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T's new subway cars put on shelf - again

'Something acting abnormally' within turning operation

By Chris Lisinski State House News Service

The MBTA's newest Red and Orange Line trains will remain shelved after an investigation into a March 16 derailment identified "something acting abnormally" within their truck frames, officials said.

In the latest setback for the CRRC-manufactured subway cars set to replace the entire Red and Orange Line fleets, investigators have found that an unusual issue played a major role in the derailment: the more the newer vehicles travel, the harder it is to turn the truck frames connecting the cars to the wheels.

"The force that is necessary to rotate the truck

frame is increasing directly with the mileage of the vehicles," MBTA Deputy General Manager Jeff Gonneville told the T's board on Monday. "In other words, as the miles of the vehicles are increasing, there is a greater resistance to turning of the truck frames themselves."

A team of investigators, including engineers from the MBTA, CRRC and other companies involved in the manufacturing process, have been combing through the vehicles since one of the Orange Line cars went off the rails at Wellington Station on March 16. No one was injured in the incident.

Engineers built a test rig, which Gonneville described as "essentially like an air hockey

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One of the first new Red Line trains is shown being worked on in December 2020.

Photo courtesy MBTA



We're ready for our customers, says Vu Huynh from the middle of his new dining area.

Daniel Sheehan photo

New eatery owner sees his place as a community space

By Daniel Sheehan Reporter Staff

The opening of a new Vietnamese restaurant in Fields Corner by the end of the month will be the culmination of years of hard work by owner Vu Huynh, who says his eatery will be a place "for the community."

Huong Que, which Huynh said translates

Huong Que sited in Fields Corner

roughly to "countryside recipes," has taken over a space at 272 Adams St. north of Park Street that formerly housed another eatery, My Sister's Crawfish. The restaurant, which at this point boasts a clean white storefront, a shiny new kitchen, and a fully redecorated interior, is Huynh's first venture into the culinary arts.

After immigrating to Dorchester from Vietnam in 1992, Huynh worked as a dishwasher and a doorman before eventually settling into a job with Boston Public Schools. That founda-(Continued on page 16)

'Awesome' teacher at Murphy School in running for a Presidential award

By Katie Pedersen Reporter Correspondent

Karen Ziminski-Callender, an eighth-grade science teacher at the Richard J. Murphy School in Dorchester, never thought that she might one day be recognized for her work by the president of the United States. However, after being selected as one of six Massachusetts finalists for the 2021 Presidential Awards for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching (PAEMST), she may soon get that chance.

The awards recognize one math teacher and one science teacher from every state each year. The highest honor for STEM teachers in America, PAESMT awards include a \$10,000 prize from the National Science Foundation, a presidential certificate, a trip to Washington, D.C., and serious bragging rights.

"I'm rewarded every day seeing my students succeed," Ziminski-Callender said. "So, to get an award on top of that is not something that I thought

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"I'm rewarded every day seeing my students succeed. So, to get an award on top of that is not something that I thought would happen, and of this magnitude. It still feels sort of surreal to me.'

Karen Ziminski-Callender





Dot artists in spotlight at Humphreys Street studio

Our HeART," a new group exhibition now on display at Humphreys Street Studios in Uphams Corner, features paintings, drawings, photographs, sculpture, and mixed media works by both Humphreys Street Studio artists as well as other creatives from Dorchester. The program will remain on view through June 4. See Page 7.

Yes, I spotted the 'suspect' running on Athelwold St.

By SETH DANIEL REPORTER CONTRIBUTOR

It was barely 15 past 7 a.m. about three weeks ago when the day turned really weird really fast.

I had just gotten back from my morning walk-about, which had a little excitement beyond the norm. It was one of the first nice days of spring, nice enough where I could sit out on the front porch with my coffee and not have to pretend it was warm. I was still inside pouring my coffee when

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the phone rang. It was my wife.

"Hey, a police officer just came up to me as I was leaving the house for work," she said. "They were asking if we had seen the suspect this morning."

My muscles seized up and there was a silence on the phone.

When the police are looking for suspects around here, it's not good news at any time

of the day. I wondered what had happened — a shooting...a hit and run...Was my car intact? How did I miss all the action when I was outside earlier?

It had been a relatively quiet morning aside from that one interesting twist. But I had seen no evidence of police matters. Resigning to the idea that more violence had gone down, I asked her what she told the police.

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Judge, Rollins combine to clear Sean Ellis of his last conviction

By ALLY JARMANNING WBUR REPORTER

Sean Ellis, who spent more than 20 years in prison for the 1993 killing of Boston police detective John Mulligan, is no longer a convicted felon.

That conviction was overturned in 2015 after the detectives who investigated the crime were accused of their own illegal activities. Prosecutors declined to try Ellis a fourth time.

Despite that reversal, Ellis still had a single gun possession conviction on his record. Last Tuesday, a Suffolk Superior Court judge declared justice was not done in that case, either, and ordered a new trial.

Suffolk County District Attorney Rachael Rollins had taken the unusual step of endorsing Ellis's motion for a new trial so that her office could

drop the gun charge, filing what's called a "nolle prosequi." In a court filing, Rollins said the case was "tainted by significant and egregious police corruption and prosecutorial misconduct."

Ellis' longtime attorney, Rosemary Scapicchio, said Ellis is happy to have this nearly three-decade chapter of his life over.

"These are the days

you live for when you can give someone back their life and have them have a clean slate and something that Sean

has been fighting for 29

years," she said.

Rollins said in a statement that the judge's decision "marks the end of a long and troubling chapter in Boston's history." She noted that both the Mulligan and Ellis

families have suffered.

"We need to continue to work together as law enforcement partners to make sure the criminal and unconstitutional behavior that infected every

part of the investigation into Detective Mulligan's death can never happen again," Rollins said. "I am committed to doing just that. Filing a nolle prosequi is part of that commitment."

Scapicchio said she hopes prosecutors investigate other cases worked by the corrupt detectives from Ellis's case to see if other people were wrongly convicted.

"It didn't begin and end with Sean Ellis,' Scapicchio said. "I'm hopeful that if that investigation truly goes forward, that other peo-



Sean Ellis is no longer a convicted felon.

ple who are now sitting in a jail cell, convicted of crimes they didn't commit, will have the opportunity to prove their innocence and be free.'

The Boston Police Department did not immediately respond to a request for comment last

UPCOMING CIVIC MEETINGS AND COMMUNITY EVENTS

The Boston Planning and Development Agency will host a public meeting on Monday, May 20 at 6 p.m. on a proposal to replace a small commercial building and a parking lot at 1320 Dorchester Ave. at Ellsworth Street, with a six-story building containing 80 studio apartments. The meeting will be held via Zoom. For more info, contact Aisling Kerr at 617-918-4212 or aisling.kerr@boston.gov.

The Dorchester Historical Society will host a special event via Zoom on Sun., May 16 at **2 p.m.** focused on Boston's oldest buildings. City archaeologist Joe Bagley will lead the discussion. Go to dorchesterhistoricalsociety.org to register.

The 41st annual Ashmont Hill Yard Sale will take place on Sat., May 22, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. As always, shoppers will find everything from plants to toys, furniture to books, computers to collectables and more, all at clean-out-the-attic/basement/ carriage house prices. Enjoy Ashmont Hill's Victorian architecture and lush gardens as you shop throughout this delightful

Dorchester neighborhood. Participating houses will have maps showing all selling locations. Please follow current Covid guidelines re: masks and distancing. Red Line T to Ashmont. Info: 617-288-6626 or cadmanjoe@aol.com.

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

The northwest parking lot of Pope John Paul II Reservation playground in Neponset will be closed through July 7 to accommodate staging for playground repair work, according to the Department of Conservation and Recreation. The lot was closed on Thursday, April 8. The closure will be clearly marked. Visitors are encouraged to use the parking area to the northeast when visiting the park.

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

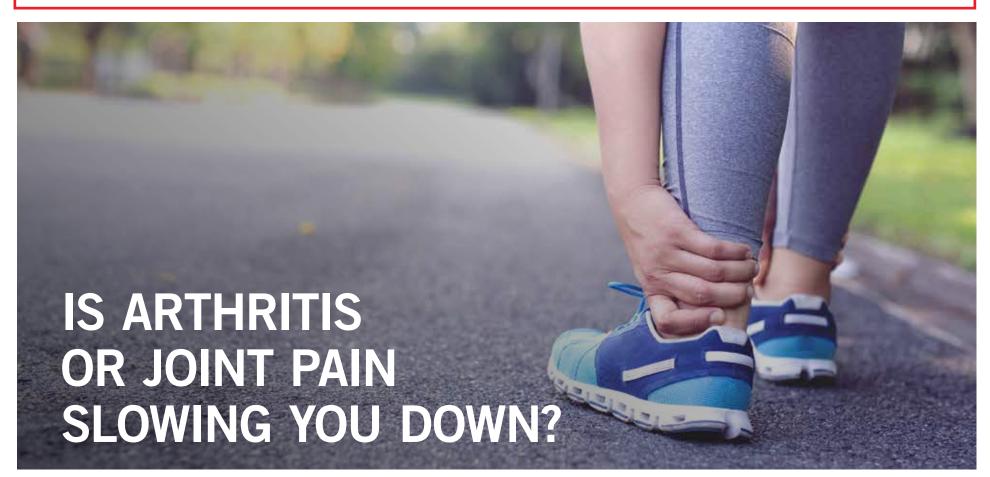
Boston teens can now apply for the 2021-2022 Mayor's Youth Council, a group of 85 high school-aged youth who are committed to improving their communities and empowering young people in the City of Boston. Applications will be accepted through July 18. To apply to be a neighborhood representative on the Mayor's Youth

Council, students must be Boston residents and entering grades 9-12 (or of comparable age). All applicants will participate in a group interview. Due to COVID-19, the 2020-2021 Mayor's Youth Council was fully remote for the entire program. To learn more and to apply online, visit youth.boston.gov.

SuccessLink — the City of Boston's online tool that enables Boston youth to register for summer jobs — is now accepting applications through May 9 for Boston teens aged 15 to 18. The City hopes to provide 5,000 jobs to youth and young adults this summer across more than 170 non-profit, community-based organizations and city agencies. For more information on DYEE's summer employment program and additional youth resources, visit youth.boston.gov.

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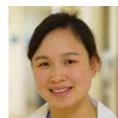
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Business leaders call for action on 'Mass and Cass'

By Deborah Becker WBUR REPORTER

For decades, Sue Sullivan has been working in the Newmarket section of Boston and has been actively involved with the difficult issues surrounding the so-called "Mass and Cass" area - the intersection of Massachusetts Avenue and Melnea Cass Boulevard. Sullivan, who is executive director of the Newmarket Business Association, says problems in the area are the worst she has seen.

"I have been down here for 30 years and I have never seen the kind of violence and vandalism and all that has taken place in the last couple of months. It's unprecedented," Sullivan said. "We are a powder keg down here waiting to

explode if something acting Mayor Kim Janey doesn't change."

Sullivan says her members have been complaining about thefts, stabbings and what she says is a sense of lawlessness in the neighborhood. Boston Police say the numbers back that up. From March 2 to April 5, police say, sixteen stabbings, one shooting, and two homicides were recorded in the area.

Because of the violence, the city has temporarily closed what was called a "comfort station" outside the Southampton Street Shelter. The facility was established during the pandemic so people using services and programs in the neighborhood would have a place to wash up, use a bathroom, and get referrals to treatment.

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says the city is "currently reassessing operations" at the shuttered station and "examining ways to implement additional safety measures.'

Mass and Cass is home to several social service agencies, homeless shelters, and addiction treatment programs. Sullivan, who is on the city's Mass/Cass 2.0 Task Force, acknowledges there have been what she calls "incremental improvements" since former Mayor Marty Walsh developed plans to address some of the issues in the neighborhood. But she's worried that as the weather gets warmer, more people will be drawn to the area, which may lead to more complaints.

The Newmarket Business Association is meeting with the city and Janey, but the group is also calling on prosecutors, the courts, and the city of Quincy to help.

"I just think everyone should be on the same page and help disrupt the dynamic here to get drug dealers and violent offenders off the streets and get back to real goals of helping people out of addiction and homelessness," Sullivan said. "We are calling out [Suffolk County District Attorney Rachael Rollins to help us in this fight instead of tying the hands of law enforcement trying to get dealers off the street.'

Rollins did not immediately return a call seeking comment.

Quincy officials have been fighting Boston's attempt to rebuild the bridge to Long Island, which was home to some addiction treatment programs. Boston closed the decrepit old span in 2014, saying it was unsafe. Many of the services that were available on the island are offered in the Mass and Cass area.

In 2018, Walsh outlined plans to rebuild the bridge and create a recovery campus on Long Island. Although the island is in Boston Harbor, vehicles can only reach it by a bridge through Quincy.

"We are calling out the city of Quincy to stop playing politics with people's lives with frivolous lawsuits," Sullivan said.

But Quincy officials say Boston can doesn't need to build a new bridge and can access the island via water transport.

"The fact remains that the three-year-old pro-

'full return' in the Fall

posal for a new bridge is structurally deficient, environmentally unsound, and even under Boston's best-case scenario would be years away - regardless of the legitimate concerns raised by Quincy and other stakeholders,' Christopher Walker, chief of staff for Quincy Mayor Thomas Koch wrote to WBUR in an emailed statement. "The issues described by the Newmarket Business Association exist today, and they should be addressed today, not maybe someday years down the road."

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The University of Massachusetts Boston is planning for a full return to campus in the fall for all students, faculty, and staff with residence and dining halls open and mostly in-person classroom instruction, Chancellor Marcelo Suárez-Orozco told the university community on May 5.

He also noted that the 2021 commencement will be held at TD Garden on Aug. 26.

The decision to return to the Columbia Point campus and offer a full slate of in-person student classes, events, activities, and services was based on increased vaccination rates, the availability of vaccines, low classroom transmission rates, and plans for public school re-openings.

"We fully acknowledge that we're not simply returning to normal this

fall, but that we will be coming together as a community to carry forward the lessons we've learned and to build a new way forward that further embraces our founding mission of 'preserving and extending the domain of knowledge," " Suárez-Orozco said in a statement.

If vaccine and transmission rates don't continue to trend in a positive direction, the

chancellor said the university would reconsider its plans. UMass Boston is also looking for ways to offer more flexible learning opportunities.

"If we were to plan to remain remote in the fall and the health conditions then improved dramatically, it would be very difficult to scale up our campus activities," he explained.

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Wu, Campbell lead money push, but the others are catching up

By Anthony Brooks WBUR REPORTER

City Councillors Michelle Wu and Andrea Campbell are leading the fundraising race in their bids to become Boston's next mayor, according to the latest campaign finance reports filed with the state. But other candidates are gaining ground.

Wu and Campbell, who were the first to jump into the mayor's race, have more than a million dollars each in their campaign accounts, which gives them an important advantage in a crowded field.

"I think Michelle and Andrea...are really demonstrating the benefit of having started early," said political strategist Wilnelia Rivera said.

In a race where almost half of registered voters were undecided just a

month ago, according to a poll sponsored by WBUR. The Boston Foundation and the *Dorchester Re*porter, money is critical. It helps candidates build name recognition and present their visions for the future of the city.

The field also includes Acting Mayor Kim Janey, City Councillor Annissa Essaibi George, the city's former economic development chief, John Barros, and state Rep. Jon Santiago.

Wu says her lived experience is the heart of her campaign: She's the daughter of Taiwanese immigrants who, in her early 20s, became the primary caregiver for her two younger sisters after her mother was diagnosed with schizophrenia.

"Knowing what it's like to be up all night in the emergency room waiting for the mental health bed to open up for my mom, or opening a small business with so many hoops and barriers to jump through — and so many other people in similar situations were struggling with that," Wu said.

Campbell, who joined the race about a week after Wu, also has a story to tell about her life that is central to her campaign: She had a twin brother, who, like her, was the product of Boston Public schools. But she went on to Princeton University and UCLA Law School, while her brother was accused of terrible crimes, cycled in an out of the criminal justice system, and died while in custody.

"Sadly, it's not a story that is [just] familiar to me," Campbell told WBUR. "It is familiar to many thousands of residents in the city. And so my work...is about eradicating those inequities and breaking cycles of poverty, trauma, criminalization. And so, I'm excited to run for mayor."

While Wu and Campbell benefitted from being first to join the race, others are catching up. That includes City Councillor Annissa Essaibi George, who has about half as much cash on hand as Wu and Campbell. But since the start of this year, Essaibi George has raised more raised more than everyone else, except for Wu.

"I'm excited about that because that helps me spread the word and reach more voters," said Essibi George, a small business owner and a former high school teacher. She's running as an ally of Marty Walsh, representing a kind of continuity at City Hall.

"I am very proud of more than anyone else in

my relationship with former Mayor Walsh and what I was able to do in partnership with him," she said. "[That includes] my commitment to education, our commitment to our most vulnerable residents, especially when we think of homelessness, when we think of those dealing with substance abuse disorder; that's important to me, and I want to continue that work."

Meanwhile, Santiago has about a half million dollars of cash on hand - about the same as $\operatorname{Es-}$ saibi. Barros has about \$300,000.

Acting Mayor Kim Janey has less cash than all of her rivals. That's partly because she only declared her candidacy last month, not long after she succeeded Walsh. But in April, she raised more than \$200,000

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the race. And, of course, Janey has an advantage beyond money.

"You refer to her as 'Mayor Janey," said Tito Jackson, who ran for mayor unsuccessfully in 2017. Jackson pointed out that, as mayor, Janey can roll out initiatives as acting mayor and talk about them at daily press conferences — giving her front-runner status.

But Jackson is heartened that all six major candidates are people of color — focusing one way or another on racial inequalities in the city.

The candidates have four months to make their pitch to voters before the preliminary election in September.

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Janey okays earlier election

Boston's preliminary elections will take place a week earlier than originally scheduled to help facilitate work associated with mail-in voting should the Legislature extend or make the measure permanent.

Mayor Kim Janey signed the proposal after City Councilors approved the ordinance two weeks ago. The preliminary election will now take place on Sept. 14, giving the city's election department about 49 days to print and distribute mail ballots should the option become available.

So far, Councilors Michelle Wu, Andrea Campbell, Annissa Essaibi George, state Rep. Jon Santiago, former city economic development chief John Barros, and Janey have declared their candidacies. Candidates have until May 18 at 5 p.m. to file nomination papers with the Boston Election Department.

Boston residents who

are not currently regis- log-in information. tered to vote must sign up by Sept. 1 at 8 p.m. to participate in the preliminary election. Two candidates will face off in the city's municipal election on Nov. 2 and residents must register to vote by Oct. 13 at 8 p.m. if they wish to participate.

Mail-in voting provisions expire on June 30, but supporters of the voting reform are hoping the Legislature will act before then to make the new voting option permanent.

Chris Van Buskirk/

Ward 15 Democrats will continue their online interview series with candidates for city council this Saturday (May 15). Three at-large hopefuls— Carla Monteiro, Domingos Darosa, and Jonathan Spillane are on the agenda for this Zoom event, which begins at 10 a.m. Visit their $Face book\ page\ or\ follow$ Twitter: @Ward15B for

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Mattapannative Ruthzee Louijeune claimed to be the first of 25 potential at-large council candidates to be certified for the September ballot on Monday. Her campaign collected more than 2,800 signatures, well beyond the threshold of 1,500 needed for nomination. If elected, she would be the first Haitian-American to serve in city government.

Six candidates for mayor of Boston participated in a forum hosted by the Boston branch of the NAACP last Thursday, May 6. The event, streamed live on Facebook, revealed few distinctions among the group. One exception: In a lightning round, they were asked if they would support "voting rights in the city... for all residents regardless of citizenship?"

John Barros, Andrea Campbell, Kim Janey, and Michelle Wu an-

swered "yes." Annissa Essaibi George and Jon Santiago said "no."

Janey picked up an endorsement from one of the city's biggest unions last week: Local 26, the 12,000-member hotel and food workers union, tapped her "unique lived experience and distinct focus on building generational wealth for working families" in their decision. "I will be standing with Local 26 to ensure that these hotel workers get back on the job – jobs that provide a living wage, critical benefits, and an economic path forward for them and their families," said Janey, who earned their support in her past bid for city council.

City Councillors return to their chamber setting

City Councillors made their way back into their City Hall chamber last Wednesday for the first time since the building closed to the public at the start of the pandemic.

With social distancing guidelines in place and masks on faces, the councilors attended their weekly meeting of the full body.

City Council offices remain closed to the public and members of the media or public cannot attend council meetings, a council official said. A timeline for reopening council meetings to the public was also unavailable Wednesday afternoon.

City Council President Matt O'Malley could be seen standing at the rostrum inside the chamber and at several points, Councillors Michelle Wu, Julia Mejia, Ricardo Arroyo, Lydia Edwards,

A handful of Boston and Kenzie Bok were also in-person.

Councilors Breadon, Michael Flaherty, and Andrea Campbell could be seen participating remotely.

At the start of the pandemic last spring, state and municipal government buildings largely closed to the public out of health concerns. Since then, a contingent of state and city workers have started to make their way back into the buildings as case numbers decline and vaccination rates pick up.

The fate of another important government building in Boston, the State House, remains unclear. Legislative and administrative leaders shuttered the building last spring and have not outlined plans to reopen it.

- CHRIS VAN BUSKIRK SHNS

Covid prompts a new name, and new focus, for Latino fund

The state's first philanthropic fund focused on the Latino community announced a new name last Friday and said it will seek to strengthen health equity and economic opportunity for a population that has faced a disproportionate toll from the pandemic.

The Latino Equity Fund, formerly the Latino Legacy Fund, is a addressing well-being

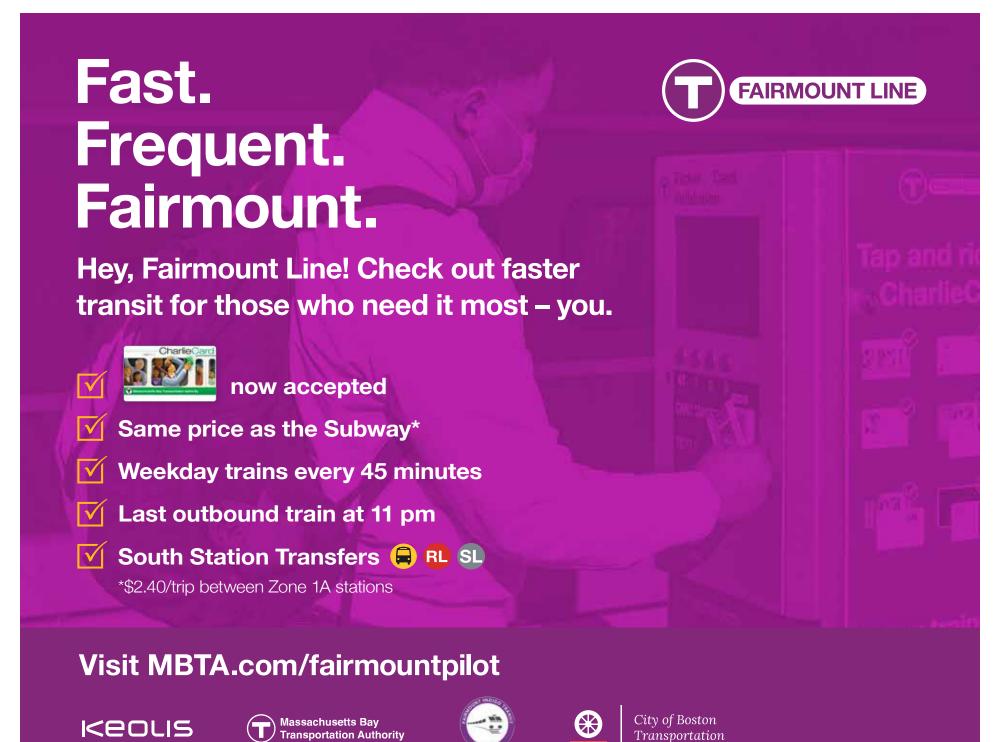
partnership among local Latino leaders, The Boston Foundation, and Hispanics in Philanthropy. It will focus on two priority areas -

and health disparities exacerbated by the pandemic, and achieving economic prosperity via "policies, programs, and initiatives that promote sustainable economic growth for Latinos."

"Covid-19 was our reckoning," said Juan Lopera, co-chair of the Latino Equity Fund. "We said, 'Let's rethink our areas of focus, let's rethink

what we are about.' And that's how we decided to rebrand. It's hard to think about the legacy we're leaving behind when we have such equity issues.

- SHNS



Ashmont Hill Chamber Music to reboot in-person

After a more than a year-long hiatus, Ashmont Hill Chamber Music will return with its first in-person live music event of the season this Sunday, May 16, at 4 p.m. at All Saints Church.

The Bach Project concert will be open to a small in-person audience of ticketholders, and will also be available for viewing online free of charge. Masking and social distancing will be required for the in-person audience.

The concert, titled "Most Loved Instrumental Music," will feature three works by Bach written for three



Frances Conover Fitch

solo instruments: cello, harpsichord, and organ. Shirley Hunt will play the Suite No. 4 in E-flat major (BWV 1010) for



Andrew Sheranian

baroque cello; Frances Conover Fitch will play Suite No. 5 in G major (BWV 816) for harpsichord; and Andrew



Shirley Hunt

Sheranian will play Trio The Bach Project (An-Sonata No. 4 in E minor drew Sheranian, direc-(BWV 528) and Fugue tor) is a collaborative in G minor (BWV 578) endeavor between the music program at the

Parish of All Saints Ashmont and Ashmont Hill Chamber Music. Now in its fourth season, the Bach Project exists to bring the music of Johann Sebastian Bach to audiences in Dorchester through live performances at All Saints' Church in Ashmont.

Tickets to Sunday's event will be \$25 for adults, \$18 for students; \$3 for EBT Card Holders, and free for children under 13.

To purchase tickets and for more information visit ahchambermusic.org.

– REPÖRTER STAFF

Dot Jazz Series is back; CAT Trio to debut virtually on Saturday at 7:30 p.m.

The Dot Jazz Series is returning this weekend with the virtual debut of CAT Trio, a new combo featuring Boston drummer Austin McMahon, the pianist Carmen Staaf, and the bassist Tony Scherr.

The concert series, presented by Mandorla Music and Greater Ashmont Main Street, has been in hibernation since early last year. It will reboot with a video performance of the trio,

which was filmed in April at Q Division Studios in Somerville, that will have its premiere at mandorlamusic.net this Saturday, May 15, at 7:30 p.m.

Staaf, McMahon, and Scherr will be playing original compositions by all three, drawing on a wide range of influences: classical piano repertoire, Monk, Afro-Cuban sounds, singer-songwriter and rock music lineages, and beyond.

This performance is being made possible in part by the support of the Boston Cultural Council, and marks the launch of the Greater Ashmont Main Street initiative "Invigorate Your Senses: A Journey through Local

All signs point to the event heralding the return of live music in the neighborhood; in a newsletter, series organizer Mark Redmond hinted at outdoor performances



Carmen Staaf On the piano

to come this spring and summer, as well as a possible return to indoor shows down the road.

The performance will be available to view for



Austin McMahon On the drums

free at mandorlamusic. net; attendees are encouraged to make a donation of \$5-\$15 to Greater Ashmont Main Street to support future Dot Jazz

Tony Scherr The bassist

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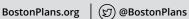
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Reporter's People

News about people in and around our Neighborhoods

Dot artists in spotlight at Humphreys Street studio

By Daniel Sheehan Arts & Features Editor

"Our HeART," a new group exhibition now on display at Humphreys Street Studios in Uphams Corner, features paintings, drawings, photographs, sculpture, and mixed media works by both Humphreys Street Studio artists as well as other creatives from Dorchester. The studios will host an opening reception this Saturday, May 15, from 2 to 4 p.m., and the exhibition will remain on view through June 4.

"We're thrilled to turn one of our artist studios into a pop-up gallery and launch our new exhibition that also invites work by Dorchester artists outside of our



"Muhammad Ali," a painting by Wilson Fortes, is part of the ongoing exhibition at Humphreys Street Studios.

New class of Boston pipefitters ready to build back communities

A new class of highly-skilled pipefitters and HVAC-Refrigeration technicians from Pipefitters Local 537's apprentice program is ready to build and service the state's hospitals, laboratories, and schools as we emerge from the pandemic.

Six graduates hailing from Dorchester, Boston, West Roxbury, Hyde Park, and Mattapan completed their apprenticeship training last Saturday, becoming official journeypersons in the Local. They include: Michael Coln and Zachery Laurinaitis of Dorchester, KevonHackettofBoston, Colin Ronayne of West Roxbury, Samuel Gomez of Hyde Park, and Rickie Thompson of Mattapan. "As we return to a new

normal, these graduates will play a key role in building back our region," said Tom Kerr, business manager and financial secretary-treasurer of Local 537, which is based in Dorchester. "We're immensely proud of the skill, craftsmanship, and character they've shown throughout their apprenticeships and especially over the past year. They're unstoppable." When Local 537's Training Center was forced to close due to Covid-19 last year, most classroom courses moved to an online format. Class sizes for in-person, hands-on training were also reduced significantly to ensure social distancing and follow adherence to Covid protocols. Prioritizing

safety - and meeting these new challenges head-on — helped apprentices continue courses without a beat. "Our graduates and instructors did an incredible job adapting in these unique times," said Local 537 training coordinator Paul McGrath. "Thanks to our readiness and their hard work, everyone completed their coursework on time. That's a big achievement." The newly-minted tradesmen and tradeswomen will install and service ventilation systems, and build piping infrastructure throughout the region, ensuring buildings are well-prepared for a return to in-person work, learning, and more.

studio building," said Frank Marval, a graphic designer at Humphreys Street Studios and proprietor of Cyanta Studios. "We welcome the talents of our Dorchester neighbors and fellow artists."

Among those local artists to be welcomed into the studios is Uphams Corner native Jaypix Belmer, a photographer who has spent close to 20 years shooting the Boston music scene, mainly in the hip-hop and rap circles of Dorchester and Roxbury.

"It's been such a joy for artists to come together, especially because Covid has forced so much isolation," said Belmer. "We can share our work, celebrate each other, and share our artist community with the neighborhood at large.

"We were blown away by the quality and energy of all of the submissions," added sculptor and jewelry maker Cat Armistead, a tenant at Humphreys Street. "Meeting local artists and learning more about their work and their process has been so wonderful."

The 35 artists who use the former dry-cleaning facility as a workshop have enjoyed a tenuous existence in recent years. With the property up for sale and on the radar of real estate developers, the threat of losing their space still looms large.

As of now, tenants are waiting to see if a developer will buy the parcel and construct residential units that would make the studios a subsidized live-work space, or take action to otherwise preserve the workshop and maintain the affordable rates that have allowed artists to remain there.

Until that future is cleared up, Humphreys Street artists are hoping to use the space as much as possible while they can, inviting their fellow creatives in the neighborhood to regularly participate in shows.

"Doing this exhibition has us motivated to plan more exhibitions, summer workshops, and open studios as the weather gets nicer," said set designer Cristina Todesco. "We have so many plans and are so excited to meet more artists, welcome folks into our space, and share our work."

Gallery hours are Friday and Saturday, 10 a.m. to 4p.m. and by appointment April 24 through June 4. Please email franklinmarval@gmail.com to make an appointment. Some of the exhibited artwork will be for sale and the exhibition will also be made available online shortly. HSS is located at 11 Humphreys Street.

MIT professor will consult for Chamber of Commerce

Former City of Boston Cabinet member Dr. Karilyn Crockett has joined the Greater Boston Chamber of Commerce as a research and program consultant. In her new role, Crockett will be tasked with expanding the business organization's work to address wealth gaps, racial and economic inequality, and barriers to opportunity, particularly in transportation, housing, education, and climate change.

Before joining the chamber, she spent four years as director of economic policy and research and director of small business devel-



Dr. Karilyn Crockett

opment for the city of Boston. In June 2020, former Mayor Martin Walsh appointed Crockett to serve as the city's first-ever chief of equity, a new Cabinet-level position that she left in March.

"I'm honored to join Jim Rooney and the Chamber team to develop solutions to the pervasive inequities and disparities that limit the shared prosperity of our region," Crockett said in a statement. "We stand together in a vital moment of renewal and reimagining – renewing our collective commitment to an economic future rooted in social, economic, and racial equity."

While she consults for the Chamber, Crockett will continue to serve as a professor of urban history, public policy, and planning at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

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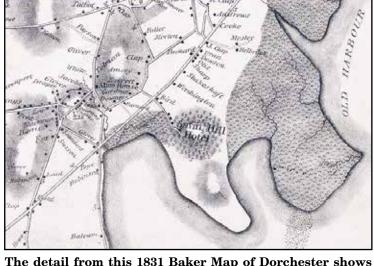
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The Tuttle House, which was located at the corner of Savin Hill Avenue and Tuttle Street and served as a "sea-side" hotel from 1822 to 1924, occupied the lot where the school building is located today. The Tuttle property itself was subdivided in 1887, furnishing land for house lots on Tuttle and Sydney streets. but the Tuttle House survived until the land was acquired by the archdiocese of Boston for the construction of St. William's Church and School. In the 1890s, the advantages of the hotel were advertised as "boating and bathing, large lawn, shade trees, tennis and croquet grounds, steam and electric cars to city.'

The following is from an article about the hotel in the *Dorchester Community News* by Anthony Sammarco.

"Joseph Tuttle was a suc-



The detail from this 1831 Baker Map of Dorchester shows the first depiction of the Tuttle Hotel on a map.

cessful merchant who lived on Pemberton Square in Boston. He purchased the Old Wiswall House on Savin Hill Avenue and remodeled the property as an early "seaside hotel." He added two wings to the house and began to advertise in Boston newspapers for people to visit the "Tuttle House," which was on the stagecoach line from Boston



to Neponset, a pleasant ride of three miles at twelve and a half cents each way. The Tuttle House was famous for its chicken dinners and for its special attention to sleighing parties in the winter."

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

As evictions slowly return, advocates seek more help

By Simón Rios WBUR REPORTER

Liliana Cruz choked up at her kitchen table in New Bedford as she talked about faithfully paying her rent — every month over the last five years. Despite that, her landlord has sent her a notice ordering her to leave the three-bedroom house by the end of this month.

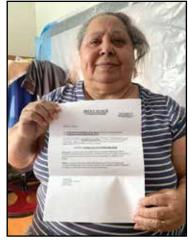
"From one day to the next, it doesn't matter what I pay, I have to go," she said in Spanish. "And I don't bother the landlord with anything. I spent my own money to fix the bathrooms. This is heavy, but God gives me strength."

The number of evictions filed in Massachusetts courts is slowly returning to the level it was before the pandemic. That's despite a federal moratorium on evictions, and hundreds of millions in federal dollars to help Massachusetts renters stay in their homes.

Landlords filed more than 1,500 eviction cases against Massachusetts renters in April alone, about half the number of evictions filed in the same month two years ago, before the pandemic began.

Joe Kriesberg is head of the Massachusetts Association of Community Development Corporations, a group of agencies that provide affordable housing and local services. He said the situation would have been far worse without the flood of state and federal aid to help people deal with the pandemic.

The combination of measures that have been implemented over the last 14



New Bedford resident Liliana Cruz holds up a copy of the eviction letter she received in January. The landlord wants her out by the end of May. Simón Rios/WBUR

months, the moratorium ... the mediation, the legal services, the rent relief dollars, all told, has helped prevent thousands and thousands of evictions. We went months with essentially no formal evictions," Kriesberg said.

But the state evictions ban ended in October. And the federal moratorium from the US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention is weaker. Instead of banning evictions outright, it only bars them in certain circumstances. And not everyone qualifies or knows how to use the rule.

While the state moratorium covered all kinds of evictions, the CDC moratorium is aimed more narrowly at nonpayment evictions, said Steve Meacham of the housing rights group City Life/Vida Urbana.

people who move when they get the notice to quit that before they ever even go to court," Meacham said.

But even that more limited protection is set to expire at the end of June, and Meacham fears that could lead to a new surge in evictions.

[On May 5, a federal judge in Washington ruled that the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention had overstepped its legal authority by issuing a nationwide eviction moratorium, a ruling that could affect millions of struggling Americans.

[In a 20-page order, US District Judge Dabney Friedrich vacated the CDC order, first put in place during the coronavirus pandemic under the Trump administration and now set to expire June 30. The Biden administration has suggested it will appeal the judge's ruling.]

Unless the CDC moratorium is extended, the state's eviction prevention program could be a last resort for some

Massachusetts is currently sitting on roughly \$968 million in relief money, state officials say, mostly from the federal stimulus money designed to curb the pandemic. Since the pandemic hit, the state has spent less than \$200 million of that amount. It has served roughly 25,000 households.

But Doug Quatrocchi of Mass Landlords says the program leaves out more people than it helps. He points to state

"And, so, there's a lot of data that show 57 percent of applications for rent relief have been rejected, either because people didn't qualify or because of incomplete applications.

Quatrocchi thinks that's be $cause the \, state's \, requirements$ are too stringent.

"It's the age-old conflict where on the one hand, we want to help people, but on the other hand, we're so twisted up in knots about potential fraud and helping any one person who doesn't deserve it," he said. "But in the end, we're not helping the majority of people who deserve it.'

The state said applications were closed primarily because the requests for aid were incomplete or because it couldn't secure full cooperation from both the tenant and the landlord.

State housing officials say the state's largest eviction diversion initiative — Residential Assistance for Families in Transition - or RAFT - hasbeen streamlined since the pandemic began. And they want people to know that money is available. Now the state is working with local groups to get the word out, such as the Coalition for Social Justice in New Bedford.

The coalition's Dax Crocker pulled up a smartphone app with a map of the city to guide him. After a few seconds, his screen filled up with tiny icons of houses, each one representing someone facing eviction in housing court.

He knocked on a door, but

nobody answered. It's the third straight place he has visited with no one home.

But even if someone opens the door, it's not clear whether the RAFT program could help. Sometimes it's because of the landlords.

"I have had people ... who have literally told me that the reason why the landlord wants them out is because they want somebody else who can pay more rent ... so they don't cooperate with RAFT," Crocker said.

How often does he see RAFT working?

"Twenty-five percent of the time, maybe, not a lot," he said.

Crocker's fourth visit that day was to the woman whose landlord wants her out at the end of this month, Liliana Cruz.

But RAFT couldn't help Cruz, either. That's because she already has just enough money to pay the rent. The problem is her landlord wants the apartment back, and RAFT isn't designed to help people like her.

Cruz said finding a new place she can afford isn't easy. Every apartment she looks at charges an application fee that she can't afford. And everybody involved speaks English, which she doesn't understand.

Now Cruz feels her only hope is that the federal moratorium will allow her to keep her home a while longer.

"This is your house," she told her visitors. "As long as I'm still here."



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with Meg Hogan, CEO of Boston Senior Home Care

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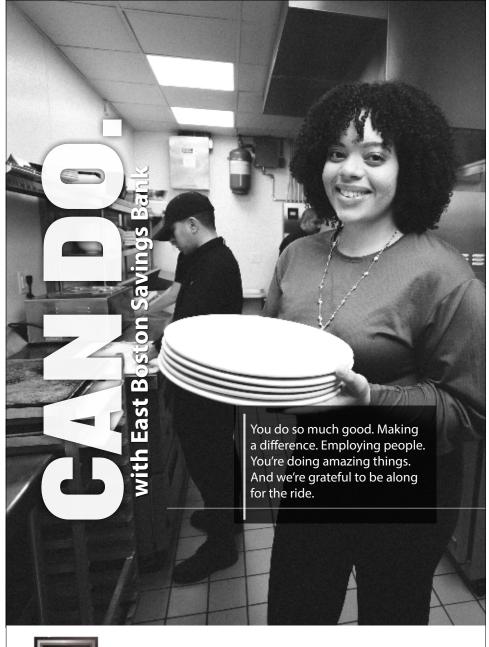
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Editorial

Briefing needed on Trolley Line delays

Two state lawmakers are pressing MBTA brass for answers this week after an investigative report by NBC10 Boston documented delays with the refurbishment of trolleys on the Mattapan High-Speed Line.

The report claimed that the \$7.9 million project to restore existing Presidential Conference Committee (PCC) trolley cars is two years behind schedule and could impact a larger, \$118-million plan to modernize the light-rail line between Mattapan Square and Ashmont.

On May 6, state Rep. Brandy Fluker Oakley and her colleague, Rep. William J. Driscoll, Jr. sent a letter to MBTA General Manager Steve Poftak citing the news report and requesting a briefing for lawmakers "as soon as possible."

"As you know, our legislative delegation in the state House of Representatives has been seeking updates on the progress of the Mattapan High Speed Line related projects, most recently in a letter dated November 25, 2020," the letter reads in part. The lawmakers added: "...the Covid-19 pandemic can understandably account for much of any delay between March 2020 and May 2021; however, it does not explain the apparent void of any action on the PCC car refurbishment between March 2019 and March 2020— a full year prior to the pandemic."

The lawmakers noted that the first refurbished trolley was supposed to be returned to service in August 2019.

"Today, that first trolley to start rehab is still sitting, stripped and disassembled, in the repair facility. It appears that nothing has been done since the spring of 2019 or earlier."

Joe Pesaturo, a spokesman for the T, told NBC10 Boston that "extensive lead paint removal" was the cause of the delay, suggesting that the scope of the problem was not known before the work began. T officials say that even though there wasn't obvious work happening to the shell of the cars, it doesn't mean other work was not proceeding, such as making parts that could be made elsewhere and installed.

The report said T officials think the first renovated trolley should be in service by August, with more rolling out after upgrades on a pace of roughly every five months.

In January 2019, MBTA officials unveiled a tenyear-plan to "transform" the Mattapan trolley corridor by gradually phasing out the 70-plus-year-old cars and replacing them with newer, used Green Line trolleys that can roll along the same tracks. However, the plan will require upgrades to other infrastructure along the 2.6 mile-route, including a new facility to maintain the vehicles and, critically, upgrades to bridges that need reinforcement to handle newer vehicles.

When revealed in 2019, the plan was generally well received. It meant that the vintage cars, already long past their expected lifespan, would continue to roll for another decade. And it locks in the T's commitment to light rail along the line instead of buses, or worse: nothing.

On Tuesday, the Pesaturo said that Poftak's office is working on scheduling the briefing requested by lawmakers.

He told the *Reporter*: "The project team was confronted with a number of obstacles beyond its control, but now the overhaul work is continuing at a steady pace. The MBTA fully understands how important this project is to the communities served by the Mattapan Line," said Pesaturo. "The first two rebuilt cars will be in service this year, while the remaining cars will be back before ridership returns to pre-pandemic levels."

-Bill Forry

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Commentary

How reading a book brings me back to my work on the Irish peace process

By BILL WALCZAK REPORTER COLUMNIST

One of my rediscovered pleasures following vaccination is going into bookstores. A few weeks ago, I picked up Patrick Radden Keefe's book "Say Nothing," which is about "the Troubles," the longtime conflict that turned violent in Northern Ireland in the late 1960s and lasted about 30 years.

Keefe, who was raised in the Ashmont section of Dorchester, is a writer for *The New Yorker* magazine, and has published four interesting, award-winning books. He is an excellent writer, whose portrayal of "the Troubles" brought back many memories of my involvement with the Irish peace process, which stretched from 1999 to 2008, mostly through the Boston College Irish Institute and partly via a similar program out of Columbia University.

Following the Good Friday Peace Accord in 1998, the governments of Ireland, the United Kingdom, and the US funded efforts to bring Protestants and Catholics together in a peaceful way to build bridges between them. They looked for places that were not in Northern Ireland but would allow discussions of the causes of animosity between the parties while working on projects together. The Codman Square Health Center was one place that was chosen for those interactions.

Why the Codman Square Health Center, which was organized in 1974, the year the desegregation order was issued by Judge W. Arthur Garrity that resulted in school busing in Boston? The racial conflict that erupted following that decision was deeply felt in Codman Square where from the time of the banks' "redlining" programs of the late 1960s, Washington Street was considered the dividing line between African Americans to the west and the mostly white residents to the east.

The organizing of the Codman Square Health Center in the middle of the busing troubles was one of the very few multi-racial efforts that succeeded in bringing people together for a common purpose.

Every nation on the planet has health centers, so the Catholics and Protestants of Northern Ireland could both understand the role of a health center in providing services, and see the results of an effort of residents living in a conflicted area doing something together. The American civil rights movement resonated with the people of Northern Ireland. The Catholics in identified with the movement and saw Martin Luther King as a hero. Protestants always referred to their summer marches as symbols of the claims to their civil rights.

So for several years, dozens of Protestant and Catholic participants in the peace process came to the Codman Square Health Center for several weeks at a time and worked alongside the health center's medical, public health, and youth workers to perhaps learn how they could work together back in Ireland.

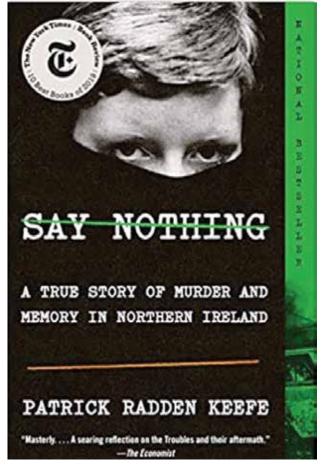
The Northern Ireland Peace Accord also involved the creation of nonprofit organizations (called Non-Governmental Organizations or NGOs there), and so my role, besides telling stories about Dorchester's efforts to build a strong and unified community, was to teach things like fundraising and managing and supporting a diverse staff. It also involved my traveling to Ireland once or twice a year to participate in peace efforts there.

One chapter of Keefe's book discusses the decision of the Irish Republican Army (IRA) to bomb sites in London in 1973 as a way to bring the civil war raging in Belfast to the capital of the UK. The bombing was organized by a division of the IRA called the Unknowns, which included one Gerry Kelly, who was in and out of prison for his IRA activities, who participated in the hunger strikes that became an international crisis for the British, and who later became a political leader in the Sinn Fein, the political arm of the IRA.

During one of my trips, which I think was in 2002, I was part of a group of four who traveled around Northern Ireland where we saw Protestant "Orangemen" march through a Catholic area (a few years later, I monitored a Catholic march), met with NGO leaders, and discussed community policing with municipal officials.

During that trip, the US State Department found out about it and asked us if we would meet with Gerry Kelly, who was described as "number three in Sinn Fein's leadership," to ask about Catholic participation in the police force.

Until 2001, the police force in Northern Ireland known as the "Royal Ulster Constabulary" (RUC), which by both name and effect was seen as an anti-Catholic paramilitary force. As part of the peace accord, the RUC was renamed the Police Service of



Northern Ireland (PSNI), and an effort was made to desegregate it by recruiting Catholics. But Sinn Fein was refusing to endorse the PSNI, and Catholics wanting to be police officers were reluctant to go against Sinn Fein. The State Department wanted to know if this was likely to change, and made arrangements for the four of us to meet with Kelly, so we could ask the question.

The meeting was set up at a building called "The Felons Club," a private place set up "to foster and maintain Irish Republican friendships formed during imprisonment or internment as a result of their service to the Irish Republican cause." It had a bar, with a larger hall for events, but, because it was an IRA meeting place, it had extra protections built into it, such as cages that one had to go through to get into the building. You entered one chain link cage, which would lock behind you before you would enter the next cage, then you'd get to the entrance door.

After we entered, we were told that Kelly was busy and we would have to wait, and were ushered into the bar. As I remember, it was all men drinking beer, and so I asked for a Guinness and tried to ignore the tall man who stood uncomfortably in back of me. Our wait for Mr. Kelly continued and I needed to use the bathroom, so I left the bar area, followed by the tall man, who stood behind me in the bathroom. I turned around and asked the obvious question: "Are you following me?" to which he replied, "Yes, I am." I thanked him for telling me, and we went back to the bar together.

After another pint of Guinness, we were told that Kelly would see us. We went into the larger room, where there were chairs set up for us in the middle of the hall, and introduced ourselves. After some small talk, we asked the State Department question: Will Sinn Fein encourage Catholics to join PSNI? He replied, "Go and tell your State Department that we'll get there, but on our own terms and timeline."

In 2007, the year of my last trip to Ireland on behalf of the peace process, Sinn Fein endorsed PSNI, and Catholics now make up about a third of the force. On my last night in Dublin, a group of us, including *Boston Globe* columnist Kevin Cullen, were having "pints" with the deputy chief constable of PSNI, who informed us that just a year or two earlier, he would have to inform the Dublin government that he was coming to Dublin so that they could meet him and give him an officer to protect him. But that was no longer necessary, as peace had broken out.

That same year, several former IRA soldiers told me that the war was over because Ireland was in fact united – through the European Union. But the new peace could be undone. The Brexit vote that resulted in the United Kingdom leaving the European Union has been problematic for Northern Ireland, and there have been signs of new troubles.

Peace requires continuous nourishment and hard work.

Bill Walczak lives in Dorchester and is the former CEO of Codman Square Health Center.

Yes, I spotted the 'suspect' running on Athelwold St.

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"I told them you had seen the suspect," she said over the phone.

My heart rate jumped. I hadn't seen anything. I asked her why she would tell the police that I was involved and, if history dictates the present around here, I probably didn't want to be involved in seeing any suspects.

She paused, then laughed—which I thought wholly inappropriate. "I'm talking about the coyote you saw," she said, knowing she had given me a cardiac moment. "The police are out looking for a coyote. I guess someone called."

That morning, the interesting twist in my walk was seeing a coyote come out of nowhere and jet down Athelwold Street at what seemed like the speed of light — dodging an oncoming school lunch delivery truck. It was a startling moment, and odd, but one you move on from. It is funny how wildlife has returned to this side of Dorchester.

This was my second coyote sighting over here, and while such things are common in Cedar Grove or Lower Mills, on this much-denser side of Dorchester, they are something rare indeed.

About 10 years ago, I looked on as three turkeys dropped out of the sky on July 4 and landed on my neighbor's work truck. It was surreal at the time. I even sent in a picture to the *Dorchester Reporter*—and they ran it with excitement.

Nowadays, you see turkeys around here four or five times a week. A whole family of them lives in Mother's Rest Park like they own the place. They're like squirrels now – just another part of this odd urban landscape.

So, yes, I did spot the suspect that morning, and if any BPD brass would like to swing by, I'm available for questioning.

Speaking of Suspects -There has also been too much real violence – non-coyote related - over the past few months around here. Two weeks ago, when we had company from out of town staying with us, some young man squeezed off eight gunshots at an enemy in the street a few blocks away from our house. He hit no one, but the gunfire was enough to set the neighborhood on its side. It's a really unpleasant reality to have to explain to guests that such things don't happen that often, and that there is no reason to be scared. Of course, there is ample reason to be scared when you hear a firearm blasting in the street.

The young man was arrested on the spot, crime scene tape was deployed, and K-9 dogs scattered in every direction to do their sniffing. The kicker here is that the kid was from Shrewsbury. Shrewsbury—really? I looked him up and he had gone to Shrewsbury High, where he was a pretty good hoops player. This is happening



Arthur Sutton Ran a pretty good meeting

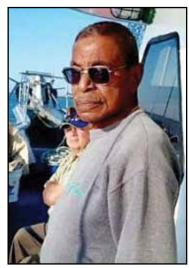
more and more: Kids from the suburbs coming into our neighborhood and thinking anything goes. There must have been ample warning signs of this young man going off track for the good people of Shrewsbury to take note. But that's just it: Too often they ship their issues off to Dorchester, Mass/Cass, and other locales. A key issue right here and now is the suburbs stepping up and taking care of their problems because I'm growing impatient with their dysfunction showing up on my street and causing mayhem. Believe me, we have our own issues; we don't need theirs, too.

Cleanin' Up -May 1 was the day for the annual citywide clean-up in the neighborhood, and the West of Washington neighborhood association was out in full force. My youngest daughter and I always hit up the Oliver Wendell Holmes School, a horribly disinvested school in the Boston Public School portfolio. It's a tall order every year to try to clean it up, but kudos to my daughter, Taryn, who had a real good idea. She put on her roller hockey skates, grabbed a \$2 trash picker, and rolled away. We were done in no time. You can sure get a lot done on wheels!

As an aside, a huge kudos to Councilor Andrea Campbell's office and the BPS operations team for getting rid of prominent and long-standing gang graffiti on the school. After a year of my 3-1-1 calls made very little progress, they got action in a few day's time last week. Now that's really Loving Your Block – or whatever they call it now.

Farewell to friends – I can't conclude this column without giving tribute to two long-time West of Washington residents – Neil Hogan and Arthur Sutton. These two men were gentleman of the first order, loved this neighborhood, and spent decades here. Both passed away over the last several months.

Neil was the first and only neighbor I've ever had in my adult life, and probably the best next-door one anyone could ask for. A generous man and a heck of a fisherman, he was a life-long Dorchester resident who was described at his funeral as a "cool gentleman." I agree, but so much



Neal Hogan "Cool gentleman"

more can be said of someone who will be missed.

Arthur Sutton lived at the bottom of Athelwold Street for an eternity.

Many might have seen his name on the municipal ballot a few times. He had a seat at the end of the street, and he sat there often. He made keys for everyone in his workshop on Norwell, and at one time ran a pretty good neighborhood meeting. I met him first at the polling place 17 years ago when he was encouraging people to vote. He always had the good word. I'll miss seeing him at the polls this fall.

Seth Daniel has been a resident of the West of Washington neighborhood for the last two decades, and enjoys re-telling stories of the oddities and edginess that are part of living in that part of Dorchester.

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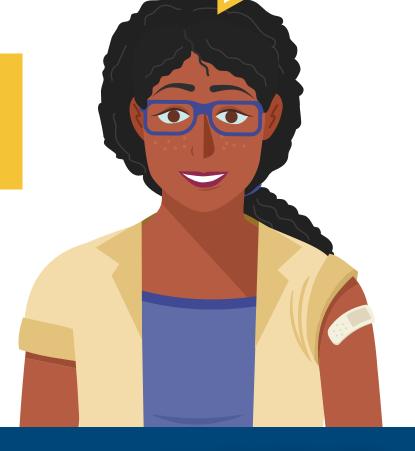
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'Awesome' teacher at Murphy School in running for a Presidential award

(Continued from page 1) to do." would happen, and of this magnitude—it still feels sort of surreal to me. I never thought I'd get something like this."

Ziminski-Callender first started teaching 19 years ago. According to her, the decision was an easy one.

"I always wanted to be a teacher," she said. "My dad was a teacher. He was in education for 45 years, so it was something I always wanted

A New Jersey native, Ziminski-Callender moved to Boston in 1997 to study at Northeastern University, where she started working in the Boston Public Schools (BPS) as a co-op student. Except for one year, she has stayed in the district ever since.

"I love Boston Public Schools," she said. "The kids are fantastic. I tried to work in the suburbs for a year to see if I

would like it, and I did not. I came right back. I don't really like bouncing around because I like getting to know the kids. It's that life-long connection with the students that's really meaningful to me. It starts with getting them excited about science and learning."

Ziminski-Callender attributes much of her success as an educator to BPS. "My training in Boston Public Schools through the science department was phenomenal," she said. "It made me into the kind of teacher I am today. People don't realize how much training teachers in the city have and how much work they put in."

As a longtime BPS teacher, she is quick to correct what she sees as misconceptions about inner-city schools.

"The students in Dorchester are just amazing," she said. "They're so resilient, and



Karen Ziminski-Callender is shown with Darren Wells, a 2004 PAEMST winner.

they work so hard as long as you have that connection. To take a group of students who don't know you, and in less than six months be videotaping a lesson that the president of the United States could possibly see sends a really strong message to other areas that it's not that bad here.

And that's something I feel strongly about. It's a monumental thing that an inner-city middle school teacher is able to get this far because her students rose to the occasion. I wrote the lesson, but they made it. There's this stigma around kids in the city, but it's not the norm, and people need to realize that.'

Even as the pandemic has disrupted education around the world, Ziminski-Callender has worked hard to adapt her curriculum to the challenges of online learning.

"I got creative in ways I never knew I could. I was not the most tech-savvy person, but I learned to adapt. I had to find tons of resources online. You have to make it engaging, because students are sitting there and cameras are often off.

To have as much buyin as I do, to have kids fully engaged, is really meaningful for me."

Darren Wells, a Science Teacher Leader at BPSanda2004PAEMST winner, nominated Ziminski-Callender for the award. The two of them have spent years working on professional development workshops for BPS and education conferences across the country together, developing a close friendship in the process.

According to Wells, Karen "is a rock star. She's a really, really hard worker, a great writer, great presenter. She's got her principal certification, vice-principal certification. She's very caring and committed to the kids. She does all these different afterschool programs. She's really good with the young people, she's really good with adults, she's really good with her own children, and she has a decent relationship with parents. It wasn't a heavy lift to nominate her. It was just getting her to understand, 'girl, you're awesome."

Cancer clinic to boost access for Harvard Street patients

Dana-Farber Cancer Institute and Harvard Street Neighborhood Health Center have in place a new agreement that will connect patients at the Dorchester center to expanded cancer prevention, education, diagnosis, and treatment services.

The bi-weekly clinic will be led by Christopher Lathan, MD, Ludmila Svoboda, RN, and Laura Garber, PA.

The Dana-Farber care team will see patients who have cancer symptoms and are referred by HSNHC primary care physicians, ob-gyns, dentists, and other providers. They will also provide follow-up care for patients who have received a previous cancer diagnosis or who are at higher risk of cancer from smoking or other callses

"Harvard Street is very excited about the partnership with Dana Farber's Cancer Care Equity Program (CCEP's), "said Stan McLaren, president and CEO of HSNHC. This program will broaden CCEP's entree to vulnerable patients and allowing our patients with limited access and resources - the highest quality cancer screening and care."

See dana-farber.org for more info.





Pressley to NE Council: Let's combine Biden spending plans

By MATT MURPHY STATE HOUSE NEWS SERVICE

With Democrats clinging to a slim majority in Congress, US Rep. Ayanna Pressley said the next recovery package should be big and inclusive of everything from roads and bridges to housing, childcare, and paid family leave, warning Democrats against breaking up the White House's massive relief proposals to get something done.

"I want it all, but it's not just because I want it all. It's because our constituents need it all," Pressley said.

She spent an hour last Thursday morning (May 6) talking with the New England Council about her work in Congress and what she has prioritized for the \$2.3 trillion "American Jobs Plan" and the \$1.8 trillion "American Families Plan" put forward by President Biden.

"I want to do one big bill. We don't want to break this up." she said.

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Pressley also cautioned her colleagues against jeopardizing a massive infrastructure bill over one issue, which some Democrats are threatening to do if the final package doesn't eliminate the Trump-era cap on state and local tax [SALT] deductions.



Rep. Ayanna Pressley, right, is shown with Roxbury resident and journalist Sarah Ann Shaw in a photo posted on Twitter on May 5.

Photo courtesy Rep. Pressley

A bipartisan caucus of 32 Democrats and Republicans from high-cost states like New York, New Jersey, and Illinois has formed to push for the repeal of the limits put in place by former President Trump and a GOP-led Congress on the SALT deduction to pay for other tax breaks.

The SALT cap was also controversial in Massachusetts, where property

and other taxes can easily push families past the \$10,000 deduction cap, but not a single member of the Massachusetts delegation has joined the SALT caucus so far.

"I think taking this red line is really losing sight of the broader package and the big fights, so I don't want to be insensitive to the fact that SALT is a pressing issue in their districts,

but come to the table, roll up your sleeves, let's work together on this proposal," Pressley said.

"There are so many critical investments in this bill that the people that we represent need, so you don't want to miss out on the benefits of the broader package and big fights ahead of us," she continued.

While the "American Families Plan" proposes to extend the expansion of the child tax credit provided for in an earlier relief package through 2025, Pressley said she's fighting to make the larger child tax credit permanent.

The American Rescue of Act of 2020 expanded the child tax credit to a maximum of \$3,600 for children under 6, or \$3,000 for children aged 7 to 17, but it expires after 2021. The White House released a fact sheet last Thursday estimating that Biden's latest proposal would help 1.1 million children in Massachusetts, including 471,000 children of color, and would reduce child poverty in the state by 34 percent.

The Dorchester Democrat also said she's working with US Rep. Katie Porter of California to eliminate what has been called the "single parent penalty" that sees the

child tax credit phase out at lower income levels for single-parent households compared with married tax filers.

"They deserve this relief and this benefit as well," Pressley said of single parents.

Other priorities for Pressley include guaranteed paid family and medical leave for workers, lowering the age of eligibility for Medicare to 55, investing \$70 billion in public housing, and eliminating up to \$50,000 in debt for student loan borrowers.

"It's all infrastructure. Housing. Our care economy. Paid Leave. It's all infrastructure, and if there was any doubt about that the pandemic has made it painfully clear," she said.

During a question-and-answersession with the second-term Congresswoman, New England Council President Jim Brett asked her about the prospects of a bill known as the Improving Corporate Governance through Diversity Act reaching the president's desk.

Brett said the bill has strong support in the region's business community, but he questioned its chances in the divided Senate. The bill would require public companies to report to the Securities and Exchange Commission information on gender, racial, and ethnic diversity.

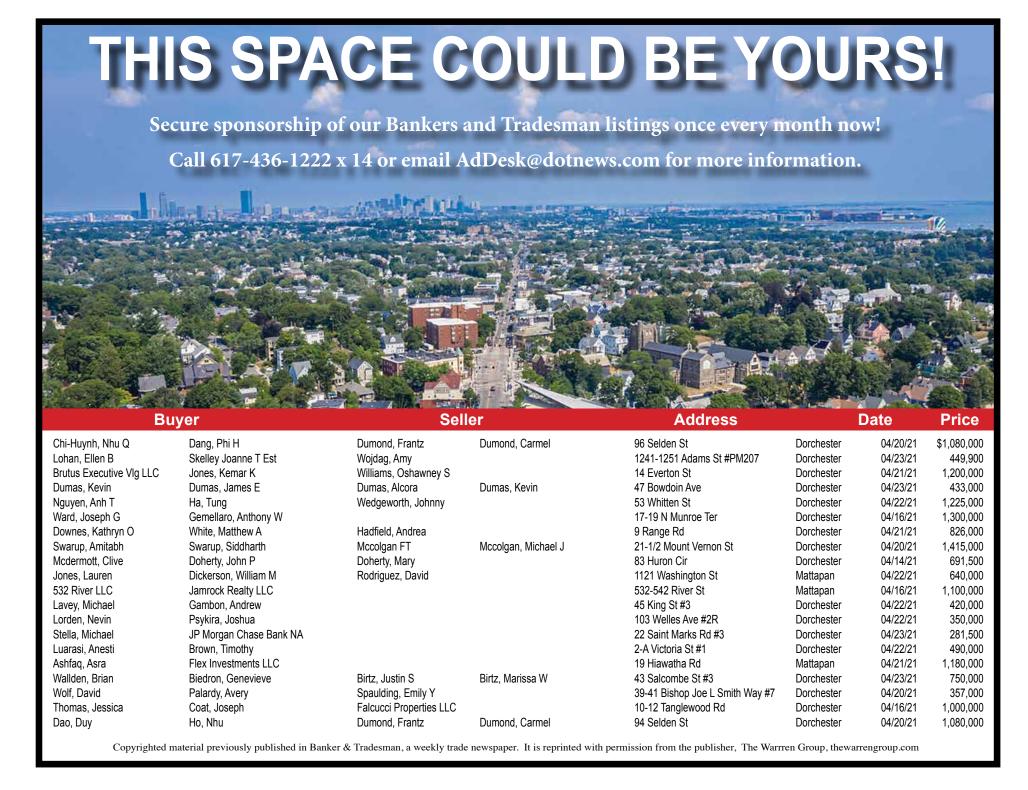
Pressley, who sits on the House Financial Services Committee, said she believed the Democratic caucus in both the House and Senate would support the bill, but called the Senate "an obstructionist body in its current form."

"This is one more reason that we need to get rid of this filibuster, in order to pass this and many other bills that would certainly pass with a simple majority in both chambers," Pressley said.

Brett also asked Pressley what businesses could be doing to support working mothers, who have shouldered a significant burden during the pandemic. Brett said 2 million women have left the workforce since March 2020.

Pressley listed childcare, paid leave, and pay equity as three straightforward ways to support working mothers, but she said her office also offers 15 weeks of paid parental leave as a recruitment and retention tool.

"I think that's what we should be seeing from any competitive business in New England," she said.



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Governors, Biden weigh in on vaccination ways

By Katie Lannan STATE HOUSE NEWS SERVICE

Minnesota's Democratic governor, Tim Walz, got his COVID-19 vaccine earlier this year alongside his predecessor, Republican Tim Pawlenty.

For those looking for a reason to get the shot, Walz told President Joe Biden that he hoped that moment offered one.

"Go get vaccinated so you're alive to vote against me in the next election. I don't care," he said Tuesday. "I just want to get it done."

In Ohio, Republican Gov. Mike DeWine said, officials brought vaccines into schools and businesses. In Maine, where reaching rural communities presents a challenge, Gov. Janet Mills said residents who get their first shot between now and Memorial Day can receive vouchers for gift cards to L.L. Bean, Portland Sea Dogs tickets or free fishing or hunting licenses.

We're calling this Your Shot to Get Outdoors," said Mills, a Democrat. "It's corny, I know, but we know that people in Maine have found refuge and relief in Mother Nature throughout the pandemic."

A group of six governors, including Gov. Charlie Baker, joined Biden <u>via livestream</u> to tout efforts to reach populations that are not yet vaccinated and emphasize the need for states to be flexible as they pivot from serving, as Utah Gov. Spencer Cox put it, the "vaccine ecstatic" who got their shots early to the "vaccine busy" and "vaccine curious.'

Cox, a Republican, said that Utah designed a public information campaign to help people understand "that getting the vaccine is the way to get back to the things that we all love, that we all want to do -- weddings and family reunions, Utah Jazz games, the best team in the league right now, churches, hugging grandparents, quinceañeras."

He asked Biden for "some help from the White House and others" on "modeling what a fully vaccinated person can do" to help motivate people.

Biden said to expect "a more aggressive effort on our part to lay out that once vaccinated, it's not only that you can hug your grandchildren, you can do a lot more."

Whether corny or not, Maine's outdoors-driven incentive campaign struck a chord with New Mexico Gov. Michelle Lujan Grisham.

"Every time somebody has a good idea -- I heard

about hunting and fish-received their first dose, ing licenses, I'm on it," the Democrat said. "So every time somebody has a good idea, we're deploying it."

Baker, who called in from Polar Park ahead of the inaugural Worcester Red Sox home game, said governors have tried to base their vaccine strategies "on what we're hearing from people on the ground, and recognizing and understanding that the same approach isn't going to work in every place."

Last week, Baker administration officials announced plans to wind down their empashis on mass vaccination sites, shifting to a more local approach that involves mobile and pop-up clin-

Baker on Tuesday described the program here as a "mixed model," with the large-scale sites, regional collaboratives. "tremendous participation" from the health care community, and community health centers as "a big part of the show."

"It's very interesting when you have the muscle of a big hospital system that can be a big supporter of a community health center that's running a program in conjunction with them in a church or community center or senior center,' he said. "You've basically got all the trusted voices in that particular neighborhood delivering the same message, which is this is a good idea and this is something you should be willing to do."

After Baker wrapped up his remarks, Biden told him, "You're doing a hell of a job."

The president's goal is to get at least one shot to 70 percent of Americans by July 4th. About 74 percent of Massachusetts adults have

Baker said, putting the Bay State at number two in the country on that metric, behind Vermont.

More than 3 million people in Massachusetts were fully vaccinated as of Tuesday, having received either both Pfizer or Moderna doses or the single-shot Johnson & Johnson vaccine, according to the latest Department of Public Health data.

DPH data from May 4 show that about 55 percent of white Massachusetts residents, 33 percent of Hispanic residents, 37 percent of Black residents and 53 percent of Asian residents have received at least a first dose. About 40 percent of white residents, 20 percent of Hispanic residents, 26 percent of Black residents and 29 percent of Asian residents are fully vaccinated.

Baker described vaccination rates for the state's Black, Hispanic and Asian communities as "right up there with our white community as well."

"We still have some work to do there, but we've made a lot of progress," he said.

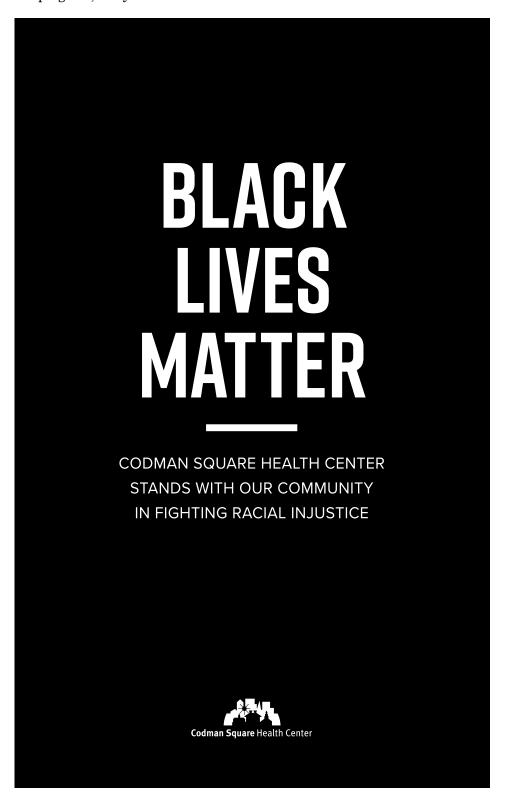
The Vaccine Equity Now! Coalition said that racial disparities have perisisted since vaccination first began in Massachusetts, though communities of color were hard hit by the pandemic. In a statement, the coalition's co-chairs -- Carlene Pavlos of the Massachusetts Public Health Association, Eva Millona of the Massachusetts Immigrant and Refugee Advocacy Coalition and Atyia Martin of the Resilient 21 Coalition -- pointed to the administration's ongoing transition away from mass vaccination sites.

"If reaching the communities that have been hardest hit by the pandemic and ensuring equitable access to the vaccine was truly a top priority for the Baker administration, it would have invested in these community-based sites proven to reduce inequities from the outset of the program," they said.

During the virtual meeting, Biden announced that Lyft and Uber will offer free rides to and from vaccine sites from May 24 through July 4 and that the Federal Emergency Management Agency will provide additional support for states' on-the-ground vaccine promotion ef-

"I guess I would say that I think the transportation issue is a big deal and the decision to include folks like Lyft and Uber in this can make a big difference," Baker said.

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New eatery owner sees his place as a community space

(Continued from page 1) tion of hard work, he said, afforded him the opportunity to acquire the restaurant space last year shortly after the onset of the pandemic.

"In Vietnam, I came from a poor family, but here there is opportunity everywhere," explained Huynh. "I came here and worked my best. Now I have a house, a wife, a family, and I'm happy...it doesn't matter what type of work you do when you put in the effort."

When the coronavirus began to spread, it not only led Huynh to think about his own morbidity, but it also raised the existential stakes of his project. He grew even more determined to take a bold step, embrace the risk, and make an impact in the neighborhood.



Vu Huynh outside his new restaurant on Adams St. in Fields Corner. Daniel Sheehan photo

"I said 'As long as I am pen,'" said Huynh. "If I alive, I will make it hap-

have my health, nothing

else can stop me." The 48-seat restaurant

will offer a menu that appeals to Vietnamese, Vietnamese-Americans, and Americans alike, said Huynh, who hopes to see customers from older generations, younger families, and patrons from all walks of life.

Opening the eatery is not exactly the fulfillment of a lifelong dream: "I never thought I'd own a restaurant," admitted Huynh. But with the help of a chef he has known for years, he's hoping to "introduce food to my friends, and share my culture, my cuisine."

Unique to Huynh's approach to the restaurant business is that he views Huong Que as a communal asset, a welcoming place of comfort and refuge for the greater good where everyone will be

"I want everyone to be able to eat here, and when I say that, I mean it," he said. "You hungry, but can't pay? Come and eat, and bring the money tomorrow...I have a warm heart, I like to share with friends. It's how I was raised.'

Which is not an attitude that most restaurateurs hold, especially in an industry that survives on razor-thin margins and is subject to an unstable, recovering economy. But knowing what good can come from hard work and a little faith, Huynh is happy to do things his way.

"I have a feeling I will succeed here," said Huynh. "Not that I will make a lot of money, but I will succeed in building community."

City board: Pat's Pizza can seek beer and wine license

The Boston Licensing Board voted last week to allow the newly expanded Pat's Pizza, 2254 Dorchester Ave., to serve beer, wine, and liqueurs, if a license from a closed restaurant shows up

Owner Patrick Newell said Pat's, which recently re-opened, hopes to begin attracting an evening crowd with its current 34 seats.

In response to the question of the public need for an alcohol license at the location, Newell said that if more people come into Lower Mills to eat in the evening, it will bolster the area by showing the new diners "what a great area Lower Mills is."

Patrick Fandel of the Mayor's Office of Neighborhood Services agreed and supported the request. "It will only enhance the commercial district further."

"We love Pat's Pizza!" Sharon Wiggins-Shenkar of the Boston School of Music Arts said, adding what's good for Pat's is good for her business as well.

Aides to City Councillors Frank Baker and Michael Flaherty also backed the proposal.

Although the idea of an alcohol license showing



Pat Newell, left, and Brendan Newell are the co-owners of Pat's Pizza in Lower Ed Forry photo

up in a city where they have traditionally been scarce due to limits imposed by the Legislature the restaurant market

might once have been impossible, the past year has seen the implosion of

due to Covid-19, with a number of restaurants closing for good.

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our Early Education & Care program
over at the Walter Denney Youth Center
in Harbor Point took part in a fun art
project. During the day's story time,
they read "The Lion and The Little Red
Bird" by Elisa Kleven.

After reading this book, our members were inspired to get outside and create their own beautiful mural, just like the lion did in their book. At Boys & Girls Clubs of Dorchester, we strive to inspire our young people to use their imaginations, to think outside the box by using creativity and collaboration. We are proud that our young members always feel encouraged to pursue what inspires them at BGCD. For more information on our Early Education & Care program, please contact Ellen Lucas at elucas@bgcdorchester.org.



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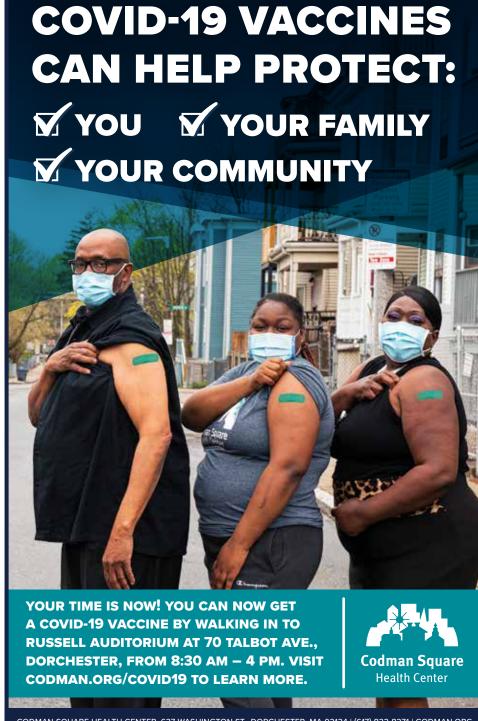
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Boston fans are back in the stands, paying a premium

By Callum Borchers WBUR REPORTER

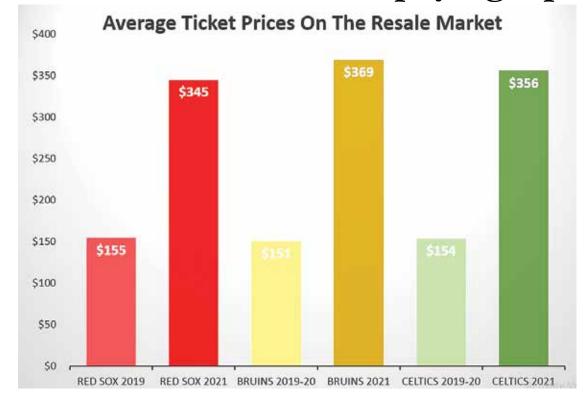
After being shut out of sports arenas for a year, Boston sports fans are shelling out huge sums to watch the Red Sox, Bruins, and Celtics play in person.

Pent-up demand and limited supply are driving ticket prices to record highs, even with capacity limits at Fenway Park and TD Garden set to double Monday to 25 percent.

Average resale prices for the Red Sox, Celtics and Bruins are in the \$350 range this season — about \$200 more than when fans were last allowed through the turnstiles prior to the pandemic, according to TicketIQ, a firm that monitors

"The secondary market average list prices for each team are easily their highest since we began tracking data in 2010," said TicketIQ Vice President Greg Cohen.

Face-value tickets can be hard to find because teams



offered season ticketholders many of the seats that became

state officials lifted a ban on fans in the stands and set the

While it is possible to get a available in late March, when initial attendance cap at 12 bargain at the box office - try

a weeknight in the nosebleed section — marked-up tickets on resale marketplaces like StubHub and SeatGeek are sometimes the only option.

"Despite the increase in attendance limits" that takes ef $fect\ Monday,\ Cohen\ said,\ "the$ average prices for the teams haven't gone down."

Another factor is that some fans can afford to pay exorbitant prices because they spent so little on sports tickets, eating out, and other kinds of entertainment during the past year, said Victor Matheson, a sports economist at the College of the Holy Cross. While the pandemic has exacted a financial toll on many households, others cut expenses while following public health guidelines and are flush with cash.

"Savings rates went way up over the last year, as people ran out of things to spend money on while still having a secure job earning the money," Matheson said. "So, people are sitting on a lot of disposable income.'

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First up for police commission: Certifying all current officers

The first "major assignment" for the state's new policing accountability commission is certifying current law enforcement officials before the end of the calendar year, Gov. Baker said on Monday.

"The commission itself was appointed about two weeks ago. We're going to file funding for it. We'll figure out a way to help them operate in the meantime," Baker said in response to a question about when the commission will start accepting or processing cases.

"But their first major assignment is to certify the existing law enforcement community in Massachusetts by the end of the calendar year."

Baker swore in the nine members of the Massachusetts Peace

Officers Standards and Training Commission (POST) two weeks ago. At the time, Chair Margaret Hinkle said the commission needs to hire an executive director, general counsel, craft a public database of decertified officers, and determine a budget.

Hinkle said the commission will "work as quickly as possible, with

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the assistance of the staff" on the deadlines and tasks set out in state Asked about transpar-

ency around discharging certain state troopers, Baker said his administration wanted to create a POST Commission that "could serve as kind of the state clearinghouse and arbiter for decisions about internal affairs investigations, complaints, certifications standards, and all the rest.

"One of the major issues we were trying to address there was if somebody was removed from a police department, dishonorably discharged or for some other negative reason, we wanted to make sure that the POST Commission was in a position to inform any other law enforcement agencies that might be interested in talking to that person what the situation and the circumstances were," the governor said.

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Walk-ins are now welcome at state's vaccination sites

By Katie Lannan State House News Service

Covid-19 vaccine-seekers in Massachusetts are now able to get their shots at six of the state's mass vaccination sites without first booking an appointment.

Last week, Gov. Baker said that the six sites — at Boston's Hynes Convention Center and Reggie Lewis Center, the Natick Mall, the former Circuit City in Dartmouth, the Double-Tree Hotel in Danvers, and the Eastfield Mall in Springfield — will begin accepting walk-up appointments, as a way to make it easier for people to access vaccines.

People will still be able schedule appointments online, and the state's vaccine finder website will also host information about walk-in hours, Baker said during a visit to a vaccine clinic at the Encore Boston Harbor casino in Everett.

"This could be a great new chapter to the program overall, and paired with that targeted community-based effort that we're pursuing like this one here at Encore, we should be able to reach many more of our residents and build on the national-leading success we've had in distributing vaccines so far, which will help us further

reopen our economy, protect our communities, and fundamentally provide a safe solution to so many people here in Massachusetts so that we can get back to normal," Baker said.

The news came a day after President Biden announced he would direct all pharmacies participating in the federal vaccination partnership to begin providing walkin hours, and said that the White House was "encouraging our state and local partners to have a walk-in ability as well to the sites that they run."

The launch of walk-in vaccines comes three weeks after the Baker administration broadly opened up access to vaccines to anyone 16 or older in Massachusetts. Baker said some other vaccine sites in Massachusetts, particularly pop-up clinics, have already been offering shots on a walk-up basis.

More than 2.66 million people in Massachusetts were fully vaccinated as of May 4, and more than 3.65 million had received at least one shot of the Moderna or Pfizer vaccines, according to DPH data.

Earlier last week, Baker outlined a shift in the state's vaccine-distribution strategy that involves moving away

from a focus on the mass sites in favor of targeted, community-based efforts including regional vaccine sites, mobile clinics, and primary care providers.

"Our wastage of vaccines continues to be one of the lowest in the country at .085 percent, so even the more we go out to multiple sites, we are getting every shot into people's arms," Health and Human Services Secretary Marylou Sudders said.

Sudders said that as the state moves into its next phase of vaccination, it will "continue to strengthen our outreach and increase resources to our communities to ensure we make contact with under-resourced people and reduce barriers to getting the vaccine."

The Encore clinic is part of a regional collaborative involving nine communities north of Boston, Cambridge Health Alliance, and Tufts University.

Sudders said Cambridge Health Alliance "has never wasted one dose," calling that "pretty amazing."

Cambridge Health Alliance CEO Dr. Assaad Sayah described dose management as a matter of logistics.

"All centers really know how many people have appointments, and by early in the afternoon, we can predict how many doses we need, so we don't open additional vials until last minute," he said.

Sayah said the Metro North COVID-19 Vaccination Partnership is also in the process of launching a mobile vaccination program, and encouraged everyone to get the shot.

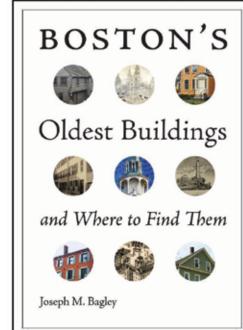
"That's the only way we can get past and beyond this," he said.

Sayah serves with Michael Curry of the Massachusetts League of Community Health Centers as a co-chair of the state's health equity task force, created under a 2020 law to make recommendations addressing

the disparities illuminated by the pandemic. As of a month ago, the panel's members were still reviewing final recommendations despite a Feb. 28 deadline for their report.

Baker said on Wednesday that mobile vaccine clinics "have played a key role in many of our equity policies so far," and that 61 percent of those vaccinated at the mobile units have been people of color.

One of 20 municipalities targeted by the state's equity and outreach initiative, Everett is in line to see its dose allotment double as the state transitions its vaccination approach.



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T's new subway cars put on shelf - again

(Continued from page 1) table," allowing them to calculate the rotational forces pressing on the truck frame and to compare data from vehicles with different mileages.

The probe zeroed in on pieces known as side bearer pads, which work with other components to regulate the truck's rotational force as the train moves along the tracks. As those pads wear down, Gonneville said, the coefficient of friction is increasing, meaning "they are gripping more as the pads begin to wear."

While Gonneville stressed that investigators have found no brake-specific issues on the subway vehicles, he pointed to brake pads on a passenger automobile as a rough comparison.

"As you're driving your car and as your pads are wearing over time, the way you're operating and the way your brakes feel and the way your car performs as you're stopping remain the same," Gonneville said. "It doesn't change. Using this same analogy, what would be happening is your car would be gripping harder or stopping faster every time as the pads are wearing, which is not how it is designed."

MBTA officials pulled all of their newest



An Orange Line train is shown after it derailed in March 2021 near Wellington Station. Photo from @thetrueboston on Twitter via State House News Service

CRRC-manufactured subway trains – four on the Orange Line and one on the Red Line, each with six cars – from passenger service after the March 16 incident.

They will remain offline for the foreseeable future. Gonneville said the investigation is still continuing.

"These trains are going to remain out of service until we can truly identify that this is indeed the root cause and then once we identify the root cause, we will begin thinking about opportunities or reintroductions of the vehicles into service once it is safe to do so," he said.

Gonneville told the Fiscal and Management Control Board he feels confident that he will have a clearer timeline to present at the board's June 7 meeting. The MBTA will work with regulatory agencies, including the Department of Public Utilities, as it begins to consider relaunching the vehicles, he said.

"We would not even propose that yet until we have safely identified the root cause of this issue and then begin thinking about both short-term and long-term solutions to introducing these cars back into service," Gonneville said.

ing, which also features new signal infrastructure and shorter wait times between trains.

Since the MBTA awarded CRRC the manufacturing contract in 2014, the project has hit multiple speedbumps.

The arrival of the first new Orange Line train came in August 2019, seven months behind the original schedule.

MBTA officials pulled CRRC Orange Line trains from service to resolve issues on at least three occasions before the March 16 derailment: in September 2019, after a door leaf opened while one of the cars was moving; in November 2019, because of a noise emanating from the pads that interface between the cars and wheels; and in March 2020, due to faulty bolsters.

Gonneville said Monday that the November 2019 problem with pads involved "related components" and "related assemblies" to the current rotational force issue but is otherwise separate.

"This is a completely

different issue and this is something that, with the higher mileage of these vehicles now, we are beginning to see," he said.

The cars on the train that derailed in March had 28,168 miles on them, according to a T spokesman, while another pair of new cars had 29,673 miles and a third had 34,715 miles.

CRRC is set to deliver cars on a rolling basis, and under the original contract, the T expected to have its complete Orange Line fleet by January 2022 and Red Line fleet by September 2023. In October, MBTA officials announced a major delay to the procurement, saying they now anticipate Orange Line delivery to be done in April 2023 and Red Line delivery to be done in September 2024.

They attributed the setback to issues with material availability and staffing and training at the Springfield facility where CRRC assembles components produced in China.

Bill would lift birth certificate 'lockout' many adoptees face

By Katie Lannan STATE HOUSE **News Service**

The T plans to replace

its entire aging Red and

Orange Line fleets with

all new cars manufac-

tured by CRRC, in both

cases slightly expanding

the fleet size. CRRC is

scheduled to deliver 152

Orange Line cars and

252 Red Line cars at a

cost of roughly \$1 billion.

component of a nearly \$2

billion Red and Orange

Line overhaul the Baker

administration is pursu-

The project is a central

Born and adopted in California, Joan Strauss decided after her birth mother's death from Covid-19 last year that she would seek access to her sealed birth records.

Strauss, now an East Brookfield resident, is an author and filmmaker who through that work has followed other adoptees in their quests for similar information. She said she knew when she submitted her application to California officials that it could be denied, but still burst into tears when she got the call back telling her the application wasn't enough and she'd need to hire a lawyer and fly there to appear in court in person.

"It was diminishing and dehumanizing," Strauss told the Public Health Committee. "I am 66 years old. When will I be old enough to have access to a document that any other citizen can file a form for and get? When will I be considered a good enough citizen to be given that privilege? What do I have to do to be equal to them?"

Strauss was one of several people to urge the committee's support of a bill that seeks to create equal opportunities for all adopted people in Massachusetts to access their original birth certificates.

Though the bill would not apply to Strauss herself, she said that her personal experience underscored for her that it would provide Massachusetts adoptees with equality, dignity and "the respect they need to feel like they're full citizens.'

Under Massachusetts law, birth certificates for adopted children born between July 17, 1974, and Jan. 1, 2008, are sealed, while adoptees born before and after that window can access their original birth certificates after turning 18 if they choose to do so.

A 2007 state law prohibited future application of a 1974 statute blocking adopted children from obtaining original birth records, which include the biological parents' names, without a court order. As they passed the bill,

lawmakers at the time said they were trying to strike a balance for parents who had expected confidentiality when placing a child for adoption.

Supporters of legislation (H 2294, S 1440) that would close the nearly 34year gap and open up birth certificate access made their case to lawmakers Monday, pitching the bill as a matter of fairness and a way to help people who have been adopted learn about their own medical and personal histories.

The House passed a version of the bill last session, in July 2020, but it did not come up for a vote in the Senate.

Rep. Sean Garballey, an Arlington Democrat who filed the bill with Sen. Anne Gobi, said he and his twin brother were adopted and land in the age range where they cannot get their original birth certificates.

Garballey said he may not seek his own birth certificate if the option became available, but filed the bill because he believes all citizens should be able to access information about themselves.

Former Boston City Councillor Tito Jackson said his birth, in April 1975 came about nine months after the 1974 birth certificate "lockout" went into place.

Jackson recently connected with his birth mother, Rachel Twymon, and said that doing so "completed my puzzle." Jackson noted that both he and Twymon had contracted Covid over the past year. "We literally could have both missed one another in this life, based on this lack of information," he said, going on to tell the committee, "I ask you, and honestly I beg of you, to actually move this legislation forward."

Rep. Marjorie Decker, who co-chairs the panel with Sen. Jo Comerford, said begging wasn't necessary, pointing to the House's passage of the bill last term.

"We voted it out. It went over to the Senate and I have to believe that for our ability to try to figure out how to respond quickly to a pandemic, I would have hoped that this would have gone through the Senate," she said.



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T view on fare-free buses: Demand up, revenue down

Offering all MBTA bus trips free of fares could carry a price tag of hundreds of millions of dollars, driven by both increased operating costs and foregone revenue, T officials said on Monday.

As the transit agency weighs new low-income fare options and pushes toward an overhaul of how riders pay to take trips, MBTA staff outlined impacts that they believe could stem from eliminating fares on buses. Several elected officials, including Boston Mayor Kim Janey, have called for the T to make buses free to riders.

The MBTA is required by law to offer its paratransit service at no more than twice the price of similar fixed-route bus fares, so under the current rules, making buses free would also require the T to make the RIDE free. Fare-free options could lead to between 5 million and 13 million additional rides on local buses per year, a 5 to 11 percent increase over pre-Covid levels, according to MBTA Acting Assistant General Manage Lynsey Heffernan.

The T might also need to serve a 25 to 45 percent increase in demand on the RIDE paratransit service, representing 400,000 to 700,000 more trips, Heffernan said. Without boosting service to meet the increase in demand, Heffernan said the midpoint cost estimate for fare-free buses and RIDE service including lost revenue, plus additional capital and operating expenses — would be \$117 million in the first year and \$105 million each year afterward. If the T increased service, the midpoint cost estimate would rise to \$452 million in the first year and \$153 million annually thereafter, largely driven by significant investment needed in year one to expand the bus fleet and maintenance facilities.

"All of these capital investments, particularly in bus infrastructure, take a significant time to implement,

so those are not things that we could move forward with very quickly," Heffernan told the Fiscal and Management Control Board.

Ultimately, decisions on free bus rides and other changes at the T could land in the lap of the Legislature, which may want a say over transit policies and has a larger budget and revenue pool to draw from than the T.

- CHRIS LISINSKI SHNS

MBTA eyes reducing fines for fare evasion

By Chris Lisinski STATE HOUSE News Service

With fare evasion decriminalized under a law Gov. Baker signed in January, MBTA staff on Monday proposed ending the practice of marking driver's licenses for non-renewal if a resident failed to pay a fare evasion citation.

Transit justice advocates have been pushing the public transit agency to decouple paying fares from driver's licenses, arguing that those who cannot afford evasion fines — which currently can total several hundred dollars should not have driving privileges stripped.

MBTA Acting Assistant General Manager

MBTA ridership saw

"significant rising ac-

tion" in March and April,

though overall it re-

mains at only a fraction

of pre-pandemic levels,

according to T General

Manager Steve Poftak.

April 30, 2021, the agen-

cy transported about 45

percent as many bus

riders and 28 percent

as many rapid transit

riders as it did the

week of Feb. 24, 2020,

before Covid-19 hit. In

January, bus ridership

was around 35 percent

of pre-pandemic levels,

while transit ridership

hovered at 22 percent.

Demand is lower on

the commuter rail sys-

tem, which deployed

a new schedule model

in April offering more

evenly spaced trips and

less frequency at peak

times, at 15 percent of

pre-pandemic ridership.

Ferry ridership stands

at 10 percent of pre-

Covid levels, though

Poftak said that figure

During the week of

MBTA ridership

creeping upward

for Policy Lynsey Heffernan said on Monday that staff have "heard the concerns of our riders loud and clear" and would recommend that the Fiscal and Management Control Board approve new regulations without the licensing impacts, though she encouraged board members to "re-evaluate" the policy once its effects become clear.

Officials at the T also proposed lowering the fine levels to \$50 for a first, second or third offense and \$100 for fourth and subsequent offenses, down from the current structure of \$100 for a first offense, \$200 for a second offense and \$600 for a third and subsequent

is "probably artificially

a little bit lower than it

would be" because it re-

flects an older schedule

when service was still

"There's no big in-

flection points," Poftak

said. "It's more of a

steady progression as

individual companies or

individuals make differ-

ent choices about how

much they're going to

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was the agency's "high-

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Poftak said.

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offense, but met opposition from the agency's board.

Heffernan and Senior Manager of Fare Policy Analysis Andrew Stuntz said that they believe \$50 is more manageable for riders but, when coupled with verification and enforcement, is still high enough to avoid incentivizing riders to jump a fare gate or sneak onto a bus without paying.

When the MBTA deploys all-door boarding on buses and street-level Green Line stops in 2023, Stuntz said, "it is going to become much easier to step on at the back door without tapping to pay." "With all-door boarding, \$50

is the lowest fine we think could provide an effective deterrent," he said, warning that tens of millions of dollars of fare revenue could be at risk.

Several FMCB members, including vice chair Monica Tibbits-Nutt, said on Monday that they believe a \$50 fine is still too high and urged T staff to return with another proposal ahead of a vote on fare regulations scheduled for May 24.



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The Fairmount Indigo CDC Collaborative (Dorchester Bay EDC, Codman Square NDC, and Southwest Boston CDC) seeks a Climate Justice Coordinator to implement a three-year action plan that will help mitigate the impact of climate change and build community resilience, engagement and policy change along the Fairmount corridor neighborhoods of Dorchester, Mattapan,

Working closely with Fairmount Collaborative and member Community Development Corporation (CDC) staff, the Climate Justice Coordinator will lead a team of two community organizers to engage grassroots constituents concerned about environmental issues, including green jobs. A broad based effort would also help mobilize support for new City and State legislation focused on Climate Justice, Health Equity, Green Space Conservation, and Green Jobs. The position will require coordination with and across the three CDCs. The Coordinator and organizers will also work with residents to engage city and state officials and their staff, non-profit partners and other key stakeholders to achieve these goals.

The ideal candidate has experience in community organizing with low-income communities of color and a passion for climate justice. The role will require planning and coordination of three organizations, so attention to detail and ability to manage multiple campaigns is an important skill. The ideal candidate will have the ability to analyze policies and concepts that are difficult to understand and then effectively communicate their impacts to a diverse audience. This is a three-year, grant funded position.

Qualifications:

- Minimum 4-5 years', progressively responsible experience in community organizing/planning with low-income communities of color.
- Demonstrated experience building partnerships between organizations,
- residents and coalitions. Experience and/or education in environmental policy, climate justice,
- conservation, affordable housing, and/or workforce development Excellent verbal and written communication skills, including active
- listenina. Experience supervising staff, including the basic skills and steps of
- grassroots organizing. Strong Microsoft 365 software skills (Word, Excel, Power Point, etc)
- Ability to work flexible hours, including evenings and occasional weekends.
- Ability to speak Spanish, Haitian, and/or Cape Verdean Creole not required but is a plus.

Compensation:

\$58,000.00 per year, health, dental and other fringe benefits To learn more about the FICC, visit fairmountcollaborative.org.

Send cover letter, resume, relevant writing sample (two pages max), +3 references contact info to Joan Tighe, Fairmount Coordinator at fairmountclimate2021@gmail.com by May 21, 2021.

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RECENT OBITUARIES



ALVES, Laurinda, 91, of Quincy. Laurinda was married to the late Pedro Alexandrino da Silva Fernandes. Mother of Eunice Fernandes and her partner Thomas Hopkins of Milton, Miguel Fernandes and his wife Mite of Taunton, and Sebastian Fernandes and his wife Julie of Nixa, Missouri. Memorial contributions may be made to Seasons Hospice Foundation, 8537 Solution Center, Chicago, Illinois 60677, seasonsfoundation.org.

CONNOLLY, John J., 99, of South Boston, formerly of Lowell and Dorchester. John was

rick J. Connolly and the late Mary A. Connolly of Dorchester, originally from County Galway, Ireland, the brother to the late Catherine M. Guarino of Brockton and Rita M. Thomson of Taunton. A medaled WWII veteran, who learned French and Gaelic so he could speak with relatives and people he met on his trips to Ireland and Belgium. Retired from Boston City Hospital. Father of Michael, Daphne and Vivian, uncle to Christine Cassidy and her husband Bill of Needham, Denise Siteman of Brockton, the late Joseph L. Guarino, Jr. of Brockton, Kevin Guarino of Brockton and Kathy Guarino-Pope and her husband Andrew.

the son of the late Pat-

CROWLEY, Arlene Marie Kelley Born in Dorchester in 1933 to William Kelley and Eileen Meehan Kelley. Arl was the wife of John Francis Crowley Jr.



five children, Kathleen Crowley and partner Bob Carr of Andover, Eileen Crowley-Sofka and her husband Richard of Maynard, John Francis Crowley III and his fiance Whitney Coviello of Denver, CO, Joseph Crowley and his wife Corrin of Bolton, and Michael Crowley of Acton. She was the grandmother of 9. She was the sister of her brothers, William Kelley and his late wife Mary Frances formerly of Melrose and Donald Kelley and his wife Marilyn of Florida. She was the sister-in-law of Margaret Crowley Fitzgerald and her husband William of Orleans and Patricia Crowley of Dover. She was aunt to 16 nieces and nephews.

DeCHIARA, Paul F., 82, of Kingston, originally from Savin Hill. He leaves behind his wife of 60 years Lucy DeChiara. Father of Michael DeChiara and his wife Ann Marie of Kingston, Paul J. DeChiara and his fiance Regina Moran of Holbrook, Nancy Jones and her husband Keith of Kingston, Marie DeSantis and her husband Scott of Kingston,. Grandfather of 7, great-grand-father to 2. Brother of Carol Tobin and her late husband Robert of Chelmsford, and many nieces and nephews. Paul was a custodian for 37 years with the Boston Public Schools and a

longtime member of the Castle Island Association. Donations in Paul's memory may be made to the Castle Island Association, PO Box 342, South Boston, MA 02127 or Kingston Garden Club, PO Box 204, Kingston, MA 02364.



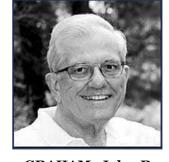
DEVONSHIRE, Eileen of Hanson, formerly of Braintree and Dorchester, 76. Eileen was the daughter of the late Robert and Margaret Devonshire. She worked for the Army, Air Force, Department of Defense and Office of Personnel Management. She ended her career as the Special Agent in Charge of the Boston Field Office, Federal Investigative Services Division. Eileen is survived by her sisters, Margaret O'Brien of Braintree, Dorothy Martin of Greenville, RI and Carol Smith of Murrells Inlet, SC. She was the aunt of many nieces and nephews who will miss her dearly. She was predeceased by brothers John and Robert Devonshire. Please consider a donation in memory of Eileen to The American Cancer Society, 3 Speen Street, Suite 250, Framingham, MA 01701.

DOYLE, Eleanor "Lee" (Fitzgerald), of Weymouth. Lee was born in South Boston. She was an active and respected member of Sacred Heart Parish in Weymouth for 65 years. Lee and her husband Joe



the Archdiocese in 2018 with the Cheverus Medal as an acknowledgement of their strong devotion to the Catholic faith. Together with Joe, Lee raised thirteen children: Mary and John Keohane of Abington, Kathleen and Stephen Puleo of South Weymouth, Tim and Lisa Doyle of Brewster, Pat Doyle and Tom of Weymouth, Joe and Janet Doyle of Pembroke, Michael and Marybeth Doyle of Norwood, Jane and Nate Roach of Dorchester, Nancy and Mark Logan of Westfield, Megan and Tim Forti of Whitman, Elizabeth Pflaumer of Kingston, Maureen Doyle of Weymouth, Christopher Doyle of Dorchester, and Daniel Doyle of Weymouth. Nana to 33. She is also Nana to her 9 great-grandchildren. Lee was predeceased by her husband Joe, with whom she shared her life for 71 years, her parents Edward and Mary Katherine (Donnellan) Fitzgerald, her siblings Mary Finneran, Edward Fitzgerald and his wife Jeanne, Teresa O'Neil and her husband George, Joseph Fitzgerald and his wife Anne, Gerard "Jake" Fitzgerald, Louise McCormick and her husband George, Frankee Duggan and her husband Franna, and William "Billy" Fitzgerald. Lee will be remembered by her sisters-inlaw Jenna Fitzgerald, Cathy Fitzgerald, and Nancy Hurley, her many

nieces and nephews and their families, and her longtime friends. Donations may be made to Sacred Heart Church, 75 Commercial Street, Weymouth, MA 02188, Operation Smile, PO Box 758588, Topeka, KS 66675, or Megan's Marchers JDRF, c/o Nancy Logan, 101 Ridge Trail Road, Westfield, MA 01085.



GRAHAM, John R.,

89, of Dorchester and formerly of Quincy. Born and raised in Los Angeles, he was a graduate of Occidental College and the San Francisco Theological Seminary. During the Korean conflict, he served as an Intelligence Specialist. He became a Presbyterian minister, beginning his career in Casper, WY as a youth minister. He concluded his ministry career at the United First Parish Church in Quincy. His proudest accomplishments included the creation of the concept, Magnet Marketing, raising \$23 million for the Scottish Rite Masons' museum and library, expanding Anton's Cleaners' Coats for Kids program and creating the Belle of the Ball program, and crafting a national marketing program for Agway Dealers. He leaves his wife, Mary Weafer of Dorchester; his son, Tim D. Graham and wife Deb of Centennial, CO; daughter Johnice Bristol and husband Tim of Newton; 3 grandchildren; and 2 great-grandchildren. Memorial donations may be made to Interfaith Social Services, 105 Adams St., Quincy, MA 02169 or Quincy Community Action Programs, 1509 Hancock St., 3rd floor, Quincy, MA 02169.

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24 NEW CHARDON STREET
BOSTON, MA 02114
CITATION GIVING NOTICE
OF PETITION FOR
APPOINTMENT OF GUARDIAN
FOR INCAPACITATED PERSON
BURSLIANT TO GL. 1009. \$5.204 PURSUANT TO G.L. c. 190B, §5-304 Docket No. SU21P0906GD IN THE MATTER OF:

IN THE MATTER OF:
IRLANDO MARTINS
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 of Westborough, MA in the above captioned matter alleging that Irlando Martins is in need of a

alleging that inflation what his is in freed of a Guardian and requesting that (or some other suitable person) be appointed as Guardian to serve Without Surety on the bond. The petition asks the Court to determine that the Respondent is incapacitated, that the appointment of a Guardian is necessary, and that the proposed Guardian is appropriate. The petition is on file with this court and may contain a request for certain

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 06/10/2021. This day is NOT honoise date, but deadling date by which a hearing date, but a deadline date by which ou have to file the written appearance i you object to the petition. If you fail to file the written appearance by the return date action may be taken in this matter withou further notice to you. In addition to filing the vritten appearance, you or your attorne nust file a written affidavit stating the specifi acts and grounds of your objection within

30 days after the return date.

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for above-name make this prouved.

Felix D. Arroyo Register of Probate Date: May 03, 2021

for a lawyer. Anyone may make this reques on behalf of the above-named person. If the above-named person cannot afford a lawyer one may be appointed at State expense Witness, Hon. Brian J. Dunn, First Justice of this Court.

> Date: April 23, 2021 Published: May 13, 2021

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PURSUANT TO G.L. c. 1908, §5-304
Docket No. SU21P0851GD
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You have the right to object to this proceeding. If you wish to do so, you or

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 06/09/2021. This day is NOT return date of 06/09/2021. This day is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline date by which you have to file the written appearance if you object to the petition. If you fail to file the written appearance by the return date, action may be taken in this matter without further notice to you. In addition to filing the written appearance, you or your attorney must file a written affidavit stating the specific facts and grounds of your objection within facts and grounds of your objection within 30 days after the return date. after the return date.

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Witness, Hon. Brian J. Dunn, First Justice of this Court of this Court.

of this Court. Felix D. Arroyo Register of Probate

Published: May 13, 2021

LEGAL NOTICE

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
THE TRIAL COURT
PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT Suffolk Probate & Family Court
24 New Chardon Street Boston, MA 02114 (617) 788-8300 CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION Docket No. SU21P0803EA ESTATE OF: HULDAH WINSPEARE DATE OF DEATH: 09/30/2020

Appointment of Personal Representative has been filed by Hodiah Hassol of Stoughton, MA requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition. The Petitions requests that: Hodiah Hassol of Stoughton MA be appointed as Personal Representa tive(s) of said estate to serve on the bond in an unsupervised administration.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

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

of 06/04/2021.

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in any matter relating to the estate, including the distribution of assets and expenses of administration.
Witness, HON. BRIAN J. DUNN, First Justice of this Court. Date: April 23, 2021

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LEGAL NOTICE

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS THE TRIAL COURT
PROBATE & FAMILY COURT
DEPARTMENT SUFFOLK DIVISION SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION Docket No. SU19W1504WD JEFFERSON PIERRETTE

LEONNA PORCHER

To the above named: Jefferson Pierrette

A Complaint has been presented to this Court by Jefferson Pierrette seeking a Complaint for Custody Suppor & Parenting Time filed on 09/17/2019

You are required to serve upon Jefferson Pierrette - whose address is 94 Clifton Street, Apt. 2, Malden MA 02148. File your answer within 20 Days of notice.

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 in the office of the Register of this Court at Boston (24 New Chardon

Street, Boston, MA 02114). Witness, BRIAN J. DUNN, ES-QUIRE, First Judge of said Court this April 14, 2021.

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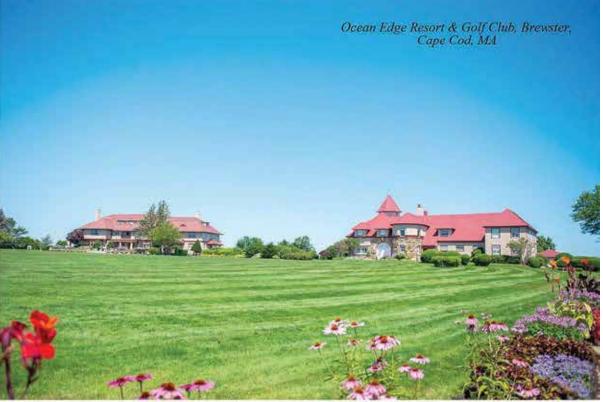
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