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'IT'S JUST ONE STEP'

Chauvin case verdicts hailed across the city

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As the guilty verdicts against former Minneapolis police officer Derek Chauvin for the murder of George Floyd came down Tuesday, activists, organizers and politicians in Boston celebrated it as a step toward justice — while messaging that there was more work to be done.

Acting Mayor Kim Janey, the first person of color to lead Boston, said though there is a relief in the verdict, Floyd and countless other victims of police violence are still dead.

"And the conditions that led to so many senseless killings still exist," Janey said during



Activist Monica Cannon-Grant talked to reporters in front in Nubian Square after the verdicts on Tuesday. "There are so many families that didn't get the justice the Floyd family got," she said. Jesse Costa/WBUR photo

a press conference Tuesday evening. "While I am truly grateful for a guilty verdict, I know that our work in our city — and in every other city across America — to advance racial justice continues."

She noted her own lived experience, as the grandmother of teenage

boys. And as a Black woman "who has felt the need to tread lightly in a world that criminalizes my Blackness."

Suffolk County District Attorney Rachael Rollins joined Janey at the press conference. She said she was grateful for the jurors and the pros-

ecutors, but especially for the police officers who testified against Chauvin.

Rollins said she is optimistic that society will "transform and re-imagine how we create public safety." She called on protesters in Boston to (Continued on page 13)

Eligibility opens, but vaccination supplies at sites remain variable

By DANIEL SHEEHAN
REPORTER STAFF

Now that all Massachusetts residents above 16 are eligible for the Covid-19 vaccine, a number of health center-operated sites and pharmacy locations in Dorchester and Mattapan are accepting appointments, with vaccine supplies for doses depending on the location.

The state website lists Russell Auditorium and Morningstar Baptist Church as healthcare locations. Walgreens locations on Morton Street, River Street, Gallivan Boulevard, and Dorchester Avenue are listed as having appointment availability, as are CVS locations on Blue Hill Ave. (in Dorchester and Mattapan), and on Washington Street. The South Bay Stop and Shop is taking appointments through its website, as is the Osco Pharmacy at Star Market on Morrissey Boulevard.

On Tuesday, a pharmacist at Osco confirmed to the Reporter that the facility is administering doses of the Moderna vaccine on an appointment-only basis from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.; however, sign-ups can only be made online and availability is subject to change as vaccine supplies fluctuate. That same day, multiple checks of the registration page showed zero availability for appointments.

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The Louis D. Brown Peace Institute: 25 years of pressing unity and healing

'Bittersweet' time for founder Chéry

By KATIE PEDERSEN
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Although the pandemic has pushed the Mother's Day Walk for Peace to a virtual format for the second year running, Louis D. Brown Peace Institute (LDBPI) founder and Dorchester resident Tina Chéry is looking forward to celebrating the 25th anniversary of this emotionally powerful event.

After losing her 15-year-old son, Louis D. Brown, to homicide in the fall of 1993, Chéry founded the

LDBPI as a way to teach young people the value of peace and to create space for healing. In 1996, she launched the Mother's Walk for Peace, an annual memorial, fundraiser, and call for a transformation in the treatment of homicide survivors.

Twenty-five years later, this Boston tradition continues to allow mothers of murdered children to receive love and support from their community while advocating for education and awareness around homicide.

LDBPI has created a slew of online events and activities to mark (Continued on page 12)



Tina Chéry is busy planning remote Mother's Day Walk for Peace on Sun., May 9.

Let's think trees as part of cleanup of the X-way mess

By BILL WALCZAK
REPORTER COLUMNIST

Last week's column about the lack of maintenance of the state's property alongside the Southeast Expressway and the MBTA tracks received quite a response. The trash and graffiti were certainly noticed by residents, and there were calls by readers to organize clean ups and also to demand that the state maintain its property.

The most intriguing response came from Savin Hill's Liz MacNeil. "I have been thinking trees," she said. "The noise and pollution of the expressway, commuter trains, and Red Line have helped steer my thoughts that way. At the moment, we seem to be moving backwards. Trees are being sacrificed to new construction, and new ones, even if/when they

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Poll: Parents want full classrooms by fall

By KATHLEEN MCNERNEY
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More parents want their children back in classrooms this fall even if they aren't comfortable sending them back into school buildings now, according to a new WBUR-Dorchester Reporter-The Boston Foundation poll.

Many wary of moving now

Only 49 percent of parents surveyed said they want their children back in school buildings right away. But 67 percent said they wanted in-person learning come September. As in previ-

ous polls, Black and Latinx parents were more likely to hesitate about sending their kids back into classrooms.

"It's tough," said Tawana White of Mattapan, who helps care for her

eight-year-old niece. "Yes, you want the children to go back. I feel like it's very necessary for them. It's their social life. ... I just would love to know there's a great enough handle on what's going to happen with the coronavirus between now and September, but (Continued on page 15)

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Search warrant leads to rescue of dogs, an arrest

Last Saturday, Area C-11 detectives along with the Massachusetts Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals and Boston Animal Control executed a Dorchester Court search warrant at 5 Toledo Terrace that resulted in the rescue and recovery of 5 endangered Pit Bull dogs, a significant amount of marijuana, labels for packaging marijuana for sale, equipment used for training dogs for fighting, one high capacity magazine and several other items used in the training and breeding of dogs for the purposes of dog fighting.

Javier Ruperto, 42, of Dorchester, was arrested for: Operating an illegal kennel; tethering & confinement of animals; animal cruelty; training & possession of animals; possession of Class D drugs w/intent to distribute and assault & battery on a police officer.

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At about 6:15 p.m. last Wednesday, officers assigned to the Youth Violence Strike Force made an on-site firearm arrest in the area of 86 Southern Avenue in Dorchester. Officers conducted a traffic stop of a motor vehicle with an improperly displayed license plate. The driver, later identified as Dennise Rivera, 26, of Dorchester, produced a paper MA driver's license to officers but it was so worn that officers could not see the photo to accurately match the license to the operator.

Officers conducted an inquiry on the license number that was provided as well as the license plate affixed to the vehicle. It was revealed the motor vehicle was unregistered and would need to be towed. During the motor vehicle inventory search officers recovered a loaded Taurus 9mm G2C firearm with one round in the chamber and nine rounds in the magazine.

Ms. Rivera refused to exit the motor vehicle and proceeded to roll up the window while attempting to shift the motor vehicle into gear. Officers were able to safely remove her from the motor vehicle and place her under arrest for failure to submit to a police officer, operating after revocation or suspension, and several guns charges.

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At about 9:23 PM on Monday, April 19th, 2021, officers assigned to District C-11 (Dorchester) made an on-site firearm arrest of Jesse Okiria, 21, of Shrewsbury, in the area of Millet Street and Athelwold Street in Dorchester.

Officers responded to the area for a call for shots fired and observed a large group of 20-30 young adults on Athelwold Street between Millet Street and Norwell Street. Officers observed three males quickly walk away with one of the males grabbing his waist area while fleeing on foot.

The male fled over a fence at the corner of Harvard Street and Standish Street before being apprehended. While canvassing the flight path, officers located a loaded Polymer 80 9mm Semi-Automatic firearm. Okiria faces numerous firearms charges.

Barrios-Millner tapped to lead Equity and Inclusion office

By Mia McCarthy
Reporter Correspondent

Mayor Janey has appointed Celina Barrios-Millner as the new chief of Equity and Inclusion for the city. A Boston resident for more than 20 years who is now living in West Roxbury, Barrios-Millner was born in Venezuela and immigrated to Cincinnati with her family as a child.

She has worked previously in the city's Office of Economic Development and helped to create the city's Immigrant Advancement Agenda in the Walsh administration.

"What I think is really exciting is just the alignment of the various equity, engagement, advocacy, and enforcement functions into one cabinet because then we

can work across city departments and have a holistic conversation about equity," Barrios-Millner said in an interview.

"This is the city that I've lived in the longest and so it's the one closest to my heart, because it's where I chose to live and where I found my calling and my community," she added. "I love Boston, and I feel so honored to be working in this capacity for the people of Boston."

Janey said Barrios-Millner "has the experience and expertise to lead Boston's Equity and Inclusion Cabinet with excellence and has a proven track record of breaking down barriers where they exist and expanding opportunity for all."

One of the new chief's charges will be to carry

out an executive order signed in February by Walsh making it policy that at least 25 percent of city contracts to businesses are led by women and people of color.

"The work that we're leading is to take that big annual spending goal and make it real contract-by-contract," Barrios-Millner said. "Now the contracts that departments are working on, we'll be looking at goals for each of those contracts and that's how you get up to that number. You have to do it every single time you spend money – you have to really think about how you're spending it."

She also discussed programs to help businesses in Dorchester, Mattapan, and Roxbury, including a contract-



Celina Barrios-Millner
"Expertise" cited

ing opportunity fund launched on April 15 and a business opportunity fair scheduled for April 28. She said she knows the businesses community in these neighborhoods and hopes they can partake in these opportunities.

"My goal is to have a really solid idea of how we are as a city and where we can make some progress in the next few months," she said.

Judge okays BPS exam school plan

By Adam Gaffin
Universal Hub

A federal judge ruled on April 15 that the Boston School Committee can proceed with selecting students for the city's three exam schools via a formula based on grade point average and zip codes, rather than using GPAs and the traditional entrance exams.

US District Court Judge William Young said the new method, enacted due to the difficulties of giving multiple-choice tests in the middle of a pandemic, was not racially biased.

"This Court finds and rules that the Plan is race-neutral, and that neither the factors used nor the goal of greater diversity qualify as a racial classification," Young wrote in a decision on a suit brought by a group of white and Asian American parents.

BPS had initially hoped to begin sending out acceptance letters to families last Thursday for Boston Latin School, Boston Latin Academy, and the John D. O'Bryen School. After the Boston Parent Coalition for Academic Excellence Corp. filed its suit, Young had pressed both sides to speed up their filings



Judge William Young

so that students and parents would not be left wondering whether or not they were accepted.

The parent group contended that the new method, in which the top 20 percent of students sent acceptance letters would be chosen citywide by GPA, with the rest based on their GPA by zip code, starting with the city's poorest districts, discriminated against whites and Asian-Americans.

But Young explained it did not. The judge noted that the plan, which was approved by the School Committee in October, does not use explicit racial designations to select potential candidates for seats at the three schools. That makes it "facially race neutral," the judge wrote, adding that while the School Committee

obviously considered the issue of racial equity in its deliberations, by itself that only recognizes the reality of Boston demographics, and is not an explicit decision to bias the selection process against whites and Asian-Americans.

In fact, he criticized the parents' filings for their "cavalier interpretations" of the Fourteenth Amendment's equal-protection doctrine.

"Without question, some statements raise cause for concern. The statement within the Equity Planning Tool, for example, about a hard pivot away from equality and toward equity simply has no support in the Equal Protection jurisprudence of the Supreme

Court," he wrote. "Had this Plan unconstitutionally substituted equality of result for equality of opportunity along racial lines, this Court would not hesitate to strike it down. But that is not what happened here."

He continued that, if anything, the School Committee took another tack: That while it did consider race, the plan it approved also accomplished another goal having nothing directly to do with race: to ensure that students get into the schools from all neighborhoods and economic classes.

Young cautioned he was only approving the BPS plan for the 2021-22 school year.

Juniors get a pass on MCAS for graduation

This year's high school junior class will not need to pass MCAS tests in order to graduate high school, the state Board of Elementary and Secondary Education decided on Tuesday.

Passing 10th grade English and math MCAS exams is typically a requirement to graduate, known as the competency determination. Last

year's 10th graders, the class of 2022, did not have an opportunity to take those tests last spring because education officials obtained a federal waiver and legislative approval to cancel the spring 2020 MCAS administration in the early days of remote learning during the COVID-19 pandemic.

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UPCOMING CIVIC MEETINGS AND COMMUNITY EVENTS

The Boston Parks and Recreation Department is offering free golf clinics at the George Wright Golf Course in Hyde Park for ages 7 to 14 years old. The first-rate Junior Golf Lessons program provides basic instruction in the fundamentals of golf taught by professionals. Equipment is provided, if needed, but you may bring your own clubs. Pre-registration is required. The lessons take place Tuesdays through Thursdays with classes at 9 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. The series repeats weekly starting from July 6 until August 12. Clinicians are highly qualified golf instructors. To register, go to the "Parks Online Activity Search" link at www.boston.gov/calendar/junior-golf-daily-lessons.

The northwest parking lot of Pope John Paul II Reservation playground in Neponset will be closed through July 7 to accommodate staging for playground repair work, according to the Department of Conservation and Recreation. The lot was closed on Thursday, April 8. The closure will be clearly marked. Visitors are encouraged to use the parking area to the northeast when visiting the park. **SuccessLink** — the City of Boston's online tool that enables Boston youth to register for summer jobs— is now accepting applications through May 9 for Boston teens aged 15 to 18. The City hopes to provide 5,000 jobs to youth and young adults this summer across more than 170 non-profit, community-based

organizations and city agencies. Mayor Janey said last week that she intends to invest an additional \$4.7 million in youth jobs, increasing the total budget to \$12.5 million. For more information on DYEE's summer employment program and additional youth resources, visit youth.boston.gov.

O'Donnell featured at May 2 annual meeting for NepRWA — MSNBC host and Dorchester native Lawrence O'Donnell will be the featured guest speaker at the May 2 annual meeting of the Neponset River Watershed Association. The virtual meeting is a ticketed event (\$50 for regular admission and \$40 for active volunteers) that starts at 6:30 p.m. and includes door prizes. See Neponset.org

for more info.

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

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Anti-gentrification group assails Dot Bay City housing plans

**By DANIEL SHEEHAN
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The UMass Boston Coalition Against Gentrification—a group composed of campus union and student organization members – hosted a virtual campus community “Teach-In” last Thursday afternoon in protest of the negative economic, racial, and environmental impacts they say the current Dorchester Bay City (DBC) development proposal would have on neighboring communities.

During the virtual meeting, representatives of Undergraduate Student Government, faculty from the UMB Urban Planning and Community Development Department, and community organizers from the Asian American Resource Workshop and anti-gentrification alliance DotNot4Sale called on UMass, the City of Boston, and the DBC developer to engage with Dorchester’s communities of color and other working-class communities to develop a DBC plan that increases affordable housing, slows displacement, generates good jobs and training opportunities for underrepresented groups, and addresses other community needs.

Ken Reardon, a UMB

professor and director of the master’s program in Urban Planning and Community Development, outlined the coalition’s concerns and demands in a slideshow, underscoring the obligation the university has to its majority Black and Brown student and faculty body, many of whom live in adjacent neighborhoods that could face fallout from the project.

While acknowledging the more than \$200 million in revenue that the development would generate for UMass Boston, Reardon decried the “wholly inadequate” number of affordable housing units provided for in the proposal, warning of a “ripple effect” of gentrification that could spread from the site into nearby Dorchester communities.

“We do not oppose the development of the former Bayside Expo site owned by the UMBA (University of Massachusetts Building Authority),” said Reardon. “However, we adamantly oppose the DBC proposal in its current form, which is likely to further exacerbate residential and commercial displacement while creating another racially and socially segregated enclave built, to a large extent, on publicly owned land

in our city.”

The current DBC proposal also falls short, contended Reardon, in its lack of physical linkages between the new district and the existing community, its failure to address existing gridlock around Kosciusko Circle with a multi-modal transportation plan, and its absence of community facilities such as a daycare, health center, or library.

Listing provisions that the UMB Coalition Against Gentrification would like to see incorporated into the proposal, Reardon called for a community benefits agreement that “outlines specific policies, programs, and commitments to ensure long-time residents a fair share of project related employment, entrepreneurial and business opportunities,” and an internal cross-subsidy program that would “enable longstanding community businesses and non profits to secure space within the project.”

The developer of the project, Accordia Partners, is currently preparing a Draft Project Impact Report (DPIR) in response to a scoping determination issued by the BPDA. A similar process is under way at the state level, where the developer is preparing

a Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR) in accordance with the Massachusetts Environmental Policy Act (MEPA). These reports often take months to complete.

Pushback against the DBC proposal comes at a time when the affordable housing crisis is a top priority for many Bostonians: a recent poll conducted by MassINC Polling Group in partnership with the Dorchester Reporter and WBUR showed that “housing costs” was the single biggest issue for 18 percent of respondents, second only to Covid-19, which polled at 27 percent overall.

At Thursday’s meeting, representatives from local grassroots groups aired grievances about the slow creep of displacement they say is threatening the neighborhood, offering Dot Block as another example of a development with inadequate provisions for truly affordable housing.

A Community Advisory Committee (CAC) convened for the DBC project that is comprised mainly of experts, business owners, and civic association members gives unfair representation to voices of homeowners and excludes those of

renters, they argued.

Markeisha Moore, a member of DotNot4Sale, pointed out that the Area Median Income (AMI) in Dorchester is \$48,500, a figure well below the 60 percent AMI benchmark suggested for the proposal. Moore challenged the metrics of that benchmark, which the city calculates with

the inclusion of wealthier towns in the Greater Boston area like Sudbury and Wellesley.

“I’m at the whim of people who have money and resources to make decisions about my life,” said Moore. “A thing on public land should benefit the community that already exists here.”

Sharp imbalance by race is cited in city evictions

A disproportionate number of eviction filings in Boston involved households of color during the Covid-19 pandemic, according to a new report published by the housing justice group City Life / Vida Urbana.

By examining Massachusetts Trial Court evictions case data, MIT Department of Urban Studies and Planning, researcher Ben Walker found that from Feb. 28, 2020 to Feb. 28, 2021, evictions were filed at more than twice the rate in neighborhoods where a majority of renters are people of color than in neighborhoods where most renters are white.

Seven out of ten eviction filings in Boston involved properties in

Census tracts where a majority of renters are people of color, though only 47 percent of the city’s rental housing is in those neighborhoods, the report found.

Tracts where a majority of renters are white hold 43 percent of Boston rental housing and involved 30 percent of eviction filings. Filing an eviction case is an early step in the process and does not always translate into a removal.

Massachusetts had a state moratorium on executing evictions in place from April to October 2020, and a US Centers for Disease Control federal moratorium remains in place through June 30 of this year.

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Moving preliminary election up a week now on Council agenda

By CHRIS VAN BUSKIRK
STATE HOUSE
NEWS SERVICE

On the same day that former Mayor Marty Walsh submitted his resignation to the Boston city clerk, he also sent a letter to the City Council asking them to move the upcoming preliminary municipal election a week earlier in September.

Walsh pointed to a potential expansion of vote by mail that would include upcoming fall elections as a reason to move the preliminary balloting from Sept. 21 to Sept. 14.

Voting by mail provisions were extended through June 30, under a law Gov. Baker signed in mid-March, and bills have been filed in the Legislature this session to make the practice permanent.

“The preliminary municipal election occurs on the sixth Tuesday preceding the general election,” Walsh wrote in his letter. “This year, however, due to a potential expansion of vote by mail to include the fall elections, the time frame for certifying election results, and the department’s requirement to hold a ballot position drawing, the original date would create a challenge for the printing

and distribution of vote by mail ballots.”

The council’s Committee on Government Operations, led by Councilor Lydia Edwards, planned to hold a hearing on the issue on Tuesday at 11 a.m.

Boston’s city charter allows local officials to set the date of a preliminary election, leaving the decision-making process at the city level and not requiring the proposal to go to the State House in the form of a home rule petition.

A spokesperson for Edwards told the News Service she supports the recommendation.

Boston Commissioner of Elections Eneida Tavares said the proposal will provide election officials additional time between the September preliminary and November general elections to print and distribute ballots “in anticipation of a potential expansion of mail-in voting.”

“Regardless of passage, however, Boston will administer the fall elections in a way that ensures equitable access to the ballot box for all registered voters in the city while also ensuring that both elections are properly managed and conducted in accordance with city, state, and federal laws,” Tavares

said in a statement to the News Service.

The law extending voting by mail options through June 30 came as a response to the hundreds of cities and towns with spring municipal elections on the calendar. That law allows for early in-person voting, mail-in voting, and flexibility in scheduling municipal town elections.

For Boston, however, those provisions would expire – pending any legislative action – well before the city’s preliminary and general elections that happen later in the year. And the state’s capital is not the only city or town holding a municipal election later this year.

Puerto Rican leaders and their allies, like US Rep. Ayanna Pressley, voiced support last Thursday for federal legislation that would allow the island territory to decide its future status as a state or something else, and urged state and local governments to join them.

Pressley joined two Puerto Rican state law-

makers and members of the Boricua Solidarity Movement to press for passage of the Puerto Rico Self-Determination Act of 2021, which calls for the creation of a status convention made of delegates elected by Puerto Rican voters to chart the island’s future.

The delegates would work to come up with a plan for statehood,

voting, implementing same-day registration, and allowing eligible voters to update their voting information at the polls on Election Day prior to casting their ballot.

“We expect and hope that something will be in place well before these preliminaries so people can apply for their ballots and start receiving them,” O’Malley said.

Five of the six major candidates for Boston mayor and five at-large Boston City Council candidates also wrote a letter to Galvin, Finegold and House Election Laws Committee Chairman Dan Ryan, of Boston, on Tuesday asking the secretary or the Legislature to take action to reduce the number

of signatures required to qualify for municipal ballots this year in light of the ongoing pandemic.

Mayoral candidates in Boston must collect 3,000 signatures and council candidates are required to gather 1,500 signatures from registered voters. The Supreme Judicial Court last spring got involved and cut by the half the required number of signatures candidates needed to collect during the 2020 cycle, and allowed for some use of electronic signatures.

“The ongoing Covid-19 pandemic renders in-person signature collection dangerous to public health,” the Boston candidates wrote.

the political future of the island,” Pressley said.

Massachusetts is home to the fifth largest population of Puerto Ricans in the United States outside of the territory, with a population of more than 300,000 that has grown 60 percent since 2000.

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Mass pols leading push for Puerto Rico self-determination



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Re-lighting of Walter Baker sign matter of identity for Lower Mills CPA funds are key; fundraising ongoing

**By DANIEL SHEEHAN
REPORTER STAFF**

A campaign to re-light the sign atop the former Walter Baker Chocolate factory in Lower Mills is nearing the final stages of its fundraising phase, setting the wheels in motion for a project that would restore the iconic symbol of the neighborhood in a matter of months.

Terry Dolan, president of the Lower Mills Civic Association, told the Reporter this week that the re-illumination project – an idea years in the making that this year was finally made possible by funds from the Community Preservation Act – could be completed as early as this summer or fall. Re-lighting the sign, which sits on top of an administrative building erected in 1919, would restore a central part of the village’s identity, said Dolan.

“We view it as a real identifier of this terrific community,” he said of the sign, which she noted has gotten “kind of tired and forlorn looking” in recent years. “When the Baker chocolate factories closed in the ‘60s and production moved to New Jersey, things changed here. They were kind of desolate in this little corner,” said Dolan, recalling how hundreds of people lost their jobs at the factory, which was at one point the largest employer in Boston.

Re-lighting the sign would cement it as a calling card and geographic marker for Lower Mills and its business district, much like how the Citgo sign has become synonymous with the Fenway neighborhood, reasons Dolan.

“In the last 20 to 30 years, there’s been a real revitalization and growth of a really

terrific small business community with the sign as a visual anchor for the neighborhood,” continued Dolan. “We’re the entry point to Boston from the south. From Milton you can see this sign from blocks away.”

During the estimated two-three-month long process, the sign will be taken down and the steel letters – many of which have rotted through the years – will be retraced and recreated with material that will get them through the next 100 years. The once-neon sign will then be updated with efficient LED bulbs and remounted.

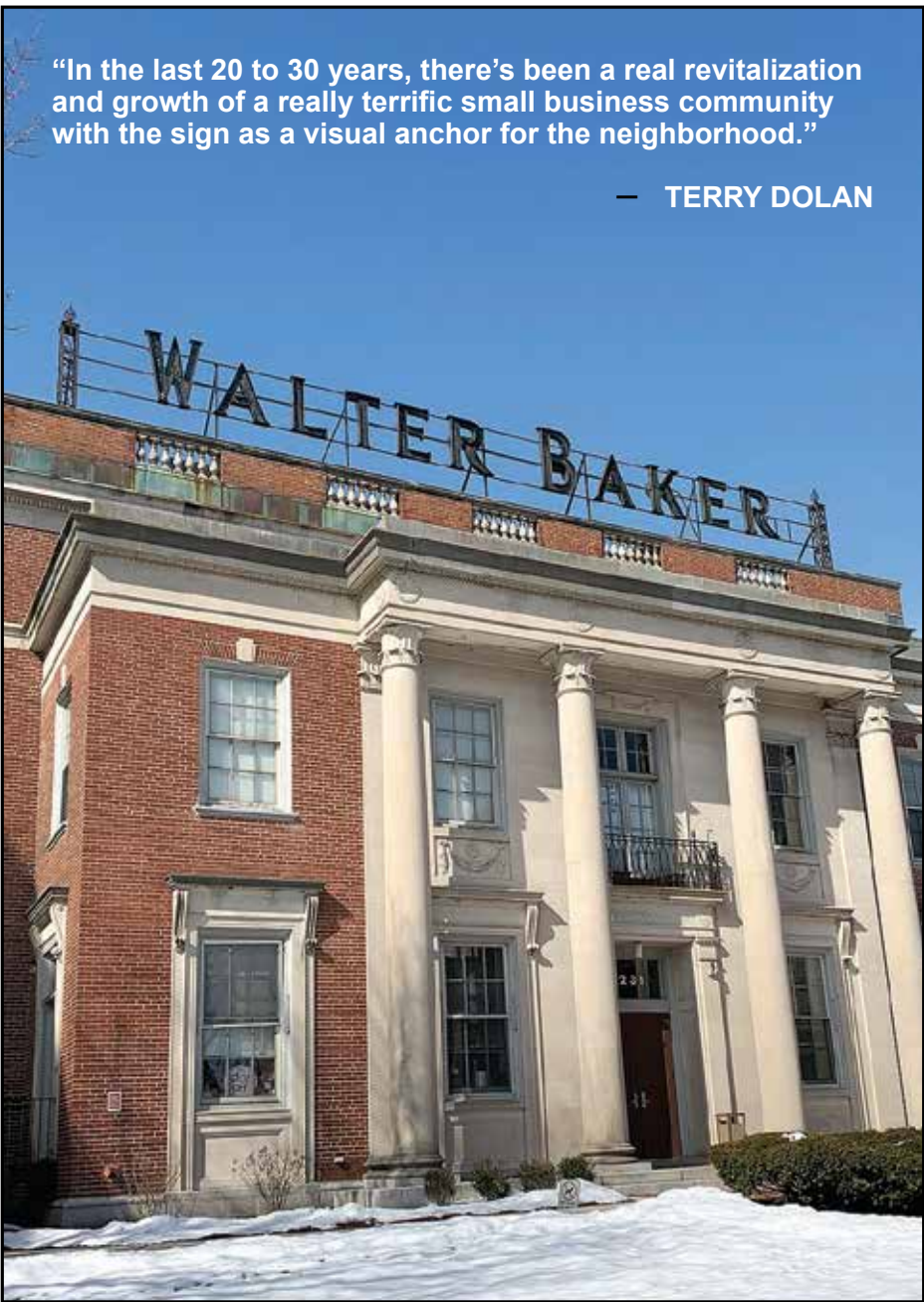
The price tag for repairing the sign is around \$66,000, 83 percent of which (\$55,000) is being covered by the CPA grant.

The civic association is appealing to community members to pitch in for the remaining \$11,000 or so, offering an opportunity to make a tax-deductible donation and become a part of history: \$5000 to buy a word, \$1000 to buy a letter, \$500 to light a letter, and \$50 to buy a bulb. Dolan said a number of neighboring business partners have already chipped in, meaning a few of the letters are already spoken for.

News of the restoration is generating excitement among neighbors, including Dolan herself, who remembers smelling chocolate in the air as a child growing up in Milton “if the wind was blowing in the right direction.”

Dave Mareira, a neighborhood organizer with ties to the project, sees how the project could be symbolic of a fresh start as the community begins to reopen its doors and emerge from the pandemic.

“I’m hoping things are better with Covid and we can use this as a met-



aphor for re-lighting our economy, remembering those we lost and rejuvenating our spirits,” he said.

The project’s proponents include the Lower Mills Civic Association and WBL Artist Collective, Inc., along with non-profit sponsor DotArt. To donate and to find out more about the campaign, visit dotart.org.

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Frosty makes a killing at Carson Beach on a warm day during spring vacation.

Daniel Sheehan photo

Multilingual StoryWalk series scheduled for ten Boston parks

Families and caregivers looking for a fun April vacation children’s activity are invited to head outside for our second StoryWalk series in City of Boston parks, which began Tuesday (April 20) and extends through Mon., May 10. StoryWalks can be found in Dorchester, Mattapan, Allston, Chinatown, East Boston, Fenway-Kenmore, Hyde Park, Roslindale, and Roxbury.

Each bilingual installation will feature English alongside one of eight additional languages: Spanish, Russian, Simplified Chinese, Vietnamese, Arabic, Somali, Portuguese, and Haitian Creole.

The Boston Parks and Recreation Department teamed up with the Boston Public Library, the Highland Street Foundation, the New England Patriots Foundation, and Xfinity to produce a series of StoryWalk installations in ten neighborhood parks across the city. After completing the StoryWalk, City of Boston residents are invited to scan the QR code and enter their information to enter to win one of five grand prizes of a Kindle with a three-month Kindle Unlimited subscription courtesy of Xfinity.

Many Boston Public Library titles for youth and adults are also available to borrow via the Kindle, at no cost. Boston Public Library branches near the installations will offer activities for families to enjoy. These activities include craft activities, book bundles, gardening kits, and virtual live book readings. Library activities are available in English unless otherwise noted; translation and interpretation are available on request.

The StoryWalk Project, created by Anne Ferguson of Montpelier, Vermont, and developed in collaboration with the Kellogg-Hubbard Library, is an innovative and delightful way for children and adults to enjoy both reading and the outdoors. Laminated pages from children’s books are attached to wooden stakes and installed along outdoor paths. As visitors stroll through the park, they are directed to the next page in the story.

The distance between stations will naturally support social distancing, but visitors are reminded to stay six feet away from those who are not members of their own household. Face coverings must be worn in public parks. If participants find the StoryWalk to be crowded, they are encouraged to come back another time or choose a different StoryWalk location.

StoryWalk Installation Locations in Dorchester and Mattapan:

- Listen, Listen: English and Vietnamese
Ronan Park, 92 Mt. Ida Road, Dorchester
- This beautifully illustrated story explores the different seasons and the amazing sights and sounds of nature.
- Library Activity, Fields Corner Branch (1520 Dorchester Avenue, Dorchester):
Let’s Go to the Park: English and Spanish
Savin Hill Park, 25 Caspian Way, Dorchester
- This multicultural board book lets young children explore the area in which they live. The bold illustrations show the people and animals they will meet, and objects that they will see and hear.
- Library activity, Uphams Corner Branch (500 Columbia Road, Dorchester):
Make-and-take crafts available for families for the duration of the Storywalk installation
- Earth Day Storytime on April 22nd at 10:30am on Zoom
- “What Can You Find in a Park” Storytime on May 10th at 10:30am on Zoom
- Augustus and His Smile: English and Haitian Creole
Hunt Playground, 40 Almont Street, Mattapan
- Augustus goes on a journey to find his lost smile, and discovers so much about the natural world: shiny insects, birds, mountains, fish, and even a rainstorm. Celebrate the beauty of nature with this gorgeously illustrated tale.
- Library activity, Mattapan Branch (1350 Blue Hill Avenue, Mattapan):
Make-and-take crafts available for families for the duration of the Storywalk installation

YESTERYEAR ARCHIVE

DORCHESTER HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Uphams Corner supermarket revisited

Much of the following comes from the National Register description of the Uphams Corner Market buildings.

The Uphams Corner Market, a simple fruit and vegetable store behind a simple storefront and an early predecessor of the modern supermarket, was founded at 786 Dudley Street by brothers John and Paul Cifrino in 1915. Like many other merchants in their field, the Cifrino brothers had immigrated to the United States from Italy in the first decades of the twentieth century.

In the 1920s they moved to the Uphams Corner Market complex at 600-618 Columbia Road, a gathering of three buildings constructed and/or occupied between 1920 and 1927. During its heyday in



This illustration shows the buildings at the time the Elm Farm chain opened its 38th store at Columbia Road and Dudley Street in 1951.

the late 1920s, the Uphams Corner Market encompassed more than 50,000 square feet of retail space, had a tremendous diversity of products ranging from shoe repair to a chop suey counter, and was the largest general merchandise food market in the largest residential section of Boston.

William Marnell, author of *Once Upon a Store* (New York 1971), worked as a teenager at the Cifrino era Uphams Corner Market. He described the marketing philosophy of the brothers as simple: No credit ... No deliveries ... Sell only the best quality merchandise at prices that substantially undercut the competition. The Cifrino brothers conveyed title to the Uphams Corner Market to United Markets, Inc., in 1928, staying on as managers until 1933.

In 1934 they opened a new store at 530 Gallivan Boulevard, the first of what would become the Supreme Market group. By expanding the self-service component of the Uphams Corner Market and by introducing one-stop check out service, the brothers established what can correctly (technically) be described as a super market.

The Supreme Market group later merged with Purity Markets, setting up the Purity Supreme chain of supermarkets.

In 1951, the Elm Farm Market chain opened its 38th store in the buildings that formerly housed the Uphams Corner Market.

The archive of these historical posts can be viewed on the blog at dorchestershistorical-society.org



DOT BLOCK PROJECT



COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT OPEN HOUSE FOR POTENTIAL
CONSTRUCTION JOBS AND MWBE OPPORTUNITIES

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JOB OPPORTUNITIES:

The Dot Block team is sponsoring the first of four open houses for individuals interested in pursuing careers within the union construction trades. Community members with construction experience or with an interest in pursuing a career in construction should attend to meet and greet representatives of the construction team including subcontractors and union representatives including:

- Massachusetts & Northern New England Laborers
- North Atlantic States Carpenters

Upcoming open houses will include personnel needs for trade work that will occur later in the project. (e.g. plumbing & electrical work).

BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES:

The Dot Block team believes in supporting local businesses and wishes to use local, minority and women owned businesses wherever possible. The project needs include items ranging from construction supplies and materials to food catering.

DATE & TIME

May 3, 2021 from 4:30PM - 6:00PM

LOCATION & AGENDA

Dot Block Site - 1203 Dorchester Ave, Dorchester MA

4:00PM – 4:30PM	REGISTRATION
4:30PM – 5:15PM	INFO/UNION PRESENTATIONS
5:15PM – 6:00PM	NETWORKING

All attendees will be required to adhere to Massachusetts COVID-19 Protocols

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Editorial

Inside a gutted L Street: ‘It’ll be worth the wait’

Like most other facilities in the city of Boston, the Curley Community Center in South Boston – known to many as the L Street Bathhouse – closed its doors last March when Covid-19 reached the region. Unlike most other city facilities, it has not re-opened.

City officials made the call to keep it closed and speed up an existing plan to renovate the 70-year-old beachfront center in a massive rehabilitation project that’s intended to make what many consider the “crown jewel” of the city’s community centers even more special.

It’s not a small project, either in scope or cost. It was originally earmarked for a \$15 million upgrade, but the Walsh administration ended up green-lighting a \$24 million expenditure to make the center, named for the legendary Boston Mayor James Michael Curley, more grand than even the Rascal King himself could’ve imagined.

The *Reporter* walked through the project last week with Patrick Brophy, the outgoing chief of operations for the city of Boston whose last day at City Hall was on April 16, capping a career that began under Mayor Tom Menino. The Curley Center is just one of dozens of city buildings that Brophy and his team have left their mark on over the years. This one, clearly, is special.

L Street— as many members and neighbors call it— is sui generis. Situated on Day Boulevard, it features its own private beach along Dorchester Bay that attracts a blend of Bostonians from all generations. It’s one of the places in the city that draws in people from all walks of life.

Contrary to stubborn stereotypes, that includes the racial mix. And it has been a particular haven for older Bostonians — self-described ‘Brownies’— who’ve made a dip into the frigid waters of the bay a New Year’s tradition. L Street is also home to a popular running club that draws people from well-beyond Southie’s side streets. Membership is a very affordable \$100 per year for adults who live in the city. For seniors, it’s \$40. If you’re a teenager (12-18), it’s free.

So, when Brophy— at Mayor Marty Walsh’s direction— told a packed room of more than 200 people back in October 2019 that the center would need to close its doors for a couple of years, not everyone was thrilled. But most understood: L Street was long overdue for a makeover.

“What’s going to happen here is going to be the nicest community center in all of Massachusetts,” Brophy told the crowd.

Last month, soon-to-be-Secretary of Labor Walsh took a walk through the still-gutted interior of the Curley as one of his last stops as mayor. With the walls down, you can pretty much see from one end of the massive building to the other— a length of several football fields, or nearly a quarter-mile.

The project is scheduled to be completed on budget and on time by the end of this year. It may, in fact, be one of the very first jobs of Boston’s next four-year mayor to re-dedicate the space.

What will she or he see that day? For starters, there will a spacious lobby area with large windows affording sweeping views of the beach and bay largely unavailable in the old structure. An upper floor solarium will allow natural light to pour down into the L Street entry. And new windows are being added to the Day Boulevard side to allow in more light.

The project is also aimed at making the Curley more climate resilient with new flood barriers by doorways to keep the high tides from swamping the center. All new mechanical and heating equipment has been installed and will be elevated— no longer stored in the basement allowing water damage.

The Covid-19 shutdown last spring may have worked a bit in the favor of the project, according to



In the beginning, there was this massive space ... City Hall photo

Brophy, who notes that BCYF staff members were able to inventory and remove old equipment and office furniture ahead of schedule to allow demolition and new construction work to start last October.

“The whole idea is to have the young and old and Southie people and people from other neighborhoods come in, enjoy a space that’s right on the

Atlantic Ocean, right in the middle of Boston,” said Brophy. “It’s beautiful. At the city, Mayor Janey, we are incredibly appreciative of the community’s patience on this project; it is definitely going to be worth the wait.”

—Bill Forry

Commentary

Questions we should ask about Boston’s latest budget for BPSD

By Lawrence S. DiCara
Special to the Reporter

For many years, Boston’s mayors and members of its City Council have increased the School Department’s budget on an annual basis as an indication of their support for public education. The money appropriated for schools marks an increase far greater than for most any other city department.

Even as enrollment has declined and attendance remains an issue of concern, the superintendent, conforming to the precedent established by the many other superintendents who have been brought to Boston, continues to spend more dollars per capita than the great majority of school districts in Massachusetts.

Money continues to flow into the system, even as Boston faces a state receivership of approximately 3 out of 10 of the district’s schools. By most every metric, many of the students in the Boston Public Schools are not faring well, yet more and more money keeps being spent on many things that are not improving the quality of their education.

In light of the School Department’s significant budget growth— and the corresponding mediocre or disappointing progress of many BPS schools—the following are some urgent concerns.

1. The BPS population has declined by more than half in 50 years, yet the budget continues to increase annually. This year’s increase is approximately 3 percent.

2. The BPS budget appears to provide millions of dollars to schools that are emptying out. These are probably schools which are underperforming/ under a form of receivership. I don’t blame parents for not sending children to a school that does not function. Would it not make more sense to empty out those schools and redistribute the teachers and the students?

3. The BPS budget continues to provide more money per capita than the majority of other school districts in the Commonwealth. Something is awry when close to one-third of our schools under “underperforming/under receivership.” The number is approximately \$23,500 per child.

4. A cursory glance at the budget suggests the ratio of administrators to teachers is higher than it was 50 years ago. These are our tax dollars, as well as state and federal grants. Indeed, Boston taxpayers fill the School Department’s coffers annually—to the tune of \$1.3 billion just in city funding. This does not include the approximately \$400 million that the district anticipates receiving in federal

education stimulus.

5. Don’t we have our priorities reversed? In spite of tough economic conditions over the past year, the recommended budget for next fiscal year is based on an expected revenue increase of \$142 million, which is 3.9 percent above the current fiscal year. Why not trim some of the costs that we find excessive and hire a tutor for every child? It is very clear, given the state receivership that resulted from an analysis of metrics, that a level of spending comparable to affluent suburbs, if misdirected and not targeted at student learning, does not guarantee successful schools.

6. Is money being spent to retrofit classrooms that may never be used, to pay bus drivers who are not driving buses, and to pay contracts to those who cannot provide services, given that students are not accessible? The current budget references \$107 million for transportation—now budgeted to increase to \$112 million next fiscal year—and over \$90 million for “contracted services” and “contracted educational services.” Instead of pouring resources into transportation our students cannot use now or for the foreseeable future and wasting money on contracts with organizations incapable of accessing children during the pandemic, would we not be better served by investing directly in our dedicated classroom teachers, supporting their efforts to educate our children?

7. Students attending Boston Public Schools should be given the same quality education as those who go to schools outside of the district as part of the METCO program. That there is a significant difference in quality should be worrying to city leadership and reflects inadequate progress in improving school quality.

8. Likewise, every day some 10,000 children from across the city go to charter schools. There are waiting lists for METCO and for charter schools. Parents have spoken with their feet. How can Boston’s leaders allow such flight from the city’s public schools to continue?

The people of Boston deserve the best school system money can afford. They deserve the best teachers to be hired. The questions that the City Council must consider, including those suggested above, are serious and will have ramifications well into the future.

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Earth Day 2021: Improving land access, food production in urban communities

By John Lebeaux

The events of the past year have highlighted the strengths and weaknesses of our food system, and the importance of investing in urban food production and land access. The pandemic has significantly increased food insecurity in Massachusetts, while agricultural and food businesses have suffered due to supply chain disruptions and loss of key markets. This year's spotlight on racial injustice has also illuminated the disparities in land access and food production in urban and minority communities.

Access to land is essential for those who seek to increase productive green spaces, specifically for fresh food production. At the Massachusetts Department of Agricultural Resources (MDAR), we recognize the importance of land sovereignty within urban neighborhoods as it contributes to environmental justice and ensuring equity for Black, Indigenous and People of Color (BIPOC) farmers. Nationally, the USDA's 2017 Agricultural Census indicates that 95 percent of commercial farmers are white and own 98 percent of farmland.

In an earlier report, the USDA estimated that less than a quarter of this farmland would be made available to non-relatives, thus highlighting that access to land ultimately determines who will be able to successfully farm. Land ownership is key for the stability of a farm, allowing for long-term investments for infrastructure to improve its profitability and food production.

MDAR's commitment to advance urban food production in low- to moderate-income communities in the Commonwealth was established with the creation of its Urban Agriculture Program. Since 2013, nearly 90 projects designed to increase production, processing, and marketing of produce grown and sold in urban centers across Massachusetts have been funded through the program. The program has also provided resources for community gardens, increasing access to fresh food for urban residents.

Both of these initiatives address the various challenges of small-scale farming and food production in densely populated areas.

But we know this is not enough to resolve these long-standing disparities and injustices. In response to food insecurity issues created by the pandemic, last year the Baker-Polito Administration created the Food Security Infrastructure Grant Program, which has now awarded over \$35 million to awardees including food banks and urban farms to build a more resilient food system in the Commonwealth and connect healthy, local food to underserved communities.

Last year, MDAR began the process of creating a strategic plan to address Environmental Justice, a key initiative for the Baker-Polito Administration, which will outline actions for promoting and integrating environmental justice considerations across all of our programs, policies, and activities. We are also committed to improving equal access and meaningful involvement for all constituents, with respect to environmental protection and the equitable development, implementation, and accessibility to information and resources, such as land.

We continue to work with our partners and grantees to ensure opportunities in the agricultural sector are accessible for environmental justice communities. A great example can be found in Boston, where farming advocates are working to reclaim urban spaces for local food production. The Urban Farming Institute (UFI) serves the communities of Roxbury, Dorchester, and Mattapan through its innovative farmer training initiative, education programing, food production business, and a community land trust for urban farms.

Our agency provided \$30,000 to the Urban Farming Institute to convert three vacant sites in Dorchester and Roxbury into farmland. From this initial investment, UFI has grown into a premier farming organization, increasing its footprint in



environmental justice communities with additional production spaces, including two greenhouses, one of which is now supporting other beginning community farmers so they may nurture their new farm ventures.

UFI's land trust will preserve and protect land for generations to come, creating more opportunities for land sovereignty and supporting neighborhoods to become healthier and self-sustaining. Their farming network provides opportunities for residents to access fresh, nutritious food, and is contributing to the economic and environmental resilience of these communities by localizing the food system.

Another critical community organization is the Boston Farms Community Land Trust, which has been working since 2017 to secure vacant lots for farm sites, providing opportunities for BIPOC farmers within the sited neighborhoods.

Organizations like these across the Commonwealth are creating solutions for addressing fresh food access as well as land access for BIPOC farmers. Yet there is more to be done and with the Baker-Polito Administration's directive for an enhanced Environmental Justice plan, MDAR is working to ensure that we address historically underserved farmers through our programmatic work and our policies.

As we celebrate Earth Day this year, we are committed to finding solutions by working with our agricultural and community partners for greater access to land and local food production for all residents, especially in environmental justice and urban communities.

John Lebeaux is the Commissioner of the Massachusetts Department of Agricultural Resources

Let's think trees as part of cleanup of the X-way mess

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are being planted, can't compensate for the carbon removal, pollution reduction, and summer cooling effects of the mature trees they replace.

The intersection of the above and your article is the idea that there need to be trees planted along the side of the expressway wherever possible, such as along the edge of McConnell park."

Of course! This is a great idea.

Tree planting has become a goal of many cities, including Boston, over the past 20 years. In 2008, Mayor Tom Menino announced that Boston would plant 100,000 trees by 2020, thereby expanding Boston's tree canopy by 20 percent. The same year, New York City set a goal of planting a million trees. While New York met its goal, Boston failed miserably. When Menino announced his 2008 plan, Boston's tree canopy was stated as 29 percent. When then-Mayor Walsh announced his Urban Forest Plan last year, the canopy was given as 27 percent.

Why is this important? Climate change and health. Trees soak up carbon emissions and curb energy use, reducing what is called the urban heat island and preventing extreme heat conditions in summer.

On the issue of health, a US Environmental Protection Agency EnviroAtlas Fact Sheet states the following:

"Harmful air pollutants such as airborne particles, nitrogen dioxide, and carbon monoxide are found in high concentrations along busy roadways. Elevated levels of these pollutants, relative to community averages, can persist as much as 300 meters or more from the road edge. Tree cover near busy roadways may act as a buffer from these pollutants, helping

to reduce their concentrations...

"When compared with the rest of the population, people who live, work, and go to school near roads are at a greater risk for adverse health effects associated with near-road air pollution, such as respiratory and cardiovascular symptoms, poor birth outcomes, and premature mortality..."

"Tree cover adjacent to busy roadways has been shown to alter concentrations of ultrafine particles and other hazardous air pollutants emitted by traffic... Studies show that the tree canopy is capable of filtering air pollutants and diverting the polluted airstream upwards and laterally, where it can mix with cleaner air and become diluted."

Planting trees along the Southeast Expressway, the major highway entering Boston, will not only extend the tree canopy, but it will also reduce air, noise, and visual pollution for the neighborhoods that endure the burden of suburban transit into the city. And better yet, much of the land on which the trees can be planted is public land.

This is not a new idea. Dating back decades, dozens of states and cities across the nation have planted trees adjacent to interstate highways. When I'm traveling to New York City, my GPS often takes me via the Merritt Parkway in Connecticut, built between 1934 and 1940, which literally runs through a linear forest. Nearby, Cranston, Rhode Island, in 2014 announced a plan to plant buffer trees along Route 95 along a section of the municipality, evergreens "planted to serve as a noise and visual buffer between the interstate and the houses," according to a July 15, 2014 article in the *Providence Journal*.

This is a no-brainer. Last October, City Hall issued a request for proposals for an Urban Forestry plan

with a budget of \$500,000, and the city has \$1.7 million meant for trees this year. Why Boston has not heretofore bothered to plant buffer trees along the Southeast Expressway is a mystery. As our governments clean up the mess along the Expressway, it should also be planting trees.

That proposition will be an agenda item for the May 3 meeting of the Columbia-Savin Hill Civic Association, and it should be raised by other civic associations along the Expressway. It's time to get this idea into the city's and state's budgets.



Debris litters fenced-off space near Expressway.

Bill Walczak photo

HARBOR HEALTH
ELDER SERVICE PLAN

Benefits of attending an Adult Day Health Center (ADHC)

Loneliness and social isolation has had a dramatic impact on many of us this past year. This public health risk is especially significant in older adults and can result in serious medical conditions including a 50% increased risk of dementia. Studies show that older adults attending day centers and their caregivers have a better quality of life and improved wellbeing. Adult Day Health Centers vary in their programs and service and it is important to find a center that can meet your individual needs. There are some centers that focus on social programs and other that specialize in medical, therapeutic or dementia care

The most common services offered at Adult Day Health Centers may include the following:

- Counseling
- Education
- Exercise
- Health screening
- Meals
- Medical Care

- Medication Management
- Physical/ Occupational Therapy
- Recreational activities
- Respite care
- Socialization
- Transportation

We invite you to contact the Harbor Health, Program of **All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly** to learn more about the offerings and benefits of our Adult Day Health Center in your neighborhood. Please contact us at **617-533-2497** or **www.hhsi.us**

1135 Morton Street, Mattapan

The Louis D. Brown Peace Institute: 25 years of pressing unity and healing

(Continued from page 1) the quarter-century anniversary of the event. They started on April 5 with “Mindfulness Monday” and will end on Fri., May 7, with a rest day, to be followed by the virtual Walk for Peace at 9 a.m. on Mother’s Day, Sun., May 9.

While this year’s Walk will look different from past events, Chéry is excited about the program she and her team have planned.

“Because it’s 25 years, we really want to celebrate,” Chéry said. “[NBC10 Boston anchor] Latoyia Edwards and I are emceeing it together. Apart from that, we have a lineup of incredible speakers. We have a mother, [Sarah Flint], whose son [James Flint] was killed over 30 years

ago—even before I started doing this work. She’s going to share her journey of being part of the Survivors [of Homicide Victims] Network. And then another mother from the Virgin Islands, Bernadette, [from a sister organization], is going to share her journey and how’s she’s training law enforcement on best practices.”

The online walk will also include US Rep. Ayanna Pressley, US Sen. Edward Markey, Mayor Kim Janey, and other “people who want to share the importance of the last 25 years of us doing this work.”

Although the LBDPI has made great strides in educating young Bostonians about peace, raising awareness around homicide survivors, and

training city officials and other stakeholders, Chéry called the longevity of the Mother’s Day Walk “bittersweet.”

“I wish I didn’t have to do this,” she said. “Yet, at the same time, it’s an honor for us to let society know, our elected officials know, our community know, that we’re not alone. That’s the power of commitment and the power of survivors of homicide victims, that when we’re called to do the work, we do it. We’re focused on transformation and unity and healing. We can’t wait for the government to tell us that we are worthy of remembering, celebrating, honoring. We have to be the ones to create that space for healing. To let us know we’re not alone and we’re

making an impact and we have to continue to do it. Nobody’s going to do it for us.”

To that end, Chéry issued an invitation to Dorchester residents to show up for the virtual walk and show their support. “The hardest part of what we do with this walk is raising money,” Chéry said. “We need to raise \$600,000 so that we can continue to transform the way that society responds to homicide. As an organization led by Black and Latina women, raising money isn’t easy, so we rely on funds from the Mother’s Day Walk for Peace.” These unrestricted funds help the LBDPI cover funeral costs for grieving families, provide backpacks of necessities to people leaving prison, help fam-



A poster for the last in-person Walk for Peace. This year’s will take place on May 9 in a virtual format.

ilies move or get hotel rooms after a homicide, and pay staff members.

“Most funders don’t want to give you money for human capital, but it takes people to run each program,” Chéry added. “When it’s poor Black people, people expect us to do everything on a shoestring. When it’s someone else helping Black people, the resources are there.”

In addition to covering operating costs with funds from the Mother’s Day Walk, the LBDPI hopes to create a community center in Dorchester to provide Peace Curriculum and resources to families impacted by murder, teachers, and nonprofit organizations.

Although the Mother’s Day Walk provides vital resources to the LBDPI, the message it sends about Dorchester and other Boston neighborhoods runs far deeper, Chéry believes.

“I love my city and especially my community,” she said. “We are more than what our media portrays us to be. When something bad happens in a white community, they’re treated with dignity and compassion and resources. When something happens in an urban setting, we’re blaming victims. And it can’t be that. We want to show people who we are as Dorchester. To remind people that Dorchester is a place where you can come, live, play. We’re filled with resources. It’s my community that has really embraced and sustained us. Join us. If you can’t join us, send the information out. Help us reach our goal.”

To register for the 2021 Mother’s Day Walk for Peace or make a donation, visit 25th Annual Mother’s Day Walk for Peace (mothersdaywalk4peace.org).



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Mayor Martin J. Walsh

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'IT'S JUST ONE STEP'

(Continued from page 1) demonstrate peacefully. And she asked for empathy from police officers.

“For my brothers and sisters in law enforcement who may be called out because of demonstrations, I ask that you try and understand the immense pain and trauma, frustration and anguish some of us are feeling,” she said.

“Hopefully it opens the door toward more prosecutions,” said Brock Satter, a member of Mass. Action Against Police Brutality. The organization calls for the prosecution of police officers who kill people, and the reopening of past cases of police violence.

Satter called the verdict a victory for the broader protest movement against police brutality, and pointed toward the swift arrest of Kim Potter, the now former officer in suburban Minnesota charged with manslaughter last week after she shot and killed Daunte Wright during a traffic stop.

“There’s a sense that they don’t want to see those 30 million people out on the streets,” Satter said, referencing the mass movement sparked by the death of George Floyd last May.

[In Washington, Con-

gresswoman Ayanna Pressley issued a statement saying, “Despite today’s guilty verdict, this system can never deliver true justice for George Floyd and his family. True justice would be George Floyd, alive today, at home with his fiancé, children, and siblings.

“The truth is that we never expected justice from this trial. We demanded accountability. Today, a jury delivered accountability and Chauvin will face consequences for his actions.

“To be clear, the legal system in America remains deeply unjust. No one should die the way George Floyd did. A person’s murder should not have to garner global attention to result in accountability.

“We can’t bring George Floyd back, but we can, and we must, legislate to deliver the critical resources our communities need to be freed from the endless loop of trauma we are experiencing daily.

“Our communities have been profiled. We have been surveilled. We have been brutalized. We have been murdered. And now we need precise, intentional policies to stop the cycle of trauma and death.

“I will continue my

work to end qualified immunity, the fundamentally unjust legal doctrine that has allowed so many who commit egregious acts of state-sanctioned violence to evade accountability.”

President Biden said the guilty verdict against former Minneapolis police officer Derek Chauvin “can be a moment of significant change” for the United States as it grapples with systemic racism.

President Biden and Vice President Kamala Harris addressed the nation on Tuesday night, after the guilty verdicts.

“It was a murder in the full light of day, and it ripped the blinders off for the whole world to see [systemic racism],” Biden said from the White House, calling American racism “a stain on our nation’s soul.”

He urged Americans to confront the issues raised by Floyd’s murder.

“I can’t breathe.’ We can’t let those words die with him. We must not turn away, we can’t turn away,” he said.

Harris told the Floyd family, “This is a day of justice in America,” adding, “We really do believe that with your leadership and the president that we have in the White House that we’re

going to make something good come out of this tragedy, OK?”]

In Boston’s Nubian Square, people shared news of the verdict. Michael Terry, of Roxbury, was on the bus when he heard the verdict. He said he felt happy that this trial didn’t end like others involving police — like the acquittal of the officers accused of beating Rodney King in 1992. But Terry said he’s also sad for Floyd’s family.

“Maybe that will make people change, the police will act a little more differently with people of color,” he said. “You don’t take people’s lives for a little foolish misdemeanor. A man’s life is gone.”

Kelli Ware, of Roxbury, said she was proud the jury made the right decision. She said she was yelling out her window that Chauvin was guilty.

“It’s just one step,” she said, noting that there are many others brutalized by police. “There are so many unnamed thousands. And so many here, living.”

The Rev. Willie Bodrick, pastor at Roxbury’s Twelfth Baptist Church, said the Chauvin verdict is what the community deserved.

“What we saw in George Floyd’s life being taken, it was problematic,” he said. “It was a



A cyclist stopped at a red light at Malcolm X Boulevard in Nubian Square in Roxbury with a sign reading “CHAUVIN GUILTY ON ALL 3.”
Jesse Costa/WBUR photo

travesty to our system. It was murder. And that’s the guilty verdict we received. And so I believe that we didn’t feel passed by in this moment.”

Bodrick said his church plans to hold a healing service Friday at 6 p.m.

In a statement, Gov. Charlie Baker, who had put the National Guard on watch before the verdicts were announced, said they showed that Chauvin was not above the law.

“But as the countless, tragic events that took place at the hands of law enforcement before and after George Floyd’s death make clear, there is much to do to correct, reform and reimagine the way law enforcement officers are trained, and how they and their departments are held accountable for their actions,” Baker said.

For Boston police detective Larry Ellison, the verdict didn’t bring relief exactly — but hope. Ellison, who is a board member and former president of the Massachusetts Association of Minority Law Enforcement Officers, wants to see lasting change in how police interact with the public.

“Is it momentary? Is there a lesson here for other police officers who act in this way — that accountability is going to be driving the day going forward?” he asked. “We are not to exact revenge, but justice on the public.”

The Boston branch of the NAACP said in a statement that the verdict signaled “hope that our country’s moral compass is not completely lost; hope that our nation can live up to its ideals and realize justice for Black lives in America.”

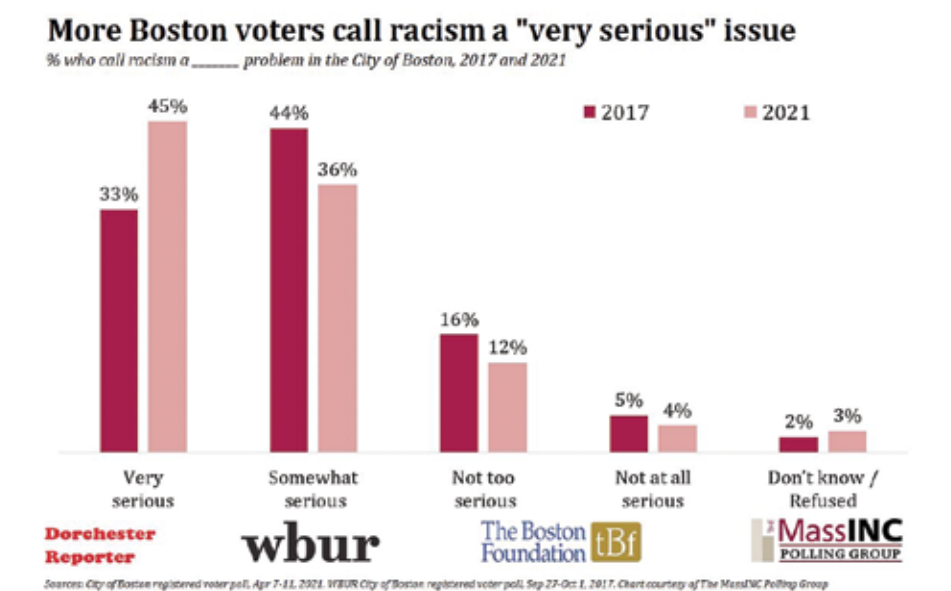
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8 in 10 cite racism as problem

By SIMÓN RIOS
WBUR REPORTER

The vast majority of Boston voters believe racism is a serious issue facing the city, according to the recently Dorchester Reporter-WBUR-The Boston Foundation poll released last week.

Gail Coutain of Mat-tapan — originally from Trinidad and Tobago — said in an interview that she has experienced racism first-hand. Like when a man at a gas station recently told her to go back to her country. She even hears insensitive comments from white colleagues at her job in state government.

She recounted: “State-ments like, ‘I’m so sick of hearing about Black Lives Matter... who really cares?’ So I looked at her and I said, ‘Do you realize I’m Black?’ [And she said] ‘I don’t mean you, you’re fine.’ I excuse some of it because it’s unconscious, but it’s there.”

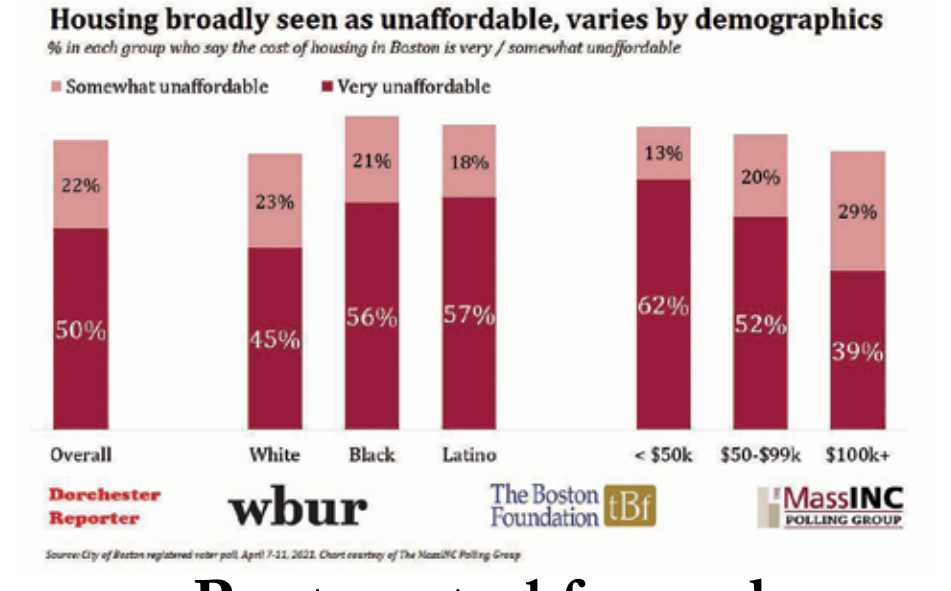
Coutain says her department has yet to offer racial sensitivity training to employees - but she’s hoping that changes soon. While racism isn’t new, she thinks she has seen a clear increase in anti-Black racism since Donald Trump was elected.

Overall, roughly 80 percent of respondents said racism was a very serious or somewhat serious problem in the city.

The survey also found that 44 percent of Black Boston voters — and 33 percent of Hispanics — said they have experienced discrimination over the past year, compared to 10 percent of white voters. The poll did not include large enough samples to provide similar statistics for other race and ethnic groups.

But Elizabeth Corbett of Dorchester is among the 1 in 6 white voters in the WBUR poll who take a different view in the discussion. “I don’t see or hear racism as a problem daily here,” she says. “It’s definitely a problem in America, but as far as the city itself, I don’t feel like it’s as bad as it is in many other states.”

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Rent control favored

By SIMÓN RIOS
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More than three-quarters of Boston voters support rent control to rein in soaring housing costs, according to a Dorchester Reporter-WBUR-The Boston Foundation poll published last week.

One rent control supporter is Maria Mangiafico of East Boston, who said she has lived in Eastie for 65 years and has seen a huge improvement in the neighborhood over that time.

But the development has also come at a price. “It’s really a beautiful neighborhood, but because of improving it, the rents have gone way up,” she said. “It’s ridiculous. And almost everybody I know who didn’t own property, they had to leave.”

But 39-year-old Benjamin Tocchi of Brighton has mixed feelings on the issue. He said he agrees with the aims of capping rents for tenants, but he worries what that could mean for property owners.

“It’s not even just create affordability, it’s that we want to encourage long-term tenancy,” Tocchi said. “But on the flipside, we also need to ensure that landlords make a sufficient profit that they want to invest in their properties.”

The poll also found 8 in 10 poll respondents supported building more housing near MBTA stations, a measure some advocates have proposed to help promote public transit and reduce traffic.

But a majority of voters oppose letting developers build fewer parking spaces for new apartments and condo buildings. Some housing advocates argue the current parking requirements increase the cost of housing and discourage new development. But without the rules, others worry it could become even harder to park in the city.

The survey also found that 71 percent of Boston residents think housing in the city has become unaffordable for people like themselves. People of all income levels and age groups agreed with the sentiment.

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The untold story of Hannah Glidden Myrick of Dorchester, an early champion of gender equity in the field of medicine

By ISAQUE REZENDE
SPECIAL TO THE REPORTER

Hannah Glidden Myrick was among the small number of women who graduated from medical school by the turn of the 20th century. Her path to The Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine was not an easy one, starting with her early education at Boston's Boys Latin School after being granted a rare exception as a female student. She went on to graduate from Smith College in 1896 and four years later became one of the first women to earn a medical degree from Johns Hopkins at a time when women were generally excluded from medical education.

She was born on Aug. 31, 1871, to James Howe & Mary Converse Myrick at their lofty, wood-framed house that once stood at 58 Sumner St. in Dorchester. Her father had success, beginning in the late 1840s, in the town of Tignish on Canada's Prince Edward Island, where he managed three stores offering fishing supplies, clothing, and various dry goods. He married Mary Converse Merrill in Dorchester in 1854 and they maintained the house on Sumner Street as well as a home in Tignish where the family spent their summers.

The Myrick family left behind a strong legacy in Tignish after supporting the community in various ways, including the building of a wharf with railroad access to facilitate the importing and exporting of goods. The youngest of five children, Hannah was best described by her great-grandniece through marriage, Carolyn E. Myrick, in the following excerpt from her book, "The Myricks of Tignish":

"She was the youngest in her generation and, from all I can gather, the liveliest, with plenty of backbone. She had a keen, quick mind and wanted to be a doctor like Dr. Josiah Myrick and Dr. John Converse before her. She displayed an early interest in anatomy by dissecting crabs on the dining room table. Hannah attended Miss Clark's school in Dorchester, then Miss Wesselhopt's; but she was a misfit at all these institutions, because she did not 'behave like a lady.'"

Myrick wanted to attend Boys Latin School, which offered requisite college preparatory courses that would allow her to pursue a career in medicine. Her parents were willing to enroll her into Girls Latin School, but at her pleading, she and her father met with the superintendent of the all-boys school to make arrangements for her to enroll there, which included hiring a tutor for her to learn Latin and Greek. She graduated in 1892 at age 20, went on to earn her BA degree from Smith College before pursuing the medical degree at Johns Hopkins.

The pace of women entering the white medical establishment was beginning to accelerate during this time. Johns Hopkins did not even have a medical school until the 1890s. If it had not needed financial help to get off the ground, perhaps the university would not



Hannah Glidden Myrick

have accepted women as early as it did. Four daughters of the original trustees of the university offered to raise \$500,000 to open the school, but only if it would open its doors to "qualified women". By 1892, the money was raised, and the school opened the following year – reportedly shocking people when it became known that three women were in the first class of ten medical students.

The temper of the time was generally hostile to women in many professions – especially for those who were bold enough to pursue a career in medicine. Elizabeth Blackwell, her younger sister Emily, and Marie Zakrzewska were three such women who endured a male dominant environment in the field of medicine - facing resentment and prejudice at every turn. These women were routinely patronized by men and in many cases despised by the community at large for their decision to pursue medicine as a career.

As the first woman to earn a medical degree in the United States, Elizabeth Blackwell, recalled difficult times when she would go out on night calls as a doctor and be followed and harassed in the street. If a patient died, she was accused of killing the patient and on occasions her hospital was stoned. Elizabeth is quoted as saying: "I know why this life has never been lived before. It's too hard to work against every form of social opposition. I would like a little fun now and then."

But fun was in short supply. Her sister's medical education was discontinued by the institution she attended at the end of her first year due to pressure from the medical society. Zakrzewska had attained her ranking as a chief midwife in Germany, but due to opposition to women in the field of medicine there, she came to America to fulfill her dreams. She remembers

being welcomed on campus by her male counterparts with disgust and hostility – and petitioning the institution to refuse her enrollment the following term. These three women forged ahead against tremendous, ferocious resistance, respectively earning their medical degrees at different times from various institutions - all by 1856.

Such tumultuous experiences by those earlier pioneers laid the groundwork for Myrick as she entered a similarly unreceptive and unwelcoming environment at Johns Hopkins in 1896. In a letter written to her sister back home in 1899, she vividly describes an old boy's network atmosphere on campus during weekly social gatherings and the humor and grace with which she handled it:

"...several other M.D.'s had been having a social time in another room whence sounds of laughter and fumes of tobacco had been wafted to us all the evening, to give us some amount of their experiences.... Meanwhile the butler served beer and polywater, pretzels, cakes, cigar, and cigarettes – I perjured my soul by assuring Dr. Jacobs who sat next to me that I didn't object in the least to cigarette smoke. You would have enjoyed their talk muchly in spite of beer and smoke, one has to get used to little things like that, or lose half that's going on..."

In duller times, Myrick had written a jingle used in her osteology course that she and classmates would chant to help bear the dreadfully boring material during study. She dedicated it to the instructor who she said was awfully bored by the subject himself: "Lord have mercy upon us and incline our hearts to learn these bones."

Myrick's pioneering spirit led her to break through the various barriers and challenges set before her en route to earning her degree in 1900.

Some 40 years before Myrick earned her medical degree, the Blackwell sisters and Zakrzewska had established the New York Infirmary for Women and Children. In 1859, Zakrzewska left New York to teach in Boston, where, in 1862, she opened the New England Hospital for Women and Children (NEWHC), which operates today as The Dimock Center. A teaching hospital established for women and run by women, this institution is where Myrick finished her residency and continued to practice with the goal of expanding the maternity department. Eventually, Myrick became the hospital's superintendent. She also shared a private, two-person practice close to her family home in Dorchester's Uphams Corner.

A prize-winning amateur photographer, Myrick was credited with developing some of the earliest X-ray film used at NEHWC, introducing and broadening the use of X-rays in the treatment of women and children. From 1922 to 1947, she worked at Schrafft's Candy Company in Charlestown as a specialist in industrial medicine. During this period, she undertook special studies relating to the comfort and health of workers – many of them women - especially where part of their working day required them to perform in areas with steam or unusually high temperatures.

Myrick never married and had no children. Her career kept her quite busy, but she had two passions that she pursued for many years: one was gardening and the other was photography. The gardens around her Sumner Street home were well-maintained, vibrant, and she kept extensive annual journals about her activity there. She took black and white photos with assorted cameras and also did her own developing and printing. An early adopter of color, by 1939 she was taking Kodachrome slides and making notes about many of her pictures as well as about the developing parameters and papers she used. In 1906, at age 35, she described the following premonition in a letter to a friend that demonstrated her humor amidst social pressures and her fascination with photography, an excerpt from "The Myricks of Tignish": "I don't see that it is up to me to devise some startling matrimonial scheme for the edification of my friends... I have a new camera with which I take atrocious pictures and squander my patrimony experimenting with it. It is well to have patrimony if one can't indulge in matrimony. If my photographic fever lasts much longer, I shall have neither."

In her later years, Myrick did not actively practice medicine, but she remained a tireless worker for her causes. She was an advocate for local medical and charitable activities, and financially supported a free dispensary in the Fields Corner neighborhood. She was also on the board of the Industrial School for Girls on Centre Street. Always a devoted healer, Myrick cared

for her older brother, Edward, who after retiring from the family business in Tignish, returned to the Sumner Street home to live with her from 1942 until his death in 1957 at the age of 100.

Myrick lived at the family home until 1959 when the stately house was taken through eminent domain by the City of Boston and demolished to make way for elderly/disabled public housing called the Annapolis Apartments which still exists on that land. She subsequently moved to an apartment building at 50 Commonwealth Avenue in the Back Bay, living with her cousin Josephine Bryant. After Josephine's death in 1970, Myrick lived out her final years at the Wellesley Manor Nursing Home in Wellesley, reportedly maintaining her faculties and keeping up to date on current events. According to family, she had a remarkable rapport with and was well loved by the nurses there, who were entertained by her cheerful philosophy of life and sense of humor which Carolyn E. Myrick described in the following excerpt from "The Myricks of Tignish":

"She was full of witticisms. One that made me chuckle was, 'The rain falls on the just and unjust, but the unjust have the just's umbrellas.'"

On Hannah Myrick's 102nd birthday – Aug. 31, 1973 – Donald Dwight, the lieutenant governor of Massachusetts, presented her a commendation for her life's contributions. Her death came two months later, on Oct. 23. She was buried in the family plot at Forest Hills Cemetery in Jamaica Plain.

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It's important to remember the contributions women have made in the field of medicine in Boston. In the mid-1800s, educational opportunities for women were beginning to open up, although slowly. That all changed on the heels of the historic 1848 women's rights convention at Seneca Falls, and the change was advanced when Boston University School of Medicine was launched in 1848 as the first female medical school in the United States – and the world. In addition to the advances made by the likes of Zakrzewska and Myrick in Boston, we need to recognize Dr. Zakrzewska's medical student, Rebecca Lee Crumpler, who, in 1864, after studying at Boston University, became the first black woman to earn a medical degree in the United States. Dr. Crumpler's story of overcoming a sadly common environment of discrimination for her gender and the color of her skin is truly remarkable. Crumpler, Blackwell, and Zakrzewska were all at the vanguard of women in medicine and their determination helped pave the way for other women who aspired to become doctors, including Dorchester's very own daughter, Hannah Glidden Myrick.

Isaque Rezende is a Dorchester resident who enjoys researching the history of his neighborhood around Uphams Corner.



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(Continued from page 1) **Weekend brought milestone for state**
About 100,000 people became fully vaccinated between last Friday and Sunday, pushing Massachusetts over the 2 million vaccinated mark – roughly halfway to the state’s goal for protecting its population from the coronavirus that has fueled the ongoing global pandemic for more than a year.

As access to the vaccine was opened to everyone 16 or older on Monday,

the Department of Public Health reported that there are now 2,059,487 people who have completed their vaccination regimen in Massachusetts. The state also administered its five-millionth vaccine dose over the weekend, boosting the total number of shots given here to 5,130,458

since December.

During the three-day Patriots’ Day weekend, DPH also confirmed 4,195 new cases of Covid-19 and announced 36 deaths caused by confirmed or likely cases of the virus, which has to date infected 632,707 people in Massachusetts, 17,481 of whom have died.

The number of people hospitalized with Covid-19 and the state’s seven-day positivity rate

continued their yo-yoing trends over the weekend. Hospitalizations were up by six patients to 705 as of Monday’s report and the positive test rate declined about 10 percent over the weekend to 2.04 percent.

As Massachusetts passed the milestone of 2 million full vaccinations this weekend, the Baker administration pointed out that the Bay State is now first for first doses administered per

capita and for total doses administered per capita among states with at least 5 million residents. At least 85 percent of the state’s residents 75 or older have had at least a first dose, better than the national average of 80 percent, and every county has vaccinated at least three-quarters of its 75-plus population.

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Job training group to host mayoral hopefuls on April 29

The Job Training Alliance (JTA) will host a virtual candidate forum on Thurs., April 29, from noon to 1:30 p.m. with five of Boston’s mayoral candidates as they discuss the importance of workforce development, job training opportunities, and economic recovery for all Boston workers.

Produced by the JTA,

a coalition of community-based non-profit skills training providers and workforce development organizations, this forum – “Boston Stronger: Ensuring ALL Boston Workers Thrive in the New Economy” – will feature mayoral candidates John Barros, Andrea Campbell, Annissa Essaibi George, Michelle Wu, and Jon Santiago,

and will be moderated by Andre Green, executive director of SkillWorks. Mayor Kim Janey has also been invited to participate.

“Effective job training will play an integral role in Boston’s economic recovery from the ongoing Covid-19 crisis,” said Amy Nishman, vice president of JTA, in a press release.

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Heading back to work and your pet’s anxiety

Routine, structure keys to a smooth transition

By Dr. Edward Schettino

As we begin to emerge from the pandemic, we start to think about a return to a more normal life and, perhaps, a return to the office. What will that mean for our pets who have happily adjusted to having us around most of the time, content with long walks and constant companionship?

The majority of pets love being around us, but as we begin shifting to head back to the office, they will have to once again learn to be on their own. This major adjustment, if not prepared for, could manifest into separation anxiety for your pet – a condition where the animal displays anxious, fearful, or even destructive behavior when left alone.

Common causes of separation-related problems are fear, frustration, boredom, or a health-related issue.

Fear can be caused by loneliness. Frustration arises when pets don’t get enough of something – or even *too* much of something. Boredom can set in when our pets are not challenged or lack the stimulation they need. And, health-related issues such as allergies, can cause anxiety or discomfort. They can’t tell us what’s causing their discomfort, but reading their behavior can be very telling.

With this in mind, we want to set up our pets for success, not only taking care of their physical and mental needs through behavior training, but also starting now and not waiting! It’s important to remember to reward *calm* behavior – if we reward for both desired and undesired behavior, that only confuses our pets.

Start slow and build your way up as you

reestablish a normal routine. For humans, creating a routine tends to alleviate stress of the unknown – it’s no different for animals.

Going back to the office provides an automatic structure in the day that will in turn, create more structure for our pets. Waking up at the same time each day with consistent mealtimes, walks and playtime with people will establish a structured routine for your pet. If your dog is not crate trained, you can combine independent playtime utilizing high value treats and toys with spending time in their crate, so they can learn that the crate is their own personal safe space whether you are there or not.

Repetition, patience, and rewarding calm behavior is key and remember, even if you plan on going back into the

office in six months – the earlier you get your pet into a routine, the easier the transition will be!

Dr. Edward Schettino is the president and CEO of the Animal Rescue League of Boston. He has a Doctorate of Veterinary Medicine from the Cummings School of Veterinary Medicine at Tufts University. Pet questions? Email ARL at press@arlboston.org.

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The land with the buildings thereon, situated in the part of Boston called Dorchester, Suffolk County, Massachusetts, bounded and described as follows:

SOUTHERLY: by Norfolk Street, forty and 0/100 {40.00} feet,

WESTERLY: by Lot 5, as shown on a plan hereinafter mentioned, one hundred thirty-five and 5 7/100 {135.57} feet, more or less:

NORTHWESTERLY: by land now or formerly of the N.Y. & N.E.R.R. as shown on said plan, seventy and 11/100 {70.11} feet, more or less: and

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The area of the Lot hereby conveyed about 6,738 square feet of land.

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The description of the premises contained in said mortgage shall control in the event of an error in the Notice of Mortgagee's Sale or its publication.

OTHER TERMS TO BE ANNOUNCED AT THE TIME AND PLACE OF THE SALE.

Dated: April 7, 2021

Signed: Bay State Home Group, LLC
Present Holder of said Mortgage
By its Attorneys,
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ANDRADE, Adeline DeBarros, 104, of Dorchester. Born in Campana, Fogo, Cabo Verde, she was the daughter of Carolina Sequeira and Jorge DeBarros. “Vovo”, as she was known, was preceded in death by her husband Hermogenes Freire Andrade, her son, Manuel Andrade and her four siblings

Vovo is survived by her three children, Lourença Monteiro, Carolina Andrade and Jorge Andrade along with 26 grandchildren, 59 great grandchildren, and 14 great great grandchildren. She also leaves behind many family members and friends who will miss her dearly.

DONNELLY, Lawrence P. Jr. “Larry”, two weeks short of his 87th birthday, of East Milton and formerly of Dorchester Lower Mills, Predeceased by his wife Mary (Flanigan). Survived by two sons, Lawrence P. “Larry” of Wicklow, Ireland and Thomas J. “Tommy” of East Milton, their wives Eileen and Jesse, and



3 grandchildren Seán, Larry and Tommy. Larry is also survived by his siblings, Louise Lydon of Milton, Paul Donnelly of Beacon Hill and Brian Donnelly of Dennis, as well by many nieces and nephews, cousins, in-laws, close friends, neighbors and former colleagues in the US, Ireland and Scotland. He is a retired federal administrative law judge and state administrative judge and graduate of St. Gregory’s School, Hyde Park High School, Stonehill College and New England Law - Boston. Veteran, US Army.

ESSOR, Dorothy, 86, of Hyde Park. Former owner of Dorothy’s Beauty Salon of Hyde Park. Wife of Owen Eссор. Mother of Sandra Brown, Jacqueline Eссор, Christopher Eссор, and Ingrid Eссор-Burton.



FULCHINO, Theresa F. (Whall) RN, 93, resident of Newbridge on the Charles, Dedham, formerly of Milton and Dorchester, Wife of the late Harry L. Fulchino, MD. Mother of John Fulchino of Washington, DC, Gina Melton and her husband Mike of West Roxbury, Stephen Fulchino and is wife Fina of Hooksett, NH, Michael Fulchino and his wife Pam of South Hero, VT, Diane Hull and her husband Gerry of Grants Pass OR, and the late Donna Fulchino of Pe-

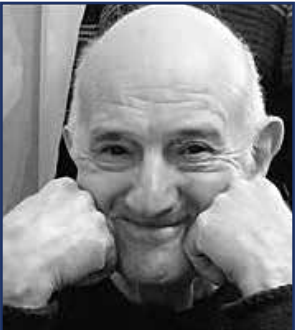
terborough NH. Grandmother of 8. Preceded by her siblings William and Frank Whall, Cassie Lind, and Mary Ansello.



KIRWAN, Noreen Ann of Raleigh, NC, 68. Born to Eugene Francis Kirwan and June Mary Kirwan (nee Manley) in Dorchester. She was the sister of Jeanne Kirwan of South Boston, Sheila Fontana and her husband Bill of Quincy, Thomas Kirwan of Mesa, AZ, and Patricia Ford and her husband Alfred DePaoli of Kingston. Noreen was predeceased by her youngest brother Dennis Kirwan.

NORTON, Robert D. “Chipa” of Hingham, formerly of Dorchester. US Navy Vietnam era veteran. Lifelong member of the Port Norfolk Yacht Club. Husband of the late Isabell “Terry” Norton. Father of Victoria Leahy and her husband Jim (WFD) of Weymouth, Walter Sprague and his wife Rosemary of Whitman and Brian Norton (WPD) of Hingham. Brother of Gail Rosen of Scituate, Dottie Kerwin of FL, Mary Fitzgerald of Easton, Patricia “Patty” Keeley of Scituate and the late Jackie Norton, William Norton and Jeannie Gilmartin. Grandpa of 4. Also survived by many nieces and nephews. Donations in memory of Robert may be made to MSPCA, 350 S. Huntington Ave., Jamaica Plain, MA 02130.

by the Connollys, both Kelly families, Clancys, O’Briens, and the O’Connor clan, all of Boston and Ireland. Mona was a retired employee of Jordan Marsh Company for over 25 years. Donations in Mona’s memory may be made to The Irish Pastoral Center, 512 Gallivan Blvd., Dorchester, MA 02124.



SPAGNUOLO, Benjamin of Dorchester. Wife of Lorraine R. (Zagzoug) Spagnuolo. Father of Grace Adams of North Carolina, Gerard Spagnuolo of Framingham, Gregory Spagnuolo of Quincy, Roseanne Spagnuolo of London, and the late George Kelly. Brother of Richard, Joseph, Diane, and Pat. Also survived by many grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Benjamin was a proud veteran of the United States Marine Corps during the Korean War.



SWEENEY, Marilyn A. (Thomson), 85. A native of Dorchester. Mrs. Sweeney was the daughter of Anna Thomson and Robert Thomson of Dorchester. Predeceased by her husband, Robert, she leaves her daughters Cheryl Satryb, of Dracut and her husband Robert, Theresa Sweeney-Krystof of North Conway and her husband, Richard Krystof, Patricia Sweeney of Maynard and her husband Jeff Herd. Jacqueline Sweeney of Waltham and her husband Paul Nelson, and Rose Perkins of Lancaster and her husband Tod; her sons Michael Sweeney of Boxborough and his late wife Amy, and Robert Sweeney, Jr. of North Andover and his wife Angela; her brothers Robert and Kevin Thomson; and her 10 grandchildren; and 4 great-grandchildren. She requested donations be made to The Michael J. Fox Foundation for Parkinson to help find a cure for her two children battling this disease.



O’CONNOR, Mona M. of Dorchester, formerly of Tamhnacha/Moycullen, Co. Galway, Ireland. Daughter of the late William and Nora (Mullen) O’Connor. Sister of the late baby Gregory O’Connor, Bridget Connolly, Mary Clancy, Kathleen Kelley, Margaret O’Donnell, James Kelly, and especially Anne McDonagh. Aunt of Mary and her husband Ned McNiff, Deborah McDonagh, Margaret McDonagh, and the late Michael, Patrick, and Matthew McDonagh. Mona is also survived



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You are hereby summoned and required to serve upon: Rose Louetta Johnson, 275 Normandy St., Boston, MA 02121 your answer, if any, on or before 05/27/2021. If you fail to do so, the court will proceed to the hearing and adjudication of this action. You are also required to file a copy of your answer, if any, in the office of the Register of this Court.
Witness, HON. BRIAN J. DUNN, First Justice of this Court.
Date: April 14, 2021
Felix D. Arroyo
Register of Probate
Published: April 22, 2021

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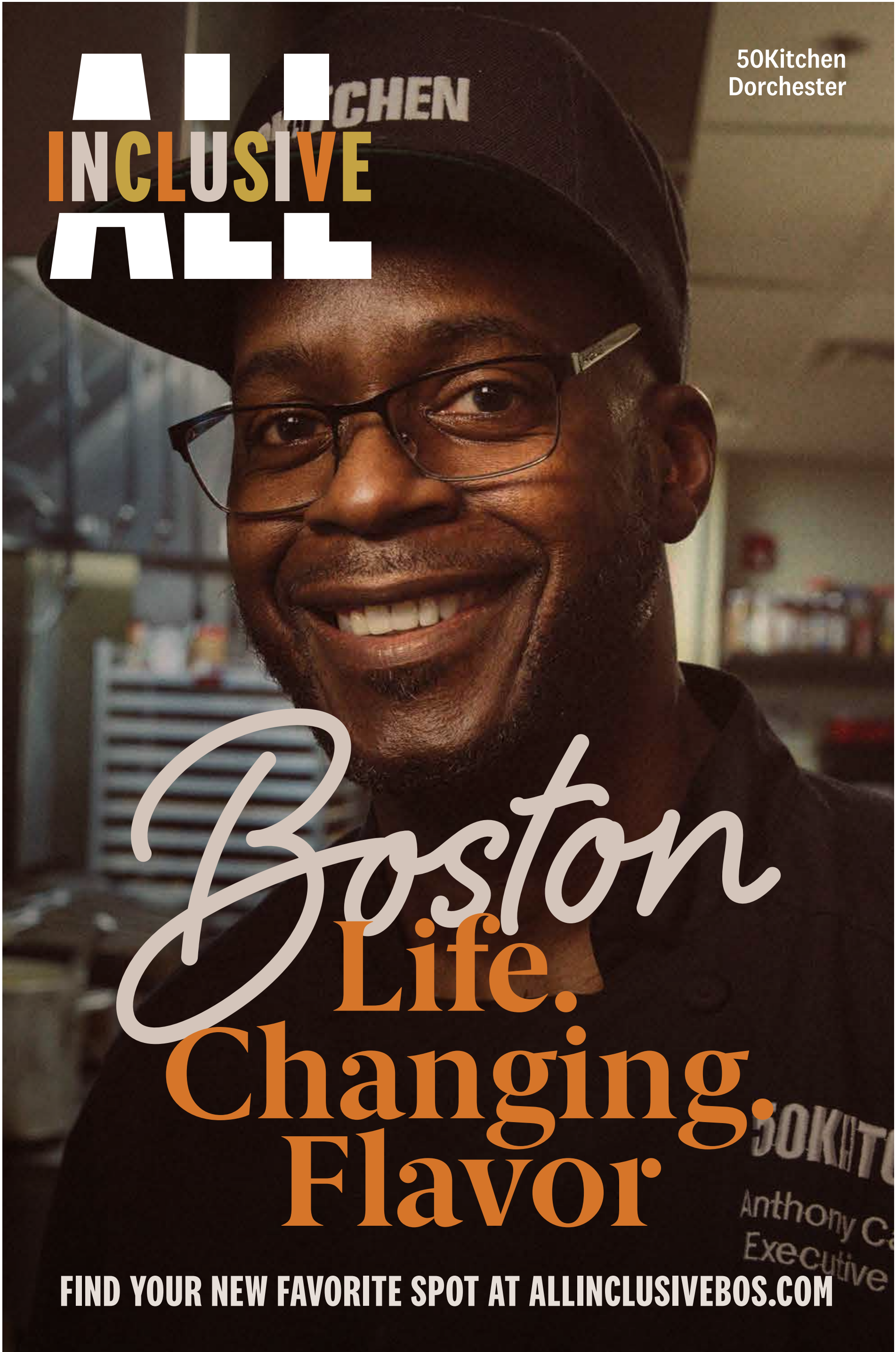


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