should look like. They noted that the Josiah Quincy School downtown took almost 10 years to move from proposal to the MSBA application. That experience is something Boston officials do not wish to repeat, and they will be piloting the expedited process with any potential new Shaw-Taylor school.

• Financing. The MSBA process includes a certain level of state reimbursement for school projects. In the past, some districts received up to 90 percent reimbursement for their projects. Those days are over. The amount will depend upon the design of the school and the MS-BA's potential feasibility study and analysis.

For its part, the city is prepared to spend its own money, said Stanislaus, particularly from the capital budget, as a means of accelerating school projects and include more amenities.

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There were a couple of

design studies funded in last year's capital budget, notably one for a new Madison Park Technical and Vocational School, and school officials told the Reporter that funding

for design studies will only grow in the next few years.

Stanislaus said she would attend the March 15 School Committee meeting at 5 p.m. to discuss the proposed statement of interest application to the MSBA for a new Shaw-Taylor Elementary School.

Healey headlines St. Patrick's Day breakfast on Sunday

The traditional mix of big-name state, local, and federal pols are on deck for the St. Patrick's Day Breakfast on Sunday in South Boston, where elected officials take a crack at stand-up comedy, roasting their counterparts, or singing a few bars of an Irish ditty.

Gov. Maura Healey, Attorney General Andrea Campbell, and both U.S. Sens. Elizabeth Warren and Edward Markey will be on hand for the green-letter day, according to a spokesman for Sen. Nick Collins of South Boston, who hosts the breakfast.

It's a return to the jokes and Celtic music for Pressley, who last appeared in 2019 when the breakfast was staged at the Flynn Cruiseport, according to the spokesman. Set for 9 a.m. Sunday at the Ironworkers Local 7 union hall in Southie, the event will be broadcast on the Boston

Neighborhood Network and on WROL-AM 950 Irish Radio. Campaign money goes into this fete, and Collins' campaign fund reported a \$5,000 donation in February to the Evacuation Day-St. Patrick's Day Heritage Fund, which is the nonprofit corporation that puts on the event, according to the breakfast's website.

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Stk# BH80615A, 4 dr., 4 cyl., auto, p/s/b, a/c, 31,702 mi.
2016 Toyota Rav4 Hybrid XLE\$22,398
Stk# BH80733A, 4 dr., 4 cyl., auto, p/s/b, a/c, 63,444 mi.
2016 Polaris Slingshot SL\$22,998
Stk# BH24206, three-wheel motorcycle, 13,125 mi.
2020 Honda Civic LX\$23,498
Stk# BH80672A, 4 dr., 4 cyl., auto, p/s/b, a/c, 32,240 mi.
2019 Honda CR-V LX\$23,498
Stk# BH24262, 4 dr., 4 cyl., auto, p/s/b, a/c, 52,571 mi.
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BGCD Partners with Boston Pride & PT Sullivan for Photography Club
Trip to Warrior Ice Arena: See details below.

CONNECT THE DOT: BGCD Partners with Boston Pride & PT Sullivan for Photography Club Trip to Warrior Ice Arena:

Boys & Girls Clubs of Dorchester's Photography Club enjoyed an outing to the New Balance Warrior Ice Arena last week. During their trip, members had a tutorial on sports photography with Professional Photographer, PT Sullivan, followed by the opportunity to photograph the Boston Pride Women's Professional Hockey Game. The participating members will be collecting and processing their photos for an upcoming display. Thank you to Boston Pride and PT Sullivan for pulling this fun trip together. Our members are so excited to continue their photography journey and can't wait for their next trip to photograph different sports. For more information on the Photography Club, please contact Katy Sullivan Farrar at kfarrar@ bgcdorchester.org.

FIND OUT WHAT'S INSIDE:
BGCD Partners with Boch Center
for Interactive Reading Workshops
for Members: Boys & Girls Clubs of
Dorcheter was excited to partner with
the Boch Center for two Interactive
Reading Workshops of "The Snowy
Day" and "Happy Dreamer."

Both workshops took place during February school vacation week. Through illustrated storybooks and featured professional readers, the Boch Center team captures the imagination of audiences to help bring the book to life.

Thanks to our friends at the Boch Center for making these workshops possible for our members.

To learn more on partnering with BGCD, please contact Mike Joyce at mjoyce@bgcdorchester.org.



Celebrating BGCD's Mary Kinsella Scannell on 35 Years of Service: See details below.

<u>DID YOU KNOW:</u> Celebrating BGCD's Mary Kinsella Scannell on 35 Years of Service:

On March 14th, Mary Kinsella Scannell is celebrating 35 years at BGCD! As the Senior Vice President of **Education & Programming, Mary is** passionate about providing a safe, fun, educational experience for our youth. She oversees Early Childhood **Education & Care for infants and** children up to 4 years old, as well as the after-school program for members ages 5 to 18. She's also engaged in Project BIND, ensuring members with disabilities have ample opportunities to participate in programs. Currently, she is addressing ongoing youth mental health crisis by working to expand social emotional learning and combatting pandemic-related learning loss. Thank you Mary, for all that you've done, and all that you continue to do. We are all so lucky to have you as you inspire the next generation of leaders.

UPCOMING EVENTS

BGCD Closed: Professional Development Day March 17

Youth of the Year Banquet March 27

Jurassic World Live Event March 29

National Swim Championship in St. Petersburg, FL March 31 - April 2

1906 Basketball Invitational at New Balance Track April 19

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Lindsey Realty hosts advisory event for would-be homebuyers

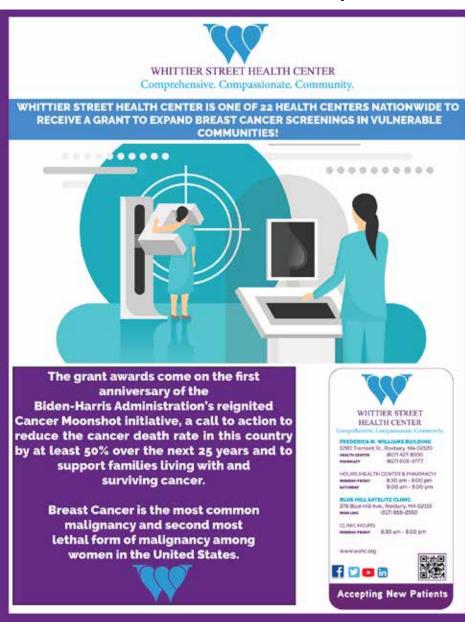
Eric Lindsey and the team from Lindsey & Associates Realty hosted a First Time Homebuyers event at Venezia Restaurant Function Hall in Dorchester last Saturday (March 11) that featured a brunch, local real estate service vendors, a DJ, and a lineup of speakers to walk participants through every stage of the current homebuying process.

"I really wanted to bring people together in a relaxed and fun environment to take the fear out of homeownership," said Lindsey.

Speakers at the event included Lindsey; Vanessa Kane of Movement Mortgage; LaQuisa Burke of Mass Housing Partnership; real estate attorneys Nina Nguyen and Jon Duane; the real estate law firm Huff, Harris Long, Hagan & Huff-Harris; landlord/tenant law specialist Jordana Greenman; Home Inspectors Advance Building Inspectors; and the insurance firm Vargas & Vargas.

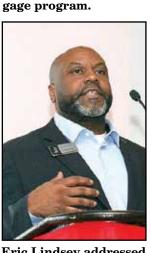


Numerous attendees listened to speakers from across the homebuying spectrum at the First Time Homebuyer event in Venezia Restaurant's Function Hall on Saturday.





Dorchester's LaQuisa Burke, of Mass Housing Partnership, went through the details of the unique One Mortgage program.



Eric Lindsey addressed the crowd at the beginning of Saturday's



Sonia Rivera and Edwin Rodriguez were excited to learn about homebuying and financing.



Participants in the event included Alanna Oates and Fabyola Faublas.



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2 Dot restaurants get licensing extensions

The Boston Licensing Board last Tuesday (March 7) gave Puritan Pizza at 735 Morrissey Blvd. approval to extend its closing time from the current 10 p.m. to 2 a.m. The restaurant's owners had said there was a public need for the later hours both in general and specifically because it gets requests for later hours from its delivery customers in South Boston and Quincy.

In a separate vote, the panel agreed to let Via Cannuccia at 1739 Dorchester Ave. extend its beer and wine license to include cordials.

Tsedenia Kiros, who opened the restaurant last fall with her husband Stefano, said customers had asked for drinks such as limoncellos and aperitivos to go with their meals.

- REPORTER STAFF

Five ways foster care helps animals in need

DR. EDWARD SCHETTINO

You love animals, but perhaps you're unable or not quite ready to make the commitment to care for a pet for the rest of his or her life. If this statement rings a bell, but you would love to have an animal companion, then becoming a foster parent may be the perfect avenue for you.

When you open up your heart and home as a foster parent, not only are you freeing up precious shelter space for other animals in need, but you're also giving an animal the opportunity to receive the personalized attention, care, and love that it deserves.

At animal care and adoption centers, like the Animal Rescue League of Boston, foster animals come in all shapes and sizes – not just dog and cats, but also rabbits, guinea pigs, horses, pigs, and other livestock.

These animals come to ARL in a variety of ways, from owner surrender, to animal cruelty, to overcrowded homes, and more. But no matter how animals make their way into a shelter, a foster home can do wonders for one that is in a period of transition.



This pup is enjoying his foster home after being removed from an alleged cruelty/neglect situation.

Photo courtesy ARL

Here are the 5 ways being in a foster home benefits an animal in need:

- Reduces stress. A shelter typically has tons of activity, and the quiet and solitude of a home environment can go a long way in alleviating that stress.
- Helps with recovery. An animal recuperating from an illness or injury needs a peaceful space and constant monitoring and care to help them heal.
- Encourages better behavior. An animal that needs to work on basic manners or other behavioral challenges can make great strides working with a foster parent one-on-one.
- Assists in healing. Animals that have experienced trauma from

cruelty, neglect, or abuse are often shut down emotionally, and a foster home gives the animal the opportunity to open up at their own pace.

Nurtures the young. Puppies, especially neonatal kittens, require round-the-clock bottle feeding and care to help them grow.

While the benefits of fostering are immeasurable for the animals, the perks extend to the foster family as well. Fostering, a form of volunteering, can teach you new skills, help boost self-confidence, combat loneliness, and encourage physical activity. The greatest reward, however, is the satisfaction in knowing that you have made a real difference by giving a deserving animal the opportunity to thrive.

To learn more about the benefits of fostering an animal, and for opportunities, visit arlboston. org or contact your local animal shelter.

Dr. Edward Schettino is the president and CEO of the Animal Rescue League of Boston. He holds a doctorate in Veterinary Medicine from the Cummings School of Veterinary Medicine at Tufts University.



BPDA Income Restricted Rental Opportunity 1463 Dorchester Avenue, Dorchester, MA 02122 29 Income-Restricted Units

# of Units	# of Bedrooms	Estimated Square Footage	Rent	Maximum Income Limit	# of units built out for mobility impairment and deaf/hard of hearing	# of units built out for deaf/hard of hearing
3	Studio	400sf	\$1,130*	70% AMI	1	-
1	Studio	400sf	\$1,850*	80% AMI	•	1
17	Studio	400sf	\$1,775	90% AMI	1	-
1	1	450sf	\$1,326*	70% AMI	•	-
1	1	450sf	\$2,000*	80% AMI	-	-
6	1	450sf	\$1,900	90% AMI	1	-

*Rents will be reduced by the electricity utility allowance with tenant payment. For more information on the utility allowance, contact us at the phone number listed below

Minimum Incomes (set by owner + based on # of bedrooms + Area Median Income (AMI))					Maximum Incomes (set by BPDA & MassHousing + based on household size + Area Median Income (AMI))			
# of bedrooms	70% AMI	II 80% AMI 90% AMI			Household size	70% AMI	80% AMI	90% AMI
Studio	\$27,120	\$44,400	\$42,600		1	\$68,750	\$78,600	\$88,400
1BR	\$31,824	\$48,000	\$45,600		2	\$78,550	\$89,800	\$101,000

 $\textbf{Applications are available} \ \text{during the application period for 42 days, from Friday, February 17, 2023, through a property of the prope$ $\textbf{Friday}, \textbf{March 31, 2023}. \ \textbf{To request an online application visit} \ \underline{\textbf{http://www.dotcrossingbos.com/lottery}} \ \textbf{or to have} \\$ one sent by USPS mail, call 617-209-9126.

After careful consideration and an abundance of caution, the City of Boston has decided to make the $in-person\ application\ distribution\ optional.\ If\ you\ cannot\ complete\ the\ application\ online,\ please\ call\ us\ at$ 617-209-9126, to request an application be mailed to you. DVM Consulting is available to provide applicants with support and/or guidance needed to complete the application.

Two (2) virtual informational meetings will take place on Wednesday, February 22, 2023, from 5:30 PM to 7:00 PM \underline{and} Saturday, March 18, 2023, from 12:00 PM to 1:30 PM through the following link: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89404407209

Zoom Dial-In #: (305) 224-1968 and Meeting ID: 894 0440 7209

DEADLINE: Applications must be submitted online or postmarked no later than Friday, March 31, 2023. Mailed to: DVM Consulting, 35 Batchelder St, Roxbury, MA 02119.

- Asset & Use Restrictions apply.

For more information, language assistance, or reasonable accommodations for persons with disabilities, please call (617) 209-9126 or email live@dotcrossingbos.com







Virtual Public Meeting

Resilient Dorchester Waterfront Project

March 30, 2023 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM Zoom Link: bit.ly/3SXEWKF Toll Free: (833) 568 - 8864 **Meeting ID:** 161 471 0550



Project Proponent:

Boston Planning & Development Agency and City of Boston, **Environment Department**

Project Description:

The Boston Planning & Development Agency (BPDA) and the City of Boston are building off of the climate vulnerability analysis and resilient strategies developed through Climate Ready Boston (2016) and Coastal Resilience Solutions for Dorchester (2020) to analyze site conditions and develop implementable design options to protect the Dorchester waterfront and community from future sea level rise and coastal storm events.

This virtual workshop will focus on reintroducing the community to Climate Ready Dorchester as well as provide basic information of conceptual locations for flood resilient strategies at Tenean Beach / Conley Street in order to manage current and future community flooding.

Language Access services are available at no cost to you. Spanish, Vietnamese, and Haitian Creole services will be available for this meeting. If you require additional language services, please contact delaney.morris@boston.gov no later than March 27th.

mail to: **Delaney Morris**

Boston Planning & Development Agency One City Hall Square, 9th Floor

Boston, MA 02201

phone: 617.918.4226

email: delaney.morris@boston.gov

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MOH Income Restricted Rental Opportunity

9 Leyland Street, Dorchester, MA 02125

43 Affordable Units										
# of Units	# of bedrooms	Estimated Square Feet	Rent	Maximum Income Limit	# built out for mobility impairments	# built out for Deaf/hard of hearing				
*11	1	566-630	30% HH Income	30% AMI	2	-				
13	1	566-620	30% HH Income	50% AMI	1	1				
17	1	566-630	\$1,578	60% AMI	1	-				
2	2	722-754	\$1,893	60% AMI	1	-				

*Five (5) Homeless Set-aside units will be filled through direct referral from HomeStart. For more information, please contact us at the email address or phone number below. For direct referrals, please

Minimum Incomes (set by owner + based on # of bedrooms + Area Median Income (AMI))					Maximum Incomes (set by HUD/MOH + based on household size + Median Income (AMI))					
# of bedrooms	30% AMI	50% AMI	60% AMI		Household size	30% AMI	50% AMI	60% AMI		
,	40	40	\$47,340		1	\$29,450	\$49,100	\$58,920		
'	\$0	\$0			2	\$33,650	\$56,100	\$67,320		
	N/A N/A \$56,790				3	\$37,850	\$63,100	\$75,720		
2			4	\$42,050	\$70,100	\$84,120				
					5	\$45,450	\$75,750	\$90,900		

Minimum Incomes Apply. Minimum incomes do not apply to households with housing assistance (Section 8, MRVP, VASH) or for the units in this development that include a project-based voucher.

> Applications are available during the application period for 42 days, from February 23, 2023 - April 6, 2023.

To request an online application or to have one sent by email visit https://bit.ly/9LeylandStreetAppReg or call 617-209-5421 | Relay 711.

After careful consideration and an abundance of caution, the City of Boston has decided to cancel the in-person application distribution period. If you cannot complete the application online, please call us at 617-209-5421 | Relay 711, to request that we mail you one and to ask us for any support or guidance you might need to complete the application.

We will be holding two **informational meetings** which can either be viewed online or in-person. To view online, please visit our website at: https levlandstreet.com/ and click on the Information Session Zoom link. To watch in-person, the Thursday, March 9, 2023, 12 PM meeting can be viewed at Indigo Block Apartments Community Room, 67 East Cottage Street, Dorchester, MA 02125 and the Thursday, March 23, 2023, 5 PM meeting can be viewed in-person at the Pierce Building, 594 Columbia Road, Dorchester, MA 02125.

DEADLINE: Applications must be submitted online or postmarked no later than Thursday, April 6, 2023,

Mailed to: 9 Leyland Street, % Maloney Properties, Inc., 27 Mica Lane, 3rd Floor, Wellesley, MA 02481.

- Selection by Lottery. Asset & Use Restrictions apply.
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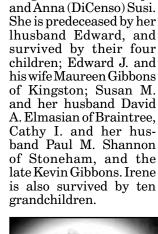


BOMBARDIERI, Anthony T. Jr., 76, of Norfolk, formerly of Dorchester. Husband of Anne "Nancy" E. (Kinsella) Bombardieri. Father of Anthony T., III and his wife, Suzanne, of Westford, Michael T. and his wife, Heather, of Holliston, and Lisa A. Bombardieri of Westborough. Son of the late Anthony T. Bombardieri, Sr. and Maria Grazia Giordano, brothers of Peter S. of Fayetteville, GA, the late Robert L. of Rotunda West, FL, and Thomas D. of Wrentham. Papa Tony

to his 5 grandchildren. Tony leaves behind many dear nieces, nephews, former Boy Scouts, and countless friends. Donations may be made in his name to The Trustees of Reservations, 200 High Street, 4th Floor, Boston, MA 02110, thetrustees.



GIBBONS, A. Irene, 92 of Braintree, formerly of Hyde Park and Dorchester. She was the



daughter of the late Ralph



HARRIS, Esmine G (Reid), 85, of Jamaica. Daughter to the late Enid Reid and Alfred Reid. Emsine was predeceased by her son Brian Lawrence Sr. She leaves her daughter Joan Brissett of Dorchester, and her son Earl Lawrence also of Dorchester; her three grandchildren; her four great-grandchildren; and three siblings Beryl Dove of Mount Vernon NY, Blossom Taylor of Montego Bay Jamaica, and Trevor Taylor, also of Montego Bay Jamaica. She also leaves a host of family in Massachusetts and back home in Ja-

maica. HORAN, Joseph E. "Joe," 95, of Milton and Falmouth, formerly of South Boston. Husband of the late Dorothy M. (Mcinnis) Horan. Father of James and his wife Marianne of Canton, Nancy Paull and her husband Gerard of Milton, Janet

Morrison and her husband Bernard of Dorchester, Timothy and his wife Tracie of Royersford, PA, and Marie of South Boston. Also survived by 10 grandchildren and 8 great grandchildren. Brother of the late Msgr. Edward, James and Margaret Barwick. WWII Navy Veteran. Expressions of sympathy may be made in Joseph's memory to Friends of the Milton Council on Aging, 10 Walnut St., Milton, MA 02186.



MOTTLEY, Gloria Elaine, 85, of Dorchester, originally of Barbados. Daughter to Beatrice Griffith and Lonney Mahoney. Gloria leaves behind her husband, Wilfred Mottley. Preceding her death are her son, Desmond Griffith, her sister, Sylvia Griffith, and her brother Kenneth Griffith. Gloria will be greatly missed by her family: her close cousin, Evelyn Griffith, her nieces and nephews.



NEE, John David, 92, of South Boston. Husband to Alice (Stravinsky) Nee. Father of Elaine Barrett and her husband. William of South Boston, John Nee Jr. and his wife, Karen of Milton, Linda Graham and her husband, Terrance of Braintree, Michael Nee of South Boston, Susan Collins and her husband, Francis of Dorchester, Mary Catherine Nee-Loftus and her husband, Patrick of South Boston. Grandfather of 9. Great-grandfather of 10. Brother of the late Anna Conley, Michael, Robert, Joseph, Thomas, Paul Donald, William, Edward, and James Nee. Also survived by many nieces and nephews. Late Veteran, US Ārmy. Donations in memory of John may be made to Gate of Heaven Church, 841 East Broadway, South Boston,



NOBLE, Christina "Tina" Marie, 50, of Dorchester. Mother

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of Robert Noble Cura

of Dorchester and Kylie Cura of Weymouth.

Daughter of Robert and

Elizabeth (Boyce) Noble

of Henderson, NV. Sister

of the late Robert Noble.

Grandmother of 3. Also

survived by Barbara No-

ble, Mary Jane Boyce,

Mario Cura and many

loving extended family

and friends. Donations in

memory of Christina may

be made to MSPCA-An-

gell, ATTN: Donations,

350 South Huntington

Ave., Boston, MA 02130,

OWENS, Rhonda Stella (Juitt), 69, of Dorchester. Wive of the late William P. Owens. Rhonda leaves behind sisters, Bonita Alves (Maryland) Georgette Alves (Kansas) and her brother, Derrick Temple (Worcester). Rhonda also leaves behind her eight children Pauline Sims (Robert) Stoughton, Trinette Owens-Lee (Kwame) Brockton, Sharese Owens, Dorchester, Tracey Robinson (Grant) Covington, GA, Chanel Owens, Holbrook, Brandi Flowers (Ervin) Dorchester, Jason Simmons (Jacqueline) Brockton, and Jaime Owens (Leonides) Dorchester. 23 grandchildren: 13 great grandchildren along with a host of nieces and nephews.



TAYLOR, Esther A. (Steele), 74, of Plymouth, formerly of South Boston and Dorchester. Daughter of the late John H. and Esther V. (Adams) Steele; and sister of the late John R. Steele and James A. Steele. Mother of John Christopher Taylor of West Bridgewater. Sister of Jeanne S. McKnight and her husband, Stephen of Needham, William D. Steele and Joseph P. Steele of Salisbury, Maureen F. Steverman and her husband, Robert of Needham, and Nancy E. Fowler of Marshfield. Also survived by many nieces, nephews, and cousins. former wife of John M. Taylor. Expressions of sympathy may be made in Esther's memory to Community Systems, Inc., 3 Cedarhill Park Drive, Plymouth, MA

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COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS THE TRIAL COURT **PROBATE & FAMILY COURT** SUFFOLK PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT 24 NEW CHARDON STREET BOSTON, MA 02114 CITATION ON PETITION TO CHANGE NAME

Docket No. SU23C0110CA IN THE MATTER OF: **HALEY PEREZ** A Petition to Change Name of Minor has been filed by Haley Perez of Boston, MA requesting

that the court enter a Decree changing their name to: **Haley Perez-Diaz** IMPORTANT NOTICE

Any person may appear for purposes of objecting to the petition by filing an appearance at: Suffolk Probate and Family Court before 10:00 a.m. on the return day of 04/06/2023. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance if you object to this

proceeding. Witness, HON. BRIAN J DUNN, First Justice of this Court. Date: March 09, 2022 Felix D. Arroyo Register of Probate

Published: March 16, 2023

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS THE TRIAL COURT PROBATE & FAMILY COURT
SUFFOLK DIVISION
24 NEW CHARDON STREET
BOSTON, MA 02114
Docket No. SU22D2036DR DIVORCE SUMMONS
BY PUBLICATION and MAILING
PAULA LAWRENCE RICHARDS

vs. SHAWN DARNELL RICHARDS

the Defendant:
The Plaintiff has filed a Complaint for Divorce requesting that the Court gran a divorce for Irretrievable Breakdown The Complaint is on file at the Court An Automatic Restraining Order has been entered in this matter preventing you from taking any action which would egatively impact the current financia status of either party. SEE Supplementa Probate Court Bule 411

You are hereby summoned and required to serve upon: Paula Lawrence Richards, 21 Kingsdale St., Boston, MA 02124 your answer, if any, on or before 04/27/2023. If you fail to do so, the cour will proceed to the hearing and adjudication of this action. You are also required to file a copy of your answer, if any, ir

the office of the Register of this Court Witness, HON. BRIAN J. DUNN irst Justice of this Court. Date: March 3, 2023

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COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS THE TRIAL COURT PROBATE & FAMILY COURT SUFFOLK PROBATE & FAMILY COURT SUFFOLK PROBATE & FAMILY COURT
24 NEW CHARDON STREET
BOSTON, MA 02114
CITATION GIVING NOTICE
OF PETITION FOR
APPOINTMENT OF CONSERVATOR
OR OTHER PROTECTIVE ORDER
PURSUANT TO G.L. c. 190B, §5-304
& §5-405
Docket No. SU23P0197PM
IN THE MATTER OF:
LUIS RIBEIRO
of BOSTON, MA
RESPONDENT
(Person to be Protected/Minor)

nterested persons, a petition has been filed interested persons, a petition has been filed by Brian J. McLaughlin of Boston, MA in the above captioned matter alleging that Luis Ribeiro is in need of a Conservator or other protective order and requesting that Brian McLaughlin of Boston, MA (or some other suitable person) be appointed as Conservator to serve With Corporate Surety on the bond.

The petition asks the Court to determine that the Recognidate it disabled that a

that the Respondent is disabled, that a protective order or appointment as Conser-vator is necessary, and that the proposed conservator is appropriate. The petition is

conservator is appropriate. The petition is on file with this court.

You have the right to object to this proceeding. If you wish to do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance at this court on or before 10:00 A.M. on the return date of 04/04/2023. This day is NOT become date but a deadline date by which a hearing date, but a deadline date by which ou have to file the written appearance if you object to the petition. If you fail to file the vritten appearance by the return date, action nay be taken in this matter without furthe 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 asl for a lawyer. Anyone may make this reques on behalf of the above-named person. If the on behalf of the above-halfied person. It in above-named person cannot afford a lawyer one may be appointed at State expense. Witness, Hon. Brian J. Dunn, First Justic

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THE TRIAL COURT
PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT
Suffolk Probate & Family Court
24 New Chardon Street
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Docket No. SU23P0382EA
ESTATE OF:
GREGORY T. JEUDY
DATE OF DEATH: 10/31/2022
at all interested persons:

and Appointment of Personal Representativ has been filed by Philllippe Jeudi of Brooklyn
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Decree and Order and for such other relie as requested in the Petition. The Petitions equests that: Phillippe Jeudi of Brooklyn, N be appointed as Personal Representative(s of said estate to serve With Corporate Surety on the bond in unsupervised administration IMPORTANT NOTICE

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Date: February 22, 2023
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Docket No. SU23P0521EA
ESTATE OF:
EDWARD P. GIBBONS
DATE OF DEATH: 01/22/2022
all interested persons:

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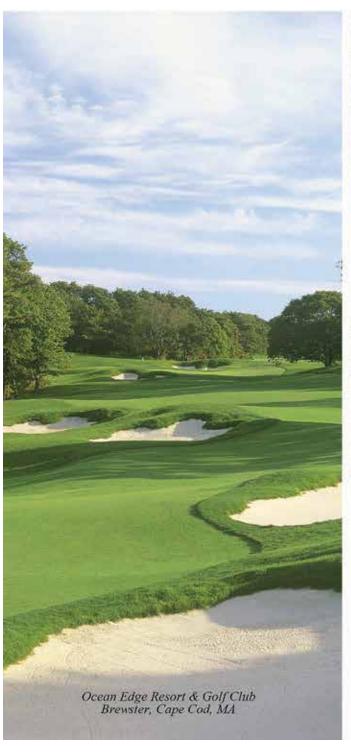


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