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Coming soon to a side street near you: Speed humps

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Slowing down traffic in Dorchester and Mattapan can at times seem like a game of Whack-a-Mole: Introduce measures in one section to discourage speeders, and they pop up racing along streets a few blocks away.

If Mayor Wu and her advisers get their way, a \$12 million 'Safety Surge' will change that dynamic. The mayor visited Dorchester's Thetford/Evans Playground on Monday to announce a three-year plan to install speed humps on hundreds of streets across the

city that represents a significant increase over the number of streets that have been part of the city's Slow Streets program, an effort limited in scope and subject to a competitive application process.

Now, Wu says, speed humps will be installed on all eligible neighborhood streets in zones as determined by crash data and other key indicators.

"It shouldn't just be these three streets Thetford, Stanton and Evans Street around this park with speed humps," she said on Monday. "What I hear from neighbors throughout the city is that when

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A road hump on a Boston street. City of Boston photo

An 'oasis' springs up in Mattapan



Residents of the Edgewater Drive section of Mattapan celebrated the opening last week of a so-called 'food forest' in a vacant, landlocked 6,000-square-foot city-owned lot between Edgewater Drive and River Street. The community's obligation now is to take care of, or steward, the land to create a locally run, public space, with an emphasis on using parts of it to grow fruits and vegetables. Above, friends, neighbors, and city officials joined Mayor Wu and the stewards of the Edgewater Food Forest to cut the ribbon on the outdoor space last week. Story and photos, Page 11. Seth Daniel photo

Building Trades Unions chief introduces 'infrastructure generation' to Lower Mills

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One of the country's top union officials, Sean McGarvey, the president of North America's Building Trades Unions (NABTU), brought an urgent message to the Sheetmetal Workers Union training center in Lower Mills last Wednesday, pitching a once-in-a-generation opportunity to build out massive infrastructure funded by the federal government.



Sean McGarvey, left, president of North America's Building Trades Unions and Chaton Green, business agent for the Greater Boston Building Trades Union. Seth Daniel photos

McGarvey, 60, of Philadelphia, sat down with the Reporter before head-



lining a morning of activities at the Local 17 hall on Adams Street. He said

the trades unions need women, communities of color, at-risk young people, and even those currently incarcerated to train and join the "infrastructure generation" as a bridge to joining the middle class.

"In the history of the US," he said, "there has only been one other era that presented the opportunities we're presented with today and that's at the conclusion of World (Continued on page 18)

Councillors appear to be closing in on a redistricting map

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With at-large Councillor Ruthzee Louijeune at the helm, the City Council seems close to a consensus on approving new boundaries of its nine district seats.

Louijeune, the chair of the Civil Rights Committee who is presiding over the redistricting process, has in the last week held multiple meetings of her panel as she and others raced to meet election-driven deadlines in response to a federal judge's order that the council draw up a new map to replace what she deemed a flawed version that it approved last fall.

For all the stated urgency, councillors continue to battle over which precincts go where, including in Mattapan and Roslindale.

Redistricting, as the once-a-decade process is known, is a complicated exercise involving multiple

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Of Rollins, Arroyo, and District 5 voters

BY GINTAUTAS DUMCIUS
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When City Councillor Ricardo Arroyo ran for the Suffolk district attorney seat last fall, he and his supporters decried what they called "illegal leaks" to the media that delved into sexual assault allegations against him from some 20 years before. Arroyo pointed to his opponent, interim DA Kevin Hayden, and his supporters, as the leakers.

Eight months after losing that election, and four months before he will face voters anew for re-election to the District 5 seat he has held since 2020, Arroyo and that race are back in the headlines.

Two federal probes of Rachael Rollins, who gave up her Suffolk DA post in 2022 and accepted President Biden's nomination of her as US attorney for Massachusetts, found that she had secretly supported

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Man shot dead in car on
Columbia Rd. at 5 p.m.

A man was shot to death on Monday afternoon inside a vehicle on Columbia Road near Devon Street. The incident happened just before 5 p.m., according to a Boston Police account. WCVB-TV 5 reported that “witnesses say they saw a man slumped over inside” one of two vehicles that collided along Columbia Road, which was shut down to traffic as police investigated at the scene.

The name of the man killed in the gunfire has not yet been made public by authorities.

The broad daylight incident took place near the Lilla G. Frederick Middle School, which was placed into “safe mode” for about 20 minutes, according to a letter sent to parents. Police Commissioner William Cox told reporters that police needed “the public’s help on this stuff. If they know about things in advance, if you see people arguing and fighting... let us know beforehand, so we can start to help prevent some of these things from happening in the first place,” he told Channel 5.

Anyone with information about the incident is asked to call homicide detectives at 617-343-4470.

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Shooting incidents across Boston have declined slightly so far in 2023 compared to the same time frame last year, although the number of fatal shootings has increased, according to a review of statistics released by the Boston Police on Monday. There have been three fewer people hit by bullets— 52 as opposed to 55 last year. However, 13 people were killed by guns through May 20, up from 5 last year in the same period. In total, the city has recorded 18 murders through May 20, a jump from 10 killed in the same period in 2022.

The BPD’s stats also show a 5 percent decline in overall “Part One” crime, a collection of various categories that includes assaults, thefts, burglaries, and rapes. The three police districts that cover most of Dorchester and Mattapan all saw drops in overall crime, with the B-2 district seeing the most dramatic year-to-year decline at 18 percent. Area C-11, which includes much of the coastal sections of Dorchester east of Washington Street, recorded a 9 percent drop, while B-3, which includes Mattapan and streets west of Washington notched a 6 percent decline, according to these statistics.

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A 41-year-old Hyde Park man, Russell Goodwyn, was arrested on Saturday morning on firearm charges after police say he fled the scene of an auto accident near the Norfolk-Morton street intersection in Mattapan just before 2 a.m. After stopping the car, the driver was taken into custody “without incident,” police say. The gun turned out to be a loaded Polymer 80 with a laser sight attachment. Goodwyn is facing multiple charges in Dorchester court.

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Boston Police officers, guns drawn, search a backyard and garage on Alicia Road Tuesday afternoon for a suspect who allegedly fired on a vehicle nearby. *Seth Daniel photo*

Reported gunshots prompt large
police response near Codman Hill

Heavily armed Boston Police scoured backyards and garages during an intense search on Alicia Road on Tuesday afternoon after an unknown gunman reportedly fired several rounds near Dorchester Avenue and Gallivan Boulevard around 12:15. It was unclear later in the afternoon who or what the intended target of the gunfire was, but a Boston Fire truck was in “the direct vicinity,” the Fire Department said, although no members were injured.

It was also uncertain if any arrests had been made from the search, which closed off Alicia Road for about an hour. The nearby Henderson Inclusion Upper Campus on Croftland Avenue was under lockdown for some time before students

were released at the regular time following coordination with Boston Police who were on scene.

Neighbor Patrick McCorry said he was watching a movie just after noon when gunshots rang out.

“We heard seven or eight loud bangs like a firework, but I knew it was gunshots because I was in the military and know the sound of gunshots,” he said. “It was bang, bang, bang - like seven or eight. My first thought was to lock the door and then I was concerned about the school up on top of the hill. I have a kid at a school nearby. ... Within three or four minutes, twenty cops came down the street.”

After the initial search following the incident, police cleared the scene around 1:15 p.m., allowing

residents to access their homes once again. However, 20 minutes later, police vehicles swarmed the street again. With guns drawn and large rifles in tow, officers began an intense search of garages, sheds, trash barrels, and other possible hiding places.

An hour later, they cleared the scene again, with no information about an arrest.

Firefighters Union Local 718 issued a statement later in the afternoon: Local 718 is grateful to our public safety partners at the Boston Police and Massachusetts State Police who quickly responded to the scene and ensured the safety of our members and the public.”

– REPORTER STAFF

SJC: Police can keep confidential info
secret if it might lead to identity of CI

The Supreme Judicial Court concluded last Friday (May 19) that a judge erred in ordering Boston Police to hand over information about an informant in a gun case because even if his name were redacted, the information could provide enough clues for the defendant - or somebody else - to figure out who he was.

The ruling comes in the case of a woman facing charges for the rifle, shotgun, and shells police say they found in her apartment at 6 Michigan Ave. in Dorchester in April 2019, after getting a search warrant based on an interview with an informant who claimed to have seen the guns in her apartment.

Shamia Whitfield’s attorney asked a Boston Municipal Court judge to order BPD to provide background on past payments to the informant and information about the court cases in which his information led to arrests, in an attempt, the attorney said, to see just how trustworthy his information was, since the warrant based on his statements lacked any proof of his “reliability, credibility, and veracity.”

A Boston Municipal Court judge agreed, but the state’s highest court today said “no” to that judgment.

The SJC started by saying informant information can usually be kept as a closely guarded secret

by police - in the Boston Police Department, “cards” with information information do not list their names - and that lawyers have to make good cases to be shown information about them.

In this case, BPD had a good reason to keep the information secret - a fear that revealing anything about him could lead to his identification, in part because of his involvement in other cases - the court said. And the lawyer failed to make a good case for obtaining more information, the court ruled. And the lawyer failed to provide enough evidence that the informant might not be untrustworthy, the court concluded.

– REPORTER STAFF

Dorchfest II will be back in Ashmont-Adams on June 3

Nearly 60 bands
are set to perform

Dorchester’s Ashmont-Adams neighborhood will host the second annual Dorchfest music festival on June 3 from noon to 5 p.m. Co-hosted by the Ashmont-Adams Neighborhood Association and Greater Ashmont Main Street, Dorchfest will include 60 artists and groups from a variety of genres, including rock, funk, jazz, hip hop, reggae, blues, Cape Verdean, folk, Indian, Afro-beats, Southeast Asian, Samba, Latin, electronic, and more.

Community sponsors, including lead sponsor Santander Bank, are making it possible to compensate the artists for their time and talent, a key goal of the Dorchfest event for this second event.

“As a committee, we deeply



A scene from the 2022 DorchFest at the corner of Elmer and Barrington roads in Ashmont-Adams. *Bill Forry photo*

believe that the benefits artists and musicians bring to our lives have value and should be recognized monetarily,” said Erin Caldwell, Dorchfest chair. “Providing stipends to the musicians allows us to bring in talent that otherwise might

not be able to participate at the cost of a paying gig elsewhere. Our community and sponsors have made this event possible for a second year through their generosity, which underscores how important the arts are to this neighborhood.”

AI Institute Launching At UMass Boston

By MICHAEL P. NORTON
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A new institute at UMass Boston will focus on the social, ethical and diversity challenges and opportunities associated with artificial intelligence.

The university on Wednesday introduced the Paul English Applied Artificial Intelligence Institute, saying it was conceived and funded by tech entrepreneur and

UMass Boston alumnus Paul English and would be “embedded in academic study across campus.”

UMass Boston Provost Joseph Berger predicted the institute “will promote the democratization of artificial intelligence by empowering every UMass Boston student to graduate with fluency -- and a competitive edge -- in ethically leveraging evolving AI-powered tools to improve processes and

outcomes in their chosen professional field.”

The opportunities for artificial intelligence to deliver promising advances, and potentially dangerous outcomes, have been coming into sharper focus this year, and the U.S. Senate Judiciary Committee on Tuesday held a public meeting to examine the landscape and hear from insiders.

“We think that regulatory intervention by

governments will be critical to mitigate the risks of increasingly powerful models,” OpenAI CEO Sam Altman said in his opening remarks, according to Yahoo Finance.

UMass Boston said it wants to give its graduates “the tools to shape the increasingly AI-powered world of work.”

During a WBUR radio interview on Tuesday, Gov. Maura Healey said Massachusetts has “amazing potential

when it comes to AI” but warned that other states are competing in that sector as she pushed for budgetary and tax policy changes to make the Bay State more attractive to residents and businesses.

English has committed \$5 million to establish the institute, as well as an associated scholarship fund, UMass Boston said. The institute will launch during the 2023-2024 academic year, using the English funds as well as a \$2 million match from the UMass Foundation.

“We are at the dawn

of a new era. Like the agricultural revolution, the development of the steam engine, the invention of the computer and the introduction of the smartphone, the birth of artificial intelligence is fundamentally changing how we live and work,” UMass Boston Chancellor Marcelo Suárez-Orozco said. “Like any transformative technology, AI is also raising social, ethical and diversity questions that UMass Boston is ideally suited to explore.”



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UPCOMING CIVIC MEETINGS AND COMMUNITY EVENTS

The Dorchester Day parade is scheduled for Sunday, June 4 at 1 p.m. Participation forms are available on the website dotdayparade.org or email info@dotday-parade.org.

The Dot Day parade will be preceded at noon by a 5k road race from Blarney Stone, 1505 Dorchester Ave. in Fields Corner. This is an all-ages event hosted by the Dorchester Running Club and Blarney Stone. Registration is \$30 for ages 12 and up, \$15 for 0-12. Fee includes post-race BBQ at the Blarney. Go to runsignup.com/Race/MA/Dorchester/DotDay5K.

The Neponset River Watershed Association (NepRWA) is sponsoring a Neponset Day festival on Sat., June 3 from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. at DCR Neponset II Park in Dorchester. This free, public, family-friendly event will include boating with Paddle Boston, kids’ crafts and games, music, food trucks,

environmental exhibits, and more. See neponsetday.org for more info. After a hugely successful launch last year, the Ashmont-Adams section of Dorchester will host the **second annual DorchFest on Sat., June 3**. The Dot Day weekend festival will feature live performances on porches and front-yards at roughly 50 homes in the heavily residential neighborhood between Ashmont Street and Gallivan Boulevard. The free event is organized by volunteers who rely on sponsorships from institutions and local businesses to pay the artists who perform. For more information see dorchfest.com.

The BPDA will host a virtual public meeting on Thurs., May 25 at 6 p.m. to discuss a proposal by City North Development, LLC to build 41 new residential units at 1420 Dorchester Ave., which is currently a convenience store and parking lot. See

bostonplans.org for more info.

The BPDA will host a virtual meeting on Tues., June 6 at 6 p.m. to discuss a proposal to build a five-story, 90-unit mixed-use building at 115-121 Boston St., Dorchester. See bostonplans.org for more info.

The City of Boston is offering its free fitness programming, **Boston Parks Fitness Series**, again this year. Classes will be held across 18 different parks—including Ronan Park, Franklin Park, and Almont Park—and led by certified fitness instructors. Depending on the location, you’ll have a chance to line dance, take tai chi, try yoga (and chair yoga) among other classes from now until early September. Find the full list of events (and check whether you’ll need equipment for them) at boston.gov/departments/parks-and-recreation/boston-parks-fitness-series.

The Boston Little Saigon Cultural Dis-

trict’s Night Market (Cho Dem) event will be back again this year on Sat., July 15, after a very successful inaugural event in Fields Corner last summer. Festivities will take place from 4 p.m. to 9 p.m. on Sat., July 15, on blocked-off Dorchester Avenue between Park and Adams streets. For more information on the event, go to bostonlittlesaigon.org.

The second annual Ashmont Block Party will be held on Sat., June 17 from 1-5 p.m. in the parking lot of All Saints Church. This free event will feature live music, savory and sweet food trucks and a Dorchester Brewing Company beer garden. See greaterashmont.org for more info.

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Councillors appear to be closing in on a redistricting map

(Continued from page 1) considerations – from keeping each of the nine districts balanced in population, to ensuring that communities of interest are kept together, to enabling communities of color with opportunities to seat candidates of their choice. Incumbent protection is another factor. Race stands at the center of the lawsuit before Judge Patti Saris. The plaintiffs – a group of residents backed by four councillors – District 2’s Ed Flynn (South Boston), District 3’s Frank Baker (Dorchester) and At-Large Councillors Michael Flaherty and Erin Murphy – alleged that the shift of several conservative white precincts to District 4 last fall diluted their influence and attempted to block the map. Under the law, race can be an integral part of redistricting discussions, but it cannot be the predominant factor. Saris’s ruling two weeks ago

that the plaintiffs were likely to succeed set off a scramble to get a new map done by May 30. Mayor Wu has said that if councillors blow past that deadline, they could negatively affect the timing of the Sept. 12 preliminary and the Nov. 7 general election. “We are days away from having to make some very unfortunate decisions that we’re hoping to avoid, such as potentially needing to push back the election date or make the tradeoff between the availability of early in-person voting and potentially not having that,” she told reporters last Friday. On Friday and again on Monday, Louijeune moved quickly through several maps on the table, including one from the mayor, before discarding them in favor of her own, which she then modified after receiving input from the other councillors and public testimony over several

hours. Her map keeps Ward 16 entirely within District 3, as suggested in the judge’s order, and unites the “Little Saigon” area in Fields Corner. With Ward 16’s Precincts 1 and 3 in District 3, instead of their current home in District 4, according to Baker, the seat could eventually draw in a Vietnamese or Asian candidate who could win election to the council. The Dorchester councillor, who bitterly opposed last fall’s map because it carved up Dorchester’s Adams Village and Cedar Grove, said he was comfortable with Louijeune’s map, noting that it enables him to keep Dorchester Avenue as a key part of the district. Baker, who isn’t running for reelection, also wants to keep Ward 17, Precinct 13 (half of Lower Mills) in District 3, for that same reason. The precinct is home to Marty Walsh,

the former mayor and US labor secretary who is Baker’s childhood friend. The map also takes District 3 up to the Whole Foods store in the South End’s Ink Block building, its name a nod to the former headquarters of the *Boston Herald*. For all that, removing the two Fields Corner precincts from District 4 will have a ripple effect, according to its freshman councillor, Brian Worrell. He pressed for Ward 14, Precinct 14 and Ward 14, Precinct 5 to be pulled in from District 5, which is represented by Ricardo Arroyo. Louijeune said that made sense, since Precinct 14 had previously been in District 4 before getting moved to District 5 in the 2012 redistricting cycle. Arroyo has pushed back against the move, pointing to his district having 70 percent of Mattapan. Putting more Mattapan precincts into District 4, which is primarily a Dorchester seat,

would dilute Mattapan’s voting power in both District 4 and District 5 (a Hyde Park and Mattapan seat), he argued, adding that Mayor Thomas Menino rejected a map in 2012 because of concerns about such a dilution. Arroyo and District 6 Councillor Kendra Lara (Jamaica Plain and West Roxbury) have also lobbied for Ward 20, Precinct 8 to move into District 6 from District 5. They said such a move would unite West Roxbury within District 6, but Precinct 8 is in Roslindale. Arroyo lost the vote there last year, when Kevin Hayden, who lives in the precinct, defeated him in the Suffolk district attorney race. Arroyo, who is expected to face at least two challengers for the District 5 seat this fall, won the Mattapan precincts in that race. He pushed back on the idea that self-preservation was a factor in his stance on the map issue. “It’s not

about me, but it’s about a map that’s going to last a decade,” he said. But state Rep. Russell Holmes, an Arroyo supporter, said he’s been through multiple redistricting cycles at the State House, and jettisoning an unfavorable precinct “sounds like a good reason” to him. Holmes, who lives in Ward 14, Precinct 14 and wants to stay in District 5, added that the issue goes beyond Arroyo. He wants Mattapan to have a “strong influence” in the district, he said. Others also oppose these changes while remaining frustrated by the complexities of redistricting and the fast pace of the latest deliberations. “There are so many people who really are waiting for a greater understanding of what we should be looking for, how do we approach it,” said Fatima Ali-Salaam, chair of the Greater Mattapan Neighborhood Council.

Of Rollins, Arroyo, and District 5 voters

(Continued from page 1) Arroyo against Hayden and sought to plant unfavorable stories about Hayden through leaks to the *Boston Globe* and *Boston Herald*. Arroyo and Rollins exchanged hundreds of text messages that the investigators cited in their conclusions that Rollins, who resigned from the federal post last week, had acted unethically. The reports covered other matters, too: Rollins seeking to obtain a large number of Boston Celtics game tickets at no cost and her insisting on attending an Andover fundraiser with First Lady Jill Biden in the face of her advisers’ cautions that she was violating Justice Department guidelines in so doing. But the Ar-

royo-Rollins connection was the biggest mortar shell to strike Boston’s political landscape. After the reports put text messages into the public domain, Arroyo told reporters that there were “illegal leaks from different directions” in the ‘22 DA’s race. While he said he agreed with the reports’ conclusions that Rollins had acted unethically, he pointed out that they didn’t allege any wrongdoing on his part. In dismissing calls from at-large colleague Erin Murphy and a conservative watchdog group for him to resign, he further claimed that neither report showed him asking Rollins “to do the things she did.” But the report did include a text exchange between Arroyo and Rollins

on Aug. 22, 2022, a day before the *Globe* published its story about two investigations into Arroyo’s possible sexual assaults from an earlier time. He was never charged and has repeatedly denied those allegations. The other bombshell story that dominated the race was a *Globe* story weeks earlier on Hayden, and his office’s potentially mishandling of a Transit Police misconduct case. In a text, Arroyo asked Rollins, “Are y’all announcing an investigation” into Hayden? “Would be the best thing I can have happen at this moment,” he added. Referring to *Globe* reporters questioning him about the assault allegations, Arroyo said that he was “literally fighting a punch

meant to end my career.” Rollins responded, “Understood. Keep fighting and campaigning. I’m working on something.” (According to one of the federal reports, when asked about this exchange in the probe, Rollins said her response was “innocuous,” but “it’s not a specific, ‘I’m indicting somebody.’”) The next day, Rollins helped Arroyo with a statement in response to the *Globe* story. Arroyo, who didn’t have to give up his District 5 seat for his DA run, went on to lose the race to Hayden, who won Boston, Revere, and Winthrop while Arroyo took Chelsea. Arroyo, a Hyde Park resident, is expected back on the ballot in the September preliminary in a bid to keep his Hyde Park

and Mattapan seat. He’s facing two opponents in Jose Ruiz, a Boston Police officer who lives in Hyde Park, and Jean-Claude Sanon, a Mattapan resident who has run for the office before. Ruiz, whose mother co-founded the affordable housing development in the South End called Villa Victoria, said he plans to formally kick off his campaign “soon.” He has hired Cam Charbonnier, a consultant who worked on Hayden’s DA campaign, to help in the District 5 race. “The voters want a city councillor focused on delivering for them, not one distracted by constant scandals,” Ruiz said in a statement. When asked if Arroyo should resign, his two opponents defer to Arroyo and the voters, somewhat echoing what Mayor Wu

told reporters in the days after the release of the Rollins reports: “For elected officials, our No. 1 source of accountability is being on the ballot.” Said Ruiz: “The residents [in District 5] I have been speaking with have made it clear they want new leadership; whether that happens immediately or after the election in November is up to Councillor Arroyo,” Ruiz said. Sanon also said it is either up to Arroyo or the voters. When asked about Arroyo’s appearances in the Rollins reports, Sanon said, “I am not here to knock a man down when he is already on his knees. I’ll leave it to the people when it comes to election time.” Arroyo said on Monday that during his time on the council, he has sought to raise issues of racial, environmental, and economic equity while also responding to constituent requests. “I look forward to both of them engaging with voters and recognizing the deep impact of that work,” he said. Arroyo has garnered at least one endorsement amid the turmoil over the last year: State Rep. Russell Holmes, who represents Mattapan and lives in Arroyo’s district. He said he believed what Rollins did was unethical. “She is the law. Do I think the law should go break the law? No, I do not.” But regarding the text messages exchanged between Rollins and Arroyo, Holmes added that “as a person who has been a part of a campaign, there’s a lot of bantering and strategy that goes back and forth.” “Let the voters decide,” Holmes said of Arroyo and District 5. “We’re in the middle of an election year.”

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Graffiti art in Grove Hall focuses on fatherhood and mentorship

BY SETH DANIEL
NEWS EDITOR

The old bricks, thriving weeds, and peeling paint on the side of an auto body shop near the former home of the ‘Bubble’ community center in Grove Hall for a long time conveyed an unfortunate message about that stretch of Geneva Avenue: blight and neglect.

But that was before Jeremy Harrison – who paints under the name ‘Sobek’ – and his crew of artists, known as the Flava Unit Crew, transformed the wall into colorful thematic messaging about fatherhood and parenting.

The live-painting demonstration stretched over two days this month as part of the 3rd annual Graffiti in Grove Hall event, which has attracted a great deal of attention since the first installment in 2021. Now just a vacant lot next to a blank wall, Sobek said the site was screaming for improvement.

“There’s nothing like this in Dorchester right now on this scale,” he said.

Sobek said he has had no formal training. He took up the craft in school as a child. The first piece of art he remembers making was a paper plate



Sobek puts some curves and waves on the graffiti mural wall in Grove Hall this month – something that is noted as his style.

mask for Halloween in the fourth grade. He said he created a bloody werewolf face that he liked so much he didn’t turn it in to the art teacher but kept it and made more copies.

As he got older, his technique improved from studying alongside talented graffiti artists from Dorchester and Mattapan. He describes his passion for the art as “rebellious strength” that has led him to prefer large-scale, spray-painted pieces like the auto body shop wall. He also worked on the Black History Mural on Warren Street in Grove Hall two years ago.

Discouragingly, most of the walls that he was

asked to paint were in far-flung places like Sherborn, and he wanted to stay closer to home.

“I’m born and raised here and I’ll still here,” he said. “Graffiti in Grove Hall started from a point of inconvenience from having to go to work in other places...I really wanted to be able to focus here and share with this community and be able to just walk down the street and create...It’s live here now and I love that.”

Other members of the Flava Unit Crew see this as a way to bring their art directly to the community.

“I think every year this gets better,” said Prop of Dorchester. “I’m glad local artists have a place

to create and hone their craft with each other. Sobek puts out the bat signal every year, and we all love coming down here to try to create something dope with him.

“The more receptive the city is to what we do, the more opportunities spaces like this will come online for this type of art,” he added.

Another artist, who uses the moniker “Apeks,” has learned his craft over the last three years at the Grove Hall event. “Sobek taught me art,” he said. “He was my first art teacher and he stuck with me my whole life.”

The now-completed-piece in Grove Hall emphasizes the strength



Jonathan Lopez-Wilen, a former member of the city’s Mural Crew, participating in Graffiti in Grove Hall this month.

of men and men’s health. It also stresses the importance of fathers and the guidance passed down by older men to younger men.

“We’re in a world where it’s not seen as strength anymore to be a present father,” Sobek said. “It has become misconstrued where the family values and family isn’t there. I’m a father and my son needs me...There is also a sense of fatherhood we want to convey for every young person we might see roaming around.”

The piece is called ‘Swimming with the

Sharks’ and shows how predatory the world can be these days for young men in neighborhoods like Grove Hall – especially without guidance by strong fathers and men. The mural shows sharks seemingly ready to attack, with an underwater Boston scene painted in as well.

In previous years, the wall featured topics like the history of graffiti art, among others. The event is coordinated under Sobek’s initiative, Back Against the Wall.

Reporter’s People News about people in and around our Neighborhoods

Walsh to Suffolk grads: ‘Go for that next dream’



Suffolk University Professor Robet Allison welcomes former Mayor Marty Walsh to the commencement ceremony on May 21.

Photo courtesy Suffolk University

Martin J. Walsh, executive director of the National Hockey League Players Association, former US labor secretary and Boston mayor, was the keynote speaker at Suffolk University’s commencement last Sunday (May 21).

“No matter how uncertain the world is right now, or your life is right now, don’t limit yourself in what comes next. Go for that next dream, and get ready to dream even bigger,” Walsh told members of the Class of 2023.

The Lower Mills resident received an honorary Doctor of Public Service degree during the celebration at Boston’s Leader Bank Pavilion.

Walsh, who briefly enrolled at Suffolk as a young man, opened by quipping, “It only took me 33 years to get a degree from Suffolk University.”

He praised Suffolk for its integral role in protecting the city’s most vulnerable during Covid by “turning one of their dorms over to the city of Boston to allow us to house homeless people who had no one to take care of them so they could have social distancing and be safe.”

Suffolk’s College of Arts & Sciences Class of 2023 is made up of 693 new alumni, with 574 undergraduate and 119 graduate degrees awarded. Overall, during three ceremonies on May 21, the university conferred 1,969 undergraduate and advanced degrees to new alumni/ae from 37 states and the US Virgin Islands, and from 74 countries.

– REPORTER STAFF

Curry College has welcomed Michele Goodwin of Dorchester into its Alexander Graham Bell (AGB) Honor Society. Founded in 1971 to recognize and promote academic excellence through a variety of activities at Curry, the society is named for the famous

inventor, an early chancellor at Curry College. Membership in the Society is limited to students who have achieved Dean’s List every semester while enrolled at Curry College. In the 2023 spring semester, 150 traditional undergraduate students were invited in.



The Polish American Citizens Club on Boston Street in Dorchester held its annual Polish Fest event on Sun., May 21. The event drew hundreds to the club, including Mayor Wu and other dignitaries.

Photo courtesy Isabel Leon/Mayor’s Office



Early this month several Dorchester and Mattapan organizations, in conjunction with the state’s Ellen Story Post-Partum Depression Commission (PPD), held a Mother’s Day event for those who have lost children. Held in the Gardner Auditorium at the State House, the program was led by Mattapan’s Nneka Hall and her Mother IS Supreme organization and Dorchester-based Proppa City organization, led by Stephanie Crawford. Speakers included Samantha LaCroix, Dr. Karen Abdool, Jessica Paulino, Clementina Chery of the Louis D. Brown Peace Institute, and Kenneth Pritchard, Jr. From left, Dr. Karen Abdool, Ashley Healy, Ellen Story, PPD Commission legislative aide Jessica Paulino, Nneka Hall, of PPD, Kenneth Pritchard Jr., Stephanie Crawford, of PPD, Tina Chery, and Samantha LaCroix.

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Donna Summer
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Donna Summer was born in Boston on Dec. 31, 1948, as LaDonna Adrian Gaines, the daughter of Andrew and Mary Gaines.

mer, the last name a derivative from her short 1974 marriage to Helmut Sommer, her career took off in the mid-1970s when she became known as the Queen of Disco. She won five Grammys and sold more than 130 million records worldwide. She recorded 4 No. 1 singles, 14 top ten hits, 32 singles in the Billboard Hot 100, 12 platinum albums, and earned 12 Grammy nominations. She also appeared in 8 movies.

In 1975, Summer’s recording of “Love To Love You,

Baby” made her an international star. Among the songs that consistently burnished her reputation while winning awards were “Last Dance,” “Hot Stuff,” “He’s A Rebel,” “Forgive Me,” and “Carry On.” Her last studio album, “Crayons,” in 2008, produced three dance club hits with “I’m a Fire,” “Stamp Your Feet” and “Fame.” Her last hit was the 2010 single “To Paris with Love.”

In 2009, she sang at the Nobel Peace Prize concert in Norway in honor of the

laureate, sitting US President Barack Obama.

LaDonna Gaines married twice, to Helmut Sommer and to Bruce Sodano in 1980. They had two children together. She died of lung cancer in 2012 at age 63.

The archive of these historical posts can be viewed on the blog at dorchesterhistorical-society.org. The Dorchester Historical Society’s William Clapp House and James Blake House are open to the public on the third Sunday of the month from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Editorial

Gearing up for Dot Day weekend

Next weekend promises to be a busy and fun-packed one in the neighborhood. Our June 1 edition will have a full rundown on all of the activities, including a preview of the annual Dot Day Parade, which starts at 1 p.m. on Sun., June 4. The parade has its roots in celebrations that go back to the turn of the 20th century and it has always been the highlight of what we consider the unofficial start of summer in the city, Dorchester Day weekend.

Over the years, there has been an ebb and flow to the celebratory events that surround parade day. In decades past, there have been dedicated events for bicyclists and boaters, seniors and youngsters, even ceremonies aboard US Navy vessels, like the USS Porter, a destroyer that steamed into Boston Harbor in 2008 for the express purpose of its captain and crew marching as guests of honor in the Dot Day Parade.

Covid-19 sapped some of the energy out of most everything, but Dot Day returned with gusto in 2022 after a two-year hiatus. This year's parade — thanks to a committee of volunteers led by Kelly Walsh — is gearing up to be even better.

Last year's weekend brought to the neighborhood the launch of a terrific new event that will be re-booted on Sat., June 3: DorchFest, the music festival modeled on "porchfest" parties held in places like Somerville and Jamaica Plain. The Dorchester edition that debuted last June was wildly successful by all accounts, with 40-plus homes hosting performers and bands on their stoops, lawns, and driveways.

The crowds that turned out for the inaugural event in the beautiful Ashmont-Adams neighborhood numbered in the thousands — a signal to the volunteer organizers that DorchFest can, and should, mount a sophomore outing. This year's event — underwritten by Santander and several other sponsors, including the Reporter — will be even larger, with 50-plus homes signed up to host musicians. And, importantly, the sponsors are helping to ensure that this year's performers will get paid for their talent and effort.

This year's DorchFest starts at noon and runs to 5 p.m. The festival's excellent website — [Dorchfest.com](#) — has all the details on showtimes and a map of locations, all within an easy walk from Ashmont MBTA station and Adams Village.

DorchFest isn't the only attraction worth planning for in our neighborhood on Sat., June 3. Neponset Day — an event sponsored by the Neponset River Watershed Association — will be setting up at 9 a.m. at the DCR's Neponset II Park, situated along the banks of the Neponset River near Granite Avenue. The free festival, which has been known in years past as "RiverFest," is focused on the river and fun activities in the park, including canoeing and kayaking, courtesy of Paddle Boston; music, food trucks, and ice cream, and environmental exhibits. Visitors are encouraged to wear their swimwear, bring a blanket and towel, and enjoy the spray deck. It's set to run until 1 p.m., so that dovetails nicely with the music festival that will start at noon several blocks away.

Of course, Sunday is the main event. The parade starts at 1 p.m. on Dorchester Avenue at Richmond Street and marches north up the avenue to Columbia Road. There will be parking restrictions on Dot Ave and Richmond starting early in the morning on Sunday — so watch for signage and instructions. There's much more to come in next week's Dot Day edition of the Reporter!

—Bill Forry

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Greenway connector underway – Preliminary work has begun on a long-awaited “missing link” along the 9-mile-long Neponset River Greenway trail. The 0.7 mile connection between Morrissey Boulevard and Tenean Beach — which amounts to roughly 3,600 feet of trail— will eventually include a 670-foot boardwalk through the National Grid “rainbow” gas tank site with “bump-out” scenic overlooks offering views of Dorchester Bay and the Boston Harbor islands. Contractors for the state’s Dept. of Transportation have been spotted in recent days clearing the route behind existing businesses adjacent to the Southeast Expressway embankment. The \$10 million project is scheduled to be completed by 2025.

Photos courtesy Neponset River Greenway Council



METCO has earned a place in state’s funding formula for public education

By JIM STERGIOS
SPECIAL TO THE REPORTER

Each spring, supporters gather at the State House for the annual METCO advocacy day. As fine an example of local activism as that is, this year's should be the last such event. The Metropolitan Council for Economic Opportunity has been a clear success; its funding should be incorporated into the state's education formula, and the program expanded.

METCO, which was founded in 1966, allows about 3,200 mostly minority Boston and Springfield students to attend school in about three dozen suburban districts. The students outperform their Hispanic and African American peers in the sending districts, and their graduation rates exceed state averages.

In addition to benefitting METCO students, the program also pays dividends for the suburban districts whose schools the students attend. Though METCO students make up only about 2.5 percent of enrollment in receiving school districts, they account for 40 percent of African American enrollment in those districts. In some districts, it's more than two-thirds.

Despite this record of success, METCO endured several years of budget cuts in the wake of the 2008 financial crisis and recession, even as overall education funding rose.

Instead of forcing METCO to fight for a line item in the state budget each year, Massachusetts would better serve families by incorporating the program into the Commonwealth's K-12 public education funding formula, known as Chapter 70. The formula adjusts for inflation each year and would improve transparency, thereby providing a clearer picture of the program's impact on both sending and receiving school districts.

METCO's performance also merits expansion, both within Boston and Springfield and to other cities. The Commonwealth's Gateway Cities are an obvious target for expansion. School systems in about half of those 26 cities rank in the bottom 10

percent statewide.

Each year, suburban school districts decide how many METCO students to accept. Since those students take up excess capacity in these districts, marginal costs are low. As a result, a 2015 Pioneer Institute [report](#) found that the cost of expanding METCO would be just a tiny fraction of state K-12 public education funding. The move would bring much-needed diversity to more suburban districts and help thousands of low-income and minority families.

Expanding the program in Boston and Springfield would also address unmet demand. In Boston, there is a two-to-five-year wait to get into METCO. A quarter of the students on the waitlist there were signed up before they were a year old.

METCO students are more likely to have special needs than other Boston and Springfield students. Increased funding would cover their special education-related costs.

More money would also fund late afternoon buses, allowing METCO students to participate in extracurricular activities at their suburban schools. Today, too many students in the program face grueling schedules, due to commutes to and from school that can take hours. Many have to get up before dawn. When they finally arrive home, often exhausted, they face substantial homework and studying before they can finally get some sleep, only to repeat the same schedule the following day.

At a time when overall student performance in Massachusetts is declining, and achievement gaps between poor and minority students and their white, more affluent counterparts are growing, METCO is a win-win. It provides academic benefits for its students and makes suburban school districts more diverse. And all this can be achieved for only a very small increase in state public education funding.

Jim Stergios is the executive director of Pioneer Institute, a Boston-based think tank.

An ‘oasis’ on Edgewater Drive: Food forest opens in Mattapan

By SETH DANIEL
NEWS EDITOR

A few years ago, when the city approached neighbors in the Edgewater Drive area of Mattapan to ask if they would want to build out a food forest on a landlocked city-owned vacant lot in their neighborhood, the residents' first question was critical: What, exactly, is a food forest?

According to the Boston Food Forest Coalition (BFFC), a food forest involves a coalition of neighbors who agree to take care of, or steward, the land to create locally run, public spaces on vacant lots in the city. There is an emphasis on the space being used for growing fruits and vegetables.

Said Jessie Dambreville, a steward of the Edgewater Drive Food Forest, at the grand celebration last Wednesday of the opening of the forest space in a 6,000-square-foot lot between Edgewater Drive and River Street: "We started working with BFFC and we didn't even know what a food forest was." He noted that the process started seven years ago, and that the city joined

in three years ago.

What emerged from that effort, initiated by Vivian Morris of the Edgewater Street Neighborhood Association after she heard about food forests in her role with the Mattapan Food and Fitness Coalition, is a well-kept open space hidden behind a row of homes lining the south side of River Street at the edge of Mattapan.

At Edgewater, Steward Fatima Ali-Salaam — the chair of the Greater Mattapan Neighborhood Council (GMNC) — said neighbors like herself, Morris, and Dambreville have agreed to keep up the property and maintain it as a collective, placing emphasis on planting things like apricot trees or mushrooms that can be foraged by any neighbor who would like to partake of the fruits. Part of the job is simple care, as in who unlocks the doors in the mornings, and who locks them in the evenings.

Added Mayor Wu to the gathered celebrants: "All the parties involved here have transformed this space for generations to come."

Meanwhile, though

they had passed the general area for years, a number of neighbors first discovered the space that day. That was the case for Kia Moore, who was amazed as she emerged from the pathway easement that leads to the food forest from River Street.

"I've lived here for 40 years and walk past this all the time and never knew it was here," she said. "I saw the sign but never thought to come down here. I can't believe it. It's like an oasis hidden back here."

State Rep. Brandy Fluker Oakley said it's about green space, but also about a model city-wide for building bonds between neighbors.

"It's always good when community comes together, but especially great when community comes together for something good," she said. "I hope there are more opportunities to do things like this — fellowship with our neighbors and get to know them better and find out how you can support each other."

The main entrance to the Edgewater Food Forest is on River Street opposite Rector Road.



The Edgewater Food Forest will produce fruits and vegetables throughout the growing seasons, and neighbors are welcome to come in, relax, and forage for the fruits of the space.

Seth Daniel photos



Vanilo, Vamir, Vanessa, Vanaya, and Vamaya Leveque relaxed on a shady bench in the Edgewater Food Forest.



Neighbors Kia Moore and Nadia Balkishun were surprised to find the Edgewater Food Forest hidden in their neighborhood.



Vivian Morris, of Edgewater Drive Neighborhood Association, shows off the two-year-old Food Forest space to Mayor Michelle Wu.



Barbara Rice, Joel Wool, and Laura Bellows were excited to join the excitement at the Edgewater Food Forest.



Carl Smith, founder of Branches Steel Orchestra, brought his steel pan band to the festivities — playing on the new bandstand in the center of the new food forest.



Avah Hart and Dynell Andrews show off their lilac crowns.



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The Haitian healthcare honorees pose for a photo at the Unity Breakfast.

Parade and event at City Hall mark Haitian Heritage month

**By SETH DANIEL
NEWS EDITOR**

City Councillor Ruthzee Louijeune hosted a breakfast with support of Haitian Americans United (HAU), the group that organized the previous Sunday's Haitian Unity Parade on Blue Hill Avenue, last Thursday (May 18) as the city's Haitian Americans celebrated their ancestry and called for more help for the Caribbean nation during events held to commemorate Haitian Flag Day at Boston City Hall.

More than 200 were in



Mayor Wu used her time to call on the federal government to end the backlog and delays of work authorizations for Haitian migrants, many of whom have been waiting for more than one year.

attendance for the breakfast and the flag rais-

ing ceremony at which Louijeune and Mayor Wu honored Haitian healthcare workers and also spoke about the plight of migrants now living here in Boston who are still waiting for work authorizations that have been slow to come from US authorities.

"The healthcare system here would crumble if it wasn't for the Haitian community working in all aspects of that system," said Louijeune.

For her part, the mayor called for an end to the backlog on work permits

at the federal level.

"We need intake centers to provide wrap-around services and temporary shelter where people are safe," she said. "We are calling also on our partners to make sure our new neighbors are eligible for work permits immediately. We've seen some progress... but we need to see even more, especially for those that have been here for months and are ready to get to work. We know that Boston is strongest when we can put every talent to work in our community."

Dr. Cassandra Pierre of Boston Medical Center was one of several health care workers honored at the event. "We are here only because of our forefathers," she said. "It was our grandparents, aunts, and uncles. We are supported by their sacrifice and hope that we would bring the community along with us in our own successes."

Students from the Matthunt Elementary's Toussaint L'Ouverture Academy, the first dual-language English/Haitian Kreyol school in the

United States, sang the Haitian national anthem in a performance that was met with a standing ovation.

At the Unity Parade, a sunny day greeted those watching along Blue Hill Avenue. Louijeune served as grand marshal. She shared the ribbon-cutting with HAU's Pastor Keke Fleurissant, Mayor Wu, state Rep. Brandy Fluker Oakley, Suffolk DA Kevin Hayden, and City Councillors Brian Worrell, Julia Mejia, and Ricardo Arroyo.



Margareth E. Jacques, Margareth M. Jacques, Domeque Jacques, and Sandy Zamor Calixte.



Phyllis St. Hubert, Councillor Ruthzee Louijeune, City Hall Director of Communications Jessicah Pierre, Mayor Wu, and City International Partnerships Manager Reggie Colimon.



From SEIU 1199 healthcare workers union were Executive Vice President Tim Foley, Smith LaMothe, and Nadia Vilmont. Seth Daniel photos



Trisha Dumervil, of the Toussaint L'Ouverture Academy in Mattapan, sings the Haitian national anthem at the Flag Day Unity Breakfast.



Host of the Unity Breakfast Ruthzee Louijeune honored dozens of Haitian American healthcare workers, including Dr. Jean Bonnet of Hyde Park Health Associates.



Developer Shabnam Mashmasarmi with Donald Alexis, director of Caribbean Integration Community Development (CICD).



Michelle Pierre Vilmont, Gertrude Delsoin of HAU, and Filaine Deronnette of SEIU 1199.

Addiction treatment beds called periled by reimbursement rates

**By SAM DRYSDALE
STATE HOUSE
NEWS SERVICE**

As opioid overdose deaths remain high across the state, substance abuse treatment providers say that increasing reimbursement rates for Medicaid patients may be necessary to avoid closing available beds at addiction and recovery facilities.

MassHealth and the Executive Office of Health and Human Services are considering a score of rate changes, increasing how much providers are reimbursed when they admit a patient with Medicaid insurance for addiction treatment.

Providers are reimbursed for Medicaid patients at rates 50 percent below what they are paid on average by commercial insurers, David Matteodo, director of the Massachusetts Association of Behavioral Health Systems, said at a hearing on the rate change Monday.

"Our providers really want to treat MassHealth. But we simply cannot continue to do it with a rate that's not viable," Matteodo said.

Richard Curcru, president and CEO of Cape Cod-based addiction center Gosnold, said his facility does not want to turn away Medicaid patients, but that they may need to close services in order to continue to treat them.

In 2016, 65 percent of Gosnold's patients had commercial insurance

and 35 percent used MassHealth, Curcru said. Since then, commercial admissions have declined year after year, and in 2023 commercial payers represent about 20 percent of patients, compared to 80 percent on Medicaid.

"Even though the Medicaid rate was not sufficient back then, reimbursement from the commercial payers covered the shortfall we had on our Medicaid patients," he said. "Currently, our expenses for detox exceed the Medicaid reimbursement. This means that there is a significant loss to the organization for every Medicaid patient we admit. This is obviously not sustainable."

Gosnold is considering reducing the overall detox bed count or only taking commercial payers – something that is not in line with their mission as a rehabilitation and recovery facility, Curcru said.

Behavioral health and substance use treatment centers around the state have canceled services in recent months, as the

Medicaid reimbursement rate compounds with issues of short-staffing and increased safety problems.

In April, MiraVista Behavioral Health Center in Holyoke ended some of its addiction programs, including detox beds, saying in a statement they made the decision to do so based on "the reality of inadequate state reimbursement, which falls millions of dollars short of the costs required to operate and sustain programming," 22 News reported.

A few days later in Worcester, addiction and homelessness service provider Community Healthlink closed admissions to three inpatient programs after a state inspection. Members of SEIU Local 509 told the *Worcester Telegram & Gazette* that the union raised concerns about safety and staffing at the facility before the inspection.

"In addition to the reimbursement challenges, we have had similar expense challenges. Due to Covid, we have had

to increase all expenses, but mostly staff salaries," Curcru said. "We've had to raise the salaries for most direct staff, especially nurses, considerably in an attempt to recruit and retain staff. The state has temporarily increased the rate a couple of times during this period to address this – but not to the extent that we've had to increase staffing salaries. This has resulted in approximately \$150,000 per month loss, or \$1.8 million annually, in our detox services."

Meanwhile, the most recent public health data show that opioid overdose deaths remain high, and increased amounts of the highly addictive and deadly drugs fentanyl and xylazine are being found on the streets.

In the first nine months of 2022, there were 1,696 confirmed and estimated opioid-related overdose deaths. That's about six deaths every day, but it's also about 25 fewer deaths than in the first nine months of 2021.

LEGAL NOTICES

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(617) 786-8300
CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION
Docket No. SJ23P0502EA

ESTATE OF:
SHERMAN L. HORTON
DATE OF DEATH: 11/04/2022

To all interested persons:
A Petition for Formal Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative has been filed by Benita Horton of E. Boston, MA requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition. The Petitioner requests that: Benita Horton of E. Boston, MA be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve Without Surety on the bond in unsupervised administration.

IMPORTANT NOTICE
You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: 10:00 a.m. on the return day of 06/07/2023. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you.

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

Witness: HON. BRIAN J. DUNN, First Justice of this Court.
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ESTATE OF:
JONATHAN DIXEY
DATE OF DEATH: January 31, 2023

To all persons who have or may have some interest in the above-captioned estate and, if interested, to the Office of the Attorney General and the Department of Veterans Affairs, notice is hereby given on March 27, 2023 that the Petitioner Mary Dixey of Easthampton, MA intends to file with the above-named Probate and Family Court, not sooner than seven (7) days after this notice, a Petition for Informal Probate of Will and a Petition for Informal Appointment of Personal Representative, to serve without surety on the bond, Mary Dixey of Easthampton, MA. The estate is being administered under informal procedure by the Personal Representative under the Massachusetts Uniform Probate Code without supervision by the Court. Inventory and accounts are not required to be filed with the Court, but interested parties are entitled to notice regarding the administration from the Personal Representative and can petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including distribution of assets and expenses of administration. Interested parties are entitled to petition the Court to institute formal proceedings and to obtain orders terminating or restricting the powers of Personal Representatives appointed under informal procedure. A copy of the Petition and Will, if any, can be obtained from the Petitioner.

Published: May 25, 2023

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# of Bedrooms	Minimum Income 80% AMI	Household Size	Maximum Income 80% AMI
Studio	\$43,110	1	\$62,550
		2	\$71,500
		3	\$80,450
1-Bedroom	\$49,400	4	\$89,350
		5	\$96,500
2-Bedroom	\$55,650	6	\$103,650

* 2022 Area Median Incomes for the Brockton, MA MSA.

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Report waves red flags on Mass. housing, outmigration

By MICHAEL P. NORTON
STATE HOUSE
NEWS SERVICE

The “red flags are waving” across Massachusetts, with housing, transportation and migration patterns continuing to trend in the wrong direction, according to a new report.

Massachusetts had the lowest rental vacancy rate in the US in 2022 and the second-highest median rents, Boston features the second-high-

est traffic delay times in the nation, and the state recently posted its highest outmigration numbers in 30 years, according to the Massachusetts Taxpayers Foundation.

“We’re seeing the future of our workforce, people aged 26 to 35, high-wage residents, and those in key sectors dominate the outflow of residents and talent,” MTF President Doug Howgate said. “Massachusetts is

facing a critical moment and it is imperative we address these challenges promptly to secure a prosperous future for our commonwealth.”

The report uses new data to update information that MTF compiled in December. The trendlines have not changed, Howgate said, adding that another round of data will contribute to at least one more update later this year.

MTF said that as the

competition for talent and population growth intensified, Massachusetts saw nearly 111,000 people leave the state between April 2020 and July 2022, exacerbating labor shortage challenges and workforce trends associated with an aging population.

Citing IRS data, the report says that tax filers between 26 and 35 years old dominated the outflow, raising fresh questions about whether Massachusetts can hold on to the competitive advantage it has long enjoyed due to its steady pool of recent college graduates.

Reasons for leaving included worsening costs and quality of life, rising housing prices, unreliable MBTA service, congested roadways, and more affordable housing and warmer weather in other states.

At the other end of the spectrum, the report says the number of Massachusetts residents 65 and older is projected to increase by 280,000 over the next seven years.

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The elevated numbers of people retiring in Massachusetts are adding to the workforce strains that are being reported across industries.

The report, “Can Massachusetts Overcome its Cost and Demographic Headwinds to Compete for Talent,” warns that congestion and the state’s “high costs and long commutes are pushing residents and businesses out.”

In the technology sector – a traditional asset for Massachusetts – Texas, Florida, North Carolina, Colorado, and Washington gained a total of 160,000 new jobs over the past three years while Massachusetts lost 2,000 positions in the same period. Massachusetts ranked 33rd among states in computer tech jobs over that stretch, according to the report, trailing states like New Hampshire, Oklahoma, Montana, and West Virginia.

The state’s high cost of living and affordability concerns have been a frequent talking point on Beacon Hill. House and Senate Democrats, along with Gov. Healey, have been focused so far this year on coming up with a budget that they say will address

some competitiveness concerns with targeted spending. A promised tax relief package remains a work in progress, but it appears likely that state leaders, who ditched their tax relief plans last year, may be able to coalesce around a nearly \$600 million tax relief bill for fiscal 2024.

Healey has made housing production a priority for her administration and is reorganizing the executive branch to achieve that goal, although it remains to be seen whether the state can overcome opposition to new units that for years has been backstopped by restrictive local zoning bylaws and ordinances.

Another wildcard for Massachusetts is its new income surtax on high earners. Democrats pushed the constitutional amendment to the 2022 ballot and voters approved it. Supporters say the 4 percent surtax on household income above \$1 million will lead to critical education and transportation investments, with \$1 billion in new spending poised for approval, but critics say the tax increase hurts the state’s competitive position and will add to outmigration.

Coming soon to a side street near you: Speed humps

(Continued from page 1)

they bought their home, they did so because they had a front yard for their kids to play in ...and they anticipated aging in place and community.

“As more and more speeding cars race through our side streets, even front yards off the street are not completely safe for families and adults. We’ve had situations in Boston as recent as this past week when someone sitting on their porch has had cars jump the curb and go into their front yard.”

Wu added that congestion on major roadways shouldn’t push people to drive fast and recklessly or drive in the wrong direction on side streets “because traffic apps push cars there and suddenly you have the new American Legion Highway.”

Jascha Franklin-Hodge, who serves as the city’s chief of streets, is heading up the effort, which also includes annually redesigning intersections for safety, implementing new guidelines for the city’s traffic signals, and adding more ‘No Turn on Red’ signs.

He said that he gets messages from the Boston Police nearly every week about a traffic crash involving a vehicle and a pedestrian or a cyclist, and at times those messages include notification of the Fatal Reconstruction Crash Team. There were 12 pedestrian deaths last year in Boston, he noted.

“I hear the frustration of people saying they are tired of worrying about their kids or their parents,” Franklin-Hodge said. “Parents are worried their kids are not safe riding their bike on the route to school.”

Roughly 394 of the city’s 800 miles of roadways have been deemed eligible for speed humps. Streets not eligible include major thoroughfares like Dorchester and



Mattapan’s Fatima Ali Salaam, left, and Barbara Crichlow, second from left, talk with Mayor Wu and city Chief of Streets Jascha Franklin-Hodge about how speed humps have improved the areas around the Dorchester-Mattapan line by Thetford/Evans Playground.

Talbot avenues or any street that has an MBTA bus route.

The city has already identified several zones across each neighborhood and is committed to building out 10 of them per year over the next three years. Speed humps will be incorporated into the routine design for all eligible streets, meaning that when a street is re-paved, it will include building out speed humps. The decisions as to which zones come first will be based on crash data and demographic information for the neighborhood.

Already several neighborhoods in Dorchester have benefited from speed humps as part of the Slow Streets program, including the Talbot-Norfolk-Triangle (TNT), West of Washington (WOW), the streets around Thetford/Evans

Playground where Monday’s press conference took place, not to leave out the major measures taken last year on Milton Avenue.

Barbara Crichlow, of nearby West Selden Street, said that from her view, the program has been effective. “The people on this street and other nearby areas, they all want speed humps. All these homes here, these three-deckers, they all have children. When people come off a main road and cut through the neighborhood, they interrupt where children live and play. They need to slow down traffic.”

The earlier Slow Streets program has been thought of as a pilot to see if communities liked speed humps and if snowplows could navigate them. When it proved to be a success, everyone wanted them and getting

them became a problem-atic competition.

“The old Slow Streets program pitted one community against the next,” said state Rep. Russell Holmes. “You had to show you were the worst and had the most crashes and most deaths and then you get speed humps. That is an inappropriate process because you had to prove you were the worst.”

Added City Councillor Brian Worrell: “We’re happy the new process is more transparent and fairer and doesn’t pit one

neighborhood against the other.”

On the city’s new “humps” map, many streets are labelled as “Eligible for Future Phases.” Itasca Street in Mattapan, which has been working on getting speed humps for a few years now, is on that list.

Meanwhile, Seaver Street (from Blue Hill Avenue south), Erie Street, Ellington Street, and the Glenway corridor are now listed on the docket as getting speed humps between 2024 and 2026. In Bowdoin-Ge-

neva, speed humps are coming soon and labelled as ‘In Progress’ on the “humps” map. Streets such as Homes Avenue, Speedwell Street, Olney Street, and Hamilton Street will be getting speed humps installed soon.

Franklin-Hodge said the city is still weighing measures to curb scooters and dirt bikes, which are a particular nuisance and public safety concern in warmer months. Scooter riders often avoid calming measures by traveling on sidewalks.

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THE TRIAL COURT
PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT
INFORMAL PROBATE
PUBLICATION NOTICE
Docket No. SU23P1043EA

ESTATE OF:
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DATE OF DEATH: December 14, 2022
SUFFOLK DIVISION

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner Marianne Pinkham of Nobleboro, ME, a Will has been admitted to informal probate.

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

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Building Trades Unions chief introduces ‘infrastructure generation’ to Lower Mills



Frank Callahan, Massachusetts Building Trades Union's president; Sean McGarvey, North America's Building Trades Unions president; Chaton Green, business agent for Greater Boston Building Trades Unions; Shamaiah Turner, business development rep for Sheetmetal Workers Local 17; Nancy Luc, deputy director of Boston Pipefitter's Union; and Yasmani 'Manny' Santiago, Local 12 Pipe and Gasfitters organizer.

(Continued from page 1) War II," he said. "That's the opportunity we're talking about. I can tell you the building trades is going to do its part."

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COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
THE TRIAL COURT
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SUFFOLK DIVISION
24 NEW CHARDON STREET
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Docket No. SU22D0013DR
DIVORCE SUMMONS
BY PUBLICATION AND MAILING
TAMMY MOORE
vs.
JULIO ALBELO
To the Defendant:
The Plaintiff has filed a Complaint for Divorce requesting that the Court grant a divorce for Irretrievable Breakdown. The Complaint is on file at the Court. An Automatic Restraining Order has been entered in this matter preventing you from taking any action which would negatively impact the current financial status of either party. SEE Supplemental Probate Court Rule 411.
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Witness, HON. BRIAN J. DUNN, First Justice of this Court.
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Docket No. SU22D1686DR
DIVORCE SUMMONS
BY PUBLICATION AND MAILING
LAURA CRISTINA FIGUEROA RAMOS
vs.
RAUL MIGUEL PRESINAL MEJIA
To the Defendant:
The Plaintiff has filed a Complaint for Divorce requesting that the Court grant a divorce for Irretrievable Breakdown. The Complaint is on file at the Court. An Automatic Restraining Order has been entered in this matter preventing you from taking any action which would negatively impact the current financial status of either party. SEE Supplemental Probate Court Rule 411.
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Frank Callahan, president of the Massachusetts Building Trades Unions, getting them into one of the apprentice programs available throughout the country. In Dorchester



Several trade union workers from the Sheetmetal Workers Local 17 at the Lower Mills training center took in the speaking program on May 17.

has done amazing work and all Massachusetts, too, when it comes to women and all of the other people we want to work with," he said.

McGarvey said Boston has figured out how to draw in diverse workers and women to Building Pathways and then prepare them to enter the regular apprentice programs. That required them to think differently about how to serve these potential members.

Some of the challenges include addressing the need for high-quality, affordable childcare on worksites and assisting workers in getting a vehicle.

"It's hard to be in the building trades without a driver's license and a vehicle," he said, "be-

cause you could work downtown accessible by public transportation and then you can get sent out to a job two counties away," he said.

"We're down to helping people procure their first vehicle and getting car insurance," he added. Those are things that we didn't think about 20 years ago, but it's what we're doing now."

Joining McGarvey at the gathering last week were, among others, Frank Callahan, president of the Massachusetts Building Trades Union, Chaton Green, business agent of the Greater Boston Building Trades Union, Shamaiah Turner of Local 17, and Gov. Healey's labor chief, Lauren Jones.



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BGCD Member Deshawn V. Selected as Massachusetts Youth of the Year Candidate: Boys & Girls Clubs of Dorchester is excited to share that our Youth of the Year candidate, Deshawn V., has been selected as the Massachusetts Youth of the Year at the statewide event held this past Tuesday. Deshawn joined 34 outstanding youth leaders from Clubs across the state at the event which was held at Gillette Stadium. Deshawn will now head to the Northeast regional judging to be held in June in New York City. We are proud to share this incredible honor for Deshawn with the BGCD community and would like to wish him the best as he moves on to represent our Clubs and the Massachusetts Alliance of Boys & Girls Clubs in the next phase of the competition!

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BGCD Keystone Club Takes Part in Charles River Beach Clean-Up Event: Members of BGCD's Keystone Club recently took part in a Beach Clean-up event at Magazine Beach on the Charles River. The event was organized through the Massachusetts Alliance of Boys & Girls Clubs and our Corporate Partner for the day was Hydrow, an indoor rowing manufacturer. BGCD was joined by the West End House BGC and the South Boston BGC for the day of service which included trash removal and education on the ecosystem for the River. Thanks to the team from Hydrow for their leadership! To learn more about BGCD's Keystone Club, please contact Mike Joyce at mjoyce@bgcdorchester.org.

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State regulators agree to new approach on cannabis cafes

**BY CHRIS LISINSKI
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Marijuana regulators voted Monday to scrap years-old plans that called for rolling out cannabis cafes and other social consumption sites with a 12-municipality pilot program, a step that one official said could bring that voter-approved segment of the industry online “a little quicker.”

Nine months after a new state law outlined a process for cities and towns to authorize on-site consumption of marijuana products, the Cannabis Control Commission pivoted away from past reg-

ulations that would have constrained the launch to a dozen cities and towns. CCC staff will now set out to craft a regulatory framework awarding licenses to locations where patrons will be able to purchase and enjoy marijuana products on the premises, in contrast from the existing retail stores that have been open for years.

Commissioner Nury Camargo, a member of a working group that recommended the change in approach, said the decision to drop the pilot program encourages municipalities to decide whether they will opt in

on social consumption and allow regulators to devote their attention to longer-term questions about the industry rather than operation of a limited pilot program.

“It’s sort of a parallel track. It’s going to allow us to create [social consumption] a little quicker, but this is still not going to be done overnight,” Camargo told reporters after the commission’s meeting. “Everyone’s wondering: What is it? What is the regulatory framework? What are the licenses? I think that now, we can really start thinking about what does that look like, especially

now that we don’t have a pilot project in place.”

“If we would have had a pilot project in place, then we’d have to think about a pilot license, and a pilot license would get stuck in our regs for the next three to five or six years, knowing how things move slowly throughout the process,” she added.

After a lengthy discussion, Commissioners Ava Callendar Concepcion, Camargo, and Stebbins voted in favor of eliminating the pilot program language from the commission’s recreational marijuana regulations, as did CCC Chair Shannon O’Brien.

While she supported the change, O’Brien said she still has several unanswered questions about how the broader regulations will address the risks of secondhand smoke inside marijuana cafes, impairment, and promoting business success for equity applicants, microbusinesses, and craft cooperatives, who under existing regulations will have exclusive access to social consumption licenses for the first 36 months.

“If we don’t get this right during the exclusivity period, I think that we could be harming that opportunity for people,” O’Brien told reporters.

Commissioner Kimberly Roy voted present, saying she did not have “enough information around public safety, public health, and equity” impacts.

“Sometimes, even things done with the best intentions can go awry, whether it’s the delivery operator—which was done with the best intentions, right, to remove barriers and to help people and to create equity,” she said. “Microbusinesses were a license type that was done with the best intentions. Craft cooperative farmers, same thing. And these have either not worked or struggled or they’re failing.”


All other commissioners voted in favor.

The ballot question legalizing recreational marijuana use that voters approved in 2016 included language authorizing marijuana consumption “on the premises where sold” and at special licensed events, but cannabis cafes have yet to open to the public nearly seven years later.

Regulators pumped the brakes in 2018 after then-Gov. Charlie Baker and Attorney General Maura Healey, who has succeeded Baker in the corner office, raised concerns about the pace of the rollout.

Baker for years also sought to overhaul the state’s drugged-driving laws but met resistance in the Legislature.

In 2019, the CCC’s working group recommended launching social consumption with a pilot program, and officials also determined that the Legislature needed to update state law to give cities and towns the mechanism they needed to authorize on-site cannabis use. That change became part of a wide-ranging law Baker signed last year, which also boosted oversight on the host community agreements between marijuana businesses and municipalities.



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Docket No. SU23P1073EA
ESTATE OF: DIANE MURRAY
DATE OF DEATH: 10/07/2016
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A Petition for Late and Limited Formal Testacy and/or Appointment has been filed by Terrell Murray-Johnson of Roxbury, MA requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition. The Petitioner requests that: Terrell Murray-Johnson of Roxbury, MA be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve With Personal Surety on the bond in unsupervised administration.
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Witness, HON. BRIAN J. DUNN, First Justice of this Court.
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CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION
Docket No. SU23P1038EA
ESTATE OF: SUSAN MARY DUVAL
DATE OF DEATH: 04/27/2023
To all interested persons:
A Petition for Formal Adjudication of Intestacy and Appointment of Personal Representative has been filed by Alfred J. Duval, III of Billerica, MA requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition. The Petitioner requests that: Alfred J. Duval, III of Billerica, MA be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve Without Surety on the bond in unsupervised administration.
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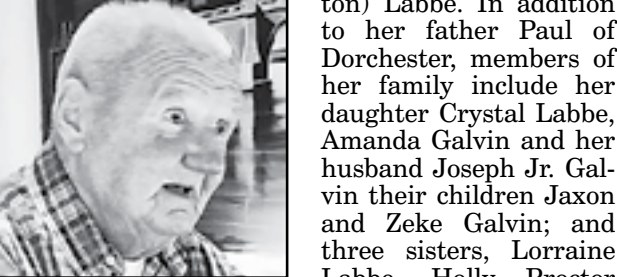
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Docket No. SU23CO240CA
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A Petition to Change Name of Adult has been filed by Charles Anthony Fletcher of Boston, MA requesting that the court enter a Decree changing their name to: **Charles Buffong, Jr.**
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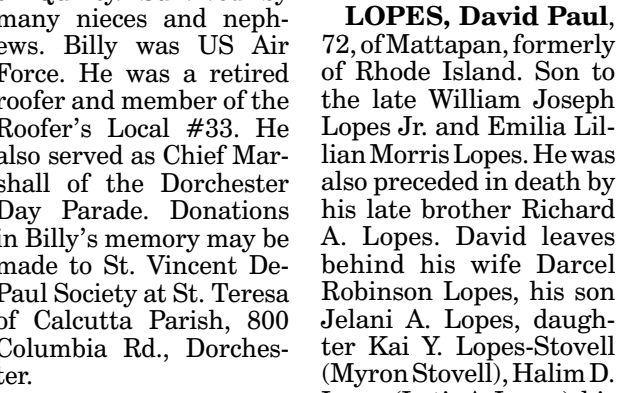
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Docket No. SU23CO250CA
IN THE MATTER OF: KIMBERLY ANN FACEY
A Petition to Change Name of Adult has been filed by Kimberly Ann Facey of Dorchester, MA requesting that the court enter a Decree changing their name to: **Kimberly Ann Tran**
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Witness, HON. BRIAN J. DUNN, First Justice of this Court.
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min and his wife Justine Carre of Stoughton, Daniel Carre of Norwood, and Madeleine and her wife Mo of Woonsocket, RI. Uncle of 3.



GREENE, William M. “Billy” of Dorchester. Husband of the late Barbara E. (Sullivan) Greene. Father of Martin and his wife, Patricia Greene of Mansfield, Kellyanne and her husband, Ali Koushan of Dorchester, Ellen Greene of Dorchester, and Diane and her wife, Carol Greene of Dorchester. Grandfather of 2. Son of the late Martin and Mary (Guy) Greene, formerly of Ireland. Brother of Anne Darcy of Pembroke, and Carol Greene of Quincy. Survived by many nieces and nephews. Billy was US Air Force. He was a retired roofer and member of the Roofer’s Local #33. He also served as Chief Marshall of the Dorchester Day Parade. Donations in Billy’s memory may be made to St. Vincent DePaul Society at St. Teresa of Calcutta Parish, 800 Columbia Rd., Dorchester.



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CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION
Docket No. SU23P0455EA
ESTATE OF: EVELYN LOUISE JOHN A/K/A: EVELYN L. JOHN, EVELYN JOHN
DATE OF DEATH: 01/14/2023
To all interested persons:
A Petition for S/A - Formal Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative has been filed by Carol A. Bramblett of Hampstead, NH and Stephen J. Kirby of Rockport, MA, Jill M. Bramblett of Kittery, ME requesting that: Carol A. Bramblett of Hampstead, NH and Stephen J. Kirby of Rockport, MA, Jill M. Bramblett of Kittery, ME be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve Without Surety on the bond in unsupervised administration.
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Witness, HON. BRIAN J. DUNN, First Justice of this Court.
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COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS THE TRIAL COURT PROBATE & FAMILY COURT SUFFOLK DIVISION 24 NEW CHARDON STREET BOSTON, MA 02114
Docket No. SU22D2179DR
DIVORCE SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION and MAILING
PATRICE IRENE GAILLOUX
vs.
TROY EDWARD THOMPSON
To the Defendant:
The Plaintiff has filed a Complaint for Divorce requesting that the Court grant a divorce for Irretrievable Breakdown. The Complaint is on file at the Court. An Automatic Restraining Order has been entered in this matter preventing you from taking any action which would negatively impact the current financial status of either party. SEE Supplemental Probate Court Rule 411.
You are hereby summoned and required to serve upon: Patrice Irene Gailloux, 181 Norfolk St., Apt. 2, Boston, MA 02124 your answer, if any, on or before **07/05/2023**. If you fail to do so, the court will proceed to the hearing and adjudication of this action. You are also required to file a copy of your answer, if any, in the office of the Register of this Court.
Witness, HON. BRIAN J. DUNN, First Justice of this Court.
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90 Point Rose	\$9.99	J Lohr Cabernet.....	\$13.99	Freakshow Chardonnay	\$13.99	Duckhorn Napa Cabernet	\$54.99
La Vieille Ferme Rose	\$7.99	Clos du Bois Chardonnay	\$9.99	Text Book Napa Cabernet	\$24.99	Caymus Napa Cabernet	\$74.99
Jean Luc Columbo Rose	\$10.99	Decoy Chardonnay	\$15.99	Harveys Bristol Cream	\$10.99	Lunetta Prosecco	\$9.99
Kendall Jackson Chardonnay Reserve	\$12.99	Mouton Cadet Rouge/White	\$10.99	Kim Crawford Sauvignon Blanc	\$10.49	LaMarca Prosecco	\$12.99
Decoy Cabernet	\$15.99	The Prisoner	\$39.99	Oyster Bay Sauvignon Blanc	\$10.39	Mionetto Prosecco	\$10.99
A to Z Pinot Noir	\$16.99	Frescobaldi Nipozanno Chianti	\$19.99	Santa Margherita	\$19.97	Korbel Champagnes.....	\$11.99
B Side Cabernet	\$19.99	1924 Sauvignon Blanc	\$7.99	Meiomi Pinot Noir	\$17.49	GH Mumm Brut	\$49.99
Mark West Pinot Noir	\$7.99	Dreaming Tree Crush	\$10.99	Bota Box 3ltr	\$15.99	Luc Belair Rose	\$24.99
		Coppola Varietals	\$12.99	Cavit Pinot Grigio 1.5ltr	\$10.99	Moet Brut Imperial	\$49.99

BEER



Sam Adams	12pk Can ..	\$14.99	Coors Light	30pk	\$24.99
Long Trail	12pk Can ..	\$14.99	Bud & Bud Light	30pk	\$24.99
Cisco Grey Lady ...	12pk Can ..	\$15.99	Corona Loose Case		\$27.99
Lord Hobo Variety .	12pk Can ..	\$15.99	Heineken Loose Case		\$26.99
Sierra Nevada	12pk Can ..	\$15.99	Michelob Ultra	18pk Can ..	\$17.99
Leinenkugel Summer...	12pk btl ...	\$15.99	Miller Lite	18pk Can ..	\$14.99
Blue Moon	12pk Btl ...	\$15.99	Pabst Blue Ribbon. 18pk Can ..	\$13.99	
Stella Artois.....	12pk Btl ...	\$15.99	Twisted Tea	18pk Can ..	\$19.99
Heineken	12pk Btl ...	\$15.99	Bud Light	18pk Can ..	\$14.99
Corona.....	12pk Btl ...	\$15.99	Rolling Rock	18pk Btl ...	\$10.49
Amstel Light	12pk Btl ...	\$15.99	Founders IPA	15pk Can ..	\$15.99
Guinness Stout	12pk Btl ...	\$15.99	Goose Island	15pk Can ..	\$15.99
Bass	12pk Btl ...	\$13.99	Southern Tier	15pk Can ..	\$15.99
Michelob Ultra Suitcase.....		\$21.99			



***All Beer Plus Deposit



SPIRITS

Titos Vodka	1.75ltr	\$27.99	John Jameson	1.75ltr	\$46.99	Tangeray Gin	1.75ltr	\$32.49	Glenfiddich 12yr	750ml	\$46.99
Basil Hayden	750ml	\$32.99	Johnnie Walker Black		\$55.99	Paul Masson Brandy ..	1.75ltr	\$18.99	Johnnie Walker Red ...	1.75ltr	\$27.99
Casamigos Blanco	750ml	\$37.99	Bacardi Lite Rum	1.75ltr	\$18.99	Balvenie Carribean 14yr .	750ml	\$69.99	Hennessy VSOP	750ml	\$59.99
Smirnoff	1.75ltr	\$17.99	Baileys Irish Cream	1.75ltr	\$42.99	Hennessy	1.75ltr	\$74.99	Jim Beam	1.75ltr	\$26.99
Seagrams Seven Crown .	1.75ltr	\$19.99	Captain Morgan Spiced ...	1.75ltr	\$23.99	Aperol	750ml	\$19.99	Hendricks Gin	1.75ltr	\$51.99
Jack Daniels	1.75ltr	\$38.99	Four Roses Bourbon ..	1.75ltr	\$31.99	Patron Silver	1.75ltr	\$89.99			