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The long-vacant three-decker on Marie Street was gutted by a six-alarm fire in the early morning hours on Sunday. *BFD photo*

## A fire highlights perils from city's decrepit property

By JENNIFER SMITH  
REPORTER STAFF

With the Sunday sunrise just a few hours away, the vacant three-decker at 8 Marie St. was ablaze. Flames were billowing from the house when firefighters arrived at about 4 a.m. and leaping to the upper floors of neighboring homes. Ultimately, 17 people were left homeless by the six-alarm fire.

The history of the Meetinghouse Hill property – a structure well-known to city officials – highlights the barriers city agencies face when trying to deal promptly with problem properties as neighbors sound the alarm

over safety risks and declining home values.

On Wednesday, Boston fire officials said the cause of the fire was still under investigation. Some 80 firefighters fought the flames, knocking down the bulk of the fire by around 5:30 a.m. and extinguishing hot spots until 9:15.

Boston Fire Department spokesman Steve MacDonald said initial estimates put the damage at about \$2.5 million, but that number is likely to rise. The building where the fire started sustained extreme damage, he said, and though only the top two floors of the

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## Community leaders want details on Motley ouster

### A worry about 'scapegoating'

By JENNIFER SMITH  
REPORTER STAFF

The fallout from UMass Boston Chancellor J. Keith Motley's forced resignation continues this week amid increased scrutiny about the campus's financial woes. A group of community leaders led by Rev. Liz Walker are demanding a meeting with university administrators and city and state politicians aimed at deconstructing the events that led to Motley's removal two weeks ago.

Among other things, Walker said, the community wants assurances that Motley is not the victim of a "scapegoating" campaign. "We'd like to make sure that that's not the case," she said. "All we want to do is talk to people who are more closely connected to this to find out."

Motley will leave his post in June with plans to begin a yearlong sabbatical before returning to the Dorchester campus as a tenured professor.



Keith Motley met with UMass Boston students at a General Assembly last week and talked at some length about his situation and their place on campus: "You've created an incredible campus and dynamic. You know, we all need to improve. Nothing is perfect. But you've set us on the pathway to that level of excellence that we all know we need here at the university." See Page 8. *Photo courtesy Pantea Fatemi Ardestani*

His resignation came after a flurry of stories in the *Boston Globe* and meetings with UMass board members about campus debt, with estimates ranging between \$6 and \$30 million, including a structural deficit.

Student leaders, many of whom have expressed a desire for Motley to stay on as chancellor, still object to the loss of a man they say has been

an active and communicative leader. A resolution calling on the chancellor to rescind his resignation made it onto the student General Assembly agenda at the final meeting of the year, but did not come to discussion for logistical reasons.

Motley bade farewell and offered his heartfelt thanks to the student government

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Finn Meaney, 11, holds up his latest championship trophy with his champion red jacket on at the Everybody Fights gym in South Boston. *Photo courtesy LOPSAN*

## Boxer Finn Meaney, 11, continues winning ways

By RYAN DALY  
REPORTER CORRESPONDENT

An 11-year-old boxer who got his start in the ring at the John P. McKeon Post, has won the New England Silver Mittens competition for the second consecutive year. Finn Meaney is 3-0 in amateur competition and is being hailed as a "little superstar" by his trainer.

Finn says that he was ready to start punching the minute he got into the ring at the McKeon Post, which has been teaching the sport

to neighborhood kids as young as three for the past 55 years.

Finn continued his instruction at the Dorchester Boxing Club in Fields Corner, where Jason Kelly, 26, a professional boxer and trainer from Savin Hill, showed him the ropes. After the club closed last year, Finn relocated to a gym in South Boston, appropriately named Everybody Fights. George Forman III, the owner of the gym, made sure to make space for the young fighters, Kelly noted.

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Sydney Chaffee: Teacher of Humanities at Codman Academy Public Charter School.

## Dot teacher wins nation's top teaching award

By ANDY METZGER  
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NEWS SERVICE

In well over half a century no Massachusetts teacher had ever won the Council of Chief State School Officers' National

Teacher of the Year award until this year.

On Thursday the Baker administration announced that Sydney Chaffee, a ninth grade humanities teacher at Codman Academy

Public Charter School in Dorchester, is this year's winner.

Chaffee, who was in New York City last week for the announcement, attended a Friday morning celebration at


the Huntington Theatre Company in Boston.

"What strikes me most about Sydney is her humility and willingness to try a variety of ways to advance her

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DOT BY THE DAY

April 27 - May 4, 2017

A snapshot look at key upcoming events in and around the neighborhood for your weekly planner.

**Thursday (27th)** – Dotfest: A Community Carnival at 6 p.m. Join Dot House Health for an evening of food and fun. Details to follow. For sponsorship availability and information, please contact Usha Thakrar at Usha.Thakrar@dothousehealth.org.

**Friday (28th)** – Mattapan Community Health Center’s annual Rock the Boat gala is held at the Renaissance Boston Waterfront Hotel, 5:30 p.m. reception. Business attire. Call Steven Heck for tickets (starting at \$150) at 617-898-9049 or hecks@matchc.org.

**Saturday (29th)** – Benefit dinner to support peace activist Isaura Mendes. Doors open at 7 p.m. at Cesaria Restaurant, 266 Bowdoin St., Dorchester. State Senator Sonia Chang-Diaz will speak about Criminal Justice Reform.

- “Zabawa” dance party organized by the Krakowiak Polish Dancers of Boston at the Polish American Citizens Club, 82 Boston St., Dorchester starts at 8 p.m.

**Sunday (30th)** – The UJazz Boston Trio takes the Recital Hall stage on Sunday, April 30, 7 p.m., bringing the celebration of International Jazz Day to the UMass Boston campus. The three music majors – Domenic Davis on bass. Brian Hull on drums. Anthony Martin on piano – present an eclectic fusion of jazz, R & B, and soul music, drawing from artists ranging from Count Basie to Erika Badu.

**Thursday (4th)** – Notre Dame Education Center in South Boston will hold its 25th anniversary celebration and fundraiser from 5:30-8:30 p.m. at the Venezia Restaurant in Dorchester. As part of the festivities there will be an all school reunion for those who attended or graduated from Cardinal Cushing High School for girls. See ndecboston.org or call 617-268-1912.

- The UMass Boston Chamber Orchestra joins in the celebration of President John F. Kennedy’s centennial and legacy musically with *The Sounds of Silence*, including a world premiere of a composition by UMass Boston music professor David Patterson. The concert will be at 8 p.m. in the Recital Hall, University Hall. Tickets are \$5 for students, \$10 for the general public.



EMK Institute unveils art exhibit by BPS students

By BILL FORRY  
EDITOR

More than 140 high school students participated in a new art installation that opened inside the Edward M. Kennedy Institute for the United States Senate. The exhibition— a group of nine, tiled murals depicting the Statue of Liberty entitled From Her Beacon— is the work of teenagers from Dorchester’s Boston International Newcomers Academy (BINcA).

James Hobin, the Savin Hill artist, worked alongside instructor Celoni Espinola to help the students create the work, which is made up of 180 painted panels. Each one of the 12x18 inch tiles was painted on a heavy card stock that have been arrayed on a prominent wall inside the Columbia Point institute.

Students from the BINcA will be on hand for the official launch of the exhibit on Friday to kick off Arts Week Boston. It will remain on display throughout the month of May.

“We’re enormously proud to



Students from Dorchester’s Boston International Newcomers Academy created these murals now on display in the Edward M. Kennedy Institute for the United States Senate.  
Bill Forry photo

host this exhibition,” said Jean MacCormack, president of the Edward M. Kennedy Institute for the United States Senate. “Senator Kennedy advocated for strengthening cultural institutions and was the first United States Senator to have a senior staffer dedicated to the arts. We can think of no better way to honor that legacy than to highlight the impressive talents of the next generation of leaders and artists.”

Boston Public Schools Superintendent Tommy Chang added: “I thank the Edward M. Kennedy Institute for elevating the voices of our remarkable students.”

Hobin, who is a staff writer for the Dorchester Reporter, said that the artwork was created as part of a special Democracy Day held at BINcA last January on the day of the presidential inauguration. “They look like they were made for this space,” said Hobin, who assisted in mounting the large tiles alongside the words of a sonnet written by the poet Emma Lazarus (1849–1887). Her poem “The New Colossus” includes the line, “From her beacon-hand glows world-wide welcome.”

The EMK Institute is open Tuesday through Sunday, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Man charged for alleged ‘road-rage’ murder in Granite Avenue shooting

Boston Police have charged a 29-year-old Dorchester man with murder for a brazen shooting on Granite Avenue that police say followed a traffic dispute near the McDonald’s restaurant on the afternoon of April 13. The victim, Joey DeBarros, 21, was shot multiple times outside of his vehicle in the Granite Avenue entrance of the fast-food restaurant.

Last week, BPD detectives sought a warrant charging Deonarine Ganga with the homicide. Ganga was already in custody since his arrest on April 14, the day after DeBarros was killed. The BPD’s Fugitive Apprehension Unit arrested him on an outstanding warrant stemming from an April 7 incident at a Dorchester Avenue business, in which Ganga allegedly threatened another person with a gun.

“My detectives worked tirelessly on this case from the beginning,” Commissioner William Evans said in a statement. “Their hard work and commitment to seek justice for this young man was matched by the cooperation of the public who offered assistance.”

“We are pleased that we were able to arrest and charge the suspect for this brazen daytime shooting and for his involvement in the earlier assault. We hope that these charges bring some peace to the DeBarros family during what is surely a most difficult time,” Evans added.

The investigation into the April 13 shooting on Granite Avenue continues, according to BPD sources. Anyone with information is strongly urged to contact Boston Police Homicide Detectives at 617-343-4470.

Three shot, one killed in Sunday night violence

A man who was one of two people shot at 22 Thane St. around 8:40 p.m. on Sunday died after being transported to a local hospital, the Boston Police Department reports. Police said the man was in his late 20s. A woman in her 30s who was shot with him is expected to survive.

Shortly after 10 p.m., a third person was shot around the corner on Harvard Street.

Around 10:50 p.m., police found a man with a gunshot wound on Creston Street, although police found a shell casing around the corner, at Normandy Street and Lawrence Avenue.

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**Planning History, Future discussed at EMK Institute** – Dorchester’s Edward M. Kennedy Institute for the United States Senate will host a panel discussion on “The History and Future of Planning in Boston” on Thurs., April 27 from 6 – 8 p.m. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. Mel King, author of Chain of Change and founder, Mel King Institute is among the panelists, along with Renée Loth and Ted Landsmark, of the Dukakis Center at Northeastern University and Board member, BPDA. Part of the Imagine Boston 2030 series sponsored by Mayor Martin J. Walsh. 210 Morrissey Blvd., Dorchester. Free, but must register online at: imagine.boston.gov.

**Hearing on new name for Mattapan school** – The Boston Public Schools will host a public hearing on Thurs., April 27 at 7:30 p.m. to solicit comment on naming the Mattapan Early Education School. The meeting will take place in the cafeteria of the Mattahunt Elementary School, 100 Hebron St., Mattapan. Sign up for public comment (limit two minutes) between 7-7:45 p.m.

**St. Mark’s Area Civic to host May 2 forum on development** – The St. Mark’s Area Civic Association will host a forum on Tuesday, May 2 from 7-9 p.m. titled “Beyond the Buzzwords: Shaping the Future of Housing & Development” in the lower church hall, St. Mark’s Church, 1725 Dorchester Ave. A panel will discuss the forces driving growth in Dorchester and the wider region and how our city and state leaders are responding. Panelists include: State Sen. Linda Dorcea Forny, Tim Reardon of the Metropolitan Area Planning Council, Jim Keefe, the principal of Trinity Financial, John Greely and Cecelia Nardi from BPDA. The moderator is Tom Callahan of Mass Affordable Housing Alliance. RSVP to tinyurl.com/DotHousingForum. For more info contact mdouglasshurley@yahoo.com or Maddie.ribble@gmail.com.

**Project DEEP Awards Night on May 8** – The 21st annual Project DEEP Student & Volunteer Recognition Night is Monday, May 8 at 6 p.m., Florian Hall, 55 Hallet St., Dorchester. Keynote Speaker: Kenzie Kent, Boston College lacrosse and hockey player and student. Pizza party immediately following. Suggested donation: \$25 per family.

**Neponset River Clean-up set for April 29** – The annual Neponset River cleanup will be held on Saturday, April 29 from 9 a.m.-noon at three sites—including Granite Avenue and Baker Square. Volunteers are encouraged to pre-register at neponset.org/volunteer.

**May 2 meeting on Mattapan Sq. redevelopment** – Preservation of Affordable Housing (POAH) and Nuestra Comunidad host a meeting to discuss the proposed design for the development of the parking lot next to the Mattapan Square station into a mix of affordable and market-rate housing and retail space. 6-7:30 p.m. at Mattapan branch of the BPL, 1350 Blue Hill Ave., Mattapan. Contact Lina Jimenez at 617-989-1211 for more details.

**Meeting on Garvey Park Improvements set for May 3** – The Boston Parks and Recreation Department and the Mayor’s Office of Neighborhood Services invite the public to the first in a series of meetings to discuss improvements to Garvey Park in Dorchester. The meeting will take place at 6:30 p.m. at the BCYF Leahy/ Holloran Community Center, 1 Worrell St., Dorchester. The proposed project includes renovation to the entire park. For further information, please call 617-961-3019.

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# Baker budget offers \$78m for work on UMass Boston garage

By Katie Lannan  
State House  
News Service

The Baker administration’s fiscal 2018 capital budget plan will include \$78 million over three years to repair a crumbling, underground parking garage at the University of Massachusetts Boston, Gov. Baker’s office announced Monday.

“The Baker-Polito Administration is committing \$78 million to UMass Boston in this year’s capital budget for the campus parking garage to support infrastructure needs and uphold our commitment to ensure UMass remains a successful and competitive public university system for Massachusetts students,” Baker communications director Lizzy Guyton said in a statement.

Barry Mills, UMass Boston’s new deputy chancellor and chief operating officer, told UMass trustees earlier this month that the school is looking to move its utilities out of a “crumbling” substructure, calling it a “remarkably complicated” project with escalating costs. He said the campus



The dilapidated garage at UMass Boston.

State House News Service photo

is “pretty much built on a big parking garage” that has been condemned.

“It won’t fall down, I hope, because it’s been reinforced over and over. You want to talk about good money after bad,” Mills said at an April 11 meeting. “This project is phenomenally expensive

and the fact of the matter is...we don’t have the cash flow to pay the interest to do this project, and it’s a serious problem. Somehow we’re going to have to come to an accommodation to figure out how we’re going to get this fixed.”

UMass officials have

said the Boston campus is on track to end the year with a deficit of between \$6 million and \$7 million, driven in part by the long-term infrastructure project, which includes work on utilities and the parking garage, that has ballooned over its initial budget.

“This is the most significant investment made by any administration in the 40 years since construction flaws in the substructure became known,” UMass President Martin Meehan said in a statement. “Completing this project is elemental to meeting the needs and

potential of Boston’s only public research university, an institution that is critically important to the City and the Commonwealth.”

The complete capital plan will be released in the next several weeks, according to Baker’s office.

## Community leaders want details on Motley ouster

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during a half-hour visit to a meeting of the undergraduate student senate last Wednesday. “This institution is on the move,” he told the

students. “It’s scary for some people that we woke up. And here we come. And guess what I’m proudest about? It can’t be turned back. It’s here. It’s in the ground.

It’s no longer just the idea of some folks from Dorchester, who had an idea of an institution over fifty years ago.”

He has heard the negative critiques of his leadership, as well as the students’ defense of him, Motley said. He had not spoken out, he added, with the exception of the prior week’s board of trustees meeting, but he told the solemn-faced students seated around him that “we all need to improve; nothing is perfect.”

Nonetheless, he said, he remains proud of the changes to the campus during his tenure. “Our work defends itself,” Motley said. “My responsibility to you is not to be an idiot about this work. It’s to keep up the dignity of this role, to respect it, and to operate like that for you, and to model for you what that means. And take all the incoming, because that’s what leaders do.

“Because in time — time being the wisest counsellor — all will be revealed,” he added. “So as I said, three years from now, let’s all go for a walk. Let’s set up a date. A few of you will still be at the school about to graduate in three years. So ... we’re gonna walk the campus. You know, and these students here are gonna be striding; and I don’t have to talk, all I have to do is point. Just point and spin in a circle, right.”

As the students chuckled, Motley spun around and pointed out the Campus Center windows. “That’s all I have to do,” he said. “That’s all you have to do. You don’t have to defend your chancellor. You understand? Defend me by graduating, going on to have incredible lives.”

(See excerpts from his remarks on Page 8.)

Rev. Walker, who signed a letter on behalf of the Friends of UMass

Boston last week, pressed UMass President Martin Meehan and Board of Trustees chair Robert Manning to respond to a letter sent in early April registering concern over the circumstances of Motley’s departure. Walker said the group plans to host a community meeting to discuss their concerns, which she said is planned for early May. A final date and venue has not yet been set.

Motley’s departure is a warning signal, she said, that there may be “systemic” problems at the campus that have not been shared with the neighborhoods. “The university is, as we understand it, an institution for the common good,” she told the *Reporter*. “Motley represented the best of that because he always worked for everybody; not just students from abroad, but students in the community, who


might not have access to higher education if not for schools like the UMass Boston campus.”

Mayor Martin Walsh, who had not previously commented on Motley’s pending departure, weighed in this week. “Keith Motley has played an important role at UMass Boston and in our city,” the mayor said in a statement to the *Reporter*. “He provided us with a valuable perspective and vision for higher education in Boston, and I want to thank him for his service. For the good of the UMass system and education in this city, we need to put the controversy behind us and work together to move this important institution forward.”

While Walker agrees with the need to move forward, she said the lingering concern of the community “is no longer just about Keith Motley.”


Given the current political climate, she said, “We’re living in times where we have to be vigilant about systems,” she said. “Systems that protect the common good are being threatened from all kind of directions.”

Walker added that she wants other UMass leaders — and the governor and mayor as well — to come to the table and explain how the decision shook out. “I don’t think it has been shared,” she said. “Or maybe the questions haven’t been asked loudly enough.”



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# BPS leaders outline facilities plan at Leahy-Holloran forum

By JENNIFER SMITH  
REPORTER STAFF

Boston Public School officials briefed residents on the BuildBPS facilities assessment at the Leahy-Holloran BCYF Center in Dorchester on Tuesday night. A crowd of about 50 people— including city officials— attended the forum, which BPS Superintendent Tommy Chang said was the start of an ongoing outreach effort to help shape facilities planning over the next decade.

The BuildBPS initiative —launched 18 months ago— began with a full review of existing school buildings, feeding into the city’s 10-year educational and facilities master plan. Analyzing the city’s aging facilities stock — 65 percent of all BPS buildings were constructed before World War II and new buildings include those constructed in the last 20 years — the report measures varying levels of structural quality and use of educational spaces.

## Dot teacher wins nation’s top teaching award

(Continued from page 1) students’ growth. Where others might experience obstacles or feel discouraged, Sydney seeks opportunities to learn from her students and colleagues,” Elementary and Secondary Education Commissioner Mitchell Chester said in a statement.

Chaffee is a Dorchester resident and has taught English and social studies at the school since 2007, according to the administration. The first National Teacher of the Year award was issued in 1952 to Geraldine Jones, an elementary school teacher in Santa Barbara, California.

A graduate of Sarah Lawrence College and Lesley University, Chaffee collaborates with Huntington Theatre Company and believes education is a “transformative tool for social justice,” according to the Council of Chief State School Officers. “It can empower students to stand up for themselves and create change,” Chaffee said, according to the council.

“It can only do this, however, if teachers like me hold ourselves and each other accountable for confronting the system’s historical inequity.”

Chaffee will head to Washington, D.C. this week for National Teacher of the Year activities, according to the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education.

Tuesday evening’s panel included Superintendent Chang; the city’s education chief, Rahn Dorsey; John Hanlon, the chief operating officer of BPS; and Makeeba McCreary, managing director and senior advisor of external affairs for BPS, who spoke on the facilities plan. The administration has pledged \$1 billion of investment in the facilities over the next decade.

Officials emphasize that the report, which includes an online interactive data tool, is founded on “a deep-rooted sense of community engagement” and is not a prescription for dramatic change or a recommendation for school closures.

“It’s very important

to note that BuildBPS is not a list of specific budget recommendations,” Hanlon said. “It’s not a crystal ball that will tell us what will happen 10 years from now. We’re not telling any community through Build BPS what schools are going to be built, what schools are going to be renovated, what schools are going to be repaired.”

The data will guide decisions as the district and residents determine what repairs, expansions, or new construction will be merited in the next decade.

“A big piece of the BuildBPS project is to think about the demographics of the city, not just what it looks like

today but what it’s going to look like 10 years from now,” Hanlon said.

The community engagement cycle is about to kick off. Neighborhood workshops will run through May and June, soliciting input from residents and community stakeholders. Feedback would be channeled toward the new Office of School Building Synthesis in August and October and the community will be brought in again from November to January for neighborhood project prioritization meetings. Results should be reflected in the capital budget for the next year, and the cycle would continue year-over-year.

Different neighbor-



From left: NBC Boston anchor Frank Holland, BPS Chief Operating Officer John Hanlon, Superintendent Tommy Chang, Makeeba McCreary, managing director and senior advisor of external affairs for BPS, and Byron Barnett of Channel 7.

Jennifer Smith photo

hoods have specific needs, Dorsey said.

Responding to a question about increased pre-K programs, Dorsey said, “This overlaps with what you may have heard about where the high-growth areas in the city are. So when you think about neighborhoods like

East Boston, Dorchester, Roxbury, and Mattapan, these are the every same places where we need more pre-K seats.”

Those four neighborhoods currently account for 59 percent of the city’s school-aged children, according to the BuildBPS report.



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Arts & Entertainment

Noorani brings national book tour to Dorchester

By RYAN DALY  
REPORTER CORRESPONDENT

Ali Noorani, the executive director of the National Immigration Forum is returning to Dorchester for a reading from his new book “There Goes the Neighborhood: How Communities Overcome Prejudice and Meet the Challenge of American Immigration.”

Noorani, who served as the director of Public Health at DotHouse Health and Codman Square Health Center in the mid-2000s, will appear at the Black Box Theatre in Codman Square on Tuesday, May 9 at 2 p.m. The event will be hosted by the Codman Square Health Center.

A California-native and son of Pakistani immigrants, Noorani recalls how his walks down Dorchester Avenue—undertaken when going from his Back Bay residence to his job at DotHouse—served as formative experiences for his work in immigration.

“To go down Dot Ave,” Noorani said, “is to circle the world.”

During these walks, Noorani noticed how the neighborhood welcomed



Former DotHouse, Codman worker now focused on immigrants

waves of new immigrants, political figures, and policies.

Dorchester—an amalgamation of Haitian, African, Irish, Cape Verdean and Vietnamese, to name just a few—contains similar dynamics to other neighborhoods and cities Noorani has seen across the country, he said.

His time spent working for DotHouse and Codman Square were pivotal years, said Noorani. “These organizations really understood what health centers meant to places that were changing in such dramatic ways,” he said.

Noorani received his Master’s in Public Policy from Boston University and is also a graduate

of the University of California, Berkley. After his stint working in Dorchester, Noorani shifted his focus from public health to immigration and refugee issues, serving as the director of the Boston-based Massachusetts Immigrant and Refugee Advocacy (MIRA) Coalition. He left MIRA in 2008 to take the helm at the National Immigration Forum and is now a familiar face.

The heightened tension of the presidential campaign served as the backdrop for “There Goes the Neighborhood.” Noorani was writing the book between May and September of last year. The book dives deep into how people and organizations from Republican sheriffs in Texas to Mormon Churches in Utah view immigrants and refugees as extensions of their community.

Noorani says that he was already in close contact with 60 or so law enforcement and business leaders that he interviewed for the book, but conducting these interviews allowed him to ask the more pertinent questions.

“I got to sit down and say: why do you really

care about this issue?”

Noorani is now in the middle of a national book tour.

“People have been incredibly generous during the research and writing, as well as the sharing of the book’s message. So we’ll see what comes next,” he said.

Noorani is never too far from Dorchester, rolling through the neighborhood once or twice a year. “Some places look very different,” he said, “and others look exactly the same. Only when you’ve been to Dorchester do you really understand the beauty of it.”

Along with his appearance at the Codman Square Health Center on May 9, Noorani will be speaking at the Congregation Beth Shalom of the Blue Hills in Milton on Sunday, May 7th at 4 p.m. The event will be sponsored by the synagogue’s Solidarity Committee and free to attend.

In order to attend the Codman Square event, residents should RSVP at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/there-goes-the-neighborhood-book-talk-tickets-33823980436>.

Dot students working to stage operas

Two Dorchester schools—the Joseph Lee K-8 School and St. Brendan School—are currently participating in a Boston Lyric Opera program to write and create their own operas. The students range from 4th to 8th grade. The opera subjects include: The Billy Goats Gruff, The Star-Spangled Banner, The Westing Game and the Transcontinental Railroad & Immigration.

Boston Lyric Opera (BLO) has offered the “Create Your Own Opera” for over six years—and both the Lee and St. Brendan’s are back for the fourth year. The program gives students access to opera resulting in a deeper empathy for other people and cultures, and provides a deeper understanding of the opera subjects. The teachers of the participating students have noticed an overall positive change in confidence and a broadened ability for their students to express themselves.

The performance dates are to be determined but will begin towards the end of May and run through the month of June. For more information on Boston Lyric Opera, visit their website at [blo.org](http://blo.org).

— ELANA AURISE

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ADAMS STREET BRANCH

Thurs., April 27, 10:30 a.m. – BabySing; Drop In Tech Support; 3:30 p.m. – LEGO Builders Club; Homework Help. Fri., April 28, 9:30 a.m. – Baby Toddler Playgroup. Tues., May 2, 10:30 a.m. – Preschool Story Time; 3:30 p.m. – Homework Help; 4:30 p.m. – Kids’ Art Club. Wed., May 3, 4 p.m. – Boston Teacher’s Union Homework Assistance. Thurs., May 4, 10:30 a.m. – Drop In Tech Support; 3:30 p.m. – Homework Help. Fri., May 5, 9:30 a.m. – Baby Toddler Playgroup.

CODMAN SQUARE BRANCH

Thurs., April 27, 3:30 p.m. – Homework Help. Fri., April 28, 10:30 a.m. – Preschool Story Time; 12:30 p.m. – USCIS Information Hours. Mon., May 1, 3:30 p.m. – Homework Help. Tues., May 2, 3:30 p.m. – Homework Help; 4 p.m. – 3D Art Class for Youth. Wed., May 3, 3:30 p.m. – Homework Help. Thurs., May 4, 3:30 p.m. – Homework Help. Fri., May 5, 10:30 a.m. – Preschool Story Time.

FIELDS CORNER BRANCH

Thurs., Apr. 27, 3:30 p.m. – Homework Help. Fri., April 28, 9:30 a.m. – Lapsit Story Time; 10:30 a.m. – Reading Readiness. Mon., May 1, 3 p.m. – ESL Conversation Group; 3:30 p.m. – Homework Help. Tues., May 2, 3:30 p.m. – Homework Help; 4 p.m. – Boston Teacher’s Union Homework Assistance; 4 p.m. – Creative Arts Workshop for Youth; 6:30 p.m. – Hatha Yoga. Wed., May 3, 10:30 a.m. – Preschool Films and Fun; 3:30 p.m. – Homework Help. Thurs., May 4, 3:30 p.m. – Homework Help; 4 p.m. – Creative Arts Workshop for Youth. Fri., May 5, 9:30 a.m. – Lapsit Story Time; 10:30 a.m. – Reading Readiness.

GROVE HALL BRANCH

Thurs., April 27, 3:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. – Homework Help; 3:45 p.m. – Tech Thursdays; 5 p.m. – Actors’ Shakespeare Project: A Most Rare Vision Pop Up Performances; 5:30 p.m. – Family Night: Game Night; 6:30 p.m. – BARCC Workshop: Becoming Active Bystanders. Sat., April 29, 2 p.m. – Girls Who Code. Mon., May 1, 3:30 p.m. – Homework Help. Tues., May 2, 10:30 a.m. – Tuesday Tales; 3:30 p.m. – Homework Help. Wed., May 3, 3:30 p.m. – Homework Help; 3:45 p.m. – 3D Art Class for Youth. Thurs., May 4, 3:30 p.m. – Homework Help. Fri., May 5, 10 a.m. – Computer Basics.

LOWER MILLS BRANCH

Thurs., April 27, 6:30 p.m. – ESL Conversation Group. Fri., April 28, 1 p.m. – Laurence Olivier Film Series; 3:30 p.m. – Young Makers’ Club. Sat., April 29, Friends Book Sale. Mon., May 1, 7 p.m. – Pajama Story Time. Tues., May 2, 10:30 a.m. – Story Time with the Boston Ballet. Wed., May 3, 10:30 a.m. – Music & Movement. Thurs., May 4, 6:30 p.m. – ESL Conversation Group. Fri., May 5, 3:30 p.m. – Young Makers’ Club. Sat., May 6, 10 a.m. – Drop-in Craft.

MATTAPAN BRANCH

Thurs., April 27, 3:30 p.m. – Homework Help. Sat., April 29, 10 a.m. – Computer Basics Class. Mon., May 1, 3:30 p.m. – Homework Help. Tues., May 2, 3:30 p.m. – Homework Help; 4 p.m. – Fiber Art Class for Youth; 4 p.m. LEGO Club; 6 p.m. – ESL Conversation Group. Wed., May 3, 10:30 a.m. – Toddler Time; 11 a.m. – Hugs & Play; 3:30 p.m. – Homework Help. Thurs., May 4, 3:30 p.m. – Homework Help. Sat., May 6, 10 a.m. – Computer Basics Class. Mon., May 8, 3:30 p.m. – Homework Help. Tues., May 9, 3:30 p.m. – Homework Help; 4 p.m. – Fiber Art Class for Youth; 4 p.m. – LEGO Club; 6 p.m. – ESL Conversation Group. Wed., May 10, 10:30 a.m. – Toddler Time; 11 a.m. – Hugs & Play; 3:30 pm. – Homework Help. Thurs., May 11, 3:30 p.m. – Homework Help. Sat., May 13, 10 a.m. – Computer Basics Class.

UPHAMS CORNER BRANCH

Sat., April 29, 12:30 p.m. – Author Reading. Mon., May 1, 3:30 p.m. – Homework Help. Tues., May 2, 3:30 p.m. – LEGO Builders Club. Wed., May 3, 11:30 a.m. – Baby and Toddler Circle; 3:30 p.m. – Homework Help. Mon., May 8, 13:30 p.m. – Homework Help. Tues., May 9, 10:30 a.m. – Reading Readiness with Little Grove. Wed., May 10, 11:30 a.m. – Baby and Toddler Circle Time; 3:30 p.m. – Homework Help. Thurs., May 11, 6 p.m. – Intro to Preserving: Homemade Pickles.

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# Dot's Powell to lead Strive Boston initiative



Edward M. Powell

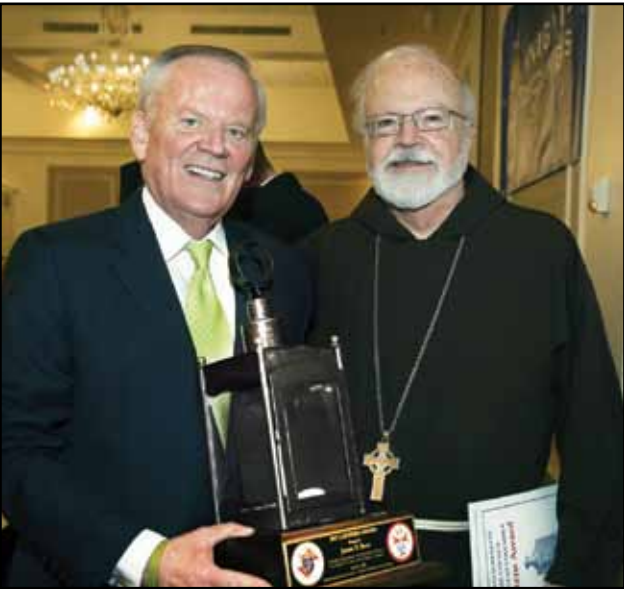
**Edward M. Powell** of Dorchester is the new executive director of JRI's STRIVE Boston program. He will also continue to serve as Vice President for Community Engagement for JRI, a nonprofit provider of trauma-informed care to children and families in Massachusetts, Rhode Island, and Connecticut. STRIVE Boston serves chronically unemployed adults of all ages who come from the most underserved communities to help them realize their potential to find and keep jobs that promise sustainable livelihoods and personal growth. It also operates a job-readiness program to recruit and enroll at-risk young adults, ages 16 to 24, providing them with workforce development training and an array of

necessary services that they may not otherwise know about. Powell, a resident of Dorchester, joined JRI in 2014, bringing over 20 years of experience in the private and nonprofit sectors in a career spent working to improve the lives of young people through, education, employment and violence prevention. "Ed will bring passion, commitment, and an abundance of experience and personal relationships to his new role at STRIVE Boston," said Andy Pond, president and CEO of JRI. "He is a believer in the abilities of the individuals served by STRIVE Boston and he seeks to nurture success through job training, education, or learning a trade." Powell holds a bachelor's degree in marketing from Delaware State University and a master's degree in public administration from the Sawyer Business School at Suffolk University. He is a 2007 alumnus of the Boston University's Institute of Nonprofit Management and Leadership program and a 2013 alumnus of The Partnership Inc.'s Next Generation Executive program.

**Michael Thomas Mulvoy, 28, son of Tom Mulvoy, OFD/Lonsdale Street and an associate editor with the Reporter, received his certification in Advanced Individual Training (AIT) as a Combat Medic Specialist in the US Army in a ceremony at Fort Sam Houston in San Antonio, Texas, on April 14. Mulvoy underwent his basic training at Fort Sill, Oklahoma. He has been assigned to duty at Fort Stewart, Georgia, near Savannah.**



Ben Mulvoy photo



**Dorchester's Jim Brett received the 2017 Lantern Award, the Knights of Columbus highest award, at their annual Patriots Day dinner on April 17 held at the Sheraton Framingham Hotel. Brett, a resident of Savin Hill who represented Dorchester in the Massachusetts House of Representatives from 1981-1996, is shown with Cardinal Sean P. O'Malley, who presented the award.**



**Pictured from left to right: Boston School Committee Chair Michael D. O'Neill, Superintendent Tommy Chang, Gordon Legacy Award winners James Likis from the Jeremiah E. Burke High School and Jennifer Glynn from Match Community Day Charter School, EdVestors CE Laura Perille, Rahn Dorsey, Chief of Education for the City of Boston, and Boston School Committee Member, Regina Robinson.**

When Dorchester resident **Theresa Latson** isn't busy at Eversource handling incoming calls from elected officials or customers needing assistance in her position as a Senior Customer Relations Clerk, she's inspiring fellow employees to make a difference in their communities. The veteran 27-year Eversource employee's favorite way to roll up her sleeves and help comes at her favorite time of year: the holidays. That's when, as part of an Eversource volunteer event, she's been showing up first thing in the morning at the Salvation Army's "Christmas Castle" in Boston for the last seven years – spending the day making holiday wishes come true for those in need. "The Salvation Army's 'Christmas Castle' is more than a coat drive; they give away toys and



Theresa Latson

gift cards for groceries, too. They always have enough to go around and the families really appreciate what they are receiving," Latson says. "When you arrive, there is always a line around the corner. It makes you appreciate the importance of this event for so many, and it is so spiritually fulfilling." In addition to her passion for the event, Latson also feels like she is helping out the city she loves. "I am a product of

Boston. I grew up in Jamaica Plain's Heath Street Projects and by volunteering for the Salvation Army's Christmas Castle I feel like I'm making a difference in my own community," she says. During National Volunteer Month, Eversource is recognizing employees like Theresa who inspire, encourage and help their communities while demonstrating that, by working together, there can be a positive impact. "Employees like Theresa exemplify the value of going above and beyond," said Rod Powell, President of Corporate Citizenship at Eversource. "We're proud of all our employees and applaud those who give of themselves and help others in the communities where they live and work." In 2016, more than 3,500 Eversource employees

volunteered more than 15,000 hours at dozens of charitable organizations across Massachusetts and New England. Employees donated their time and resources to the Salvation Army, Greater Boston Food Bank, and Daily Table Dorchester, among others. From preparing meals at a homeless shelter, to collecting gifts for children in need during the holidays, to passing out water to walkers at the Eversource Walk for Boston Children's Hospital, Eversource volunteers did it all. Eversource (NYSE: ES) transmits and delivers electricity and natural gas to 1.7 million customers throughout Massachusetts, including approximately 1.4 million electric customers in 140 communities and 300,000 gas customers in 51 communities.

## YESTERYEAR ARCHIVE

### DORCHESTER HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The Old South Meeting House is hosting "Activating a Historic Site: Sip & Spoke Bike Kitchen, Dorchester" on Fri., April 28, at 12:15 p.m. The "historic site" is the 105-year-old Comfort Station in Uphams Corner. Most of the following is taken from Historic Boston Incorporated (HBI): The Uphams Corner Comfort Station, a one-story stucco and terracotta tile "mission style" structure, was built as a convenience station in 1912 to support the expanding street car system in Boston. It was designed by local architect William Besarick who also designed Uphams Corner's Bird Street Community Center, as well as many area three-deckers. The building lies on what was once part of the 1630 Dorchester North Burying Ground and together they are listed on the State and National Registers of Historic Places and as a Boston Landmark. HBI and the American City Coalition are rehabilitating the Comfort Station for Sip and Spoke Bike Kitchen – a bike repair and coffee shop – with the goal of re-activating the site and preserving the story of Boston's growth and change in Uphams Corner. The \$960,000 project is in its early stages. The top illustration shows the proposed re-use of the building, and the bottom is a snapshot taken during the visit to Boston by Pope John Paul II in 1979.



Noah Hicks. The event is free for OSMH members and \$6 for non-members. The presentation begins at 12:15 p.m. The archive of these historical posts can be viewed on the blog at [dorchesterhistoricalsociety.org](http://dorchesterhistoricalsociety.org).



# A riverfront reclaimed demands constant care

The weather forecast looks promising for Saturday’s annual cleanup of the Neponset River and the surrounding estuary and walking paths. The event—organized by the state’s Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) and the Neponset River Watershed Association (NepRWA)—will target three sections of the riverfront, including two in Dorchester: Lower Mills and Cedar Grove.

Last year, as scores of volunteers descended on the riverbanks with the same objective, they hauled off a disturbingly large volume of detritus. The clean-up crews filled three thirty-yard dumpsters with some six tons of debris and garbage— a stark reminder of just how much junk gets deposited into our treasured natural resource each year.

Chris Spillane, who helps to coordinate the cleanup for the state agency, told the *Reporter* last week that tires, batteries, even a bathtub, were among the junk pulled from the sensitive marshland. “We couldn’t believe the amount of debris we picked up. We weren’t ready for it,” he said.

Not all of it is generated here in Dorchester or Mattapan, of course. The Neponset meanders through more than a dozen towns on its journey from Foxborough to Dorchester Bay. But, clearly, our shoreline is hard hit.

Thankfully, the cleanups have been generating large turnouts— and this weekend is expected to be larger still. One reason: More people are discovering the Neponset for the jewel that it is thanks to a remarkable reclamation effort that has been reuniting residents and river for more than four decades.

Guided by stalwart activists who attend monthly meetings, and powered by state lawmakers who put state dollars into land-takings and new parklands, the Neponset is no longer a mystery waterway walled off by power plants, train tracks, and rusting fences.

Two new symbols of this transformation will officially come on line in the coming weeks, although in practical terms they are already in use. First, in Port Norfolk, a 15-acre park, snatched back after more than a century of inaccessibility, is now being enjoyed by runners, walkers, cyclists, and sunbathers. The \$4.25 million investment was set in motion in the 1970s when neighbors started to lobby their legislators to seize an old paper plant through eminent domain.

State officials are still working out the details of a ceremony (tentatively set for Sat., May 6) in which the park will be officially named for the late state Sen. Joseph Finnegan, who represented Dorchester in the 1930s. His son, John J. Finnegan, now 87, also served in the Legislature from 1967 to 1981 and was instrumental in securing the Port Norfolk land— and other parcels along Dorchester’s waterfront— for eventual public use.

Upstream, in Milton and Mattapan, a new 1.3 mile extension of the Neponset Greenway trail is opening up an expanse of the riverfront that has been rarely seen by recent generations. (No official dedication for this section is yet scheduled.) Last summer, construction crews used two large cranes to hoist a new bridge into place over the river connecting Milton and Mattapan near Ryan Playground. Along with a canopy walk that will carry trail-users over the trolley tracks near Mattapan Square, this new section of the Greenway is a fantastic addition— one that came at an expense of more than \$12 million. It’s worth every dime.

The parks and pathways that have bloomed along the Neponset over the last 30 years were a long time coming. But now that they’ve been created— and they are in heavy use— it’s up to us to help care for them. This weekend’s cleanup is a great way to pitch in. Go to [Neponset.org](http://Neponset.org) to register and find where you can join the crews. It starts at 9 a.m. — **Bill Forry**

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# Motley talks of his life experience at UMass Boston student assembly

*Following are excerpts from UMass Boston Chancellor Keith Motley’s remarks at a student government assembly on campus last week.*

## Students are the center ‘of everything we do’

“I want to thank you, thank you for the opportunity to come in front of you. I always enjoy the opportunity that I have to have conversations with you about what’s going on here at the university, but more importantly, I want you to know how grateful I am, how proud I am of you as leaders, how jealous I am of you, because I remember being you. And when you get older, it’s almost like it was yesterday for you, it wasn’t like it was a few days ago, and when I see you, it just makes my heart feel so great to know that this university is in great hands. That our students – you know, because you’re the center of everything that we do – are in such great hands because each and every one of you are contributing in such a magnificent way.

“I don’t get many chances to come over and sort of view the work from this space, but then I stand here and I see those elevator towers going up, and I remember that it was students who brought this dream to this university. It was students who said we should have an option for students who might want to come here from around the world, or from Dorchester or from across the street, but they may want to have a university environment that is one that they sort of had as their mental model. You know, an option for living, an option for facilities that are not high schoolish, but some that are world-class, because our faculty deserve that; our students that go here, our staff, we all deserve that. And something that will take advantage of this waterfront.

## Not long ago, ‘we were lopsided as a campus’

“Well, the more I stand up in this room, the more I look out, I see that we’re on the verge of that. But I also know that you all, as students, have your entire careers ahead. Where are my seniors at [hands are raised]? At least we opened buildings during your time, but for the rest of you, it’s been – some of those that came before you, all they knew was dirt and a dream.

“And now they come back and they see the reality of the Integrated Science building, and they see the Edward M. Kennedy Institute, and they see the roadway beginning to make sense, and they see that we have the University Hall and the University Hall Two on its way, and they see the garage, and they see the residence halls, and they know that Bayside has the potential to do incredible things for this university. Because, when I came here it was a university that felt landlocked. We felt like we had no room to move. We felt like we couldn’t even move on this side of the peninsula and do something. Because there was this unspoken word, we kept the John F. Kennedy Library, as long as that was out this side, away from everything else that we did. We were lopsided as a campus.

## ‘I still have in me the spirit I grew up with – to serve’

“Everyone was concerned that when we reached a new level of excellence, we would forget who we were. You know that thing that your people and your family will tell you sometimes? I know mine did. They said, “Hey, man, just because you have a degree, don’t forget where you came from.” So when I go back to Pittsburgh they all remind me that I’m a little kid who grew up in Pittsburgh, in a steel community, who happened to have the honor of going on to college. And now I still have in me the spirit that I grew up with, that is to serve. And so, it doesn’t matter what they call you; you know, what titles people give you and all those kinds of things, but what matters is that you bring the right kind of values forward and that constellation of skills you get from experiencing the things you’re going to experience in life, and that you learn to love what you had the opportunity to do.

“And so, you are a gift for working toward now, for the sacrifices you’ve made as students. It’s going to pay off for this future. ... Now you even see the dirt’s going away. They told me it would disappear, but now you’re beginning to see it disappear. And one day you’re going to walk on this campus with me, and you’re going to be so proud of every effort that you’ve made. Even those of you who are new in your careers here, some of you are just starting out, freshmen and sophomores and all that. You’ll walk this place and you’ll see it, and we’ll be able to smile together.

## ‘Incredible campus and dynamic’

“I’m honored to have had the opportunity to serve you. I thank you for your leadership, and



Photo courtesy Pantea Fatemi Ardestani

I’m glad that you’ve created a succession plan for an unbelievable transition of leadership within this setting. But, more importantly, I’m glad you have the involvement you have today. I tell this story all the time: When I showed up as the vice chancellor for student affairs, we had to beg you to come to the meeting. That blew me away when I showed up here. Now I walk into a room and here you all are, or I see you around campus, or I watch you and the way you’ve done this. You’ve created an incredible dynamic. You know, we all need to improve. Nothing is perfect. But you’ve set us on the pathway to that level of excellence that we all know we need here at the university.

“Finally, as chancellor, my mentors told me when I took this job, or when I was honored to serve in this capacity, they said, “You’re never going to be able to do everything that you want to do. So focus on something that matters to you. What are the things that matter?” John Ryan was focused, as I said, he was the first chancellor, know what he was focused on? Getting one student to come. And when she showed up, he was happy.

“We started out on a construction site. So my responsibility was infrastructure, not only the physical infrastructure of this campus but the academic infrastructure of this campus. And to build the reputation of this campus. There was a time when the University of Massachusetts, Boston, would beg to be mentioned in the same sentence as “the” in any newspaper. Over the last month, you see that there’s a lot of interest in this institution [chuckles] because we’re on the rise. But that didn’t happen without a lot of hard work by a lot of people over the years, and so I’m grateful to you for your patience. I appreciate your support. You know, I hear about it. Most of the time I don’t read about it, because sometimes that just gets in the way of the work that you’re trying to do. But I hear about it, and I’m so grateful to you. As students, I’ve always thought that your support was what mattered to me the most. Your opinions matter to me the most.

## ‘It’s scary for some, but here we come’

You know, some of my peers’ opinions ... well, I don’t want to call anyone haters or whatever, but this institution is on the move. It’s scary for some people that we woke up. And here we come. And guess what I’m proudest about. It can’t be turned back. It’s here. It’s in the ground. It’s no longer the idea of some folks from Dorchester who had an idea of an institution over fifty years ago.

“Oh, they were hoping that they could do something, well let’s put them on a dump! They’ll never make it.” Now people are talking about the waterfront views and the oceanfront campus ...as though there was never an infrastructure problem here. And guess what. I’m proud of that.

“So I said last week – some of you were there – that I have no regrets. All I have is unbelievable memories and I have great anticipation for the future of this institution. And with your leadership and with your growth and your support, I can sit at, serve, watch, contribute to, and know that, you know, we’re making a difference and continue to make a difference together. ...

“Thank you all. Thank you for letting me have this moment, to be with you and also to feel the love from you today. It matters to me. And every now and then, when I am on sabbatical over the next year, if you see this tall guy with an afro wig on, hiding in the corner walking around campus, please don’t call campus police. It’s probably just little old me, needing to see you.”



# A Greener Port of Boston



With its 7,000 jobs, the Port of Boston is the City’s 6th largest employer and contributes \$4.6 billion annually to the Massachusetts economy. More than 1,600 New England businesses depend on the Port of Boston to connect their products to the world.

During this time of unprecedented attention to climate change, Massport is re-affirming its commitment to reducing harmful emissions like nitrogen oxides, particulate matter, sulfur oxides, hydrocarbons, and carbon monoxide in the Port of Boston.

For Earth Day, we’re pleased to share this environmental progress report.

**Emissions from ships are down:** Sulfur content of fuel used by cargo ships at Paul W. Conley Container Terminal has dropped from 15,000ppm to 1,000ppm since 2010. And, nearly 1/3 of cruise ships use clean technologies like exhaust scrubbers and diesel particulate filters to further improve air quality.

**Emissions from trucks, cranes, forklifts are down:** Since 2004, all equipment at Conley Terminal has run on Ultra Low Sulfur diesel, a full six years ahead of the EPA mandate. In 2015, Conley received a national Breathe Easy Leadership Award for reducing harmful diesel emissions beyond what is required by law.

Forklifts at the Raymond L. Flynn Cruiseport terminal run on propane, not diesel. We replaced 60 old drayage trucks with newer, cleaner diesel trucks at a cost of \$3 million with 26 more replacements to come. In addition, Massport is using EPA funding to retrofit five diesel-powered rubber tire gantry cranes (RTG) used to load and unload trucks and reposition containers within the yard at Conley Terminal with newer, lower emission diesel engines. Truck idling time has been reduced by 41,000 hours during the past ten years through voluntary use of auxiliary power and enforcement of idle time limits.

**Green space:** Massport has invested \$75 million to build Thomas Butler Freight Corridor and Memorial Park which will take 400-500 trucks off of East First Street every day and provide a new 4.5 acre park and noise buffer.

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The St. Mark's Area Civic Association will host a forum on Tuesday, May 2 from 7-9 p.m. titled "Beyond the Buzzwords: Shaping the Future of Housing & Development" in the lower church hall, St. Mark's Church, 1725 Dorchester Ave. A panel will discuss the forces driving growth in Dorchester and the wider region and how our city and state leaders are responding. Panelists include: State Sen. Linda Dorcea Forry, Tim Reardon of the Metropolitan Area Planning Council, Jim Keefe, the principal of Trinity Financial, John Greely and Cecelia Nardi from BPDA. The moderator is Tom Callahan of Mass Affordable Housing Alliance. RSVP to [tinyurl.com/DotHousingForum](http://tinyurl.com/DotHousingForum). For more info contact [mdouglasshurley@yahoo.com](mailto:mdouglasshurley@yahoo.com) or [Maddie.ribbon@gmail.com](mailto:Maddie.ribbon@gmail.com).

GARVEY PARK IMPROVEMENTS  
MEETING ON MAY 3

The Boston Parks and Recreation Department and the Mayor's Office of Neighborhood Services invite the public to the first in a series of meetings to discuss improvements to Garvey Park in Dorchester at the BCYF Leahy/Holloran Community Center on Wed., May 3 at 6:30 p.m. The proposed project includes renovation to the entire park. For further information, please call 617-961-3019.

BOBBY MENDES PEACE LEGACY  
BENEFIT

An annual benefit dinner to support Cape Verdean peace activist Isaura Mendes will be held on Sat., April 29 at 7 p.m. at Cesaria Restaurant. State Senator Sonia Chang-Diaz will speak



Grace Church of All Nations in Codman Square heard a guest sermon from the Rev Jessie Jackson, founder and president of the Rainbow Coalition, on Sunday, April 23. Inset: Bishop A. Livingston Foxworth, Senior Pastor of Grace Church of All Nations, welcomed Rev. Jackson. Right: Councillor Tito Jackson and former State Rep. Charlotte Golar-Ritche greeted Rev. Jackson.

Photos courtesy Richard Heath

about Criminal Justice Reform. All donations benefit the Bobby Mendes Peace Legacy, a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization.

SUBSTANCE ABUSE HEALING  
FORUM AT CODMAN SQUARE

"Come Together: A Forum to Discuss

Healing from Substance Use as a Community" on Thurs., May 4 at 6:30 p.m. at Codman Square Health Center will include members of the Health Center's Substance User Health Team. Black Box Theatre, 14 Epping St., Dorchester. Refreshments will be served. Info: Molly Dugan, 617-822-8778.

MAY 10TH FORUM  
ON BREAST CANCER

"Breast Cancer: Myths and Facts" — a forum at the Codman Sq. Health Center — is set for Wed., May 10 from 12-1 p.m. in Conference Room A, 637 Washington St. Bring your mothers, daughters, sisters, aunts and girlfriends to unravel the myths and facts about breast cancer. Refreshments will be served. Free and open to the public. Info/RSVP: Athene Wilson-Glover, 617-822-8147 or [athene.wilson-glover@codman.org](mailto:athene.wilson-glover@codman.org).

FREE COLLEGE FAIR AT CODMAN'S  
GREAT HALL

Free Clemente College Fair is set for Mon., June 5 from 6-7:30 p.m. in the Great Hall in Codman Square. Meet representatives from local colleges and services to get information on how to continue your educational journey. They can answer questions about transcripts, financial aid, and their course offerings. The fair is constructed with the adult returning to education in mind, but all are welcome.

CONVERGENCE ENSEMBLE  
CONCERT AT ALL SAINTS ASHMONT

Convergence Ensemble presents a string quartet of international stars on Sun., May 14 at 7 p.m. in Peabody Hall at All Saints Church. The musicians from Spain, Taiwan, Korea and the US include Miguel Pérez-Espejo Cárdenas and Hsin-Lin Tasi (violin), Michelle LaCourse and Hye Min Cho (viola), and Hyun Ji Kwon (cello); the program features Brahms String Quintet in F, Mozart Duos for Violin and Viola, and a piece by little-known 20<sup>th</sup> century Spanish composer Joaquín Turina. Tickets: \$25/adults, \$30/family, \$20/seniors, \$10/students at [bpt.me/2919889](http://bpt.me/2919889) or at the door. For more info: [info@convergenceensemble.org](mailto:info@convergenceensemble.org) or 617-288-3697.

ASHMONT HILL YARD SALE  
ON MAY 20

The Ashmont Hill Yard Sale returns on Sat., May 20 from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Cost to participate is \$20 per location,

plus \$10 for each additional household. Contact Joe at 617-288-6626 or [cadmanjoe@aol.com](mailto:cadmanjoe@aol.com) to sign up to sell. Sign-up and payment deadline is Sat., May 13.

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PLANNING WORKSHOP

Codman Square NDC has partnered with Second Church of Dorchester to offer a free workshop on Sat., May 6 from 10 a.m.-noon at the church, 44 Moultrie St., Dorchester. Part of the Keeping Codman Affordable campaign to stabilize the community against gentrification and displacement. Use your home and other assets to strategically better your economic position, build wealth and facilitate the transfer of intergenerational wealth. Contact: Charles Vlahakis at 617-825-4224 x124 or [charles@csndc.com](mailto:charles@csndc.com).

STUDENT ART EXHIBITION  
AT EMK INSTITUTE

From Her Beacon will be on display at the Edward M. Kennedy Institute for the United States Senate through Wed., May 31. The Institute is open Tuesday through Sunday from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Massachusetts residents 17 years of age and younger are admitted to the Institute free of charge.

NEPONSET RIVER CLEAN-UP SET  
FOR APRIL 29

The annual Neponset River cleanup will be held on Saturday, April 29 from 9 a.m.-noon at three sites—including Granite Avenue and Baker Square. Volunteers are encouraged to pre-register at [neponset.org/volunteer](http://neponset.org/volunteer).

HEALTHY KIDS DAY AT  
DORCHESTER YMCA

A day-long event on Sat., April 29 from 11 a.m.-2 p.m. at the Dorchester YMCA on Washington Street features activities such as Karate Demo, Kids Yoga, Swim Safety Drills, Fitness Assessments, Running Drills, and DIY Healthy Snack Station to motivate and teach families how to develop healthy routines at home. For more information, visit [ymcaboston.org/healthykidsday](http://ymcaboston.org/healthykidsday).

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# Lawmakers call for deeper justice system overhaul

By MATT MURPHY  
STATE HOUSE  
NEWS SERVICE

House and Senate progressives, eager to seize whatever momentum there might be for comprehensive criminal justice reform this session, implored their colleagues on Tuesday not to let the chance slip by to overhaul all aspects of the justice system.

The lawmakers, many of whom are black and Latino, said they sense an opportunity over the next year and half to capitalize on the completion of an independent review of the Massachusetts criminal justice system.

At a press conference in the midst of the second day of debate in the House on the state's annual budget, the lawmakers said reforms must include changes to sentencing laws as well as bail reform, parole reform and improvements to mental health and substance abuse treatment for inmates.

They used the occasion of the House budget debate to draw attention to the issues as lawmakers, lobbyists and reporters buzzed around the capitol and the House chamber.

"We believe that the discussion and the publicity around the release of the (Council of State Governments) report in February has moved many of our colleagues to look at accomplishing criminal justice reforms at every stage of the justice system. We believe we are ready this session to address the whole spectrum of criminal justice processes," said Assistant House Majority Leader Byron Rushing.

Following the release of the CSG report, Gov. Charlie Baker filed legislation with the support of House Speaker Robert DeLeo and Senate President Stanley Rosenberg that took a rather narrow approach to reform.

The bill focused on allowing prisoners to reduce their time of incarceration by participating in jail and prison programs aimed at reducing recidivism and making the transition back into the community easier for offenders.

House Speaker Robert DeLeo earlier on Tuesday called the governor's bill a "great start," and suggested his focus might be on passing the governor's bill first and allowing other ideas to percolate.

"I fully expect there are going to be other pieces of legislation that we're going to be dealing with to supplement what we will be doing," DeLeo said.

Rushing said he did not have a problem with the speaker's comment. "We're not insisting on a process. We're insisting on an end," the South

End Democrat said.

The rally outside the House chamber with criminal justice reform advocates was organized by the Legislature's Progressive Caucus, the Black and Latino Caucus, the Harm Reduction Caucus and the Caucus of Women Legislators' Task Force on Justice Involved Women.

Rep. Mary Keefe, a Worcester Democrat, said bail reform must be part of any overhaul, citing statistics from an unnamed county in Massachusetts where bail amounts are four times higher for blacks than whites and black arrestees account for 25 percent of pretrial detainees despite representing just 2.4 percent of the county population.

"We know that our present practices disproportionately impact the poor and people of color," Keefe said.

Sen. Sonia Chang-Diaz, who has filed a more comprehensive reform bill, said black and Latino residents make up less than one-fifth of the state's population, but account for half of the incarcerated population and 75 percent of the population serving mandatory minimum sentences.

"Justice, we can all agree, should be color blind, but today there is no denying the complexity of incarceration in our state," Chang-Diaz said.

The Jamaica Plain Democrat said reforming sentencing laws would save money that she said could be reinvested into mental health and substance abuse treatment. "When we incarcerate fewer non-violent offenders, focusing our resources instead on drug treatment and poverty alleviation, we are saving taxpayer dollars," she said.

Rep. Paul Heroux, an Attleboro Democrat who once worked for the Department of Correction, said any reforms must be accompanied by more complete data collection to measure whether policies are achieving their goals.

Rep. Christine Barber, of Somerville, said women who make up a growing portion of the state's inmate population also have twice as many cases of mental illness and "longer histories" of substance abuse. Female inmates, she said, are often mothers with sole custody of their children at the time of their arrest.

"We need to make sure 100 percent of people who need care are getting it," Barber said, arguing lawmakers could help "break the cycle of orphaned children."

Since Baker filed his limited reform bill in late February, the topic has taken a backseat to the House's development of

a fiscal 2018 budget and the more mundane tasks of getting committee's organized and offices

reassigned.

Rushing, however, said he has not been discouraged by the mes-

saging coming from the speaker's office or the governor's office, and has been on Beacon Hill long

enough to know not to be discouraged if action takes longer than some would like.



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## Invitation to the 4th informational Meeting about the Construction of a multi-use complex At the MBTA Parking Lot in Mattapan

Preservation of Affordable Housing (POAH) and Nuestra Comunidad are pleased to announce our fourth community meeting. We would love to work with you on the current proposed design for the development of the parking lot next to the Mattapan trolley station into a mix of affordable and market-rate housing, and retail space. This meeting is a continuation of previous discussions on the visioning and planning process for this site, which began in November 2015.



WHEN: Tuesday May 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2017  
TIME: 6:00-7:30 PM  
WHERE: Mattapan Library  
1350 Blue Hill Avenue, Mattapan



POAH is a Boston-based nonprofit developer, owner and operator of nearly 9,000 affordable homes in 9 states and the District of Columbia with over 2,900 apartment homes in Massachusetts including 500 in Boston. POAH also is a partner with Boston Housing Authority for the redevelopment of the Whittier Street area in Roxbury.

Nuestra Comunidad is a community development corporation devoted to enhancing the physical, economic, and social well-being of Roxbury and other underserved populations in greater Boston through a community-driven process that promotes self-sufficiency and neighborhood revitalization.

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# Neponset allies alarmed by Baker’s push for pollution monitoring

**BY NOBLE INGRAM**  
**REPORTER CORRESPONDENT**  
A proposal from Gov. Charlie Baker that would shift more authority for pollution monitoring from federal authorities to the state has reignited simmering concerns among environmental

groups about the Bay State’s ability to protect local rivers and streams. Baker has filed legislation (H.2777) that would give state powers complete control of the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES), an environmental permit-

ing program that is currently run by federal Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). On April 21, the Massachusetts River Alliance (MRA), composed of 65 environmental organizations across the commonwealth, sent a letter to the House Committee on Ways and Means urging the body not to move forward with budget allocations for the governor’s amendment.

As the law exists today, new developments with pollution discharge—like factories and water treatment plants—are required to seek permits from EPA to drain runoff into local waterways. The federal agency also assesses the quality of local waterways and sets standards for their maximum pollutant levels. Baker’s proposal would shift those powers to the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (DEP).

Gov. Baker has argued that the state is better equipped to “work effectively with communities that have requirements in wastewater, stormwater and other water resource programs.”

“And by passing this legislation, Massachusetts will use sound science, current information and our close working relationship with cities and towns to protect their water quality,” Baker said at a press conference on March 8.

But river advocates—including those who closely watch conditions along the Neponset River that runs through Dorchester and Mattapan—are skeptical about the state agency’s capacity to do a better job that their federal colleagues. Ian Cooke, who leads the MRA and the Neponset River Watershed Association, said the Mass DEP already struggles to carry out its current responsibilities.

Along the Neponset River, state regulation delays have had a significant impact. The most recent published DEP water quality assessment of the river dates back to 2004. Another assessment was conducted in 2009, but the findings of that survey have yet to be published.

“The Neponset River is classified as Class B Fishable-Swimmable,” explained Cooke. “The state has to go out and do regular water quality monitoring to determine whether the water bodies meet those standards. And that water monitoring has

“The single biggest concern at the outset is frankly about funding. The state of Massachusetts has simply not funded its existing obligations under the federal Clean Water Act,” said Cooke. “And in that context it doesn’t make a lot of sense... to say ‘Great we’re not paying for what we’re supposed to be doing already, let’s add five to ten million dollars worth of work to the list of things we’re not paying for.’”

“The agency’s not functioning now, it doesn’t make sense for it to do more,” said Cooke. DEP’s funding has seen a steep decline in the past two decades. According to the nonpartisan Massachusetts Budget and Policy Center, state budget allocations for the environment, when adjusted for inflation, have decreased by 37.7 percent since 2001.

State Rep. Dan Hunt, who represents parts of Quincy and Dorchester close to the river and Dorchester Bay, agreed. “Historically [DEP] has been an underfunded agency and that’s still the case today,” said Hunt.

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really been one of the most conspicuous areas where the state has been unable to do what it’s supposed to do.” The Baker administration, however, is optimistic about the efficiency DEP could bring to the NPDES permitting process.

“State control over the permitting process will result in permits being written and issued in a timely way to keep pace with changing environmental conditions and ensure that local resources... will result in the greatest environmental improvement,” said Matthew Beaton, the state’s Secretary of Energy and Environmental Affairs.

It is not yet clear whether the governor’s proposal will find a clear path through the Legislature. “This should go through a public hearing process so the pros and cons can be weighed,” Rep. Hunt said. In its letter, the MRA advocated leaving NPDES authority with EPA, but also urged that more state funding be set pumped into DEP.

“Mass DEP desperately needs additional funding, and we strongly support the addition of \$1.41M to the agency’s budget for water quality programs,” read the letter. Similar legislation has shifted NPDES authority from EPA to state agencies in all but four US states. But Massachusetts environmentalists remains nonplussed by the apparent inertia this proposal has had across the country. As Cooke explained, “There’s a lot of things Massachusetts does differently from the country and usually there’s good reason for that.”

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Community Health News

# Pedi Dental suite latest innovation at Codman



Health center officials and City Councillor Ayanna Pressley dedicated a new dental suite designed just for kids last week in Codman Square. Pictured (L to R): Sharon Brown, DMD; Gail Ruan-Ells, RN; Councillor Pressley; Elizabeth Powell, DDS, MPH, Director of Dental Care; Sandra Cotterell, CEO; Yolanda Burrell; and Ganga Subedi, DDS.

Dental care can be scary for kids. But Codman Square Health Center is making it less so. With a new Pedi Dental suite right in the Pediatric and Adolescent Department, dental care has become a warmer and kid-friendlier experience with easier access through same-day appointments.

Offered now throughout the week, young patients can walk down the hall to the new Pedi Dental suite for same-day access.

The health center anticipates the addition of this increased access will result in 500 new patients getting dental care, through 2,000 additional visits a year.

“This new access is transforming the way we can deliver dental care to our pediatric patients. It

makes it easier for our patients, the kids enjoy the new room, and our staff are excited to be right there alongside the Pediatrics Team,” Elizabeth Powell, DDS, MPH, Director of Dental Care at Codman Square Health Center.

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# Food Co-op meeting to feature Mayor Walsh

Mayor Martin J. Walsh will be the keynote speaker at the annual meeting of the Dorchester Food Co-op, which plans to build a worker

and consumer-owned cooperative grocery store on Bowdoin Street.

The meeting will take place on Tuesday, May 9 at 6:30 p.m. at the

Kit Clark Center, 1500 Dorchester Ave. It is open to the public. “An important objective for the Co-op is to engage the community in conversa-

tion around food, community, and economics,” said Nancy Lee, Chair of the Co-op Board of Directors.



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# Neighborhood Notables

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**FRIENDSHIP PARTY FOR STEPHEN FOLAN**

Stephen Folan suffered a massive stroke in January and remains in Spaulding Rehab in Cambridge in a minimally conscious state. A lifelong Dorchester resident and chef at Florian Hall, Stephen has a long road of recovery ahead of him. This friendship party is being held to help defray medical costs and support him and his family in any way. Raffles, silent auctions, DJ, live music and more on Sat., May 13 from 7-midnight at Florian Hall, Dorchester. \$20 admission. For tickets and additional information, please contact Sheila McCarthy at 617-833-2475.

**DOTFEST: A COMMUNITY CARNIVAL**

Join DotHouse Health for an evening of food and fun on Thurs., April 27 at 6 p.m. to benefit DotHouse Health. Details to follow. For sponsorship availability and information, please contact Usha Thakrar at Usha.Thakrar@dothousehealth.org.

**DOT GUITARIST PERFORMS IN JP**

Eliot Street Soirée presents guitarist Aaron Larget-Caplan of Dorchester in concert at First Church in Jamaica Plain on Fri., May 5 at 7:30 p.m. Advance tickets \$15 available at brownpapertickets.com/event/2905806. At the door, \$20. For further information, email eliotstreetsoiree@gmail.com.

**PROJECT D.E.E.P. STUDENT & VOLUNTEER RECOGNITION NIGHT**

Kenzie Kent, Boston College hockey & lacrosse powerhouse, will be the guest speaker at the 21<sup>st</sup> annual Project DEEP student and volunteer recognition night on Mon., May 8 at 6 p.m. at Florian Hall, Dorchester. Suggested donation: \$25 per family. For more information, please visit projectdeep.org or contact beth@projectdeep.org.

**NOTRE DAME EDUCATION CENTER**

South Boston will hold its 25th anniversary celebration and fundraiser on Thurs., May 4 from 5:30-8:30 p.m. at the Venezia Restaurant. As part of the festivities there will be an all school reunion for those who attended or graduated from Cardinal Cushing high school for girls. For more information about the celebrations and the reunion or to purchase tickets, visit the NDEC web site: ndecboston.org or call 617-268-1912.

**‘LOVE YOUR BLOCK’ NEIGHBORHOOD CLEANUPS**

This year the City has renamed Boston Shines and merged it with Love Your Block, a year-round initiative promoting neighborhood revitalization. Dorchester will be participating on Sat., May 13 and Sun., May 14. To volunteer visit: boston.gov/love-your-block-volunteer-signup-form. Or call 617-635-3308.

**SPRING FORUMS AT JFK LIBRARY**

On Mon., May 15 at 6 p.m. Stephen Kennedy Smith and Douglas Brinkley, co-editors of JFK's Vision for America, discuss President Kennedy's legacy with Harvard University professor Frederik Logevall. On Tues., May 16 at 6 p.m. Award-winning author

and former Boston Globe correspondent John A. Farrell discusses his new book, Richard Nixon: The Life. On Mon., May 22 at 6 p.m. Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist Tom Oliphant and former Boston Globe reporter Curtis Wilkie discuss their new book The Road to Camelot: Inside JFK's Five-Year Campaign. On Thurs., May 25 at 6 p.m. David McCullough, Pulitzer Prize winning historian, and recipient of the Presidential Medal of Freedom, discusses his new collection of speeches, The American Spirit: Who We Are and What We Stand For. This program is presented as part of the JFK Centennial Celebration.

**MAYOR’S COFFEE HOUR SERIES**

Mayor Martin J. Walsh’s Coffee Hour Series features three in Dorchester and Mattapan; Tues., May 30 at Almont Park, Mattapan; Tues., June 6 at McConnell Park, Dorchester; Thurs., July 13 at Mother’s Rest at Four Corners, Dorchester. All coffee hours will be held from 9:30-10:30 a.m. For further information and updates, please call 617-635-4505.

**ADSL SPRING-SUMMER REGISTRATION NOW OPEN**

Spring and summer programs now open for registration, which include baseball, softball, basketball, and volleyball. Go to alldorchestersports.org/programs for registration, prices, and start dates. The fourth annual Family Fun Day, organized by ADSL and Propa City, takes place on Sat., May 20, at Town Field. Organizations, businesses, services, and community resources are welcome to participate as vendors. Contact Stephanie Crawford at scrawford@alldorchestersports.org for details.

**UPHAMS CORNER LIBRARY**

Thursdays at 4 p.m.: BTU teachers are available to help students in grades K-12 with homework on Thursdays. This program is free. No registration is required.

**CITIZENSHIP CLASSES AT NOTRE DAME ED CENTER**

New citizenship classes will be held on Mondays and Tuesdays starting this month at Notre Dame Education Center in South Boston. Call 617-268-1912.

**BOSTON PUBLIC LIBRARY’S HOMEWORK HELP**

Boston Public Library’s free Homework Help program is underway offering free afterschool help and mentorship provided by high-achieving high school students. The program, offered Monday through Thursday from 3:30 -5:30 p.m. is open to students in grades K-8; no registration required. Boston Teacher’s Union tutors are also available during select weekdays from 4-6 p.m. for students in grades K-12. Visit bpl.org/homework.

**BIKES NOT BOMBS 30TH ANNUAL BIKE-A-THON**

Aims to celebrate bicycling while raising funds to finance Bikes Not Bombs’ many local youth and adult programs and implement the organization’s goal of using the bicycle as a vehicle for social change around the world. Riders will raise money individually or as a team. After-Party with band and food. For information on registration fees and to register online go to bikesnotbombs.org/bike-a-thon. For additional information contact Natalie Brady at natalie@bikesnotbombs.org or 617-522-0222 x104.

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**MAY FUN AT FRANKLIN PARK ZOO**

Sat., May 6 from 5-7:30 p.m.; Express your inner-

child at Roaring Nights: Be a Kid Again! There will be a craft table, games and photo ops with the Zoo’s farm animals. There will be a live DJ, prizes, a cash bar, and much more. This event is for big kids (21+) only! Ticket price includes one glass of wine from Kingdom Wine Company and appetizers. Tickets are \$45. Sun., May 7 10-3 p.m.; Discover how animals and the many mediums of art have influenced each other. Sun., May 7 11-2 p.m.; Wildlife photography workshop with photographer, Steve McGrath. For further information and to pre-register, please visit artweekboston.org. Sat., May 13 10-2 p.m.; Azize, the youngest of Franklin Park Zoo’s gorilla troop, will turn two in May and you’re invited to the party. For more information, visit franklinparkzoo.org.

**ST. MARK & ST. AMBROSE COLLABORATIVE GROUP**

Fr. Anthony’s youth group is for all young people ages 13-18 of St. Mark & St. Ambrose parishes. The group meetings will consist of time for prayer, time to talk about life and all its challenges, and time to just hang and have fun. The group will also engage in a variety of activities throughout the year, of both a recreational and spiritual nature. The group meets at St. Mark’s on the last Sunday of the month, 6-8 p.m.

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**POLICE DISTRICT B-3 NEWS**

For info, call B-3’s Community Service Office at 617-343-4711.

**APPLE GROVE ASSOC.**

The Apple Grove Association meets on the second Tuesday of every month from 6-8 p.m. at 1135 Morton St., Mattapan. The contact is Ms. Myrtle Huggins at 617-429-8531.

**ASHMONT-ADAMS**

Officers of the association will be elected at the March meeting. Contact Pat O’Neill at pattiasmont@gmail.com. Meetings are typically held on the first Thursday of each month at the Plasterer’s Hall, 7 Fredericka St., at 7 p.m.

**ASHMONT HILL ASSOC.**

Meetings are generally held the last Thursday of the month. For info, see ashmonthill.org or call Message Line: 617-822-8178.

**ASHMONT VALLEY NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOC.**

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REPORTER'S CALENDAR

**Thursday, April 27**

- Dotfest: A Community Carnival at 6 p.m. Join Dot House Health for an evening of food and fun. Details to follow. For sponsorship availability and information, please contact Usha Thakrar at Usha.Thakrar@dot-househealth.org.

**Friday, April 28**

- Deadline day for Massport's Lowell L. Richards III Memorial Scholarship, open to high school seniors who reside in the City of Boston, Chelsea, Revere or Winthrop. Recipient must have community service experience and submit a 1,000-word essay. For more information visit: massport.com/scholarships.
- Mattapan Community Health Center's annual Rock the Boat gala is held at the Renaissance Boston Waterfront Hotel, 5:30 p.m. reception. Business attire. Call Steven Heck for tickets (starting at \$150) at 617-898-9049 or hecks@matchc.org.

**Saturday, April 29**

- The annual Neponset River cleanup will be held this morning from 9 a.m.-noon at three sites—including Granite Avenue and Baker Square. Volunteers are encouraged to pre-register at neponset.org/volunteer.
- Adams St. Branch of the BPL hosts "Civics 101 Discussion" at 6:30 p.m. This program will discuss the history of the United States, with an eye on what you would need to know if you were trying to become a naturalized citizen. All ages. For more information, please call 617-436-6900.

- Benefit dinner to support peace activist Isaura Mendes. Despite losing two sons and four nephews to murder, she continues to promote peace in the community. Special guest State Senator Sonia Chang-Diaz will speak about Criminal Justice Reform. All donations benefit the Bobby Mendes Peace Legacy, a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. Doors open at 7 p.m. at Cesaria Restaurant, 266 Bowdoin St., Dorchester.
- "Zabawa" dance party organized by the Krakowiak Polish Dancers of Boston at the Polish American Citizens Club, 82 Boston St., Dorchester starts at 8 p.m. Live band,
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**Sunday, April 30**

- The UJazz Boston Trio takes the Recital Hall stage on Sunday, April 30, 7 p.m., bringing the celebration of International Jazz Day to the UMass Boston campus. The three music majors — Domenic Davis on bass. Brian Hull on drums. Anthony Martin on piano — present an eclectic fusion of jazz, R & B, and soul music, drawing from artists ranging from Count Basie to Erika Badu.

**Tuesday, May 2**

- The St. Mark's Area Civic Association hosts a forum from 7-9 p.m. titled "Beyond the Buzzwords: Shaping the Future of Housing & Development" in the lower church hall, St. Mark's Church, 1725 Dorchester Ave. A panel will discuss the forces driving growth in Dorchester and the wider region and how our city and state leaders are responding. For

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# A fire highlights perils from city’s decrepit property

(Continued from page 1) adjacent homes were affected by the flames, the water used to douse the flames “has only one place to go. Even if there wasn’t any fire on first floor, they’re going to be greatly damaged by water coming through the ceiling.”

The three deckers abutting 8 Marie St. in the rear sustained melted siding from the heat of the blaze.

Vacant for years due to renovations, the state of the building at 8 Marie had unnerved neighbors for some time. Boston 311, the city’s assistance and reporting channel, shows 15 citizen complaints about the quality of the houses since 2012. Service requests to the Inspectional Services Department contain multiple reports from alarmed neighbors who were look-

ing uneasily across the alleys between houses at what increasingly seemed a risky situation.

On April 14, the fire department was called for a small fire at the site, MacDonald said. Characterized as a trash fire, it was extinguished in a quick in-and-out job. But over the next few days, neighbors reached out to ISD, complaining of an absentee landlord, drug use on the back porches, and frequent small blazes on the porch. Three days later, less than a week before the damaging blaze, a neighbor wrote that for the second time in four nights, “unknown people lit a fire underneath the rear first floor deck of 8 Marie St.... There is a burnt liquor bottle and drug paraphernalia near burnt pieces of wood. The neighbors at 6 and 10 are concerned that if a fire is lit and not caught that

we could all be in serious danger. PLEASE HELP!”

A dozen people were displaced from 10 Marie St. after Sunday’s fire; five were displaced from No. 6.

Inspection violation notices going back to at least 2013 noted that the building was in poor condition. Two violations from 2017 described the “unsafe structure” as having “rear porches in complete disrepair,” citing rotted structural beams, joists, and stairs, as well as missing guards and floorboards.

The owner, Bonnie Glenn, was slowly making repairs, Inspectional Services Department (ISD) officials said. “The course of events at Marie Street is an anomaly,” ISD commissioner William Christopher told the Reporter on Tuesday. “I’ve been working with [Glenn] as long as I’ve

been commissioner.”

A contractor was doing rehabilitation work the day of the fire, Christopher said, aiming to get the building in habitable shape. “I really don’t like abandoned buildings,” he added. “They have a tendency to have problems.”

For those in the immediate neighborhood of Marie Street, a vacant, fire-gutted house is hardly an anomaly. Just a short walk away along the edge of Ronan Park, the three-decker at 97 Mt. Ida Rd. has been a longtime sore spot for the city and the neighborhood.

Condemned in 2003, and gutted by an early afternoon fire in 2011, the blighted structure remains standing despite ongoing efforts to compel the owner to repair the property or get a court’s permission to demolish it. “It’s exactly the same

thing,” said neighbor Jennifer Coyne. “I mean, I don’t know the owner at Marie Street, but that’s the first thing I thought.”

City services are limited in their ability to take over and remove a building, even if, as is the case on Mt. Ida, the structure itself is so unsafe that Christopher will no longer allow his inspectors to enter it.

Amidst regular citations of ISD violations, the city will try to build a rapport with a building’s owner to secure repairs without getting into an extended legal battle. ISD’s approach is “to work with people to get results through cooperation,” Christopher said. “We really can’t force a person’s hand, but once it gets into the court system, our situation gets tied up.”

The standoff can drag out repair work for years. In September 2015, Inspectional Services, with the mayor’s approval, recommended that 97 Mt. Ida Rd. be razed, only to see the process stalled again as the owner, James Dickey, filed for injunctions in various courts while failing to commit to any repair schedule.

“We were fully prepared to rip it down a year and a half ago,” Christopher said, adding, “The Mt. Ida issue really bothered me because we were in constant contact with the owner and he kept giving reasons why he couldn’t fix them.”

Over the last two years, the condition of the home has worsened. Coyne said rats are now a problem as is the negative impact on neighborhood home values.

“I can’t imagine that other people on the street aren’t grossed out by it,” she said. The ineffectiveness of the city process seems to be an issue with landowner protections and the code itself, Coyne said, with neighbors feeling compelled to constantly prod elected officials and city departments to make moves. “The city has their hands tied,” Coyne said. “They’re at the mercy of these people.”

Bowdoin-Geneva resident Davida Andelman, a participant in the Greater Boston Community Land Trust Network who walks her dog with her partner around the Ronan Park area three to five times a week, said a structure like the Mt. Ida Road property “negatively impacts the neighborhood where such a building is located.”

Neighborhoods like West Roxbury would not be subjected to this kind of long-term property blight, she asserts. With people taking advantage of the park more in warmer months, she wonders: “What kind of message is that sending people who are coming in

and using the park day in and day out?”

Andelman said she would like the city to be able to place habitually neglected properties in control of a receiver to repair/rehab or demolish and rebuild. With a broader discussion about affordable housing still consuming neighborhood activists, Andelman believed a neglectful property owner should be paid the assessed value and the property placed in a land trust and designated as affordable.

Last week, Christopher said, ISD finally got permission to go onto the site to clean and secure the property. They are filing to have the property placed into receivership, with a planned court date of May 5.

Even in cases where a house is in use, and neighbors report potential code violations, the process is slow without the full cooperation of a landowner. A three-decker at 96 Milton Ave., illegally used as a boarding house for some 18 people, remains in uncertain status. Although a judge in February ruled that no new tenants can move into the building, neighbors say that ruling is not being respected.

“That was the agreement put into place; we just have to enforce it,” Christopher said. That depends on a tenant inviting them into the building to inspect. “We’re working on a relationship with tenants to allow us to come in,” he said.

The Milton Avenue saga has dragged out since July 2016, when an abutting mother found that a number of high-risk sex offenders appeared to be residing in the house. Most recently, owner Kelvin Sanders made an eleventh-hour withdrawal for a proposal before the zoning board to convert the building into a 24-unit lodging house. Neighbors had spoken out firmly against that proposal for months.

So the fate of the structure is in limbo. The ruling stated that the owner could either make fixes to restore the building to the three-family for which it is zoned, or apply for a lodging house permit. With the lodging permit withdrawn, neighbors and officials hope the three-family route will proceed.

These three Dorchester three-deckers, and other properties like them, have proved difficult for the city to manage and neighbors to live with. They have tied up city resources and turned residents into de facto watchdogs unsure of their effectiveness.

“It’s something that’s a constant battle,” Christopher said, “but partnering with the community gives us a much better set of eyes on the ground.”

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CS-First themes include animation, art, fashion, friends, game design, music, storytelling, sports, and social media, so there is something for every taste to keep kids engaged and excited. The same themes and programs are offered at different CS-First clubs all around the country so our members are having the same experience with the material as everyone else who takes part

in CS-First. At Boys & Girls Clubs of Dorchester, we offer different themes each session, so the same members can continue with the program and experience new and different projects throughout the year.

We offer CS First to grades 3-6, as part of our commitment to STEAM. We guide members through our 'STEAM pathway' so that they progress through specifically targeted programs as they rise through school, giving them the opportunity to experience the fascinating world of STEAM through different channels throughout their school career.

Our education program strives to open the minds of members, and show them the myriad opportunities and options open to them beyond the obvious, and beyond what they may already be learning in school. By putting intriguing and relevant technologies in their hands, we show them that there may be more out there for them beyond high school. We help discover and foster interests they can feel inspired to work toward.

One way members at Boys & Girls Clubs of Dorchester really see their computer science experience come to life is through the Google Hackfair, which Boys & Girls Clubs of Dorchester hosts over April



Boys & Girls Clubs of Dorchester pose at Google headquarters in Cambridge during this year's Google Hackfair where they had a chance to learn about and take part in hands-on STEAM activities.

vacation. For the past couple of years, a group of members of all ages get to go on a field trip to the Google Boston Headquarters for a day of programming in a fun and competitive environment. They also take a tour of the offices and get to see what it would be like to work there. Just a peek inside the Google headquarters can be enough to get kids interested in computer science and all the potential opportunities that can come along with it.

This year at the Hackfair, there were several science, technology, engineering, art & design, and math activity stations. Attendees were split into four groups, and rotated through each STEAM station where they got to learn and create hands-on projects with the

end result of developing working models using computer science techniques.

Part of the event was including teen members by allowing them to take on a supervisory role. Ten teens were recruited from the Boys & Girls Clubs of Dorchester Keystone Club, the teen leadership and volunteer group, to be trained over several weeks on the curriculum. They were then able to oversee each activity station and help carry out the activities with the younger members. In this way they became familiar with the material, and also took on a leadership and teaching role at the same time. Everyone involved with this event had a great time, and we cannot wait to go back and do it again next year.



Members put together technology models at the Google Hackfair during April vacation week.

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**FRASER, Beatrice A. (Ruddy)** of Abington, formerly of Dorchester and Roxbury, at the age of 70. Beatrice worked for Boston Medical Center for 30 years as an office manager most recently in the ophthalmology department. She enjoyed traveling in her retirement. Daughter of the late Patrick and Cath-

erine Ruddy, formerly of Clonmany, Donegal, Ireland. She was the mother of Richard J. Fraser (and Maureen Flavin) and Patrick M. Fraser, all of Dorchester. Sister of Catherine Joyce and husband Michael of Abington, Grandmother of Neve and Jack Fraser, both of Dorchester. Aunt of the late Michele Joyce and her children Alexandra and Cameron Blair, both of Bridgewater. Also survived by many close friends. Donations in memory of Beatrice may be made to Norwell VNA and Hospice, 120 Longwater Dr., Norwell, MA 02061.

**GUSHUE, George** of North Falmouth, formerly of Dorchester. Son of the late John and Emily (Gatherall) Gushue. Brother of Eileen and her husband Newman A. Flanagan of Pocasset and the late Jeanette and her late husband Joseph Wall, late John and his late wife Ann Gushue and late Edward Gushue and his wife Marion of Bourne. George is survived by many nieces, nephews, grandnieces,

grandnephews, great grandnieces and great grandnephews. George was a retired legal case manager for the Suffolk County District Attorney's Office, former Grand Knight of Cardinal O'Connell Knights of Columbus Council 2919 and longtime volunteer for Catholic Charities. Donations in George's memory may be made to Society of Our Lady of The Most Holy Trinity (SOLT), 1200 Lantana St., Corpus Christi, TX 78407. solt.net.

**HINDS, Cynthia Madonna** of Dorchester. Mother of Allan, David, and the late Allison Hinds. Grandmother of Suwada Hinds, Tor-Aswad Hinds, Makeda Hinds, Ezra McDowall, and Bryce Gibbs. Great grandmother to Garrett Hinds.

**LOMBA, LCDR Manuel "Netch" Pires**, 54. He was the husband of Maria (Rodrigues) Lomba. Born in Matinho, Brava, Cabo Verde, he was a son of the late Joao Pereira Lomba and Virginia (Pires) Lomba. Manny had resided in

Pawtucket and Mary-land before moving to North Attleboro in 2006. He was a Persian Gulf War and Second Persian Gulf War United States Coast Guard veteran. He served in the U.S. Coast Guard for over thirty years before retiring as Lieutenant Commander in 2010. Netch was a member of the Coast Guard Chief Warrant Officers Association and was an avid Porto Soccer fan. Besides his wife, he leaves two sons, Jason and Christopher Lomba; a grandson, Christian Antonio Lomba; his sister, Silvana Lomba; two nephews, Brandon and Kyle; two additional sisters, Nini and Bibi and a brother.

**LYNCH, William C.B.** in Quincy, formerly of Dorchester. Son of the late Dr. John B. Lynch and Frances B. (Creighton) Lynch. Brother of John B. Lynch III and his late wife Maureen of Dorchester, Marianne L. and her husband Donald Bullock of Plymouth, and the late Edward G.M. Lynch and Catherine R. Young.

Brother-in-law of James Young of Falmouth. Survived by many nieces, nephews, grandnieces, grandnephews, great-grandnieces, and great-grandnephews. Late retired health inspector for the City of Boston for over 40 years. Bill was a lifelong Dorchester resident and very active in civic affairs throughout his life. Donations in Bill's memory may be made to the Mary Ann Brett Food Pantry, 800 Columbia Rd., Dorchester, MA 02125.

**MACDONALD, Wayne D.** of Dorchester. Son of the late Grant and Grace (Sebastian) MacDonald. Father of Wayne, Jr. of Medford, Kelly Kenerson of Quincy, and Dawn Marie Harding of Dorchester. Grandfather of Gracie Rose, Daniel MacDonald, William, Charles, Joseph, and Christina Kenerson. Brother of Ann Silve, Richard, Bobby, Corrinne Converse, Susan Campbell, Ellen Kotkowski, Larry, Linda Spinale, Brian, DeeDee Lenane, Jay, David, Paul, and the late

Judith McQuade and Maryann MacDonald. Also survived by many loving nieces & nephews. Longtime companion of Kathleen Harding. Vet. U.S. Army serving in Vietnam. 34 year employee of the VA Hospital in West Roxbury.

**NAUGHTON, William E. "Bill"** age 77 of Littleton formerly of Dorchester. Husband of Marjorie E. (Doherty) Naughton and the late Beverly (Coyle) Naughton. Father of Kelly and Patricia Naughton of Derry, NH, Michael Tripp of Littleton, Nancy Tripp of Groton, Kathleen McGee of Westford, Maureen Frost of Pittsboro, NC, Christopher Tripp of Pelham and the late William E. Naughton, Jr. Also survived by 15 grandchildren and 6 great-grandchildren. Donations in Bill's memory may be made to the American Cancer Society, 30 Speen St., Framingham, MA 01701 or Special Olympics, 512 Forest St., Marlborough, MA 01752.

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24 NEW CHARDON STREET  
PO BOX 9667, BOSTON, MA 02114  
CITATION GIVING NOTICE  
OF PETITION FOR  
APPOINTMENT OF GUARDIAN  
FOR INCAPACITATED PERSON  
PURSUANT TO G.L. c. 190B, §5-304  
Docket No. SU17P0424GD  
IN THE MATTER OF:  
JERRY LEE CARVIN  
OF DORCHESTER, MA  
RESPONDENT  
Alleged Incapacitated Person

To the named Respondent and all other interested persons, a petition has been filed by Department of Mental Health (Boston of Westborough, MA); William Carvin of Hyde Park, MA in the above captioned matter alleging that Jerry Lee Carvin is in need of a Guardian and requesting that Department of Mental Health (Boston of Westborough, MA); William Carvin of Hyde Park, MA (or some other suitable person) be appointed as Guardian to serve on the bond.

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

**You have the right to object to this proceeding.** If you wish to do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance at this court, on or before 10:00 A.M. on the return date of **05/18/2017**. This day is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline date by which you have to file the written appearance. If you object to the petition, if you fail to file the written appearance by the return date, action may be taken in this matter without written notice to you. In addition to filing the written appearance, you or your attorney must file a written affidavit stating the specific facts and grounds of your objection within 30 days after the return date.

**IMPORTANT NOTICE**  
The outcome of this proceeding may limit or completely take away the above-named person's right to make decisions about personal affairs or financial affairs or both. The above-named person has the right to ask for a lawyer. Anyone may make this request on behalf of the above-named person. If the above-named person cannot afford a lawyer, one may be appointed at State expense.

Witness, Hon. Joan P. Armstrong, First Justice of this Court.

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COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS  
THE TRIAL COURT  
PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT  
INFORMAL PROBATE  
PUBLICATION NOTICE  
Docket No. SU17P0582EA  
ESTATE OF:  
KATHLEEN GERTRUDE O'KEEFE  
DATE OF DEATH: January 20, 2017  
SUFFOLK DIVISION

To all persons interested in above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner Jane A. Winchester of Boston, MA. Jane A. Winchester of Boston, MA has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve without surety on the bond.

The estate is being administered under informal procedure by the Personal Representative under the Massachusetts Uniform Probate Code without supervision by the Court. Inventory and accounts are not required to be filed with the Court, but interested parties are entitled to notice regarding the administration from Personal Representative and can petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including distribution of assets and expenses of administration. Interested parties are entitled to petition the Court to institute formal proceedings and to obtain orders terminating or restricting the powers of Personal Representatives appointed under informal procedure. A copy of the Petition and Will, if any, can be obtained from the Petitioner.

Published: April 27, 2017

**LEGAL NOTICE**

The Annual Meeting of the Proprietors of Cedar Grove Cemetery will be held on **Thursday, May 4, 2017 at 4:00 p.m.**, in the office of **Cedar Grove Cemetery**, 920 Adams Street, Dorchester, Massachusetts.

The purpose of the Meeting is to elect Trustees and to transact any other business that may properly come before the meeting. The Reports of the Treasurer and the Auditor will also be presented.

The Annual Report of the Proprietors of Cedar Grove Cemetery for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2016 will be available at the Cemetery office. The Report may be inspected during regular business hours, by request, within 180 days after the publication of this notice.

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COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS  
SUFFOLK, ss  
THE TRIAL COURT  
PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT  
NOTICE AND ORDER:  
PETITION FOR APPOINTMENT  
OF GUARDIAN OF A MINOR  
Docket No. SU17P0576GD  
IN THE INTERESTS OF  
JALYAH MAYLEE PIZARRO  
OF DORCHESTER, MA  
MINOR

Notice to all Interested Parties  
1. **Hearing Date/Time:** A hearing on a Petition for Appointment of Guardian of a Minor filed on **03/21/2017** by Ana C. Pizarro of Boston, MA and Jessica Pizarro of Quincy, MA will be held **06/27/2017 08:30 AM Guardianship of Minor Hearing**. Located at **Suffolk Probate & Family Court, 24 New Chardon Street, Boston, MA 02114**.

2. **Response to Petition:** You may respond by filing a written response to the Petition or by appearing in person at the hearing. If you choose to file a written response, you need to:  
File the original with the Court; and  
Mail a copy to all interested parties at least five (5) business days before the hearing.

3. **Counsel for the Minor:** the Minor (or an adult on behalf of the minor) has the right to request that counsel be appointed for the minor.

4. **Presence of the Minor at hearing:** A minor over age 14 has the right to be present at any hearing, unless the Court finds that it is not in the minor's best interests.

**THIS IS A LEGAL NOTICE:** An important court proceeding that may affect your rights has been scheduled. If you do not understand this notice or other court papers, please contact an attorney for legal advice.  
March 24, 2017

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COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS  
THE TRIAL COURT  
PROBATE & FAMILY COURT  
SUFFOLK DIVISION  
24 NEW CHARDON STREET  
BOSTON, MA 02114  
Docket No. SU17D0342DR  
DIVORCE SUMMONS  
BY PUBLICATION AND MAILING  
ANGEL TEC HOIL  
vs.  
GUADALUPE ANABELL BONILLA

To the Defendant:  
The Plaintiff has filed a Complaint for Divorce requesting that the Court grant a divorce for IRRETRIEVABLE BREAKDOWN. The Complaint is on file at the Court. An Automatic Restraining Order has been entered in this matter preventing you from taking any action which would negatively impact the current financial status of either party. SEE Supplemental Probate Court Rule 411.

You are hereby summoned and required to serve upon: Angel Tec Hoil, 35 Clark Ave., Apt. 3, Chelsea, MA 02150 your answer, if any, on or before **05/25/2017**. 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. JOAN P. ARMSTRONG, First Justice of this Court.  
Date: March 17, 2017

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COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS  
THE TRIAL COURT  
PROBATE & FAMILY COURT  
SUFFOLK DIVISION  
24 NEW CHARDON STREET  
BOSTON, MA 02114  
Docket No. SU17D0385DR  
DIVORCE SUMMONS  
BY PUBLICATION AND MAILING  
WESNER MOISE  
vs.  
STEEVE JOHANNE DOR

To the Defendant:  
The Plaintiff has filed a Complaint for Divorce requesting that the Court grant a divorce for IRRETRIEVABLE BREAKDOWN. The Complaint is on file at the Court. An Automatic Restraining Order has been entered in this matter preventing you from taking any action which would negatively impact the current financial status of either party. SEE Supplemental Probate Court Rule 411.

You are hereby summoned and required to serve upon: Wesner Moise, 318 Fuller St., Dorchester, MA 02124 your answer, if any, on or before **06/08/2017**. 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. JOAN P. ARMSTRONG, First Justice of this Court.  
Date: March 31, 2017

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**NOTICE OF PETITION FOR CHANGE OF NAME**  
Docket No. SU17C0073CA  
IN THE MATTER OF:  
ELIZABETH ANNE SAWYER  
OF DORCHESTER, MA

To all persons interested in a petition described:  
A petition has been presented by Elizabeth A. Sawyer requesting that: Elizabeth Anne Sawyer, Briana Lyssa Shipley be allowed to change his/her/their name as follows:  
ELIZABETH SAWYER CLARKE  
BRIANA LYSSA CLARK  
IF YOU DESIRE TO OBJECT THERETO, YOU OR YOUR ATTORNEY MUST FILE A WRITTEN APPEARANCE IN SAID COURT AT BOSTON ON OR BEFORE TEN O'CLOCK IN THE MORNING (10:00 AM) ON 05/18/2017.

Witness, HON. JOAN P. ARMSTRONG, First Justice of this Court.  
April 18, 2017

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# Re the Bruins: Gifted teams use grit to make their own good luck

Things in our fragile sporting world can flip-flop willy-nilly in April, which, as we are again reminded painfully, oft tends to be the cruelest of the months. What a difference a fortnight makes.

Seems like only yesterday that hockey pundits were waxing admiringly over the soaring prospects of the Bruins, though it was a bit odd, given their topsy-turvy regular season. Meanwhile, over in hoops world, the Celtics were eclipsing the Cavaliers in the standings, allowing their aroused supplicants to entertain wild and crazy possibilities.

Fast rising was the hope that the New Garden would again hum with double-barreled blades and boards, high drama, the very length of spring, just like at the Old Garden in the good old days, the ultimate example, in my book, being in the pristine spring of 1974, cresting on Mother's Day the 10th of May, when Tommy Heinsohn's revived Celtics confronted Kareem Jabbar's mighty Milwaukee Bucks in Game Seven of the NBA Finals while the Bruins, in what would prove to be the Orr-Esposito's firewagon's last hurrah, were tangling with Bobby

Clarke's upstart Flyers in Game Six of the NHL Finals.

Boston remains the only town ever to have savored such a moment: both the resident hockey and basketball clubs teetering at the very brink on the same magnificent afternoon.

The result still rankles 43 years later. If you're not old enough to recall, I'll note that it was the Celts who won the laurels, with John Havlicek and Dave Cowens at their very best, while the Big Bad Bruins had to sip from one of their more bitter cups, as Bobby Orr got unjustly banished to the penalty box in the final moments of a one-goal loss that cost them another Stanley Cup. That close, it came, to being truly epic! Nonetheless, such great days they were.

Mind you, none but the utterly addled of the adoring diehards expected anything like that this spring. But a longer run, at least into May, might have been possible. Under better circumstances, the Bruins beating Ottawa would have been perfectly reasonable. They're equals. On the other hand, that these new and still mercurial Bruins have failed us once again should surprise no one.

## Sports/Clark Booth

Are the Celtics soon to follow? After a sloppy start, they seem to have gained control of their opening-round series with the Chicago Bulls, although losing two at home to a team that sneaked into the playoff at the last second of the regular season hardly reeks of promise. Doubtless, the wrenching personal burdens of mainstay Isaiah Thomas shook the entire Celtic team. Balancing that off, however, has been the Bulls losing their red-hot point-guard, Rajon Rondo, who'd been on a maniacal mission to destroy his old team until he broke his thumb.

The Celtics have been lucky. Sympathetic Hoop Gods have intervened in their behalf. On the other hand, those defending champ Cavs

raised little sweat in casually sweeping a better-than-the-Bulls Indiana team four straight. Ho hum! Make of that what you will.

True, the Bruins got no breaks. But if no luck came their way, this has not been a team gifted at making its own luck for quite a spell now. It's hard to figure how much their awkwardly brief playoff dalliance advances their much-touted rebuilding. They should get credit for being feisty, for going down hard. But what in the end is that worth?

With four of their defensemen down for the count, their brittle No. 2 center injured yet again, other players nicked, bruised, and over-worked, with too much depending on four kids who had a grand total of a couple dozen games in the

big leagues, they still came within a whisker (and three overtimes) of beating Ottawa. A small break here or there – especially from the referees – and they could have pulled it off. Although, I might further suggest, then what?

Weeping and whining about the officials is bush league. But it can be plausibly argued the horrible call awarding the Senators a game-winning power play in Game Three may have decided this series. But good teams make their own luck. Nor do they beat themselves.

In the decisive moment of the sixth and last game, David Pastrnak, the brilliant 20-year-old Czech winger, committed a brutally mindless penalty, tackling an Ottawa opponent and hauling the chap down by the neck. Sure enough, the Senators promptly struck, ending



the Bruins' season. It was as dumb a penalty as you'll ever see in these playoffs, and it came from their brightest young star.

The emerging Bruins have promise. But much refinement is needed. Is Bruce Cassidy, impressive in his first ten weeks behind the bench, up to that task? That's just first and foremost of the huge decisions to be addressed in an off season that will make or break GM Don Sweeney.

He has lots of time. It's only April.

## Boxer Finn Meaney, 11, continues winning ways

(Continued from page 1)

Finn still trains there today.

Kelly marvels at the 11 year-old's ease in conducting interviews and absorbing the attention after his most recent victory.

"It's like he was already a fighter in a past life, you

know? The future is really up to him, wherever he decides to go with his talents," says Kelly.

Of course, Finn's training really started at home.

"Finn's got two older brothers," noted Finn's dad, Eric Meaney. "He has had to fight for

everything growing up."

"We're very proud of him. He did all of the training. He deserves it."

For his part, Finn says simply: "I was happy. It felt good to win."

Eric Meaney is proud of the personality Finn has developed. "He's the funniest human I

know," Eric said. "He lights up every room he goes into, and I think that boxing has given him the confidence to be like that."

Finn isn't shying away from even loftier goals.

"I want to stay undefeated for ten whole fights," he said.



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