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‘Our only option is to go better’

Janey takes oath as city’s 55th mayor in a setting of firsts

Change is order of day at City Hall

BY STATE HOUSE NEWS SERVICE AND REPORTER STAFF
Mayor Kim Janey has made a number of personnel moves since taking over as the city’s chief executive last Wednesday.

On Monday, her office announced that Patrick Brophy, a Dorchester resident and veteran City Hall operative, will leave soon to take on a new role at Suffolk Construction as that firm’s senior director of external affairs in the Northeast. Brophy most recently served as Mayor Walsh’s chief of operations, a critical post



Mayor Kim Janey, who took office on March 22, swore a ceremonial oath of office on Wednesday, March 24 at City Hall administered by Supreme Judicial Court Chief Justice Kimberly Budd, while Janey’s granddaughter Rosie holds the family Bible.
Courtesy/Mayor’s Office

that has oversight over all city-owned buildings, hundreds of employees, and the Inspectional

Services Department.

Dion Irish, a Dorchester resident who currently serves as the

commissioner of the Inspectional Services Department, will replace

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**BY MIA MCCARTHY
REPORTER CORRESPONDENT**

Kim Janey was sworn into office as the acting mayor of Boston during an unprecedented ceremony last Wednesday inside City Hall, and she took note of the history she had just made in her inaugural address that followed.

“Today is a new day,” Janey said after being sworn in by Supreme Judicial Court Chief Justice Kimberly Budd. “I stand before you as the first woman and first Black mayor of Boston, the city that I love. I come to this day with life experience that is different from the men that came before me.”

Janey was previously the president of the City Council and the first female councillor to represent District 7, which encompasses Roxbury and the South End. She transitioned to mayor after former Mayor Martin Walsh was confirmed as US Secretary of Labor the previous Monday.

In an interview after her inauguration, Janey told the *Reporter* that she will make an announcement about whether she will join the race to seek a full, four-year term as mayor in the fall within the next few weeks.

“My teenage grandsons were born at a time when there had never even been a Black woman on our city council,” Janey said. “Today, my six-year-old granddaughter Rosie and other little girls can see themselves represented in Massachusetts’s highest court, in the halls of Congress, and now, in the 55th mayor of Boston.”

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Hit hard by Covid, Sportsmen’s volleys back

**BY DAN SHEEHAN
REPORTER STAFF**
Sportsmen’s Tennis & Enrichment Center, the longtime community fixture based along Dorchester’s Blue Hill Avenue corridor, is celebrating its 60th anniversary this year as it emerges from a trying period shaped by the Covid-19 pandemic. Since being founded as an urban tennis program in 1961 by Jim and Gloria Smith, Sportsmen’s has grown and evolved to become a holistic center of nurturing and

education, in addition to serving as an incubator for the sport in Boston’s most diverse neighborhood.

Over the past year, the impact that Sportsmen’s has in the lives of its kids and families beyond tennis has come into sharp relief. CEO Toni Wiley told the *Reporter* in an interview that at the onset of the pandemic last year, sports were quickly moved to the back burner.

“The tennis programming was the last thing on anyone’s mind,” ex-



Jeremiah Hilton, 10, worked on his forehand with coach Jessie Boliver Monday afternoon at the Sportsmen’s tennis facility in Dorchester.
Dan Sheehan photo

plained Wiley. “First it was basic human needs and then it became the education, and then it

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Citing boost from stimulus funds, T reverses course on service cuts

**BY CHRIS LISINSKI
STATE HOUSE NEWS SERVICE**

After resisting calls to change course for months, the MBTA embarked on a mission Monday to reverse service cuts across all modes in the coming months by using hundreds of millions of dollars in emergency federal aid.

The T’s Fiscal and Management Control Board voted to restore subway and bus service to pre-pandemic levels, resume weekend commuter rail service on lines where it was suspended, and begin running ferries again, all with an unspecified but urgent timeline of “as soon as possible.”

MBTA General Manager Steve Poflak said at the board’s meeting that the agency expects

to receive at least \$845 million from the American Rescue Plan – on top of the \$1.1 billion the T received in prior federal stimulus packages – putting it in “a much different landscape” than when T officials planned and approved the unpopular service cuts.

“We are bringing back service as fast as we possibly can on bus and

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You’re a senior who is vaccine hunting?

City’s Age Strong panel is there for you

**BY DAN SHEEHAN
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When 64-year-old Savin Hill resident Jeffery Seglin became eligible to receive the Covid-19 vaccine last Monday,

he at first struggled to secure an appointment while working full time. After receiving a text from the Massachusetts preregistration system informing him there

were no updates to his status, Seglin checked sign-ups at the state’s mass vaccination sites and at local CVS and Walgreens, all to no avail.

Finally, last Wednesday morning, he decided to try calling 311 – the city’s hotline for people inquiring about trash pickup, report-

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Mattapan clergyman indicted on child rape, assault charges

A Boston clergyman who was arrested last year amid allegations of child rape was indicted last week after a grand jury inquiry in Suffolk Superior Court. George Swain, 71, will be arraigned next month for seven counts of rape of a child and five counts of indecent assault and battery on a child under 14, according to District Attorney Rachael Rollins's office.

Swain, who serves as the bishop of Greater

Victory Temple in Mattapan, is alleged to have assaulted three males when they were in their teens or younger. The victims, now in their 30s, said they were assaulted at the church or at Swain's Dorchester home.

"Bishop Swain is accused of using his position of trust and authority to ingratiate himself to his victims and their families, grooming them in order to gain access to targets for his sexual abuse. He allegedly preyed on

his victims' faith and used it as an entryway into their lives," Rollins said.

Swain is due to be arraigned on April 14 in Suffolk Superior Court. Survivors of child abuse and exploitation can contact the Children's Advocacy Center of Suffolk County at 617-779-2146 if they need help. Survivors may also contact the Child Protection Unit at the Suffolk County District Attorney's Office at 617-619-4300.



Morrissey site makes way for retailer Floor & Décor – Major demolition work continues this week at a large commercial site at 729 Morrissey Blvd, which was most recently home to National Wholesale Liquidators, which went out of business in 2018. Contractors working for the national retail chain Floor & Décor are tearing down much of the building—which was originally used to house an Orbit retail store in the 1960s. This plan was approved by the city's Boston Planning and Development Agency (BPDA) in 2020, but the project was delayed by the pandemic. Kimco Realty purchased the property, which they are now calling Morrissey Plaza, in April 2014. A spokesperson for the corporate chain would give no information about the project's timeline, offering a simple, "No comment."

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UPCOMING CIVIC MEETINGS AND COMMUNITY EVENTS

Savin Hill Park Clean Up — Meet at the top of the hill at Savin Hill Park (at the dead end of Caspian Way) on Sat., April 3 from 8:30 a.m. to 3p.m. Volunteers will rake, pick up trash and dead branches, cut down thorn bushes, and sweep up debris. The park is one of the most beautiful in Boston and has been revived through the efforts of this clean up, now in its 37th year. In the event of inclement weather, the rain date will be Sat., April 10. Please contact Bill Walczak at 617-851-9630 or billwalczak@gmail.com for more info.

The Neponset River Watershed Association seeks volunteers for its annual spring clean-up of the Neponset on Sat., April 17 from 9 a.m.-noon. Volunteers will spread out across the Neponset River to help with the cleanup. You can choose the site you wish to be at in the registration form at neponset.org/cleanup2021. Trash bags, trash tongs, rakes, shovels, gloves, hand sanitizer, and

bug spray will be provided. Plan to bring masks, hats, sunscreen, water, snacks — and any favorite work gloves (though we will also have gloves on-site for you.) Long pants and closed-toed shoes are recommended for terrain and poison ivy.

The Saint Mark's Area Civic Association's monthly meetings are held on Zoom on the last Tuesday of the month at 7 p.m. Meetings are held monthly except July, August, and December. Members and other neighbors are welcome to attend. If you would like to attend a meeting, please send an email to the civic association at smacadot@msn.com and we will send you a link to the meeting.

Mayor's Cup Street Hockey Tournament starts April 20 — The Mayor and the Boston Parks and Recreation Department will host the 2021 Mayor's Cup Street Hockey Tournament in partnership with the Boston Bruins Foundation during the April public school vacation week. The Tournament will begin April 20 and

continue through the school vacation week. All games will be played at Joseph Moakley Park at 1005 Columbia Rd. in South Boston. To register or for more information, please contact Damien Margardo at damiem.margardo@boston.gov or call 617- 961-3083.

The BPDA is looking to commission a new temporary artwork mural in Mattapan as part of the city's Plan: Mattapan planning initiative. The BPDA will coordinate and collaborate with the Mayor's Office of Arts and Culture during the call for Artists Process—currently underway—and selection of the design for installation after selecting the artist or team of artists. This Call for Artists is open to all artists, national and international, with a strong preference for artists with a connection to Mattapan. BPDA budgeted \$15,000 for the creation and installation of the mural, which must be completed by the end of summer 2021. For more information, contact kenya.p.beaman@boston.gov or

visit bostonplans.org to view the RFP.

A new round of federal funding for fuel assistance will allow ABCD, Greater Boston's antipoverty agency, to increase the maximum benefit for eligible households to \$1,110. The deadline to apply has been extended to May 28, enabling income-eligible households to address arrearages dating back to November 1. The increase means that the 16,000 households already signed up for fuel assistance with ABCD will benefit immediately. Last year ABCD provided fuel assistance to more than 25,000 households. ABCD pays the household's fuel vendor directly. Residents can call 617-357-6012 or go to bostonabcd.org/fuel-assistance for more information.

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New outdoor gorilla exhibit being built at Franklin Park

A new state-of-the-art outdoor gorilla habitat will open this summer at the Franklin Park Zoo. The \$8.1 million exhibit, funded by anonymous donors, will comprise more than 360,000 cubic feet of space, including a mix of real and fabricated trees, a waterfall, climbing vines and a multitude of built-in foraging opportunities.

Guests will be able to observe the natural behaviors and social dynamics of the gorilla family up close from corridors leading to an immersive central observational outpost within the exhibit. The zoo is home to six gorillas, including Little Joe, Kitombe (Kit), his mate Kiki and their three offspring – Kam-

biri, Azize and Pablo, a male gorilla born in October 2020. The new facility was designed by PJA with members of the Zoo team, while Roto is doing the interpretive graphic design with the Zoo's Education team. The exhibit is being built this season by Columbia.



PJA's rendering of the new exhibit.

Study: Not prosecuting low-level crimes can improve public safety

By ALLY JARMANNING
WBUR REPORTER
New, first-of-its-kind research looking at Suffolk County criminal cases has found that declining to prosecute

some low-level offenses can actually lead to less crime. Researchers from three universities analyzed 67,553 misdemeanor cases in Boston, Winthrop,

Revere, and Chelsea from 2004 to 2018, which didn't include the tenure of current District Attorney Rachael Rollins. She took office in 2019. People arrested but not prosecuted on low level, non-violent misdemeanors — like shoplifting, drug possession, or motor vehicle offenses — were 58 percent less likely to commit another crime in Suffolk County in the following two years, according to the study. "Our results imply that a prosecutor's decision to not charge a defendant with a non-violent misdemeanor significantly reduces their probability of future criminal legal contact," Rutgers University professor Amanda Agan, one of the researchers, said. "Or put

the other direction: Prosecuting these defendants actually decreases public safety." Most non-violent misdemeanor cases, even if they are prosecuted, don't end in a conviction. Three out of four end without a conviction, but will show up on a person's criminal record, affecting their job prospects and ability to secure housing. When she took office, Rollins drew criticism from police unions, state public safety officials, and business owners over her directive to assistant district attorneys to decline prosecution for certain non-violent misdemeanor crimes, like disorderly conduct, driving with a suspended license or trespassing.

A more limited analysis of cases since Rollins took office finds significantly fewer non-violent misdemeanor crimes were prosecuted, according to researchers. There's been no change in prosecutions of violent crimes or more serious felonies. And the researchers' review of Boston crime data from January 2017 to February 2020 found significant reductions in reports of property damage, theft and fraud after Rollins took office, and no increase in disorder or drug crime reports. "We see no evidence that her inauguration and this expansion of presumptive non prosecution decreases public safety," Agan said. "If anything, it increases it."

Agan said the researchers weren't able to look deeply at the effect of race, ethnicity, or gender on whether cases are prosecuted or not, because often that information was missing from the data. (In the Massachusetts court system, information is written on paper forms and then entered into a database by hand.) But from what they could glean, the likelihood of someone re-offending is the same across different races and genders. *This article was published by WBUR 90.9FM on March 29. The Reporter and WBUR share content through a media partnership.*

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Hit hard by Covid, Sportsmen’s volleys back

(Continued from page 1) quickly became the socio-emotional wellness of the kids and the families overall.”

After making the difficult choice to eliminate some programs last February, Sportsmen’s brought its activity to a hard stop in mid-March. “That was devastating for us,” said Wiley. “We had to lay off all our staff; nobody knew what to expect.”

As staff reached out to families and learned of the instability they were facing with regard to food, technology, and internet access, the organization took a hard pivot to focus on its community services and resources. Soon, The Learning Center, a key element of Sportsmen’s after-school academic enrichment, was back up and running in a virtual format. Kids without access to computers or internet could study remotely at the tennis center, while safely maintaining vital social skills and links to peers and staff. And instructors incorporated



The facility at Sportsmen’s Tennis and Enrichment Center on Blue Hill Avenue boasts seven outdoor and seven indoor tennis courts, as well as multipurpose classrooms, a computer lab, and a fitness center. Dan Sheehan photo

healthy cooking classes and mental health lessons into the curriculum, in addition to providing much-needed doses of fun in the form of show and tell and talent shows. Those services continued through the next several months as the center’s Summer Learning Program — a partnership with Boston After School and Beyond and BPS aimed at helping kids remain academically engaged over the course of the summer

and making sure those who are at or slightly below grade level at the end of the school year maintain their progress and can advance to the next level — also went virtual. When the city gave the all clear for outdoor tennis with safety restrictions, Sportsmen’s summer camp returned, or at least a version of it did. Meanwhile, the health and wellness arm of the Sportsmen’s hub, anchored by its Center

for Community Wellness, sprang into action. Having already served the community for years with free gym space, nutritional support, and food education, and a goal to tackle chronic diseases like diabetes, hypertension, and other preexisting conditions that can leave people particularly susceptible to the coronavirus, Sportsmen’s was in a position to pitch in right away. “Because we already

had a partnership with Brigham and Women’s Hospital, we were able to allow them to use the parking lot for Covid testing and food distribution,” said Wiley. “We have been able to use the Center for Community Wellness in a different way, and we’ve been able to have really relevant conversations on things like the testing process, the vaccine. “Normally we’re focused on things like diabetes and hypertension, so we also wanted to make sure we covered all those intersections, [like,] what do you need to know if you’re already dealing with one of these conditions? So, I think already having been established as a recognized, caring entity in the community as it pertains to the health of folks in this neighborhood, it helped us to be a source of information.” The past year saw a “dramatic dropoff” in revenue for the organization, said Wiley, which was partly offset by steady private donations

and a timely PPP loan. But in 2021, Sportsmen’s appears poised for a bounce-back year, with a revamped summer camp and a hybrid version of the summer learning program on the horizon. The surrounding Dorchester and Roxbury communities could be relying on the organization’s services even more than in the past, reasoned Wiley. “We recognize that more kids will need Summer Learning Project this year than in the past,” she said. “Even the BPS system is recognizing that the kids that have been remote all year long really need an active and engaged summer camp program this year. So we’re anticipating a very robust camp — we’re already getting 10-12 calls a day about enrollment, which we normally don’t get until around mid-April.” To learn more about Sportsmen’s and to register for this year’s summer camp, visit sportsmenstennis.org.

Citing boost from stimulus funds, T reverses course on service cuts

(Continued from page 1) subway with the goal of getting to 100 percent of pre-Covid service levels,” Poftak said. “Funding is not the constraint right now to building back service.” The FMCB voted 3-0 in favor of the changes. Members Chrystal Kornegay and Tim Sullivan abstained. The timeline for what Poftak outlined is unclear. One obstacle is staffing. He said that the agency, which did not lay

off workers, continues to face significant employee absences because of pandemic impacts. As of Monday, more than 40 staff are actively ill with the virus, and, Poftak estimates, there are twice as many who are unable to work while awaiting test results or quarantining. Hiring to fill positions vacated during the pandemic has also been slow, so the agency needs to “play catch-up,” Poftak said. “If the question is

when will we get to 100 percent of pre-pandemic bus service, I don’t have a specific answer to that,” he replied when FMCB Vice Chair Monica Tibbits-Nutt asked when bus service will return. “We’re still trying to figure out how to get people trained and what the protocol for group trainings is going to be.” MBTA ridership and the fare revenue it brings plummeted when Covid hit, and more than a year into the pandemic, it still lingers around 30 percent of pre-pandemic averages. Gov. Baker has argued it is “bad public policy” to run a full suite of service for such low ridership. The FMCB in December narrowly approved a package of cuts that slashed trip frequency by 20 percent on the Red, Orange, and Green Lines and non-essential buses, cut frequency by 5 percent on the Blue Line and essential buses, closed 20 bus routes, suspended weekend commuter rail service on seven lines,

and ended Charlestown and Hingham direct ferry trips. Commuter rail and ferry changes took effect in January, while most bus and subway cuts hit this month. Lawmakers, advocates, and riders have criticized the MBTA for months for implementing the cuts while receiving nearly \$2 billion in federal emergency funding. The congressional delegation increased pressure in recent weeks, with members arguing that the T stashing away stimulus to address future budget gaps goes against the spirit of the aid. In a Monday statement, the Transit is Essential coalition that has been vocally fighting the cuts praised the latest vote as “steps in the right direction.” “The service cuts have set back our region — the need to restore service and build back better is now more urgent than ever,” the coalition said. “The MBTA’s presen-

tation also made clear that we must continue to invest in the system for the long-term. The T has been chronically underfunded, and federal support will not alone solve this challenge. The Legislature must now re-energize to provide additional resources for the T and transportation statewide.” The \$827 million the T got from the CARES Act went toward plugging holes in fiscal year 2021, and the \$301 million from a subsequent package in December was used mostly to backfill capital funding that also helped close the existing gap. Under preliminary projections, the MBTA expects to receive the \$845 million that Poftak cited from the \$1.9 trillion American Rescue Plan, the largest stimulus sum to date and one that significantly changes the agency’s outlook. Earlier budget forecasts that MBTA staff produced without factoring in the newest federal package envisioned gaps of \$201 million to \$495 million each year between FY23 and FY26. Now, using the most pessimistic ridership and fare outlook, MBTA Chief Financial Officer Mary Ann O’Hara projected that the agency can close any gaps in FY22 and FY23 and still have \$203 million remaining for the following year. The pivot resurfaced long-running conversations about the T’s financial outlook. FMCB Chair Joseph Aiello said on Monday that the T

had been heading toward budget gaps even before Covid hit, and he urged officials to consider the financial upside once projects such as the effort to modernize fare-paying methods are complete. “This T that exists today cannot continue to exist in FY24, FY25, and then hope someone’s going to give us more and more and more money,” Aiello said. “We’ve got to solve this ourselves.” Before the T’s board meeting Monday, Boston Mayor Kim Janey joined with the Transit is Essential Coalition and riders to oppose the service cuts. Janey also announced the city will launch a pilot program running through April 19 to provide nearly 1,000 workers with free CharlieCards preloaded with \$60 each and two-month Blue Bike passes. The program is open to workers in five Boston Main Streets Districts: Nubian Square, Jamaica Plain’s Three Squares, East Boston, Mission Hill, and Fields Corner. Service cuts, Janey said, “shortchange the needs of Boston’s workers and ignore the sacrifices they make each day to keep our city running.” “Now more than ever, Boston needs a transit system that works for everyone,” she said. “The people who stock our groceries, clean our schools, and staff our hospitals rely on buses and trains to get to work. We count on essential workers to get us through this pandemic, and essential workers count on public transportation.”

NOTICE

The Dorchester Historical Society is always looking for photographs and high school yearbooks from Dorchester’s past.

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Boys & Girls Club cites three standout members

By KATIE PEDERSEN
REPORTER CORRESPONDENT

The Dorchester Boys & Girls Club staff members agree that there's something special about Jamil Boykin, Kate McGrath, and Anthony Curioso, a trio of 17-year-old veterans of the program, and they've shown that appreciation by selecting Boykin as the club's Youth of the Year, McGrath as Girl of the Year, and Curioso as Boy of the Year.

Each year, Boys & Girls Clubs around the country choose exceptional teenagers to recognize as chapter Youth, Girls, and Boys of the Year. The winning Youth of the Year from the individual clubs moves on to compete in a statewide competition with the possibility of advancing to the regional and national Youth of the Year contests.

According to Mike Joyce, senior vice president of operations at Dorchester Boys & Girls Club, choosing a Youth, Girl, and Boy of the Year from among the 4,000 children the chapter serves is always tough.

"To be selected even as a finalist requires the approval of the whole program staff," Joyce said. "To try and whittle

Jamil Boykin is Youth of the Year



Jamil Boykin, Mike Joyce and Kate McGrath are shown outside of the Boys & Girls Clubs of Dorchester's Marr Clubhouse on Deer Street.

Katie Pedersen photo

that finalist group down to a select Girl of the Year, Boy of the Year, and Youth of the Year is difficult. The kids have to

do an essay, they have to get a letter of recommendation from one of the staff, and they have to be interviewed by a

panel of judges. For us, it's really the top award that you could get at the club."

This year's winners

took a time out to reflect fondly on their time with the Dorchester facility.

"My experiences have mainly been learning and developing experiences," said Boykin. "Meeting new people helped me open up as a shy person. It helped me get other people out of their shells as they came to the club. And it taught me how to be an actual man in the world and how to speak my mind in a way that's respectful. It's taught me how to 'be someone.'"

For her part, McGrath said, "The club has been a huge part of my development as a person. It was here that I had my first experiences with teamwork and commitment and all the things that make me the woman I am today. The club has always been a place to go home and a place where I know my peers and my mentors will always have my back."

Next year, she plans to attend nursing school at Regis College in Weston, a decision she attributes in large part to her experiences at the Dorchester Boys & Girls Club. "Honestly," she said, "It was the club that made me realize that I wanted to go into a profession of helping other people."

She and Boykin lead the club's Keystone Club, which is meant to foster community service among members. McGrath says her work in that regard has "really opened my eyes to the opportunities in the world to help other people."

As to the Boy of the Year, he feels "incredibly honored" by the decision. "I was not expecting this at all," said Curioso, but I have nothing but extreme gratitude for the people who made the decision.

"I've been involved with a lot of the club's programming over the last eight years or so, and they always will find some way to make sure that anyone can participate in their programs, regardless of whatever challenges they may face."

Joyce is especially proud to recognize Boykin and McGrath's many years spent with the club as they prepare to graduate from high school.

"Jamil being a senior, Kate being a senior, they're both leaving the club, so to get the highest honor as they graduate out of the program is kind of a nice way to recognize all their achievements," he said.



Rejoyce Owusu

The non-profit Volunteers of American of Massachusetts has named Rejoyce Owusu of Dorchester as its director of Human Resources. The group creates opportunities for individuals through residential and outpatient behavioral health treatment, re-entry for jus-

tice-involved individuals, veteran services and senior living. Owusu, a native of the Bronx, N.Y., previously worked at ideaMACHINE Studio, a Brooklyn-based video production service, and previously worked in talent acquisition at Prudential Financial.

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Dot students making a mark at Archbishop Williams

Archbishop Williams High School in Braintree has published its honor roll for the third term. Among those included on the Principal's List, which is reserved for those with grades of 90 or above, are Dorchester residents Makayla Miller and Novia Nguyen, grade 7; Shania Harry, grade 7; Kim Cuong (Diamond) Dang, grade 11; and Marie McCarthy, grade 12.

First Honors recipients include Kayleigh O'Connor, grade 9; and Maeve Applegate and Declan Hocker, grade 10. Second honors went to Monica Kelley, grade 8; Casey Kelley, grade 9; Haziet Dong, Kerin Donovan, Brendan Foster, Gregory Mayo, Andre Mills and Thomas Russell, grade 10; Vincent Hua, Sinan (Simon) Liu,

and Adam McLaughlin, grade 11.

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Tenean Beach: Perennially a sore spot

In today's photo, which appeared in the *Boston Herald* on June 21, 1970, young officials of the Neponset Youth Civic Association displayed their feelings about the quality of the water and conditions at a protest at Tenean Beach. From left, Eric Brugman, treasurer; John Pitts, vice president; Richard Livingston, president; and Charles Perry, president-elect. Over the years, the *Dorchester Reporter* has kept track of the water quality at the beach. In 2018, the Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) announced that it would construct a new and fully accessible playground at Tenean Beach, an announcement that did not mention water quality. The next year, the water there had the poorest water quality rating of beaches across the region.

So, 52 years later, we still need attention to our shores.

The archive of these historical posts can be viewed on the blog at dorchesterhistoricalsoociety.org.

Editorial

Help’s on the way for vulnerable renters, landlords

The specter of ongoing disruptions caused by yet another wave in Covid cases in Massachusetts threatens to ruin the upbeat mood lifted by vaccinations and spring weather this week. But there is some good news for Boston residents who have been impacted by Covid-19 and need help paying their rent. It’s also welcome news for many property owners who need to be paid.

On Tuesday, Mayor Janey announced that the city will put \$50 million into a relief fund that will help eligible renters tap into as much as \$15,000 in assistance. The money, most of it newly arrived from the Biden administration, is intended to amplify the success of last year’s efforts by the Walsh administration to keep tenants— and landlords— afloat during Covid’s peak.

The Boston Rental Relief Fund gave out more than \$7.8 million to more than 1,860 households in 2020. But, as Mayor Janey said this week, the need has not gone away.

“This new infusion of funding will go above and beyond what the City has made available in the past,” she said,

noting that the funds will help prevent evictions “leading up to the federal moratorium that expires on June 30.”

According to a Janey spokesperson, the new funding will “expand the scope of the current program beyond solely paying for rent, allowing the City to assist eligible renters with utility bills, and moving costs, including the first and last month’s rent and security deposit.”

There are some important guidelines on eligibility to keep in mind. Tenants must earn less than 80 percent Area Median Income (AMI) or \$96,250 for a family of four and be financially impacted by Covid-19. They will be required to show that they do not “receive a rental subsidy or have funds to meet their needs.” Finally, the program does not apply to full-time undergraduate or graduate students.

On the upside, people who received rental help last year can apply again— and could receive even more help than in 2020 with the new infusion of dollars from the feds. And, this round of funding can also be used to cover past, current, and “prospective rent” along with utilities, including internet service, which remains an essential need for learning and work.

The rental assistance funds will come through the city of Boston, but will be administered with the help of partner agencies like Neighborhood of Affordable Housing (NOAH), Metro Housing Boston and Dorchester’s Project HOPE, which works with families teetering on the edge of homelessness.

The new round of funding is coupled with a timely announcement from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), which on Sunday ordered an extension to the federal moratorium on evictions. The new deadline is June 30. That’s an important reprieve, particularly here in Massachusetts, where our own state moratorium was lifted last October.

People in our communities— who have been ravaged by Covid infections and deaths and job losses— should not have to worry about losing their shelter, too.

To apply, go to boston.gov/departments/neighborhood-development/office-housing-stability/rental-relief-fund.

– Bill Forry

Pandemic highlights how immigrants have contributed to our state’s welfare

By MARCELO M. SUÁREZ-OROZCO
SPECIAL TO THE REPORTER

In Massachusetts, immigration is both history and destiny. Immigrants have been shaping the state’s economy, politics, and culture since the early 1600s when the Pilgrims and the Puritans set up the towns of Plymouth and Boston. The Covid-19 pandemic is illuminating how the contributions of today’s immigrants will shape the Commonwealth well into the future.

Although they are often invisible, immigrants today represent more than 17 percent of the state’s population. In some communities, the number is more than double that. In Dorchester, immigrants account for 56.1 percent of residents.

At a time when birth rates are declining and our overall population is aging, immigrants are our first line of defense against the deep demographic winter facing the Commonwealth. Over the next 15 years, immigrants and their US-born children will represent *all* net labor growth, according to new research from the Migration Policy Institute (MPI).

One area where immigrants play an important role is in the state’s economy. They account for one in five Massachusetts workers and one in four entrepreneurs, and they contribute \$36.4 billion in consumer spending and \$4.5 billion in state and local taxes every year, according to the American Immigration Council.

Another is the state’s higher education system, which is deeply connected to our innovation-based economy. The aforementioned demographic patterns are hurting enrollment and creating an existential crisis for many colleges and universities. The pandemic and its wake of economic destruction is expected to drive down enrollment even further.

Again, immigrants are providing welcome news. The number of US-born adults with immigrant parents is projected to more than double between 2015

and 2035, and now accounts for 28 percent of all college students. (UMass Boston, home to thousands of immigrant-origin students, plays a unique role in the Commonwealth: most of our students will stay, live, and work in Massachusetts after graduation, becoming an integral part of our labor force.)

The pandemic has revealed the extent to which immigrants form the backbone of our health care system. If you are being treated for Covid-19 in the US, there is a nearly one in three chance that you will be seen by an immigrant physician, according to MPI. If you or a loved one needs a home health aide, there is a 40 percent chance that person will be an immigrant. One in six nurses working on the front lines is an immigrant, according to the Brookings Institution.

Even before the pandemic, immigrants were filling essential jobs that support every facet of our existence. They care for the sick, for people with disabilities, for older adults, children and babies. They deliver our food and work in our factories and warehouses and throughout the supply chain. They teach our children and make our higher education system the envy of the world. Since 2000, they have been awarded nearly 40 percent of the Nobel Prizes won by Americans in Chemistry, Medicine and Physics.

And they are doing all of this despite numerous obstacles, from disproportionately high rates of Covid infections and deaths to xenophobic and racist rhetoric coming from some quarters of society.

The data show that when given the chance, immigrants take up an American identity, gravitate toward cultural norms and embrace the English language— and improve the levels of education, occupational diversity, and income in their communities.

That’s good for them— and for everyone else. After all, their future is our future.

Marcelo M. Suárez-Orozco is Chancellor of UMass Boston and an immigrant from Argentina.

Job market uncertainty gives us an opportunity to pursue reform

By JAMES LISTER
SPECIAL TO THE REPORTER

We stand at a turning point as the nation struggles to fully recover from the havoc Covid-19 has inflicted on the economy. We have a unique opportunity and an obligation to not just bring back jobs, but to establish well-paying ones that would help to revive a battered middle-class.

Recent unemployment data from the Labor Department shows the economy has recovered little more than half the 22 million jobs lost to the pandemic nearly a year after the coronavirus struck the US. Now is the time to enact a “good jobs” system that combines investment in people with targeted policies in order to maximize employee security, stability, and productivity.

The first step is recognizing the flaws of the pre-Covid economy, which relied on a “bad jobs” model for more than 50 million workers whose hallmarks were low wages, uneven productivity, and high turnover.

Next, we must realize that hourly-wage jobs in a variety of sectors should be — and can be — middle-class jobs. Policy reforms promised by President Joe Biden and his newly confirmed Labor secretary, former Boston Mayor Marty Walsh, can be paired with reforms at the local level to reverse the damage caused by four years of former President Donald Trump.

President Biden campaigned on stronger union and employee rights. Action on the following items will help foster the return of well-paying jobs:

Support the “PRO Act”: On March 9, the House of Representatives passed the Protecting the Right to Organize Act, which would bolster the National Labor Relations Act (NLRA), expand the right to strike, and the ability of workers to participate in collective or class actions. The legislation has previously been stalled in the US Senate.

A “New Deal” Covid-19 workforce: Workers will be needed to distribute and administer coronavirus vaccines, rebuild our strained public health system, and invest in upgrading public schools to make them more safe. “This will be one of the hardest, most costly operational challenges in our nation’s history,” Biden has said. “If Congress provides the funding, we need to protect students, educators, and staff; if states and cities put strong public health measures in place that we all follow, then my team will work to see that a majority of our schools can be open by the end of my first 100 days.”

When the pandemic arrived in the US in January 2020, former President Trump called for an “industrial mobilization” to meet the country’s medical needs. But his administration mishandled the economy and had a series of strategic missteps: failed

to give states clear guidelines for Covid prevention, not providing funding to pay for production lines or strongly exercising the Defense Production Act, and failing to meet its own targets for replenishing the Strategic National Stockpile of medical equipment, the General Accounting Office found.

Howard University and AFL-CIO economist William Spriggs said Trump’s lackluster pandemic response earned a failing grade. “He didn’t pump enough money to state and local governments,” Spriggs said. “And we lost more jobs in state and local government than we did the whole of the Great Recession.”

NLRB Reform: President Biden has also promised to give the National Labor Relations Board the power to fine employers that violate labor law. This will make it easier to hold employers accountable for working conditions and other practices.

New Labor Department Leadership: With his selection of Marty Walsh as Secretary of Labor, President Biden took a major step toward reversing the direction of that department, which focused more on enforcing Trump’s executive order banning diversity training than helping workers who lost their jobs due to Covid-19.

American support for unions has steadily increased; it is now sitting at 65 percent approval, the highest it has been since 2003 and up sharply since hitting its lowest point of 48 percent in 2009 (during the Great Recession). However, only about one in ten workers is unionized, a steep decline from the nearly one-third of workers who were members of a union in 1964. We know America wants and needs union representation - labor unions carve a pathway to the middle-class, providing good wages and benefits that allow workers to support their families and purchase homes and other material goods that help the local economy.

With the current economy, I believe an extended period of low demand in customer facing service businesses will actually make it easier to make structural changes and enact reforms with less risk. Providing good jobs actually lowers costs by reducing employee turnover, operational mistakes, and wasted time.

While the labor market has begun to recover, many Americans continue to struggle financially. We must take action to ensure we have an economy that works for the millions of workers who had already been left behind even before the pandemic. As the rollout and availability of multiple coronavirus vaccines increases, we have an opportunity to ensure American jobs also get a shot in the arm.

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Commentary

It's a race to the finish line— don't let Covid catch you

By Bill Walczak
Reporter Columnist

“Just when I think I’m out, they pull me back in.”
– Michael Corleone, “The Godfather, Part 3”

It seems like every time we start to get ahead of Covid, Americans as a group decide to pull us back into the virus. Gov. Baker’s Nov. 6 order, requiring “all people in Massachusetts over 5 years of age to wear face masks or cloth face coverings in all public places, whether indoors or outdoors, even where they are able to maintain 6 feet of distance from others” is still in effect, but it seems to be slipping away as a key prevention measure.

A friend on Beacon Hill told me that a few weeks ago there was nearly 100 percent compliance with the mask order, but now he sees older men walking the streets flaunting their masklessness.

You also see the slippage in mask-wearing in our neighborhoods. I’ve noticed people in some stores not wearing masks. Sometimes you’re told that the person is vaccinated, but how are we to know? A third of Massachusetts voters checked the ballot for Trump. Are Trumpers deciding that they don’t care about whether they are infected?

The slippage in taking precautions against the virus tracks perfectly with the data: We are trending toward a new surge in Covid cases across the country and in our Commonwealth. It’s a trend that is especially affecting those under 30 years of age. We could lose the war to the Covid variants.

But who wouldn’t be confused by the mixed messages that we are getting from our government officials? The governor has opened indoor restaurants, even sports venues, so why wouldn’t people think it’s okay to drop the precautions?

But it’s not okay; there are still millions of Massachusetts residents who are unvaccinated, and there are many unanswered questions about what it means to be vaccinated. You can still get the virus if you

are vaccinated, but it’s likely you’ll be asymptomatic, and it’s extremely unlikely that you’ll wind up in the hospital as a result.

And we still don’t know whether vaccinated people can pass the virus to another person. This includes children, who, studies show, are likely getting the virus at the same rate as adults, though usually without serious symptoms.

Until these questions are answered, we need to continue to take the precautions we all know work well to stem Covid’s spread. Although I’m vaccinated, I will continue to wear a mask in public for the foreseeable future, partly to not be a jerk by making other people fearful, and partly because I do not want to get an asymptomatic case that can be passed along to children, including the grandchildren with whom I live.

Until it is determined that vaccinations will keep the unvaccinated and children safe, people will need to continue to wear masks and practice social distancing when in public, or we’ll continue to have surges that will delay achieving herd immunity. And our economy will not fully recover.

I think that we’ll ultimately get to that immunity stage, at least within the region, but it won’t be until the children are vaccinated, which will be at the end of 2021 at the earliest. In the meantime, coaxing people to participate in the economy again will require some assurance that we’re safe. Since the travel industry has been devastated by Covid, some governments and travel industry leaders are talking about requiring a “digital passport” that will allow travelers to show they have been vaccinated.

Employers and government cannot currently mandate vaccinations because the vaccines are not Federal Drug Administration (FDA) approved, except for emergency use, though many universities and other private organizations are moving toward requiring a vaccination.

We don’t need the law, however, to get close to a universal use of masks and other safety measures. This would be done through the power of the purse. The last thing businesses want is for their customers to feel unsafe, or to get Covid as a result of an interaction with their companies. Since it is not illegal for businesses to ask their staff members if they are vaccinated, the employers can determine that non-vaccinated staff wear masks as part of a dress code. This has been used to induce staff members to get their shots at health centers, as wearing a mask all day at work can be an annoyance.

Those of us who do not want to feel at risk can also let businesses know that we will not engage with those that don’t have a mask requirement for both staff and customers. If enough people walk out of businesses where maskless staff and/or customers are allowed, and let the managers know why, it will be a powerful incentive to enforce the governor’s mandate.

Based on current trends, it is likely that we will have 80 percent of adults vaccinated in Massachusetts by the Fourth of July, which should greatly cut down on transmission of the virus. And we may soon find out if it can be transmitted by the vaccinated. But to protect children, it is very important that we continue what we all both know and can do to protect others: wear a mask, keep socially distant from others not in your bubble, wash your hands, and wait until we hear a resounding “all clear.”

Bill Walczak is a Dorchester resident and co-founder and former CEO of the Codman Square Health Center. His column appears weekly in the Reporter.



Bill Walczak

Mega-development a bad move for Bayside

By Steve Striffler
Special to the Reporter

Last September, the real estate developer Accordia Partners LLC submitted plans to the Boston Planning Development Agency (BPDA) to create “Dorchester Bay City” (DBC), a mixed-use project featuring nearly six million square feet of new building –roughly the size of two Empire State Buildings on land located between the JFK/UMass stop, Harbor Point, and Carson Beach.

The proposal is a brash attempt to occupy the city’s last significant piece of waterfront and reflects the fact that Boston’s urban development model has long favored developers at the expense of local communities.

The proposal would be problematic under any circumstances, but it is inexcusable in a year that saw calls for racial justice sharpen as a pandemic-driven crisis worsened inequality. If 2020 taught us anything, it is that any discussion about racial justice in Boston must confront a housing crisis that makes living in the city unaffordable for so many. Yet, DBC represents business as usual, promising to intensify racial and economic inequality instead of lessening it. It has woefully inadequate affordable housing, while paying no attention to its potential impact on housing costs in a rare area of the city still populated by a diverse working class whose majority remains people of color. It seems destined to exclude working Bostonians from its confines, while serving to displace residents of Dorchester as its rent-intensifying impact gentrifies the area.

It is also a transportation nightmare. With little concern to transit issues, DBC would add more than 1,700 housing units (and massive retail office space) to an area that faces some of the region’s worst transit problems. Bostonians would not only be financing transit upgrades, however; they will also likely be on the hook for a significant portion of the public subsidies required to protect the development from climate change related to sea-level rise.

Indeed, at first glance, DBC looks just like another example of private interests driving gentrification. Yet, DBC not only relies on public coffers, but it also will occupy public land owned by the University of Massachusetts Building Authority. This makes the lack of community-generating institutions like schools, daycares, senior centers, and libraries all the more troubling, and suggests that this “city” is for professionals for whom “public” space means high-end coffee shops and restaurants. Think Seaport District.

Accordia has limited community voices by holding highly orchestrated meetings to ostensibly gather the public input required for approval. In reality, the developer has shared little meaningful information

with hand-picked community organizations that were predisposed to support the project. All the while, the BDPA facilitated the “vetting” process while UMass Boston looks to collect hundreds of millions of dollars while washing its hands of any responsibility for a project that will reshape the region.

Accordia has its powerful ducks in a row, which has served to largely silence grassroots opposition.

With city powerholders lining up behind deep-pocketed developers, “community input” (at best) allows the working people whose homes and livelihoods are at stake the ability to get in front of the development steamroller and negotiate the best possible terms of their defeat.

No one is suggesting that DBC should be stopped, or even that publicly regulated development should serve the people of Boston instead of facilitating the

upward distribution of wealth. That would be too much to expect from a rigged system.

What we need from a moment defined by racial justice and economic inequality is a modicum of regulation in order to shape development in ways that serve Bostonians. We need community engagement and state intervention that will increase affordable housing, slow displacement, generate quality jobs, facilitate community, and produce other public goods that will have little impact on the developer’s pocketbook, but will (perhaps) slow the increasing rate of inequality that threatens the very fabric of Boston.

The writer, a resident of Dorchester, teaches at UMass Boston and is the co-editor of “Organizing for Power: Building a Twenty-First Century Labor Movement in Boston.”

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Dot social worker joins race for at-large City Council seat

By MADDIE KILGANNON
REPORTER CORRESPONDENT

Carla Monteiro, a social worker and Dorchester native, announced her candidacy for at-large city council on Saturday afternoon at the Blarney Stone in Fields Corner. Monteiro, 38, described herself as a first-generation Cape Verdean, a single mom, and a fervently proud Bostonian.



“I feel that it is very important to have a social worker on the council who brings a holistic perspective, especially considering the pandemic and the climate that we’re currently living in,” she told the *Reporter*.

At Madison Park High School, Monteiro said, she struggled academically, but her inner drive eventually led her to earn three university degrees and a certificate in four years and become a social worker, all while raising her son.

She earned her master’s in Social Work from Boston College in

2019 and now works at supporting patients who are struggling with their mental health and substance use and screening for social determinants of health at Boston Children’s and Brigham and Women’s hospitals.

“A lot of what drives me is growing up in Dorchester and just seeing a lot of the disparities,” Monteiro said. “I chose to work in addition because it has heavily impacted my community.”

When growing up, she said, she dreamed of owning a home in the neighborhood that her mother could move into. During that time, she noted, she would put her son, who was born when she was 20, to bed and stay up late studying and researching, and it paid off.

In 2010, her dream became a reality when she bought a three-decker through the city’s first-time home-buyers program.

“When I did have my son,” she said, “people counted me out. It was this stigma about being a mom at such an early age. Being a single mom, I had to navigate the welfare system. I know what it’s like to work a few overtime hours and have your daycare fees go up and your food stamps decrease,” she said.



Carla Monteiro

Buying a home changed the way her neighbors and community treated her, Monteiro said. Now she wants everyone to have that opportunity.

“There are all these gaps in services that impact the people of Boston. And if you haven’t gone through it, then you may miss [them],” she said.

Monteiro said she chose to run at-large to represent the entire city because she looks at Boston on a macro level. “I didn’t want to be limited in one district and not be able to help everybody,” she said.

“I’ve always been like this unofficial social worker growing up,” she said. “I just always found a way to bring resources to my neighbors and friends.”

Candidates for council at-large are required to get a minimum of 1,500 certified signatures from city voters to make the ballot. Nomination papers will be made available on April 13.

... State Rep. Edward Copping has thrown his weight behind his House colleague Jon Santiago’s mayoral campaign. Copping’s district includes West Roxbury and part of Roslindale.

One of the newer candidates in the mayoral race, Santiago has already secured endorsements from House Ways and Means Chairman Aaron Michlewitz, Assistant Majority Leader Mike Moran, and state Rep. Kevin Honan. Santiago’s campaign reported roughly \$387,000 cash on hand in an early March filing.

“Jon Santiago is the next leader Boston needs to lead us through this urgent moment,” Copping said in a statement provided by the campaign. “His unique background is what our city needs to foster a recovery rooted in equity and opportunity. I trust him to lead us back stronger than before and I know he will be a champion for our small businesses and health equity.”

... At-large Council candidate Erin Murphy, whose roots in Neponset go back generations, opened a campaign office in Adams Village last



Erin Murphy at her new campaign quarters

week above the newly opened PS Gourmet shop at the high-visibility corner of Gallivan Boulevard and Adams Street.

Campbell has plan for restaurant restart

City Councillor Andrea Campbell on Monday laid out a plan she developed with input from a number of Boston’s chefs and restaurant owners to help the city’s restaurant industry recover from the pandemic.

The mayoral candidate wants to largely focus on “reducing red tape and removing barriers to access.” Among the targets: waiving liquor license fees for 2022, capping third-party delivery fees at 15 percent, and making the Covid-19 vaccine accessible for restaurant workers.

Campbell also proposes creating a Hospitality Division within City Hall to streamline the permitting and inspection process and setting up a 15-member Hospitality Advisory Council to advise on hospitality industry policy recommendations.

The plan would also expand street patios for outdoor dining and so-called “Open Streets” across the city and seek to reform Boston’s antiquated liquor licensing system.

– DANIEL SHEEHAN

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Chang-Díaz ‘exploring’ run for governor in 2022

BY MATT MURPHY
AND KATIE LANNAN
STATE HOUSE
NEWS SERVICE

One former state senator is already running for governor on the Democratic side of the ticket, and now a current member of the Senate says she is “seriously considering” a campaign for the corner office next year when Gov. Baker’s second term expires.

Sen. Sonia Chang-Díaz, a Democrat from Jamaica Plain and the first Latinx woman to serve in the state Senate, said on Monday that she is looking at the race for governor in 2022. She was a key player in efforts to pass school funding reform in 2019, and helped negotiate an overhaul of policing oversight and accountability laws last year in the wake of the killing of George Floyd.

“Families across Massachusetts are struggling to make rent, stay safe, and give their kids a brighter future. The crises now boiling over in our state — economic, public health, and racial justice — make it absolutely clear we need someone in the corner office who feels the same urgency working people do. Someone who’ll run toward problems, not away from them. That’s



State Sen. Sonia Chang-Díaz of Boston, pictured speaking at a criminal justice reform event in 2018, has served 12 years in the Senate and is now considering a run for governor. *SHNS file photo*

why I’m seriously considering running for governor,” Chang-Díaz said in a statement, shared with the News Service.

First elected to the Senate in 2008, the former teacher ran unopposed in her last two races, and as of the end of last month had more than \$210,500 in her campaign account.

Chang-Díaz was mentioned as a potential candidate for mayor of Boston this year with Marty Walsh leaving City Hall to join the Biden administration, but she said she was

focused on state-level policy and her role in the Senate, which includes chairing the new Joint Committee on Racial Equity, Civil Rights and Inclusion.

On Beacon Hill, she has been a voice for progressive causes from criminal justice reform to the more recent policing reform law signed last year by Gov. Baker. She has also filed legislation an advocated for more resources to improve the equity of Covid-19 vaccine distribution throughout communities in Massachusetts.

For many years, Chang-Díaz chaired the Committee on Education and worked to overhaul the funding formula for public schools. While she wasn’t chair of the committee last session when the Student Opportunity Act finally became law, she remained active on the issue as the legislation moved through the Senate.

Ben Downing, an East Boston Democrat who served with Chang-Díaz and represented the Berkshires for a decade in the Senate, jumped into the race for governor

in February. Harvard professor and political theorist Danielle Allen has also said she is exploring a run, and anticipates making a decision on the race by June.

Baker has not yet said if he will seek a third term next year, or if Lt. Gov. Karyn Polito might run for governor instead on the GOP side. Democrats are also keeping a close eye on Attorney General Maura Healey for signs that the popular prosecutor might be leaning toward entering the race.

Chang-Díaz, a graduate of the University of Virginia and currently the only woman of color serving in the Senate, represents the Second Suffolk District, which includes parts of Dorchester, Jamaica Plain, Hyde Park, Mattapan, Mission Hill, Roslindale, Roxbury, and the South End in Boston.

Her father immigrated to the United States from Costa Rica, becoming the country’s first Latin American astronaut.

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Wanting to ‘lead by example,’ Janey gets first vaccine shot

By KATIE LANNAN
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After volunteering at a Covid-19 vaccine clinic at a Boston Housing Authority site last Friday morning, the city’s new mayor rolled up her sleeves and got the shot herself.

“I’m choosing to get it because vaccination is an important tool to protect ourselves, to protect our communities and all those that we love, and to help stop the pandemic,” Mayor Janey said.

She added, “I am trusting the data, I am trusting the science, and I want to lead by example for anyone who still has questions or hesitancy around the vaccine.”

Janey, who transi-



Mayor Janey received her first vaccine dose last Friday. It was administered by EMS paramedic Dennis Mitchell, who was assisted by Jocelyn Brandao at the Martin Luther King Towers vaccination clinic.

Mayor’s Office Photo by Isabel Leon

tioned from city council president to acting mayor a week ago Monday when Marty Walsh resigned following his confirmation as U.S.

labor secretary, said she was eligible for the shot as a vaccine-site volunteer. She said she and her staff have been volunteering for the past few weeks at the Martin Luther King Towers vaccination clinic, where they’ve been “knocking on doors, talking to residents, and assisting with appointments.”

“Many residents are eager to receive the vaccination,” she said. “Others have questions and want more information.”

On Friday, Janey announced a \$1.5 million vaccine equity grant program that will support non-profit organizations that work to break down barriers to vaccine access for Bostonians disproportionately im-

pacted by Covid. She said she plans to announce awardees in mid-April and that the funding will support in-person outreach to help people get appointments, public awareness efforts that build confidence in vaccines, and supports like transportation and language interpretation.

“As we begin a new chapter in our city, we are inviting new partners to the table in our fight against Covid,” Janey said. “While all partnerships will be considered, the vaccine equity grant initiative will prioritize partnerships or organizations that have not previously been fully engaged in this work.”

Janey takes oath as city’s 55th mayor in a setting of firsts

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Reverend Willie Brodrick II, senior pastor of Twelfth Baptist Church gave the invocation to start the ceremony. Congresswoman Ayanna Pressley, the first Black woman to serve on Boston’s City Council, then introduced Janey.

“This is a proud day for the city of Boston and all Bostonians, but I know this has a special meaning for those who dare to

dream a different future for our city across the generations,” Pressley said. “Today, that seemingly improbable dream is a reality.”

After the ceremony, Janey listed some of her goals as mayor, among them, tackling the pandemic, reopening schools, and closing the city’s wealth gap. She noted that many equity issues present before the pandemic have gotten worse due to the coro-

navirus.

“Let’s not be afraid to tackle the longer-term challenges that we face together,” she said. “From racial justice to environmental justice, from affordable housing to our transit system, from our public schools to public safety, we cannot go back. Our only option is to go better.”

Janey closed the ceremony by calling all Bostonians to work with her for Boston’s future.

“I vow to be a mayor for the entire city, for every neighborhood, and for you,” she said. “If we all work together there is nothing that Boston can’t accomplish.”

On the day before, Janey had visited the Edwards Middle School in Charlestown, which she attended in the 1970s.

“One of the classrooms that I visited was exploring this time in our city’s history; they were discussing desegregation of

our schools,” Janey told the *Reporter*. “To be able to step into that class as someone who experienced that firsthand as an 11-year-old girl and then share what I experienced — sharing my story and then standing there before them as the first Black mayor of our city and the first woman mayor — was particularly powerful.”

When asked whether she intends to carry over staff from the Walsh

administration, Janey said there could be some changes, but she did not confirm any decisions.

“There is a lot of talent in this building and I am excited to work with everyone here. With all transitions, sometimes there can be some movement,” she said.

“Folks that are here are certainly welcome to stay, but if there is some movement, we will move quickly to fill positions as they become open.”

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Change of personnel is the order of day at City Hall

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Brophy when he leaves the post on April 16.
“It’s not an exaggeration to say that the people of Boston have benefited tremendously from Pat’s work, which future generations will continue to enjoy,” Janey said in announcing the move. “Whether it’s new libraries, schools, police and fire stations, community centers, or the ambitious redesign of City Hall Plaza, Pat’s impact on Boston can be felt throughout our neighborhoods. We wish him the best in his new chapter and thank him for his many years of service.”

Irish has served the City of Boston for 25 years in various leadership positions, most recently as commissioner of the Inspectional Services Department (ISD) since 2019. Prior to becoming commissioner, Irish worked at ISD for 17 years, serving previously as assistant commissioner and director of Housing Inspections for 12 years. In 2015, former Mayor Walsh appointed Irish as commissioner



Pat Brophy
Moving on

of Boston’s Election Department.
Also on Monday, Janey announced the promotion of budget director Justin Sterritt to the role of chief financial officer, replacing Emme Handy, who is headed back to the Broad Institute in Cambridge. Sterritt is a former State House aide who held roles in the Executive Office of Administration and Finance, the Housing and Economic Development secretariat, and as budget director with the House Ways and Means Committee on Beacon Hill. He is now the chief



Eugene O’Flaherty
Moving on

of Boston’s Administration and Finance Cabinet and the custodian of more than 300 city trust funds, “responsible for all aspects of financial management for the City of Boston.”
Drew Smith, the city’s head of treasury since 2017, is the new deputy chief financial officer.
Another important personnel change has taken place in the city’s law department: Former state legislator and top Boston City Hall lawyer Eugene O’Flaherty has joined the national lobbying firm Ballard Partners. O’Flaherty, a Charles-



Dion Irish
Moving up

town Democrat, spent 17 years in the Legislature before joining the City Hall administration of his friend and one-time colleague Marty Walsh as city corporation counsel.
With Walsh entering the Biden administration as labor secretary and members of the Massachusetts Congressional delegation occupying a number of prominent roles in Congress, O’Flaherty is joining Ballard’s Washington office. During his tenure at the State House, O’Flaherty spent 12 years chairing the Judiciary Committee. He said he would



Justin Sterritt
Moving up

be traveling back and forth between Boston and Washington, but did not intend to establish a permanent residence in the nation’s capital.
In addition to his work for Ballard, O’Flaherty has also signed on as of counsel with the Boston law firm Sullivan & Worcester.
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Janey’s constituents in the city council’s District 7 — which includes parts of Dorchester and Roxbury — may wonder how her new role as mayor impacts their representation on the council. In fact, following a precedent created the last time a council president was elevated to fill a mayoral vacancy, Janey will no longer fulfill her council duties.

She will retain her title of district councillor, but she will not participate in Council matters while she is mayor,” said Nick Martin, a spokesperson for Janey.
Her council office, which includes a new chief of staff, will continue to field constituent calls and attend neighborhood meetings, etc. But Janey herself will not be voting or attending committee hearings, for example, as a councillor. The District 7 seat will be filled by a new councillor in the fall elections. In her absence, Councillor Matt O’Malley is expected to act as the presiding officer of the council this year.
Bill Forry of the Reporter contributed to this article.

State panel drops Rollins ethics case

The state Ethics Commission is no longer investigating a parking lot incident involving Suffolk County District Attorney Rachael Rollins. Her attorney, Ronald Sullivan, said the panel is no longer looking into the complaint filed last year by a Boston woman who alleged that Rollins threatened her and inappropriately flashed her car’s blue law enforcement lights as they



Rachael Rollins
both were trying to exit the South Bay Shopping Center on Dec. 24.
The complaint was

first filed with the state attorney general, who referred it to the ethics commission.
“This few-second traffic encounter has been thoroughly reviewed and not a single criminal, civil rights, or ethical violation occurred,” Sullivan said in an emailed statement. “The District Attorney is not surprised by these outcomes, and sincerely hopes we can all return to the far more

pressing matters facing the Commonwealth.”
The commission declined to comment, saying it can neither confirm nor deny whether it reviewed any complaint. Rollins is reportedly one of the finalists being considered to take over as Massachusetts US Attorney. Andrew Lelling left the office at the end of February.
– DEBORAH BECKER
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Janey sees “troubling” rise in COVID cases

More than 30 percent of Bostonians have received at least one dose of a Covid-19 vaccine, Mayor Janey said Tuesday as she urged continued vigilance with the city experiencing an uptick in virus activity.

“I continue to be worried about this pandemic and how it is impacting the residents of this city,” Janey said at a briefing. She said it is “troubling

anytime we see an increase in activity” and that she will work with public health officials to monitor metrics “so that we can adjust if we need to roll back some of the loosening of the restrictions that have already happened at the state level.”

Janey said that 130 new cases were recorded in Boston on Monday and two recent deaths linked to the coro-

navirus were reported. She said the city’s positive test rate is 4.2 percent, up from 3.7 percent, illustrating “that many people are still getting Covid.”

“The change is largely due to a higher rate of infection among younger residents,” Janey said. “More than half of the new cases in the past two weeks have come from Bostonians under the age of 29.”

Most young people are still not eligible to receive vaccines, but will become eligible on April 19. Boston’s cumulative caseload stands at 63,748, and 1,341 city residents with the respiratory disease have died, according to data from the city’s public health commission.

KATIE LANNAN
— SHNS

You’re a senior who is vaccine hunting? City’s Age Strong panel is there for you

(Continued from page 1) ing a pothole, or other non-emergencies —to see if the mayor’s office could help. That service redirected Seglin to a caller at the city’s Age Strong Commission, who helped him arrange an appointment in short order.

“They told me it might be five days until I hear from them, but I got a call back that afternoon, and the woman asked can I do it tomorrow? Do I want an appointment at 1, 2, or 3 p.m. at the Reggie Lewis Center? Then she kept me on the phone chatting for a few minutes while I

waited to get the email confirmation.”

The Age Strong staff were “very helpful, amazingly patient, and incredibly efficient,” said Seglin.

Stories like his have been common in recent months, according to Age Strong Commissioner Emily Shea, who described to the Reporter how the commission’s team has pivoted in recent months to field vaccination-related inquiries and provide phone support for the city’s aging citizens.

“A lot of our services were in person, and we shifted to almost every-

thing over the phone,” said Shea. “We set up a call center in our office, getting a lot of our team to change roles and man the phone lines. A lot of calls come into 311 and then get funneled to our office, so we have our team at the call center every day doing intakes and figuring out how to best help folks.”

Since the 75+ age group became eligible for vaccines near the start of the year, Age Strong has focused much of its efforts on that rollout process.

“At the height of it we were getting 800 calls a day, with 500 of those

being vaccine calls,” Shea said. “When we’re not fielding calls, we’re calling people to help them schedule vaccines. For older adults, that can mean arranging for a caregiver or home health aide to find a time that works, or setting up transportation so they can get to that appointment. The final layer of that is around language access and making sure we have a diverse team that speaks the language of our residents.”

Through targeted outreach, Shea said, the commission has seen success in breaking down some vaccine hesitancy.

Apart from vaccine assistance, over the past year the Age Strong Commission has been doing “a lot of work with food access, working with folks who are feeling isolated, and getting them connected to regular phone calls and other supports they need,” said Shea.

“We were even able to maintain some of our programming with virtual events— for example we held a Black History Month event with a storyteller and a great band,” she noted, “so we’re doing things a little differently, but fortunately we are still reaching a lot of people.”

As more of the state’s aging population continues to get vaccinated, Shea expects that the Age Strong Commission will continue to do a lot of its work over the phone but will eventually be bringing back some in-person services in a safe way as well, in accordance with public health guidance.

The Age Strong Commission provides services and resources to Bostonians over the age of 55. For vaccine registration assistance or more information about Age Strong’s services, call 617-635-4366 or email agestrong@boston.gov.

CDC extends moratorium on evictions through June

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention extended a federal moratorium on evictions through June 30, two days before the measure

was set to expire.

CDC Director Dr. Rochelle Walensky signed the extension on Sunday, which prevents landlords from evicting tenants who are unable to make rental payments. “The Covid-19 pandemic has presented a historic

threat to the nation’s public health,” according to a CDC statement released on Monday that read: “Keeping people in their homes and out of crowded or congregate settings — like homeless shelters — by preventing evictions is a key step

in helping to stop the spread of Covid-19.”

State officials let their own eviction moratorium expire in October 2020, and Gov. Baker rolled out a \$171 million eviction diversion initiative that in-part relied upon the Residential Assistance for Families in Transition program, rapid rehousing initiatives, and funding for landlords and tenants to access legal represen-

tation.

The CDC order that Walensky signed says landlords, residential property owners, or people with a legal right to pursue eviction or possessory action “shall not evict any covered person from any residential property in any jurisdiction to which this order applies.”

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BGCD Board Member and Actor, Kevin Chapman, Chef Paul Wahlberg & CEO of Call to Action Clothing, Dan Rakauskas Visit & Donate to BGCD: Boys & Girls Clubs of Dorchester Board Member Kevin Chapman took a break from his busy acting career to stop by BGCD with pals Dan Rakauskas and Paul Wahlberg to deliver and donate a generous supply of PPE supplies that were created by Call to Action Clothing. Call to Action Clothing is a swimwear company that was set to launch in March 2020, but due to COVID-19, delayed their launch to design and manufacture PPE for local hospitals. Dan has teamed up with Paul Wahlberg over the past year to deliver PPE, delicious meals and provide hope and support to frontline workers. A huge thank you to Kevin Chapman, Paul Wahlberg, Dan Rakauskas and Call to Action Clothing for your generosity and support!

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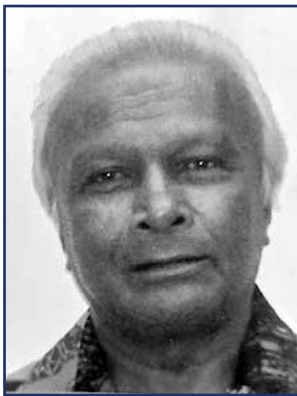
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two sisters who will miss him dearly.

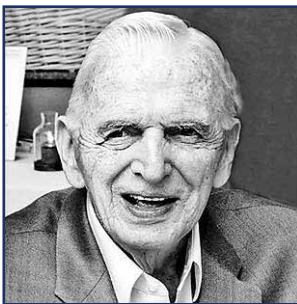
DOWNES, Mary A. (Sheehan) of Weymouth, formerly of Dorchester. Wife of 63 years to the late Joseph R. Downes. Mother of Robert J. Downes and his wife Patricia of Braintree, Patricia A. Downes of Stoughton and Kevin M. Downes and his wife Heather of Weymouth. Cherished grandmother of 7 grandchildren and 1 great-grandchild. Sister of the late Margaret O’Leary. Also survived by many nieces and nephews. Donations in memory of Mary may be made to Susan G. Komen for the Cure

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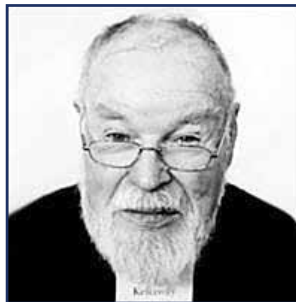
DOOKIE, David Errol, 85, of Dorchester. Originally from Ecclesville, Rio Claro Trinidad, he was the son of Matthew and Rebecca Dookie. He was preceded in death by his brother Daniel and his sisters, Doris and Irene. He leaves behind his sisters Venice, Merle, Marina and Lorna and his brothers, Joseph, Kelvin and Robert. He also leaves behind a host of nieces, nephews and cousins.

ter’s Degree in 1963. Charlie, or “Gus” as he was known by his family and friends, taught in the Boston School System for many years before relocating to St. Louis, Missouri. There, he was an instructor at the prestigious Mary Institute and Saint Louis Country Day School. In 1985, he was the recipient of the Walter J. McCreery Chair of Distinguished Teaching established to support excellence in teaching and opportunity in learning. He leaves many friends and colleagues.



HACUNDA, John S. Sr. “Jack,” 93, formerly of Roxbury and Dorchester. He was a World War II veteran. Son to Christina (Fitzgerald) and Joseph Hacunda, Jack was predeceased by his parents, his wife of 66 years Margaret (Hanley) Hacunda, daughter Christine (age 21 months), brother Joseph Hacunda, sisters Margaret Mearn and Geraldine Berberian. He is survived by his sons John, Jr. (Ellen), Peter (Teresa), Robert (Rosemarie) and James (Fran), 5 grandchildren. He also leaves sister Claire Feehan and brother George (Barbara) Hacunda, sister-in-law Margie Hacunda, and several nieces and nephews. He was a founding member and first President of the Board of Directors

for the Manet Community Health Center, established in his Houghs Neck neighborhood in Quincy. Donations can be made to The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society in honor of Christine (Rye Break, NY), the Manet Community Health Center (Quincy), manetchc.org/donate or a veteran’s organization of choice.



KELLAWAY, Rev. Richard A., 86, of Dorchester. Father of Ronald Kellaway of New Bedford and Andrea Kellaway of Dorchester. Grandfather of 2. Brother of John Kellaway of NH, Joanne Kellaway of Taunton, Susan Creedon of Wareham, the late Kendall P. Kellaway, Sr., and the late Patricia Hess. Also survived by his former wife Jean Dickinson Kellaway. He was the son of the late Arthur K. and Bertha (Sturtevant) Kellaway and stepson of the late Lorraine (Lowell) Kellaway. He served as a Unitarian Universalist minister in many parishes including New Bedford, New York City, Sarasota, FL, and Dorchester.

KEVENY, Dorothy A. Daughter of the late Herbert P. and Lillian M. (McCabe) Keveny. Sister of Regina O’Keefe and her husband Jim of Nashville, TN and Charles F. Keveny and his wife Kathy of Falmouth. Aunt of Kristin, Caitlyn, Julie, Jimmy and Jason.

KIRWAN, Christopher of Walpole, formerly of Dedham and Dorchester, 86. Husband of Rita A. (Gordon) Kirwan. Father of Michael Kirwan and his wife, Donna, of Rumford, RI and Christopher J. Kirwan, Jr. and his wife, Nicole, of Braintree. Grandfather of 3. Brother of the late Anna Kelly and the late Marjorie Clancy. Memorial donations may be made to one’s favorite charity in Chris’ name.



LEWIS, Jeanette M. (Knisbell) of Dorchester, formerly of the South End, 97. Wife of the late John S. Lewis. Mother of John Lewis of Abington, Thomas and his wife Joan Lewis of Holbrook, Ronald and

his wife Denise Lewis of Dorchester, and Diane Lewis of Quincy. “Nana” of 8. Great-grandmother of 7. Sister of the late Arthur Knisbell, Julia Miller, Frank Knisbell, and Annette Maloof. Survived by many nieces and nephews. Jeannette was affectionately known as “Nana J.” in her beloved Savin Hill and St. William’s Parish neighborhood, where she looked after many of the students from St. William Grammar School.



NEUFVILLE, Mamie Wright of Mattapan and Atlanta, GA. Mother of Wed-dee Neufville Henry of Hyde Park and her husband Ricardo Henry of Bridgetown, Barbados, West Indies, and her late son Yantee Neufville of Washington, DC and his widow Malika Fair Neufville of Ypsilanti, MI. Daughter of the late Homer and Luvate (Jones) Wright of Warrenton, GA. Sister of three brothers and nine sisters. Grandmother of 4 as well as survived by many nieces and nephews.

RYAN, Irene (McCarthy) of Dorchester. Wife of 39 years to the late and Walter J. Ryan, Jr. Mother of Amy Gaffey of South Weymouth and Walter Ryan and his wife Kristine of Braintree. Nanny of 5. Sister of the late William McCarthy of Baynton Beach, FL. Also survived by her family of devoted and loved in-laws John G. Ryan and his wife Patricia Ryan of Dorchester, Janet Muldoon of Exeter, NH, David Ryan and his wife Marianne of Newton, Catherine Ryan of Ellsworth, ME and William Ryan of Mt. Washington, Berkshire County. Late aunt of many nieces and nephews. Survived by her special and supportive friend and sister-in-law Patricia Ryan of Dorchester. Irene was a longtime nurse for the Boston Public Schools. In Irene’s memory, donations can be made to St. Jude, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105.



SCHIFFMANN, Carole A. (Hannon) of Hingham, formerly



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CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION
Docket No. SU21P0437EA
ESTATE OF:
MAURICE ARTENSA PIERCE
DATE OF DEATH: 09/02/2020

To all interested persons:
A Petition for Formal Appointment of Personal Representative has been filed by Rica Smallwood of College Park, MD requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition. The petitioner requests that: Rica A. Smallwood of College Park, MD and Sandra Lee-Tucker of Hyde Park, MA be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve Without Surety on the bond in an unsupervised administration.

IMPORTANT NOTICE
You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: 10:00 a.m. on the return day of 05/07/2021.
This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you.

UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION UNDER THE MASSACHUSETTS UNIFORM PROBATE CODE (MUPC)
A Personal Representative appointed under the MUPC in an unsupervised administration is not required to file an inventory or annual accounts with the Court. Persons interested in the estate are entitled to notice regarding the administration directly from the Personal Representative and may petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including the distribution of assets and expenses of administration.

Witness, HON. BRIAN J. DUNN, First Justice of this Court.
Date: March 26, 2021

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ESTATE OF:
MILDRED REAVEY
DATE OF DEATH: 11/05/2020


To all interested persons:
A Petition for Formal Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative has been filed by Richard W. Reavey of Dorchester, MA requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition. The Petitioner requests that: Richard W. Reavey of Dorchester, MA be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve on the bond in an unsupervised administration.

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Kathleen “Kathy” L. Kelly

Kathleen “Kathy” L. Kelly was born in Milton, Massachusetts, on May 5, 1954, to Francis L. Kelly and Eleanor C. Kelly (Morse). She grew up in Dorchester, Massachusetts, and attended St. Matthew School in Dorchester and Cardinal Cushing Central High School in South Boston. After high school, she moved to Huntington Beach, California, where she worked at Hyland Home for Exceptional Children. In 1986, she moved to Beaverton, Oregon. She attended Portland Community College and completed the Library Assistant program. She worked and volunteered for libraries in Portland and in the Portland area for more than 20 years. She most recently volunteered for the Beaverton City Library, as well as for the Beaverton Police Department. Kathleen is survived by her sisters, Geralyn and Eleanor, and her niece, Heather, and nephew, Aaron. She is also the great-aunt to Eleanor, Maxwell, Jameson, and Ireland.

Kathleen passed away peacefully at home after struggling with heart problems for several years. She was and is dearly loved by many friends and family members and will be greatly missed. She will rest in peace at Mount Calvary Cemetery in Portland, Oregon, alongside her mother and father.

If you would like to leave a message or a tribute please go to the following web page: <https://crowncremationburial.com/tribute/details/17049/Kathleen-Kelly/condolences.html#content-start>

R. Schiffmann, Jr. of Brockton, Christa M. Lyons of Manhattan Beach, CA, William H. Schiffmann of Sandwich, and Noel A. Schiffmann of Barnstable. She was the “Nanie” of 6. Carole is survived by her sister, Marie T. (Hannon) McNulty of Falmouth, and Ann “Nancy” M. (Hannon) Provost of Hull, and many relatives, nieces and nephews. Carole was a faithful parishioner of St. Mary of the Hills Church in Milton, a member of their Guild and a Eucharistic minister. She was a

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Docket No. NO20D1277DR
DIVORCE SUMMONS
BY PUBLICATION and MAILING
MARTIN GAITARA KIMANI
vs.
COURTNEY BROOKE GONSALVES
To the Defendant:
The Plaintiff has filed a Complaint for Divorce requesting that the Court grant a divorce for irretrievable breakdown. The Complaint is on file at the Court. An Automatic Restraining Order has been entered in this matter preventing you from taking any action which would negatively impact the current financial status of either party. SEE Supplemental Probate Court Rule 411.
You are hereby summoned and required to serve upon: Martin Gaitara Kimani, 580 Bridge Street, #35D, Weymouth, MA 02191 your answer, if any, on or before **05/13/2021**. If you fail to do so, the court will proceed to the hearing and adjudication of this action. You are also required to file a copy of your answer, if any, in the office of the Register of this Court.
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