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Mourning Martin— Garvey Park, April 16, 2013



Thousands gathered for a vigil in Neponset's Garvey Park on April 16, 2013— the day after the terrorist bombing that claimed the life of four people, including Dorchester's Martin Richard, 8. *Chris Lovett photo*

10 years on, his friends run to honor their pal

By SETH DANIEL **News Editor** The memory of Martin Richard, who was killed 10 years ago this week in the Boston Marathon bombing, was cemented in time at the age of 8. But his closest friends

are now young adults who have been preparing to run their first Boston Marathon next Monday in his honor.

 $The \, passage \, of \, a \, decade$ has been both fast and slow for the friends, who are running as members of The Martin Richard Foundation's Team MR8. Most of them have grown up with a few mementos of his life but rich memories.

Nolan Cleary, 18, has a



Jack Burke, Ava O'Brien, and Gerald Cahill, all childhood friends of Martin Richard, at Garvey Park in Neponset. They will run the Boston Marathon this year in their friend's honor. Seth Daniel photo

pair of old sneakers that recess until every kid was Martin gave him. They still hang in his closet.

Jack Burke, 19, recalls how Martin wouldn't let $basket ball\,games\,start\,at$ picked for a team.

Ava O'Brien, 18, has used her involvement in the Martin Richard Challenger sports league

for physically challenged kids to remember her friend because she knows he would have been right beside her.

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Shawmut developer nixes parking spaces at city's request; foes air their objections

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By GINTAUTAS DUMCIUS MANAGING EDITOR

The developer seeking to build an affordable housing complex next to the Shawmut MBTA Station has reworked the proposal to drop all parking spaces – the latest plan had called for 39 spots - after a request from city officials.

In addition, Boston-based Trinity Financial now plans to reduce the number of units from 74 to 72, the vast majority of them marked for affordable housing, and lower the overall height of the building by three feet, while adding a bedroom to two of the income restricted units. They also propose to add a solar array to the project.

Trinity, which has spent years seeking to develop the 150 Centre St. parcel long occupied by an auto body shop, unveiled the latest update to its planning at a Monday night virtual meeting hosted by the Boston Planning and Development Agency, which is reviewing the project.

But city officials asked, and Trinity has agreed, to eliminate parking from the project. The move (Continued on page 12)

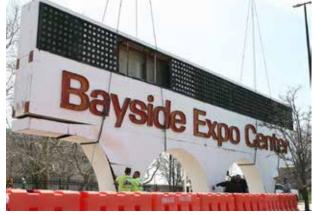
Bay City gains support from local lawmakers

By GINTAUTAS DUMCIUS **MANAGING EDITOR**

US Rep. Stephen Lynch and local lawmakers have registered their support for the multibillion "Dorchester Bay City" development, which would create a million square feet of new, mixed-used development on the former Bayside Expo Center property and surrounding parcels.

The project has been the subject of hundreds of meetings over the last several years, as the developer, Accordia Partners, has sought various approvals. The overall plan remains under review by the Boston Planning and Development Agency (BPDA), and the developers have said they hope to have a vote by this summer.

Another public meeting is set for Wed., April 19, (Continued on page 18)



City touts available summer jobs for youth

By Seth Daniel **News Editor**

The Mattapan Teen Center turned into a recruitment center on April 6 as city officials began publicizing a finely tuned youth summer jobs program that will offer up to 7,000 opportunities for youth ages 14-18.

Gone are the days of the "red shirts" toiling in the weeds of the neighborhood's many vacant lots through July and August. Now young people can be matched with jobs that could produce a career pathway while also paying a competitive wage, officials said.

Mayor Wu joined the teens in Mattapan to introduce this summer's "historic investment" in new opportunities and to explain changes aimed at easing access to those jobs.

"We want to make sure we're giving enough time to reach ev-

was too clunky, leading to lower participation levels than expected.

"There were many, many forms required, proof of this and that from so many directions...We are simplifying that process and part of that benefit is ensuring to do our best of getting the city out of the way with those hoops and

GROUNDED- The top of the Bayside Expo Center sign was lowered to the ground by workers using a crane on Tuesday. Story, pg. 13. Seth Daniel photo ervone," she said.

Wu also noted they are decentralizing the process and putting more hiring decisions in the hands of community organizations. which was done only partly last year. She said last year's process

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Police, Courts & Fire Councillors hold anti-violence discussion in Codman Square



(Left to right) Mark Scott, Boston Public Health Commission, Dr. Bisola Ojikutu, Executive Director of Public Health Commission, Isaac Yablo Director of Mayor's office of Public Safety, Boston Police Commissioner Michael Cox, Councillor Erin Murphy, Councillor Michael Flaherty, Council President Ed Flynn, Councillor Ruthzee Louijeune, and Councillor Brian Worrell. Image courtesy Cllr. Murphy

City councillors, joined by top city officials, convened inside Codman Square's Great Hall last Thursday to talk about violence prevention as the summer months approach.

The panel took in testimony from community members who called for more city funding for local groups that focus on working with at-risk children.

Councillor At-Large Erin Murphy was the lead sponsor of the hearing. Panelists included District 4 Councillor Brian Worrell; Councillors At-Large Ruthzee Louijeune and Michael Flaherty, Council President Ed Flynn; Police Commissioner Michael Cox; Dr. Bisola Ojikutu, executive director of the Public Health Commission; Isaac Yablo, director of the mayor's office of public safety; and Mark Scott, program director of trauma and recovery at the Public Health Commission.

In talking about city plans for dealing with summer violence, Cox stressed the department's year-round strategy, saying police target the "small number of people" who cause much of the violence in the city.

The policing effort also includes a visible police presence in "strategic" locations where crime is more prevalent, he said.

Cox acknowledged that the warmer weather offers more opportunities for people to come together, and when alcohol and drugs are added to the mix, there are "more opportunities for people to have disagreements, arguments, fights, things of that nature."

Over a 10-year period, the city averaged roughly 10 fatal shootings per summer, though last summer saw 12 shootings. Non-fatal shootings are higher at an average of 86, but last year saw 55.

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A 12-year-old boy was shot in the lower leg around 8:20 Sunday night while he was in his home on Cummins Highway across from Seminole Street. BPD officers applied a tourniquet to his leg before Boston EMS arrived to take him to a local hospital.

Officers found two bullet holes in a glass door at the building's entrance. Shortly after, police found two spent shells a block away at Seminole Street and Yuletide Road. In total, officers found more than ten casings up and down Seminole. — STAFF

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Developer proposing six stories, 90 apartments for Boston Street



A rendering shows the proposed development at 115 Boston St. Image courtesy Khalsa Design

A developer has proposed replacing a vintage-furniture store at 115 Boston St. with a two-building, six-story complex with 90 "compact" apartments.

Roughly 8,500 square feet of ground-floor commercial space would be rented to Crossfit Southie, which would move from its current location at 385 Dorchester Ave. in South Boston, under the application filed by developer Adam Burns.

He filed for approval under the city's "compact" pilot that is aimed at helping to moderate rental prices by letting developers build units smaller than normally required by city zoning.

To meet the pilot's requirements for resident "amenities," Burns has proposed meeting and recreation rooms, a lounge, a pet-washing and grooming station, and landscaped open space areas. At least 15 of the new residential units would be rented as affordable. Burns is also proposing a 57-space garage, with 41 slots for residents and 16 for the retail business space. The application points to the nearby Andrew Square Red Line stop and bus lines: "It is expected that due to the availability of public transportation and the walkability of the surrounding neighborhood that residents living in the development will rely heavily on alternative non-vehicular modes of transportation to access the site."

In addition to work-out space and locker rooms, the gym will also include a cafe, with a seasonal patio, and a juice bar that non-members can patronize.

Also in the plans: A 19-bike Bluebike station and the planting of 17 shade trees, 3 evergreen trees, and 140 shrubs on what is now a space covered entirely by buildings and asphalt.

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Wu taps Councillor Bok to run Housing Authority

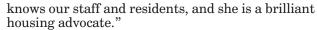
By Michael P. Norton State House News Service

Mayor Wu last week reached into the Boston City Council and tapped a former colleague to run the Boston Housing Authority. District 8 Councilor Kenzie Bok, who represents Mission Hill, Longwood,

Audubon Circle, Fenway, Kenmore, Back Bay, Beacon Hill, and the West End, will "begin a transition period" in May and eventually replace Administrator Kate Bennett, whose timeline for stepping down was described as "later this summer."

The BHA is charged with providing affordable housing to more than 62,000 city residents, and City Hall called it the largest public housing authority in New England and an agency that houses close to 9 percent of Boston residents. Prior to her election to the council in 2019, Bok was the senior advisor for policy and planning at the BHA.

"I am delighted that Councilor Bok will become the next Administrator at the BHA," Bennett said



The Wu administration credited Bok for her work in 2016 on a ballot campaign that led the city to adopt the Community Preservation Act, a 2000 state law that allows Massachusetts communities to add a surcharge on local property taxes and tap state matching

funds for public parks and fields, open space, affordable housing, and historic building preservation projects.

Bok previously held leadership roles at the Greater Boston Interfaith Organization and the Massachusetts Affordable Housing Alliance. She graduated from Harvard College, and earned a master of philosophy and a Ph.D in history from the University of Cambridge in England.

"Public housing is a public good, and all of Boston benefits when our public housing communities are strong," Bok said. "I'm so excited to return to BHA to put our residents and voucher-holders at

the heart of everything our city does, by providing safe high-quality housing for every family and by ensuring the best access to jobs, services, and all the



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Fax Phone: (617) 825-5516 Subscriptions: (617) 436-1222 in a statement released by the mayor's office. "She is the right person to take BHA to the next level. She is passionate about the Authority and its mission, she

opportunities Boston has to offer.'

UPCOMING CIVIC MEETINGS AND COMMUNITY EVENTS

The **Dorchester Day Parade** is scheduled for Sun., June 4, at 1 p.m. Participation forms are available on the website dotdayparade. org or email info@dotdayparade.org. The **Lower Mills Civic Association** meets on Tues., April 18, at 7 p.m. in Saint Gregory Auditorium. Ryan Woods, commissioner of Boston Parks and Recreation, is scheduled to speak.

The BPDA hosts a virtual public meeting on Wed., April 19, at 6 p.m. on the **Dorchester Bay City** project. See bostonplans.org for meeting details. This meeting was originally scheduled for April 5.

The BPDA hosts a **PLAN: Mattapan** virtual meeting on Zoom on Wed., April 26, from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. to review a final draft for adoption. See ad on Page 8 in this week's edition to join the meeting. Or see bit.ly/

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The BPDA hosts a virtual public meeting on Wed., May 3, from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. to discuss a proposed six-story wing connected to the existing Boston Globe building at **135 Morrissey Blvd**. See ad on Page 18 in this week's edition for more info on joining the meeting.

The 27th annual **Mother's Day Walk for Peace** will be held on Sun., May 14, beginning at 8 a.m. at Town Field in Fields Corner. See mothersdaywalk4peace.org for more info on starting a team, donating, or sponsoring the event.

The Boston Parks and Recreation Department and the Mayor's Mural Crew will welcome the local elf and fairy population back to their summer homes with the annual **Fairy House Building Workshop** at Franklin Park's Schoolmaster Hill on Thurs., April 20, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. The workshop welcomes families to a magical day of fairy house building. The event will feature face-painting and a story time. Children are encouraged to wear their favorite fairy and elf costumes. Natural materials will be provided, and children are encouraged to explore their surroundings to find natural elements such as sticks, stones, and leaves to adorn their fairy houses. Visit boston. gov/fairy-houses to learn more.

Julie Williamson, executive director of Standish Village Assisted Living, provides an overview of **"Understanding Dementia in the Real World,"** on Thurs., April 20, from 4:30 to 5:45 p.m. at Lower Mills Library, 27 Richmond St., Dorchester. Caregivers, healthcare professionals, and the interested public are encouraged to attend this free training. Call the Lower Mills Library at 617-298-7841 for more information. Franklin Park Coalition Annual Meeting is Sat., April 29, from 10 a.m. to noon at the Franklin Park golf course clubhouse, One Circuit Drive, Dorchester. Enjoy light breakfast refreshments, mingle with neighbors, and catch up on park news-improvements, challenges, and plans for the coming year. The Franklin Park Kite & Bike Festival will be held on Sat., May 20, from noon to 4 p.m. at the Playstead, 25 Pierpont Rd. It's opening day in Franklin Park! Don't miss out on this 50-year-old tradition. Bikes to try for younger kids, make a kite with Kite Team Haiti, buy one, or bring your own. Free bike helmets from Children's Hospital. Food trucks.

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A Domino's in Codman Square? Franchisee pitches move to civic group

By Seth Daniel **News Editor**

Two businesses are vying to gain the blessing of neighbors to locate in the former Citizens Bank building in Codman Square.

A Domino's Pizza franchisee last week appeared before the Codman Square Neighborhood Council (CSNC) to detail a plan to move his restaurant from Fields Corner to a portion of the bank building taking up about 1,500 square feet of the 5,000-square-foot space.

The other business in play, according to its owners, is Revent, a company that rents out flex space.

"The Fields Corner location has been very good to us, but I have an opportunity here to move to Codman Square," said Jeff Dufficy, the Domi-no's franchisee. "The Citizens Bank building provides me an opportunity to have a brand, new store.

He said he has been working with broker Jeff Similien and is at a point where he wants to make a move but first wants to hear from the community.

"We're at a point where we'd like to move forward and enter into talks to finalize the space," said Dufficy. "To do so, we know we need the blessing of the community and the city."

Dufficy, who was represented at the meeting by attorney Joe Feaster, also owns Domino's franchises in Mattapan on Blue Hill Avenue, and in South Boston

The proposal for a franchise business like Domino's in the square would seem to invite controversy, given the community's historic opposition to fast food restaurants, in particular Popeye's Louisiana Kitchen, whose saga played out prior to the pandemic. Plans for the Popeye's, which would have been located on Washington Street, were

later abandoned.

Neighborhood criticism of the Domino's appeared to be more measured last week than some of the discussion around Popeye's. Nevertheless, there are concerns, given the CSNC's core mission of bringing what its members deem healthy foods and businesses to Codman Square.

'We don't want it to be another fastfood chain," said Vicma Desir. "I know he has a super-duper air fryer, but we want something with organic cheese and tomatoes and ingredients. It's not against Domino's specifically, but I don't think we need another fast-food restaurant in our area."

Jeff Johnson, in the meeting's online chat, said he didn't want a pizza delivery business, citing Domino's saying their orders are almost 80 percent online and few use the seating. He said he would like a sit-down restaurant that attracts customers who stav.

"That is a large commercial space and a large anchor tenant in the neighborhood, and we need to be careful what goes there," said Cynthia Loesch-Johnson, president of the Codman civic group. "Don't feel you have to give in and give up. We've fought a long time. These commercial leases are for decades, and we should be mindful who goes in there.'

Dufficy said his business is different from Popeye's both in terms of health and in terms of opportunities, noting that many employees work their way up to owning franchises, which isn't possible in chains like Popeye's. "I think everything in moderation is a big component," he said. "When I think about pizza, it's not covered in fried grease."

Added Feaster, his attorney: "There can be a mix and...different types of food places. I ask you to ask questions as we go and take Jeff at his word in



Attorney Joe Feaster helps Domino's franchisee Jeff Dufficy explain plans to potentially locate a Domino's store at Codman Square in a portion of the Citizens Bank building on Washington Street. The presentation was part of the April 5 Codman Square Neighborhood Council meeting. Seth Daniel photo

being a good neighbor in the community and that this restaurant is something you would want in Codman Square."

As to the Revent company, its owners, the husband-and-wife team of Kayshawn and Sacha Jolly, said they would like to take the entire bank space but might end up subdividing with Domino's. Those discussions, they said are still very much in negotiation with the landlord. "If we can grab the entire thing, of

course we go for it," said Kayshawn Jolly. "It's a great location right in the center.'

The couple started Revent five years ago and they already have a small location on Neponset Avenue, and a third site in Norwood. They rent out space to members for small parties, professional appointments, corporate trainings, and temporary office space for at-home workers.

"I'm from Mattapan but Dorchester is just across the street, and this is the area I am familiar with," said Sacha Jolly. "I remember when we had family gatherings we had to go outside the community. That's one reason we want to have something here...We want to grow, but we want to grow in the community.'

Other uses they cited included social workers and therapists who use the space for appointments, rather than seeing clients at their homes.

They estimated their hours would likely be from 9 a.m. to 11 p.m. on weekdays, and 9 a.m. to midnight on weekends.

Community members at the CSNC meeting offered no immediate objections to that business model.

Another mover in Codman Square's business landscape seems to be the former restaurateur Donnell Singleton, who, CSNC members announced, has plans to open Pyramid Lounge in the Square. Though not confirmed, sources said he is looking to locate in what would have been the Popeye's location at 572

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Ten years later, Martin's childhood pals join MR8 to run marathon

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Other pals recall playing baseball with him, or how he would apologize if he threw the ball too hard in a game of "scooter tag."

All of them were eight years old – small children in third grade – when the tragedy unfolded on that fateful Marathon Monday.

Ten years later, those memories will animate their experiences next Monday.

"It was perfect when they called me to participate and I jumped in on it," said Burke, a Boston College High graduate, and a goalie for the Cape Cod Seahawks. "It was kind of like his dream growing up to run the Marathon. Now that I'm old enough, I get to live that dream for him."

Cleary, now a freshman at Purdue University, said he dreams of crossing the finish line for Martin, but still has a mix of emotions about that. "I won't know exactly what those feelings will be until I turn that corner and head to the finish line; I know right now I feel a little nervous and a little excited," he said.

The friends will don the Team MR8 race bib and join 55 other hand-picked runners, including Martin's brother, Henry Richard, and his father, Bill Richard. The MR8 team first ran in 2014, but stopped its fundraising runs in 2020. Henry Richard ran solo for the Foundation last year, and this year Bill and Denise Richard have revived Team MR8 for the tenth anniversary.

Besides Cleary, Burke, and O'Brien, the other runners include Gerald Cahill, Jefferson Driscoll, Anthony Datish, Peter Datish, Theo Stanley, Michael McCarthy, Liley Damatin, Jessie DeLouis, and Ellie Holabird.

"I always wanted to run the Marathon with MR8 since they started running, but I was never old enough," said Cleary. "Since they brought it back for the 10th anniversary and all of Martin's friends are now 18, it feels like just the right way to remember him."

Added O'Brien, a senior at Thayer Academy: "It was kind of the right time. Ten years is a big year, and they got the running team back together. I was honored to be asked to run. It's very meaningful because Martin always wanted to run it, and we get to run our first race in his honor."

As they have trained, the friends said they reached back into their memories of Martin – things like inclusion and Martin's message of "No More Hurting People" – came to mind.



A group of neighborhood kids, including the late Martin Richard (far right), enjoyed Nolan Cleary's birthday party back in the day in Dorchester.

"When I'm running, I feel him with me," said Burke. "I want to stop or catch my breath, but I know I have to keep going. To be able to run for him, I know I have to keep going."

Cleary's memories are more tangible in the form of that pair of sneakers that Martin gave him in his first year of basketball. He had worn them out but couldn't throw them away.

"I grew out of the shoes right around when it happened," he said. "I told myself that I was going to hold on to them...They always just stayed in the closet next to an MR8 sign. I kept them to remember him. They're a daily remembrance – something real that's there to remind me of him."

Cleary, Burke, and O'Brien shared the same third grade classroom with Martin at Neponset's Neighborhood House Charter School (NHCS). They recall a great year with teacher Kim Canuto up until that April day, sharing birthday parties, class field trips, and slushies on the sidewalk.

Others, like Cahill, remember playing sports with Martin – Cahill at Cedar Grove and Martin for Savin Hill.

"I remember that day vividly," Cahill said of Marathon Monday. "It was the first time I really experienced a death that was close to me. It was the first time I saw adults crying, my aunts and family. I heard something big happened that day. I was too young to fully understand, though."

Cleary said he remembers crying for hours after



Jack Burke, Ava O'Brien, and Gerald Cahill at Garvey Park in Neponset last weekend. Seth Daniel photo

learning about Martin and attending an impromptu Mass at St. Ann's Church. He also remembers the massive candlelight vigil at Garvey Park a few days later.

As time has moved on, the memory of Martin and of his grade-school hopes and dreams are increasingly less defined for those in the general public, those new to the area, or those too young to have known what happened. Others just aren't aware of the story.

These 12 young adults, his grade school friends, now feel compelled to be the storytellers and the standard-bearers who will keep Martin's message of inclusion fresh.

For Ava O'Brien, that means dedicating significant time to the Challenger League, which is funded by the MR8 Foundation and run every Sunday in four sports by the Boys & Girls Clubs of Dorchester.

"It's very important to those families because they don't get the same opportunities as other kids," she said. "It's really important we keep that going. I think that seeing it succeed and seeing everyone so happy is crucial. It's a good way to show what the Foundation is all about – inclusion of everyone and Martin's message of inclusion."

Said Jack Burke, "I think we keep his memory alive through the foundation and by telling everyone his message of peace and 'No More Hurting People.' We have to spread that everywhere and preach it to everyone," he said.

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Council tussle over redistricting map in US judge's hands BY GINTAUTAS DUMCIUS which opponents of the should have been the to stay in place. In noting that the opposing coun- councillors gathere

By GINTAUTAS DUMCIUS MANAGING EDITOR

A federal judge is now weighing what to do with the redistricting map passed by the City Council last fall that carved up Dorchester's Neponset neighborhood, with some voting precincts going to District 3, represented by Frank Baker, and others to District 4's Brian Worrell.

The judge, Patti Saris, could leave the map as is or send it back to the 13-member Council, which spent September and October haggling over which precincts would go where for a rewrite.

Redistricting occurs every ten years, fol-lowing the US Census, and depending on the new population numbers, councillors are left to redraw the political boundaries of districts that don't measure up to constitutional standards. Last year's redistricting process was driven primarily by a growth in the population in South Boston-based District 2, and a loss of residents in Dorchester-based District 3.

During a court hearing last Wednesday, Saris said she isn't interested in drawing a map herself, or appointing an independent "special master" to come up with a map,

redistricting map have argued for.

Saris said she has at most six weeks to resolve the issue, since this year's municipal election, which is using last fall's enacted map, is getting underway. She also plans to watch videos of the councillors arguing over maps at working sessions and in other venues.

"Don't expect an opinion right away," she said to attorneys, a comment that came after she heard closing arguments from attorneys for the Wu administration, which is supporting the map, and lawyers for the opponents, who are seeking to strike it down.

Dorchester's Neponset area was at the center of the closing argument made by opponents. The opponents, include local civic groups from Dorchester and South Boston, as well as the four councilloprs who voted against the map, District 2's Ed Flynn. District 3's Frank Baker, and at-large members Michael Flaherty and Erin Murphy.

Their attorney, former state lawmaker Paul Gannon, argued that the map is illegal because the councillors who crafted it used race as the predominant factor. Map opponents have said that population balancing main focus, and moving precincts with high-turnout white voters from District 3 and District 4, as the new map does with Neponset precincts, dilutes the power of Black voters in District 4.

Councillors did not have to go as far as they did in shifting precincts in an effort to diversify the demographics of District 3, Gannon argued, pointing to an email his team obtained that was sent by a staff aide to Allston-Brighton Councillor Liz Breadon, the redistricting committe chair, in which the aide said that just moving seven precincts would've been enough, but councillors wanted to be "bold."

Saris pushed back, saying staffers often state things that aren't the views of the people they work for.

Saris also appeared to balk when Gannon pressed her to have this year's municipal election rely on the old map.

But Saris responded by saying the old map violates the "one person, one vote" principle, due to District 2's overpopulation, caused partly by a boom in people moving to the Seaport.

Attorneys for the administration said opponents have an "unrealistic desire" for districts that opponents claim the map destroys their neighborhoods, Lon Povich, who was hired to defend the map, noted that residents will continue to shop in the same grocery stores and worship in the same churches as they did before new map was enacted.

Povich also pointed to comments made by Baker in October in which the councillor referred to Ward 16 in Neponset as his "Jerusalem" in an attempt to keep all of its precincts in District 3.

But when it all was said and done, said Povich, 85 percent of voters retained Baker as their councillor, and 88 percent in District 4 kept Councillor Worrell, even with movement of "Jerusalem precincts."

Jennifer Miller, another attorney representing the city, pushed back on the claim that race was a predominant factor by asserting that councillors considered a wide array of issues. Redistricting. she added, is an inherently political process, with advocates drawing maps, councillors drawing maps, and everyone jockeying for position. That's why, she added, judges tend to exercise 'extraordinary caution" before intervening.

Redistricting map opponents have also alleged cillors violated the Open Meeting Law in several sessions focused on redistricting. In 2008, the Council pleaded guilty to violating that law over meetings involving urban renewal plans and a Boston University lab.

On Wednesday, Saris said that "everyone agrees" there was an Open Meeting Law violation when a number of

councillors gathered in October at the Condon School in South Boston at a meeting called by the neighborhood's elected officials, who feared losing precincts to District 3.

As to that, Saris wondered if there has been a judge who has put an election on hold because of such a violation. "It's a pretty strong step" to do so," she said.

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barriers," she said.

Rashad Cope, Wu's deputy chief of the Worker Empower Cabinet and Youth Employment Opportunities, said Covid-19 continued to cause uncertainty last year, with young workers often having to quarantine and miss work. Bevond that, the hot private labor market is also took young workers out of the city programs.

"There were some young people who could get jobs last summer at Target and Amazon and those trends will continue in this tight labor market," he said. "But we're hoping all of our changes will yield positive results for the program this summer."

Meanwhile, Neil Sullivan, a Dorchester resident who runs the Private Industry Council (PIC), said his organization is working to make sure kids who need summer school, or summer credit recovery programs, can still access jobs.

"We are shouldering the jobs and creating flexibility so those young people can go to summer school and still have job opportunities," he said, noting that summer school does not mean you can't work.

Sharon Scott-Chan-

(Continued from page 1) dler, director of the nonprofit ABCD, noted that it alone hopes to hire 1,700 young people citywide for summer jobs, but need to get the word out now to fill those positions.

Last year, Wu said, the city did hit record highs for participation at approximately 3,500 jobs filled, with previous highs at 2,500. That included direct city jobs, grant partner jobs, and 'learn and earn" jobs.

But many remained unfilled. A forthcoming study on last year's youth employment by Northeastern University will show that after accounting for grant-funded jobs, there were about 554 (16 percent) of the city's direct jobs unfilled, while another 275 (18 percent) grant-funded jobs with community organizations were left untaken.

Atisha "Tea" Leach, a sophomore at TechBoston Academy who said that she had her first job last summer at the MTC encouraged other young people to pursue similar opportunities this summer.

"Working at the MTC last summer really brought me out of my shell," she said. "I would have never thought I could record a song, help make a film documentary, or give a speech like this

in front of a crowd."

Moses Sibley used his job last summer in part to refine his award-winning documentary, "Mattapan The Documentary." His take: "You learn a lot of important things like how to come to work on time, working with others and how to manage money and not spend it all on DoorDash. Every teen in Boston should try to find a job on SuccessLink," a reference to the formal city name for the jobs program.

Many of the elected officials in the room last Thursday recalled their times as teens in Boston working summer jobs through the city or the PIC.

Councillor Julia Mejia noted how she worked at Brigham & Women's Hospital, while Councillor Ruthzee Louijeune said she and her sisters worked with the late Mel King on community organizing. Councillor Ricardo Arroyo shared how collecting a paycheck in the summer was important for him to learn money management.

State Rep. Russell Holmes recalled that he worked at financial consultants Brown Brothers



Jamie McIver of ABCD; Neil Sullivan, director of PIC; Sharon Scott-Chandler, ABCD president & CEO; Alicia Mondestino of Northeastern University; and Rashad Cope, deputy chief of the Worker Empower Cabinet and Youth **Employment Opportunities.** Seth Daniel photo

restaurant.

"Those are the types of experiences we need to have," he said. "Working with those financial folks did influence me to become a financial advisor many years later."

Applications on SuccessLink are now open and young people are encouraged to go online immediately to apply.

The city and numerous youth summer job partners will be holding a large summer job fair at the Reggie Lewis Center in Roxbury Crossing on April 22 – the first such fair that's been held since 2019. City officials said they hope it will make a huge dent in recruiting young people for the 7,000 jobs available. Rashad Cope said they are encouraging many employers to make job offers on site that day.



Mattapan Teen Center's Atisha 'Tea' Leach worked at the center last summer and plans to do so again, as she told those in attendance at a April 6 press event, including State Rep. Russell Holmes, background. Seth Daniel photo





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Report: Black population growing – and moving to the suburbs

By ZENINJOR **ENWEMEKA** WBUR

The Black population in Greater Boston is growing and becoming more diverse, according to a new report by Boston Indicators, the research arm of the Boston Foundation

The report, done in partnership with Embrace Boston, examines the demographics, socioeconomics, and migration patterns of the region's Black population.

Although Greater Boston's Black population has grown steadily over the last 40 years, the growth is not happening in the city of Boston, but instead in communities such as Brockton, Randolph, Lawrence. and Lynn. Almost two-thirds of the region's Black population now live outside of Boston, according to the report.

'Boston is no longer the name of the game in terms of the Black population in Massachusetts," James Jennings, report coauthor and professor emeritus of urban and environmental policy and planning at Tufts University, told WBUR. "In 1980, for example, 76 percent of all Blacks in Massachusetts lived in Boston. Today, that figure is 36 percent."

Black people had

flocked to Boston during has always been there, the decades of the Great Migration as they fled racial violence in the South and sought better employment opportunities in the North. But in more recent years, things like high housing costs have driven Black residents to cities and towns outside of Boston. This suburbanization of the Black population mirrors national trends and a previous report on the racial makeup of Greater Boston.

The growth is also a reflection of increased immigration. While the region has long had a large immigrant population, such as people from the Caribbean, the number of Black foreign-born residents has grown dramatically since federal immigration restrictions were eased in 1965. And that growth has been faster than the national average.

About 40 percent of the region's Black population was foreign-born as of 2020 — about four times as high as the national average and more than any large metro area in the US. according to the Boston Indicators report. These populations include, among others, Haitians, Cape Verdeans, and Nigerians.

The diversity within the Black population according to Jennings, but there's been an "explosive growth" of Black immigrants and Black people who identify as multiracial and multiethnic, such as Afro-Latinos.

Much of the growth of the Black population in Greater Boston has been driven by Afro-Latinos - particularly residents with Dominican and Puerto Rican origins — according to the report. The population of Afro-Latinos more than doubled from 2000 to 2020 in Greater Boston - going from 26,328 to 64,536 — the report found. This population also nearly doubled in the city of Boston during the same time period, going from 11,760 to 23,259, according to the report.

It's important to note that the Boston Indicators report also reflects a difference in how certain populations like Afro-Latinos are counted in research. Other studies likely obscure this group by focusing on people who only identify as Black. Such approaches make Afro-Latinos "invisible," Jennings said. The Boston Indicators report looked at all people who identify as Black, including those who may also identify as Latino, and those who identify as Black and another race Figure 8: The Boston metro area has the largest foreign-born Black population share of any large metro area in the U.S. Foreign-born Black population share of the 2D largest U.S. Metropolitan Statistical Areas (MSA)



on census forms.

"Race in America has always been about Black, white or Hispanic," Jennings said. "When we approach race in such static terms, we lose a lot of the important nuances and data that really gives us a better understanding of what the Black population is today.'

The report found differences in income within the region's Black population. Foreign-born Black families tend to have the highest median household incomes among the region's Black population. For example, researchers found the median household income for Nigerians is roughly \$77,000 a year, while the median household income is roughly around \$50,000 for African Americans and around \$40,000 for Black residents from the Dominican Republic or Puerto Rico.

These data provide a different picture than the famous 2015 Boston Federal Reserve study that found the median net worth for Black families in Greater Boston was just \$8. Of course, net worth is a different type of measurement than median income. It's also worth noting the complicated story behind the Boston Fed study, which did examine some groups within the Black population and still found big disparities.

While there are some nuances within the region's Black population when it comes to socioeconomic measures, there are significant challenges for Black residents overall when compared to other racial groups.

Take homeownership, for example. The gap in homeownership is large for Black residents even

when comparing families with similar incomes, the report found. And Greater Boston has an even larger racial homeownership gap than the country as a whole, researchers said. This gap is critical because owning a home is the primary way most Americans build wealth — and in turn homeownership is a major driver of the racial wealth gap. These gaps reflect a long history of discriminatory housing policies that have made homeownership more difficult for Black families, the report noted.

The report also noted racial gaps in business ownership in Greater Boston with Black residents owning just 1.9 percent of small businesses in the region.

Jennings said it's important to continue to document such inequities with detailed demographic data to help inform policy and conversations about how to address these challenges.

"There's so much ignorance about the Black experience in this country that it's important to uncover it," Jennings said.

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By IZZY BRYARS SPECIAL TO THE REPORTER

Two Dorchester residents, Michelle Harrington and Patti O'Keefe, have organized adonation drive for teens and adults experiencing homelessness by hosting a "yoga celebration" on April 16th at the Artists for Humanity Buildingin South Boston.

The "Gather for Good" class will be led by the acclaimed Boston bodyworker and former owner of South Boston Yoga, David Vendetti.

Participants are being asked to give cash donations or gift cards in ten-dollar increments to support nonprofits such as Bridge Over Troubled Waters and Pine Street Inn, and also to create gift bags for the local community to distribute.

Harrington brought in Vendetti to lead the event and O'Keefe connected with Artists for Humanity for the venue, which is full of student art that will be for sale during the event.

The hosts, who have backgrounds in the nonprofit sector, separately started collection drives as ways to give back after experiencing events that changed their lives: Harrington lost her sister, Katy, to breast cancer and O'Keefe lost her daughter, Ellie, to an accidental overdose.

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"This has helped my own personal healing process so much; to be doing something positive in my daughter's name has been really helpful to me and my family," O'Keefe said.

After meeting up and realizing their shared interest in giving back, they combined their efforts and founded the Katv and Ellie Collaborative to not only raise support for vulnerable individuals in Boston, but also to encourage the community to get involved with solutions. They view the springtime event as a way to extend the traditional time of giving beyond the end-of-the-year holiday season.

"I'm so grateful, because I'd been doing my charity for six years, and I felt like I was getting kind of stagnant," Harrington said. "So when I met with Patti, we had so many commonalities, and so many things that we agreed on, that we really felt like 'Let's join forces. Let's do more good '"

Let's do more good." During the '22 holiday season, the pair raised more than \$5,000 for teens at Bridge Over Troubled Waters, an organization serving atrisk youth. The idea for the yoga event, came about as a way to combine those commonalities.

"Our birthday is the same day but we love yoga and you know, she's

Virtual Public Meeting

doing something to honor her sister," O'Keefe said. "I'm doing something to honor my daughter."

Before teaming up, Harrington and O'Keefe individual donation drives keyed on bringing necessities to those in most need of them.

"If a teen is able to buy an interview outfit, buy deodorant, they're much more ready to get that job," Harrington said. "But when they don't have the clothes ... it just takes a Target or TJ Maxx card to get them what they need to have the confidence to get out there."

Both women found comfort through yoga and are now instructors themselves. They met Vendetti while taking classes at his former studio and began thinking that creating a fund drive around a class led by Vendetti would inspire participants to care for both themselves and others.

"He's just one of those human beings who is effervescent and charismatic and knows how to catch other people in that vibrancy," O'Keefe said.

ANew York City trained dancer who after leaving school, Vendetti became a pilates and yoga instructor, then went on to study a type of bodywork called "structural integration." He later managed yoga studios around Boston



Creators of the Katy and Ellie Collaborative, Patti O'Keefe (left) and Michelle Harrington (right), volunteer for Bridge Over Troubled Waters and often use their own donation drives to support the at-risk-youth program. Harrington and O'Keefe also contribute donations and made-up gift bags for programs like Pine Street Inn and Katy and Ellie Collaborative's parent organization, Project Ellie. Photo by Barbara Baxter

for eight years before opening South Boston Yoga, which closed after 12 years during the pandemic.

"I think what I like people to take away from a yoga class is to not take yourself so seriously," Vendetti said. "And to know that wherever you are, whatever body you're in, and whatever your level of strength is, that you're miraculous. We don't look at seashells and think, 'Oh, this one's not miraculous.'We want that difference. If everything was the same, you'd be shopping at IKEA for a spatula."

He hopes that people participating in "Gather for Good" will show that one doesn't need a fitting angle to help another person.

"We can label ourselves and say, 'Oh, he's from a yoga perspective,' or it's from a charitable perspective, but ultimately, to me, it comes down to what's a human perspective," he said,"and realizing that sometimes some of us are just one or two steps from being homeless, and there's almost nothing we can do to avoid it. It doesn't make us any more or less of a person."

Harrington and O'Keefe hope to successfully challenge others to look past social stigmas around homelessness by simply acknowledging individuals. "Even if you have nothing to give them, just looking them in the eyes and saying 'Hi,' that's the biggest thing you can do," O'Keefe said. "Because the worst case scenario is that they're scorned, and at best, they're ignored."

And while losing two of the closest people in their lives was traumatic, Harrington says what they she and O'Keefe have made of it has spanned wider than personal healing.

"One of the key things that I would like to say is that we all have trauma, and we all have tragedy, and it's how you turn it around that makes a difference."

The Gather for Good yoga celebration will take place on April 16th from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and donations will support the Katy and Ellie Collaborative. The Artists For Humanities building is located at 100 W 2nd St. just a five minute walk from the Broadway MBTA station. For more information, visit projectellie.org and navigate to the Katy and Ellie Collaborative tab.

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Reporter's **People** in and around our Neighborhoods



The Neponset River Greenway and the Neponset River Watershed Association held a Bunny Hop event at Pope John Paul II Park on April 2. DJ Ed Regal kept the kids dancing as they played on a tractor, enjoyed candy, and participated in the beloved bunny hop dance. The event was also sponsored by the Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR). Above, the Easter Bunny led a large group of children and families around Pope John Paul II Park doing the 'bunny hop' the entire way around. At right, Dorchester's Maria Lyons prepares the bunny ears for the children. Lee Toma photos



Neponset third grader takes home medals from Taekwondo competition

Eight-year-old Roisin Dillon of Neponset won silver and a bronze medals in the fighting and form categories at the State Taekwondo Championships at Worcester State University on the weekend of April 1-2. A green belt and third grader at the Murphy School, Dillon said she enjoys Taekwondo because she learns new things.

Her mom, Nicola Grealish, owner of the Grealish Boxing Club, said her kids have been brought up in a "boxing setting" their entire lives but never showed much interest.

Dillon's interest in Taekwondo came during the pandemic, when she and her family passed Neponset Avenue's Swaby Taekwondo on walks. "She would just beg me: 'Can I please go in?" Grealish said. Dillon won her silver medal at the states for fight-

ing in one-minute rounds, and her bronze for form,

which is similar to a choreographed routine. She trains three times a week with Master Carlos

Swaby; it's her favorite part of Taekwondo, she said. "Every time I leave, he always gives me a hug and helps me out," she said. "So nice and I just love

it because he's with me. He's just not an ordinary type of teacher to me. He's like a whole other level of niceness as a teacher."

Swaby helped Dillon stay determined after she suffered a knee injury the day before a tournament. "I was so frustrated because I couldn't compete," she said. "But I never gave up because of Master Swaby and I'm glad that he's on my side."

Grealish agreed, saying he has a great relationship with her daughter and every kid in his school. "I have to say, it was easy for her to love it and for us to love it." - IZZY BRYARS

Dot thespian takes stage in 'The Prom'

Anthony Pires. Jr. (left) of Dorchester will perform in the SpeakEasy Stage Company's production of THE PROM, staged at Boston Center for the Arts in Boston's South End. The show

opens on May 5. Pires attended Framingham State University and Salem State University. Heportrays Mr. Hawkins in The Prom and has appeared in numerous performances around the

Boston area, including for the New Repertory Theatre, Wheelock at Boston University, and Once On This Island for SpeakEasy Stage.



Roisin Dillon, above, won two medals at the state Taekwondo championship tournament held earlier this month in Worcester. Roisin, 8, trains out of Swaby Taekwondo on Neponset Avenue. Photo courtesy Nicola Grealish

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DORCHESTER HISTORICAL SOCIETY Shawmut Station

The Shawmut Branch of the Old Colony Railroad runs from Savin Hill to Ashmont. Electrification of the Shawmut Branch began at the end of 1926 and continued over the next two years. During that that time, a tunnel cap was placed over the Shawmut section of the line from its approach on the north to the station and on through to the Ashmont stop.

The photo at the left of today's combined illustration, dated Aug. 22, 1928, and recently shared on Facebook, shows the tunnel cap leading from Centre Street to the Shawmut Station in the distance. The updated Station opened for service on Sept. 1, 1928.

The other photo shows the scene as it looks today. The building at the left in the older photo is no longer there. That location is now the Epiphany School parking lot, which can be seen in the distance to the left of the station. In 1928, when the older photo was taken, the site of



A photo taken of the Shawmut T and tunnel cap in 1928. At right, a photo of the current day scene from the same vantage point.



the Epiphany School was the Thomas A. Fitzpatrick facility. The Fitzpatrick Brothers auto repair company later moved to Centre Street, a little off to the left of what can be seen in the photos.

The archive of these historical posts can be viewed on the blog at dorchesterhistoricalsociety.org. The Society's historic houses are closed at this time for building repairs.

Editorial

Stop all the clocks

The following editorial was published in the Dorchester Reporter on April 17, 2013.

The clock in Peabody Square didn't stop itself. Jeff Gonyeau, a neighbor from Ocean Street, has the only set of keys to the restored timepiece that stands watch at the corner of Ashmont Street and Dorchester Ave. On Tuesday morning, Jeff walked down to the square and set the clock to 2:50 p.m.the precise time on Monday when our world stopped. Jeff had the Richard family in his heart and a heart wrenching W.H. Auden poem on his lips:

"Stop all the clocks, cut off the telephone, Prevent the dog from barking with a juicy bone, Silence the pianos and with muffled drum Bring out the coffin, let the mourners come.'

Jeff laid out black bunting along the railings that surround the clock - it's as tasteful a roadside memorial as one will ever find.

Bill and Denise Richard helped restore the old Peabody Square clock. They led the charge to reconfigure the intersection to make it safer. They gave oversight to the long-time-coming reconstruction of Ashmont Station and paved the way for a new landmark building, the Carruth, to rise above the station's once-forlorn frontage. Bill led the Main Street organization as board president for years and – along with men and women like Chris Stanley, Chris Douglass, Nancy Anderson and her late husband Vince Droser, Jim and Christina Keefe, and others - he and Denise have made their corner of our neighborhood a better place.

Let aeroplanes circle moaning overhead

Scribbling on the sky the message He Is Dead, Put crepe bows round the white necks of the public doves

Let the traffic policemen wear black cotton gloves."

When they weren't volunteering most of their personal time to transform Bill's adopted home of Dorchester, they were busy raising a family. Three kids, all adorable, none perfect. Dorchester kids who liked to step-dance, play street hockey, and sing Irish tunes.

Martin Richard was a little boy who charmed his teachers, annoyed his sister, and rough-housed with his big brother. He could be mischievous but he was old-school polite with his elders and peers. He loved the Bruins and Dustin Pedroia and going skiing with his dad. He wanted to be a hockey goalie, even though he wasn't yet a hockey player.

He was a fierce competitor on the fields of the Garvey, Pope Park and McConnell playgroundwhere he was destined for greatness. When he wasn't scoring touchdowns and batting homers, he liked to star-gaze and learn astronomy from his next-door neighbors, who in Dorchester, are like family even if there's no relation.

'The stars are not wanted now: put out every one; Pack up the moon and dismantle the sun; Pour away the ocean and sweep up the wood. For nothing now can ever come to any good.'

Martin was only eight and he still held his mother's hand last Friday when they walked to the Tedeschi's for a gallon of milk. Martin wasn't a saint, and he shouldn't be made a martyr or a symbol. He was a little boy who got killed because someone - some unknown person or group - has some perceived grievance against us.

Our world has stopped. For some of us, it will stay that way forever. But Jeff Gonyeau will be back one day to wind it up and set the hands in motion again. It won't be this week and probably not this month.

The day will come when justice is done for Martin.

Commentary Silence shouldn't be the price of peace

Patrick Radden Keefe, a Dorchester native and the best-selling author of "Say Nothing: A True Story of Murder and Memory in Northern Ireland," was invited to offer remarks at a ceremony at the Abbey Theatre in Dublin, Ireland, on April 2 during an event marking the 25th anniversary of the Good Friday Agreement that brought about a ceasefire and a relative peace in Northern Ireland. Following is what he said:

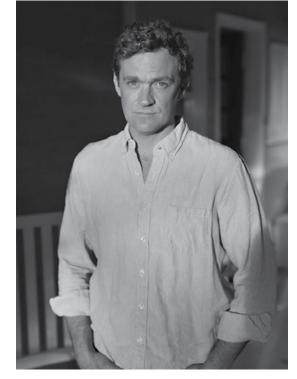
I'm here on behalf of an uninvited guest: the Past. The Good Friday Agreement was a diplomatic miracle. But it was a forward-looking miracle. It was about turning the page and forging a better tomorrow. So, perhaps inevitably, it did not dwell much on the past. I say inevitably, because if what to do about the past had been on the table a quarter century ago, then we wouldn't all be here this evening. Because the negotiators could never have come to an agreement.

Who should be held accountable for a shared history of violence? Who should be prosecuted? Who should receive amnesty? What do you do when the state has colluded in violence? Should we hold the army and the police to a lower standard than the paramilitary groups - or to a higher one? What do you do when you don't know who killed your loved one? Or where he's buried? Or if she suffered before she died?

There was never any Truth and Reconciliation process in the North. No mechanism for getting to the bottom of what really happened over those three decades. Again, this should not be surprising: the conflict ended in a stalemate. I once asked a former Republican prisoner why there'd never been a truth process for the Troubles like there was in South Africa, and he smiled and said, "Because in South Africa there was a winner."

Is silence the price of peace? The peace has endured now for as long as the Troubles themselves. But the peace process still feels incomplete. It's a very chilly peace. I was in Belfast last weekend and sat with a man who lost a close relative to the violence. This happened fifty years ago. Before I was born. But to him it is still as raw and agonizing as if it happened yesterday. You've got a whole generation of people who are traumatized by what they experienced, and saw, and lost. And people don't talk about it, for the most part. I wrote a book about the Troubles. It's called "Say Nothing." And when I do events in the North, a lot of the people who come up to talk with me after are young people who grew up in peacetime. Ceasefire babies. "My parents lived through all this," they tell me. "But they never talk about it." So, there's this younger generation that should be free of these pathologies. Free to move on. They should be the beneficiaries of the Good Friday Agreement. Yet they, too, are dogged by the past.

It's not just the victims, either. It's the perpetrators, too. A lot of people who joined the IRA did so for idealistic reasons. They wanted to see a United Ireland. Then, in the name of that political aspiration, they did terrible



Patrick Radden Keefe. Photo by Philip Montgomery

things. Unspeakable things. They justified the bombings and the mainings and the shootings as means to an end. But when peace came, there was no victor. The island was still divided. And this left them wondering, if this was where we were going to end up, then why did I do those unspeakable things? If you never achieve the glorious end that was supposed to justify the awful means, then where does that leave you? We tend to talk about trauma as something experienced only by the victims of violence. But the perpetrators of violence experience a special trauma of their own.

We're here to celebrate, as we should, and none of what I'm saying is meant in any way to diminish the extraordinary achievement of Good Friday. But I don't think silence should be the price of peace. Or that it can be. A history of violence doesn't go away just because you choose to ignore it. Remember that line by William Faulkner: "The past is never dead. It's not even past."

I don't pretend to have the answer, and any concrete proposal has proven to be controversial for one constituency or another. But I firmly believe there must be some mechanism for confronting what happened during the Troubles. Because without it, the past will continue to haunt the North. It'll haunt this island. And in a subtle way, it will form a dissonant, telltale heartbeat, faint but audible, beneath the music of daily life, and the merriment of commemorations like this.

Poll: Majority of state voters choose tax relief over spending, support Healey's credit plan

By Chris Lisinski STATE HOUSE **News Service**

A sizable majority of Massachusetts voters would prefer that Beacon Hill deploy its budget surplus toward reducing taxes rather than increasing overall spending, according to a new poll.

voters were not enrolled in a political party, compared to nearly 1.39 million registered Democrats and 421,000 registered Republicans.

Voters place themselves in the center and see Healey there with them. Voters share the Healey-Driscoll Administration's priorities of lowering costs and returning the budget surplus, with voters across

We will wait – all of us together— for that day. -Bill Forry

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Three-quarters of the voters surveyed by polling and political advocacy firm Priorities for Progress picked tax cuts as their preferred use of excess tax revenues, while 25 percent said they would rather see the money go toward expanding state programs.

The results of the poll, shared with the News Service, indicate sizable support for tax relief as the House prepares to roll out and debate its response to Gov. Healey's nearly \$1billion tax relief and reform proposal.

Overall, pollsters found overwhelming support for Healey's proposal, which would create a new \$600-per-dependent tax credit for parents and caregivers, expand breaks for renters and seniors, triple the estate tax threshold to \$3 million, and slash the short-term capital gains tax rate from 12 percent to 5 percent.

Asked to take an up-or-down position on the bill, 79 percent of voters said they somewhat or strongly support it and 13 percent said they strongly or somewhat oppose it.

Priorities for Progress said it found support across the ideological spectrum. Sixty-seven percent of Democrats said they support tax relief, as do 84 percent of Republicans and 85 percent of independents.

As of Feb. 1, about 2.9 million of the Bay State's

the ideological spectrum choosing tax cuts," said Liam Kerr, PFP's founder.

Top House Democrats have not outlined many details about their forthcoming tax package but signaled it will likely feature some kind of estate tax reform and many of the ideas lawmakers initially approved last year before ultimately backing away from the topic.

PFP found that voters generally have a positive view of Healey three months into her term. Sixty-four percent of respondents said they view her strongly or somewhat favorably, compared to twenty-six percent who view the Democrat somewhat or strongly unfavorably.

That gave her a higher net favorability rating than Lt. Gov. Kim Driscoll (42 percent favorable, 16 percent unfavorable), Attorney General Andrea Campbell (34 percent favorable, 21 percent unfavorable), Auditor Diana DiZoglio (24 percent favorable, 11 percent unfavorable), US Sens. Elizabeth Warren (54 percent favorable, 41 percent unfavorable), and Ed Markey (56 percent favorable, 31 percent unfavorable).

The poll surveyed 500 registered and likely voters $on line between \, \check{M}arch\, 16 \, and \, March\, 21 \, using \, samples$ from opt-in survey panels. PFP said the margin of error is plus or minus 4.4 percent.

Murder case backlog could take years to adjudicate, judge says

By Chris Lisinski **STATE HOUSE NEWS SERVICE**

A backlog of dozens of Boston-area first-degree murder cases was built up in the Massachusetts justice system during the Covid-19 public health emergency, in some cases leaving cases pending for several years before trial, a top court official told lawmakers on April 4.

 $Facing a \, string \, of \, questions \, from \, Rep.$ Russell Holmes of Boston, Superior Court Chief Justice Jeffrey Locke said major felonies and especially homicide cases amassed after the pandemic upended operations in 2020.

"In Suffolk County alone, in the city of Boston, we had somewhere in the 80s — 80 pending first-degree murder indictments through Covid and now coming out of Covid," Locke said. "All of those cases are actively pending, some of those cases involving multiple defendants, so it could be 70 cases, some of which have two or perhaps three charged individuals."

A Trial Court spokesperson said the figures Locke cited are summer 2021 data reflecting Suffolk County only. More recent data were not available.

Most homicide trials take three to four weeks to reach a verdict, Locke said. In Suffolk Superior Court's criminal division, there are seven trial sessions and typically two to four homicide cases tried at a time, he said.

'If you are taking three, three and a half weeks to try one case, then one trial session over the course of a year can perhaps reduce that 80s number by maybe 10. Two trial sessions, maybe by 20, three by 30 and so on," Locke said. "That means that it is going to take a period of time to reduce that number, that backlog of homicides. There's no other way to accommodate it than to deal with them one at a time."

When Holmes asked if some of the cases tried dated back to 2018 or 2019, Locke replied, "Perhaps '18.'

Holmes argued that a years-long delay in bringing murder charges to trial could cause many negative effects, including witnesses forgetting information and frustration in affected communities at the lack of resolution.

"So, you're still saying, with our current plan, with this \$800 someodd million, I'm still looking at four or five years, potentially, of a backlog of cases?" Holmes asked, referring to the nearly \$877 million the Trial Court would receive under Gov. Healey's budget proposal. "That's pretty much the answer as of today?

"Perhaps so. I'd like to say differently, but it is the reality," Locke replied. "These are, as you know, critically important cases, oftentimes defendants being held pretrial, unable either to obtain bail or to get bail because of the nature of the charge."

Court officials also told lawmakers that they want additional funding in the fiscal 2024 state budget to add eight Family and Probate Court judges, warning that they are relying on retired judges sticking around on a "recall" basis to keep the process moving.

Locke said court system leaders need to weigh pending murder cases against requests from prosecutors and litigants to deal with other cases "where time is critical," such as those involving sexual assault of a child or elderly victims.

Holmes then inquired about using Appeals Court judges on a temporary basis to help process pending cases and clear the backlog. Locke said such a maneuver "statutorily could not occur." "So, we could change that?" Holmes

asked. "You could," Locke answered.

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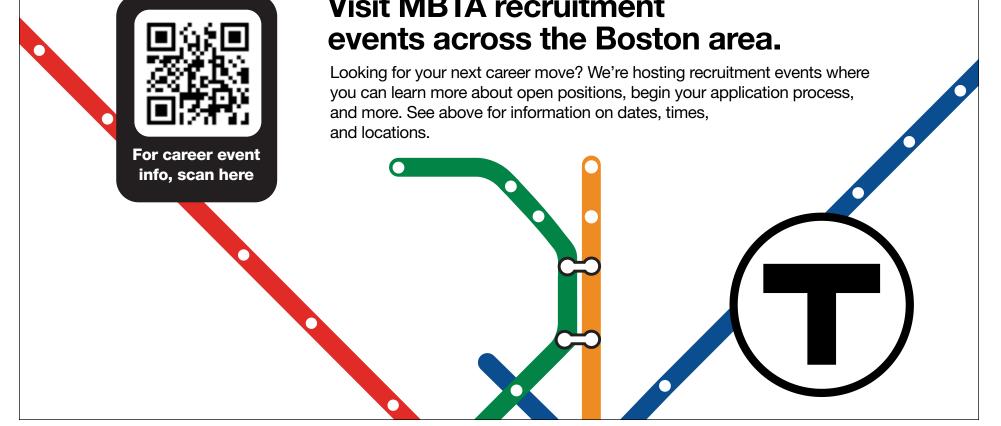
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A rendering depicts the proposed Trinity project at Shawmut.

At City Hall's behest, Trinity removes parking from Shawmut plan

(Continued from page 1) follows a 2021 change to the city's zoning code that discarded off-street parking minimums for developments where at least 60 percent of units are income restricted.

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The developer also plans to install changes to Centre Street, Clementine Park, and Allston Street with an eyetoward pedestrian safety and slowing down cars. The proposed changes include raised crosswalks, new sidewalks, lighting at some intersections and pedestrian crossings, curb extensions, and speed bumps.

Supporters of the proposal say it will bring affordable rental housing to the St. Mark's and Melville Park neighborhoods, as the Boston region struggles with high demand and low housing supply.

Opponents say the proposal is too big for the area and have raised concerns about traffic. Domenic Accetta, a skeptic of the project, said the city's desire for more housing seems to "trump" everything else. "There doesn't seem to be any serious discussion about what the neighborhood needs, what the neighborhood can accommodate, what can fit in this neighborhood," he said.

The meeting of the proposal's Impact Advisory Group (IAG), which includes neighborhood residents who oppose and support the project, came after the public comment period ended on March 4. IAG members get to weigh in on mitigation measures for a project, but no consensus is needed, and the power to approve a project remains with the BPDA.

BPDA staffers asked Trinity to present an analysis on traffic, which the developer says will be at a low volume when the project is built.

Michael Lozano and Chris Stanley, two Trinity executives, joined an engineering consultant working for the developer to discuss the traffic situation and plans to eliminate parking from the site. Andrew Saxe, a member of the IAG and an opponent of the project, disputed the low traffic numbers that project is expected to bring. "I'm just concerned that if your calculations aren't right, it's the neighborhood that pays the price," he said.

Lozano noted that there is little usage of cars for a residential complex next to a train station.

As the meeting grew heated, Joe Blankenship, a transportation expert with the BPDA, spoke

up, saying "I do want to reassure you that the methodology in this filing is sound." Blankenship added that he is among the city officials who pushed the project to eliminate parking spaces.

Philippe Saad, an architect and IAG member, said he observes "plenty of parking spaces" available on Lyndhurst Street, which sits across Allston Street and runs one way up to Codman Square.

Saad said his other observation is about the front of the Carruth building next to Ashmont MBTA Station, an area that Trinity was involved in redeveloping. There is "very little" activity coming from the parking garage underneath the Carruth. "Zero parking for TOD [transit-oriented development] is totally appropriate," he said. He and Arlene Simon,

He and Arlene Simon, an IAG member and an opponent of the project, were in agreement that a full Boston Transportation Department traffic study for the immediate area and beyond is needed. Saad said there are too many one-way streets.

Simon said it's good to build units right next to the T "in the abstract," but "it doesn't mean everybody is going to use the T for every trip they're going to make." She added she is "shocked" that parking would be eliminated when Trinity previously said 25 units would use cars. The streets in the area are full of parked cars when people come home at night, she said, and believing people will park their car a quarter mile away from 150 Centre and walk the rest of the way home is a "pipe dream."

She also encouraged Trinity executives to speak with Epiphany School leaders after Michelle Sanchez, the school's principal, weighed in, saying the elimination of parking spaces feels like a "smack in the face." The move would affect the school's parking, Sanchez said.

Trinity executives said they have spoken with leaders at Epiphany School multiple times, including a few weeks ago, and they would continue to do so.

Later in the meeting,

Saxe, the IAG member and project opponent, said he obtained an email through a public records request, where one of the Trinity executives forwarded the company lawyer's opposition to the potential appointment to the advisory group of Epiphany's head of school, Rev. John Finley, or another Epiphany representative, in an email to the BPDA.

Finley was part of efforts last year to make a competing offer for the 150 Centre St. parcel, but he and the school backed off once Trinity reiterated that the developer has a purchase and sale with the auto body shop owners and accused the school of illegal interference.

As the evening's virtual meeting moved along, Saxe sent the email he obtained to IAG members and the media, in which a Trinity lawyer voiced concerns about placing someone from Epiphany School "in a position where they could poison or derail that process from within."

Îmage courtesy ICON Architecture.

Sanchez, the principal, was eventually appointed. The project opponents, including Saxe, had waged their own effort to question the placement on the IAG of supporters of the project, at one point sending a letter to the BPDA raising questions about one appointee's Twitter posts. That person, Nevin Lorden, remained on the IAG.

At the end of the meeting, which lasted for about two hours, BPDA staff members stressed that the project is still under review. "We do listen to every comment that you guys say and take it into consideration," said Caitlin Coppinger of the BPDA.

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Crane operators remove top part of dilapidated Bayside Expo sign

Crane workers removed the top of the Bayside Expo Center sign, a 41-year-old vestigial token of the long-demolished event hall, on Tuesday afternoon (April 11).

The workers spent the morning hours hooking a giant C.J. Shaughnessy crane to the top of the sign and using a blowtorch from a cherry-picker to weaken upper parts of the structure. After the sign, complete with red letters, was separated from the rest of the three-legged structure, the worker in the cherry-picker, yelled, "Yeah, baby!"

The University of Massachusetts owns the structure, as well as the site of the old Bayside Expo, which is on tap to be redeveloped into a multibillion, multi-building complex known as "Dorchester Bay City."

The removal came almost a month after one of the sign's metal panels, with marquee light bulbs, smashed into the parking lot below during a late-winter storm. The sign originally reached close to 100 feet.

The three legs of the sign remain on land owned by UMass, and on the parking lot, which is owned by the real estate company Corcoran Jennison. Two of the legs are in the parking lot, which serves an office building that includes the headquarters of the Massachusetts State Lottery and the Dorchester Reporter.

The Bayside Expo Center was built as a shopping center in 1966 before becoming an exhibition hall in 1982. The sign was built the same year as the site's conversion to an exhibition hall.

UMass bought the Bayside property, a 20-acre site, in 2010, and eventually designated Accordia Partners to develop it. The vacant Bayside Expo Center was demolished in 2016, after its roof collapsed.

Before the Bayside's demolition, Corcoran Jennison pushed UMass to also take down the sign, saying that the state of the structure had deteriorated and raised safety concerns.

But UMass balked at the request and pointed to an engineering report that disputed the claims of an engineering consultant retained by Corcoran Jennison. – REPORTER STAFF



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At right, the moment that the Bayside Expo sign was swung off its perch on Mount Vernon Street on Columbia Point. It had stood at the site since 1982.

Izzy Bryars photo At left: Å worker used a blow-torch to cut through a metal section of the sign's substructure on Tuesday. Minutes later, a crane was used to slowly lift it up and then lower it to the parking lot below. Bill Forry photo



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Community cites 'poor' engagement by BPS on Shaw-Taylor merger talks

BY EMILY PIPER-VALLILLO SPECIAL TO THE REPORTER Boston Public School officials held a virtual community meeting last Tuesday (April 4) to discuss the district's proposed merger of the

Shaw and the Taylor

schools in Dorchester and Mattapan, respectively. More than fifty people were present, including teachers and parents.

The goal of the meeting, said the district's Chief of Capital Planning, Del Stanislaus, was to discuss the five "core values" developed by the design team for the merged school. They include giving students access to a rigorous academic curriculum, centering families, and building anti-racist structures.

Despite that focus, the conversation drifted repeatedly to the district's poor community engagement.

Barbara Fields, a retired Boston Public School administrator and member of the Black Ed-

ucators Alliance of Massachusetts, said stakeholders and neighbors have not been properly engaged.

"I'm all over this community, and I have seen nothing about what's happening at the Shaw

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and the Taylor," said Fields at the meeting. "I'm the co-chair of my neighborhood association, and I brought it up the other day, and nobody knows anything about it."

A parent from the Taylor agreed. "I didn't know about this [meeting] until today," she said.

The lack of transparency around community meetings is infuriating, said Ruby Reyes, executive director of the Boston Education Justice Alliance, in a phone call.

"Parents plan ahead. Families plan ahead, teachers plan ahead," said Reyes. "What's been really frustrating for families is the false narratives around transparency ... In this effort to be 'transparent,' the district is going to have a meeting to talk to the community, but they're going to announce it the day before."

Boston Public Schools has a tab on the Green New Deal website for recent meetings. But that section doesn't publicize upcoming meetings.

The last Shaw-Taylor community engagement meeting, according to the website, took place last November. There is no recording or notes posted there from last Tuesday's meeting for community members unable to attend.

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dotnews.com April 13, 2023 Neighbors hear proposals for businesses in Codman Square



Kayshawn and Sacha Jolly explain to the Codman Square Neighborhood Council their concept for the latest Revent flex space they hope to locate on Washington Street. Seth Daniel photo

(Continued from page 1) Washington St.

Singleton, who was also a youth worker for many years, operated Food for the Soul in Grove Hall before the pandemic, then closed it to provide free meals for the community in 2020.

His proposal focuses on fine dining during the day and a lounge concept at night with spoken word poetry and other performances. CSNC indicated he would be coming to the CSNC next month.

CODMAN SQUARE NOTEBOOK

•The annual Love Your Block neighborhood cleanup will take place on April 22 from 10 a.m. to noon. Volunteers will clean up Codman Square Park and the Dr. Loesch Family Park. Meet at 20 Wainwright St.

•There will be a tree planting event at the Dr. Loesch Family Park on April 28, from noon to 4 p.m. The event is coordinated by Speak for the Trees and is also part of a corporate volunteer day. Residents are welcome and trees will be added to the walking paths and entrances.

A key part of the effort will be MIT's Black Forest remembrance project, part of the Poetic Justice group. Trees will be planted to commemorate those in the Black community who died during the pandemic. Their stories will be accessible via a phone number at the base of the tree. The program is already in 10 mentors and tutors, with criminal background checks by BPS, routinely help students with their work, but there are only six schools taking advantage right now. They said they see this as a great opportunity to expand in the area.

•Codman Square Library officials said they didn't have any new information on the status of the facility, which last year was in the talking stages about renovating or rebuilding the branch. However, librarian Janice Knight said a major flood in the South End branch had delayed the Codman Square plans, as emergency renovations to fix the flooding issues pushed back Codman's momentum.

•Lindsey Santana of Councillor Brian Worrell's office said they have met with civic leaders from the neighborhood and learned that funding for technology or graph-ics design help would be welcomed. Worrell has filed a hearing to talk about establishing Civic Technology grants. He has also filed a hearing order to begin discussions about establishing indoorplaygrounds.

•State Rep. Russell Holmes put everyone on alert that the state is beginning to go back to verifying for Mass-

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Health, noting that state workers will be going door-to-door to verify peoples' qualifications. During Covid-19, the numbers statewide on MassHealth went up by about 450,000. The agency also stopped doing verifications. Holmes said if people do not participate in the verification, they could be knocked from their health insurance. He said some 300,000 people statewide - many in Dorchester and Mattapan – are at risk.

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•Boston Partners in Education is trying to get more students from the Codman Square area to engage in their free tutoring program for Boston Public School (BPS) students. Trained

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Page 16 Third 7-11 store on Dorchester Avenue to close

By Seth Daniel **News Editor**

A third 7-11 convenience store on Dorchester Avenue will close this month, this time in Fields Corner. But Massachusetts-based Richdale, which operates a chain of convenience stores, has stepped in to lease the space, according to the property owners of 1420 Dorchester Ave.

Gerry McSweeney, chief operating officer of City North Development, said 7-11 chose not to renew its lease at the Fields Corner site this month, and so they began talks with other operators.





The 7-11 store at 1420 Dorchester Ave. will close this month and transition to a Richdale Convenience Store, a Massachusetts-based company based in Everett and Malden. Owners of the property said 7-11 had an option to extend their lease until 2028 but chose not to do so. Seth Daniel photo

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"The good news for the neighborhood is that we have signed a new lease with Richdale Food Shops, a local operator," McSweeney wrote in an email late last week. "We understand that Richdale has a somewhat different product mix that features more fresh food items that should be well received by the community. We hope to achieve a seamless transition at the end of this month from 7-11 to Richdale."

The closure is the third 7-11 to vacate a storefront on Dorchester Avenue, including one last year in Ashmont's Peabody Square and one in the plaza south of Fields Corner at 1576 Dorchester Ave. Both of the latter stores remain vacant with paper covering the windows.

Numerous emails to 7-11's spokespeople asking for an explanation to the string of closures went unanswered over the past two weeks.

The 7-11 company is owned by Japan's Seven & i Holdings Co. According to multiple national media reports, the company cut more than 800 corporate jobs late last year as it announced a reorganization of the company. One year earlier, 7-11 had spent \$21 billion to buy out Speedway gas stations and convenience stores. As part of that deal, federal regulators pressed 7-11 to drop 200 stores nationwide. It is unknown if the Dorchester stores are part of that situation, or from the restructuring.

Dorchester still has 7-11 stores on East Cottage Street in Edward Everett Square, in Neponset by Garvey Park, and on Morrissey Boulevard, which includes a gas station. They remain open as of this week.

As for the Fields Corner location, McSweeney said its future redevelopment long term is still only on the drawing board.

A potential project calling for a new, four-story building with 41 housing units, a small commercial space, and underground parking for 27 vehicles was presented to the community at the March meeting of the Fields Corner Civic Association (FCCA).

McSweeney said with changes in interest rates, construction costs, regulatory constraints, and rental/ sale costs, developers are still weighing whether to go forward.

"We are very pleased with the design efforts of RODE Architects...and would be delighted to move ahead with the redevelopment project," he wrote. "However, a final decision cannot be made until the permitting process is complete and all market conditions and costs evaluated at that future point. Until then we won't know whether or not the project – as the saying goes - 'pencils out.'"



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Third '26.TRUE' marathon is set for Saturday in Roxbury

By Izzy Bryars SPECIAL TO THE REPORTER

Newly divorced and facing an empty nest at home, Mattapan resident Angel Babbitt, 44, asked herself what's next. The answer, she decided, is to run.

A marathon is on the horizon for her this weekend, as she is a member of the Pioneers Run Crew, a Dorchester-based group hosting its third annual alternative to the legendary Boston Marathon – "26.TRUE" - the number a nod very close to the mileage of

the typical long-distance connected me because race. The race, set for this Saturday, April 15, at 8 a.m. at Malcolm X Park in Roxbury, is open to all.

The Boston Marathon, which was first run in 1897 and is the world's oldest annual competition, has competitive qualification requirements, including a minimum time, runner caps, and a fundraising pledge. 26.TRUE was launched as an option for those who don't meet those requirements or want to run with and meet people in their neighborhoods.

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I hadn't heard of the Pioneers until 2021,' Babbitt said.

By their own description, the Pioneers are a running team with a goal to equalize the importance of speed and skill with creating a "diverse and welcoming community" where running isn't everything, but a part of the experience.

While roughly two miles of the Boston Marathon runs through Boston proper, with most of the miles covered in seven contiguous towns to the west, the Pioneers provide a 15-week session where people across various experience levels are welcome to train for 26.TRUE, and its marathon courses are entirely through city neighborhoods including Dorchester, Mattapan, and South Boston. It begins and ends at Malcolm X Park.

"There are goals that are subtly there for you to reach out and grab, if that's what you want," Babbitt said. "And then there's the vibes if you're just here to show up and be in a community, and they're both equally weighted."

Blair Wang joined the Pioneers after she moved back to Boston from Chicago in 2020 and felt dissatisfied with other local running groups. "I think [they] were focused on running and drinking beers, which is great and happy for them," Wang said. "But for me, I was looking for more than that."

Steven Smith, managing partner at Delta Physical Therapy in



A member of the Pioneers Run Crew approached the finish line at the groups annual marathon weekend run, 26.TRUE last April. Photo by Frances Ramirez

Lower Mills, discovered the Pioneers after one of his patients invited him to come watch a 5K race in 2021. He is now sponsoring a crew for the upcoming race. Delta Physical Therapy, located at 1100 Washington St., serves as a snack and warming station during training and hosts injury prevention clinics. It also provides a rest stop for Saturday's 26.TRUE.

"If anybody in the run crew feels not great, I tell them 'All right, just come in, we'll see what's going on," Smith said "It's just being accessible for everybody, that's what it's about.'

Puma will serve as one of 14 race sponsors. Pioneer captain Brock Soreff sees that as a sign of growth for the outfit.

"Just seeing how excited brands are about the idea, it's cool," Soreff said. "But then to see the buy-in that they have; financially, yes, we need the money to put it on, but from shared values, it's like recognizing that this is a need."

Wang expressed how the community aspect of Pioneers is what keeps her coming back.

"This is not just about running 26.2 miles, it is about the community and the people that I get to train with, and the people that get to celebrate with me, and then also people that understand how big of a deal that is," she said.

As Pioneers gathered at Delta PT last month for an early morning run, easy laughter and conversation was in the

air. "When people come to Pioneers, our first questions are never about running," Soreff said. "We're like, 'Oh, who are you? or, 'I love that neighborhood in the city.' And then you're just talking about their job or kids or whatever, and the next thing you know, you've gone five miles in your life story."

For Babbitt, the Pioneers have paved the way for a forward step into a new chapter of her life. "I think what I'm noticing is that it's never too late to reset and restart,' Babbitt said. "And the crew gives you that sort of encouragement.'

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Lynch, in a support letter included with other publicly posted comments on the BPDA's website, noted that there will be retail and restau-

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HESPONDENT Alleged Incapacitated Person To the named Respondent and all other interested persons, a petition has been file by Mass. Dept. Of Mental Health of West borough, MA in the above captioned matter alleging that Camille Henry is in need of a Guardian and requesting that (or some other suitable nerson be annointed as Guardian to

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 neces-sary, and that the proposed Guardian is appropriate. The petition is on file with this 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

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developers have committed \$10 million to the Massachusetts Affordable Housing Alliance to be set aside to help with down payments for firsttime homebuyers. The new site also would create

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Suffolk Probate & Family Court 24 New Chardon Street Boston, MA 02114 (617) 788-8300 CITATION ON PETITION FOR

FORMAL ADJUDICATION Docket No. SU23P0717EA ESTATE OF:

MARY T. NAUGHTON A/K/A: MARY NAUGHTON DATE OF DEATH: 12/23/2022

Petition for Formal Probate of Will with

A Petition for Formal Probate of will will Appointment of Personal Representative has been filed by Catherine McNicholas of Braintree, MArequesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other regief as requested in the Petition. The Peti-tioner requests that: Catherine McNicholas Braintroe MA be appointed as Persona

of Braintree, MA be appointed as Persona Representative(s) of said estate to serve

Without Surety on the bond in unsupervised administration.

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Dorchester Bay City will be one of the largest minority-led developments in the country," Lynch said.

The proposal envelopes 36 acres and includes the former Bayside Expo

"When fully built,

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and Appointment of Personal Hepresentative has been filed by Shelagh A. Ronca of Boston, 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: Shelagh A. Ronca of Boston, MA be appointed as Personal Representa-tive of decide the reven Without Europe tive(s) of said estate to serve Without Suret on the bond in unsupervised administration

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site, which is owned by the University of Massachusetts and leased to the developers; 180 Mt. Vernon Street, which is the location of the Boston Teachers Union headquarters; and 2 Morrissey, the Santander office building. The buildout, which would be done over the coming decades, is set to bring $2.000\,\mathrm{residential\,units\,to}$ the area, with 20 percent set aside as affordable housing.

Two of the state lawmakers who represent the area, Reps. Dan Hunt of Dorchester and David Biele of South Boston, have also registered their support of Accordia's plan, noting that the proposal has the "potential to unlock" projects like "permanent solutions to Kosciuszko Circle: improvements to the JFK/UMASS Red Line Station; improvements along Dorchester Avenue to Columbia Point; investments along Morrissey Boulevard; and improved connections to Day Boulevard."

They added: "These infrastructureinvestments will help bridge the disconnect between Columbia Point, Savin Hill, Dorchester Bay, South Boston, and the nearby Dorchester Shores reservation, while increasing

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connections for residents to access the waterfront."

In their most recent version of the proposal, the developers added 2.2. acres of green space while removing one building. That plan also calls for positioning flood protection measures between the site and Moakley Park.

"Creating an unbroken line of flood defense is critical to protecting not only the site but also the neighborhood from the effects of sea level rise and coastal storm flooding," wrote Ka erine Abbott, presid and CEO of the advo group Boston Ha Now.

Jared Staley, a cultural planning project manager with the Mayor's Office of Arts and Culture, wrote in on behalf of his department, saying they've reviewed the Dorchester Bay City project's "cultural spaces," and suggesting additional changes.

"As presented, civic and cultural space accounts for .5 percent of the total project square footage and 11 percent of all ground floor commercial/retail space, an amount that is insufficient given the size, location, and complexity of the project." The Black Economic

Council of Massachusetts included a letter in support, saying they are "highly encouraged by the commitments made by the project to collaborate with diverse partners and implement equity goals on issues like job training, infrastructure development, and environmental sustainability.'

Grace Cotter Regan, the president of neighboring Boston College High School, has also voiced support for the Bay City plan. • 1 • 4 1

Sean McKee wrote to the BPDA, "While I understand the need for more housing in the City of Boston, I do feel this project is just too large for the area. Traffic is already a mess, and despite what developers say, there will be a very large amount of cars moving in, along with an overwhelming amount of people."

Another local resident, Emilia Rainwalker, also wrote in to oppose the plan, saying she was 'tired of housing being priced beyond my means and the means of so many good residents." There aren't enough affordable units in this plan, she told the BPDA.

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135 Morrissey Boulevard

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associated below-grade parking. The Proposed Wing will include approximately 305,000 sf of office and lab space and will be constructed on an area of the Project site that is currently used for surface parking. Three levels of belowgrade parking accommodating 417 vehicles will be constructed within the new wing's footprint. No other changes to the existing building are proposed.

mail to: Nick Carter Boston Planning & Development Agency One City Hall Square, 9th Floor Boston, MA 02201

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Tues/Thurs	04/03-05/15/2023	10AM - 7PM	173 Columbia Rd, Dorchester, MA 02121
Thursday	4/20/2023	6PM - 8PM	86 Southern Ave, Dorchester., MA 02124
Saturday	4/22/2023	10AM - 12PM	122 Dewitt Drive, Roxbury, MA 02120

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Is inmate enfranchisement next step in criminal justice reform?

By SAM DRYSDALE STATE HOUSE News Service

Restoring the right to vote for those in Massachusetts prisons with a felony conviction would be the next step in criminal justice reform, advocates argued before the Election Laws Committee last Thursday.

"Imagine if you've registered to vote, voted in your first election remember what that was like? And then that right was stripped away," state Sen. Liz Miranda of Boston told the committee. "We know that the Legislature made great strides in voting rights last session, but as Black and Brown people continue to be disenfranchised in state prisons and houses of corrections across the commonwealth, our work is really far from over."

Miranda and Rep. Erika Uyterhoeven of Somerville filed legislation (S 8 / H 26) that would lift the Constitution's ban on voting for people incarcerated on felony convictions.

The felony disenfranchisement constitutional amendment was added in 2000 when voters approved a statewide ballot question making it illegal to vote from prison while serving a felony sentence.

Advocates before the Election Laws Committee on April 6 argued that restoring that right would complete the work of criminal justice reform and voting right expansion bills that the state has passed over the last few years.

Uyterhoeven said revoking voting rights for those in prison is at odds with existing state laws.

"We state under our law, the duty of the commissioner of corrections is to prepare and assist each person who was

incarcerated to assume the responsibility and exercise the right of citizens of the commonwealth. And what better way to be exercising your right as a citizen than to have the right to vote, engage with elected officials like us, and to be able to advocate for bills and issues that they care so deeply about," she said.

Advocates described the measure as a matter of racial justice because people of color represent about 18 percent of the population in Massachusetts, but 58 percent of people in the carceral system.

Though the Election Laws Committee's public hearing was open for comment on several bills, the committee only heard from those who were in favor of the constitutional amendment, and no one who opposes it, for about two hours.

Massachusetts resident Debra Skarpos said she served 28 years in prison, starting in the 1990s before the 2000 voting ban.

"You don't have much of a voice in there and being able to vote made me feel part of the outside," she said. "And I believe that those who are incarcerated should have the right to vote, not only for themselves, but also for their families and their loved ones.'

Mallory Hanora of Families for Justice as Healing echoed Skarpos's comments, saying that those in prison deserve the chance to impact policy that will affect them and their families.

'Our communities do not stop at the prison gates. Incarcerated people — our parents, our grandparents need and deserve a say on who represents their children and grandchildren and shape the policies that affect our families,' Hanora said. "Every legislative session, there are dozens and dozens of bills filed that affect incarcerated people and they should have a voice in who is making that policy decision."

Boston resident Stephen Pina said he was released from prison last year after spending 28 years in the system, attributing his release to the election of former Suffolk District Attorney Rachael Rollins, who is now the US Attorney for Massachusetts.

He said he learned more about politics from other inmates when he was in prison and, though he couldn't vote himself, he encouraged his family members and friends to vote for Rollins, who ran on a progressive platform of criminal justice reform.

After Rollins was elect-

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ESTATE OF DOMINGOS DEPINA

A Petition for Order of Complete Set-tlement has been filed by Public Garden Services of Braintree, MA requesting that the court enter a formal Decree of Complete Settlement including the allowance of a final account, as Temporary Conservator and other such relief as may be requested in the Petition.

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Witness, HON. BRIAN J. DUNN, First Justice of this Court. Date: March 15, 2023

Vincent Procopic Register of Probate Published: April 13, 2023 ed, Pina brought his already rejected" this case before her, claiming that he was wrongfully convicted. The district attorney helped uncover evidence that had been withheld from the defense during Pina's trial, the Boston Globe reported.

"Because of having my family vote for her, I was able to bring my case... and have my freedom back," he said.

Other advocates argued that politicians used to visit prisons more frequently when they knew those inside could vote.

Though no one testified in person against the constitutional amendment, the Massachusetts Fiscal Alliance put out a press release Thursday afternoon saying that "voters

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idea in 2000, when they passed the constitutional amendment by a vote of 64 to 36 percent.

"These totally misguided attempts to amend our state constitution proposed by a group of out of touch and fringe lawmakers should not even be considered," Paul Craney, a spokesman for the Massachusetts Fiscal Alliance, said in a statement. "Senator Liz Miranda and State Rep. Erica [sic] Uyterhoeven's amendments to overturn 23 years of precedent and overturn the overwhelming will of the voters is incredibly harmful to our elections and the victims of crimes.

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"This is an opportunity for commonsense lawmakers to publicly draw a very clear distinction with the fringe of the Legislature, who are out of step with ordinary Massachusetts people. There is no gray area with this idea, and these amendments should be immediately squashed by other mainstream lawmakers.'

Massachusetts is not alone in reconsidering if inmates should be allowed to vote while serving time for felonies this year. Democratic lawmakers in California and New York have also filed bills and amendments to end felony disenfranchisement.

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To the named Respondent and all other
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by Boston Medical Center of Boston, MA in
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Cape Verde president stresses need for unification of diaspora

Neves made several Dorchester stops on East Coast tour

By Seth Daniel News Editor

Cape Verdean President Jose Maria Neves visited Dorchester last week to encourage the country's diaspora and other supporters to maintain strong ties and investment in the African island nation.

Neves, 63, who won the presidency in 2021, had visited Boston when he was prime minister, but this was his first visit to Massachusetts as president. While he also visited Brockton, New Bedford, Connecticut, and Rhode Island, he spent the better part of the week in Boston, participating in a panel discussion at St. Peter's Teen Center and concluding the visit with a dinner at Cesaria's Restaurant on Bowdoin Street that was hosted by state Sen. Liz Miranda.

There are an estimated 500,000 Cape Verdeans in New England – a large number of them centered in Dorchester. That figure is nearly equivalent to the entire population of the ten-island country. Cape Verdeans abroad are allowed to vote in elections if they are dual citizens or gain dual citizenship through a special process that links them to the politics of their homeland.

"I firmly believe that no matter where we are, we should all get together for the development of Cape Verde," Neves said in comments at the dinner through a translator. "I believe it's possible to do this...The challenges are great, but we have the capacity to overcome all of them."

Miranda said that the diaspora has never been more important and noted that 25 percent of Cape Verde's gross domestic product (GDP) during the pandemic came from remittances.

"I invited him here because I wanted to remind us all that we stand on the shoulders of our ancestors," she said. "They need your help back home, too. Whether it's literacy and learning English or whether it's tech or business, I encourage each of you to do one thing to move this community and Cape Verdeans forward...It's incredibly important to understand that they need us, and we need them."

State Rep. Chris Worrell was part of several of the events, representing a district with one of the largest Cape Verdean populations. He, too, stressed a message of unity.

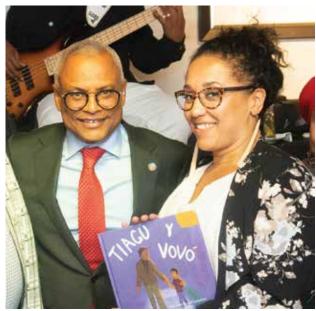
"Dorchester and Roxbury represent a beautiful diaspora of Black and Brown people of different backgrounds. I consider myself lucky to have grown up in a place where unity is at the forefront of our community values," he said. "Without our Cape Verdean brothers and sisters I would never have tried cachupa or danced to the music of Funana. Because of my upbringing, I was welcomed into this culture and continue to learn about and value it."

Paulo DeBarros, director of the Cape Verdean Association of Boston, said that Neves is popular both in Cape Verde and abroad. Her noted that the president has been delivering a message of unity and progress by bringing every Cape Verdean together from all over the world – a message that was echoed during the panel discussion at the Teen Center on April 2.

'He said he wants to hear the people and listen more," said DeBarros. "His message here was that he sees change and that the Cape Verdean community is growing. We have people running for office and people elected to office in state government and in the city. We also have a lot of professionals and young professionals who are successful. He noticed all those things." DeBarros added that part of the trip was also to say thank you to everyone who voted in the election, and to reinforce that he is everyone's president no matter what party they belong to. Carla B. Monteiro, a former city council candidate and part of the Cape Verdean Providers Network, participated in several of the events and left inspired. "As a first-generation Cape Verdean American. words cannot describe how heartfelt and empowering it was to see President Neves here in Boston, a man whom I met during his presidential campaign in 2021," she said. "We must use our citizen privilege and opportunities as Cape Verdean Americans, such as education, language access, and mental and emotional development, to elevate Cape Verdeans globally and mentor youth.



Tanya McClurkin, Councillor Ruthzee Louijeune, President Neves, and state Sen. Liz Miranda at a reception held in Neves' honor at Cesaria's Restaurant on April 4. *All photos by Flavio DeBarros*.



President Neves with Di Djofa Tavares, who wrote what is believed to be the first children's' book in English and Cape Verdean Criolo – "Tiagu Y Vovo."





President Neves, state Sen. Liz Miranda, and Evandro Carvalho, director of the Boston Human Rights Commission.



State Sen. Liz Miranda and Manuel da Luz Goncalves, author of Cape Verdean dictionary.



"He asked us to imagine if Cabo Verde had more leaders like us; And for us to imagine if they had the educational opportunities we did, where we would be as a country," she said.

Photos by Flavio DeBarros

Helder George Brandao, owner of Estella Restaurant, state Sen. Liz Miranda, and Flavio DeBarros. *Photo courtesy Sen. Miranda*



Jose Fonseca Barros, co-owner of Cesaria's Restaurant, with state Sen. Liz Miranda.



At left during the Cesaria's reception on April 4: Jose Quintino, state Sen. Liz Miranda, President Neves, Manuela Santos, Tony Lopes, and Claudia Lopes.

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CONNECT THE DOT: Jurassic World Live Tour Visits BGCD Members for Special Demonstration: Recently, Boys & Girls Clubs of Dorchester was excited to welcome our friends from the Jurassic World Live Tour to the Club for a STEM demonstration all about dinosaurs.

The interactive session included background on the various Dinosaurs that are part of the show as well as a group game of educational Bingo to close it out. In addition to the demonstration BGCD was provided with 200 tickets to the shows for our families to enjoy. Jurassic World Live will be at Agganis Arena at Boston University from 3/31 to 4/9 and at the DCU Center in Worcester from 4/14 to 4/16.

Many thanks to our friends at the Jurassic World Live Tour for their generosity.

FIND OUT WHAT'S INSIDE: Announcing Our 2023 NEWLA Honorees!: BGCD will host the 30th

anniversary celebration of our New **England Women's Leadership Awards** (NEWLA) on May 15th at the Seaport Hotel, Boston. This year the Club will recognize Collette Divitto, Founder & CEO of Collettey's Cookies; Pamela **Everheart, SVP of Regional Public** Affairs at Fidelity Investment and Taniya Nayak, Designer from HGTV & FoodNetwork. Each of our honorees were carefully selected among dozens of candidates and chosen on their merits and accomplishments. The event will be emceed by award winning WBZ news anchor, Lisa Hughes and chaired by Pooja Ika, Founder & CEO of eternalHeath. This is a great way to support BGCD and to be inspired by the work and generosity of so many. Visit bgcdorchester.org/newla for tickets & sponsorships. Makes a great Mothers Day Gift!



Announcing Our 2023 NEWLA Honorees!: See details below.

DID YOU KNOW: BGCD Hosting Formal Clothing Drive for Night to Shine Event: Have formal clothes you're looking to get rid of? Boys & Girls Clubs of Dorchester is collecting new or gently used formal dresses, dress pants, shirts, ties, suit coats, jewelry, and purses to be distributed to members for our "Night to Shine" event on June 9th at the Adams Inn. This event is a formal celebration for the members of our Project BIND inclusion programming and their families!

The drive will run from March 27th to May 5th and donations can be dropped off at our McLaughlin Clubhouse located on 1135 Dorchester Ave.

For more information or any questions, please contact Erin at eferrara@ bgcdorchester.org.

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husband Shawn of Mil-

ton. Cherished grandfa-

ther of James Foulsham,

John Foulsham and his

wife, Colleen, Samantha

Foulsham, Megan Mc-

Clain, Brian McClain,

Victoria McClain, Kelsey

Foulsham, Julia Foulsh-

am, Michael Foulsham,

Olivia Hearn, Timothy

Hearn, Sarah Ward, Ali-

son Ward, and Michaela

Ward. Great-grandfather

of Gemma, William, and

Violet Foulsham. Paul

was born in Boston and

raised in the Neponset

section of Dorchester.

A proud United States

Army Veteran, he was a

graduate of Dorchester

High School and North-

eastern University. Paul

was the insurance risk

manager for nuclear

power at Boston Edison

for over 50 years before

(Joy Palter), of Palm

Beach Gardens, FL. On

April 7. Born in Boston

in1943 to Jack and Dolly

(Hershman) Palter, she

grew up in Dorchester,

where she attended Jer-

emiah E. Burke High

School and the Prozedor

high school division of

Hebrew Teachers Col-

lege, where she developed

a strong foundation in

Jewish education. After

graduating from Beth

Israel school of nursing,

Ronnie met her husband

of 58 years, Norman Glassman. The couple

moved to New Bedford,

MA, where Ronnie taught

Hebrew at Tifereth Israel

Synagogue and served as

President of Sisterhood.

Ronnie pursued a career

in real estate, found-

ing and leading Ronnie

Glassman Real Estate for

over 25 years. Ronnie's

raised two sons, Jeffrey

and Barry, and was a

beloved grandmother to

her five grandchildren,

Andrew, Matthew, Noah,

Jack, and Sydney; and

GLASSMAN, Ronya

retiring.

PROCTOR, Edward "Ed" Joseph Proctor died March 10 in Largo, FL, at the age of 95. after suffering a stroke. Ed lived most of his life in Dorchester. He proudly served in the U.S Army during World War II. Widowed twice, he was a devoted and loving husband of Alice for 37 years and Frances for 32 years. He is survived by his brother, Robert of Lower Falls, Canada, and was predeceased by his siblings, George "Ernie" of Weymouth, MA, Catherine "Kay" McCarthy of Naples, FL, Gertrude "Lorraine" Nelson of Dayton, OH, Melvin of Braintree, MA, Gerald "Butch" of Tewksbury, MA, and Carl of Pembroke, MA. He is survived by all his children, Leon (Sheila) of Greenville, NH, Stephen (Ruth) of San Pedro, CA, James (Teresa) of Methuen, MA, Joseph of Largo, FL, Richard (Pamela) of Collierville, TN, and Mary of Ontario, Canada; and by his stepsons, Richard Carney, Jr. of Abington, MA, and Philip (Donna) Carney Raynham, MA. BROPHY, Lawrence

E. "Larry," of Harwich (March 29), formerly of

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FOULSHAM, Paul A., of Quincy (April 8), formerly of Milton. He was 92 years old. Beloved husband of Jane P. Foulsham. Loving father of Jane P. McClain and her husband Paul of Rockland, John W. Foulsham and his wife Barbara of Quincy, Paul M. Foulsham and his wife Tracy of Weymouth, Carole M. Hearn and her husband Timothy, of Quincy and Anne M. Ward and her

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Thomas (Tom) A. Caulfield of Dorchester and formerly of Inverin, Co. Galway, Ireland, passed away on April 6, 2023, surrounded by his loving family.

Beloved husband of the late Mary Caulfield and loving father of Thomas P. and his wife Pamela of Dorchester, Mary C. of

Dorchester, Diane and her husband Brian Mc-Donough of Braintree, Stephen of Dorchester, and Patrick and his wife Amanda of Weymouth.

Loving grandfather to Brendan, James, and Thomas Caulfield of Dorchester and Brianna and Aidan McDonough of Braintree.

Brother of the late Mary Kelly and Patrick Caulfield of Ireland and Michael Caulfield of England. He is survived by sisters Noreen Caulfield and Ann O'Malley of Randolph and many nieces and nephews.

Relatives and friends were invited to join the funeral procession from the Dolan Funeral Home in Lower Mills at 9 a.m. on Wed. April 12, and attend the Mass of Christian Burial in St. Gregory Church, 2233 Dorchester Ave., at 10 a.m.

In lieu of flowers, please make a donation in Tom's name to: American Cancer Society or to a charity of your choice.

mother-in-law to her daughters-in-law, Lori and Care. After retiring, Ronnie and Norm moved to Palm Beach Gardens.



MAWN, James F. "Jim" (April 8), of Orleans, formerly of Dorchester, Milton, and Quincy. Born in Boston and raised in Dorchester, he graduated from English High School where he played football, hockey, basketball, and baseball. After



COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS THE TRIAL COURT PROBATE & FAMILY COURT FOLK PROBATE & FAMILY COURT 24 NEW CHARDON STREET 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. SU23P0640GD IN THE MATTER OF: NILTON RAMOS of BOSTON, MA RESPONDENT Alleged Incapacitated Person Alleged Incapacitated Person To the named Respondent and all other ested persons, a petition has been filed Westborough, MA in the above captioned Westborough, wA in the above captioned matter alleging that Nithon Ramos is in need of a Guardian and requesting that DMH c/o Office of General Counsel of Westborough, MA (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 incrancitated that that the Respondent is incapacitated, that the appointment of a Guardian is necesthe appointment of a Guardian is neces-sary, and that the proposed Guardian is appropriate. The petition is on file with this court and may contain a request for certain specific authority. 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 **05/02/2023.** This day is NOT a hearing date of US/UZ/UZ. 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 rour atterned written appearance, you or your attorney must file a written affidavit stating the specific facts and grounds of your objection withir 30 days after the return date. 30 cays after the return date. INPORTANT NOTICE The outcome of this proceeding may limit or completely take away the above-named person's right to make decisions about personal affairs or financial affairs or both. The above-named person has the right to asl Interadove-inamed personnas 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. Vincent Procopio Register of Probate Date: March 29, 2023 Published: April 13, 2023

serving in the Army, he went to Fitchburg State College and graduated from UMass Boston with a master's in Education. Jim was a special needs administrator for the Boston Public Schools, retiring in 2000 after 42 years. He had lived in Dorchester, Milton and Quincy before recently moving to Orleans.



McCOLGAN, Sister Grace SC (Sister Maria Robert), on April 5 at Elizabeth Seton Residence, Wellesley. Beloved Sister of Charity, Halifax, for 67 years. Devoted daughter of the late Robert P. and Grace (McDermott) Mc-Colgan; she is predeceased by her brothers, James J. McColgan, John F. McColgan, Robert P. McColgan, and Edward H. McColgan; her sister, Mary Lenane; and her nieces, Carol Donovan, Mary Beth Lenane and Grace Lenane. She leaves her nephews, David Lenane, Kevin, Robert, Stephen, Edward, Keith, James and John McColgan; nieces, Marianne, Flo and Christine; as well as several grandnieces and nephews; and her sisters in the congregation. Sister Grace served as a business course teacher at Monsignor Ryan Memorial High School in Dorchester for thirty years, until it closed in 2003. In her last formal assignment, Sister Grace served as an administrative assistant at Elizabeth Seton Academy in Dorchester before retiring to Marian Community at Mount Saint Vincent and subsequently to Marillac Residence at Mount Saint Vincent in Welleslev.

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