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SUNDAE FUNDAY GETS TOTS EASTER-READY



Five-month-old Bennett Younkin had his first meeting with the Easter Bunny last Saturday at the Dorchester Day Parade Committee's family-friendly Sundae Fundraiser. The event drew several hundred people to the Murphy School cafeteria in Neponset. Story, more photos, Page 16. *Seth Daniel photo*

Community Mentoring Team aiming at sustainable diversity in trades ranks

BY CASSIDY MCNEELEY
REPORTER CORRESPONDENT

A Boston-based nonprofit that has over the last five years has worked to bring more Black and Brown men and women into the building trades has gained and maintained substantial momentum from its robust partnership with the powerhouse Dorchester union, IBEW Local 103.

The Community Mentoring Team (CMT) today has 115 students, of whom 106 have already been placed in various apprenticeship trade roles, learning work-enhancing skills at the union's headquarters on Freepoint Street.

The organization was founded by Roxbury resident Bill Moran, who felt a need to plug more Bostonians of color into good-paying union jobs on construction sites around



The Community Mentoring Team's Class of 2023 is shown upon completion of its electrician apprenticeship program with Dorchester's IBEW Local 103. CEO and Founder Bill Moran says the program is helping trade unions connect with qualified candidates from the city's neighborhoods. *CMT photo*

the region.

"I kept hearing about the lack of Black and Brown people in the trades and I heard a couple of people say, 'We can't find them,'" said Moran, who decided to confront that defeatist mindset and used the founding of CMT to begin to do so. Starting in 2018 with an initial cohort of 18 students and 15

Black men from the community as their mentors, he helped them find apprenticeships and other opportunities in local trade unions.

Moran has leveraged relationships he had with union leaders at Sheet Metal Local 17, Piledrivers Local 56, Sprinklerfitters Local 550, and the

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Screening called key to checking colon cancer City launches campaign

BY TAYLOR BROKESH
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An extensive communication campaign launched by the Boston Public Health Commission and the Colon Cancer Coalition this week is aimed at increase awareness about the different types of colon cancer screening and the ways to combat one of the few known preventable cancers.

The commission's 2023 Health of Boston Cancer Report found that colorectal was the fourth-highest type of cancer mortality in 2021, down from the second-highest in 2020 and 2019. The report also found that Black men and Black women were the two groups with the highest rate of mortality during the period 2019-2021.

Dr. Bisola Ojikutu, the executive director of the BPHC, explained that these statistics

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Jo-Ann Winbush, who works at Codman Square Health Center, is highlighted in a new city campaign to encourage residents to get screened for colorectal cancer. *Boston Public Health Commission photo*

City allocates \$21m for push to confront 'crisis' in mental health among young residents

BY SETH DANIEL
NEWS EDITOR

"The kids are not okay."

That was the message delivered by Mayor Wu and a group of city and state education leaders last week at Dorchester's Joseph Lee K-8 School on Talbot Avenue as the mayor said her administration will commit \$21 million to fund programs aimed at addressing what she termed a "mental health crisis" in the city's youth population.

The Lee School is one of several in the city that will participate in a "Children's Wellness Initiative" and another program, "Trauma-informed School System Transformation," a reference to the impacts of the pandemic.

Other neighborhood schools that will be included are BCLA McCormack (7-12), Martin Luther King, Jr. Elementary School, Madison Park Technical and Vocational High School, the Murphy K-8 School, TechBoston Academy, the Henderson K-12 Inclusion School, and the Young Achievers School in Mattapan.

Dr. Bisola Ojikutu, the commissioner of the Boston Public Health Commission (BPHC), noted a newly published "Health of Boston's Mental Health" report showing that more than 40 percent of BPS high school students report "persistent sad-

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City seeks tools to 'reduce' cell-phone use by students

BY DAN ATKINSON
SPECIAL TO THE REPORTER

Boston school officials are looking for a tool to "measurably reduce" middle and high school students' cell phone use during the school day in order to limit distractions and cut down on social media-influenced behavior. One key feature would be the ability to focus on specific grades.

But BPS is not looking for a specific solution, with officials emphasizing goals and asking for vendors to come up with "innovative solutions," according to a request for proposals issued last week.

"It's letting the 'how' and 'what' be driven out of the

'why,' said Ann Walsh, a Dorchester parent and former candidate for city council. "It's a much better way to go about things rather than starting with the solution and shoe-horning it back in. I hope that the vendor that's chosen follows that design path, rather than having a predetermined solution."

Said BPS spokesperson Max Baker in a statement: "Many of our schools currently utilize cell phone usage reduction programs with great success. This request will enable other schools within the district to utilize this technology if they believe it is the right course of

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A judge rules in favor of White Stadium renovation

BY SETH DANIEL
NEWS EDITOR

A Suffolk Superior Court judge has ruled against plaintiffs who had sought to block a plan to renovate White Stadium, handing a victory to the City of Boston and Boston Unity Soccer Partners, which plans to bring a women's professional soccer team to the city by 2026.

A lawsuit brought by the Emerald Necklace Conservancy and 21 residents sought an injunction to stop demolition and construction work at the stadium inside Franklin Park. But Judge Sarah Ellis denied their motion in a decision released last Friday evening, March 22.

"Upon consideration of the arguments, pleadings, and relevant legal standards as

discussed herein, Plaintiffs' Motion for Temporary Restraining Order and Preliminary Injunctions is denied," read Ellis's decision. "Plaintiff's Motion for Lis Pendens [a pending lawsuit notification] is also denied."

Ellis ruled that the public

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Police, Courts & Fire

Shooter at '20 July 4 party gets up to 20 years for manslaughter

A man who killed a 34-year-old Dorchester woman during a Fourth of July 4th party on Stonehurst Street in 2020 was sentenced to up to 20 years in prison this week. Krisitian Maraj, 26, was convicted last month of manslaughter in the death of Felicity Coleman, who was struck by gunfire while she watched a fireworks display. Prosecutors said Maraj shot into a group of people, fatally wounding Coleman.

"This defendant made the reprehensible—and ultimately deadly—decision to indulge his rage by firing into a group of people who were gathered to enjoy fireworks in honor of Independence Day," said DA Kevin Hayden.

A Dorchester man who DEA agents said sold fentanyl to an undercover agent in parking lots along Morrissey Boulevard has been charged with drug trafficking, according to documents unsealed in federal court last week. Alcikendi Mejia Mejia, also known as Edwin Rafael Gandia Cabrera, will be tried on three counts of distribution and possession with intent to distribute a controlled substance. He was arrested in the parking lot of a Mission Hill supermarket last Friday, according to prosecutors, who say he ferried "30,000 fentanyl pills and more than 4 pounds of other narcotics from his Dorchester apartment." Mejia is also said to have sold fentanyl to an undercover agent in Dorchester.

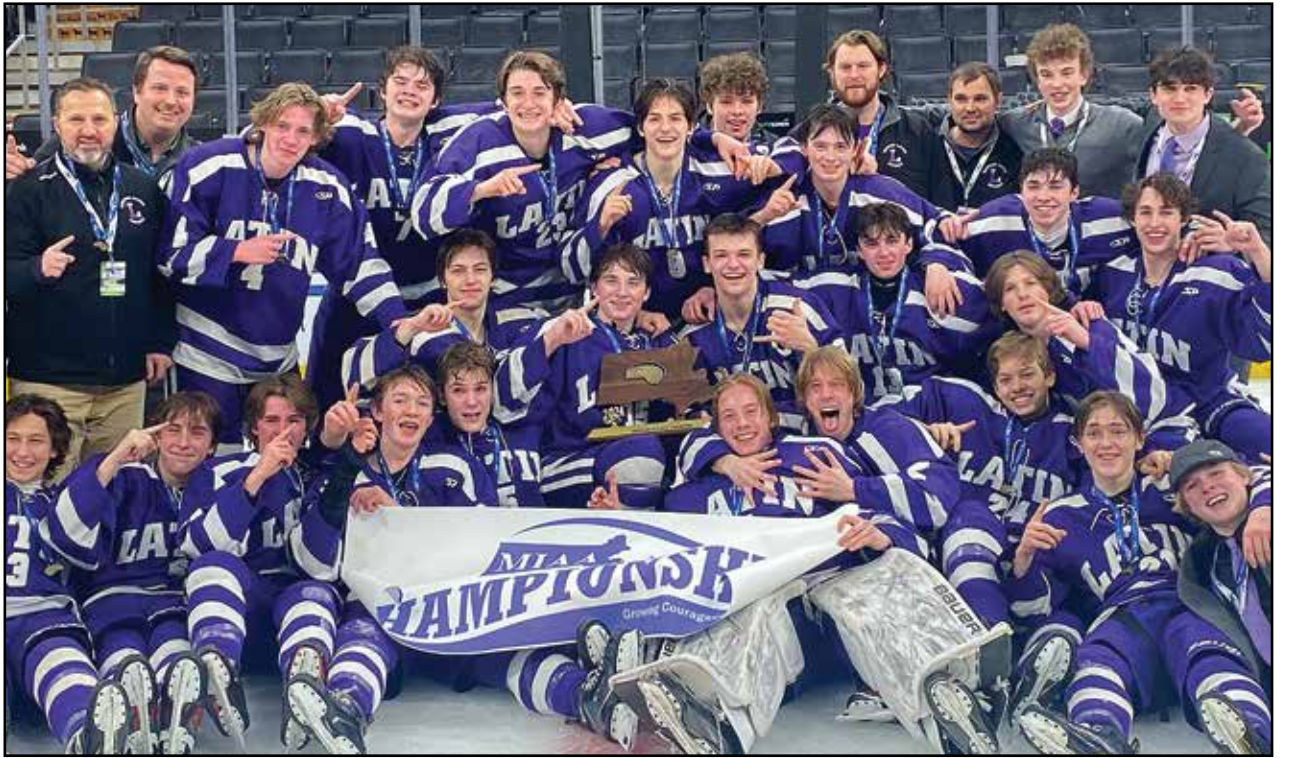
Boston Police arrested a Dorchester man early last Saturday morning (March 23) on a variety of charges after they stopped him for driving on the wrong side of the street and speeding. Police say they found "an Interarms Ltd .45 caliber handgun loaded with one live .45 cartridge in the chamber and nine .45 in the magazine" and a machete in the car.

The vehicle carried a revoked registration and the driver, Jerome Anderson, 32, had no license, police say in reporting that the officers found the gun, bullets, and machete during an inventory search before they had the car towed away.

A worker at the Burger King at Washington Street and Columbia Road was arrested last Thursday and later charged with assault for brandishing a knife during an argument in a dispute with a patron. Police say that a patron waiting in line objected to the "disrespectful behavior" being shown by Pedro Carbuccia, 50, toward an elderly customer.

According to a BPD account, the "suspect emerged from behind the counter brandishing a knife, challenging the victim to engage in a physical altercation. Store employees intervened and escorted the worker outside in an effort to defuse the situation, while the victim contacted 911."

Carbuccia was charged with assault with a dangerous weapon and released on personal recognizance. He was ordered to stay away from the Burger King while the case proceeds.



The Boston Latin Wolfpack boys ice hockey team made an unexpected and magical run in postseason play to claim the Division 2 State Championship on March 17 in the TD Garden. The Wolfpack, seeded #11 in the tournament, beat a dominant Tewksbury High School in the final, 4-2, with a dramatic third-period comeback. Dorchester skaters included Owen Guerard, Will Ferraro, Michael Chuairy, and Roman Ezekiel. Assistant Coach Brian Mylett is also from Dorchester. Photo courtesy MIAA

More Red Line 'slow zones' fixed; Dot Ave bridge bring-down begins

The MBTA says that four speed restriction zones were lifted on the Red Line last week, including two that have been in place between JFK-UMass and Andrew and North Quincy sta-

tions. A 16-day closing last October resulted in track work that eliminated dozens of slow zones along the Red Line and the Mattapan extension. The latest work coincided with an interrup-

tion to train service last weekend as work began to demolish a bridge that carries Dorchester Avenue over MBTA tracks and the Southeast Expressway into South Boston.

There are two additional diversions planned for this coming weekend (March 30-21) and next weekend, April 6-7. For more information, see MBTA.com/DotAve-Bridge.

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Third man is charged in Geneva Ave. murder

A South Boston man has been charged with first-degree murder for his alleged role in the death of a 41-year-old man in December in Dorchester. Patrick Harland, 30, was arrested Monday in Cambridge by the BPD's fugitive unit and was ordered to be held without bail at his arraignment in Dorchester court.

Prosecutors say that during an altercation involving the victim - Curtis Effee - Harland, and two other men on Geneva Avenue on Dec. 30, Harland pointed a knife at Effee. The other men - Dasahn Crowder and Tyreese Robinson - were charged with firing guns at Effee, who died from his wounds. Harland is expected to return to court on April 4.

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UPCOMING CIVIC MEETINGS AND COMMUNITY EVENTS

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One Boston Day observation set - Bostonians are encouraged to observe One Boston Day on April 15, which is also the Patriots' Day holiday in Massachusetts and the same day as the 128th Boston Marathon, by joining in volunteer events and other "acts of kindness" meant to mark to 2013 attack on the marathon. The 11th anniversary of the terrorist bombing attack will include a wreath-laying ceremony in the Back Bay. In preparation for the event, the Mayor's Office is organizing a neighborhood cleanup in Franklin Park on Sat., April 13, at 10 a.m. A blood drive is also planned in Kenmore Square on April 15. Community organizations hosting event can submit their event details to boston.gov/one-boston. "One Boston Day reminds us of the spirit of our city that is shaped by people who stand up and take action when help is needed," said Bill

Richard, co-founder of the Martin Richard Foundation. "Marathon weekend, the unofficial start of spring in Boston, adds to this very special day of hope in our collective care for one another." The BPDA hosts a virtual public meeting on Wed., April 3, at 6 p.m. to discuss a proposed four-story building at 257 Washington St., Dorchester, to consist of 48 units and underground parking. See bit.ly/257-washington-street for details. The BPDA also plans a virtual meeting for Thurs., April 4, at 6 p.m. to discuss a proposal by EJS Investments, Inc. to build a 5-story, 42 unit mixed-use building at 819 Cummins Highway. The building will include ground-floor retail, 25 parking spaces, and 46 bicycle spaces. See bit.ly/819-cummins-highway for more info. The 40th annual Savin Hill Parks cleanup is set for Sat., April 6, from 8:30 a.m. to 3

p.m. at Savin Hill Park, Pattens Cove, and Wildlife Garden along Savin Hill Avenue. Some tools will be provided. Mayor Wu and the Boston Parks and Recreation Department will host the 2024 Mayor's Cup Street Hockey Tournament in partnership with the Boston Bruins Foundation during the April school vacation week. The tournament will begin Mon., April 15. Visit boston.gov/sports to register. Ward 13 Democrats will convene at The Daily Market, 110 Savin Hill Ave., to elect 12 delegates and 4 alternates as representatives to the 2024 State Democratic Convention on Sat., March 30, 9:30 a.m. Registered and pre-registered Democrats in Ward 13, 16 years old by Thurs., Feb. 15, may vote and be elected as delegates or alternates during the caucus. The 2024 Convention will be in person at the DCU

Center in Worcester, MA on June 1. Those interested in getting involved with the Ward 13 Democratic Committee should email Ward13Dorchester@gmail.com. The Morrissey Boulevard Commission will meet on Tues., April 23, at 6 p.m. in-person at the Cristo Rey Boston High School, located at 100 Savin Hill Avenue in Boston, with virtual participation available via Zoom. At the meeting, MassDOT says, "the study team will present a summary of background information being used to develop alternatives for future mobility and climate resiliency in the Morrissey Boulevard corridor." See DotNews.com for more info or visit the study mass.gov/k-circle-morrissey-study. SEND IN EVENT NOTICES TO NEWSEDITOR@DOTNEWS.COM

New head of Greater Ashmont Main Streets is banking on her small business background

By SETH DANIEL
NEWS EDITOR

Dorchester's Elle Marrone has dropped the leashes from her former neighborhood dog walking business and grabbed the reins as the new executive director of the Greater Ashmont Main Streets (GAMS) program. She is hoping to help small business owners like herself and grow the district in new and different ways.

Marrone had operated Dorchester Dog Walking for seven years, serving customers from Gallivan Boulevard to Ashmont-Adams to Melville Park, but sold the business in October 2023 to pursue something new and different. That different path has now



Elle Marrone took charge of the Greater Ashmont Main Streets as its new executive director on Feb. 1. The former small business owner of Dorchester Dog Walking, she said she believes she can help businesses thrive with things like licensing and being the district's best cheerleader.

Seth Daniel photo

became the directorship of GAMS, a position she started on Feb. 1.

"Something was missing for me when I sold the business," she said in a recent interview. "I was surprised at first because the biggest loss for me was the daily connection with my neighbors. ... This job is primarily a support system to my neighbors once again, so it was a great fit."

After growing up in Arlington and heading off for a decade to New York City to study Urban Studies at Columbia University, Marrone returned to Boston and settled in Dorchester. Now, staying close to home with her husband, Matt Weinburg, and being in the neighborhood is a priority.

"In my 20s I was longing to see the world and in my 30s I am most

interested in putting down roots," she said. "I live and work in the same community and my mom lives in Carruth Building...I like to get up and walk around and meet people, whereas the academic route kept me indoors researching, but my strength was meeting with people."

At GAMS, she has inherited a strong board that kept things going through the transition, but also has empty seats and needs some reinvigoration.

"I see my position as a community cheerleader getting volunteers re-en-

ergized for our mission," she said. "It is nice that I have previous relationships with some board members."

Along with sparking the board, she said it will be important to get young people more involved. "Our events skew older, and they have a lot of legacy knowledge, but in order to continue this movement and momentum, we need to involve our younger folks," she said. "I'm thinking of a chess club on the plaza or live music outdoors catering to young people."

For now, the program is continuing the Dorchester Jazz Fest, which includes two final concerts on April 11 (7:30 p.m.) and May 18 (8 p.m.) in All Saints Church, and the

17th edition of the Ashmont Farmer's Market. She said they will change the time this year, from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. to 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. at the request of anchor vendors. In future years, she hinted at more changes.

"I will not be changing very much, but I look forward to subsequent years changing the location, perhaps changing the day to increase attendance and increase the size of the farmer's market," she said. "The plaza limits the tents to 15 total. If we don't have a diverse array of vendors, we run the risk of watering down or not providing any one service very well."

The Farmer's Market will start on July 12 and run through October.

Local 103 IBEW backs the Biden-Harris ticket

Dorchester's Local 103 IBEW union has officially endorsed the Biden-Harris ticket for re-election in 2024. "President Biden and Vice President Harris are the leaders working people need now. Together, they have driven historic investments in clean, green energy that are powering thousands of union jobs throughout New England and across our country," said Lou Antonellis, business manager and financial secretary of the local.

"Time and time again, [they] have fought for workers' rights and protections and held huge corporations accountable. That's why thousands of Local 103 electricians are proud to stand with the most pro-union administration in our nation's history."

He noted that IBEW members plan to take to the airwaves and the streets this election season to campaign for Biden and Harris.

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Healey taps three for BMC bench

Gov. Healey filed three nominations for Boston Municipal Court judge-ships last week, including one assistant clerk magistrate and a pair of attorneys. They are Rebecca Figueroa, Steven Kim, and Vanessa Vélez, who, if approved, will serve as associate justices.

Figueroa is already a part of the judiciary. Since September 2017, she has served as assistant clerk magistrate in Suffolk Superior Court. Figueroa spent nearly 12 years before that running her own law practice focused

on family law, criminal defense, and real estate. She also worked as a staff attorney at the Committee for Public Counsel Services.

For the last 19 years, Kim has worked as the principal attorney at his own firm, which was formerly McLaughlin and Kim. He's a former Suffolk County prosecutor who also served in the US Army's Judge Advocate General (JAG) Corp, where his responsibilities included representing the nation in cases dealing with captured and de-

tained combatants and insurgents.

Vélez is a longtime attorney at the Committee for Public Counsel Services. She has held various titles at the organization since 2011, including deputy chief counsel of the private counsel division and attorney in charge of the Boston District and Municipal Court Office.

The nominations are subject to review and approval by the Governor's Council.

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City allocates \$21m to meet ‘crisis’ in mental health among youth

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ness and hopelessness.” She said an increasing number have considered, even planned, suicide.

“I think we’re all aware that our youth are in crisis. They need our help more than ever before. According to our report released today, many young people in Boston are struggling with their mental health and well-being.”

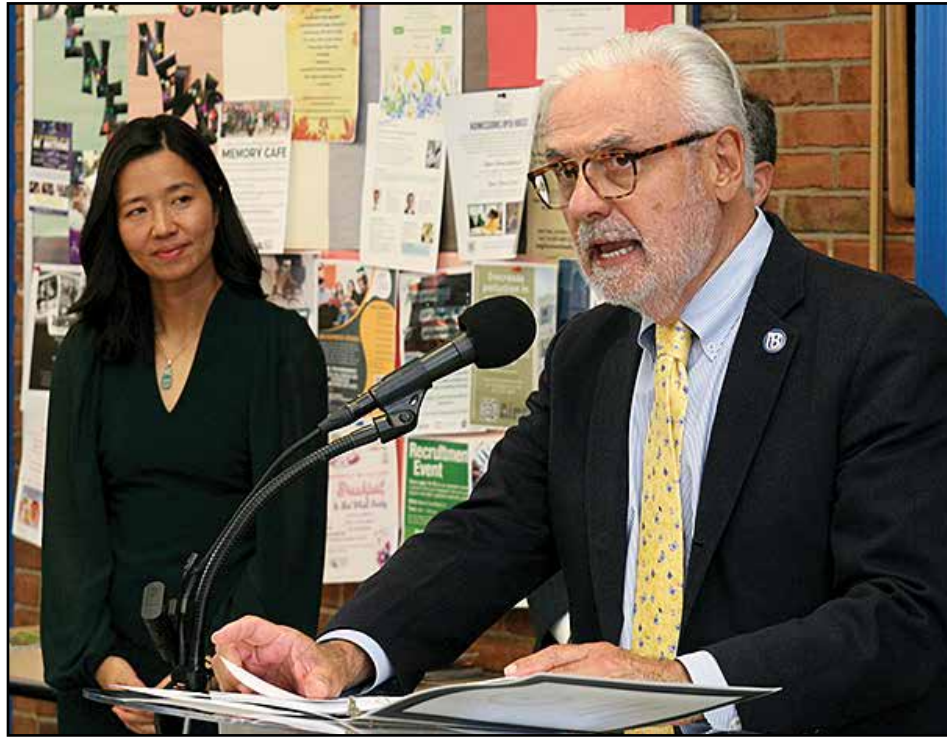
Roughly \$17 million of the new funding comes from federal American Rescue Plan (ARPA) allotments aimed at mitigating problems associated with Covid-19. The remaining money is from US Department of Education and federal substance abuse grants.

“There is still so much work to be done on this front,” said Lee School principal Paul Kennedy. “During a short time, the Lee community has had multiple high-impact incidents highlighting the need for robust supports in our schools. These investments...will allow us to build a resilient community and empower our school social workers with the skills they need to support us in hard times in a trauma-informed manner.”

One program, a \$2.5 million “Transforming Boston Access to Mental Health,” is a partnership with UMass Boston, which says it will recruit, retain, and place 263 university students into BPS schools, while also creating a pipeline of BPS students seeking out behavioral health careers at UMass Boston.

“The kids are not okay,” said UMass Boston Chancellor Marcelo Suárez-Orozco, “and we need to step up to get in front of a once-in-a-century set of formations that have created such despair and such a sense of hopelessness that our doctors have so well-articulated.”

He added: “This project will address the growing need for mental



UMass Boston Chancellor Marcelo Suárez-Orozco noted emphatically that the “kids are not okay.”

Seth Daniel photo

health resources among our minority and marginalized youth, particularly addressing the...shortage of mental health providers with identities that reflect the lived experiences...that our students bring to our classrooms and our city day in and day out.”

Franciscan Children’s Hospital in Brighton will use another \$2.5 million to expand the “Children’s Health Initiative” that places mental health counselors and psychiatry services in BPS schools. The expansion will go to ten BPS sites, including Dorchester schools like the Lee, the Jeremiah Burke, the Henderson K-12 Inclusion School, and the Young Achievers School in Mattapan.

Dr. Joseph Mitchell, of Franciscan Children’s Hospital, noted that one in five children in the country suffer from anxiety and depression. “We are in the middle of an epidemic and we risk losing a generation of kids, but there is reason for optimism and hope.”

In her comments, Wu focused on the nuts and bolts of the programs – addressing the use of ARPA funds to stand up programs that will continue after the funding runs out.

“This is a little bit unusual how Boston has used its federal recovery dollars,” she said. “In a lot of cities around the country they were used to plug holes or fill gaps temporarily. We’ve really been trying to show that more is possible...not just trying to do our best to put Band-Aids on the situations but build new infrastructure, to demonstrate what works and what’s possible so we can keep moving forward.”

“Boston sees critical infrastructure as not just roads and bridges..., but also as people, as mental health and the workforce that cares for those in need of these services,” she added.

BPS Superintendent Mary Skipper said it will be essential in the coming months and the years ahead to have trusted professionals whom kids can identify with in the schools.

“This will really mean that an additional 50,000 students will have direct service and it means we will begin building a core of an additional 300 that will come from university services for students and teachers,” Skipper said. “This collaboration will speak to training so many more professionals that at day’s end they are here for our children, and that’s the best outcome we could ask for.”

The announcement piggybacked on the new BPHC report, which Ojikutu referred to several times in her comments. The report revealed data collected from students between 2015 and 2021 – a first look at primary source mental health data reflecting the pandemic years – and the “more than 40 percent” number on students reported feeling persistently down was up from 27 percent in 2015.

Less than half of BPS students who felt this way – and an increasing number having suicidal thoughts – reported accessing help.

Excluding substance abuse related visits, Roxbury had the highest number of Emergency Department visits for mental health issues. However, all of Dorchester’s zip codes were next (02121, 02122, 02124, and 02125), and Mattapan (02126) followed close behind. All were higher than the rest of Boston’s neighborhoods.

The data for students regarding race and ethnicity across the city is startling, particularly for girls. According to the report, 8.4 percent of Black girls inter-

viewed had attempted suicide, but only 1.3 percent had been attended to by a doctor afterward.

For Latinx girls, 9.7 percent interviewed had attempted suicide, with 3.5 percent having been treated by a doctor afterwards. Some 51 percent of Latinx girls reported feeling sad or hopeless for more than two weeks, and 47.1 percent of Black females reported the same – far greater than any group of boys and Asian and White girls.

Across the board, though, all girls interviewed appeared to be in much worse condition with mental health than boys in any category.

In another interesting note, persistent anxiety issues were highest in Allston-Brighton, and lowest in West Roxbury as the rest of the city was in the 20 percent range.

For those in the Lee School community, among them 8th grader Leihla Martinez and Parent Council member Lora Triplett, the news that help was on the way was welcomed as they have lived these mental health statistics in real time.

Martinez said her mother taught her not to judge a book by its cover when they encounter people with mental health challenges, that many have gone through those challenges, and everyone needs someone to talk to. Leihla said since she has been working with the Lee School social worker, her bottled up emotions have been freed up, and she feels much better.

“Every day students come to school going through something that they don’t talk about,” she said. “Sometimes they don’t have anyone to talk to and sometimes they don’t feel safe to share with certain adults, so they just bottle it up inside. This can make us feel anger, anxiety, and can lead to depression. What we need is encouragement to share our story, and we need adults that make us feel safe and will listen when we talk about our challenges.”

School leaders: No regrets on pandemic-time closings

While the data and revealing anecdotal reports that make up the Boston Public Health Commission report on the mental health of city youth appear to show that existing problems were worsened by the pandemic, city officials and school leaders stopped short of saying they regret closing city schools for nearly 18 months.

BPHC Commissioner Dr. Bisola Ojikutu noted that youth mental health issues existed before Covid but were “exacerbated” by the pandemic. Across the country and in Boston, many have pointed to the isolation and social arrested development brought on by long school closures creating issues of anxiety, depression, and suicide.

Ojikutu said it was difficult to say if issues in the report were a result of the school closures or remote schooling. “I think it’s a difficult question to answer,” she said. “I mean, we were certainly in the middle of an emergency, and I think decisions are always made in the middle of an emergency to address the needs at the time.”

“What I can say is that during Covid-19 we all experienced senses of isolation, being removed from our normal social surroundings...and that has had an impact. It certainly had an impact on adults, and on our children. This is going to have to continue for many years to come to make sure our children are mentally healthy and well,” she said.

Supt. Mary Skipper added that some issues now being seen could be a result of overuse of social media. “I think there are a lot of studies out there about social media impact on our young people and how much time they’re on social media and how that can actually cause more isolation or negative feelings,” she said. “I think we’re to learn a lot more about this, but the good news is this is a huge step in behavioral health that we have not had in a comprehensive way.”

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Screening called key to checking colon cancer

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were exactly why the campaign was necessary.

“Campaigns like this are incredibly important to increase the health literacy across Boston,” she said. “Nationally, the overall lifetime risk of developing colorectal cancer is one in 24 ... and it’s preventable and treatable, so learning more about it is incredibly important.”

Another more worrying factor behind the campaign, Ojikutu said, is the fact that a recent trend has emerged of younger and younger patients being diagnosed with a more progressed form of the cancer. It is recommended that everyone over the age of 45 be screened once every ten years, or more frequently if, at one of those screenings, a cancerous growth or polyp is found and removed.

Mark Kennedy, spearheading the campaign at the BPHC, said a major focal point of the campaign is that there are alternatives to colonoscopies, which, he says, many people have an aversion to – primarily, “stool-based” or FIT tests.

“[A colonoscopy] is the gold standard test,” Kennedy said, “so if you’re at higher risk and you know



it, that’s likely what you’ll have to do. Average-risk people or people that don’t know what their risk is can do a FIT [fecal immunochemical test] and start there. It’s very highly regarded.”

There are several “non-modifiable risk factors” with colon cancer, Kennedy said, that make some people more predisposed to developing it than others. Diet and exercise are two primary factors, as well as having the hereditary condition known as Lynch syndrome, which can be tested for as early as late teens, Kennedy said, adding that if you have a family history of colon cancer, it may be due to Lynch syndrome, but having that history without the syndrome still increases your risk.

Kennedy said the campaign will touch all corners of the city, but mainly will focus in areas that are predominantly Black and where the pri-

mary languages spoken are Spanish and Haitian Creole.

“We tried to create some local flavor, if you will,” Kennedy said. “And we’ve chosen champions, or people that are highly recognizable and very well known in each of these communities, to spread the word.”

The six champions are Ibram X. Kendi, a Boston University researcher who was diagnosed with colon cancer in his thirties; Alberto Vasallo, the CEO of El Mundo Boston; Jo-Ann Winbush, a nurse who has been at the Codman Square Health Center for 31 years; Marta Rivera, the commissioner of Boston Centers for Youth & Families; Dieu-fort Fleurissant, more well-known as “Pastor Keke,” in Mattapan as founder of the True Alliance Center, which assists and advocates for recently-arrived migrants from Haiti; and Brenda Lormil-Raymond, an on-

colony nurse practitioner at Mass General who also does advocacy work for the Haitian community.

A seventh champion, Adjoa Anyane-Yeboah, is a gastroenterologist at Mass General who “can disseminate our medical information as someone who is an actual clinician” through a recorded video, Kennedy said.

Videos from the champions will play in waiting rooms, and through Kennedy’s presentations to the community, he said.

But the campaign doesn’t end there: local newspaper advertisements, posters and postcards, social media, bus shelters, PSAs over the radio, and “feet on the street” engagement from Kennedy himself and other organizations like Union Capital Boston and the Youth Advisory Board at BMC are all going to be used to spread the word.

“We’ve got all the communication channels covered,” Kennedy said.

Bryan Maule, a Boston resident who was diagnosed with colon cancer in December of 2020, has undergone one surgery and estimates that he has completed about 50 rounds of chemotherapy. He still fights the disease today.

“It’s so important that

folks get screened, even with the home tests if that’s all they can do,” Maule said. “I mean, I was diagnosed at 40, and my doctor said the cancer might have been growing for seven or eight years before, so that’s well before the guidelines say to start getting screened, at 45. If I didn’t start having symptoms, I wouldn’t have known.”

Maule says the BPHC campaign will underscore the severity of the risk of not getting

screened, adding that he was diagnosed only a few months after the actor Chadwick Boseman — of Black Panther fame — died from the same disease.

“If you’re not sure you’re at risk, just give it a shot,” Maule said. “Don’t wait for celebrities to die from it.”

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COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS THE TRIAL COURT PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT Suffolk Probate & Family Court 24 New Chardon Street Boston, MA 02114 (617) 788-8300 CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION Docket No. SU24P0569EA ESTATE OF: ESTELLA HALL DATE OF DEATH: 11/08/2023

To all interested persons: A Petition for Formal Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative has been filed by Dotrice McPherson of Milton, 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: Dotrice McPherson of Milton, MA be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve Without Surety on the bond in 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 04/26/2024.

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.

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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.

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Fields Corner event recalls Vietnam's 'Tru'ng Queens'

By SETH DANIEL
NEWS EDITOR

Several Dorchester-based Vietnamese American organizations are tapping into the rich, though often obscure, history of Vietnam to keep their culture alive and to inspire the nation's women of today.

On March 17, several organizations, including Boston Little Saigon and Vietnamese American Community of Massachusetts, banded together to host the annual Tru'ng Queens Vietnamese Women's Day at 50 Park St. in Dorchester. While the event has been celebrated before, this was the first time so many young people took an interest in it as it was combined with the American Women's History Month celebrations, evoking a synergy they hope will continue to grow.

"The Tru'ng Queens are powerful women in Vietnam's history and that's why we tied it to Women's Day and honor them because they were a big and major part of Vietnamese history," said Tina Vo, of Boston Little Saigon. "Even I didn't know what Tru'ng Queens were until I planned this event. I heard a lot about them from the community and it's so important to recognize that history in Vietnam and mark women's history month here, too."

Khang Nguyen, president of the Vietnamese



Participants in the ceremony said a prayer for the Tru'ng Queens during the commemoration as Khang Nguyen (right) played the drum. *Daniel Lam/Vinna Media photos*

American Community of Massachusetts, said the Queens were a powerful example for women in history.

"It's very, very important for the Vietnamese people especially because later on they made it a day to honor women," he said. "The next few years I will push more of the young generation to get in and learn the history of Vietnam and its culture. The old generation will step back, and I will step back in an advisory role. And they can keep it going."



Muoi Trần and Liên Nguyễn, participants in the Rainbow Adult Day Care center on Dorchester Avenue, re-enacted the parts of the Tru'ng Queens during a reinvigorated commemoration on March 17.

the Chinese had invaded Vietnam and were forcing its people to assimilate to their culture. A leader named Thi Sach stood up to the invaders and was executed as an example to others. However, his wife continued the fight and resistance spread.

The Tru'ng sisters were celebrated for fighting off a Chinese army in their village and then assembling and leading a large army of mostly women to continue the fight beyond. Within months of forming that army, they reclaimed land from the Chinese and liberated Vietnam.

For that, they become the Tru'ng Queens, and ruled over a free Vietnam for three years. However, the Chinese returned with a massive army and confronted the sisters, who, instead of surrendering, jumped to the deaths into the Hat River.

"The Tru'ng sisters were more than two sisters who gave their life up for their country; they are powerful symbols of Vietnamese resistance

and freedom," the history asserted.

The 23-year-old Vo said her group has intentionally reached into the past to attract younger people. "Every year we have this celebration, but many don't know what it is all about," she said. "It was interesting because my goal is to bring the younger generation into this event... I really hope this will bring a spark to the younger generation to learn about events in Vietnam and its history."

Nguyen said, "I am the second generation in the US, and I know Vietnam and I know history, but I'm in my 50s. Tina is the third generation. Most of them were born here. They love the community but had no chance to learn about Vietnam. The Queens were very impressive historical figures, and the idea is to have them inspire the new generation. This was a very great event (on March 17), and a lot of people came."

The event featured two women from Dorchester's Rainbow Adult Day Care Center reenacting the roles of the Tru'ng sisters - Muoi Trần and Liên Nguyễn. Performances included Binh Dinh Academy for martial arts, S.T.A.R. group for traditional dance, and the Cultural Empowerment Organization for children's traditional dance.

"There were a lot of the older folks that came as well and I think they really enjoyed it because not often do they get to see this event celebrated and experienced in Boston," said Vo.

Nguyen and Vo said they will be holding a similar ceremony on April 21 at 50 Park St. to commemorate the Hung Kings ceremony, the leaders credited with founding Vietnam. They hope it will have the same effect as the Tru'ng Queens in sparking a look into history by the new generation and honoring men in the neighborhood.



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3600 Washington Street, Boston, MA 02130

The Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority is commencing the procurement process for the following:

RFP# 77-24 seeks outdoor lighting installed at the Arborway facility, 3600 Washington Street, Boston, MA 02130. Capital Delivery seeks qualified contractor(s) to furnish labor, equipment, and materials as necessary to install improved outdoor lighting at the MBTA Arborway Bus Facility.

Bidders will be required to comply with all applicable Equal Employment Opportunity Laws and Regulations, DBE Laws and Regulations, Buy America (U.S. Content) and other regulations as required. Bidders will be required to certify that they are not on the Comptroller General's List of Ineligible Contractors.

Bid Documents, Specifications, and other pertinent information obtained April 3, 2024, at 5:00 PM on COMMBUYS Bid BD-24-1206-40000-40000-100425. Bids are submitted on the form(s) provided and/or stipulated in the Request for Proposal (RFP#77-24). Pre-bid Teams virtual meeting 04/10/2024, 2:00 PM to attend send email to jdelalla@mbta.com prior to meeting. Bid Opening scheduled for April 30, 2024, 2:00 PM on COMMBUYS. Initial bid opening posted on COMMBUYS.

The Authority reserves the right to reject any or all Bids, or any part thereof.

The Tru'ng Queens – the sisters Tru'ng Trac and Tru'ng Nhi – lived in ancient Vietnam and are celebrated as the culture's ultimate heroes and symbols of power for women there and in the diaspora, according to a history read at the event by Nguyen.

Born in a rural village into a military family where their father was a governmental leader, they are said to have lived from 12 BC to AD 43 during a time when

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Reporter's People News about people in and around our Neighborhoods



The 15th annual Saint Patrick's Day Brunch to support the Mary Ann Brett Food Pantry was held on Sat., March 16, in St. Margaret's church in St. Teresa of Calcutta parish. The event honored The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints for its generosity in supporting the pantry, which assists more than 550 Dorchester families every month.

Also honored were former City Councillor Frank Baker and Latoyia Edwards, the Emmy Award-winning news anchor on NBC10 Boston and NECN, who is a Dorchester native. The Mormon church honorees, Dr. Michael K. Thomas, and Elder Scott N. Taylor, are shown here with the Hon. James T. Brett, the son of Mary Ann Brett. *Bill Brett photos*



The BASE hosts annual Women's Leadership Breakfast - On Wed., March 13, The BASE hosted its 7th annual Women's Leadership Breakfast at the UMass Club in Boston. The event featured a panel discussion, bringing together a diverse group of female business and civic leaders. The panelists were joined by Linda Dorcena Forry, co-publisher of the Dorchester Reporter, and Lauren Baker, Founder & CEO of The Wonderfund and former First Lady of the Commonwealth, who chaired the event. The panelists were each paired with and interviewed by a BASE student-athlete, several of which were from Dorchester, and shared insights and lessons learned from their professional journeys. The event raised over \$50,000 dedicated to expanding girls programming at The BASE. Pictured, from left, in back row: Lauren Baker; Linda Dorcena Forry; Ruthzee Louijeune, Boston City Council; Jessica Castro (obscured), Treffer Foundation; Tatiana Roc, Liberty Utilities; Kendalle Burlin O'Connell, MassBio; Karilyn Perez Guerrero (16); Front row: Bris Vazquez (13), Talia Concepcion (12), Nicole Rivera (17), Nia Buyu (16), Aissatou Bah Bangura (16), Kacey-Ann Satchell, Consigli Construction Co., Inc.; Steph Lewis, The BASE.

Photo courtesy of The BASE

Cristo Rey Boston hails its new NHS members



Twenty-four students from Cristo Rey Boston High School were inducted into the National Honor Society on March 14. They include juniors Ale Lemus, Clinton Nguyen, Esmeralda Padilla, Brazile Seams-Wilkinson, Deandra Spence, Gizely Soares, Destiny Maduro, Alayssa Diaz, McKayla Baker, Luz Valoy, Cesar Padilla, Maria Rosario, Anthony Garcia, Nailea Pimentel, Mayra Correia, Lucy Lobos, Dayllen Freire-Depina, Jideofor (JayJay) Uchendu, Jeremiah Zephir, Geralda Mondesir, Samuel Augustin, Edmira Silva-Alves, Jhanna Garcia, and Olivier Laguerre. The new members join Cristo Rey's current NHS

students Lawrence Gustam, Chrichna Jolicoeur, Cynthia Nguyen, and Mai Nguyen of Dorchester, and classmates Brenda Aviles, Franklin Lopez, Isis Pichardo, Azaan Rodriguez, and London Sappleton. As part of the school's Corporate Work Study program, the students work one day a week at participating businesses, including Boston College, Corcoran Jennison Associates, JP Morgan Chase, Whitter Street Health Center, and many others. *Cristo Rey Boston is the only private tuition-free college prep school in Boston.*

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The clock was made of wood and after 90 years had deteriorated, so it was removed and fully restored in metal in 2002-2003 and welcomed back in May 2003. Underneath each of the four clock faces, there is a dog's head ornament, originally made from wood, now made of bronze.

These posts can be viewed on the blog at dorchestehistoricalociety.org. The Society's William Clapp and James Blake Houses are open to the public on the third Sunday of the month from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Editorial

A fond farewell to a Boston trailblazer

Sarah-Ann Shaw, who died last week at age 91, blazed a trail for Black women who work in television journalism. But her pioneering legacy goes far beyond that medium and includes all manner of civic and political engagement in her hometown, Boston.



Sarah-Ann Shaw
WBZ-TV photo

When she first appeared on the airwaves as a reporter for WBZ-Channel 4 in 1969, she was truly one of a kind. A native of Roxbury, born at what is now the Dimock Center, she was raised in a politically engaged home and was active at a young age in the freedom struggle for Black Americans as a member of the Girl Scouts and the NAACP. She was a graduate of Girls Latin

School in Dorchester's Codman Square and went on to attend Boston University.

In her college years, her civil rights advocacy focused on organizing her fellow Black Bostonians to tutor other BPS students and help them get into college with the Northern Student Movement. She and Byron Rushing, who later became a longtime state representative, helped her register voters and build political power through the ballot box.

But Sarah-Ann was drawn to another critically important sector of society that also desperately needed to be de-segregated: media. As she said in a 2018 interview: "I thought it was necessary to talk about social issues because they really weren't being covered. When I went to work at Channel 4 in the late 60s, coverage of the African American community was basically negative coverage. I knew there were other kinds of programs and things happening in the community, and so I thought it was important to try to let other people know about the other things that were going on in Roxbury."

Her distinguished 31-year career in television news earned her a spot in the Massachusetts Broadcasters Hall of Fame and other awards in the news industry and a lifetime achievement award from the National Association of Black Journalists. "Say Brother," a public affairs program that she hosted, was "must-watch" television in an era when personalities who appeared on your living room tube were "considered like family," says former Boston City Councillor Tito Jackson.

"She was definitely that for our community," says Jackson, who counts Sarah-Ann Shaw among the top five most influential Black Bostonians of her generation, right up there with Mel King. The only thing she never mastered was retirement, which he says she was constitutionally unable to do.

After leaving the airwaves in 2000, she stayed active in public life and even sometimes ventured into political activism, often supporting emerging leaders of color in Boston. She served on the Democratic State Committee and was a trusted advisor to groups like Central Boston Elder Services, the Friends of Dudley Library, RoxVote, and ABCD—and to political leaders like Jackson.

"And while she was just as willing to pick up the phone and tell you when you did something right, that carrot could turn into a stick real fast," said Jackson. Jackson was on hand with other leaders as Mayor Wu laid a wreath in tribute to Sarah-Ann last Monday at the Embrace Boston memorial on the Boston Common. Her name is one of dozens emblazoned on the ground around the statue to the Kings—a fitting salute to a Roxbury woman who was, without question, one of our city's queens.

-Bill Forry

West Side Stories

No denying appeal of cruisin' Blue Hill Ave.

By SETH DANIEL
NEWS EDITOR

I'm convinced that driving Blue Hill Avenue is not a burden if you're moving in style. In fact, I have always found Blue Hill an enjoyable drive and it's a source of great memories for me and so many others living in the West of Washington neighborhood and up and down the Blue Hill corridor.

Through a personal lens, I've watched the discussion around changing the corridor and seem to be swayed like a palm tree in a cyclone. There is so much energy around this issue. One minute I agree with the bussie-bus folks and am ready to paint the street red; the next minute I'm all in with the residents and businesses that predict Armageddon.

The only thing I am certain about is that I love to "cruise" Blue. Doing so in the summer is a scene and show, and it isn't replicated anywhere else except Revere Beach or, maybe, Wollaston, by the clam shacks.

Years and years ago, I had restored a Chevy El Camino Conquista, the 1987 Presidential model with the 5.0 engine. I had the rust removed and painted it a cool grey with maroon pinstripes. I even recreated the 'Conquista' logo on the tailgate. The bench seats were as big as a queen-sized bed, and when you sat behind the wheel it was "laid back" in the truest sense because it was impossible to sit upright. To top it off, I had modified the exhaust with a dual tailpipe that gave off a sound as solid as granite. Driving it was like piloting a boat that glided and bounced down the street.

What a machine.

One time, I picked up a buddy in East Boston on a Sunday and we drove down Blue Hill to a friend's house beyond Mattapan. It was a summer day, windows down, exhaust rumbling, and we began attracting a crowd. Young people driving by honked, thumbs up, admiring the Conquista and teens on bikes looked on in wonder while those at the bus stops voiced envy with only their facial expressions.

There we were, the leaders of the band, an experience that continued for many weeks.

I soon started making frequent hops down Blue Hill Avenue for no reason in particular with the windows down and the old Delco radio (no tape deck, no CD players, certainly no Bluetooth) tuned to 1030 WILD, dodging triple parkers with ease, allowing pedestrians at Morton to cross in rhythm using momentum and not the brakes, and killing time with a soda and a hot dog in front of Simco's, or maybe stopping at the Post Office in Mattapan Square or crossing to River Street for Haitian patties. That was when it was driving for enjoyment, driving as a pastime with other people and having "no particular place to go," as Chuck Berry sang.

I even drove that El Camino down Blue Hill Avenue to my wedding, my best buddy and I in tuxedos on a stifling hot September day—bags of sawdust in the back from having just sanded and refinished the floors in the "new" house. It's also the road we drove up after funerals from St. Angela's Church (now Our Lady of Mt. Carmel), the former St. Matthew Church, or any one of the Protestant "storefront" churches on the way to bury family, friends, and neighbors in the cemeteries off American Legion Highway.

Drunken from the elixir of change, though likely with good intentions, the authors of the current transformation along Blue Hill don't grasp that the culture of the car in this community is more than just about



1987 Chevy El Camino in the repair shop for some attention.
Seth Daniel photo

"getting" somewhere. There's status to it, and for me, it felt good to drive that El Camino up and down Blue Hill Avenue so that people noticed. And people loved to notice.

There are no data points or white paper studies that can reflect this important fact of life on Blue Hill.

Later in life, when I was at the bus stop looking on as others drove by, it stunk. And let's be honest, the bus stinks, too. Taking one is a much different thing when you have options or a back-up plan, when you're doing it to save the world or fight the good fight. Standing out on the sidewalk with no shelter in the cold waiting for a bus that may or may not come—and it is the only option—is something you want to leave behind. When you have a car in this community, you have moved up from that. Even if it's half-sideways with no doors, "at least I don't have to take the bus," one thinks. So, if you can drive Blue Hill, you will, even if it's not an El Camino with fuzzy felt-covered bench seats.

Eventually, driving for me began to be about taking kids places, or stressing out to get somewhere faster than humanly possible. The El Camino was replaced with a very uncool minivan, and far too often I was slumming on the bus so that the kids could use the car to get to college in the 'burbs. It became about getting somewhere, not about being somewhere.

But the memories of those days cruising up and down Blue Hill in a vehicle that spoke without speaking still feel good. I wish I could do it again—just one more time.

And perhaps that's what the administrators and transportation planners have missed in their approach to transforming Blue Hill Avenue. They've negated or neglected to understand the memories held by Blue Hill Avenue for the people who live in and around it, memories tied tightly to vehicles and friends and family and moments in an earlier time. Sometimes they are big events like heading to the church to get married, or sometimes they're small moments, like a hot summer day with a hot dog and a soda.

We all wish to recreate the best times in life, and we all figure we will at some point, but then we die having never done so. I bet more than a few people hope they can bring Blue Hill memories back to life just one more time, but a transformed roadway with a bus lane and all the fixins pretty much puts a cap on that. To date, I haven't seen those moments reflected in any of the PowerPoint slides.

Letter to the Editor

Another take on the St. Patrick's parade

To the Editor:

I must take exception to a statement made by Bill Forry in his editorial titled "Flynn's right: Southie's parade needs a re-set." He states: "Perhaps it's time to consider splitting up the dual holiday. Celebrate Evacuation Day in Southie, home to Dorchester Heights, the pivotal historic site from which the liberation of Boston was achieved on March 17, 1776. The date is arguably more important than the saint's day in the Boston context."

I respectfully point out that there would not be an "Evacuation Day" if it were not for the Irish who venerate Saint Patrick. It is estimated that over 25 percent of Washington's Army was Irish.

When the British sailed out on evacuation day, the fife and drums of the Continental Army serenaded them with the tune "St. Patrick's Day in the Morning." Washington's General Orders for the day set the password and countersign for safe re-entry into the city as "Boston" and "St. Patrick," respectively. Apparently, Washington could not separate Boston from St. Patrick; we shouldn't try, either.

In fairness, let us realize that the issue is not the parade that is an insult to the hardworking volunteers who put the parade together. I have not seen

any reports that there were any incidents regarding parade participants. The parade organizers are not law enforcement officials; they cannot control what happens on the sidewalks or beyond.

No, let's put the blame where blame belongs: the promotion of St. Patrick's Day by media and business as a saturnalia. Why are we surprised when Amazon sells shirts such as "Instant Irish, Just Add Beer" or "I May not Be Irish, but I can Drink Like One" that we have behavior like this? There is a reason that marketing firms give out t-shirts. Yet when the Irish American community objects to these items, we are called too sensitive and humorless. The parade does not sell liquor; perhaps more focus should be placed on businesses who see the day as nothing more than "the greening of the till."

Instead of blaming and moving the parade, perhaps Mr. Flynn and your paper can help us reclaim St. Patrick's Day by focusing on the true story of the courage and sacrifices of Irish immigrants and their descendants by embracing and promoting Irish American Heritage Month in our schools in parity with other heritage month celebrations.

Neil F. Cosgrove
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‘Natural nurturers’: Cape Verdean women to be hailed for their service

By SETH DANIEL
NEWS EDITOR

A roster of 50 distinguished women of Cape Verdean descent compiled by the Cape Verdean Association of Boston (CVA) was unveiled and hailed at a special event held at Estella Restaurant in Boston on Wed., March 27.

The annual event is intended to highlight Women’s History Month and the Cape Verdean Women’s Day, according to Paulo Debarros, director of the CVA, who said women have been at the forefront of the Cape Verdean community, whether during historic seafaring days or the 1975 liberation movement – and now in Boston’s neighborhoods.

“I was raised by a single woman, and I was one of seven kids,” Debarros said. “My mother was mom and dad to us. My wife is my rock and my best friend. To me, it’s important to showcase the female talent in the Cape Verdean diaspora, especially in Boston...It needs to be known.”

The list includes women from every walk of life, including politicians like

state Sen. Liz Miranda and City Councillor Tania Fernandes Anderson, and long-time advocates like Isaura Mendes, among others.

Romilda ‘Ro’ Pereira, 42, said it was a “great honor” to be included on the list and will inspire her work at Project Turnaround—an organization focusing on young people facing or returning from incarceration. Coming from Cape Verde at the age of 2, she said, she had a long and difficult journey and was “stuck” in street life and faced incarceration. Having switched changed her life to a different path, she said she’s all about “giving back.”

“We are in a community where we’re told things can’t be done, what you need, it can’t be done,” she said. “I’m a big advocate, a big mouth, and I won’t back down. Due to that, I’ve gained support from politicians and leaders, and I’ve leveraged that to help my community.”

She continued: “So many times I would sit in my [jail] cell and fight with my higher power and ask, ‘Why me? I now

see, ‘Why me?’ I wouldn’t be able to do this without that life experience.”

In a community where so many advise, “Go to Ro” when help is needed, she said she was encouraged to see a list of 50 women role models.

“I have two daughters and knowing there are 50 women out there doing this kind of work for our community – that’s 50 Cape Verdean women they can look up to,” she said. “Cape Verdean women are naturally nurturers, and they don’t get enough credit.”

Djofa Tavares, 50, was included for her role as a science educator at the Russell Elementary School, but more importantly for her efforts to preserve and teach the Cape Verdean ‘Kriolu’ language. She authored the first English-Kriolu children’s book and helped to produce the first dictionary. On March 11, after four years of work, she released the first Kriolu app to promote, teach, and preserve the language.

“It allows people to be more involved and puts the education directly in their hands,” she said of



Djofa Tavares, 50, was to be honored for her work in preserving the Cape Verdean Kriolu language.

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the app. “They want to get their kids involved and it becomes an activity for the whole family, like a game, and they learn the language and preserve the language together as a family.”

“Women are doing these things in the community individually but to bring all of us and our work together creates this energy,” she said. “Bringing everyone together at once shows the power we have together.”

Boston School Committeewoman Chantal Lima-Barbosa, 29, also made the list, and commended the CVA for taking the initiative to produce such an event.

Arriving in Dorchester at the age of 16, she attended the Jeremiah Burke High School, and then went on to college



Romilda ‘Ro’ Pereira, 42, is one of 50 Cape Women to be feted by the Cape Verdean Association of Boston.

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at UMass Amherst. She started in City Hall serving as the Mid-Dorchester mayoral liaison under Mayor Marty Walsh, and then as the City Council liaison under Mayors Kim Janey and Michelle Wu.

In July, she left to become the Director of Recruitment for the Duet program—an online college program associated with Southern New Hampshire University (SNHU). Nine months ago, she was sworn in as a member of the School Committee.

“I graduated in 2012, and that’s a long time ago, but not really a long time ago,” she said. “It was really about coming back to the system that shaped the person and professional I am...I think it’s important to



Chantal Lima-Barbosa, 29, said she felt it as important to have a Cape Verdean voice on the School Committee, where she has served for the past nine months.

Photo courtesy Boston Public Schools

have a Cape Verdean voice on the School Committee. We are big in Boston and are often overlooked, but we continue to see newcomers coming to Boston from Cape Verde.”

She credited her own accomplishments to the strong women in her life, including her mother, Janis Teixeira, and her grandmothers, Noemia and Nayr.

The full list of 50 women was to be unveiled at the event on March 27. Debarros said all proceeds from the event will go to strengthening the girls’ program at the non-profit Cabral Leadership and Innovation Center (CLIC) on Bowdoin Street.

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A judge rules in favor of White Stadium renovation, soccer team

(Continued from page 1) White Stadium with a would gain more access with the proposed plan, and that the use was consistent with the will of George Robert White, whose last wishes were to leave money to the city for the benefit of its residents – including purchasing the land and building White Stadium in the 1940s for the benefit of Boston’s schoolchildren. “Plaintiffs contend the terms of the will prohibit the city from renovating

ton Public Schools) and public access – appears consistent with the will. “The private benefits are not primary, but instead are subsidiary to White Stadium’s public purposes,” she continued. Ellis also pointed out that the will contemplates leases of White Fund property, and the only requirement stipulated is that such leases be re-evaluated every 10 years. “The proposed

lease agreement between the city and [Boston Unity] is for a ten-year term,” she noted. On the injunction, plaintiffs had argued that it was needed as irreparable harm would occur if the Stadium were allowed to be demolished and leased, changing its nature and hurting abutters. “I am not persuaded,” she wrote. Dorchester’s Louis Elisa, of the Garrison Trotter Neighborhood Association and a plaintiff in the lawsuit, said he was very disappointed by the ruling. “I view the failure of the court to take the concerns of possible harm and displacement which would occur as being similar to the Dred Scott decision wherein our rights as Black citizens are not worthy of serious consideration or respect. Nothing has changed in Boston,” he said. Said Emerald Necklace Conservancy Director Karen Mauney-Brodek: “We urge the City to abandon this flawed privatization scheme that is not supported by a single neighborhood association. Instead, support the stadium and the park with the \$50 million in taxpayer funds they’ve already identified. We will continue to stand up for the students of Boston, who deserve a state-of-the-art public White Stadium and should not have to yield to the demands of for-profit investors to get it.”

But in a statement, Boston Unity Soccer Partners said they were happy that the residents of Boston would be able to move ahead with a groundbreaking public-private partnership – and they urged Conservancy and others to join them in planning for the stadium and the soccer team. “We are grateful that today’s ruling demonstrates the court’s understanding that the communities around Franklin Park and White Stadium should not have to wait any longer for the decades of neglect and underuse to be addressed,” they wrote in the statement. “We are confident that there is no legal basis for this lawsuit and that this public, private, community partnership can be realized. “We invite the Emerald Necklace Conservancy to participate with us and welcome the opportunity to collaborate,” they concluded. The city plans to use municipal bond borrowing to finance \$50 million in construction costs, while Boston Unity has said it would pitch in \$30 million for its portion. The city would renovate the East Grandstand and build out a student-athlete hub that includes locker rooms, exercise facilities, and places to hang out. Boston Unity would renovate the West Grandstand and locker rooms, as well as the Grove piazza just east of the Stadium. Boston Public Schools and the George Robert White Foundation would retain ownership.

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Opponents vent at chaotic stadium 'listening' session

By SETH DANIEL
NEWS EDITOR

A bowling ball full of discontent rolled through the William Monroe Trotter School auditorium on Monday night at a chaotic meeting that – for at least one night - deflated the optimism of those hoping to bring a women’s professional soccer team to White Stadium.

Fresh off a win in Suffolk Superior Court allowing the proponents of the soccer team’s plan to move forward at White Stadium, Boston Unity Soccer Partners and the city appeared at the meeting – with key mayoral operatives Tiffany Chu and Mike Firestone observing from the crowd. Mayor Wu was not in attendance.

More than 100 people packed the auditorium for the event scheduled last weekend by city and state elected officials whose districts abut Franklin Park. Most people who spoke offered opinions against the proposal, led by an impassioned speech by Dr. Jean Maguire, a well-respected Roxbury leader who was a plaintiff in a lawsuit that sought to block the stadium plan.

But the meeting was also marred by catcalls and noisy disruptions, including erratic declamations by a self-described “Nazi” who took over for several minutes to air unrelated grievances before slamming the microphone onto the ground.

The session, moderated by District 7 City Councillor Tania Fernandes Anderson,

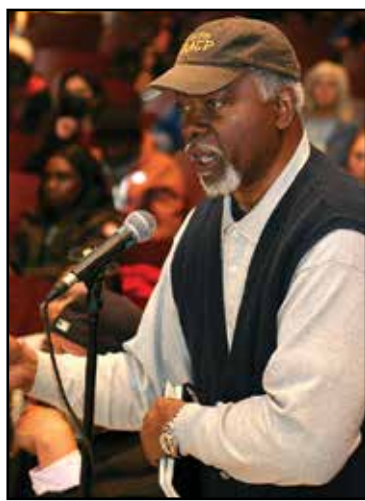


Dr. Jean Maguire delivered a speech in opposition to the White Stadium plan at a raucous meeting on Monday night.

started about thirty minutes later than scheduled with a 45-minute presentation by city officials and representatives from the soccer franchise that is planning to use the renovated stadium.

Morgan McDaniel, of the Mayor’s Office, took the rostrum first and cited the victory in court as a mandate to get moving on the project. “We are happy to say at the end of last week the judge ruled against the injunction and the suit was unlikely to have success,” McDaniel said. “We’re very happy to turn our attention and resources to answering the substantial questions and concerns that folks have.”

By the time the public was invited to speak, around 7:10 p.m., many in the crowd had grown impatient and angry. The barrage of criticisms went



Dorchester’s Louis Elisa, of the Garrison-Trotter Neighborhood Association, spoke at the ‘listening session’ on Monday night, saying his group doesn’t oppose the plan in concept, but isn’t persuaded it will work out in their best interests “in actuality.”

Seth Daniel photos

on until 9 p.m.

“You have to hear, really hear, the level of distrust,” said Dianne Wilkerson, a former state senator and opponent of the city plan. “The level of tone-deafness to me to stand up there at the beginning and say you are happy you won when some of the very community plaintiffs are sitting right here,” she continued, her words and tone buttressed by cheers and clapping. “We’re happy to counsel you, but you don’t come in here and tell us you’re happy we lost. What do you think this is?”

The speech by Maguire, a long-time Franklin Park advocate and former director

of the METCO program, was the centerpiece of the night’s comments. She urged the city to go forward with a renovation project using its own money.

“It disturbs me that for some reason we seem to be working on how we will pay for what we want,” she said. “Anything we want, we tax the public for... Whatever we want we can tax and pay for. It’s not a question of money; it’s a question of to whom do we want to have access to that... Let’s not act like we’re poor. This is Massachusetts.”

Louis Elisa, president of the Garrison-Trotter Neighborhood Association, said, “We have always supported the idea of this project,” he said. “We’ve never been opposed. We’ve been concerned from the beginning of how it will work out in actuality and not in theory.”

Others like Domingos Darosa – a youth football coach—doubts that Boston Public School athletes will benefit from the stadium’s new use. He noted that many city high schools, such as Dorchester’s Burke High School and South Boston’s Excel High School, don’t have football teams and he said only about half have soccer teams. He said that two teams that regularly play football at White Stadium – Boston Latin Academy and Boston Latin School – will be relocated for all but one game of their seasons under the soccer team plan.

“Let’s be real about what

we’re talking about,” he said. “Who’s going to use this when there are no BPS teams left to use it?”

Added Nefertiti Lawrence, a former math teacher at the John D. O’Bryant School: “When you talk about creating awesome areas with beer gardens and all that, it just doesn’t feel like it’s for folks like us... I’m concerned people here won’t feel welcome. There’s got to be a way to do this without turning it into Northeastern University.”

The only elected official to take a position was state Rep. Chynah Tyler, who voiced her opposition, citing that she didn’t want the plan to result in another Carter Park – a park in the South End renovated by Northeastern University that she said has resulted in the community being cut off to access.

“I’m here to make sure White Stadium remains the White Stadium as we all know it – with some amazing improvements,” she said.

One of the few voices of support from the community came from Rev. Miniard Culpepper, who said “privatization” is something the community should embrace to help businesses that are struggling in Grove Hall.

The city said it plans to hold detailed online transportation and parking meetings on the stadium plan next month, with Roxbury’s on April 9 at 7 p.m., and Dorchester’s on April 10 at 6 p.m.

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Mentoring Team aiming at sustainable diversity in building trades

(Continued from page 1) Plumbers & Gasfitters Local 12 to move things along. In that first full year as a non-profit, CMT recruited and mentored those mentees for electrical work apprenticeships with IBEW Local 103. Last June, 14 of them graduated from the five-year program.

The partnership, which uses CMT's motto "Mentoring Success," has been growing ever since. Linda Dorcena Forry, the former state representative and senator who is co-owner and co-publisher of the *Reporter*, is a member of CMT's advisory board member. She says the nonprofit is "transforming apprenticeships and disrupting the pre-apprenticeship model" and points to the importance of increasing

public-private partnerships in order to grow CMT programming.

In addition to traditional job training, CMT provides its students with financial help for industry exam fees and prep courses, tools and supplies, and other expenses related to their career hopes. And it matches mentees with mentors who are industry leaders and role models.

"The model here is to team up with partners who share our mission to create career opportunities that are ongoing and self-sustaining," said Dorcena Forry.

Lisa Scales is one of the mentees who has benefited from the CMT approach. The 41-year-old Dorchester resident, who is a second-year

apprentice electrician at IBEW, worked for the MBTA for more than a decade before taking what she called a "leap of faith" with CMT. While noting that entering a brand-new field can be intimidating, Scales calls her CMT experience nothing short of a blessing. Some might call it a double blessing because her 23-year-old daughter is also in the program.

"Knowing that you have somebody there at all times for any type of guidance or anything that you need, it completely changed everything," said Scales. Joining CMT, she added, has not only allowed her to succeed in a competitive field but it has also improved her mental strength. "I feel stronger than I've ever felt as far

as things that I just never even considered myself being able to do."

Lou Antonellis, Business Manager and Financial Secretary at Local 103, said the partnership is helping the union realize its goals as well. "I work closely with Bill Moran," he said. "We've forged a great relationship because of our common goals of trying to help young men and women from Dorchester, Roxbury, the city of Boston find good-paying jobs, good careers, and it's been a great ride so far."

Thomas Guess, another second-year mentee in the program who is learning a trade with the Local 17 Sheet Metal Union, says his concern

about his family's future is what brought him to CMT.

"First and foremost, it gave me a career job that I've never had. I needed to get my life together and that's what CMT presented to me, keeping me on a straight line and being able to raise my kids the right way and having a career. This is what I'm doing it for," he said, "to create a future for them. To open doors for my kids and for generations to come in my family."

Pastor John A. Heath, a co-founder of the National Black Professional Lobbyist Association who serves on CMT's advisory board, met Moran at the National Urban League Conference in Indianapolis in 2019 and the two have worked together ever since. Heath says there is a long-lasting impact for those who've entered the program.

"This is just not impacting a life, this is really multi-generational," he said. "When we start talking about stemming the tide of poverty and stemming the tides of lack of opportunity and hopelessness, it is visionaries like Bill, and it is organizations like CMT that are really going to give us this opportunity, to give folks that path toward the American dream, the path toward success."

He added: "The partnerships that Bill continues to work on with the trades and with developers literally gives people who would have probably been stuck in multi-generational poverty the chance to finally

move into a path toward multi-generational prosperity."

CMT mentor Robert Lewis, a Boston resident and longtime Moran friend who works in transportation, appreciates that he can help to change the life narrative of young people in the trades.

"I've had great mentors from my grandfather to a lot of folks in the community. So, for me, it was natural being able to see myself in a lot of these young guys, growing up in the city, with all of the challenges and different things like that," he said.

"We all know the unions have not been too open to people of color. A lot of times the narrative [about applicants] is that they don't want to work hard. We're changing that. We mentor strong, intelligent, driven people."

Bill Moran's wife Casandra says that her husband is the ultimate mentor because he has built a system that will exist for years to come.

"Bill's vision and the CMT program is such that it will be sustainable over time. Cultivating the pipeline of mentors and mentees along with unions and the business community will continue to change the landscape," she said. "Community Mentoring Team enables career opportunities aimed at creating a stable, thriving and self-sustaining Black community in Massachusetts."

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City seeks tools to 'reduce' cell-phone use by students

(Continued from page 1) action for their individual communities.”

For her part, Boston Teachers Union President Jessica Tang noted that “cell phones can definitely be a distraction for students, particularly if there aren’t clear expectations and protocols in place. We are hopeful that BPS will solicit input from all stakeholders including educators, families, and students as these potential guidelines and programs are developed. We look forward to reviewing details as they become available.”

The proposal calls for a “solution” that could ultimately affect more than 20,000 students in grades 7 to 12. While it does not list an expected price, the request notes the value of the contract will be based around training, implementation, and support at 40 schools from April 2024 through June 2027.

The vendor will first conduct a pilot plan in certain schools chosen by the city and get feedback from teachers, administrators, and students before anything is rolled out across the system. The final plan “must be able to be implemented in both entire schools and only specific grades,” but will be rolled out as schools request it, according to the proposal.

Walsh said she supported different measures for different grade levels. “You shouldn’t have the same solution for a seventh grader as a twelfth grader. Older kids get more autonomy and have different needs, and they have more abilities to make decisions about themselves. You can’t have kids about to enter adulthood that you’re still controlling for six hours a day.”

She added, “I’d love to see a really thoughtful process that engages educators, kids, and families around how we can do that in a way that makes sense developmentally and realistically and not suck up teachers’ time with policies that are hard to enforce.”

Earlier this month, Brockton school officials

introduced a policy requiring all students at Brockton High School to lock up their cell phones in magnetized Yondr pouches during the school day. The policy was backed by staff members and had gone through several drafts, Boston.com reported. The school has been the site of frequent fights and brawls, which students often film on their phones.

The BPS request says the program will be evaluated in part by whether it reduces disciplinary incidents and improves academic performance and describes how BPS wants to “promote digital responsibility” through restricting cell phone use “to educate students on the responsible use of technology and encourage healthy digital habits that prioritize academic success and social interaction as well as discouraging potentially negative social-media driven behaviors.”

On a final note, the proposal said the goal is to “safeguard student well-being by mitigating the negative effects of

excessive screen time and promoting face-to-face interaction among peers and educators.”

Walsh said it was “great” that BPS was looking at limiting bad behavior driven by social media but she wants to make sure any plan accounts for communications between parents and students despite limited cell phone use.

“The biggest fear I have is around issues of knowing a student is safe when something is going on at the school. It is really terrifying to be a parent and to hear something is happening at your kid’s school and not be able to reach your kid,” She added, “It doesn’t mean we should just let phones be going off all day but be really thoughtful about how we manage communication with families so that we still feel like we’re getting the information we need, whether it’s in an emergency or just day to day logistics.”

The city plans to select a vendor in the next week. After the plan is up and

running, the vendor will collect data on usage patterns and compliance,

as well as feedback from students and teachers, and examine whether

academic performance has improved.

LEGAL NOTICE

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS THE TRIAL COURT PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT Suffolk Probate & Family Court 24 New Chardon Street Boston, MA 02114 (617) 788-8300
CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION
Docket No. SU23P2021EA
ESTATE OF: MARCUS MERRITT a/k/a: MARCUS BRAXTON SMITH MERRITT
DATE OF DEATH: 12/27/2022

A Petition for S/A - Formal Appointment of Personal Representative has been filed by Makenyah Dambreville-Merritt of Milton, MA. A requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.

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 **04/23/2024**.

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 18, 2024
Stephanie L. Everett, Esq.
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Published: March 28, 2024

LEGAL NOTICE

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS THE TRIAL COURT PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT Suffolk Probate & Family Court 24 New Chardon Street Boston, MA 02114 (617) 788-8300
CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION
Docket No. SU24P0570EA
ESTATE OF: THERESA M. LAVIE
DATE OF DEATH: 09/14/2020

A Petition for Late and Limited Formal Testacy and/or Appointment has been filed by Theresa M. Ruka of Scituate, MA requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.

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 **04/26/2024**.

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.

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Docket No. SU24D0381DR
DIVORCE SUMMONS
BY PUBLICATION AND MAILING
LUISA M. DELOSSANTOS
vs.
CANDIDO CONTRERAS

To the Defendant:
The Plaintiff has filed a Complaint for Divorce requesting that the Court grant a divorce for Irretrievable Breakdown of the Marriage. 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: Luisa M. DeLossantos, 800 Washington St., Apt. 2, Boston, MA 02124 your answer, if any, on or before **05/30/2024**. 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.

Witness, HON. BRIAN J. DUNN, First Justice of this Court.
Date: March 12, 2024
Stephanie L. Everett, Esq.
Register of Probate

Published: March 28, 2024

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS 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. SU24C0117CA
IN THE MATTER OF: CYNTHIA RENEE GLIBERT

A Petition to Change Name of Adult has been filed by Cynthia Renee Glibert of Boston, MA requesting that the court enter a Decree changing their name to:

Adira Ofira Israel 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 **04/11/2024**. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance if you object to this proceeding.

Witness, HON. BRIAN J. DUNN, First Justice of this Court.
Date: March 15, 2024
Stephanie L. Everett, Esq.
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COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS THE TRIAL COURT PROBATE & FAMILY COURT SUFFOLK DIVISION 24 NEW CHARDON STREET BOSTON, MA 02114 (617) 788-8300
Docket No. SU24D0026DR
DIVORCE SUMMONS
BY PUBLICATION AND MAILING
KHOA ANH TRAN
vs.
SARAH ANN CAPPADONA

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: Khoa Anh Tran, 86 Park St., Apt. 02, Boston, MA 02122 your answer, if any, on or before **06/04/2024**. 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.

Witness, HON. BRIAN J. DUNN, First Justice of this Court.
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New GOP committeewoman from Dot to put focus on Black, Brown communities

BY SETH DANIEL
NEWS EDITOR

As a Black woman from Fields Corner, Elizabeth Hinds-Ferrick may not be the typical champion of the Republican Party, but if her instincts are correct, the new state committeewoman will soon draw more and more of her neighbors to the GOP.



Elizabeth Hinds-Ferrick

She threw her hat into the political ring for the first time on Super Tuesday and came out the winner of the Republican State Committee seat for District 1 (Back Bay, Chinatown, Dorchester, Mattapan, South Boston, and the South End)

pledging as a woman of color to grow the party by drawing in more diverse people from the community.

"I'm very fiscally conservative and believe everyone should have a voice," the 40-plus-year Dorchester

resident said in a recent interview. "I'm not rigid or crazy and I'm not a RINO (Republican in Name Only). I like what's best for the party and I'm looking to grow the party. One thing I want to do is start building a coalition of Black and Brown people and a coalition of Asian people, all from this community. I'm the only Black person on the committee, but I feel at home wherever I've been, and I've never felt out of place. I show up. That's me."

Hinds-Ferrick, 60, of Topliff Street, won with nearly 60 percent of the vote over a candidate whose Nazi views were denounced across the board. She ran on a dual ticket with "teammate" Tim Smythe, the party's state committeeman in District 1.

She isn't a life-long member of the GOP. In fact, she said, she switched her party affiliation almost 15 years ago as she became more fiscally conservative. She had never been recruited to run for an elected position until this year as the party's state leadership changed.

"I used to be a Democrat until I started looking carefully at what was going on, and around 2010 or 2012, I really didn't like what was going on," she said. "I saw wasted spending and not helping people be accountable. Instead of a helping hand, they were giving too many handouts. People were not learning to be self-sufficient. I felt like the Republican Party wasn't doing that but was giving people hope."

One of seven siblings, Hinds-Ferrick came to the United States with her family from Guyana (South America) more than 40 years ago and has worked for the state Department of Transitional Assistance (DTA) for more than 36 years. She is now the assistant director of the Nubian Square DTA office.

She graduated from Suffolk University after which

she attained two master's degrees (Suffolk University, Tufts University) and graduated from a doctoral program at Northeastern University in 2021 focused on law and public policy.

She and her husband, John Ferrick, were married in 1986, and raised three sons (Johnathan, Matthew, and Shane) in Fields Corner - sending them all to high school and college. All are adults and successful now, she said.

She got "heavily invested" in the community as she and her husband assumed leadership roles at St. Peter's Church on Bowdoin Street, while she became a very involved member of Prince Hall Masonic Lodge and many other Masonic orders and her sons played "about every sport there was to play" when they were growing up, from Dorchester Youth Hockey to Savin Hill Baseball to Dorchester Eagles football.

"We're very invested here and a really big Dorchester family," she said.

She added that being on the committee ballot was humbling and that running for a Republican seat has been interesting given that most of her friends are Democrats.

"I've never espoused my views on people but I'm secure in myself," she said in noting that some of those friends "switched to Independent so they could get a Republican ballot and support me."

It's that kind of energy that she intends to harness for the Republican Party in the city, where for a long time it hasn't had much of a foothold. She said she and Smythe plan to start with listening sessions at organizations in Black and Brown communities, hearing what they have to say and letting folks know their rights.

Before that, though, she hopes to attend the Republican National Convention this summer in Minneapolis. "At this point, I don't have a presidential candidate I'm supporting," she said. "I'm keeping my options open, but I will support whomever the party supports."

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| Norfolk Scattered Site LL | Boston City Of | 20 Elmont St | Dorchester | 03/08/24 | 500 |
| Norfolk Scattered Site LL | Boston City Of | 30 Clarkson St | Dorchester | 03/08/24 | 400 |
| Cardenas, Sara F | Igoe, Ann E | 10 Coffey St #22 | Dorchester | 03/01/24 | 300,000 |
| Laing, Tatyana | Nguyen, Johnson | 10 Coffey St #28 | Dorchester | 03/08/24 | 330,000 |
| Norfolk Scattered Site LL | Boston City Of | 29 Bradlee St | Dorchester | 03/08/24 | 400 |
| Du, Qing | James, Debra | 53 Leonard St | Dorchester | 03/06/24 | 470,000 |
| Morales, Sandy P | Bpor -Angell Spencer LLC | 242-244 Norwell St | Dorchester | 03/06/24 | 375,000 |
| Norfolk Scattered Site LL | Boston City Of | 38 Clarkson St | Dorchester | 03/08/24 | 400 |
| Timpany, Lucas | Patrick Ft | 20 Everett St | Dorchester | 03/07/24 | 1,450,000 |
| Swarup, Siddharth | Barbosa, Teresa D | 64 Bakersfield St | Dorchester | 03/04/24 | 1,250,000 |
| Tran, Thi K | Yale Investments LLC | 123 Norwell St | Dorchester | 03/04/24 | 805,000 |
| Norfolk Scattered Site LL | Boston City Of | 143 Norwell St | Dorchester | 03/08/24 | 500 |
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| Gulden, Neil M | Spencerr Mark E Est | 12 Fowler St | Dorchester | 03/01/24 | 50,000 |
| 8 Fowler St Nmg LLC | Spence Mark E Est | 8 Fowler St | Dorchester | 03/01/24 | 655,000 |
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| 5-7 Denvir St LLC | Mccabe Agnes J Est | 5-7 Denvir St | Dorchester | 03/06/24 | 650,000 |
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| Yarmolinsky, Hannah J | Roper Rt | 14 Mellen St | Dorchester | 03/04/24 | 829,000 |
| Pelham, James | Green, Antonio | 129-131 Fuller St | Dorchester | 03/01/24 | 1,225,000 |
| Repetto, Christie M | Eileen A Omalley Lt | 49 Redfield St | Dorchester | 03/01/24 | 742,000 |
| Cusano, Christopher A | Thelwekk Dola M Est | 59 Old Morton St #A | Mattapan | 03/05/24 | 470,000 |
| Gordon, Jeffrey M | Jones, Neil | 51 Rexford St | Mattapan | 03/08/24 | 889,999 |
| Mastr Asset Backed T 2004 | Skinner, Rosetta | 15 Marcy Rd | Mattapan | 03/05/24 | 291,000 |
| Tran, Huy | Mecm LLC | 5-7 Everett Ave #5-1 | Dorchester | 03/07/24 | 420,000 |
| Swanson, Karen | 5 Rice St LLC | 5 Rice St #1 | Dorchester | 03/01/24 | 511,800 |
| Mount Bowdin Units LLC | Millennium Hm Assoc Inc | 22 Mount Bowdoin Ter | Dorchester | 03/01/24 | 455,000 |
| Golden, John | 19-21 Standard Rt | 19-21 Standard Rt #3 | Mattapan | 03/01/24 | 400,000 |
| Flaherty, John C | Cook, Nancy M | 13 Savin Hill Ct | Dorchester | 03/04/24 | 625,000 |
| Pereira, Leonel M | Norfolk Design & Const LL | 15-R Holborn St | Dorchester | 03/04/24 | 475,000 |
| Hall, Cheryl M | 32 Pearl St LLC | 32 Pearl St #1 | Dorchester | 03/04/24 | 740,000 |
| Torres, Jennifer | Nguyen, Phuong | 44 Bowdoin Ave #3 | Dorchester | 03/07/24 | 519,000 |
| Maia, Ana S | Wabob St Development LLC | 31 Wabon St #1 | Dorchester | 03/08/24 | 580,000 |
| 820 Dc LLC | Pd Land TLLC | 820-828 Blue Hill Ave | Mattapan | 03/08/24 | 5,296,345 |
| Rdestiny Enterprises LLC | Smith Doris A Est | 206 Harvard St | Dorchester | 03/08/24 | 480,500 |
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We will hold our second informational meeting on **April 17, 2024 from 2:00pm - 4:00pm** at **Maverick Landing, 31 Liverpool Street, East Boston, MA 02128.**

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Bid Documents, Specifications, and other pertinent information obtained April 3, 2024, at 5:00 PM on COMMBUYS Bid BD-24-1206-40000-40000-100426. Bids are submitted on the form(s) provided and/or stipulated in the Request for Proposal (RFP#77-24). Pre-bid Teams virtual meeting 04/11/2024, 1:30 PM to attend send email to jdellala@mbta.com prior to meeting. Bid Opening scheduled for May 2, 2024, 2:00 PM on COMMBUYS. Initial bid opening posted on COMMBUYS.

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Dot Day Parade Committee hosts Easter 'Sundae' fundraiser

By SETH DANIEL
NEWS EDITOR

The Dorchester Day Parade Committee held a new fundraising event last Saturday (March 23) at the Murphy School cafeteria with ice cream sundaes and a visit from the Easter Bunny.

Committee co-chairs Kelly Walsh and Brianne Gore said they were very excited at the turnout as hundreds of young people came out to feast on Lazy Bear ice cream and dance with the Easter Bunny. They said the event was a financial success and helped to alert the neighborhood that the June 2 parade is approaching.

They are still looking for volunteers

to help at upcoming events, including the Chief Marshal's Banquet, a Parade Brunch on April 13, and the Little Miss Dorchester contest in June, among others.

Other volunteer opportunities include joining the Parade Committee to help organize the Parade and coordinate divisions on Dot Day.

In another note, Megan Driscoll, who is running for mayor of Dorchester this year, was planning a fundraiser trivia night for Wednesday of this week at the Dot Tavern. To get involved in the Parade or to get more information, email info@dotdayparade.org.



Parade Co-Chairs Brianne Gore and Kelly Walsh with this year's Dorchester Day Parade shirts.



Lily Yuan reached into the Easter basket to get her favorite treat during the Dorchester Day Parade Easter fundraiser on Saturday.



Tommy and Leanne Morton enjoyed the afternoon.



City Councillor John FitzGerald with his wife Meghan and their children, Callan, Mac, and Reese.



Volunteers James Neff, Conor Olsen, and James Swanson dished out ice cream all afternoon.



Shannon Foley and Méabh McLoughlin wait in line for an ice cream sundae.



Former Police Commissioner Willie Gross made an appearance to support the Dorchester Day Parade, and to make a special presentation to Brenda Ruggiero, the mother of Parade Committee Co-Chair Brianne Gore. Ruggiero's late husband, John Ruggiero, was Gross's 8th grade history teacher at Dorchester's Oliver Wendell Holmes School in the 1970s. Gross said that Ruggiero, who passed away last year, instilled a love of history in him that he had never known. It is something, he said, that he carries with him and shares with young people.



Marty Martinez, Matthew Hall, and Damien Martinez-Hall enjoyed the afternoon supporting the Parade.



BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS OF DORCHESTER



BGCD Staff Attend City of Boston Summer Teen Employment Job Fair: See details below.

CONNECT THE DOT:

BGCD Staff Attend City of Boston Summer Teen Employment Job Fair: This past weekend, several members of our Boys & Girls Clubs of Dorchester team hosted a recruitment table at the City of Boston's Summer Job Fair held at the Reggie Lewis Center.

The Office of Youth Employment & Opportunity hosted the Fair which attracted a large number of teens interested in securing employment for this upcoming summer. Last Summer, BGCD hosted 93 youth positions between our three Clubhouses and is hoping to do the same this summer.

For more information on the Summer Jobs program at BGCD, please contact Director of Operations, Chad Hassey at chassey@bgcdorchester.org. Interested candidates should be 14-18 years old for employment.

FIND OUT WHAT'S INSIDE:

BGCD Keystone Club Volunteers at Waterstop to Support Marathon Runners: Members of Boys & Girls Clubs of Dorchester's Keystone Club faced the cold and rain this past Saturday to host a waterstop for our runners taking part in the upcoming 2024 Boston Marathon. Our team joined many other non-profit organizations and took part in the 14 mile training run as part of our Coach John Furey's training program to prepare for the Marathon. Thank you to our amazing team of runners for accepting the challenge and for your efforts to raise funds to support BGCD programming.

If you would like to support our team, please visit bgcdorchester.org/boston-marathon. For information on BGCD's Boston Marathon Team, please contact Jen Chiero at jchiero@bgcdorchester.org.



BGCD Young Professionals to Host "Let's Roll" Rodman Ride for Kids Fundraiser: See details below.

DID YOU KNOW:

BGCD Young Professionals to Host "Let's Roll" Rodman Ride for Kids Fundraiser: Boys & Girls Clubs of Dorchester's Young Professionals Group is excited to host our "Let's Roll" fundraiser at Stats Bar & Grille in South Boston on Thursday, April 11th. The event will start at 6 PM and will help us raise funds for BGCD's Young Professionals Rodman Ride for Kids Team. The night will be full of food, raffles, drinks, music and networking with other young professionals in the Boston Area.

Tickets are \$25 and can be purchased at bit.ly/bgcdletsroll. All proceeds go directly to supporting our Rodman Ride Team. Please note, this is a 21+ event.

For more information on BGCD's Young Professionals Group, please contact Hailey Cummings at hcummings@bgcdorchester.org.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Youth of the Year Celebration
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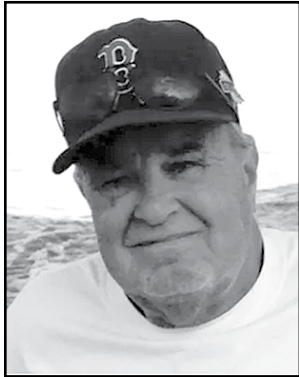
RECENT OBITUARIES



CAREY, Katherine Marie (Duffy), 85, of Marco Island, FL, formerly of Dorchester and Millis. Daughter to the late James and Louise Duffy (Nicholson). Survived by her husband, John M. Carey; her sisters, Jean Blackadar of Arlington, VA, Constance (Connie) Twohig and her husband, Gary of North Reading, Louise Dominique of Middleboro, and Virginia Joyce of Hull; her sisters-in-law; and her many nieces and nephews. Kathy was an elementary education teacher for the City of Boston Public School System for 33 years, from 1960 through 1993.

DESAULNIERS, Frances Ann (Noble), OFD, formerly of Quincy, Hingham and Marshfield. She was the daughter of the late Frances (Noonan) Noble Flaherty, Henry Noble and Martin Flaherty; and the wife of the late Albert E. Desaulniers (BFD). Mother of Diane O'Connor, Jean Alley, Maureen Meehan, Michelle Desaulniers and Jacquelyn Thompson; as well as her sons-in-law, Richard O'Connor, Robert Meehan and Paul Thompson. Grandmother, "Mutti" of 8. Sister of the late Henry J. Noble, Jr. and Clare Lawless; she is survived by Elaine Staunton; and

many nieces and nephews. After raising her daughters, Frances was a volunteer at Quincy City Hospital and later, South Shore Hospital, a member of the K Club in Dorchester. Please consider a donation in memory of Frances to The Michael J. Fox Foundation for Parkinson's Research, P.O. Box 5014, Hagerstown, Maryland, 21741-5014.



DOOLEY, John F. "Jack", 75, of Braintree. Husband of the late Jean (Ruggiero) Dooley. Father of Tara Teehan and her husband John of Dorchester. "Papa" of 2. Son of the late James and Frances Dooley. John was a proud combat veteran of the Vietnam War serving in the United States Army. He was also a longtime employee of Boston Public Works.



DOWNIE, Norbert Sebastian, 90, of Mattapan. Son of the late

Muriel Bair Downie and John Downie, both from Jamaica. Korean War, US Army veteran. He was an agent in the U.S. Treasury Department. Norbert was married to Dr. Marjorie Jones, who, in 1960, was the first Black woman to graduate from Seton Hall Medical/Dental School. Father of Jeanine, Michael and Mark. In 1992 Norbert married Shirley A. Smith, who was then a Regional Nurse Consultant in the US Department of Health and Human Services in the Boston federal office. Norbert is survived by his wife Shirley, his three children - Dr. Jeanine Downie (Michael), Michael Downie and Mark Downie - his "sister from another mother" Shirley Montesir, his 2 granddaughters, his stepson Kendall David Smith, his nieces, nephews, cousins and numerous other family members and friends.

ELAM, Lois, 78, of Dorchester, originally of Augusta, GA. Daughter to the late George and Geneva White. Lois worked several years at Polaroid and went on to retire. Lois leaves her husband Robert L Elam of Appling, GA; son Terence Elam of Massachusetts; 4 granddaughters; and 2 grandsons; siblings: Johnny White of VA, Betty Taylor (Robert Taylor) of South Carolina Jenny Moore (Robert Moore) of Mendon, and Georgia White of Georgia; and 6 great-grandchildren. She is also survived by a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

HAINES, Catherine "Kay", 93, in South Boston formerly of Rox-



bury and Dorchester. Wife of the late Joseph Haines. Mother to Patricia Ridge, and was predeceased by Patricia's husband, John. She leaves twin sister, Frances Owens of South Boston, and she was preceded in death by her other siblings, Elizabeth Higgins, Claire Cicerone, and James Mahoney. "Nana" of 4. Great-grandmother of 5. She leaves numerous nieces, nephews, in-laws, and a host of friends.



JOYCE, Marie A. (Wright), 82, of Dorchester. Wife of the late Martin C. Joyce. Mother of Martin Joyce Jr. of Dorchester, Tim Joyce of Dorchester and his former spouse, Julie, of Reading. Grandmother of 2. Sister of Margaret Finnegan and the late Agnes Holland, Helen Wright, Jack Wright, and James Wright. Sister-in-law of Christina Wright. Marie is also survived by many nieces and nephews.

Please consider making a donation in memory of Marie to Dorchester Youth Hockey c/o Phil Olsen, 38 Laban Pratt St., Dorchester, MA 02122 or online at dorchester-youthhockey.com/donate.



KELLEHER, Patricia A. (Doherty), 86, of Dorchester. Wife of the late Paul H. Kelleher. Mother of Kathleen Lahiff and her husband John of Norwell, and Patricia Juffre and her husband David of South Weymouth. Grandmother of 8; and 1 great-granddaughter. Daughter of the late Philip and Anna Doherty. Sister of the late Philip "Sonny" Doherty, Mary Lou Moriarty, John Doherty, and William "Bill" Doherty. Also survived by many nieces and nephews. Please consider making a donation in memory of Patricia to the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation.



MAKOWSKI, Stanley "Stan", 69, in Palm Coast, Florida. Son to the late Antonina (Lyszowska) and Jan Makowski. Husband to Lucy Makowski; and a brother to Alice Makowski and the late George Makowski. Father to Janet Thompson and her husband, Neil of Merrimack NH, Valerie Clark and her husband, Bill of Norwell; and step-father to Clinton Dziki of Attleboro. He was also the grandfather to 6. Stan was known for his long career as a truck driver for The Boston Globe, where he dedicated over 30 years of service until his retirement in 2018.



MCNALLY, John E. Sr. (PaPa John). He was the husband of Louise 'Wheezie' (Dubois) McNally of Carver, formerly from Roxbury.

Father of John McNally, Jr. of Dorchester, Patrick McNally of Plymouth, and the late Kathleen McNally Coleman and Irene 'Renee' McNally Cote. He also leaves his step children Melissa Munroe Austin and her husband James of Rochester, and Mollie Munroe Naughton and her husband Michael of Milton. Brother of Mary (Patsy) Hart of Dedham, and the late Robert McNally, Joan E. McNally, Judith Powers, Joseph McNally, and Paula McNally. He was the husband of the late Irene (Leach) McNally. Son of the late Robert L. and Mary E. (Downey) McNally. Grandfather of 6. Mr. McNally leaves many nieces, nephews, cousins and friends. He is the super proud 'great grandfather' of 1. Donations are appreciated in his memory to Cranberry Hospice, 36 Loring Blvd., Plymouth, MA.



NOLAN, Edward J. Jr. of Dorchester. Husband of Freda (MacIntyre) Nolan. Father of Edward Nolan and his wife, Ann of Dorchester, James Nolan and his wife, Denise of Milton and John Nolan and his wife, Judi of Dedham. Brother of John F. Nolan of Dorchester. Grandfather of 5. Also survived by many nieces, nephews and dear friends. Edward was a proud WWII Veteran of the United States Navy and a longtime employee of Boston Edison Local #369. Please consider making a donation in memory of Edward to the Tunnel to Towers Foundation.



SHEEHAN, John F., 86, of Dorchester. Father of Sandra Sheehan of Revere and her late husband Gary Walsh, John C. Sheehan of Boston, and Deborah Burke and her late husband Scott of Revere. Brother of Margaret Napier, and the late Paul Sheehan. Friend of Anne Marie Ford. Also survived by many grandchildren, nephews, and dear friends. Please consider making a donation in memory of John to The Home for Little Wanderers, 10 Guest St., Boston, MA 02135 or at thefirsthome.org.

LEGAL NOTICES

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
THE TRIAL COURT
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24 NEW CHARDON STREET
BOSTON, MA 02114
CITATION GIVING NOTICE
OF PETITION FOR
APPOINTMENT OF GUARDIAN
FOR INCAPACITATED PERSON
PURSUANT TO G.L. c. 190B, §5-304
Docket No. SU24P0579GD
IN THE MATTER OF:
EUGENE WRIGHT
of DORCHESTER, MA
RESPONDENT

Alleged Incapacitated Person
To the named Respondent and all other interested persons, a petition has been filed by Mass. Dept. Of Mental Health of Westborough, MA in the above captioned matter alleging that Eugene Wright is in need of a Guardian and requesting that (or some other suitable person) be appointed as Guardian to serve Without Surety on the bond.

The petition asks the Court to determine that the Respondent is incapacitated, that the appointment of a Guardian is necessary, and that the proposed Guardian is appropriate. The petition is on file with this court and may contain a request for certain specific authority.

You have the right to object to this proceeding. If you wish to do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance at this court on or before 10:00 A.M. on the return date of 04/16/2024. This day is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline date by which you have to file the written appearance if you object to the petition. If you fail to file the written appearance by the return date, action may be taken in this matter without further notice to you. In addition to filing the written appearance, you or your attorney must file a written affidavit stating the specific facts and grounds of your objection within 30 days after the return date.

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The outcome of this proceeding may limit or completely take away the above-named person's right to make decisions about personal affairs or financial affairs or both. The above-named person has the right to ask for a lawyer. Anyone may make this request on behalf of the above-named person. If the above-named person cannot afford a lawyer, one may be appointed at State expense.
Witness, Hon. Brian J. Dunn, First Justice of this Court.
Stephanie L. Everett, Esq.
Register of Probate
Date: March 19, 2024
Published: March 26, 2024

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Docket No. SU24P0601GD
IN THE MATTER OF:
LINDA SANCHEZ
of DORCHESTER, MA
RESPONDENT

Alleged Incapacitated Person
To the named Respondent and all other interested persons, a petition has been filed by Brigham and Women's Hospital of Boston, MA in the above captioned matter alleging that Linda Sanchez is in need of a Guardian and requesting that (or some other suitable person) be appointed as Guardian to serve on the bond.

The petition asks the Court to determine that the Respondent is incapacitated, that the appointment of a Guardian is necessary, and that the proposed Guardian is appropriate. The petition is on file with this court and may contain a request for certain specific authority.

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Witness, Hon. Brian J. Dunn, First Justice of this Court.
Stephanie L. Everett, Esq.
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