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# City sets out a 'bold vision' for Moakley Park



This graphic shows how Moakley Park would be transformed by the raising of key elements above: prospective 21st century sea levels. Rendering by Stoss Landscape Urbanism

### Ziven Drake, 'Trades Woman of the Year,' has always 'kind of played with the dudes'

By Daniel Sheehan REPORTER STAFF

Ziven Drake has always been a tomboy.

As a former US Air Force mechanic and a current member of the Pile Drivers Local 56 Union, the 36-year-old Dorchester transplant from Woodstock, Vermont, is used to being in environments that are male-dominated.

"When I was growing up there was no such thing as all-girl sports teams," she said. "I grew up playing ice hockey and specifically, there was no women's hockey, so I've always just kind of played with the dudes.

Drake has often been the sole woman in her fields of activity, but that hasn't held her back; in fact, she was recently named Trades Woman of the Year by the Associated General Contractors of Massachusetts in recognition of her excellent work as a commercial diver with Local 56.

While she says she has always loved being in the water, her



Ziven Drake accepting her award, above, and on the job at right. Photos courtesy Ziven Drake

career as a diver, which entails often dangerous underwater work like drilling, welding, and rigging, didn't begin until a few years ago.

After graduating from the University of Vermont with degrees in anthropology and sociology, Drake spent five years in the healthcare field before realizing the work wasn't satisfying. So, she changed course and spent several years with the Air Force as an F-16 crew



chief, repairing and maintaining fighter jets.

Then, as has been the case with many decisions in her life, she made a move to commercial (Continued on page 15)

### Coastal protection is ultimate goal; Day Blvd. recasting eyed in plan

By YUKUN ZHANG REPORTER CORRESPONDENT

The Moakley Park of the future would include a new berm to protect against coastal flooding, the elimination of the section of Day Boulevard that runs along Carson Beach, and the creation of a new track and football stadium under a conceptual plan unveiled by city of Boston officials and presented by representatives of its design team last Thursday during a community meeting in South Boston.

About 80 people reviewed the plan, which Parks and Recreation officials emphasized is strictly conceptual and unfunded at this stage. But the proposal serves as a working document for the potential transformation of what some call the "super park" that straddles the Dorchester and South Boston border and offers a key recreation destination for the surrounding neighborhoods.

Thursday's meeting at the Iron Worker's Union Hall was the fourth in a series of sessions that was inaugurated last year. The city of Boston owns and manages the sprawling park and hopes to incorporate it into a larger plan to protect the city from rising sea levels and corresponding coastal flooding. There is no set time line for the full plan and, critically, no dedicated funding yet in place for its implementation, which city planners say could eventually cost hundreds of millions of dollars to (Continued on page 12)

### **Inclusionary policy** spurring growth in housing, city says

By Jennifer Smith **News Editor** 

As the city begins to re-examine its standards for required affordable housing production, a new report on the progress of its Inclusionary Development Policy (IDP) shows a jump in production of units due to the program in the last year.

The 19-year-old policy requires that most new residential developments that need city approvals contribute to

affordable housing in some way. Affordable units can be located in their buildings, or built off-site but nearby, or the developers can pay into a city fund that then goes toward building and acquiring more affordable housing, or some combination of the three.

About 21 percent of all IDP units were built in the last year, city officials said at a roundtable discussing the report on Monday. In 2018, 546 (Continued on page 4)



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### Rollins lays out a "roadmap" for DA office to follow

By Yukun Zhang REPORTER CORRESPONDENT

In a 66-page memo sent to her staff this week, Suffolk County District Attorney Rachael Rollins laid out what she called in a tweet on Monday night "a roadmap to a criminal justice system that works equally for

everyone, based on research, data and input from many stakeholders."

In detailing the changes in policies that her office will be following, Rollins focused on several: "declination and diversion," treatment over punishment, and a reduction in the impact of court procedure on immigration status.

Striking a theme that she introduced during her campaign last year, Rollins put an emphasis on "declination and diversion," shorthand for declining to charge offenders of 15 "low-level, non-violent"

crimes and diverting the cases to programs like community

The memo cites the Suffolk County Juvenile Alternative Resolution (JAR) program, launched in 2017 by former Suffolk DA Dan Conley, as

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### DOT BY THE DAY March 29 - April 16, 2019

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

Friday (29th) - The Boston Parks and Recreation Department offers free indoor golf clinics at the Perkins Community Center, 155 Talbot Ave. starting this evening at 6 p.m.(juniors) and 7 p.m. (adults). The six-week program is also offered at other community centers. Equipment is provided, but you may bring your own clubs. To register, please contact the Perkins Center at 617-635-5162.

Saturday (30th) - Latino Law Enforcement Group of Boston hosts a Community Breakfast at 9 a.m. to benefit the Berkshire Partners Blue Hill Boys & Girls Club, 15 Talbot Ave., Dorchester In partnership with the Boston Police District B-3. Tickets for the breakfast are \$20 per person or \$200 per table. To purchase tickets, a table or to donate, please contact Ms. Shari Maestre at the Blue Hill Club (smaestre@bgcb.org) or Officer Pele James 617-343-4717.

 City of Boston invites young Bostonians to participate in a youth job and resource fair at Reggie Lewis Track and Athletic Center, 1350 Tremont St, Roxbury from 10 a.m.- 2 p.m. This year's theme, "Success Awaits, Come Find It," aspires to connect Boston's youth with onsite summer workforce development opportunities through engaging with employers, job placement opportunities, career development workshops, and access to youth-serving organizations.

Thursday (4th) - JFK Library in Dorchester hosts free program on American Moonshot: JFK and the Great Space Race, from 6-7:30 p.m. Award-winning author and Rice University professor of history Douglas Brinkleydiscusses his new book, American Moonshot: John F. Kennedy and the Great Space Race, with Pulitzer Prize-winning author and Harvard professor of history Fredrik Logevall. Register at jfklibrary.org.

Saturday (13th) - Dorchester Park Clean-up from 8-10 a.m. Meet at the tennis courts to help clear brambles and dog poop from the egg hunt search area. See dotpark.org for more.

Sunday (14th) – Dorchester Historical Society will host genealogist Eileen Curley Pironti for a special program on researching family history on Sun., April 14, at 2 p.m. at 195 Boston St., Dorchester. Using examples from research she conducted on four generations of Dorchester's Clapp family, speaker Curley Pironti will provide tips on how to make your family history research an interesting and rewarding experience. She is a genealogist at the New England Historic Genealogical Society in Boston. She and her husband, Paul, have been caretakers at the William Clapp House since 2015.

Tuesday (16th) - David Zucker Poetry in Motion program for children at the JFK Library, 10:30 a.m. contact 617-514-1644.

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Charbo's Run -a five-mile road race in memory of Trooper Mark S. Charbonnier- was held on Sunday, March 24 in Dorchester and Milton. Charbonnier, a Dorchester native and six-year veteran of the State Police, was killed in the line of duty in 1994. Sunday's event marked the 25th anniversary of the first Charbo's Run, which raised funds for memorial scholarships in Mark's name. Photo courtesy Boston Fire Dept.

### Ashmont, JFK-UMass targeted on T's spring cleaning 'blitz'

By Chris Lisinski STATE HOUSE News Service

MBTA employees will begin a \$25 million cleaning and maintenance project this spring to improve conditions at the transit system's busiest stations, officials said on Monday. The "station brightening" effort will include power-washing, repairing ceiling leaks, replacing cracked tiles and repainting walls, among other checklist items.

MBTA leaders described the plan as a "short-term blitz" to give customers a more pleasant experience ahead of a more comprehensive renovation process next vear.

"A lot of the feedback we got as part of the fare increase discussion was that folks wanted to see results," MBTA General Manager Steve Poftak said at a meeting of the authority's

oversight board. "They wanted stations to be cleaner, wanted stations to be nicer, wanted better customer experience from the T. I'm very pleased we have shortterm activities we've been able to initiate in a relatively short period of time.'

Work on the brightening project will begin April 1, with high-traffic stations Ashmont, Back Bay, Downtown Crossing, Dudley and JFK/ UMass targeted first. However, MBTA Deputy General Manager Jeff Gonneville said, additional busways and subway stations will be renovated later in the process. Gonneville said the spring cleaning will not be "the big bang" customers may want, but that the changes will be noticeable.

The MBTA will fund the effort with payas-you-go capital, but Gonneville left open the possibility of identifying additional money to lengthen the program. Fiscal and Management Control Board members urged the MBTA to use the planned work as a springboard toward better regular cleaning and maintenance.

The contract we have now is not sufficient," said board member Monica Tibbits-Nutt. "I don't think it gives the level of cleaning, of constant cleaning, we need throughout our station." MBTA officials are also planning a broader \$65 million project focusing on both station rejuvenation and improving wayfinding at the Park Street station, which Gonneville said will begin during the summer. That project has been planned for close to a year and went out for a bid to secure the contract. Officials will discuss the effort in the coming weeks.

### Bail revoked for Dot man accused of videoing boys

Federal magistrate judge M. Page Kelley revoked bail and "home detention" for Eric Tran Thai of Dorchester last week, saying she is convinced he poses too much of a risk of reoffending - or of fleeing the area.

Thai was arrested earlier this month after federal investigators, who'd had their eve on him for more than a year, found what they said were 45 videos made between February and June, 2017 of Boston Latin School boys in varying degrees of undress in restrooms

The judge ordered him held behind bars pending the outcome of his trial on five counts of sexual exploitation of children.

Investigators say they found the videos on computers in his Dorchester condo, for which they'd obtained a search warrant as part of an investigation that began when Thai was arrested on state misdemeanor charges for allegedly videoing two men in a restroom at Boston College.

Officials are still going through roughly 20 terabytes of files, which they say date back 20 years.

A clerk in US District Court in Boston had set bail for Thai at \$10,000 at his arraignment on March 11. The order allowed him to go to work, visit his parents, a counselor and his lawyer, but ordered him to stay away from Boston Latin in particular and other places where teens might congregate.

But in an order released on Friday, following a March 19 hearing on bail, Judge Kelley said the magnitude of the federal charges against Thai - he faces a minimum of 15 years in prison if convicted coupled with a history of extensive foreign travel and the fact that he has enough savings to support himself while working just eight hours a week at \$15 an hour makes him a flight risk.

### UPCOMING CIVIC ASSOC. MEETINGS • FULL LISTINGS ON PAGE 10

Saturday breakfast benefits Blue Hill Boys & Girls Club – The in the winter and spring in Dorchester on Sat., March 30 from Dorchester's Clapp family, speaker Curley Pironti will provide Latino Law Enforcement Group of Boston hosts a breakfast to benefit the Berkshire Partners Blue Hill Boys & Girls Club on Sat., March 30 from 9-11 a.m. at 15 Talbot Ave., Dorchester In partnership with the Boston Police District B-3 station, the proceeds from the breakfast benefits the many programs that the Blue Hill Club provides. Special guest speakers for the community breakfast include Boston Police Commissioner Willie Gross and Dan Lebowicz, executive director of the Center for the Study of Sports in Society at Northeastern University. Tickets are \$20 per person or \$200 per table. E-mail Shari Maestre at the Blue Hill Club (smaestre@bgcb.org) or Officer Pele James, 617-343-4717.

**Peace Cup benefits Team MR8 on March 30**— The 2019 Peace Cup will be held at the Canton Sportsplex on Sat., March 30 at 12 p.m. A post-game celebration and neighborhood fundraiser will be held at 7 p.m. at the McKeon Post on Hilltop Street in Dorchester. All are invited and encouraged to attend.

Beaches hearing on March 30 in Savin Hill— Metropolitan Beaches Commission will hold one of its nine public hearings

10a.m.-12p.m. at the Savin Hill Yacht Club. Representative Daniel Hunt and Paul Nutting invite the public to attend. During the last round of hearings more than a thousand people participated, helping the Commission understand what's working and what could use improvement, Contact Andrea Patton 617-451-2860 ext. 1006 or by email at mbc@savetheharbor.org

St. Ann \$10k Dinner on March 29 – St. Ann Neponset will host its 35th annual \$10,000 dinner to benefit the Alice McDonald Catholic HS scholarship fund, VBS, CYO basketball, youth ministry and the parish on Fri., March 29 at 6 p.m. at Venezia in Port Norfolk, Dorchester. Tickets are \$150 for a numbered ticket and \$50 for a companion ticket. Gpo to stannstbrendan. com/10k-dinner or call 617-436-0310 or email saintannoffice@ gmail.com.

Historical Society hosts geneaology expert on April 14 -Dorchester Historical Society will host genealogist Eileen Curley Pironti for a special program on researching family history on Sun., April 14, at 2 p.m. at 195 Boston St., Dorchester. Using examples from research she conducted on four generations of

tips on how to make your family history research an interesting and rewarding experience. She is a genealogist at the New England Historic Genealogical Society in Boston. She and her husband, Paul, have been caretakers at the William Clapp House since 2015.

Free Family Gym Program at Holland Center – The family gym program is back for the spring season (through April 13). Family Gym is a free, weekly play program that promotes physical activity for children ages 3-8 and their families on Saturdays from 10-11:30 a.m. at the BCYF Holland Community Center, 85 Olney St., Dorchester. Family Gym has had over 2,007 children and caregivers participate in the program since it began in 2011. Children and adults move at their own pace in supervised activities. For updated information or program cancellations follow @BCYFCenters.

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### Defiant 'sober' home operator plans to proceed on Percival St.

By Jennifer Smith News Editor

Residents and local officials excoriated the owner of several "sober" group homes during an emotional meeting at the Mather School on Tuesday night in which the property owners—Joseph Pizziferri Jr. and his son, Joseph Pizziferri III— pledged to move forward with their controversial plans to operate a group home at 29 Percival St.

Neighbors along Potosi and Percival streets and Mount Ida Road have been on edge since last year, when 29 Percival sold and then quickly traded hands to the Pizziferris, who operate seven sober homes in the Dorchester and Roxbury area, including 16 Potosi St., just two houses over.

Their initial outcry upon seeing 30 mattresses carted into the big Victorian house on Percival Street brought Inspectional Services into the mix to investigate any potential zoning violations. Two of the top officials in the city of Boston have been engaged in hands-on talks with neighbors and the Pizzeferis to resolve the dispute.

One of those officials— Inspectional Services Department Commissioner William Christopher — was on hand at Tuesday's meeting and at first spoke kindly of the Pizziferris. They came into his office willingly and made changes to the house so that it better reflected the single-family zoning for which it was intended, Christopher said. They assured Christopher they would not be moving forward with plans to make it a sober home.

That congeniality took a sharp turn when the elder Pizziferri revealed during the meeting that he did in fact intend to convert 29 Percival into a sober home for 15 women. It has already been certified under the Faith House group that the Pizziferri's manage, though it has not yet opened.

"I really feel betrayed," Christopher said as outrage bubbled in the room. "Joe, you told me at the onset of things, then I came to this community and very proudly represented you and your family that you were going to do the right thing. I am pretty upset at the dealings that you're going to have with the city, because your word no longer means anything to me."

Multiple residents said that Pizziferri lied to them on first meeting them, claiming that he

pher — was on hand at Tuesday's meeting and at first spoke kindly of the Pizziferris. They came into his office willingly and made changes to the house so that and his family would be moving into 16 Potosi St. Neither he nor his son contradicted those claims during the meeting. The son declined to comment afterward.

Rochelle Nwosu, a former principal at the Mather School who lives between 16 Potosi and 29 Percival, said "I want to cry. That's how strongly I feel about this situation."

With her young child at her knees and her hand on her pregnant midriff, Nwosu told Pizziferri, "I had faith in you, thought you were going to say, You know what? I've tapped out on Potosi, let me just sell Percival' and make money on it, do whatever you need to do, fix it up, make it fancy, do whatever's happening all over Dorchester, but I honestly did not expect to come here tonight to hear you say that you were going to move forward with that. I am heartbroken."

Representatives from the Massachusetts Alliance of Sober Housing (MASH) and the Recovery Homes Collaborative explained that the sober homes are a protected category in part because of the Fair Housing Act and the Americans with Disabilities Act.

"You can't subject a sober home to a different standard than you would



A Tuesday evening meeting at the Mather School turned heated as operators of group sober homes told neighbors they will go against objections of neighbors and open a new sober house on Percival Street.

anybody else in your neighborhood," said Larissa Matzek of MASH. City Councillor Frank Baker acknowledged that the voluntary sober home certification system has done a lot of good in bringing sober homes into the light. But, Baker added, the way these homes were purchased and transformed "looks shady."

Denise Williams presently lives at 16 Potosi St. and said the sober house "saved my life." If she had stayed at her mother's house, she said, "I would have continued to use." She defended other residents of the house and emphasized that they all have to stay clean while living there.

Sheila Dillon, housing chief for the city of Boston, was among those

visibly frustrated by the meeting's turn. At one point, Dillon pointedly asked that the owners "do the right thing" and sell the house. In a strong real estate market, Dillon said, "you don't have to convert the house. It's easy, just say you're not gonna do it."

The state has standards for how densely rooming houses can be sited, she pointed out, so the state could in theory make density a condition of its voluntary certification process for sober homes.

Pizziferri III said the density is intentional, "so there is that community, so there is that camaraderie." He called it "intimidating" to go door-to-door to introduce himself. "As far as community involvement,

we've been in this community six years and no one's ever called my phone to say 'Hello,'" he said

Lisa Villaroel, a neighbor on Potosi Street, pointed out that they had to go digging through records to even find out who owned the houses and others said they had never seen the younger Pizziferri in the neighborhood.

Christopher asked that the Pizziferris put off converting the house for a month until the next meeting, but Pizziferri Jr. said it would be a financial burden, sarcastically suggesting "If everyone wants to pass the hat and make a donation," to cover his mortgage.



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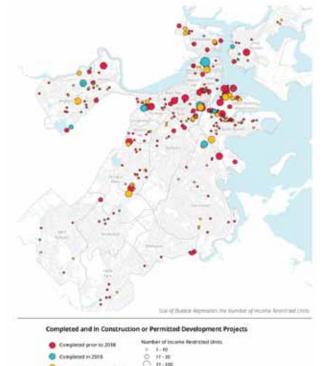
### Inclusionary policy spurring growth in housing, city says

(Continued from page 1) inclusionary units were completed and 834 more were under construction or permitted. Housing chief Sheila Dillon said the trend will likely continue into 2019.

The long recovery since 2008 seems to have hit a zenith with an explosion of new construction. Officials say Boston has leveraged the booming private housing market to boost the number of affordable units in the city, but add that there's a careful balance between hitting affordability standards and shutting down development entirely.

"It's calibrating it correctly so that we're not disincentivizing development through too onerous a burden," said Brian Golden, director of the Boston Planning and Development Agency. "But, at the same time, getting as much as we can out of private development to benefit people who otherwise would not be able to handle market rates when it comes to rentals and home ownership.

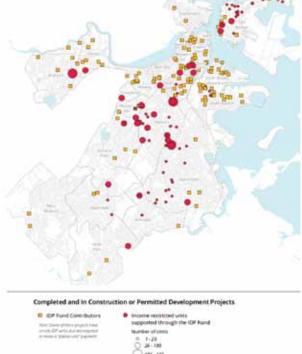
Data show jumps in on-and off-site affordable



housing in the same places where construction is booming. About 16 percent of the IDP units have been built downtown, followed by the Seaport District with 13 percent, the report notes.

"In total, 57 percent of IDP Units can be found in central Boston neighborhoods, stretching from the North End to the South End, and from the Seaport to the Fenway," according to the report.

More than half of the new 2018 units came online from the 239-unit income-restricted Beverly development near North Station. The Treadmark Building in Dorchester is also among the period's highlights. After a devastating fire just before completion, the mixed-use building



was demolished and rebuilt by the end of 2018. Its 83 apartments include 51 income restricted rental units, 28 market rate condominiums, and 4 IDP on-site condos.

Between built, in progress, and permitted units, "you can see that in each of those phases they're in all neighborhoods of the city," said Tim Davis, BPDA housing policy manager. "Pretty much

with only Mattapan as maybe one area with a lot fewer."

Mattapan has only 2 percent of completed on- and off-site units and 2 percent of all completed IDP-funded units, according to city data. A scatterplot shows that all Mattapan units were completed prior to 2018, with none in construction or permitted. Dorchester, the city's largest neighborhood, houses only 5 percent of all on- and off-site units.

Almost 2,600 on- and off-site income restricted units came online since 2000, with 1,414 units built through funding channels, including the IDP pool. Income restricted housing financed by the IDP fund are mostly found in Chinatown (12 percent), Dorchester (12 percent), and Roxbury (27 percent).

Affordable housing advocates in the region have pushed for higher standards of affordability overall and a reduction in the way municipalities determine affordability. About half of Boston residents earned less than \$35,000 a year, according to a 2016 report.

The report shows that 34 percent of current owners of IDP units had incomes between \$25,000 and \$50,000 when they purchased and 50 percent between \$50,000 and \$75,000. Renters of these units hit lower income levels overall, with 16 percent making less than \$25,000, 49 percent between \$25,000

and \$50,000, and 29 percent between \$50,000 and \$75,000.

An ongoing project for which IDP funds can be used is the "1,000 Homes" effort, in which the city will purchase 1,000 existing properties and preserve them as income-restricted housing.

Revised in 2015, the program is on the cusp of another reassessment. The advisory firm Landwise will conduct a feasibility study on the city development market to give them some clarity on "what we can extract from developers in different neighborhoods," Davis said.

Meetings with developers and housing advocates, as well as a series of community meetings starting in the late spring, should lead to a new policy proposal later this year.

"Any change to IDP or linkage will come down to the economics of development here in Boston," said Sheila Dillon.

Boston has other sources of affordable housing money, such as the Community Preservation Act fund, for which they are working on improving the state match. A hearing Tuesday addressed a home rule petition that would apply IDP standards to all 10-unit-plus buildings in Boston, not just the ones that need zoning relief and trigger the IDP requirements.

The market is "mature," Golden acknowledges, and a downturn in construction would also lead to a downturn in IDP funds.

"So, people are concerned," he said. "There is sort of a nervousness that pervades the development environment. We're sensitive to all of that and, and what informs us going forward as we tweak the program, as we modify the program, is we do not want to do harm to that which we've already achieved and continue to achieve. We want a program that is workable and that means workable from the standpoint of City Hall and public policy makers and public regulators, but also workable and in the private development world.'



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# Dot singer-songwriter explores his working-class, Iranian roots

### By Daniel Sheehan REPORTER STAFF

Muhammad Seven is the stage name of Nima Samimi, a 41-year-old Codman Square resident in the process of fulfilling his destiny as an Americana songwriter. The son of an Iranian immigrant father and a white American mother, Samimi says his identity has always been at the center of his musical journey, serving as both a source of inspiration and an obstacle.

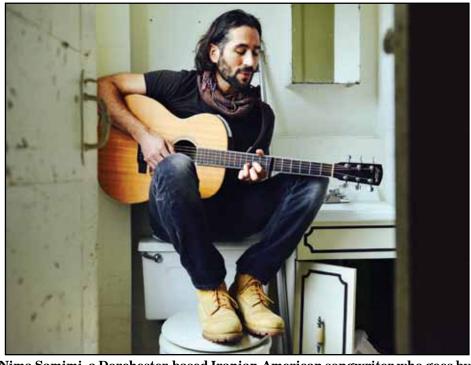
While he was growing up with a single mother in the Greater Boston area, he says, elements of racism and classism made it hard for him to believe in himself as an artist.

"I really could not wrap my mind around how to exist as an Iranian songwriter and performer," Samimitold the Reporter. "Who would want to hear what I had to say? What context was there?"

This combination of internal and external factors led to what he calls a "delay" in his artistic growth. But at the age of 30, he got a big break, joining "Montana's Rappin' Cowboy" Chris Sand on a tour across the western United States. On the road with Sand, Samimi's songwriting

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Nima Samimi, a Dorchester-based Iranian-American songwriter who goes by the stage name Mohammed Seven, describes his musical persona as a "Middle Photo courtesy Muhammad Seven.com Eastern everyman."

evolved and his identity changed: Nima became Mohammad.

Sand noted that "he was having a harder time booking shows than he had ever had," explained Samimi. "It became clear over the course of the tour the role that racism had played in our reception as a pair on the bill. So in the truck one day, we started thinking about reinventing my stage identity, but instead of assimilating my identity, doubling down."

He chose Mohammad, his grandfather's name, and Seven, a universally significant number, to form his new stage persona, which he describes as "a Middle Eastern everyman."

Mohammad Seven recorded his first album a year ago on his phone, singing into earbuds and crafting tunes on a Garageband application. For his debut studio album, which was released this week, the songwriter joined forces with the

bassist Pat Mussari and the vocalist Kelly Jo Reed to form Mohammad Seven and the Spring, a folk trio bolstered by a platoon of guest artists who contributed drums, strings, keys, banjo, mandolin, and lap steel, among other instrumentation.

The result, a lush, polished Americana album. is Mohammad's proudest musical accomplishment. "This is the first thing I've done musically that I truly love," he said.

The songwriting on the album bounces between what Mohammad calls "big 'T' truth and little 't' truth," weaving semiautobiographical stories about immigrants and working class characters. As such, he expects his music will resonate naturally in Dorchester.

"I love that Dorchester is such a vibrant, working-class community, said Mohammad. He says his family thrives in the close neighborhood feel of the community, surrounded by working families with children the same age as his own.

"Nobody looks down on me for wearing dirty clothes and steel-toed boots," he said, a reference to his job as a gardener at the Arnold Arboretum in Jamaica

Mohammad Seven and the Spring will host their album release show at home.stead bakery in Fields Corner on April 13 at 6:30 p.m. Boston's most diverse neighborhood, home to a panoply of immigrant communities, seems to them an appropriate setting for the concert; after all, that's who Mohammad made the album for.

"I made it for working people and for immigrants. I hope they enjoy."

You can listen to the new album and purchase show tickets at muhammadseven.com.

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### ADAMS STREET BRANCH

Thurs., March 28, 10:30 a.m. - Baby & Toddler Sing; 3:30 p.m. - Drop-In Homework Help; 4:30 p.m. – LEGO Builders Club. Fri., March 29, 9:30 a.m. - Baby & Toddler Playgroup. Mon., April 1, 3:30 p.m. - Drop-In Homework Help; 4:30 p.m. -Kids Cook with Ms. Sherry. Tues., April 2, 10:30 a.m. – Preschool Story Time; 3:30 p.m. – Drop-In Homework Help; 4:30 p.m. – Kids' Art Club. Wed. April 3, 3:30 p.m. – Drop-In Homework Help. Thurs., April 4, 3:30 p.m. – Drop-In Homework Help; 4:30 p.m. – LEGO Builders Club. Fri., April **5**, 9:30 a.m. – Baby & Toddler Playgroup. **CODMAN SQUARE BRANCH** 

Thurs., March 28, 3:30 p.m. – Drop-In Homework Help; 5:45 p.m. – HISET/GED Prep Class. Fri., March 29, 10 a.m. – Tech Help Time; 10:30 a.m. - Stories, Stories, Stories. Mon., April 1, 3:30 p.m. – Drop-In Homework Help; 5:45 p.m. – HI-SET/GED Prep Class. **Tues., April 2**, 10:30 a.m. Free Quilting Classes; 11 a.m. – Stories, Stories,
 Stories; 1:30 p.m. – ESOL Conversation Group; 3:30 p.m. - Drop-In Homework Help. Wed., April 3, 3:30 p.m. - Drop-In Homework Help. Thurs., April 4, 3:30 p.m. – Drop-In Homework Help; 5:45 p.m. – HISET/GED Prep Class. Fri., April 5, 10 a.m. – Tech Help Time; 10:30 a.m. – Stories, Stories, Stories

### FIELDS CORNER BRANCH

Fri., March 29, 9:30 a.m. – Lapsit Story Time; 10:30 a.m. - Preschool Story Time. Tues., April 2, 6:30 p.m. – Hatha Yoga. **Wed., April 3**, 10:30 a.m. – Preschool Films and Fun. **Fri., April 5**, 9:30 a.m. Lapsit Story Time; 10:30 a.m. – Preschool Story
 Time. Sat., April 6, 9 a.m. – USCIS Information Desk at Boston Public Library.

### GROVE HALL BRANCH

Thurs., March 28, 3:30 p.m. - Drop-In Homework Help. **Fri., March 29**, 2:30 p.m. – Teen Gaming. **Sat., March 30**, 2 p.m. – Teen Resume Building. **Mon., April 1**, 11 a.m. – ESL Beginner English Class; 3:30 p.m. – Drop-In Homework Help. **Tues.,** April 2, 3:30 p.m. – Drop-In Homework Help; 3:30 p.m. - Kids Cook with Miss Debbie. Wed., April 3, 3 p.m. – ESL Beginner English Class; 3:30 p.m. – Drop-In Homework Help. **Thurs., April 4**, 3:30 p.m. – Drop-In Homework Help. **Fri., April 5**, 2:30 p.m. – Teen Gaming.

### LOWER MILLS BRANCH

Thurs., March 28, – 3 p.m. – Drop-In Computer Help; 3:30 p.m. – Drop-In Homework Help; 5 p.m. – LEGO Club. **Fri., March 29**, 10:30 a.m. – Little Wigglers' Lapsit; 1 p.m. – Gene Kelly Film Series.

Mon., April 1, 3:30 p.m. – Drop-In Homework
Help; 5:30 p.m. – Kids Movie Night. Tues., April
2, 3:30 p.m. – Drop-In Homework Help. Wed.,
April 3, 10:30 a.m. – Preschool Story Time; 3:30 p.m. – Drop- In Homework Help. **Thurs., April** 4, 3:30 p.m. – Drop-In Homework Help; 5 p.m. – LEGO Club. Fri., April 5, 10:30 a.m. – Little Wigglers' Lapsit.

MATTAPAN BRANCH

**Thurs., March 28**, 12:30 p.m. – Pop-Up Crafts, 7yo+; 3:30 p.m. – Drop-In Homework Help; 6:30 p.m. - Gentle Yoga. Fri., March 29, 10:30 a.m. - Smart from the Start Story Hour. Mon., April 1, 10:30 a.m. - Hugs & Play; 3:30 p.m. - Drop-In Homework Help; Teens Cooking with Miss Debbie. **Tues.**, **April 2**, 3:30 p.m. – Drop-In Homework Help. Wed., April 3, 10:30 a.m. - Toddler Time; 3:30 p.m. – Drop-In Homework Help; 4 p.m. – Poetry vs. Hip Hop: Choose Your Words - a Free Class for Teens!. Thurs., April 4, 12:30 p.m. - Pop-Up Crafts, 7yo+; 3:30 p.m. – Drop-In Homework Help. Fri., April 5, 10:30 a.m. – Smart From the Start Story Hour.

**UPHAMS CORNER BRANCH** 

**Thurs., March 28**, – 3:30 p.m. – Drop-In Homework Help. Fri., March 29, 10:30 a.m. - Reading Readiness Concert. Mon., April 1, 10:30 a.m. -Baby and Toddler Lapsit; 2:30 p.m. - Teen Fashion Sewing Class; 3:30 p.m. – Drop-In Homework Help; 4:30 p.m. – Make It Mondays. Tues., April 2, 3:30 p.m. – Drop-In Homework Help. Wed., April 3, 3:30 p.m. – Drop-In Homework Help. Thurs., **April** 4, – 3:30 p.m. – Drop-In Homework Help. Fri., April 5, 10:30 a.m. – Reading Readiness Concert featuring Julia Priest.



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### News about people in & around our Neighborhoods



### Chili Cook-Off fills bellies, coffers for Dot Day Parade

The 11th annual Dorchester Chili Cookoff, held on Sunday at the IBEW 103 union hall on Freeport Street, succeeded on multiple fronts, according to organizers, who re-direct proceeds from admission to the Dorchester Day Parade Committee. The event featured entrants

from roughly 20 different civic and business organizations in the neighborhood. The winners were decided by a mix of judges and the People's Choice category— which went to Lower Mills Civic Association— was decided by the votes of cook-off

At left: The Best in Show award at Sunday's Dorchester Chili Cook-Off 2019 went to Ashmont Grill and Tavolo Ristorante. Shown from left: Emma Douglass, Ashmont Grill; Cook-Off judge Eugenia Soiles, Age Strong Boston; Chris Douglass, restaurants owner and chef; Cook-Off judges Boston City Council President Andrea Campbell and comedian Lianne Ames photo Jimmy Tingle.

### St. Ann's parish gathers for annual \$10k dinner on Friday

### By Elana Aurise REPORTER STAFF

The 35th annual St. Ann's 10K dinner will be  $held\,on\,Friday\,evening\,in$ Port Norfolk. The event offers the opportunity for friends, family and neighbors to gather together to celebrate faith, community, and giving, keeping with the spirit of the Lenten season.

Together, supporters have raised more than \$300,000 for programs and scholarships over the past 30 years for the youth and families of St. Ann Neponset.

"With the support of the St. Ann 10K dinner, our parish is able to offer much needed programs for families during out of school time," said Linda Damatin, St. Ann Committee co-chairperson. "Through our initiatives, the children and families are provided

environment that is safe and nurturing.'

The committee's goal this year is to raise \$35,000 to benefit and sustain the Alice Mc-Donald Scholarship, Vacation Bible School, CYO basketball and youth programs.

St. Ann's 10K dinner will be held at Venezia Restaurant, 20 Erricson St., starting at 6 p.m. with a cocktail hour followed by a buffet-style dinner accompanied by a slideshow reflecting the many years of 10K dinners, winners, and friends and supporters of St. Ann's, music, raffles, and the chance to win \$10,000 with a numbered ticket. Ticket holders who purchase their numbered ticket on or before Fri., March 22 will be entered into a drawing for a special

with activities in an prize to be given at dinner. A limited amount of numbered tickets - \$150 includes a number for the 10K drawing and dinner – are still available. Companion dinner tickets are \$50. Any and all donations are welcome.

> "This fantastic event has been a critical support for the so many programs that help and encourage the youth of our area. There is a lot of behind-the-scene effort as well to make it a success and we should be so grateful to those who give their time and effort toward its success," said Rev. Robert L. Connors.

> For more information, please contact Paula Skalinski at 617-504-3664 or SaintAnnNeponset@ gmail.com. You may also pay online at stannstbrendan.com.



City of Boston Credit Union won Best Non-Beef for its vegetarian chili. Tiger Stockbridge (center) accepts the award for the team. Lianne Ames photo



People's Choice: Lower Mills Civic Association won the popular vote and took the People's Choice Award with chili from the Lower Mills Tavern. From left: Tavern chef Patrick Doyle and owner Brian O'Donnell, Civic Association president Mike Skillin and member Mike Mackan. Nancy Knowlton photo

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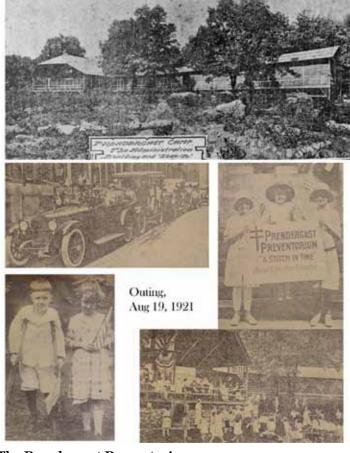
DORCHESTER HISTORICAL SOCIETY

### The Prendergast **Preventorium**

Our local history includes the establishment of the Prendergast Preventorium at 1000 Harvard Street, Mattapan, and other camps, notably at the Boston Consumptives Hospital at 249 River Street.

Excerpts from a Boston Globe article, Aug. 19, 1921:

"A children's party for 50 was held yesterday at the Prendergast Camp in the woods off Harvard St., Mattapan. Boston Tuberculosis Association was the host and primarily the party was a demonstration to bring public attention to the preventorium planned to be established at the camp as soon as the association can finance Dr. John B. Hawes, president of the association, says that Boston is 10 years behind the times because it has no preventorium. Since Boston has been the pioneer in every progressive project of tuberculosis care,



The Prendergast Preventorium

distinctly up to Boston to treat the situation properly. "Children from various parts of the city who are in homes where there are adult cases of consumption or who already show signs of a tuberculosis infection were the guests for the all-day picnic. Autos donated by various local motor companies transported the children to camp. Games and the facilities the camp affords for fun were enjoyed. One little girl discovered an excellent sliding place on the bulkhead from the cellar. "At noon a sumptuous repast was handed out. In the afternoon before they journeyed home they were each given a pint bottle of milk and a straw to convey the contents to the proper place. Another feature was a milk fairy, who entertained the children with stories about milk with moral  $lessons.\ Another feature was$ a tooth brush drill. Each child was given a tooth brush and then they all showed how much system they knew

cure, and prevention, it is

about "eight strokes up, down, etc." There was a cracker-eating contest and then whistling, or--in case of girls--singing, to prove the crumbs were all "down."

Prendergast Camp was begun 10 years ago as a lodging place for working men who were not free enough from consumption to sleep in their city homes. Later it developed into quarters for men on the waiting list for state sanatoria. Now that use is over and it is planned to use the camp as a preventorium for children.

The archive of these historical posts can be viewed on the blog at dorchesterhistoricalsociety.org. Please Note: The Society's historic houses are open on the third Sunday of each month from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. James Blake House, 735 Columbia Road (1661); Lemuel Clap House, 199 Boston Street (1712 and remodeled 1765): William Clap House, 195 Boston Street (1806).

### Editorial



TD Bank's Back Bay branch hosted the offending ad that was removed on March 21.

# TD Bank should put Dot on its map

"When you're Downtown, but your debit card's somewhere in Dorchester." A copywriter hired by TD Bank decided this would be a good way to attract customers, and TD Bank officials apparently agreed.

They couldn't have been more wrong.

Last Wednesday, a customer spotted the pitch in front of a TD Bank branch in the Back Bay and made a sensible interpretation—one that Dorchester people, by and large, grasped immediately:

The card in question was not left behind on a customer's kitchen table or in his or her office back on Dorchester Avenue or at the Dot Brewing Company after a night of partying. It was "somewhere" in Dorchester because something sinister was in play.

You are free to conjure up your own answer to the mystery— but there's no doubt that a negative inference was ready for the taking from the TD Bank promotion.

Mark Crandall, TD Bank's regional president for southern New England, was quick to respond to the critique that erupted on Twitter (including from this space.) He ordered that the offending ad be taken down immediately, dialed up a review of the whole ad campaign, and called the Reporter last Thursday to emphasize that he recognized why the ad was a serious problem.

"That sign was the opposite of everything TD and I stand for," Crandall said. Later, he let us know that a key person on his team who might have caught the ad before it was posted was away on vacation. "Still never should have happened," he related.

Fair enough. Mistakes happen.

But what compounds the trouble for TD Bank, in particular, is the lack of a brick-and-mortar presence in Dorchester. Or Mattapan. Or Roxbury. Or Hyde Park.

TD Bank has been a relative bystander, even as these Boston neighborhoods are booming. What gives?

One of the advocacy groups that tracks the banking industry closely— and helps connect the institutions to lending opportunities for low-income homebuyers— is the Massachusetts Affordable Housing Alliance, or MAHA. Last Thursday, in the wake of the ad fiasco, MAHA's president Tom Callahan sent a letter to TD Bank's US president and CEO Greg Braca.

"Your bank's racist and insulting ad underscores the need for TD to better understand Boston's largest and most diverse neighborhood," Callahan wrote. "And it is long past time for TD to address what is an obvious doughnut hole in the middle of Boston."

Callahan invited Braca to visit MAHA's headquarters on Dot Ave near Ashmont to "engage with our staff and members and discuss expanding TD's presence in our vibrant community."

So far, TD Bank's brass hasn't accepted Callahan's invitation. If they are sincere about their urgent apologies of last week, they'll do so—and fast.

Whether or not TD decides to branch into Dorchester or other neighboring communities, it should at least get its boots on the ground here to better understand the neighborhood that its ad team sought to make the hook of its ill-conceived branding. What the bank will see—just within a few blocks of MAHA's offices— is a community that is booming. They would be lucky to get a slice of this market.

In the meantime, quite bluntly, TD Bank should find a better ad team. And, for now at least, just keep the name of this neighborhood out of its mouth.

- Bill Forry

March 28, 2019

### Ranked-choice voting can make a real difference in Massachusetts Exhibit No.1 Debacle in Fall River

By Mac D'Alessanadro

Earlier this month, Fall River Mayor Jasiel Correia was recalled and then re-elected – on the same day. Observers were stunned. But the will of voters has been thwarted in similar ways in communities throughout the commonwealth for decades.

The cause of such nonsensical outcomes as the debacle in Fall River? The "pick one" plurality voting system used in nearly all elections in Massachusetts and around the country, a system rife with flaws like "vote-splitting."

Fall River's election is a textbook example of vote-splitting, where several candidates who have a similar stance — in this case, ousting Correia, who has been indicted in the federal courts on wire and tax fraud charges — divide the votes for that platform.

There's no doubt that Fall River voters no longer support Correia, since more than 60 percent recalled him from office in the first part of the ballot. The second part of the ballot asked them to choose from five candidates, including Correia, for mayor. But those opposed to him split their votes among his four challengers. None of them alone had enough support to oust the deeply unpopular incumbent. As a result, Mayor Correia squeaked to victory with 35 percent of the vote.

This was a typical result of vote-splitting: The winner of an election won with less than a majority of support.

The solution to the problems associated with the current plurality voting system is a simple reform called ranked-choice voting. This system allows voters to rank candidates in the order in which they prefer them. If no candidate receives a majority of votes, the last-place candidate is eliminated. Ballots that favored that candidate then count for their second choice

Bills to bring ranked-choice voting to Massachusetts has been introduced in the Legislature by Sens. Jason Lewis and Rebecca Rausch and Reps. Andy Vargas, Adrian Madaro, and Jennifer Benson. These bills would use ranked-choice voting for state primary and general elections, and let cities and towns adopt it more easily.

Massachusetts wouldn't be taking a leap of faith if voters adopted ranked-choice voting. Almost four million Americans live in communities that use this system, including Oakland, California; Minneapolis and St. Paul, Minnesota; and Santa Fe, New Mexico. Closer to home, voters in Cambridge have used a variation of ranked-choice voting for city council

and school board elections since 1941.

In 2016, Maine became the first state to enact ranked-choice voting for state and federal elections. Maine successfully used this system in the 2018 election cycle. At both the municipal and statewide level, ranked-choice voting has proven that it is possible to have a system whose results better reflect the will of voters.

As egregious as the Fall River election may be, such flawed results are far more pervasive than one might think. In the last 20 years of elections in Massachusetts, the rate at which winning candidates fail to achieve a majority of the vote — more than 50 percent — is staggeringly high.

For example, 60 percent of the winners of competitive races for governor, 44 percent of winning state representative candidates, and a whopping 89 percent of winning candidates for district attorney failed to earn a majority mandate from voters in either their primary or general election.

There are other, more insidious impacts that the current flawed system yields. Chief among them is the potential impact on voters' future behavior. For example, Fall River voters likely woke up the day after the vote deeply disenchanted with the system that created such a perverse result. This disenchantment can lead to significant numbers of voters deciding that a system so incapable of reflecting the wishes of the majority is one that's simply not worth participating in at all.

If ranked-choice voting were in place in Fall River, where no candidate had a majority, it would have allowed the votes for Erica Scott-Pacheco, who received just 5 percent of the vote, to transfer to voters' second choice. This would have continued until one candidate surpassed 50 percent. That would probably have been one of Correia's opponents, based on the recall vote. The wishes of 62 percent of the people would have been satisfied, instead of subverted by the "pick one" plurality voting system.

There are many other benefits to ranked-choice voting. Research has found that candidates run more positive campaigns, voters are more engaged, and cities can save money on preliminary elections. But as Fall River has shown, perhaps the biggest benefit of all is that the person voters want to elect will be the person who ends up in office.

Mac D'Alessandro is the state director for Voter Choice Massachusetts. This article was first published on March 21 by WBUR 90.9FM. WBUR and the Reporter have a partnership and share content and resources.

### Let's stand tall for girls softball rights

I was disheartened to read the story this week about the potentially increasing fees for the DCR fields in Dorchester, most especially Toohig Field where the girls softball league plays and practices. I hope the state rethinks this position and lets ADSL pay the traditional community rate they have paid over the years, which allows for so many girls to participate without astronomical costs, and gives them first rights to the field.

Elected officials surely don't want to engage in a battle on these grounds. This news comes at a time when the girls program is at its zenith. There are more girls than ever in Dorchester trying their hand at softball for the first time, or returning for multiple years as they get better and better. If it keeps up, I dare say the neighborhood will be poised to produce some very good softball players in the near future for the high school and college levels. This is in no small part due to the coaching and leadership that is fantastic year after year.

But this program's success was not always the case. In case anyone doesn't know this, girls youth sports in Dorchester routinely get the shaft – in almost every sport. Speaking from experience, I can say that girls are usually tossed aside so that an overindulgence of resources can go to boys.

As the biggest neighborhood in Boston, it should be a shock to Dorchester that girls have so few options and so few fields to play on. Mixing them in with the boys is basically showing them the door—particularly after a certain age. The softball league is about the only thing I know of that girls truly have.

My girls have been involved in the softball program since it revived several years ago. The first year there were about 10 girls and they were simply "instructed" every Saturday at the Hemenway. It soon began to grow and went to the Toohig, which at the time was a humiliating place to play in due to it being so run down and flood-prone. Even days after a rain event, the dugouts would be flooded and the field would be a mud pit.

I was surprised to see the girls get such an unfair draw when the boys/co-ed teams had such great fields to play on all over the neighborhood. After years of advocacy, something was finally done.

Last year was the first year the girls league had fully functioning field with drainage, a proper infield, new fencing, and better upkeep. Now, after one year of having a nice facility to play on, it is being threatened by market-rate programs that want to displace the girls and new fee policies from the state.

Once again, Dorchester girls are getting shafted. This should not be the case now or ever again. Everywhere you turn these days, the discussion is about equity. Why is equity not part of this conversation?

The girls league should at least be allowed to remain at Toohig Field with their typical arrangements.

They fought for it. They should own first rights to it.

– Seth Daniel, Athelwold Street

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### **METCO** seeks more dollars to fund afterschool 'late bus'

By Colin A. Young STATE HOUSE NEWS SERVICE

Rep. David Linsky, the House chair of the METCO Caucus, did not want there to be any doubt about what METCO students, parents, administrators, and supporters want out of the next state budget.

"We are requesting funding of \$24.2 million. Remember that number. Twenty-four point two. Can everybody say that right now?" Linsky said before leading a group chant of "twenty-four point two" at the annual METCO lobby day last Tuesday. "Twenty-four point two to ensure that all students are able to take advantage of afterschool programs and can participate in all their districts have to offer.

METCO, the state-funded grant program that currently allows students from Boston and Springfield to attend public schools in 27 suburban communities, is asking the Legislature to fund it at \$24.2 million for fiscal year 2020. That would represent a \$2 million increase above the current budget.

Milly Arbaje-Thomas, the CEO of METCO, said the new money would be used to fund afterschool "late bus" transportation, "so that our students can participate in plays, can participate in sports, can actually stay for play dates, can actually build relationships.

Arbaje-Thomas said the funding boost would help close a gap created by rising costs for the program. METCO said that while Chapter 70 public school aid increased by 64 percent between fiscal years 2001 and 2019, funding for METCO increased just 44 percent.

"Last year we had a really good year. In 10 years we had not seen an increase [in transportation] and we saw an increase of \$1.5 million last year. The program really spends a lot of money

transporting students to and from their districts -- and a lot of times our students cannot participate fully in the experience at their districts because of the transportation barriers," she said. "This year, we want to close that gap with \$2 million."

Gov. Charlie Baker's proposed fiscal  $2020\,budget\,would\,provide\,\$22,\!142,\!582$ for METCO, a slight decrease from the current year's budget. The House and Senate will reveal their own budget plans this spring.

Linsky told the students and supporters who turned out for the advocacy day that he is a politician today, in part, because of the experience he got as a student on the Natick High School competitive speech and debate team.

"The most important parts of what I learned at school were after school,' he said. "That's part of the school experience but you can only participate in that very important part of the school experience if you have a way to get home after it's over. It doesn't work if you don't have the transportation."

Before the students and supporters fanned out across the State House to lobby legislators for the full \$24.4 million METCO request, they got a brief pep talk from METCO Board of Directors President Patrick Kimble, a METCO alumnus who today works in the investment world.

"In my industry, there is no force more powerful than the force of compound interest. For you guys in life, there is no force more powerful than the force of compound persistence," he told the students. "I say that to you guys to say that no matter what it is you're going through, you cannot stop. METCO was founded in 1966, it's 2019. That's over 50 years of compound persistence."



# 270 Dorchester Avenue

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**Project Proponent:** 

The Freeport South Boston, LLC

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### **BEACHES HEARING ON MARCH 30 IN SAVIN HILL**

Metropolitan Beaches Commission will hold one of its nine public hearings in the winter and spring in Dorchester on Sat., March 30 from 10a.m.-12p.m. at the Savin Hill Yacht Club. Representative Daniel Hunt and Paul Nutting invite the public to attend. During the last round of hearings more than a thousand people participated, helping the Commission understand what's working and what could use improvement. Contact Andrea Patton 617-451-2860 ext. 1006 or by email at mbc@savetheharbor.org

### ST. ANN \$10K DINNER ON MARCH 29

St. Ann Neponset will host its 35th annual \$10,000 dinner to benefit the Alice McDonald Catholic HS scholarship fund, VBS, CYO basketball, youth ministry and the parish on Fri., March 29 at 6 p.m. at Venezia in Port Norfolk, Dorchester. Tickets are \$150 for a numbered ticket and \$50 for a companion ticket. Go to stannstbrendan.com/10k-dinner or call 617-436-0310 or email saintannoffice@gmail.com.

### DOTFEST SET FOR APRIL 11

### AT DOTHOUSE HEALTH

Join DotHouse Health in celebrating community life in Dorchester's Fields Corner neighborhood and one of the best community-based health and social services organizations in the City of Boston. The celebration will take place on Thurs., April 11 from 6 to 9 p.m. at DotHouse Health. For more information, please visit DotFest.org.

### **JFK LIBRARY**

JFK Library in Dorchester hosts a free program on Thurs., April 4 called "American Moonshot: JFK and the Great Space Race," from 6-7:30 p.m. Award-winning author and Rice University professor of history Douglas Brinkley discusses his new book, "American Moonshot: John F. Kennedy and the Great Space Race," with Pulitzer Prize-winning author and Harvard professor of history Fredrik Logevall. Register at jfklibrary.org. **DOT PARK CLEAN-UP, EASTER EGG HUNT** 

The Dorchester Park Association is cleaning up to get ready for Easter. Volunteers are needed to join a cleanup on Sat., April 13 from 8-11 a.m. It will consist of raking out leaves on the tennis courts and removing litter from the Spring Egg Hunt search area. If interested, please meet at the tennis courts any time before 8 a.m. The Spring Egg Hunt will begin on Sat., April 20 at 10 a.m. sharp. with the Easter Bunny will be available and attendees should prepare to search for eggs within Dorchester Park. Dorchester Park is located at 2180 Dorchester Ave. Please visit dotpark. org for further information.



A group of students, faculty and staff from St. Brendan's School in Dorchester visited the offices of the Reporter last week for a tour and a discussion of how a newspaper works. The students are all contributors to the student newspaper, The Navigator. The students described their approach to covering their school community and compared notes with Reporter staff members Bill Forry, Jenniger Smith and Daniel Sheehan.

Sean Pugsley photo

### SATURDAY BREAKFAST BENEFITS BLUE HILL BOYS & GIRLS CLUB

The Latino Law Enforcement Group of Boston hosts a breakfast to benefit the Berkshire Partners Blue Hill Boys & Girls Club on Sat., March 30 from 9-11 a.m. at 15 Talbot Ave., Dorchester In partnership with the Boston Police District B-3 station, the proceeds from the breakfast benefits the many programs that the Blue Hill Club provides. Special guest speakers for the community breakfast include Boston Police Commissioner Willie Gross and Dan Lebowicz, executive director of the Center for the Study of Sports in Society at Northeastern University. Tickets are \$20 per person or \$200 per table. E-mail Shari Maestre at the Blue Hill Club (smaestre@bgcb.org) or Officer Pele James, 617-343-4717.

### HISTORICAL SOCIETY HOSTS GENEAOLOGY EXPERT ON APRIL 14

Dorchester Historical Society will host genealogist Eileen Curley Pironti for a special program on researching family history on Sun., April 14, at 2 p.m. at 195 Boston St., Dorchester. Using examples from research she conducted on four generations of Dorchester's Clapp family, speaker Curley Pironti will provide tips on how to make your family history research an interesting and rewarding experience. She is a genealogist at the New England Historic Genealogical Society in Boston. She and her husband, Paul, have been caretakers at the William Clapp House since 2015.

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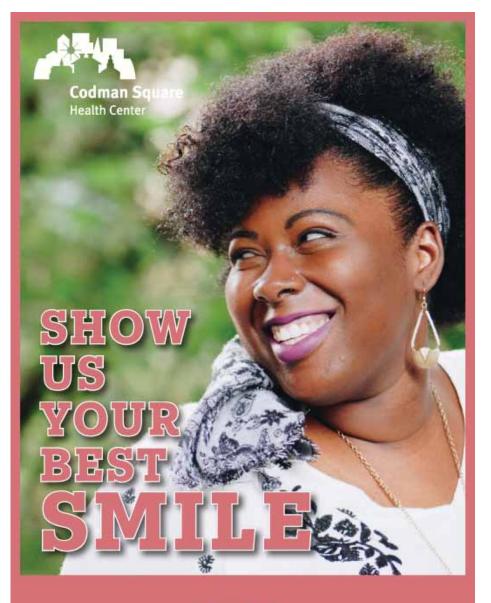
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# Rollins lays out a new "roadmap" for DA office to follow

(Continued from page 1) a success story of the "Declination and Diversion Policy" because the program reduced the number of people arraigned in juvenile court by 60 percent without a "corresponding increase in crime.

The JAR program provides "individualized service to young people as an alternative to traditional prosecution." Instead of being sentenced, the juvenile offenders are placed in programs offered by community agencies aimed at leading them away from criminal justice

The Rollins memo says the DA's office will learn from the JAR program's success and expand it to "emerging adults and adults in all courts."

In cases involving mental illness and substance use disorder, per Rollins's memo, her office will defer and decline prosecution so that people with the disorders will receive "properly matched treatment programs."

Rollins says she supports the use of "supervised consumption sites, safe needle exchange, and cleanup programs, widespread availabil-



**Rachel Rollins** 

ity of drug test strips, and the lifesaving drug Naloxone to prevent overdose." She points out that the change in the public's perspective toward substance use came as a result of shifting demographics impacted by opioid issues, as the impacts were no longer limited to black and Latino communities.

As to immigration cases, she said that consequences will be factored into charges and sentences under her administration. She, or her first assistant, or the office's general counsel will be notified if ICE or other immigration authorities arrest or question people in or around the Suffolk County courthouse. There is no mention of what actions will be

taken after the office has been notified of any ICE presence.

Other "collateral consequences," such as employment, insurance, and family, will also be considered when the DA's office decides immigration cases. The office is working with Harvard Law School to chart "some of the thousands of collateral consequences," the memo says.

The section on immigration drew a quick and stern response from Todd Lyons, the acting director of ICE's enforcement and removal operations in Boston. According to the Boston Globe, Lyons said in a statement that "attempts to promote an overall fear or suspicion of law enforcement officers is a counterproductive and very misguided approach to criminal justice."

Rollins's approach was supported by Congresswoman Ayanna Pressley, who tweeted on Tuesday: "I stand in solidarity with efforts to ensure that immigrants in our communities are not denied that justice for fear of being targeted & separated from family and loved ones."

The guidelines in the

memo extend to almost not impeded by concesall aspects in the prosecution procedure, from pre-trial detentions to

In cash bail and pretrial stages, the office will recommend release unless "there is clear evidence of a flight risk." Charges will only be arraigned with probable cause and evidence that supports fact finding, and the right to trial is

sions such as plea deals.

Rollins promises new plea guidelines that use incarceration as "a last resort" and prioritize diversion. Plea negotiations will incorporate individualized incentives, such as getting a GED as a condition for reduced post-incarceration supervision.

The new policies, including diversion and declination, will apply to appellate cases, and pending appeals will be determined based on her administration's guidelines.

The memo also highlights the DA's office's adoption of the datadriven approach, with "internal data collection and system audit" as well as timely recording of case information into the office's system.

### MBTA delays rollout of new Orange Line cars till summer

Rollout of new Orange Line trains has been delayed once again, officials said Monday, with public use now likely to begin during the summer to allow additional time for software testing. The start date for the first of 152 new passenger cars had already been pushed from winter to spring to allow officials to complete vetting of the "complex" signal system created by a subcontractor.

MBTADeputy General Manager Jeff Gonneville announced another delay Monday, explaining that officials decided that system would need an trains into service, but additional modification.

Testing of the updated software will begin in late April or early May, Gonneville said, pushing the first passenger trip on the new cars — the first the Orange Line has seen in decades — to sometime this summer. "Originally, when I gave the presentation in January, we talked through that there was this potential delay," Gonneville told reporters after the Fiscal and Management Control Board meeting Monday.

"We were hopeful that this delay was only going to extend us to March timeframe to putting now, it does look as

though it's going to be this summer." The MBTA hired Chinese firm CRRC to manufacture its new train cars, and the company subcontracted Alstom to design a signal system.

Transit officials said one component would be "vital" in the MBTA's use, so the software must be updated to ensure proper function.

Despite the delay, Gonneville said the broader goal of having all 152 new cars delivered by December 2021 to replace the current fleet is still on schedule.

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This rendering by the design firm Stoss Landscape Urbanism presents a south-looking view of the "bold vision" for Moakley Park.

# City sets out a 'bold vision' for Moakley Park

(Continued from page 1) execute over many years.

Christopher Cook, the city's commissioner of Parks and Recreation, addressed the meeting, describing the still-emerging plan as "a bold vision" that maintains the recreational function of the park, plays a role in a resilience strategy for sea-level rising while preserving the neighborhood.

Chris Reed, founder of Stoss Landscape Urbanism, the design team for Moakley Park, and the firm's project manager, Amy Whitesides, presented the three visions that the design fulfilled: protecting the residential community from flooding and impact of climate change, retaining and enhancing the sports fields and play areas, and creating equitable access for all residents.

The design features not only fields and tracks for various sports, but also recreational spaces such as an adventure playground, community building, picnic overlook, family slope, and flex lawn. A berm, with elevated sports fields and recreational space below, would form the flood protection. Basketball courts would be safely floodable and easily drained after a storm.

Under the conceptual proposal, a section of Day Boulevard would be transformed into a car-free promenade connecting the park with the beach. Reed said the design integrates Moakley Park into the waterfront, and aids in "safe access for more people to really experience what's wonderful about Boston Harbor."

City officials say that



they have consulted with counterparts from the state's Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) about the concept of eliminating the segment of Day Boulevard that bisects the park and Carson Beach, but that no firm plans have been made to advance the plan.

Otherimprovements to the road system around Columbia Point— specifically the rotary at Kosciuzscko Circle—would need to be planned out and incorporated into any change to Day Boulevard, according to city officials who briefed the Reporter on the concept.

Olivia K. Dorrance, a spokesperson for DCR, confirms that state officials have been looped into the planning. "On multiple occasions, the City of Boston has consulted with the Department of Conservation and Recreation regarding the municipality's efforts to increase the climate-change resiliency of South Boston, including the Joe Moakley Park Vision Plan, as

well as the potential use of state-managed land in the immediate vicinity," said Dorrance.

"At this time," she added, "the agency is reviewing information provided by the City, and will continue to be an engaged stakeholder as the process moves forward."

Allison Perlman, the Boston Parks and Recreation Department's project manager of the Moakley effort, said the city will continue working with other partners including UMass Boston, the Massachusetts Water Resources Authority and Winn Development. The design will next go through modeling tests

to determine if the plan sustains an ability to withstand floods. Another step for the city is to look into maintenance strategies.

Perlman said that part of the plan moving toward implementation is Phase 1, a small piece of land on the upper left corner of the design designated for a sports court complex and water/play space. Like the other parts, there is no firm timeline or secured funding source for the first phase.

"We have requested capital funding for the design and development. As we move that forward, we will start to think about what our avenues are for funding and construction, and we are actively seeking all that now," Perlman told the Reporter. She also added that the budget plan for the overall park is too "rough" to be shared.

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"Over time, we are not sure what the future phases are going to be. We have a lot to think about in the next year about how to balance park-user needs, what the funding strategy is, what is available and what partnerships we need to develop," she said during the meeting.

City officials emphasized the value of Moakley Park for communities. "Moakley Park played a huge role in the lives

of many people in this room and generations of people from South Boston... Everybody's voice is important, and everybody's voice will be respected," said City Councillor Ed Flynn.

Community members who spoke with the Reporter mostly approved of the plan, with a few reservations about transportation and accessibility for seniors.

"I think they did a brilliant job of creating the necessary topography to protect people, and at the same time building new and improved athletic fields that are more multi-purpose and creating areas that are not for organized athletics but for families and individuals to use the park in any way they want," said Kathy Abbott, president of Boston Harbor Now.

Cam Murphy, an elementary school swimming paraprofessional who volunteers at South Boston Little League, said before the meeting that he was concerned with how athletic fields would be implemented, but later he noted that all the fields are still in place.

Roger C. Tepe, who lives near the park, said he likes the "ambitious" plan, but noted there is no provision for parking. "I'm not sure everyone will want to bring their kids for a soccer game and drag all their equipment on the train," he said.

Louise Baxter, a South Boston retiree and an advocate for public transportation, said she would like to see buses running more frequently from Roxbury to the park. dotnews.com March 28, 2019 THE REPORTER Page 13

### Julie's Family Learning center to host May event at Florian Hall

By Elana Aurise Reporter Staff

Julie's Family Learning program— a non-profit organization in South Boston that provides comprehensive and holistic services for low-income, at-risk mothers and their children — will host a fundraising event at Dorchester's Florian Hallin May for long-term donors, supporters, and sponsors.

"We decided to celebrate it as a Mother's Day event," explained Bob Monahan, the program's executive director. "Alums and current

enrollees are very excited to come to an event in their own community. Our parents are heads of the household, they're on duty all the time, and they're looking forward to a good afternoon. We'll have a good meal, good raffles, and they're excited to be honored and celebrated."

Originated in 1974 by the Sisters of Notre Dame, Julie's has held an annual event for more than 30 years, typically in December. Last year's was held in Symphony Hall. Then a decision was made to hold an additional, more affordable spring event to widen the celebration in the home community. Sponsors hope to raise \$100,000 and they are about halfway there.

"There is not another program that works with these families like we do," said Monahan. "We offer all kinds of support, early intervention, onsite for children, and onsite counselors to support mothers in their recovery journey.

"We do very important work - being a parent is the toughest job on earth - and we know that whether we have children or grew up in a household with parents who faced their own challenges – the populations that we serve are determined to be the best parents they can be. They're fully determined to confront those challenges and provide a life for their children that they did not have."

Julie's also has a licensed toddler and preschool program. While adult learners – parents in the program – spend 20 hours a week working on education, life skills,

and counseling, kids are being taught at the same time. This access to childcare is provided to eliminate one of the biggest barriers these mothers face, ultimately changing the trajectory of the family.

"I really value and appreciate the program that was founded by The Sisters of Notre Dame. Their mission is to live and work with the poor, period. They saw a need and they created Julie's," said Monahan. "I see the determination from the parents to create a new path for them and

their children. I reflect and celebrate that and it keeps me so engaged and passionate about the work."

Julie's Spring Eventwill be held at Florian Hall, 55 Hallet St., Dorchester, on Sat., May 11 from 1-4 p.m. Tickets are \$100. All donations are welcome. If interested in offering a raffle item or becoming a sponsor, please reach out to 617-269-6663 or visit julies family.org.

### Baker, lawmakers in accord on protecting family planning funds

By MATT MURPHY STATE HOUSE NEWS SERVICE

Both branches of the Legislature, with the support of Gov. Charlie Baker, could act soon to provide funding in Massachusetts for reproductive health care in the face of the Trump administration's move to cut off federal money for abortion providers.

The House last week announced that it would take up legislation this week to offset the loss of federal funds that might result from the Trump administration's proposed changes to Title X, a federal program that supports family

planning and preventive health services.

Baker said on Monday that he supports that effort, and Senate President Karen Spilka said that the Senate will follow suit on if the House vote takes place as planned on Wednesday.

"I think there's unanimity among us that we should make sure that the federal policy change here does not affect women's ability to access reproductive services, period," Baker said.

House Speaker Robert DeLeo, Spilka, and Baker met privately Monday for about an hour where Baker said the Title X program was one of the issues the three leaders discussed.

Baker said he believed the House and Senate were planning to pass a bill to ensure full funding for family planning clinics for the rest of this fiscal year, and the governor said they would consider how to address a potential funding loss next year once court challenges are resolved.

"It's something we are all very concerned about. We want to make sure that people here in Massachusetts, women, have access to reproductive services, all of them," Baker said.

Neither DeLeo nor Spilka said how much funding they were prepared to authorize, but DeLeo called it "outrageous" that the Trump administration had finalized a rule that would cut off Title X funds for any provider that performs abortions or makes abortion referrals.

"We felt that we had to take action immediately, although we all know there are some injunction possibilities out there as well," DeLeo said.

Attorney General Maura Healey was one of 21 state prosecutors who joined Planned Parenthood and the American Medical Association in a federal lawsuit challenging the rule when it was first proposed last year.

Baker also wrote a letter last summer to US Health and Human Services Secretary Alex Azar taking issue with the proposal, arguing that the federal funds have been critical to providing low-income residents with preventive health care services, such as counseling, physical exams, contraception. HIV/STD testing, and reproductive cancer screenings.

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### Neighborhood Notables

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### **BOSTON CENTERS FOR YOUTH & FAMILIES** (BCYF) FREE FAMILY GYM PROGRAM

The program is back for the spring season (through April 13). Family Gym is a free, weekly play program that promotes physical activity for children ages 3-8 and their families on Saturdays from 10-11:30 a.m. at BCYF Blackstone Community Center in the South End, BCYF Holland Community Center in Dorchester, and BCYF Vine Street Community Center in Roxbury. Family Gym has had over 2,007 children and caregivers participate in the program since it began in 2011. Children and adults move at their own pace in supervised activities. Colorful play equipment encourages individual, small, and large group play. Families can jump rope, play on an obstacle course, do the limbo, or play parachute games or sports. No pre-registration required however caregivers must participate and remain in the gym with their children at all times. Thanks to a partnership with Northeastern University, student volunteers serve as Activity Leaders at Family Gym. Family Gym is sponsored by The Foundation for BCYF, Boston Children's Hospital, and Northeastern University. For updated information or program cancellations follow @BCYFCenters.

### **BOSTON PUBLIC LIBRARY'S HOMEWORK HELP**

Boston Public Library's free Homework Help program is underway offering free afterschool help and mentorship provided by high-achieving high school students. The program, offered Monday through Thursday from 3:30 -5:30 p.m. is open to students in grades K-8; no registration required. Boston Teacher's Union tutors



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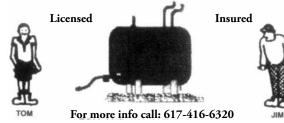
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### ASHMONT-ADAMS NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOC.

Meetings are typically held on the first Thursday of each month at the Plasterer's Hall, 7 Fredericka St., at 7 p.m. Contact Pat O'Neill at pattiashmont@gmail.com. **ASHMONT HILL ASSOC.** 

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### **CEDAR GROVE CIVIC ASSOC.**

Meetings are held in the St. Brendan's Father Lane Hall – lower level at 589 Gallivan Blvd., Dorchester Tuesdays on the second Tuesday of the month at 7 p.m. Info: cedargrovecivic@gmail.com or 617-825-1402. **CLAM POINT CIVIC ASSOC.** 

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

### **CODMAN SQUARE NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL**

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

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### FIELDS CORNER CIVIC ASSOC.

The FCCA meets on the first Tuesday of the month at 6:30 at the Kit Clark Center, 1500 Dorchester Ave. For more info. contact V. Girard, chair, at: vivian8120@ gmail.com.

### **WOODROW AVENUE NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOC.**

WANA meets on the third Thursday of every month from 6-8 p.m. at VFW Post 8772, 54 Woodrow Ave., Dorchester. Nina Johnson is the president. Email woodrowaveassoc@gmail.com or visit wanaboston on Facebook.

### **JONES HILL ASSOC.**

The Jones Hill Association meets every month on the second Wednesday at 7 p.m. at St. Mary's Center for Women and Children in the Executive Board Room. All are welcome. Developers wishing to inquire or present should contact officers@joneshill.com. Information, events, and voting membership can be found on joneshill.com.

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The meetings will be held the second Wed. of the month, 6:30 p.m., at the Fields Corner CDC office (the old Dist. 11 police station).

### **GROOM/HUMPHREYS NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOC.**

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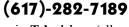
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### Ziven Drake, 'Trades Woman of the Year,' has always 'kind of played with the dudes'

(Continued from page 1) in the office, she believes diving four years ago on "a calculated whim. I was actually watching an episode of "Dirty Jobs" with Mike Rowe, and he was talking about the trades and how there's just an insane gap in terms of the number of jobs and the number of available people. So, I said 'Hey, let's give it a shot.' I found commercial diving and here we are."

Working in less than ideal conditions, divers have to possess a certain level of discipline, patience, and a "get the job done" attitude — all skills Drake says she honed during her time with the military.

"As a commercial diver, any type of construction that is done in the dry is done in the wet also,' she explained. "Concrete, drilling, welding, burning. Nothing is meant to be done underwater, so there's a lot of problem solving that goes into it."

That type of troubleshooting is based on selfreliance. When you're underwater in a diving suit, breathing surfacesupplied air through a hose, there is no outside help. You have to be, as Drake puts it, "on your toes." Often, in murky canals and riverbeds, she works blind.

"It's extremely tactile; you can't see anything," said Drake. "With inland diving, you're lucky if you can see your hand in front of your face, so it's very much done by feel."

At just over five-feettall, Drake can squeeze into small spaces and maneuver in situations that might be prohibitive for her larger male counterparts. But even her unique perspective and skillset help her do her job "just as well as a man, if not better."

Drake is used to sitting quietly at a conference table while a dozen men try to talk over each other. In such a setting, a female approach can work better, she argued. "Men tend to want to showcase what they know whereas women tend more to sit back and observe and absorb," she said. "We listen, and we tend to have smaller egos, or we're able to check them at the door a little bit more easily...we're really valuable pieces of the team."

Drake's supervisor, Local 56 Union Chief Dave Borrus, noted that her value is tied to her versatility, describing her as "a jack of all trades." But her leadership skills also set her apart, he said.

"If you think about how all this happens it's sort of an orchestra. And if you think of the construction workers as the musicians, and the supervisor as a conductor, they're really the one that makes sure the symphony can happen," said Borrus. "So [Drake] plays a critical role in the administration of the work and the success of the project."

Currently, Drake is playing a vital role in one of the city's biggest undertakings: replacing the North Washington Street bridge, a project she calls "her baby."

The five-year project, which is now in the demolition phase, will overhaulthe 100-year-old bridge while constructing a temporary span beside it to maintain an active roadway. Drake spearheaded the bidding for the project, just one of her many administrative duties as an assistant superintendent at JF White Contracting, where she works on the estimating. planning, and engineering side of things.

Projects like the North Washington Street bridge replacement will become increasingly common as infrastructure continues to age, reasoned Borrus, and they will need an influx of tradesmen and tradeswomen to make things happen. As he put it, "We don't have enough people to do the trades."

The trades gap that Drake heard about still exists — and it's growing. "There's a demographic issue going on," said Borrus. "We have a ton of boomers retiring with all their knowledge, and we have a bunch of 20 and 30-somethings coming into the trades who are built for it but don't have experience yet. So, there's this knowledge gap that we're trying to make up.'

In addition to the Boston building boom, Borrus pointed to impending environmental concerns that will require infrastructure growth, perhaps in the form of offshore wind farms or mitigating measures for rising sea levels. Both would depend heavily on the field of marine construction, where tradesmen like divers and pile drivers play crucial roles.

"We want people from Dorchester to know this is an opportunity, and that people can do what

Ziven's doing," he said. While the trades remain a majority-male field, Drake acknowledged that construction in general is becoming more inclusive. She encouraged young people who might not excel in traditional academic settings to pursue a trade, noting that many, like her, thrive in a hands-on

environment. "College isn't for everybody," she said. "I went to college and it was fine for me, but it's certainly not the end all be all. And trades are a way for you to get your hands dirty, to learn an actual practical skill and practical knowledge."

In her current position, Drake spends a lot of time training apprentices in carpentry, diving, and pile driving. For her, one of the best parts of her job is inspiring young people to embark on an



Drake, left and Jason Cress in dive school. Photo courtesy Ziven Drake

alternative career path. "It's a really dynamic industry and a lot of people don't know that," she said. "It's stigma-tized still; it's kind of looked down on as you're uneducated, whereas I actually know a lot

of really, really smart

people in the trades. And

it's just a great way to earn an honest living.

"I make more money in the trades than a lot of my friends who are PAs or nurses or whatever. Like anything, the trades aren't for everyone, but if it's for you, it's really rewarding. I'm proud to

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**Sunday, April 14, 2019** 2 pm William Clapp House 195 Boston Street, Dorchester

Curious to discover more about your family history but don't know where to begin? Perhaps you are looking for suggestions on how to organize the collection of photographs and records you have acquired from working on your family tree. Using examples from research she conducted on four generations of Dorchester's Clapp family, speaker Eileen Curley Pironti will provide tips on how to make your family history research an interesting and rewarding experience.

Eileen is a genealogist at the New England Historic Genealogical Society in Boston. She and her husband, Paul, have been caretakers at the William Clapp House since 2015.

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### NATIONAL NUTRITION MONTH

- by Devon Brownlee, MS, RD, LDN -

### 30 Minutes of Exercise Can Change Your Life!

March is National Nutrition Month! This is a month full of education and increased awareness started by the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics to encourage healthy eating and physical activity. Rather than promoting a select theme this year, the Academy is encouraging greater flexibility in communicating healthful messages. For this month, National Nutrition Month will be honored as its own theme focusing on its original purpose to 'increase the public's awareness of the importance of good nutrition'.

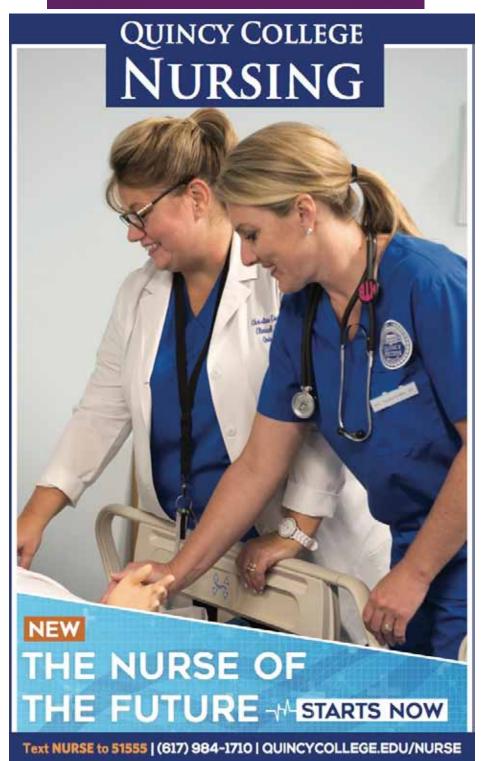
As part of maintaining a healthy lifestyle, regular physical activity along with a healthy diet is necessary for sustainable weight management and optimal wellbeing. By participating in 30 minutes of exercise daily for adults and 60 minutes for children, you can help prevent your risk for chronic diseases such as heart disease, cancer, and stroke which are deemed the three leading health-related causes of death. Daily exercise provides additional benefits such as restful sleep, promotes strong bone, muscle, and joint health, improved energy and self-esteem, as well as longer-life among many others.

While increased physical activity is important for overall health, it can be challenging to get outside and move more in the cold winter months. Listed below are some fun ideas for you and your family to try at home:

- Our fitness Center here at the Whittier Street Health Center has fun group classes such as Zoomba or Yoga. It's open to both patients and community members and offers cardiovascular equipment as well as weights for individual training and holds group fitness classes. This is also a great way to meet other families!
- OR, bundle up to play in the snow for 30 minutes or build a snow man.
- Try a workout class at home, visit YouTube for easy ideas such as yoga classes, body-weight training, or dance routines.

Try one or more of these ideas this week with your family, or brainstorm your own! Check out the fitness center here at the Whittier Street Health Center for some extra encouragement. We welcome all ages and abilities to join in on the fun! Our fitness coach is happy to answer any questions you may have to help you and your family get moving.

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# Baker worries rent control might discourage new housing

By Chris Lisinski State House News Service

More than two decades after voters banned local rent control, Gov. Charlie Baker signaled Tuesday he would not support a nascent push from several lawmakers to allow cities and towns to implement tenant protections, such as a limit on rent increases.

"Rent control will stifle the production of new housing," Baker told reporters after a tour of the new DraftKings headquarters in Boston. "That's exactly the wrong direction we should go."

Instead, Baker said, state leaders should focus on how to encourage construction of new housing. One of the governor's biggest pushes this session is a bill that would lower the threshold needed to make municipal zoning changes from a two-thirds majority of the relevant board to a simple majority.

"We don't have a lot of inventory, and what we have ends up being

really expensive, so that pushes people farther and farther away from where they go to school or work to find a place to live," Baker said. "We need to build more housing, not less."

Voters narrowly banned local rent controls through a 1994 ballot question, but Rep. Nika Elugardo and Rep. Mike Connolly planto file abill in the coming weeks that would once again allow it alongside other practices, according to a Tuesday report in the Boston Globe.

Supporters say a return to rent control without prior approval from the Legislature would help mitigate the region's housing problems by preventing tenants from being priced out.

Elugardo and Connolly could not be reached immediately for comment Tuesday, but the Globe report indicated the bill they plan to file is more extensive than one (H 1316) proposed by Rep. David Rogers, who like Connolly is a Cambridge

really expensive, so that pushes people farther and farther away from where they go to school

Democrat. Rogers' bill was referred to the Committee on Housing in January.

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House Speaker Robert DeLeo would not say Tuesday whether he would support or oppose one of the proposals, but he indicated he would like to see debate unfold.

"Relative to where we are relative to rent control, I think it's important that I myself as speaker allow that to go through the process, allow it to go through the hearing process, make sure I listen to and hear all of my colleagues from around the state as to their position," DeLeo said during an appearance before the Cambridge Chamber of Commerce. "Although, as you have stated, what had happened it failed at the ballot some years ago, I think it is important relative to not only that but many of the issues that we're talking about that, again, that we go through that process."

Colin A. Young contributed reporting to this story.

### No meetings on tap on Morrissey rehab

The status of the Morrissey Boulevard redesign plan is on hold until the Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) can identify and resolve encroachment and easement issues along the critical artery.

The state intends to rebuild and elevate portions of the roadway in a three-phased project that could take a decade to complete.

According to a DCR spokesperson, the review process is necessary before moving past the 25 percent design phase at which the project has been stalled. Concerns from Mayor Martin Walsh essentially sent planners back

for rounds of community feedback in early 2018. There has been no further movement since a public comment mailbag last March called on the state to get things going again.

The nearby leg of the Neponset River Greenway that winds through marshland by the rainbow gas tank, is still in the early design stages. Another meeting will be held once that design hits 75 percent, DCR said, after which design plans will be posted online. The agency expects to complete the design by the end of the calendar year.

– JENNIFER SMITH

# ANNOUNCING: KIPP ACADEMY MASSACHUSETTS REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS TECHNOLOGY CONSULTANT

Proposals due April 12, 2019

KIPP Massachusetts Public Charter schools is seeking a Contractor to provide technology consulting services for three campuses beginning in Spring 2019. KIPP Massachusetts is seeking a Contractor who is flexible, but also understands the critical nature of the timeline.

KIPP Massachusetts or KIPP MA, is part of a non-profit network of college preparatory, public charter schools educating students across grades K-12 in Lynn and Boston. Comprised of two elementary, two middle, and one high school, we have an 15-year track record of preparing students in educationally underserved communities for success in college and life. Our schools are part of the free public school system and enrollment is open to all students.

We are part of a national network of 224 KIPP schools educating nearly 100,000 students on their path to and through college, careers, and life. For more information about our schools, please visit www.kippma.org.

### Scope of work

KIPP Massachusetts intends to purchase consulting services for IT project management and process improvement for 6-12 months to review our current technology infrastructure, develop solutions to some of our key technology challenges, develop technology processes, as well as concurrent site moves. The scope of work of this RFP is centered on managing multiple, complex work streams in parallel with physical location shifts. We will be evaluating bids on their value and relative costs and strongly encourage interested bidders to propose a set of services which are the most cost efficient.

If you have questions, please call: KIPP Massachusetts lcurry@kippma.org

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**CONNECT THE DOT:** 

week BGCD continued it's ongoing col-

laboration with Elevate Youth with an

outing to Ice Skate at the Simoni Rink

in Cambridge. Club members enjoyed

the first time, with the assistance of

volunteers from GenCon Construction.

Our next outing with Elevate Youth will

take place in April when groups from

portunity to take part in these off-site

For more information on our Elevate

Mike Joyce at joyce@bgcdorchester.org.

Youth programming please contact

Thanks to Elevate Youth for the op-

recreational activities.

two sites will take part in a Fishing trip.

the opportunity to try skating, many for

### **BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS OF DORCHESTER**

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BGCD Members go on Iceskating Outing with Elevate Youth: See details

### **FIND OUT WHAT'S INSIDE: BGCD Members go on Iceskating BGCD Hosts Winter Arts Bash: Outing with Elevate Youth:** This past

BGCD's Arts programs came together this week to host the quarterly Arts Bash event focusing on Winter classes. There were displays hung from the winter fine arts classes, a photography exhibit, music performances and a recital by the Club's hip-hop dance teams.

Our members were so excited for the chance to show off some of their hard work to parents, siblings, teachers and other community members. Congratulations and thanks to all the partici-

We're excited to see what's in store for our members this spring! For more information on our upcoming spring enrichment programs for Music, Fine Arts and Media Arts please contact Katy Farrar at kfarrar@bgcdorchester.



### **DID YOU KNOW 26th Annual New England Women's Leadership Awards to Take Place** May 9th: The New England Women's Leadership Awards (NEWLA) has been celebrating inspiring women for over

25 years. We have recognized over 100 remarkable women who meet the challenges they face with confidence, persistence and compassion. Our honorees are role models and mentors for our members - their stories inspire our young girls (and boys) to dream big, work hard and succeed.

In 2017, Vice President Joe Biden spoke to our guests about the lifechanging impact of Boys & Girls Clubs of Dorchester. We hope you join us on May 9th for this year's event!

For questions regarding sponsorship please contact Patty Lamb at plamb@ bgcdorchester.org or at 617-288-7120.

### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

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### RECENT OBITUARIES

LANE, Robert A.

Husband

"Bob" of Tewksbury,

formerly Dorchester, at age 75. Retired MBTA

for 52 years of Kathleen

(McCarthy) Lane. Fa-

ther of Timothy S. Lane

and his wife Adrianna

(Gonzalez), Kathleen A.

Goodwin and her hus-

band Gerard all of An-

dispatcher.

BUTCHER, Frank **G.**, 66, of Valdosta, GA,. Born in Saint John, NB, Canada, to Gus and Celina Butcher, Frank had been a longtime resident of the Boston area before moving to Georgia. Frank worked for many years at the shipyard in Quincy and

later driving trucks. He was a Southern Cruisers Riding Club member in Valdosta. Preceded in death by his daughter, Rachel and his father, Gus, Frank will be sadly missed by his daughters, AnnMarie Butcher and Bonnie Delk; his son Frank (and Jessica)

Butcher Jr.; his mother, Celina; siblings Brian (and Gisele) Butcher, Berny (and Martha) Cooper, Carol Taylor, Elaine Butcher, Sisters of Charity, Sheila (and Rick) Kelley and Albert (and Marilyn) Butcher; grandchildren Ryan Reera, Jarred and Jasmin Meeks; nieces, nephews, aunts and an uncle; many cousins and a host of friends and loved ones, especially Deborah Reardon, Lisa Anderson and Sharon

DODDY, Charlesethost of friends.

GIANNINO, Steven uncles, Watertown, MA 02472.

ta of Dorchester. Wife of the late Calvin Doddy. Mother of Brenda A. Doddy, the late Harold G. Doddy and Wendolyn M. Morrison. Grandmother of Steven B. and Brandon Morrison, Nirel and Nathaniel Miller-Morrison. She leaves extended family and a

**J.** in Dorchester. Son of Thomas A. and Mary I. (Walkowski) Giannino. Brother of Thomas P. and his wife Laurieann Giannino of Danvers. Joseph R. and his wife Allison Giannino of Maryland, and Michael A. and his wife Colleen Giannino of Hanson. Cherished uncle of 7 nieces and nephews. Loved by many aunts, cousins, and dear friends. Donations in Steven's memory may be made to United Cerebral Palsy, 122 Main St.,

dover, Judith M. Vasas and her husband Tewksbury Deputy Fire Chief Albert of Tewksbury, Jean L. Capizzi and her husband Paul of Revere, John P. Lane and his wife Lori (Larrabee), Sandy J. Lane and her husband Chris Tierney all of Dracut, Matthew T. Lane of Tewksbury, Ann M. Paré and her husband Philip, Joseph A. Lane and his wife Katie (Madden-Sturges) all of Tewksbury, Michael R. Lane and his wife Erin (Mulcahy) of Amherst, NH, Patricia A. Corsetti and her husband Kyle of Chelmsford, and Mary E. Lane and her significant other James Frackleton of Tewksbury; 16 grand-children, Mary Kate, Taylor, Jack, Shannon, Keegan, Shaye, Kobi, Lila, Lily, Noah, Isabella, Abigail, Harley, Oliver, Lucy, and Vincent; a beloved sister, Mary Ann Lane of Melrose; numerous brothers-inlaw and sisters-in-law, nieces and nephews;

MARTIGNETTI, Nancy Whitten age 67, of Milton and the North End, Boston formerly of Dorchester. Wife of Anthony Martignetti. Sister of Mary Lou Reardon and her husband John of Milton and the late John Whitten, Aunt of Nancy Stewart and her husband Adam of West Newbury, Sarah Reardon of Arlington

and dear friends; son of

the late Arthur V. and

Anna (Stanton) Lane. Memorials to the Ob-

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Tewksbury, MA 01876,

or the Merrimack Valley

Hospice, 360 Merrimack

St., Bldg. 9, Lawrence,

MA 01843 will be appre-

ciated.

### Deirdre Kennedy, at 59; **Probation Office chief at Dorchester District Court**

Deirdre I. Kennedy, an expert in dealing with domestic violence who worked within the Boston Police Department to establish the Family Justice Center, a program that provides comprehensive services to victims of domestic violence under one roof, died on St. Patrick's Day at age 59 of pancreatic cancer.



Known as Dee to family and friends, Ms. Kennedy, one of ten children in a prominent West Roxbury family headed by her father, the late John Kevin Kennedy, and her mother, Geraldine, now of Mansfield, also worked on the issue of domestic violence at

the national level and as a probation officer in Dorchester District Court, where she served for twenty-five years, the last six as Chief Probation Officer.

A graduate of Boston Latin Academy, Class of 77, she went on to earn her diploma from Wellesley College in 1981 with a double major in Spanish and Psychology. She later added two master's degrees to her portfolio.

After graduation, Ms. Kennedy moved across the Atlantic to Madrid intent on perfecting her Spanish, returning to Boston after two years to work in the Boston community as an ESL teacher, an aide to a Boston School Committee member, and then as a probation officer at Dorchester District Court where she served until her death.

In addition to her mother, she leaves her brother, John K. Kennedy Jr. and his wife Peggy of Ossining, NY, her sister Kathleen Collins and her husband, Mark of West Roxbury, her twin, Rev. William Kennedy, a Navy chaplain stationed in Washington, DC, her sister-in-law, Kathleen of VA, widow of her brother Kyran, her brothers Neil, of Medway, and Christopher and his wife Donna of Lynn, and her sisters Maura Messinger and her husband Charles of Canton, Kara DiSandro and her husband Robert of Mansfield, and Patricia, of Canton.

Her funeral Mass was said on Thurs., March 21, in St. Theresa Church, West Roxbury. – TOM MULVOY

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### **LEGAL NOTICE**

**COMMONWEALTH OF** THE TRIAL COURT **PROBATE & FAMILY COURT** SUFFOLK PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT 24 NEW CHARDON STREET BOSTON, MA 02114

617-788-8300 CITATION ON PETITION TO CHANGE NAME Docket No. SU19C0100CA IN THE MATTER OF: VARTAN AGBABIAN

A Petition to Change Name of Adult has been filed by Vartar Agbabian of Boston, MA request ing that the court enter a Decree changing their name to:

Vartan Aghababian 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 04/11/2019. 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 DUNN, First Justice of this Court Date: March 21, 2019 Felix D. Arroyo

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and Colleen Reardon of Milton. Great-aunt of Ronan and Jude Stew-

TAARLAND, Edna **Lillian** (Gove) She is preceded in death by her husband, Toroly, parents, Harold and Edna Gove, and her brother, Robert Gove. She is survived by her daughter, Seri and sonin-law, Michael Horner of Boston, and granddaughters, Lillian and Ella Horner.

WALSH, Jean Marie (Sullivan) of South Boston. Wife of the late John J. Walsh Jr. Mother of Stephen, his wife Katrina of Florida, John, his wife Heidi of South Boston, Dennis, his wife Susan of Dorchester, Paul, his wife Joanne of Rockland, Michael, his wife Linda of Hanover, and Brian, his wife Deirdre of Quincy. Sister of the late John F. Sullivan, and Marilyn O'Brien. Grandmother of 15 grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren. Also survived by many nieces, nephews, relatives and friends. Donations in memory of Mrs. Walsh may be made to the Alzheimer's Association of MA, 309 Waverley Oaks Road, Waltham, MA 02452.

### HELP WANTED

ANDERSON J.W. & SONS, WETHERSFIELD, CT needs 2 temporary workers 4/1/2019 to 11/15/2019, work tools, supplies, equipment provided without cost to worker. Housing will be available without cost to workers who cannot reasonable return to their permanent residences at the end of the work day. Transportation reimbursement and subsistence is provided upon completion of 15 days or 50% of the work contract. Work is guaranteed for 3/4 of the workdays during the contract period. \$13.25 per hr. Applicants to apply contact CT Department of Labor at 860-263-6020. Or apply for the job at the nearest local office of the SWA. Job order #211675. Diversified fruit and vegetable farm. General duties include seeding, transplanting, writing labels for transplants, weeding, cultivating and pruning, less than 15% of the season; planting 15% of the season; harvesting, picking and packing by hand various crops such as legumes, squash, corn, berries, apples, root crops and potatoes 70% of the season. Other duties including weeding, cutting, and arranging cut flowers, use of hand tools, setting up, operating and/or repairing farm machinery and fencing. Ability to withstand prolonged exposure to variable weather conditions, also required to bend, stoop or stand for extended periods and lift and carry 50 pounds on a frequent basis. 1 month experience required in work listed. The %'s listed are estimates. Workers may spend 0-100% of their time performing any of the activities listed. Must have a general truck drivers license.

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CITATION ON PETITION
FOR ORDER OF
COMPLETE SETTLEMENT
ESTATE OF:
MICHAEL J. COTE
DATE OF DEATH 16/19/2017

DATE OF DEATH: 06/09/2017
A Petition for Order of Complete Settlement has been filed by Paul Cote of Hollis, NH requesting that the court enter a forma Decree of Complete Settlement including the allowance of a final account and other such relief as may be requested in

IMPORTANT NOTICE

You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before 10:00 a.m. on the return day of 04/25/2019.

This is NOT a hearing date, but a

deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely ritten appearance and objection followed by an Affidavit of Objections within thirty (30) days of the return date, action may be taken without further notice to you. Witness, HON. BRIAN J. DUNN, First

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### Changes to prison visit rules hailed by black, Latino lawmakers

### By Katie Lannan STATE HOUSE News Service

Recent changes to the visitor policy at state prisons will help inmates maintain the types of family and community ties that can aid their rehabilitation, members of the Black and Latino Legislative Caucus said last week.

Supporting loved ones who are incarcerated is an investment, and oftentimes even more of an investment for low-income families and for families of color, and we are committed to creating an environment where those who are incarcerated can learn, grow, and heal," Rep. Chynah Tyler, a Roxbury Democrat, said at a press conference the caucus held to tout the policy revisions.

"Allowing for those who are incarcerated in the Department of Correction right here in the commonwealth of Massachusetts to update the authorized, pre-approved visitation list every 120 days is the first step in the right direction in creating a strong, long-lasting support system for those who are and who have been incarcerated," Tyler said.

Policy changes that took effect on March 1,

from Commissioner of Correction Carol Mici. raised the upper limit of pre-approved visitors for maximum security inmates from five to eight, and allowed inmates to revise their visitor lists every 120 days.

Previously, inmates could only update their list of pre-approved visitors twice a year, according to the caucus.

"Some may say that this is a small, little change, but we think it's incremental change that says a lot of how we can impact rehabilitation," said Rep. Carlos Gonzalez, who chairs the caucus. "And the key to this is that it's a joint effort looking at ways to improve the ability to rehabilitate folks that are incarcerated."

Black and Hispanic inmates make up about half the department's prison population, the caucus said.

Gonzalez, a Springfield Democrat, said the visitation policy is not solely an issue of importance to the black and Latino community. The change is about respecting the rights of everyone within the prison system, he said.

Mici, in a statement distributed by the caucus, said the update "will offer additional visiting is sympathetic to, and

as outlined in a memo privileges to inmates while still maintaining our commitment to ensuring the safety of all public, staff, visitors, and inmates throughout the Massachusetts Department of Correction."

"The Department recognizes the importance visitors have on an inmate's well-being and successful reentry into the community, and on the encouragement on family reunification," she said.

Legislation filed by Sen. Sonia Chang-Diaz, a member of the Black and Latino Caucus, and Rep. Marjorie Decker calls for further changes to DOC visitation policies. Among other measures, the bill (S 1379/H 2047) would prohibit 'placing limitations on the number of unique individuals who may be eligible to visit the inmate."

Elizabeth Matos, executive director of Prisoners' Legal Services of Massachusetts, said her organization hopes "there are more changes to come. For those on the inside who have large immediate families, they're still not able to see a lot of those people, because the caps are still fairly low, so I think that is one area that the department



Rep. Chynah Tyler of Roxbury said Department of Correction policy changes are the "first step in the right direction." Sam Doran/SHNS photo

we're very happy to do what we can to facilitate those conversations," she said.

The department allows exceptions to its visitor cap in certain circumstances where an

inmate's number of immediate family members exceeds the cap.

### Zakim says no to fourth term

Josh Zakim, who waged a heated statewide campaign against an entrenched incumbent and won the support of the Democratic Party's convention for the office of secretary of state but not its primary voters last year, announced last week that he will not seek another term on the Boston City Council.

Zakim said on social media last Wednesday that his third term will be his last on the council. He said he made the decision "after a great deal of consideration," adding that "public service has always been

an important part of my life and will continue to be beyond my time as a Boston City Councillor.

The son of the late civil rights activist Lenny Zakim, the councillor wrote, "My wife, Grace, and I recently welcomed our first child, Leo, and after long discussions with family and friends I have decided that the time is right to give someone else the incredible opportunity to represent the neighborhoods of Mission Hill, Back Bay, Beacon Hill, the West End, Fenway, Kenmore, and Audubon Circle on the Boston City Council.'

In his losing run for secretary of state against incumbent Bill Galvin, Zakim pushed ideas like automatic voter registration, weekend voting, and same-day registration, and topped Galvin for the party's endorsement at its convention in June. But in the September primary election, Galvin secured 67 percent of the vote.

Zakim said that he plans to use his remaining eight months in office to work "with a particular focus on civil rights, neighborhood issues, and housing."



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