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The Dias Family gathered at Conservatory Lab Charter on Monday afternoon to take in one of the most awesome celestial events they might observe in their lifetimes. Jacqui and John Dias are shown viewing the eclipse with their children Miracle, Malachi, and Micah at the moment when the sunlight turned strangely dim. *Seth Daniel photo*

'Look! The moon is making the sun smile'

By SETH DANIEL
NEWS EDITOR

With protective glasses adorning hundreds of faces – and the moon moving slowly in front of the sun – Conservatory Lab Charter School students and families enjoyed a Solar Eclipse Viewing Party on Monday afternoon in the schoolyard on Columbia Road.

Students with their decorated glasses and parents gathered at learning stations, where faculty and staff used the opportunity to talk all about the rare astronomical event called an eclipse while a choir incorporated the school's musical mission.

Northern New England was the place to be on

Monday to get the full extent of the blacking out of the sun by the moon in mid-afternoon, but viewers in Dorchester were hardly shut out of the happening: Almost 93 percent of the sun was obscured by the moon, resulting in a darkening around 3:25 p.m. that left the sun appearing as a crescent when viewed through protective glasses.

"Hey, look! The moon is making the sun smile," remarked Micah Dias, a student at Conservatory Lab, as he looked skyward at the celestial spectacle.

According to NASA, the next total solar eclipse viewable from the contiguous United States will occur on Aug. 23, 2044.

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New zoning model will override plans in Glover's Corner

By SETH DANIEL
NEWS EDITOR

It's an out with the old and in with the new situation along a prominent stretch of Dorchester Avenue south of Savin Hill as Boston Planning and Development Agency (BPDA) officials confirmed this week that its laboriously developed PLAN: Glover's Corner will not move forward and instead will be tucked into the new Squares + Streets process in nearby Fields Corner.

Dozens of meetings and hundreds of hours were spent on envisioning improvements and updating in the northern reaches of Fields Corner via an official BPDA planning process that began five years ago, slowed down during the pandemic, and appeared to stand down in 2022.

That effort has now been abandoned, but it will be used to inform the new Squares + Streets effort for Fields Corner that will officially begin next month. It was at a pre-planning meeting for the new effort when community members raised the issue of the

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Markey and Warren rap Steward stance

By ALISON KUZNITZ
STATE HOUSE NEWS SERVICE

U.S. Sens. Ed Markey and Elizabeth Warren excoriated Steward Health Care's top executive inside Beacon Hill's largest hearing room on April 3, where they set up an empty chair for CEO Ralph de la Torre, who declined to testify about financial decisions that have jeopardized operations at its Massachusetts hospitals.

During their Senate subcommittee hearing exploring the harms of private equity in the health care sector, Markey and Warren also promoted two new proposals designed to regulate private investments in health care, protect quality of care for patients, and prevent another health care crisis like Steward's from unfolding elsewhere across the country.

As Markey pointed out, Steward's footprint extends beyond its hospitals in Massachusetts to its other facilities in Ohio, Florida, Louisiana, Pennsylvania and Texas that he said are also without the supplies they need.

Markey said de la Torre declined to speak at the hearing, and he said Steward also refused to send

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Terrance Williams

Black Bostonians ramp up calls for gun access

By SETH DANIEL
NEWS EDITOR

Bostonians, who have long faced tough hurdles to secure gun licenses compared to suburban peers, are pressing state lawmakers to ease those restrictions as new gun reform legislation ad-

vances on Beacon Hill this season.

And, increasingly, the calls on behalf of expanding Second Amendment rights are coming from men and women of color who live in Dorchester and Mattapan.

State Rep. Russell

Holmes, who represents parts of both neighborhoods, says he is paying attention to their calls.

"It's a legal right they are asking for and I need to open my eyes to the fact that folks in my community feel their Second Amendment rights are

being infringed upon," said Holmes, who said he's approached everywhere – even at church – about expanding gun rights.

His colleague in the Fifth Suffolk district, Rep. Chris Worrell, said



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Police, Courts & Fire

Trial begins in murder of boy, 17

Jury selection started Monday in the first-degree-murder trial of Omara Shears, 46, who is charged with stabbing 17-year-old Javare Sommerville-Adams to death on Columbia Road near Blue Hill Avenue during a parade in August 2021.

A man was carjacked on Columbia Point late Wednesday afternoon by somebody who had contacted him over SnapChat, allegedly to buy sneakers from him, according to an alert sent out by UMass Boston police.

The stolen car was a gray 2014 Honda Pilot. The attacker was described as mixed race, with short dreadlocks and wearing a purple jacket with a hoodie. His gun was black with an extended barrel.

It was the second time in a week somebody trying to sell something was robbed in Boston. On March 29, police reported a person was robbed at 330 Rutherford Ave. in Charlestown by a man who had agreed to meet there to consummate a purchase arranged on Facebook Marketplace.

Police have set up "safe exchange zones" at BPD headquarters in Roxbury and at every district station where people can buy and sell stuff 24 hours a day while knowing the areas are monitored by police.

A man now faces at least 21 charges in three courts for the way he allegedly used Facebook Marketplace to scam people out of deposit money on a room in his apartment in a three-decker on Taft Street. Bruno Vieira Ferreira, 23, faces charges of larceny over \$1,200 by false pretense, larceny under \$1,200 by false pretense, forgery and uttering - deliberately cashing a bad check - in Boston Municipal, Dorchester and West Roxbury courts, according to court records.

According to the DA's office, Ferreira scammed at least six people out of deposits in January and February. The payments, ranging from \$450 to \$1800, were made in cash or through Zelle, a peer-to-peer payment app. Ferreira collected \$10,350 from potential tenants.

"When the victims inquired about their scheduled move-in dates," prosecutors allege, "Ferreira would give various excuses why they couldn't move in" and refused to refund any payments.

BPD detectives obtained a warrant for his arrest and tracked him to an apartment on Exeter Street in the Back Bay, where they arrested him on Feb. 28. A judge in one of the Dorchester cases initially set bail at \$1,000, but Ferreira appealed to Suffolk Superior Court and he was released on personal recognizance.

White Stadium meeting disrupter now charged with assaulting cops

A Bridgewater man who has been charged with assaulting and injuring four Boston Police officers during an altercation at Boston City Hall last week is the same person who disrupted a community meeting at the Trotter School on April 1.

Michael Williams, 51, was ordered held in lieu of \$25,000 bail last week at his arraignment on charges he segued from screaming slurs at people inside City Hall to shouting at and then biting and punching Boston police officers trying to get him out of the building, the Suffolk County District Attorney's office reported.

Williams faces two

counts of assault and battery on a police officer, assault with intent to maim, trespassing, resisting arrest and disorderly conduct, the DA's office says. In addition to setting bail, Boston Municipal Court Judge Paul Treseler ordered Williams committed to Bridgewater State Hospital for observation.

The incident came a week after Williams grabbed the microphone at a Dorchester meeting about White Stadium, declared himself a Nazi and unleashed a torrent of complaints about numerous topics that had nothing to do with the White Stadium issue - including harassment by Boston police officers

because he supported the destruction of the Twin Towers in 2001. He then threw the microphone to the floor and stormed out.

According to the DA's office, Williams became combative inside City Hall last Friday morning after discovering that a meeting he planned to attend had been cancelled. According to a police account, "While trying to arrest Williams, an officer placed his right arm on his shoulder to place him in handcuffs. Williams bit the officer's hand, causing severe damage, including heavy bleeding and parts of the skin and tissue to hang off the hand. Williams then freed his arms and grabbed and punched



Michael Williams Sent to Bridgewater

two officers with a closed fist, then briefly fled. Officers grabbed Williams and brought him to the ground. He continued to resist arrest until other officers arrived. Williams continued to resist officers during the booking process at Area A-1 station."

Four officers were transported by Boston EMS to Mass General Hospital to be treated for their injuries.

- REPORTER STAFF

Daniel Burke, Dorchester stalwart, at 82

Daniel R. "Dan" Burke, a many-sided man who over a long life was a vigorous presence in Dorchester as a dedicated officer and coach of youth sports programs, a civic activist in the Neponset and Pope's Hill Neighborhood Associations, a member of the Ward 16 Democratic Committee and of the Boston School Committee (where he served as president), and an active member of St. Ann's parish, died on Fri., April 5. He was 82.

Mr. Burke was first and foremost an educator, on and off the field. He received his Bachelor of Science in Mathematics from Boston State College (now University of Massachusetts, Boston) in 1966, then started his teaching career in math-

ematics at Christopher Columbus High School.

In 1972, he moved to Catholic Memorial High School, where for over twenty years he served as math teacher, guidance counselor, director of development, football coach, and advisor to many student organizations. While there, he continued his advanced studies, receiving his master's in Counselor Education from Suffolk University in 1975, and his doctorate in education from Boston College in 1992.

Principal duties followed, at Wareham High School in 1992, at Scituate High School in 1997, and at Melrose High School in 1999.

After retiring as a high school principal,

he continued to make a difference in the lives of students and their families, teaching at-risk students at the Chelsea Alternative High School, as well as many first-generation college students and new US citizens at Cambridge College and

Bunker Hill Community College.

A Funeral Mass will be celebrated for Mr. Burke at St. Ann's Church, Neponset, this coming Saturday, April 13, at 9:30 a.m. See obituary, Page 18.

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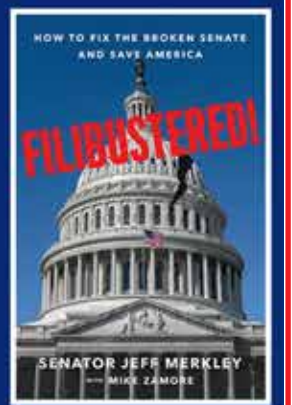
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One Boston Day to be observed on April 15 - Bostonians are encouraged to observe One Boston Day on April 15 - which is also the Patriots' Day holiday in Massachusetts and the same day as the 128th Boston Marathon - by joining in volunteer events and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

the unofficial start of spring in Boston, adds to this very special day of hope in our collective care for one another." The Morrissey Boulevard Commission will meet on Tuesday, April 23, at 6 p.m in-person at the Cristo Rey Boston High School, located at 100 Savin Hill Avenue in Boston, with virtual participation available via Zoom. At the meeting, MassDOT says "the study team will present a summary of background information being used to develop alternatives for future mobility and climate resiliency in the Morrissey Boulevard corridor." See DotNews.com for more info or visit the study mass.gov/k-circle-morrissey-study. The Boston Home Center will host a Housing Resource Fair on Sat., April 27, 10 a.m.-12:30 p.m. at the Berkshire Partners Blue Hills Boys and Girls Club, 15 Talbot Ave., Dorchester. Prospective homebuyers and current homeowners can meet with lenders, agents, city staff, and nonprofit

partners. Register at bi.ly/2024BHCFair. The Mayor's Office plans a Dorchester workshop on "Reimagining White Stadium" with a focus on transportation during a virtual meeting on Wed., April 10, 6-7 p.m. Register at boston.gov/white-stadium. Mayor Wu and the Boston Parks and Recreation Department will host the 2024 Mayor's Cup Street Hockey Tournament in partnership with the Boston Bruins Foundation during the April school vacation week. The tournament will begin Monday, April 15. Visit boston.gov/sports to register. The MBTA's Green, Red, Orange, Blue, and Silver lines will operate a regular weekday schedule on Patriots' Day - Monday, April 15 - with additional service before and after the marathon. Bicycles are prohibited onboard all MBTA subway vehicles (including folding bicycles) for the entire day on April 15.

The Edward M. Kennedy Institute for the US senate will host a conversation about "Fixing the Filibuster" with US Sen. Jeff Merkley (D-Colorado) on Thurs., April 18, 6:30 p.m. Could restoring the talking filibuster fix the gridlock in the US Senate? Sen. Merkley and his longtime Chief of Staff, Mike Zamore will discuss their recent book "Filibustered! How to Fix the Broken Senate and Save America," moderated by Vox Policy correspondent Abdallah Fayyad. Light refreshments and a book signing will follow the discussion. Go to emkinstitute.org to register.

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Night Market to return for third year on July 13

By SETH DANIEL
NEWS EDITOR

The Boston Little Saigon Night Market will join several other festivals on Dorchester Avenue this summer with a July evening devoted to young people in the community – along with the usual Vietnamese and Asian cuisine sold on the street in Fields Corner.

Annie Le, director of Boston Little Saigon, told the Fields Corner Civic Association (FCCA) on April 2 that the third installment of the Night Market would take place on July 13 from 4-9 p.m. – one in a series of road closure events in Fields Corner this summer that will include Open Streets in May and the Dorchester Day Parade in June.

“This year, our focus is going to be on the families in the neighborhood,” said Le, who noted they are working closely with teens to bring in things youth would like to see at the Market.

“The park gave us more vendors and more space,” said Le, referring to last year’s expansion into Town Field. “People liked being in the park. The food service is on the street and the park was where kid activities and entertainment were – and that was well liked.”

Planning will start



Night Market July 15, 2023

April 13 with a meeting in the Boston Little Saigon headquarters at Fields Corner from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., and Le said now is the time to share ideas, concerns, and requests.

The Market won’t change drastically, she said, and will still occupy Dorchester Avenue from Adams Street to Park Street, and then into Town Field for the entertainment stage and community booths. However, Le and a few residents at the meeting said they would like to see Park Street closed off and Dorchester Avenue closed off a little further south so crossing from the street festival to the park isn’t so dangerous.

Last year, several festival-goers waded out into traffic unknowingly to get to the park where entertainment was focused. Le said it was a matter of “convincing them,” meaning the MBTA and the city, to allow the festival to expand, but Boston

Little Saigon has already been pushing for that change to increase safety.

Hiep Chu and FCCA President Shamia Hicks added that the food vendors were often swamped with business, meaning long wait times for things as simple as meat skewers.

Le said they are open to ideas for that problem, and are already thinking about it. One thing they’ve looked into is having pre-orders for family picnic food baskets that could be picked up with a ticket so as to shorten lines and allow vendors to work ahead. Meanwhile, she said students noted the food was too expensive, and that \$8 skewers were outside their budgets. Le said they are considering a student discount to use with vendors at the Market.

Some neighbors on Faulkner Street had concerns about being able to get in and out of their

side street during the Market, and organizers are working with the city and Boston Police to try to figure out a solution.

Meanwhile, several neighbors at the meeting wished to thank Boston Little Saigon for bringing an incredible festival to their neighborhood.

“I just want to express gratitude because this is an amazing event for Fields Corner,” said Vivian Girard, a sentiment echoed by FCCA member Tran Le.

FIELDS CORNER NOTEBOOK

•The Mayoral Liaison for Mid-Dorchester, which includes Fields Corner, has been vacant for several months since former liaison Ashley Gomes left. However, Anthony Nguyen – a Fields Corner resident and native – announced at the meeting that he would be taking over the job and had already started. Beginning his work at his home civic,

FCCA, he said he was very excited to take on the new role. Nguyen has been very active in Fields Corner for several years, and most recently was the director of the SPARK Boston youth council for Mayor Michelle Wu. A formal announcement is expected soon.

•The Love Your Block annual clean-up will take place on April 27, and Fields Corner residents plan to focus on cleaning up 35 Faulkner St. – an underutilized community garden abutting the Fields Corner Station.

•An abutter’s meeting will take place for the new bookstore, Just Bookish, on April 17 at 6 p.m. for a potential beer and wine license for the bookstore and community space.

•The graffiti vandal ‘Poet’ has been prolific all over Boston since at least 2016, but nowhere is his tell-tale tag more apparent than in Fields Corner, and with an uptick in graffiti in the area right now, residents are ready to clamp down on Poet, even if he doesn’t know it. Residents said they spotted ‘Poet’ as early as 2016 hitting businesses in the area, and others have caught him on camera ever since. Meanwhile, a spike in graffiti overall has Fields Corner residents and businesses on edge.

“We always see graffiti here, but right now it’s really bad,” introduced Jackey West Devine, director of Fields Corner Main Streets.

That sparked the conversation about ‘Poet’ and the hopes that neighbors would band together to force the city and the police to make an arrest.

•Officer Mike Keaney reported two concerning police matters from the last two weeks. On March 27, at 8:30 p.m., officers reported to Arcadia Street where three black males – two on scooters – robbed a man of his iPhone and sweatshirt at knifepoint. About 12 minutes earlier, police believe the same three males attempted to rob two men of their phones at knifepoint in Ronan Park. However, those men told them to buzz off, and they fled. There were no injuries.

Secondly, on March 30, police responded to a domestic violence call at 11:13 p.m. on Arcadia Street and observed a man hitting his girlfriend on arrival in the street. The suspect fled from police and was caught in the parking lot of the CASH high school on Charles Street, where a Glock 27 loaded with nine rounds of ammunition allegedly fell out of his pants. The 24-year-old Mattapan man was charged with five felonies.

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New zoning model will override plans in Glover's Corner

(Continued from page 1) Glover's Corner plan to BPDA staffers, resulting in the following agency statement to the Reporter.

"During the pandemic, all planning initiatives were paused, and when Chief [Arthur] Jemison was hired, we relaunched plans that staff had the capacity to complete, focusing on neighborhood-wide plans – such as Mattapan, East Boston, and Charlestown – because of the significant impact those recommendations would have.

"We are incredibly grateful for the substantial amount of time and energy that community members put into PLAN:

Glover's Corner. We will continue to refer to the foundational work that was completed with the community during the plan as guidance and context for future planning and development, and as we undertake Squares + Streets plans in Dorchester."

Coming onto the scene in Fields Corner (and Codman Square) is a Squares + Streets planning initiative that is looking to revamp zoning and building requirements, to address housing shortages, and to achieve carbon zero goals using three pillars – affordability, sustainability, and equity.

In preliminary meetings of the Fields Corner

effort, which will kick-off in mid-May and last nine months, a stumbling block has been the status of Glover's Corner. Residents and stakeholders in Fields Corner have been confused about what will happen to all the time they invested in that now-forsaken plan.

At Friday's meeting in the Fields Corner Business Lab – sponsored by several key organizations, including Fields Corner Main Streets (FCMS) – leaders told Squares + Streets project managers Taylor Mayes and Ben Zunkeler they needed clarification.

Kevin Lam, of the Asian American Resource Workshop (ARW), said Glover's Corner

had been a significant commitment for his organization and others under the umbrella of Dorchester Not for Sale – an advocacy group that organized around the development of Dot Block and PLAN: Glover's Corner.

"Dorchester Not for Sale formed because of PLAN: Glover's Corner and it was because we all heard of the process and hadn't been invited into it," he recalled. "People spent multiple years devoted to that previous process talking about what we need. We only found out recently in an internal meeting they weren't moving forward with that plan. We continue to see so much

development and as plans for re-developing the neighborhood come in, what is the process here?"

Bing Broderick, a resident who lives near Glover's Corner and is preparing to open Just Bookish in Fields Corner, said Squares + Streets shouldn't move forward without more explanation.

"I didn't know Glover's Corner wasn't moving forward and I live near there," said Broderick during the meeting. "As we're being introduced into a new process, there needs to be some closure because people spent a lot of time on Glover's Corner. For trust and integrity, we

need that before we move forward."

Mayes and Zunkeler said they fully intend to bring that "tremendous amount of work" forward to inform Squares + Streets – as was confirmed by the BPDA statement this week.

They have been making the rounds with neighbors and organizations in Fields Corner as a preview of the ambitious zoning reform plan that will be piloted in there and in Codman Square.

"We're just getting started in our pre-kick-off stage," said Mayes. "Probably mid-May we'll have our formal kickoff open house style."

Last week, the project team for the Codman Square effort announced they will be having their formal kick-off on May 4 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Great Hall in an open house format. The Fields Corner kickoff is expected shortly after that, and Zunkeler said both processes would run at the same time and would – at times – inform one another where applicable.

For Fields Corner, the BPDA will send out a mailer to the neighborhood and surrounding areas like Meetinghouse Hill and St. Marks.

One emerging area of interest for Fields Corner specifically is resiliency – most especially flooding. With Morrissey Boulevard taken out last week by a storm, and other side streets experiencing flooding, Fields Corner was largely gridlocked for several hours. That led to businesses not being able to open, residents not being able to get to work, and children not being able to get to school.

"I think planning for flooding and resilience is going to be a big part of this process," said Jackey West-Devine, president of Fields Corner Main Streets.

One clarification offered by the project managers is that a parking study initiated last year to look at installing parking meters in the Fields Corner business district will be wrapped into the Squares + Streets process.

The overall Squares + Streets effort has been defined since its announcement as being efficient and fast, with the Fields Corner plan slated to be refined and adopted within nine months, or by the end of 2024.

There won't be much wiggle room to that, Zunkeler said, as the usual slowness of Boston's planning efforts – such as Glover's Corner – is not conducive to producing more housing. "We do want to stick to that timeframe," he said.

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City funds to fuel affordable housing starts in Dot, Mattapan Centre Street, St. Mary's projects among the 14 chosen

By **CASSIDY MCNEELEY**
REPORTER STAFF

Fourteen affordable housing projects have been awarded funding through the city of Boston, including the 150 Centre Street apartments next to Shawmut MBTA station, which will receive \$4.475 million to help developer Trinity Financial build the 72-unit structure.

In total, the Wu administration is funneling \$68.96 million to 14 projects in nine different Boston neighborhoods. Three other housing starts in Dorchester and Mattapan are also among the awardees. The funds come to the city from Community Development Block Grants (CDBG), Inclusionary Development Policy (IDP), HOME, Community Preservation Act (CPA), and linkage funds. Together, Wu says the various projects will result in 826 housing units, 775 of which will be designated as income-restricted.

"Collaborating closely with the community across neighborhoods, we're leveraging all available resources within the city to tackle Boston's housing challenges," Wu said in a statement. "These housing grants will strengthen our communities, enhance affordability, and continue to establish Boston as a home for current residents, families, and future generations."

The competitive grants were sought by 24 development teams. The city evaluated the awards based on team capacity, financial feasibility, cost to public funders, design, equity, and inclusion, community support, and market need.

The Trinity-led project on Centre Street was cited as a highly sustainable transit-oriented site that will offer housing to those with incomes between



A rendering shows the size and look of an apartment building planned for 150 Centre St., one of several local housing projects that has been awarded city-directed grants.
Image courtesy ICON Architecture

30 percent to 120 percent of the area's median income.

"There will be housing units for people and families from all walks of life," said Michael Lozano, the vice-president of development at Trinity Financial. "From those most in need and at risk of displacement to people who are earning a good amount of money but aren't really able to afford the full market."

He added: "We've looked at a million different iterations of this project. Through a long and very productive process, we ended up with a building that will be 100 percent affordable."

With the help of the city grant, Lozano said 150 Centre St. will offer units with rents as low as \$736 per month depending on the unit as well as the income and size of the family. This drastically differs from the average one-bedroom apartment rental which currently stands at \$2,600.

New housing often costs around \$500,000 to \$600,000 per unit to finance and build, with some projects in the city costing even more.

"There is a housing crisis, and this particular location is the perfect one for new affordable housing," said Lozano. "There is very little affordable housing, particularly for those on the more modest end of the income scale. People are being forced out of the neighborhood every single day because of gentrification and because of other forces outside of their control."

Lozano called the city grant an "enormous endorsement" and said the project will move forward on a "relatively fast track" with the start of construction anticipated by next year, despite a pending lawsuit brought by neighbors who oppose the project.

"We're very confident that the appeals and litigation that are currently pending for this project will be resolved in our favor," Lozano said.

Other city-directed awards went to a mixed-income, transit-oriented development that will replace an existing car wash at 247 Hancock St in Dorchester. This location will include 47 rental homes, 35 of which will be for households with incomes from

30 percent to 60 percent of the area median income.

Funding will also go towards revitalization of the St. Mary's Campus. In a collaborative effort, the St. Mary's Center for Women and Children and the Planning Office of Urban Affairs will replace an outdated shelter with 71 new apartments for families transitioning out of homelessness.

The final project in Dorchester is the Hillsboro Live Work Condominiums which hope to offer homes to artists. Twenty-one new affordable homeownership units will be constructed at this development and serve households with incomes between 80 percent to 100 percent of the area median income.

In Mattapan, a project at 30-36 Mildred Ave. — a partnership between Norfolk Design & Construction and the Trustees of Reservations — will re-develop four city-owned parcels into six new homes and a community garden of approximately 7,000 square feet.

The other two projects in Mattapan include a residential development on the corner of Blue Hill Avenue and Culbert Street which will offer 41 new income-restricted apartments. Additionally, part of the former Mattapan State Hospital will be transformed into a space with 40 apartments for older adults as well as housing for adoptive foster families and apartments for youth transitioning out of the foster care system. Both projects will be accessible to households with incomes ranging from 30 percent to 60 percent of the area median income.

The final developments can be found across Allston/Brighton, Charlestown, East Boston, Jamaica Plain, Mission Hill, Roslindale, and Roxbury.

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'Meet Boston' creators help regional audience discover Dorchester

By **CASSIDY MCNEELEY**
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Matthew Dickey and Jeanette Truong are two creators, or "Hubsters," on the TV series "Meet Boston with Billy and Jenny," which airs on NESN. Both hope to share the beautiful and diverse neighborhood they know with a regional audience.

The series, hosted by Billy Costa and Jenny Johnson, explores Boston through the lens of 20 content creators every Saturday at 9:30 a.m. and Sunday at 9:30 p.m.

Dickey, who moved to Dorchester from his native Illinois in 2011 to attend Boston University, has a full-time gig at the Boston Preservation Alliance, (BPA) where he is the director of communications and operations. But, he's also built his own following on social media, particularly Instagram, where his streetscapecurator account boasts more than 43,000 followers.

"In my role [at BPA] I'm basically a storyteller trying to get people to be curious about the history around them," Dickey said in an interview with the *Reporter*. "When I'm a Streetscape Curator, it's me just going around with my background in architecture, my background in art, and kind of seeing what makes places interesting."

"I was one of 20 influencers that are going around the city kind of showcasing it," said Dickey, 39. "I'm not sure how they discovered who I was. My first episode was already shot and filmed months ago, but it was a lot of fun."

In that debut appearance, which aired on Jan. 20, Dickey roamed around South Boston, formerly known as the Dorchester Neck, exploring the area's art, architecture, and history. This included touring Artists for Humanity, a place where teens are employed to explore their creative abilities, and where



Jeanette Truong on the adventure trail in Dot's Edward Everett Square.
Photo courtesy Jeanette Truong

Dickey had his very first internship. Dickey is scheduled to be on a total of four episodes, each of which will share aspects of the city viewers may not be aware of.

"There's usually about four of us on an episode and each will be pitched to different interests and backgrounds. So, there won't be two architecture people in the same episode. It's going to be one of us and then one food, one fitness, one culture or something like that. And then there's the glue that's Billy and Jenny," Dickey said.

Dickey's second episode aired on April 6. During this segment, he will take viewers on a tour of Beacon Hill including the Massachusetts State House as well as the Nichols House Museum.

While Dickey had fun exploring South Boston and Beacon Hill, he wants his next appearance to showcase his own neighborhood.

"I'm really going to be pushing for my next episode to be Dorchester,"



Matthew Dickey, who lives in Dorchester, explores the city for 'Meet Boston' with Billy and Jenny.
Photo courtesy Matthew Dickey

said Dickey. "There's way too many stories and I cover lots of them on my Instagram already. But there's such a range of really unique, interesting, cool, very Boston-centric things that happen in Dorchester that I want to help people to know about."

Truong, another "Meet Boston" creator is originally from South Florida but moved to Boston three years ago and currently lives in Back Bay. While she works at CRISPR Therapeutics from 9-5, she spends her free time taking photos.

"I think like most photographers I've always been a documenter," said Truong, 25. "I took my first trip overseas in 2018 and I could not stop taking pictures. I started taking pictures from there and then 2020 happened and I had all these pictures and I just kind of wanted to put them up for myself and see how I grew with editing and composition and everything like that. It was just for fun and then I amassed a small little slice of the internet community."

Truong had no idea her Instagram account, thecitylookbook, would eventually lead her to be invited on the show. In her first segment, she introduced viewers to the John F. Kennedy Presidential Library and Museum and Comfort Kitchen.

"When they had told me I was going to be doing Dorchester, I was pretty excited about that," Truong told the *Reporter*.

Her parents were born and raised in Vietnam and as a first-generation American, her Vietnamese culture plays a large role in her life. In Dorchester, she was able to embrace this part of her identity.

"Dorchester was actually the first neighborhood in Massachusetts that I learned about. Even before coming here because there's a huge Vietnamese population," she said. "That's the first thing that I did when I moved to Boston, I went to Dorchester."

Specifically, Truong finds comfort roaming around the various Vietnamese grocery stores and restaurants on Dorchester Avenue.

"I go there when I am homesick. I just like to listen to my language, and it makes me feel a lot better. My parents own a Vietnamese grocery store back home in Florida, so I like going around grocery stores to feel at home again."

While she spends most of her time in Dorchester immersed in the Vietnamese community, Truong was excited to explore locations she had not frequented while filming her segment.

Specifically, Comfort Kitchen — which is a finalist for a James Beard Foundation award for Best New Restaurant in the US— proved to be a special place.

"It is doing exactly how I feel about Dorchester. It is connecting with the people that live there, it's for them," Truong said about the restaurant. "The owners are very community oriented and even more so, they are very in touch with the immigrant experience, and they are recognizing that Dorchester is made of a lot of different cultures and experiences."

Both Truong and Dickey hope to continue to showcase this unique neighborhood to viewers in future segments. The 30-minute episodes can be watched live on Saturday nights and Sunday Mornings on NESN and accessed on the NESN 360 app. The segments are also shared on "The Meet Boston with Billy and Jenny" YouTube channel.

"I hope that [the show] gets other people excited to experience different neighborhoods that they have never been in or just to do new things or see Boston in a new way," said Dickey. "I guess it comes full circle, I hope people meet Boston."

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Longtime Carney doc memorialized by son's marathon run

By Cassidy McNeeley
Reporter Staff

The son of a legendary neurologist who cared for thousands during his tenure at Carney Hospital before his own life was cut short during the early weeks of the 2020 pandemic outbreak will run the Boston Marathon next week in his late father's memory.

Andrew Mahoney will run the race to help raise funds for the foundation named as a memorial to Dr. John F.X. Mahoney, MD, who had a special attachment to Dorchester through the hospital and his family's roots.

"My mother and father met at Carney. My mother had just started as a nurse and my father was beginning his internship at the hospital," said Andrew Mahoney, 40.

He adds: "Both of my grandparents on my mother's side grew up there. Uphams Corner, St. Brendan's, and my mother grew up in Mattapan. I have fond memories of eating in Adams Corner at Gerard's with my grandparents and great-grandparents."

The late Dr. Mahoney attended high school in Dorchester studying



Andrew Mahoney, right, with his late father, Dr. John F.X. Mahoney.

at Boston College High School before he went on to receive his degree from Boston College and then St. Louis University Medical School.

Dr. Mahoney worked as a neurologist for over 40 years at Beth Israel Deaconess Hospital-Milton, Quincy Medical Center, and Carney, where so many of his patients from Dorchester remember him fondly.

Those closest to John began the John F.X. Mahoney Foundation in 2020, shortly after his death at age 73. The nonprofit charitable organization works to advance neurological care by fostering solutions in medicine and education.

It will be the first Boston Marathon for Andrew, who is a History

teacher at Hanover High School and a father of three. His dad ran it 10 times.

"I'm just excited to be a part of the race. I think it's a privilege to get the chance to run it and then to be able to do so for such a great cause and to honor my dad is really motivating for me and an honor for me," Andrew told the Reporter.

The funds raised will support Beth Israel Deaconess Hospital-Milton's work in providing patient care in the new neurology suite named after Dr. Mahoney. Specifically, donations will help fund the updates and expansion of the hospital's neurology testing facilities that Dr. Mahoney was instrumental in building.

Andrew remembers

his father as a hero and inspiration.

"I'd go to work with him a lot as a kid and he was friendly with everybody. Not just doctors but every worker in every department," Andrew said. "The doctor and the worker in the cafeteria

were on the same level to him and he just had a lot of humility."

"I hope that through running the marathon, in the same way, my dad did for me, I can provide a lasting example for my three daughters and a memory of their grand-

father that they will have for years to come."

Donations to the John F.X. Mahoney Foundation can be made at givinggain.com/project/andrew-raising-funds-for-beth-israel-lahey-health-68392.



The Community Builders (TCB) and representatives from Lowe's were among those on hand to cut a ribbon at TCB's renovated Community Corner at the New Franklin Park Apartments in Dorchester last week. The space addresses food insecurity for residents by providing healthy food options, a range of essential hygiene products and pet food to ensure the well-being of individuals and their furry companions in the neighborhood. A grant from Lowe's helped to pay for improvements to the space, including door repairs, flooring, insulation, fire and safety amenities, a new water heater, and an HVAC system.

Additionally, a portion of the grant was dedicated to efficiency and accessibility upgrades, such as floor-to-ceiling shelving, an industrial-sized refrigerator and freezer, and a security system.

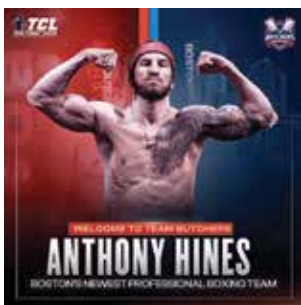
"Thanks to upgrades from Lowe's, The Community Corner can do even more. With better storage for food, we can feed more families in need. Lowe's gift ensures that the new Community Corner will continue to be a safe, stable, and welcoming space for everyone to access healthy food," said Guerdy Desir, Community Corner volunteer and New Franklin Park Apartments resident.

Photo courtesy TCB

Two Dot boxers join pro 'Butchers' team

The Boston Butchers, a new pro boxing team, will debut on April 11 with two Dorchester pugilists—Tevin Regis (2-0) and Anthony Hines (16-2)—taking their place in the ring.

The Butchers is part of the newly-formed Team Combat League, which has teams in 12 different cities, including Boston, Los Angeles, Houston, and New York City. Most rosters are comprised of boxers raised in the areas they fight for—such as Regis and Hines. The Butchers train together



Anthony Hines, of Dorchester, is a seasoned fighter with a record of 16-2, and he will take his place with the Boston Butchers this season.

daily at Nonantum Boxing in Newton and come together for meets where



Tevin Regis is undefeated at 2-0 as a professional and will lace up his gloves April 11 to fight with the Boston Butchers.

24 bouts are fought, but each fight is only one round (three minutes).

"At the end of 24 bouts we add up all the scores from the individual fights and have a winning city. We plan on bringing a championship back home," read a statement from the Butchers.

The first meet will be Thursday, April 11, against Washington, D.C., in the Oceanside Ballroom, Revere Beach. There are five total home matches for the season, with the other four staged at Royale in downtown Boston on Tremont Street.

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Ward 14 Dems welcome state party leader

The Ward 14 Democratic Caucus met on March 13 at The Guild, 260 Washington St., in Dorchester to call the caucus to order and select delegates for the state convention. Steve Kerrigan, Massachusetts Democratic Party chairman, attended the event and addressed the crowd. Also speaking were Darryl Smith, state Rep. Chris Worrell, Councillor Brian Worrell, and state Rep. Russell Holmes.

Photos courtesy Darryl Smith



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The Rev. Thaddeus Mason Harris School



A newly acquired unused photo postcard from about 1910 shows a picture of the Harris School.

In 1861, the new school on Adams Street at the corner of Victory Road (formerly Mill Street) was erected and named in honor of the Rev. Thaddeus Mason Harris, who was the pastor of First Parish Church for many years. The property was conveyed to the Boston Housing Authority some one hundred years later for the construction of apartment buildings.

Before the naming of the neighborhood's streets, it was sometimes called the school on the Lower Road. Adams Street was the lower road through Dorchester, and Washington Street was the upper road. From the early settlements of Boston and Dorchester, the road from Boston to Plymouth led through Roxbury and meandered along the eastern part of Dorchester to Lower Mills and on to points south.

In the mid-seventeenth century, the upper road was constructed to provide a more direct route from Boston to Roxbury to Lower Mills. It was not until 1804-1805 that the Dorchester Turnpike (now Dorchester Avenue) and the South Boston Bridge were constructed to provide an even more direct route from Boston to Lower Mills.

Dorchester Historical Society's William Clapp House and James Blake House are open to the public on the third Sunday of the month from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Editorial

Non-fatal temblor a friendly reminder

Did you feel that?

Last week's 4.8-magnitude earthquake that rattled walls and nerves throughout the Northeast was a reminder that — for all of our other climate-related and man-made headaches — it could be far worse.



And while there's a natural temptation to laugh off the seismic threat — “Not now, tectonic plates...” — it's just a scientific reality: Boston, New York City, and this whole region are ranked at “moderate” risk for serious earthquakes by the US Geologic Survey. So, even as we brace for the seas to slowly swallow up our waterfront community, it'd be a fool's errand to wish away the risk of a damaging earth-shaking event.

In fact, as we reported the last time the floors wobbled locally and across the East Coast back in 2011, there's an annual drill held here in the Northeast — and worldwide — that's intended to raise awareness and preparedness. The “Great Northeast ShakeOut” as it's called, is held each fall with this year's date falling on 10/17 at 10:17 a.m. Everyone is encouraged to register and participate, but particularly businesses and schools, which can

AFEMA graphic shows survival tips from Great Northeast ShakeOut day.

drill building occupants on what to do to survive a serious dirt-tremble.

The last “big one” in these parts was back in 1755, when a 6.0 magnitude quake off the coast of Cape Ann rocked settlements up and down the East Coast, including your hometown.

As BC professor and earthquake expert Alan Kafka told the *Reporter* back in 2011: “We know that magnitude 6 earthquakes can happen in the Boston area because it did in 1755. Therefore, we need to prepare for that possibility. It could be 20,000 years from now, or it could be tomorrow.”

No one died in the colonial-era quake, but many chimneys toppled and some roofs collapsed, many of them in parts of Boston that were built on “fill,” much like most of the present-day Back Bay and parts of Dorchester, including Columbia Point.

Last week's earthquake could have been an aberration. But perhaps the wisest course is to interpret it as a warning shot. Mark your calendars for Oct. 17 and get prepared for how to survive and manage the aftermath of a Boston quake by going to shakeout.org/northeast.

Bill Forry

Mayor Wu's reforms on planning fall far short of campaign promises

By RODNEY SINGLETON
SPECIAL TO THE REPORTER

The recent City Council vote on an ordinance to create a Planning Department within the city of Boston, with a proclaimed intent to sunset the powerful



Rodney Singleton

Boston Redevelopment Authority (BRA), recently known as the Boston Planning and Development Agency (BPDA), falls horribly short of delivering what Boston residents deserve.

Allegedly part of the legislation promised by then-City Councillor Michelle Wu to rid the city of the agency responsible for flattening Boston's Black, Brown, immigrant, poor and working-class neighborhoods, this ordinance is in fact a cynical rebranding of the BRA.

For all the harm the BRA has caused, Wu's new agency is not weaker than it was; in fact, it is stronger. Given critical decision making that remains intact by keeping the BRA Board as our planning board, this agency can now exercise its powers *beyond* established urban renewal zones to the entire city.

While not part of the newly created Planning Department, the BRA/BPDA's relationship with planning is compromised and conflicted because leadership of the intact BRA and the new Planning Department are the same person — Arthur Jemison, who is answerable only to Mayor Wu. Agency processes are less transparent, with no real City Council oversight and annual financial reviews done only after the fact.

Most telling, there is now no formal component for community engagement and input, making new development ripe for the very same abuse that laid waste to vast parts of Roxbury and the West End. With this new ordinance, moreover, the new agency is not sunseting any time soon.

Most offensively, all of this “reform” was trumpeted under the patronizing, opportunistic but false branding of equity, affordability, and resilience. If equity is so key to this ordinance — something Wu suggested in her 2019 white paper to sunset the BRA while pointing to the wealth gap — why are unchecked urban renewal powers that took what little equity Black, Brown, immigrant, poor, and working-class families had in their homes being kept?

This flaw in the new ordinance is either entirely missed or never adequately explained. In fact, it's no different than the administration's flawed plan to move the centrally located John D. O'Bryant school from Roxbury, where it meets students from very diverse backgrounds where they are and provides

transformational STEM educational experiences, to West Roxbury. The lack of substantive community engagement, tone-deafness to real harm to the future equity of young people, and disrespect to a community is astonishing.

The disrespect and tunnel vision to pass this ordinance, and failure to be sensitive to obvious inequity playing out at White Stadium, helps make the case. Wu aims to give White Stadium to a private for-profit sports team in order to rehab and maintain a neglected city resource, displacing Boston Public School programming. Her plan raises the question: Would the city give Boston Common or the Public Garden over to private hands? No! But apparently, it's okay to give White Stadium away because it's in Boston's neighborhoods of color and we can't find the funding (the same funding, by the way, the Common and Public Garden receive).

The BPDA has carried out an extensive window dressing effort at community engagement and participation to create the illusion that there is a plan for Boston's future that we have all bought into. Pop-in open houses, “Pint with a Planner,” surveys and endless talks with BPDA consultants every day of the week across Boston allow individuals an experience of sharing individual opinions, but without being heard.

As a community, through our neighborhood associations and organizations, we have not been engaged at the planning level. All the while, Mayor Wu's clock is ticking, and still, there's no commitment to substantively engage and learn from a constituency that bears the scars of past harms from flawed plans.

Two days after the official ordinance signing, April 4, marked 56 years since the Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King was assassinated while advocating for sanitation workers in Memphis, where he believed the struggle exposed the need for economic equality and social justice.

Giants in Boston like Mel King and Chuck Turner stopped a highway from being built through Roxbury. But in Boston recently, a voting bloc of four city councillors of color, Ruthzee Louijeune, Henry Santana, Brian Worrell, and Enrique Pepen, sided with the mayor and voted against their interests as Black and Brown folks of this city, and not protecting other Black and Brown folks from harm. History and future elections will be judge and jury.

Rodney Singleton is a lifelong Roxbury resident of Roxbury, whose childhood home was taken by eminent domain during the urban renewal of the 1960s. He is an avid gardener, lover of open spaces, and six-time winner of Boston's garden competition. A graduate of Boston Technical High (John D. O'Bryant) and Northeastern University, he is an electrical engineer who lives with his wife on Cedar Street.

Henderson families, district staff at odds over meaning of inclusion

By ROY LINCOLN KARP
SPECIAL TO THE REPORTER

What is happening at the Henderson School? It's a question on a lot of people's minds these days. The answer will vary greatly depending on whom you ask, especially at this moment when tensions are running high between families and district staff.

I am writing as an active Henderson parent and husband of Courtney Feeley Karp, who is an elected parent rep on both the governing board and the Head of School hiring committee. We love and greatly appreciate the Henderson, but like many families we are deeply concerned about its future.

The William H. Henderson K-12 Inclusion School is a nationally renowned model for fully inclusive education. Educators from around the world have visited to see how the school includes students with a wide range of disabilities in every classroom through co-teaching and Universal Design for Learning. The school has been highlighted in recent documentary films, such as “Intelligent Lives” and “Forget Me Not,” and held up as exemplary by scholars such as Tom Hehir, who for decades documented the benefits of full inclusion for all students.

This school has the power to transform lives. My family has experienced this since our daughter started there at age three, when she was non-verbal, used a posterior walker to navigate her classroom, and was fed exclusively by G-tube. During the last seven years, we have gotten to know countless other families with similar stories of their children being welcomed, celebrated, and supported by caring and skilled teachers and therapists. One parent on the Governing Board moved here from California so her son could experience the Henderson Way.

The Boston Public Schools is currently engaged in a process of becoming a more inclusive district, a laudable goal but one that needs to be pursued with care. One would think the district would look to the Henderson School as a replicable model and a source of learning given our celebrated history. Instead, district staff keep telling us that our school needs to change the way we do things. Despite being an autonomous Innovation School under state law, the district has been making decisions that are pulling us away from the core values and pedagogy that make our school truly innovative.

For example, our Inclusion Planning Team (IPT) called for creation of a non-inclusive resource room to be staffed by a full-time specialist to provide pull out services. Our IPT was also one of only a handful

across the city that did not request any additional funding from the district, despite significant budget cuts we're currently facing. As a result, we are being forced to adopt practices we have never used at our school, while cutting back on arts and enrichment programs called for in both our mission statement and Innovation Plan.

Parents have been raising concerns about these decisions for months, but district officials seem to have little interest in engaging us. Our questions are consistently met with non-answers or misleading statements that have greatly undermined trust.

According to district presentations to the governing board, the Henderson must provide pull-out services because it's legally required to offer a continuum of services to all students. But this misconstrues the law, which requires the *district*, not each individual school, to provide a continuum of placements to all students. The Henderson meets individual students' needs through “push in” interventions that are seamlessly integrated with classroom activities. If students are pulled out of the classroom, for example to get physical therapy in our motor-sensory room, they are invited to bring a friend so that the activity is still inclusive.

It sometimes feels like we are speaking a different language than the district is. BPS seems to think of inclusion solely as a way to deliver special education services, rather than a pedagogy that benefits all students. At the Henderson, inclusion is not about checking a box or meeting numeric minimums. Inclusion is a way to be in community together, to celebrate that difference is normal, and appreciate that we all thrive when everyone is welcomed and fully included. District leaders could learn a great deal from our experience, but to do so they would need to lead with more curiosity and less judgment.

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Optimism on White Stadium rehab: Two views

For Boston, a 'generational opportunity' to revitalize White Stadium for all to use

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SPECIAL TO THE REPORTER

White Stadium is at the heart of Boston's legacy – a beacon of community pride and resilience for more than 70 years. From vibrant community events to top-notch high school athletic competitions to memorable musical performances, White Stadium has long been a lively gathering place for Boston's diverse neighborhoods and interests.

Sadly, however, the White Stadium of today does not live up to its storied history. It no longer meets the needs of Boston Public School (BPS) students or Franklin Park visitors. This is why Boston Unity Soccer Partners is choosing to invest in this underutilized, declining community treasure as the home of our new National Women's Soccer League team – so that White Stadium no longer stands as a fixture of the past but instead serves as a cornerstone of our community for generations to come.

We believe in Mayor Wu's vision for a restored stadium that is finally of the quality that BPS student-athletes and the surrounding neighborhoods want and deserve. It is an honor for our team to be part of this much-needed transformation.

When we envisioned bringing Boston its newest professional women's team, we thought about how our team could have an impact well beyond 20 game days a year and were intentional about our selection of White Stadium as our home pitch because of what this collaboration could do for our city 365 days a year. In order to realize these ambitious goals, the community's voice needs to be heard in all aspects of the plans.

Through our extensive listening process of more than 100 meetings, it became clear to us that BPS and the constituents who live near and use Franklin Park want to see a wide array of benefits for both students and residents of the surrounding communities, along with solutions for traffic, parking, and transportation. The city and team will continue to

host working sessions to explore important topics like enhancing existing transit options, promoting biking and other modes of transportation, and protecting residents' mobility. We encourage everyone to participate because with every conversation, our shared plans for White Stadium are enhanced.

Franklin Park has long been a hub of cultural and social activity and reinvigorating White Stadium will further enhance its status as a focal point for gatherings, events, and recreation. By modernizing existing facilities and improving accessibility, the stadium will become a more welcoming space for neighbors and residents of all ages and backgrounds to come together, whether for sporting and cultural events, recreation, leisure, or community festivals. It will be a point of pride for many communities and many generations to come.

Crucially, the proposed renovation plan emphasizes increased accessibility, ensuring that all members of the community will benefit from the upgraded facilities. BPS student-athletes will finally get the state-of-the-art athletic and support facilities desired for generations, including a high-quality natural grass field, an eight-lane track to host meets, and expanded indoor facilities with a strength-and-conditioning suite, sports medicine, study areas, and more. Yearly BPS programming will more than triple, from 250 to 800+ annual hours, with a significant increase in use for soccer and track & field.

The stadium will also be available for marquee late-season football games for more BPS schools, including Thanksgiving matchups and playoffs. Benefits will extend well beyond high school sports, with extended public hours from 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. and amenities like restrooms and water fountains. We will also introduce a flexible, publicly accessible gathering place called The Grove, which will support the many existing Franklin Park festivals and offer food, beverage, and seasonal activities all year long.

A revitalization of White Stadium revitalization also presents a unique opportunity to create jobs

and stimulate economic growth in Dorchester and adjacent neighborhoods. This project is expected to generate 500 jobs during renovation and more than 300 new permanent jobs at all economic levels, and we have committed to a 50 percent women and minority-owned business threshold in our contracting and hiring, with preference given to local contractors, vendors, and employees. A revamped White Stadium will also attract more visitors to the area, boosting local businesses on Blue Hill Avenue and in Egleston Square, Codman Square, and Fields Corner.

Additionally, we have committed to a \$500,000 annual fund to be distributed to local organizations and initiatives dedicated to four pillars: Investments in Franklin Park and the Franklin Park Action Plan, youth sports and development, health and wellness of Black and Brown communities, and local business development. We invite neighborhood representatives to be part of an Advisory Committee that will make recommendations on the organizations and initiatives the fund will support.

At their core, stadiums and professional sports teams are community assets. Sports have the unique ability to bring people together, transcending differences of race, ethnicity, gender, and socioeconomic status. Restoring White Stadium to a flourishing venue for public use, sporting events, community celebrations, and recreational activities will allow it to once again serve as a connector of our city. It will become a symbol of unity and shared purpose, strengthening the bonds among Boston's diverse populations.

We are at a pivotal moment in time for White Stadium. After too many failed attempts over the years, it's time to breathe new life into this beloved neighborhood asset with an innovative structure where community and professional sports unite to elevate a public-school system's athletic facilities. At the end of the day, this public-private-community partnership is about investing in the future of Boston and BPS students – a future built on inclusivity, equity, and collective prosperity. Let us seize this moment to come together and embrace the promise it is sure to deliver.

Jennifer Epstein, Ami Kuan Danoff, Stephanie Connaughton, and Anna Palmer are the managing partners of the Boston Unity Soccer Partners.

Stadium plan could be a 'game-changer' for Franklin Park

By RICKIE THOMPSON AND SANDY BAILEY

The Franklin Park Coalition (FPC) believes that the White Stadium renovation project has the potential to elevate our park by restoring a crumbling edifice and bringing new investments to a long-neglected area of this historic greenspace. We are advocating with the city to ensure that community concerns are addressed and pressing for positive outcomes for the park: new landscape investments, community access and resources, and a world-class stadium for Boston's student athletes.

FPC's recent survey generated more than 700 responses with many thoughtful comments. Support for the project among park users will be high if concerns are addressed. Both the city and Boston Unity Soccer Partners (BUSP) have work to do: Identifying transportation and parking solutions; making sure community park activities are not disrupted; protecting the park's natural landscape; and bringing community benefits and jobs to those most impacted. To date, they have shown they are eager to engage and work with community members for the best outcome.

Renovation of the stadium has the potential to be a game-changer for Franklin Park. Currently, the northern edge of the park, bordering Roxbury (Egleston and Grove Hall) suffers from decades of neglect. Abandoned bear cages, covered in graffiti with dangers galore and surrounded



A youngster looked out at a flooded-out playing field at Franklin Park's Playstead on March 29. Franklin Park Coalition/Mike Carpentier photo

by invasive-strewn woodlands, hover on the cliffs above Seaver Street. A magnificent staircase and beautiful patchwork stones center the site, which is ripe for restoration.

The Overlook ruins, formerly one of the only buildings designed by landscape creator Frederick Law Olmsted, sit waiting for restoration. Early investments from the city are funding initial work at these important historic sites. Both of these priority restoration projects will benefit from investment that the Stadium renovation can bring.

We hope and expect the professional sports team will help

fix the potholed, eroded paths and the flooded playing field near the Stadium. The basketball courts that were once filled with local teens are now often empty, the nets and court surface so badly degraded that play is barely possible. Done right, this project could restore courts, picnic areas, playing fields, and walking paths that draw in community users and lift up our park.

Requiring no advocacy on the community's part, the planned "Grove" area of the Stadium, open to the public, promises to be a wonderful gathering space for outdoor movies in the summer and pos-

sibly ice skating in the winter. Complete with refreshment options and public restrooms, the Grove will enhance our park community, bring year-round jobs, and offer more fun ways to enjoy the park.

We are actively engaging with the City, BPS, and BUSP to ensure that neighborhood and park user needs are met and to bring the White Stadium project in alignment with the Franklin Park Action Plan. Make no mistake, there is work ahead. But the City has already helped by bringing all planning under one roof, scheduling special transportation workshops for each neighborhood, and

listening to the many concerns and recommendations resulting from our survey.

Of utmost importance will be a governance structure for the park and the Stadium. We need, *and have always needed*, a stronger mechanism to coordinate among park institutions, maintenance and management entities, public safety agencies, and all those running programs or hosting barbecues in the park. The City has jumpstarted that with the promise of hiring a Franklin Park Administrator dedicated to such coordination.

The Franklin Park Coalition's diverse leadership and members are longtime park users and residents of the adjacent park neighborhoods (Dorchester, Roxbury, Mattapan, Jamaica Plain, and Roslindale). An important part of our mission is to uplift all voices, including the vast majority who cannot make time for public meetings. Our survey of more than 700 park users from every neighborhood surrounding the park is a more comprehensive statement of prevailing sentiments about the White Stadium renovation project than we have seen so far. FPC is grateful for the depth and breadth of input from so many park users; their responses offer an important path forward as we advocate for the park and our community.

Rickie Thompson is the board president and Sandy Bailey is the vice-president of the Franklin Park Coalition.

Dot's Elite Eagles football program joins new league

By **CASSIDY MCNEELEY**
REPORTER STAFF

Fresh off its first-ever national championship last year, the Dorchester Elite Eagles youth football program is spreading its wings by joining the up-and-coming American Youth Football (AYF) league.

The move, announced at a press conference last Sunday at Dorchester's Unity Sports Club, will encompass all divisions of its football and cheer



Jean Felix, Tony Hurston, Phil Hood, Terry "Beefy" Cousins, attorney John Swomley, Broovelt Lacet, and Rep. Russell Homes at the Dorchester Elite Eagles press conference on April 7.

programs. "It's a gift and a curse; we outgrew Pop Warner in New England. Nothing bad to say," said Eagles U14 head coach Tony Hurston. "AYF is the new way. They have tons of

the importance of being rooted in the community and achieving academic success.

The league is divided into eight regions: Atlantic, Big East, Desert Mountain, Midwest, Big West, New England, Southeast, and Southwest. The Eagles will be the latest addition to the New England region joining teams from Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, Rhode Island, Connecticut, and of course, Massachusetts. Within this region, the Eagles chose to be in the Blackstone Valley Youth Football and Cheerleading Conference.

"This is going to be a good season for us," said the president and coach of the Dorchester Elite Eagles, Terry "Beefy" Cousins. "We got to do our thing. We got to do what Dorchester does. Get out there and play good football."

He added: "This is a great transition for us and our family and friends. A better quality of football, a better quality of everything for us."

New opportunities include the AYF Conference All-Star Division, which gives players in their final season before high school chances to play in out-of-state tournaments. The league also offers camps and combines as well as

international programs in hopes of globalizing American youth football and cheer.

Cousins and his colleagues explained that there were times this season when their teams had no one to play against – a common problem, especially for city teams. With the number of organizations and opportunities in AYF, they believe this is unlikely to happen again.

"We have seven, eight teams inside of our program. Pop Warner is equipped to only have a program with four teams," said Hurston. "AYF created an opportunity to house as many levels as you can. They are growing so big and they're giving more opportunities."

The Eagles said they leave with no hostility and wish Pop Warner continued success. In the meantime, they will take their players – including 80 percent of the 14U national championship team – to AYF. There, they plan on doing what the Eagles have always done: Welcome all who are interested to join them on the field.

"One of our key sayings is we welcome everybody," said Cousins. "All we care about is pouring back into the kids and giving the kids an outlet. That hasn't changed."



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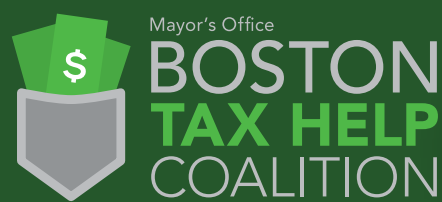
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Project Citizenship offers help with applications on April 27 at Reggie Lewis Center from 9 to 5

BY TAYLOR BROKESH
REPORTER CORRESPONDENT
People who are eligible to become naturalized citizens are encouraged to register for Citizenship Day, an event that offers legal assistance in filling out citizenship applications, at the Reggie Lewis Center in Roxbury from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Sat., April 27.

This is the tenth year that the City of Boston has partnered with the Boston nonprofit Project Citizenship, which usually helps green card holders to apply for citizenship, to host the free event.

“Citizenship Day is an important and beloved tradition for our Office for Immigrant Advancement in welcoming so many community members,” Mayor Wu said in a press release. “As the daughter of two

immigrant parents who became naturalized citizens, I know the pride and deep connection that can come from officially becoming a citizen, so it’s especially meaningful to collaborate on removing barriers to the citizenship process.

“I want to thank Project Citizenship for their partnership and the hundreds of volunteers who make this event possible.”

Madeline Kaprich at Project Citizenship said over those ten years, the event has led to over 3,000 citizenship applications submitted. She added that on the day itself, appointments usually take only about three hours per person.

“We’ll send an email that has all the information of what they need to bring. People will have different appointment

times, so it kind of depends on when people arrive,” Kaprich said.

“When they arrive, they will fill out an application with one of our volunteers. And then immediately after they’ll sit with a lawyer who’s going to look over the application, and then we’re going to check them out.”

The only requirements to register for Citizenship Day are that you are a “lawful permanent resident” and that you have had your green card for at least five years, or three years if you are married to an American citizen, Kaprich said. She said that you also have to be at least 18 years old.

“I’m pretty sure the wait time right now is around 5.2 months,” Kaprich said. “So, it’s possible – not guaranteed, but possible – that people who apply to

become citizens on Citizenship Day will be able to vote in the [November] election.”

Those interested in registering for Citizenship Day should call 617-694-5949 or send an

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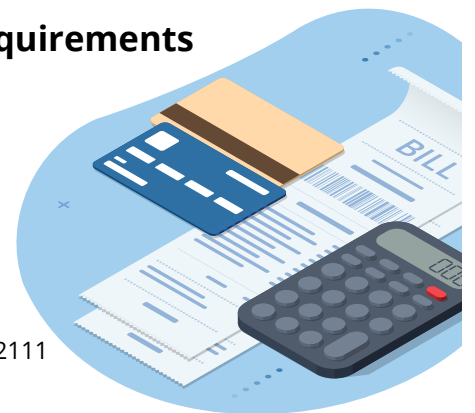
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Docket No. SU24P0096EA
ESTATE OF:
LELIA VERONICA SWINSON a/k/a: LELIA V. SWINSON
DATE OF DEATH: 08/21/2023

To all interested persons:
A Petition for Formal Adjudication of Intestacy and Appointment of Personal Representative has been filed by Cheryl D. Delgado 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: Cheryl D. Delgado of Boston, MA be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve With Personal Surety on the bond in unsupervised administration.

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You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: 10:00 a.m. on the return day of **05/02/2024**. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you.

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Witness, HON. BRIAN J. DUNN, First Justice of this Court.
Date: March 21, 2024
Stephanie L. Everett, Esq.
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Black Bostonians ramp up calls for gun access

(Continued from page 1) he's been fielding similar calls from constituents in other parts of Dorchester and Roxbury that he represents.

"Am I a gun person? No," said Worrell. "I'm not a gun guy and don't own a gun but there are a lot of people here in the neighborhood who want to exercise their Second Amendment rights and obtain a license and have not been able to."

"People who are re-

sponsible are not committing the acts of gun violence we see here. People do want it legally," he admits.

The new wave of lobbying comes as Holmes and Worrell's colleagues negotiate the specifics of a major firearms bill that is now being hashed out by lawmakers in committee meetings— with an eye towards finalizing new rules in the coming months. The House and Senate both have their own, diverging versions of bills that need to be reconciled into a final form that is expected by July 1.

Holmes and Worrell say they are getting unprecedented input from Black and brown constituents who are sharing their concerns about unfair and even discriminatory obstacles to getting legal permits to carry or own firearms. A US Supreme Court decision in 2022 specifically called out Massachusetts as one of the states deemed as too strict for granting "conceal and carry" licenses.

Boston Police have jurisdiction over how applicants are issued gun permits in the city. According to the BPD licensing division, there were 2,654 "license to carry" (LTC) permit applications sought by city residents last year, along



A woman being trained at the New England Firearms Academy recently. City residents, particularly people of color from Dorchester and Mattapan, have become one of the fastest growing groups of folks requesting training for License to Carry (LTC) permits. Legislators from the area said they are getting numerous phone calls from constituents asking for easier access to firearms as they craft a new gun reform bill.

Photo courtesy New England Firearms Academy

with 72 Firearm Identification Card (FID) applications. It's not clear from the department how many were actually issued.

Brian Dalton, who owns the New England Firearms Academy in Woburn, trains people who are seeking permits in gun safety. He says he's

seen a surge in Boston residents—mainly Black and brown people—seeking his services.

"I would say a good 50 percent coming to me now are females and people of color," said Dalton, a former law enforcement officer. "We require live-fire sessions first before training if they don't have firearm experience and I'd say about 80 percent are people of color with no experience with firearms, except maybe if they were in the military."

Many of his clients, Dalton says, are frustrated that legal gun ownership is so skewed to residents of suburban communities.

"For a long time, Boston wasn't open at all for Roxbury, Mattapan and Dorchester people owning firearms and meanwhile their streets were lit up every night," he said. "What people are saying is 'why can't we learn to get the license to carry a firearm?'... Firearm ownership is a right — and not a privilege like driving."

At Dalton's Academy, he quickly brings everyone down to earth—especially those new to guns—and spots inappropriate behavior. He said his training is primarily for those wanting to get into

sport shooting. Others are looking to work in security, and there are a large amount who want to protect themselves "as a last resort option," he said.

"There are new opportunities now with education, business ownership," he said. "We're not commandoes though. Leave law enforcement to law enforcement and learn to love the sport and participating in competitions... People doing this need to clearly understand they aren't Wyatt Earp."

Dorchester's Terrance Williams, 55, is one of those training with Dalton and pressing lawmakers to end harsher restrictions to legal ownership for Black Bostonians.

His own request to secure an LTC has been denied, even though he works part-time in the civil division of the Suffolk County Sheriff's Department. Once his uniform comes off, however, he says a youthful arrest that was dismissed, and a juvenile conviction that has since been pardoned, have blocked his access to carry a firearm in Boston.

"It seems crazy to me that I can carry the department's firearm, but I can't carry my own firearm," said Williams.

BPD licensing is "a real

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challenge” for Williams and others like him—he says—“because they look at everything that has ever happened to you, whereas other towns around us don’t.”

“If you’ve been arrested, conviction or not, they will deny you and make you appeal it,” he said. “That will cost you money and they don’t want you to prevail. That’s why it’s a brush under the rug.”

Williams claims the 1984 juvenile case that first led to his permit denials was one of self-defense during “horseplay” in school. In June 2023, Williams stood behind Gov. Maura Healey at a press conference in which she pardoned him for the crime.

Another later arrest, he claims, stemmed from the infamous Charles Stuart case, when – in a frenzied search – Black males were often ordered to be “stop and frisked” by Boston Police. When Williams refused, he said he was charged with assault and battery on a police officer. Although he wasn’t convicted and the cases were dismissed, he says it’s still held against him when seeking permits. He continues to fight that denial on appeal, and said he has a scheduled court hearing April 25.

“Those were the charges they filed against us when we refused to

pull down our pants in the street – disorderly conduct and assault and battery on a police officer,” he said. “That’s how that all happened, and I’m still being penalized for it.”

“It’s double jeopardy when it comes to Black and Brown folks,” he added, noting suburban friends did worse as young people and aren’t penalized.

Williams says he believes in comprehensive training, and a thorough understanding of gun safety. His wife and his adult children have also sought out licenses.

“There’s a lot of people I know that have been applying since the Supreme Court decision,” he said. “You could want to get it for hunting or target shooting or if you had a business that required it – like, for me, armed security. I’m glad the Supreme Court finally stood up and said ‘no.’ We have our Second Amendment right to bear arms and we should be allowed to exercise those rights.”

Elizabeth Hinds-Ferrick, a Black woman from Fields Corner who was recently elected to serve on the Republican State Committee, is also pursuing her LTC. She said part of her platform will be to hold ‘Know Your Rights’ meetings in Dorchester – with the Second Amendment a key topic.

“These are the people that are responsible,” she said of friends and family members who are also seeking permits. “They have their guns locked up and safe. They are responsible gun owners and not like those who are getting illegal guns. The people getting illegal guns will always find a way to get guns.”

The issue, it seems, transcends party affiliation.

Darryl Smith, a Democratic Party organizer and co-founder of Boston Communities of Color, said gun ownership and equity is coming up more frequently – including at last month’s Ward 14 Democratic Caucus.

Smith says incidents

involving white supremacist groups from outside the city—and the aggressive tone of the national political climate—are partly behind the shift.

Last summer, he said, numerous residents along Norwell Street and the Franklin Field area, and in Mattapan Square, reported a group of self-proclaimed “Nazis” arriving there to spray-paint graffiti and hateful slogans on houses, cars, and buildings.

“It’s not necessarily that people want a gun to go do X-Y-Z, but it’s people getting put in situations,” he said. “Who would have thought we would have Nazis in our neighborhood? Now you have to seriously think

about how to protect your children and family.

“No one wants to be caught off guard and you have these people coming in our neighborhoods very boldly.”

Smith noted there is a sense of people wanting to be prepared for anything – whether that’s local street crime or national extremism. He said people of color in Boston don’t typically think about gun ownership, but a sense of things being “out of control” has changed that.

“I’ve never owned a gun or thought about a gun, but you look at these things and I think maybe I want to think about getting a gun because there’s a sense of things

getting out of control,” said Smith. “I’m contemplating it very seriously. I’ve not done anything, but again, no one wants to be caught off guard.”

For lawmakers like Holmes, the incoming calls are ones he cannot ignore.

“It’s an unusual request for me,” Holmes admits. “I’m saying, ‘When did this happen in the Black community because I have gun violence all up and down Blue Hill Avenue in my district.’ But these are friends and regular, real people, not crazy gun enthusiasts but real people that I know who say this is something they want to do...I’m not happy about it but I have to open my eyes to it.”



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Massachusetts employers grew less confident in March

By **CHRIS LISINSKI**
STATE HOUSE
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Confidence among Mas-

sachusetts employers stumbled in March for the first time in four months, but remained in optimis-

tic territory, according to the latest survey from an industry group. The Associated Industries of Massachusetts Business Confidence Index dropped to 52.2 last month, a decline of 2.3 points from the 11-month high recorded in February.

Employers who participated described concerns about high interest rates, rising labor costs, inflation and softening demand, according to AIM. The index sits 0.7 points higher than it was in March 2023. One unnamed company warned in its survey re-

sponse that "large scale commercial construction will be hurting," and another called the economy and their prospects "stable but still problematic," AIM said. "The Fed has signaled that it expects to reduce its key interest rate three times during 2024 despite stronger-than-expected price increases during January and February," said AIM Board of Economic Advisors Chair Sara Johnson. "Financial markets have already

priced in the three rate cuts, which should help the economy as we move through the year." Massachusetts businesses appear to be more upbeat about their prospects within the Bay State. The US index fell from 50.6 in February to 47.3 in March, according to AIM, tilting into pessimistic territory. That's still a better score than the same time last year: the national index landed at 41 in March 2023.

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Buyer	Seller	Address	Date	Price	
Lynch, Troy N	Bui, Huong T	400 Savin Hill Ave #24	Dorchester	03/21/24	\$375,000
Tran, David	Hines, Danielle	14 Richfield St	Dorchester	03/18/24	913,000
Argueta Properties LLC	1st Landing Invs LLC	438 Talbot Ave	Dorchester	03/19/24	552,333
First Landing Invs LLC	Oconnor, Robert	438 Talbot Ave	Dorchester	03/19/24	410,000
Tran, Kimchi	Gibson, Daniel J	29 Adams St	Dorchester	03/22/24	1,110,000
Rodriguez, Jannira	Smith, Nicole	108 Woodrow Ave	Dorchester	03/22/24	605,000
Little, Matthew C	Serra Jean M Est	59 Crockett Ave	Dorchester	03/22/24	841,000
Miller, Tricia M	Castle Rock Norfolk LLC	65 Violet St	Mattapan	03/22/24	290,000
Perch, Brandi	Castle Rock Norfolk LLC	63 Violet St	Mattapan	03/20/24	290,000
Stryjewski, Thomas	Busby, Daurice M	30 Hiawatha Rd	Mattapan	03/19/24	335,000
James, Mercedes	Marozouki, Franco N	117 Alexander St	Dorchester	03/22/24	489,611
Landherr, Johnathan C	Chester, Allison	301 Savin Hill Ave #3	Dorchester	03/18/24	723,000
Boyajian, Kara	Rogers, Kara	39 Fenton St #6	Dorchester	03/18/24	66,000
Kanagawa, Branford	Murray, Christen	48 Coffey St #7C	Dorchester	03/20/24	389,000
Bouthillette, Joseph D	Nemes, Carl J	364 Neponset Ave #2	Dorchester	03/22/24	810,000
Stegman, Carl	Nimble Properties li LLC	110 Sawyer Ave #3	Dorchester	03/18/24	790,000
Borrelli, Nicholas P	Wabon Street Dev LLC	31 Wabon St #2	Dorchester	03/18/24	569,900
Collier, Crystal D	29 Edwin Street LLC	24 Bradshaw St #1	Dorchester	03/19/24	661,000
Cti Church LLC	TJRE Investments LLC	67-69 Church St #5	Dorchester	03/21/24	1,335,000
Tashman, Joshua W	29 Edwin Street LLC	24 Bradshaw St #2	Dorchester	03/21/24	660,000
Danon, Daniel	25 Hecla Street LLC	Hecla St	Dorchester	03/21/24	1,195,000
Gau, Andrew B	52 Withington Street LLC	52 Withington St #9	Dorchester	03/22/24	640,000
Pallatroni, Sarah	19-23 Clapp St LLC	19-23 Clapp St #3	Dorchester	03/22/24	800,500
Nieman, Tyler	Olejnik, Karolina	19-21 Standard St #3	Mattapan	03/22/24	549,900
Grayson, Shandal R	106 Glenway LLC	106 Glenway St #1	Dorchester	03/22/24	550,000

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Markey and Warren rap Steward's CEO De la Torre

(Continued from page 1) another executive who could answer lawmakers' questions.

"So that seat for their testimony was empty today, as empty as the promises which Steward and Ralph de la Torre had made to the state of Massachusetts," Markey told reporters after the hearing, which lasted just under two hours in Gardner Auditorium.

"So, we're going to make sure that Dr. de la Torre and Steward become nationally famous, that they become the example of the dangers of allowing private equity to take over a health care system," Markey continued. "And we're not going to stop until we put the safeguards in place that protect patients, protect doctors and nurses from having a medical system that is looted."

Markey, Warren and state legislators trained their focus on Steward this year after the company's financial problems spilled into public view, in part stemming from a backlog of unpaid rent tied to the sale of Steward's real estate to Medical Properties Trust. Gov. Maura Healey has rebuked Steward for not providing financial documents to state regulators and called on the company to exit the commonwealth's health care market.

A Steward spokesperson declined to comment about why de la Torre did not appear at the state capitol. The spokesperson

also declined to weigh in on the senators' scathing remarks made about de la Torre and the company during the hearing.

Warren called de la Torre's absence "cowardice."

"Shame on Dr. de la Torre," Warren said. "He owes the residents of Massachusetts an explanation for his part in looting Steward hospitals."

Last week, Markey said Steward "is emblematic

of a national problem that requires a national solution" and said transparency and accountability reforms are needed "to guarantee that our country has a health care system, not a wealth care system."

Markey said his draft bill unveiled Wednesday, called the Health over Wealth Act, could bolster transparency and accountability for private equity and for-profit

companies. Markey said it would require private equity companies to set aside funding to safe-

guard access to patient care, provide a "bigger voice" for health care workers and patients to

review and block potential deals, and require for-profit companies to disclose their financial information and staffing levels, among other components.

LEGAL NOTICES

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS THE TRIAL COURT PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT Suffolk Probate & Family Court 24 New Chardon Street Boston, MA 02114 (617) 788-8300 CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION Docket No. SU24P0233EA ESTATE OF: THERESA L. GUILFOY DATE OF DEATH: 12/12/2023

To all interested persons: A Petition for Formal Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative has been filed by Catherine McCormack of Pembroke, 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: Catherine McCormack of Pembroke, MA be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve Without Surety on the bond in unsupervised administration.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: 10:00 a.m. on the return day of 05/16/2024.

This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you.

UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION UNDER THE MASSACHUSETTS UNIFORM PROBATE CODE (MUPC)

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

Witness, HON. BRIAN J. DUNN, First Justice of this Court. Date: April 05, 2024

Stephanie L. Everett, Esq. Register of Probate

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COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS THE TRIAL COURT PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT Suffolk Probate & Family Court 24 New Chardon Street Boston, MA 02114 (617) 788-8300 CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION Docket No. SU24P0730EA ESTATE OF: KALVIN FITZGERALD CASEY a/k/a: KALVIN CASEY DATE OF DEATH: 03/23/2023

To all interested persons: A Petition for Formal Adjudication of Intestacy and Appointment of Personal Representative has been filed by Kennia L. Campbell of Hyde Park, 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: Kennia L. Campbell of Hyde Park, MA be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve Without Surety on the bond in unsupervised administration.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: 10:00 a.m. on the return day of 05/15/2024.

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The phone/computer versions are in English, Spanish, Chinese, Portuguese, Haitian Creole, and Russian.

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'Look! The moon is making the sun smile'



Conservatory Lab parents Millie Brooks and Tanesha Gray observed the moon slowly moving across the surface of the sun. *Seth Daniel photos*



Sara and Charlotte Hanson watched the entire event from when it started at 2:16 p.m. and ended around 4:40 p.m.



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After School Director Allida Warn rang a bell to signal the time of maximum coverage of the sun.



After learning the astronomical mechanics of how an eclipse happens, mother and son Alta-gracia and Matthew Perez marveled at the event as it played out on Monday afternoon.

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Net Zero Carbon Zoning Proposal

APRIL

23

6:00 PM - 7:30 PM

Zoom Link: bit.ly/3xmYTUq

Toll Free: (833) 568 - 8864

Meeting ID: 160 476 1664

Project Description:

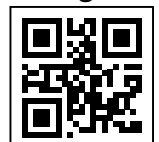
Please join the BPDA and Boston's Environment Department to discuss the newly released draft proposal for Net Zero Carbon Zoning. The NZC team will walk through the draft proposal and invite questions and comments. Come learn about one of the City's sustainability initiatives.

Tuesday 4/23 from 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM

To attend the public meeting, please visit the 2024 Net Zero Carbon Zoning webpage to find the Zoom link: bit.ly/3xmYTUq

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BGCD Takes Part in 3rd Annual New Balance 1906 Basketball Tournament: See details below.

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BGCD Takes Part in 3rd Annual New Balance 1906 Basketball Tournament: BGCD recently took part in the 3rd Annual New Balance 1906 Invitational Basketball Tournament. Our members joined teams from the BGC of Boston, the Lawrence BGC and our host Club, the West End House BGC. Teams played games in a round robin format throughout the day, took part in a skills competition and closed out this fun and interactive day with awards. Thanks to our friends at New Balance Community Development who provided the jerseys and sneakers for all the participants as well as all the meals for the day. Our BGCD squad enjoyed a successful day as they made it to the East Division Championship game. Thanks to our friends at the West End House Boys & Girls Club for the invitation and to New Balance Development for their hospitality hosting our members.

FIND OUT WHAT'S INSIDE:
BGCD Power Forward Teens Attend "What the Heck is Biotech?" Workshop: BGCD's Power Forward Program recently hosted another successful session of "What the Heck is Biotech?" for our teen members. "What the Heck is Biotech?"™ is a community workshop series that aims to explain the biotech industry and introduce community members and students to the possible career pathways across varying levels of education. During this 1.5-hour LabCentral Ignite workshop, members learned what a biotech startup company does, the different roles that exist, and key terms, and use this new knowledge in a fun and engaging activity! Thank you to Bioversity for their partnership in this amazing and informative workshop. To learn more about Teen Programs at BGCD, please contact Declan Hall at dhall@bgcdorchester.org.



BGCD Power Forward Teens Attend "What the Heck is Biotech?" Workshop: See details below.

DID YOU KNOW:
New England Women's Leadership Awards (NEWLA): BGCD will host this year's New England Women's Leadership Awards (NEWLA) at the Seaport Hotel, Boston on **May 20, 2024!** We're thrilled to announce this year's Event Chair, BGCD Alumna, Carline Durocher and Honorary Chair Chantel Mayo! The event is a celebration of the remarkable achievements and contributions of women in our region. We use this platform to foster collaboration, mentorship, and the advancement of women as well as provide positive mentors and role models for our youth at BGCD. If you or your company would like to become a sponsor, please contact Patty Lamb at plamb@bgcdorchester.org. Sponsorship info can also be found at bgcdorchester.org/newla. Make sure to look out for our 2024 honoree announcement soon!

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April 12

Patriot's Day - BGCD Closed
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RECENT OBITUARIES

Robert Anthony Gaston

Robert Anthony Gaston, 77, a proud veteran of the United States Navy, died comfortably on April 6, 2024. Robert (AKA Bob, Bobby, BBB) leaves behind a loving family and many friends. He is survived by his daughters, Kimberly Holyoke and Sandra Gaston, his son-in-law Derek Elwood, his grandsons Robbie Gaston and Nathan Elwood, his former wife, Ellen Milling, his sisters, Louise (Sis) Cooper, Rita Marie Haney, and Rose King, brother-in-law, Brian King, nieces, nephews, grand-nieces, grand-nephews, uncle, and cousins. He also leaves behind his adopted relatives, the Cronin, Roche, and Lane families whom he loved as his own.

Robert is pre-deceased by his parents, Frank and Rita Gaston, his brother Danny, his son-in-law George Holyoke, his brothers-in-law Sam Cooper, Bob Mullen, and Jim Haney, and his longtime companion, Diane Cronin.

Robert grew up in various locations around Dorchester's Meeting House Hill and in Roslindale. At 17 he joined the Navy and he was stationed on several different aircraft carriers and at various locations around the world, including Hawaii, Japan, and the Philippine Islands. Robert's time in the service and his status as a Viet Nam Veteran were a source of lifelong pride. Robert was an avid football fan, a voracious reader, and a dedicated student of history but he liked nothing more than spending time with his family. Robert seldom missed a birthday party, graduation or any other family event.

He will be missed.



FREEMAN, Pamela Bernidette, 77, of Mattapan, originally of Toledo, Ohio on September 2, 1945 Daughter to the late Helen Evans. Wife of the late Herbert. She worked and retired from Gillette. Pamela succumbed to her illness on March 28, 2024. Sister of the late Lynn Locke. She leaves her daughters Helena Freeman, Tina Ward; sons Herbert Freeman and Hassan Freeman; and 5 grandchildren.

JURKIEWICZ, Ann M. (Connolly), 88, of Dorchester. Wife of the late John J. Jurkiewicz. Mother of Michelle Haddad and her late husband Charles Haddad of Florida, Carol Jurkiewicz, John and his wife Tricia Jurkiewicz, Nancy Jurkiewicz, and Linda Jurkiewicz, all of Quincy. Sister of the late Barbara Slowey, Katherine Griffin, and John Connolly. "Nana" of 3. Ann was a retired employee of Boston City Hospital for over 20 years.

KELLY, Sister Barbara SC. Sister Barbara was born in Dorchester, the daughter of the late Mary Ann (Reney) Kelly and Thomas F. Kelly. She was predeceased by her brothers, Thomas, John and Joseph Kelly and her sisters, Mary Mor-

ton, Margaret McLaughlin and Rita Wynne. She leaves a large extended family of many cousins, nieces, nephews, grand and great-grandnieces and nephews, as well as her sisters throughout the Congregation. Barbara taught Spanish, English and Religious Studies, at the Academy of the Assumption, Wellesley, and Monsignor Ryan Memorial High School in Dorchester. Then pursuing studies in the secretarial and finance field, Sister Barbara served at Saint Patrick High School, Roxbury as Secretary and Vice Principal, then in the Payroll and Records Bureau at the Massachusetts State House, as an Administrative Assistant at the Carney Hospital and the Forsyth Dental School and as treasurer for the Jesuit Community at Weston College in Cambridge. She served in Congregational ministry as Provincial Secretary and then briefly, at Mother Caroline Academy and Saint Margaret Parish in Dorchester. Sister Barbara's last mission was at Holy Name Parish and School in West Roxbury. Donations in memory of Sister Barbara Kelly may be made to the Sisters of Charity Retirement Center, 125 Oakland Street, Wellesley, MA 02481.

Daniel Richard Burke

Daniel Richard "Dan" Burke of Dorchester, passed away on April 5, 2024.



Dan was born in Boston on January 27, 1942, the proud son of the late Laurence G. and Mary F. (Murray) Burke. Dear brother of Thomas J. Burke Sr. and his wife Mary. Loving partner of many years to Catherine Memory, who he fondly referred to as "Lady Catherine". Dan was pre-deceased by his brother Laurence G. Burke Jr. and his wife

Connie, and his sister-in-law Judy Burke.

Supportive and caring uncle to Laurence G. Burke III and his wife Marie, Catherine Lemansky, Kevin Burke and his wife Cheryl, goddaughter Mary Beth Neville and her husband Shaun, Thomas J. Burke Jr., and the late Theresa Burke. Also survived by many grand and great nieces and nephews, grandchildren, extended family, and friends.

Dan was raised in Dorchester where he was a fixture in the community from a very early age, as President and coach of Dorchester Pop Warner football, baseball coach, YMCA Board Member, Member of the Neponset Civic Association and Pope's Hill Neighborhood Association and many other local community organizations. Throughout his life he was a devout Catholic, primarily attending St. Ann's Parish, Dorchester.

His desire to make Dorchester and Boston a better community for all led him to be active in local politics, including the Ward 16 Democratic Committee and Democratic City Committee. He served as an elected member of the Boston School Committee for many years, including as President.

Dan received his Bachelor of Science in Mathematics from Boston State College (now University of Massachusetts, Boston) in 1966. He then started his teaching career at Christopher Columbus High School, as a math teacher and department chair, Director of Admissions, Director of Athletics, football coach and baseball coach.

In 1972, he moved to Catholic Memorial High School, where for over twenty years he served as math teacher, guidance counselor, Director of Development, football coach, and advisor to many student organizations. While at Catholic Memorial, he continued his advanced studies, receiving his Master of Education in Counselor Education from Suffolk University in 1975, and his Doctorate in Education from Boston College in 1992.

He then began the next phase of his career, first as Principal at Wareham High School in 1992 and then Scituate High School in 1997. During his tenure he engaged with students, faculty, staff, and parents, using his energy to implement high expectations. He embraced the school community in each town, staying late for meetings, student clubs, sporting events and performances, often not returning to Dorchester until 10 pm or later.

He was selected as Principal for Melrose High School in 1999, where he served for almost 8 years. He became active in the school and local community, including as a member of the Melrose Rotary Club, where he served as President in 2015-2016.

Not one to remain still for long, after retiring as a high school principal, he continued to make a difference in the lives of students and their families, teaching at-risk students at the Chelsea Alternative High School, as well as many first-generation college students and new US citizens at Cambridge College and Bunker Hill Community College.

Across all these roles, his life was marked by the many students he helped, as a teacher, coach, and mentor, which he did with a mix of tough love, tremendous compassion, a listening ear, and a strong belief in their ability to achieve beyond their dreams.

Relatives and friends are kindly invited to attend visiting hours at the John J. O'Connor & Son Funeral Home, 740 Adams St. (near Gallivan Blvd.) Dorchester on Friday, April 12, 2024, from 4 to 7 p.m. A Funeral Mass will be celebrated at St. Ann's Church, Neponset on Saturday, April 13, 2024, at 9:30 a.m. Interment St. Joseph Cemetery, West Roxbury.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Dan's memory to Rogerson House (<https://rogersonhouse.org>). Dan's family is grateful to the Rogerson House staff who so lovingly cared for Dan in his final years.



BARRY, Eleanor L. (Dwyer), 83, of Hyanis, formerly of South Boston and Dorchester. Wife of Francis "Ed" Barry. Mother to Edward Barry and his wife Katy of Water-

town, Mary Foster and her husband Bryan of Marshfield, and the late Trooper Paul Barry and his late wife Maryellen of Franklin. Grammy to 12. Great Grammy to 1. Sister to Jack Dwyer, Rosemary Darling, Phillip Dwyer, Jane Rutstein, and Robert Dwyer. Sister-in-law to James Rutstein. Lifetime best friend to Theresa King of Bridgewater. Donations in Elle's memory may be made to The Perkins School for the Blind, 175 North Beacon St., Watertown, MA, 02472, or at perkins.org.

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CITATION GIVING NOTICE
OF PETITION FOR
APPOINTMENT OF GUARDIAN
FOR INCAPACITATED PERSON
PURSUANT TO G.L.C. 190B, §5-304
Docket No. SU24P0138GD
IN THE MATTER OF:
JOHARI MAAT COOK
of BOSTON, MA
RESPONDENT

Alleged Incapacitated Person
To the named Respondent and all other interested persons, a petition has been filed by Nyaitiyo A. Cook of Boston, MA in the above captioned matter alleging that Johari Maat Cook is in need of a Guardian and requesting that Nyaitiyo A. Cook of Boston, MA (or some other suitable person) be appointed as Guardian to serve Without Surety on the bond.

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

You have the right to object to this proceeding. If you wish to do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance at this court on or before 10:00 A.M. on the return date of 04/17/2024. This day is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline date by which you have to file the written appearance if you object to the petition. If you fail to file the written appearance by the return date, action may be taken in this matter without further notice to you. In addition to filing the written appearance, you or your attorney must file a written affidavit stating the specific facts and grounds of your objection within 30 days after the return date.

IMPORTANT NOTICE
The outcome of this proceeding may limit or completely take away the above-named person's right to make decisions about personal affairs or financial affairs or both. The above-named person has the right to ask for a lawyer. Anyone may make this request on behalf of the above-named person. If the above-named person cannot afford a lawyer, one may be appointed at State expense.
Witness, Hon. Brian J. Dunn, First Justice of this Court.
Stephanie L. Everett, Esq.
Register of Probate
Date: March 20, 2024

Published: April 11, 2024



MCDONNELL, Eileen Dolan, 58, of Pittsford, NY. Eileen is survived by her three children, Ryan, Mollie, and Meghan McDonnell all of Milton. She also leaves her mother, Mary Helen Dolan, as well as her three siblings, Kate Kelley, Robert J. Dolan, and Thomas Dolan. Predeceased by her father, Robert J. Dolan. Eileen was known for her work at Sweetlife Cafe in Dorchester.



MCDONOUGH, John M., 93, of Milton, formerly of Dorchester. US Army veteran. John spent many years working at the Dorchester Center Post Office.

Husband of the late Helen (Shea). Father of Maryellen Robinson of Manchester, NH, Alison McDonough of Ashland, and Eileen McDonough

of Quincy. Brother of the late Edward, Joseph, and Mary McDonough. Grandfather to 3.cGreat-grandfather to 1.

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Easy, Safe, and for Everyone: The Essentials of Opening a Bank Account



There are many reasons for opening a bank account. From depositing a check to making a transfer, working with a bank makes it seamless to manage your money in a safe way.



Opening up a bank account also makes it easier to pay bills on time, open a debit card, deposit and withdraw money from an ATM, and make transfers from an app, among many other things.

Whether you're opening a bank account online or at a bank branch, it's important to prepare and anticipate what information you will be asked for.

Personal Checking Account

If you're opening up a personal checking account, you will need to fill out an application form and provide the following documents:

- 1. Identification:** You don't need to be a U.S. citizen to open an account, but you need documents to verify your identity. These may vary slightly from bank to bank, but valid documents typically include:
 - A government-issued photo ID. It could be a driver's license, for example, or a state ID.
 - Passport with photograph and birth certificate for minors.
 - Social Security card or ITIN (Individual Taxpayer Identification Number). The Internal Revenue Service (IRS) issues this identifica-

tion number for those who do not have a Social Security Number. Having a Social Security Number to open a bank account is not mandatory. Some banks and credit unions may accept documents, such as a consular identification card with a photograph to verify identity.

- 2. Proof of address:** An up-to-date and valid document showing the customer's name and address. This information could be found in a utility or cable bill, for example—any payment document that provides both pieces of information—or even the rental agreement for the apartment where you reside.
- 3. Money:** When opening the account, you need to make an initial deposit, which can be the minimum required by the institution or more. You can deposit with cash, a check, or a transfer.

Business Bank Account

If you're opening a bank account for your business, make sure you prepare and bring the following documents with you:

- 1. Documents regarding the structure of our business** detailing who is in charge of finances and how it operates.

For corporations or LLCs, this may include articles of incorporation or articles of organization—anything about the company's name, purpose, structure, and basic administration.

- 2. Ownership agreement** outlining the rights and responsibilities of each business owner.
- 3. A certificate** with the legal name of your business.
- 4. A business license** if it is necessary to operate legally.
- 5. Personal identification** of the business owner, similar to those required for individual accounts.
- 6. Employer Identification Number** issued by the IRS.
- 7. Money** for an initial deposit.

What questions should you ask the bank when opening an account?

Before walking into a bank branch, have a list of questions prepared to help you determine which account will work best for you and your financial needs. Some of those questions may be:

- 1. What are your monthly maintenance fees, and how can I avoid those fees?**
- 2. Are there any fees associated with different services, including ATM fees**

within and outside the network, or overdraft fees, and how can they be reduced or eliminated?

- 3. What is your process for accessing funds from abroad?**
- 4. Do you have any current offers or discounts** with opening accounts or credit cards?
- 5. What is your current interest rate** for depositing into a savings account?
- 6. For a business banking account, what are the monthly transaction limits?** And what additional banking services would I have access to, including loans, credit cards and line of credit?

What if you want to save for a few years from now?

Whether it's to prepare for retirement, or maximize the return on cash for a down payment on a house, many banks have financial experts who can recommend different strategies and investment products to grow your money over the years.

Choose to work with a financial advisor who you can create a strong relationship with and are comfortable expressing concerns and expectations. Keep in mind in some cases, financial advisors may receive a commission deducted from a percentage of the assets they manage for their client and/or charge transaction fees.

All banks offer online access, but not all banks have branches. While digital banking, whether online or with an app, makes managing your finances convenient, having access to a physical branch where you can sit down with someone to discuss your personal or business financing needs may make all the difference.

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