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A SEARCH FOR THEIR NAMES

133 Black women were buried in Cedar **Grove Cemetery** beginning in 1860. A neighborhood group is unearthing their stories.

> By Cassidy McNeeley SPECIAL TO THE REPORTER

A neighborhood group that includes a top adviser to former Mayor Marty Walsh, the first chief equity officer at City Hall, a former prosecutor, and a real estate executive has been digging through history records as part of a community project to determine the names and histories of 133 Black women who were quietly buried in Dorchester's Cedar Grove Cemetery beginning more than one hundred and fifty years ago.

Their effort to give these women the dignity of personal recognition also offers a window into daily life in Boston in the latter half of the 19th century from the perspective of Black women who arrived in Boston from the South.

"This project represents an unprecedented opportunity to mark the names and uncover the stories of 133 hardworking, devoted women who provided critical labor to the city of Boston during a time of remarkable change and growth," said

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An effort is underway to give more than a hundred unnamed Black women the dignity of personal recognition. It's also become a history lesson, with a window into the past and what daily life in Boston was like in the latter half of the 19th century. Bill Forry photo

Valedictorians look back, forward

At Burke High, Alicia Rose found a close-knit community

By SETH DANIEL **News Editor**

It's probably more appropriate to ask Jeremiah Burke High School valedictorian Alicia Rose what accomplishments she didn't achieve in high school, rather than what she did.

From varsity volleyball and dual enrollment college classes to being a mental health ambassador to finding a new passion on the dance team, Rose, 18, seems to have found success in most everything she has tried. There were also outside pursuits, like the summer program at Phillips Exeter Academy and the MIT Cascade Program.

But when she leaves



BPS photo

for Union College in New York this fall, it will be the encouraging atmosphere and tight-knit student community at the Burke in Grove Hall that she will miss.

"We have our issues like any other school. but at the end of the day when we're all in the auditorium or gym for a pep rally and you find students dancing, singing, or showcasing their talents-every student or teacher will cheer those students on," she said, adding that she enjoys (Continued on page 20)

Jaylen Scott of NHCS is going to Bucknell

By SETH DANIEL **News Editor**

When the Neighborhood House Charter School (NHCS) valedictorian, Jaylen Scott, leaves in August for Pennsylvania's Bucknell University, it will mark one of the first times in years that the Centre Street resident won't be living at home and attending school on the same street.

He started at the Henderson Inclusion School on Centre Street and transferred into NHCS in the 5th grade before spending a few years at the charter school's Queen Street campus off Neponset Street before returning to the NHCS Centre Street campus just down the street



NHCS photo

from his home several vears later for grades 8 through 12.

It's rare for a student in Boston to be so centered in the neighborhood, but the experience, said Scott, 18, has been special.

"I feel like that's been a real benefit that helped me to understand my neighborhood better, he said. "I used to walk with my grandfather and my family to school and I made connections to my neighborhood when I was dropped off and picked (Continued on page 20)

Wu rejects Council cut to BPD budget, calls a \$31m trim to request 'illusory'

Cites risks to 'core functions'

By GINTAUTAS DUMCIUS Managing Editor

Mayor Wu last Friday rejected the City Council's $proposed\,cuts\,to\,requests\,in\,the\,budget\,she\,submitted$ in April involving the Boston Police and a host of other city departments, including veterans' affairs and the Boston Public Library.

Earlier in the week, councillors had voted their approval, by a vote of 7 to 5, of a \$4.2 billion operating budget that included \$53 million in amendments, boosting some accounts but cutting from others, most notably a \$31 million trim from Police Department funding and \$900,000 from veterans' services.

Councillors Frank Baker, Ed Flynn, Gabriela Coletta, Michael Flaherty, and Erin Murphy also

In a letter to the City Council on Friday, Wu said the cut to police was "illusory," because the city is obligated to cover salary and overtime expenses incurred by the department.'

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Lou Pasquale, at 96

A beloved figure in Dorchester since the 1950s, he died on Sunday. A US Army veteran who was wounded while serving on Okinawa in 1945, Lou was a longtime manager at the Phillips Family Properties on Morrissey Boulevard, including Boston Bowl and the now-closed Old Colony House, who mentored young people, advised politicians, and gave generously to causes far and wide, but particu-



larly in Dorchester, his adopted home. Editorial, Page 10.

BPD now sharing info with the neighborhoods

By SETH DANIEL News Editor

Boston Police Commissioner Michael Cox has launched a series of meetings in neighborhood settings aimed at giving the public a better understanding of the statistics, trends, and strategies at play as police leaders seek to keep the city safe this summer.

Once held behind closed doors at the BPD's headquarters at Schroeder Plaza, there have been two such local meetings held in the last week, one of them in Fields Corner last Tuesday (June 13).

"We are trying to do something a little different than what we've done in the past," Cox told a group of about 100 people who had gathered at

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Police, Courts & Fire

Police are searching for murder suspect



Stepheon Wells

A 20-year-old South Boston man has been named as the main suspect in the murder of a 33-year-old woman on Fermoy Heights Avenue in Dorchester on Feb. 18. Police are searching for Stepheon Wells, 20, on charges that he repeatedly shot and killed Diva Auso. Wells, who may still be armed with a gun, is 5-foot-3 and weighs about 125 lbs., police

say, adding he was last spotted in South Boston. Call detectives at 617-343-4470 or contact the anonymous tip line by calling 800-494-TIPS.

Transit Police say the driver of a T bus near South Bay who tried to get three disorderly teen passengers to quiet down was shot with a BB gun by one of them around 6 p.m. on Monday. The three then jumped off the bus, but police report they found the teens in Andrew Square and arrested the alleged shooter. The operator declined medical attention, police say.

A report of man with a rifle drew a large police response—including a SWAT team—to Mercier Avenue near Ashmont on Monday afternoon. According to the news site LiveBoston617, police were concerned that the armed man was barricaded inside a home on the street. The suspect was not initially found at the house in question, but was taken into custody later that day, according to the website.

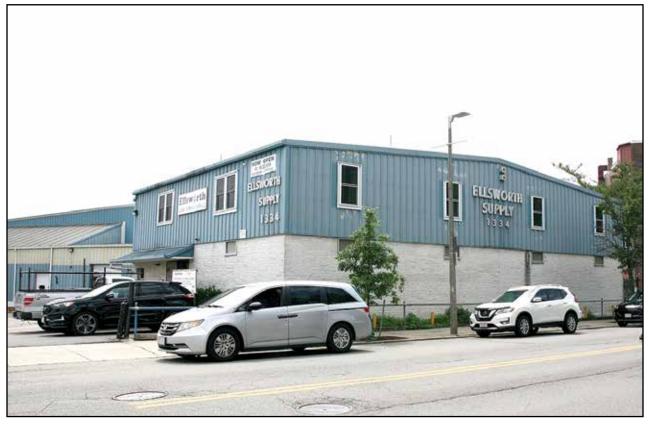
A federal judge last Friday dismissed what was meant to be a class-action suit against Dunkin' Donuts over alleged overcharging on its mobile app because the only listed plaintiff in the initial complaint and Dunkin' are both based in Massachusetts, and federal class-action law requires at least one party to be in a different state.

In March, Martin Kelledy of Dorchester filed a federal suit against Dunkin' Donuts, headquartered in Canton, after, he alleged, he was overcharged for a Large Original Blend Iced Coffee and an everything bagel with plain cream cheese by the company's mobile app.

In his ruling, US District Court Judge Richard Stearns said that while Kelledy's proposed class of harmed consumers might have included people outside Massachusetts, none were actually listed as a plaintiff in the March complaint.

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New Bedford company purchases Ellsworth Plumbing's warehouse



The Ellsworth Plumbing Supply Co. sold its warehouse property on Dorchester Avenue to Plumbers' Supply Company, a chain based in New Bedford, in May for \$9 million. Seth Daniel photo

By SETH DANIEL News Editor

The Ellsworth Plumbing Supply Company's warehouse and property in the 1300 block of Dorchester Avenue has been sold for \$9 million, according to one of the owners of the buyer, Plumbers' Supply Company of New Bedford.

In all, the sale includes the 13 parcels of land on along Kimball Avenue, Dorchester Avenue, and Ellsworth Street that make up the full assemblage of the Ellsworth warehouse building and property.

The owner, Brian Jones, told the Reporter in an email that his company is "very excited about the purchase and to be a part of the community, following in the footsteps of a great family-owned company.'

He added that Plumbers' Supply is in the process of finalizing plans with their business team and will be reaching out to the community shortly to introduce themselves and present their plans for the property.

Neighborhood sources indicated the company hopes to retain the plumbing supply house on the property, but that remains unofficial to date.

The company has 18 locations in Massachusetts, New Hampshire, and Rhode Island, including one in Dorchester, on Tenean Street.

Ellsworth Supply owners had previously permitted their land at 1320 Dorchester Ave. for development of a residential building by Dorchester's Doug George. That 6-story, 70-unit project was approved by the Boston Planning and Development Agency in February.

MWRA posts positive '22 report on source water; cites lead issues

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The Massachusetts Water Resources Authority's source water met every federal and state drinking water standard in 2022, including current and proposed PFAS standards, the independent authority said last week. In addition to posting the data online, contain lead. the MWRA is mailing its annual water quality re-

Citing the report, an

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authority official said lead continues to be an important topic. While systemwide, the authority continues to be below lead-action levels, many homes in the MWRA service area still have lead service lines or plumbing fixtures that

Many MWRA communities have lead service line replacement programs, and the authority itself has distributed \$34 million in interest-free loans to 14 communities for lead service line removals since 2016.

"PFAS - or 'forever $chemicals'-are\ present$ in some drinking water," MWRA Executive Director Fred Laskey said, adding that "because our source water is so well protected, our water meets the current state, and recently proposed federal, standards with levels so low they cannot be quantified.

"We have great confidence in the water we deliver to the homes and

businesses in our service area, and we want our customers to have that same confidence."

The MWRA supplies wholesale water services to 53 eastern Massachusetts communities, and the Quabbin and Wachusett watersheds and reservoirs are its primary water sources. The two reservoirs combined supply an average of 200 million gallons per day to consumers.

- MICHAEL NORTON/ SHNS

UPCOMING CIVIC MEETINGS AND COMMUNITY EVENTS

A public meeting will be held via Zoom on Thurs., June 22, at 6 p.m. about a proposed retail cannabis establishment at 1102A Blue Hill Ave. in Dorchester. See bostonplans.org for more details on joining the meeting.

A two-day festival of music at Governor Hutchinson's Field atop Milton Hill on Adams Street overlooking the beautiful Neponset River basin, will return this weekend, Sat., June 24, and Sun., June 25. The Saturday lineup includes four hours of non-stop music starting at 5 p.m. with a large, open-air dance floor. The Typhoon Generals and Fat City Band will perform, and kids can enjoy a massive sandbox, giant slide, and rock wall. Parents may enjoy the food and drink options, including, pizza, homemade lobster rolls, fresh kettle corn, and a beer garden stocked with cold draft beers, sangria, and assorted wines. A fireworks display is scheduled for 9:45 p.m. The June 25 "Celtic Sunday" schedule

begins at 1 p.m. featuring many of Boston's best Irish bands, musicians, and vocalists. Do not forget to bring your lawn chairs, blankets, and bug spray. For more information visit miltonmusicfest.org.

The Boston Little Saigon Cultural District'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.

Whittier Street Health Center will hold its 24th annual Men's Health Summit on Sat., June 24, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Frederica M. Williams Building, 1290 Tremont St., Roxbury. The theme at this year's summit is "United for Men's Health: Grounded in Equity." The annual event will include a health fair, health

screenings, and a panel discussion and conversation about men's health and wellness. In addition, the Summit will serve as an occasion to recognize several men's health champions, including Wilner Auguste, founder, Haitian American United (HAU); Rev. John Finley, co-founder and head of Epiphany School; Rev. Art Gordon, pastor, St. John Missionary Baptist Church; David Morales, general manager, UniCare; Jean Prezeau, men's health ambassador, Whitter Street Health Center; William Watkins, MBA, vice president of digital strategies and partnerships, Urban League of Eastern Massachusetts; and Leverett Wing, president and CEO, Commonwealth Seminar.

NBC10 News Anchor Glenn Jones will be the guest speaker during the highly anticipated event to which all are welcome to attend. For more information, contact events@wshc.org or 617-989-3119. Friendship Social for people of all abilities

will be held on Sunday, June 25, 1-5 p.m. at Florian Hall, 55 Hallet St., Dorchester. \$10 admission appreciated. Music by DJ Joe Peters "Gifted Fingers." Contact Dennis Walsh at 617-483-5235 or Maggie Desdunes at 617-285-4899.

The Urban Farming Institute of Boston hosts its sixth annual Farm Stand opening on Fri., June 30, from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. at the Fowler Clark Epstein Farm, 487 Norfolk St., Mattapan. For more info, call 617-989-9920. Or visit urbanfarminginstitute.org. The JFK Library is hosting a series of late-night openings and programs this summer starting on Wed., June 21, with a Quiz Night from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. and a July 21 Swing Era Music and Dance with the Beantown Swing Orchestra starting at 5 p.m. Go to jfklibrary.org for more info.

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Healey gets an early start on pursuing pardons

By Chris Lisinski State House News Service

Less than six months into her corner-office tenure, Gov. Healey last Thursday announced that she would seek pardons for seven people convicted years ago on a range of offenses and set her sights on broader reforms to the clemency process.

Healey almost entirely cleared the deck of pardon recommendations the Parole Board had sent her predecessor, and her team promoted her as the first governor in decades to pursue pardons this early in their term.

The round of pardons might come to represent only an opening volley. Healey said at a State House press conference she would wield her executive clemency power "whenever justice requires it," and she outlined plans to kick off an overhaul of the guidelines governing the pardon and commutation process.

She was joined at the press conference by state Sen. Liz Miranda, state Reps. Russell Holmes and Chris Worrell, and District 4 Councillor Brian Worrell of Dorchester.

The forthcoming analysis will look at how to review applications for clemency in a fairer, more timely manner while minimizing racial disparities and other inequities, Healey said. She added that she wants advances in "the science of brain development and how people's judgment can improve through early adulthood" to



State Rep. Chris Worrell greets Gov. Maura Healey after a press conference on proposed pardons.

Image via Governor's Office

factor into clemency decisions.
"Clemency is a fundamen-

"Clemency is a fundamental, important right of our justice system. It provides an opportunity to help soften the harshest edges of the system," Healey said.

Clemency actions, which include both pardons that forgive past offenses and commutations that reduce sentences, have grown rarer in recent decades.

Healey, who served as attorney general for eight years before winning the governorship, cited her experience leading the civil rights division as a factor behind her interest in the pardons.

"To me, it's just the right

thing to do," she said. "We know through time, through so much study, of the systemic inequities and disparities that exist. We also, though, have an opportunity to do something about those disparities."

Other than her broad summary, Healey provided few details about how she wanted to change executive clemency guidelines, most recently issued by former Gov. Charlie Baker in February 2020.

Asked to elaborate on what her new standards would be, Healey replied, "I can't say yet, honestly. That's what the process is now going forward -- having a thoughtful, considered look at the current guidelines and figuring out what, if anything, we want to modify or change."

An administration official said all seven pardons Healey announced on Thursday had been recommended by the Parole Board during the Baker administration, but Baker did not act on them before he left office in January. One additional Parole Board recommendation for a pardon remains under review, the official said.

Pardons must win approval from the Governor's Council, which is scheduled to meet next on June 28, before they take effect.

Healey's pardons are aimed at people convicted on a variety

of charges, one dating back more than half a century: Edem Amet, who was convicted in 1995 on drug charges; Xavier Delvalle, who was convicted in 2006 on breaking and entering and larceny charges; Glendon King, who was convicted in 1992 on drug charges; John Latter, who was convicted of arson in 1966; Deborah Pickard, who was convicted on several charges between 1982 and 1987; Gerald Waloewandja, who was convicted of drug charges in 2003; and Terrance Williams, who was convicted of assault and battery with a dangerous weapon in 1984.

Some of the individuals on the list face "barriers and uncertainties" in their lives today as a result of their criminal records, despite accepting responsibility and repaying their debts to society, Healey said.

According to Healey's office:
• Former Gov. Michael Dukakis recommended 119 pardons and 16 commutations in 1975, the first year of his first stint, and then 49 pardons and four commutations in 1983, when he kicked off a second stretch

in the corner office.

• Deval Patrick, Mitt Romney and Jane Swift did not issue any pardons in their first years – though Swift in 2002 proposed seven pardons about a year and a half after she took office..

• Paul Cellucci recommended four pardons and one commutation in 1997, when he was serving as acting governor following the resignation of Gov. Bill Weld, who recommended one pardon in his first year.

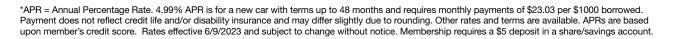




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O'Brien suspends his campaign in District 3 race

By Gintautas Dumcius Managing Editor

Patrick O'Brien, a state transportation official and Army veteran from



Adams Village, has withdrawn his candidacy in the race to succeed Dorchester City Councillor Frank Baker for the District 3 seat.

In a statement on Tuesday,

O'Brien said, "I am suspending my campaign but I am confident and optimistic for the future of D3. I am beyond thankful to my family and friends that supported me in this endeavor."

He added that his commitment to public service is "as strong as ever and I look forward to being an active part of

Dorchester

this neighborhood for years to come."
O'Brien is a former Beacon Hill aide
who has worked for state Sen. Nick
Collins of South Boston and former
state Sen. Linda Dorcena Forry of

Dorchester.

Baker, who was first elected in 2011, said in April that he would not be running for another two-year term. Two candidates — Meetinghouse Hill civic activist Jennifer Johnson and public schoolteacher Joel Richards — were already running in District 3 when Baker stepped away from another campaign.

The other candidates in the race include former schoolteacher and State House aide Barry Lawton of Uphams Corner/Savin Hill, labor lawyer Matt Patton of Savin Hill, former nonprofit leader Ann M. Walsh of Lower Mills, and housing activist Rosalind Wornum of Ashmont.

O'Brien's exit came as two unions

— Iron Workers Local 7 and Laborers Local 223 — said they're swinging support over to John FitzGerald, a Boston Planning and Development Agency official.

Dorchester-based Laborers Local 223 is run by Martin F. Walsh, the cousin of Martin J. Walsh, the former US labor secretary and mayor of Boston.

FitzGerald, who lives in Adams Village, is "committed to fighting for good jobs, needed benefits, and economic opportunity for our members and all of Boston's working class," Walsh of Local 223 said in a statement.

Vin Coyle, business manager for Iron Workers Local 7, which is based in South Boston, added that FitzGerald will be a "strong voice" on the City Council.

The North Atlantic States Regional Council of Carpenters and IBEW Local 103 endorsed FitzGerald in May.

Richards, the schoolteacher, has received support from the Boston Teachers Union, and last week he was endorsed by a Massachusetts wing of the United Auto Workers (UAW) Region 9A. Evan MacKay, of the Harvard Graduate Students Union, which is part of UAW, said he'd be a "strong ally of organized labor."

Ānother union, SEIU Local 888, is backing Patton, the labor lawyer. Tom McKeever, president of the union that represents city workers, said Patton will be a "strong advocate and partner."

Patton also received a boost from his former boss, John Barros, a former city economic development official whose campaign for mayor he ran in 2013.

"From our work together to bring about more affordable housing in our community to ensuring that every child has access to a high-quality education, I know Matt is the best candidate to build a Boston that stands strong for

our families and our next generation," Barros said in an email to supporters.

Redistricting nears finish line as elections loom

The end could be in sight for the City Council's redistricting saga. Councillors on May 24 voted, 10-2, to approve a map that redraws the boundaries of the nine district seats. US Judge Patti Saris threw out the map they passed last fall and ordered councillors to come up with a new one, ruling that a federal lawsuit that claimed they wrongly allowed race to predominate discussions had a chance at succeeding in court.

The attorney for the plaintiffs, a group that includes former Dorchester councillor Maureen Feeney and Councillor At-Large Michael Flaherty's aunt, said the lawyers on both sides are going to get together to come up with a resolution.

"I think we're going to do the best we can to resolve it," said the attorney, Glen Hannington, after a virtual meeting with the judge and the city's lawyers last week.

During the meeting, Saris said she didn't watch every minute of councillors' efforts in May to redraw the map, but her impression was it "wasn't like last time," in a reference to last fall's scramble that led to a blocked map. The May effort on a new map was led by Councillor at-Large Ruthzee Louijeune.

"There's too much going on in the city," Saris told the attorneys. "They have elections going on. It's important to bring some closure to this and rebuild some trust, and just move forward in the democratic process."

The preliminary is slated for Tuesday, Sept. 12, but since Boston has vote-by-mail, ballots must be printed by August before they go into voters' hands.

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fortunate to have Alison Schirone on board with us at Mass Bay Credit Union, said CEO Terry Dorilas. "Alison's extensive experience in financial services, marketing communications, as well as her entrepreneurial spirit is a perfect fit for the Credit Union and our community."

Now based in MBCU's headquarters in South Boston, Schirone has worked in marketing for



Alison Schirone Takes marketing post

community banks, IT project management, as a college instructor, and local business owner.

Founded in 1936 as a credit union for MBTA employees, Mass Bay Credit Union has since expanded to include the local communities it serves.

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Dorchester-Roxbury group opposes plan to move O'Bryant School to West Roxbury

By SETH DANIEL **News Editor**

A small group of Roxbury and Dorchester activists sounded off at a press conference in front of the John D. O'Bryant High School last Friday against Mayor Wu's plan to move the school from Roxbury Crossing to the site of the former West Roxbury Educational Complex (WREC).

Sadiki Kambon, director of the Black Community Information Center and chairman of the Nubian Square Coalition, said that while their numbers were few in front of the microphone that day, he and Dorchester activist Priscilla Flint represented the "viewpoint of a lot of folks out there" who are unhappy and suspicious of the plan.

"This facility is vast



Sadiki Kambon, director of the Black Community Information Center, Inc. and chairman of the Nubian Square Coalition, and Priscilla Flint, a Dorchester activist, held a press conference on Friday morning calling out opposition to Seth Daniel photo the plan to move the John D. O'Bryant High School.

and it's capable of housing the numbers of students for expansion," said Kambon in noting they want a new Madison Park Vocational Technical School side-by-side with a new O'Bryant on the existing site. "They know that. We know it. But they're trying to make it appear like this is a better opportunity for our youngsters. It's not a better opportunity because clearly what they want to do is move it to West Roxbury and the dominant numbers of students will be white students benefiting from the STEM training out there.

"There's a lot more going on socially that's not being talked about, and we recognize what the objective is in moving it to West Roxbury," he added.

Wu and Boston Public Schools Supt. Mary Skipper unveiled a plan earlier this month that featured a new and renovated Madison Park school on both its existing site and in the current O'Bryant buildings at Roxbury Crossing, where both campuses have shared space since the 1990s. In turn, the shuttered and vacant WREC on VFW Parkway would be fully renovated, using as much as \$50 million to construct a new O'Bryant High School focusing on high-quality STEM training.

Construction on the new facility could start in 2025. The move would include expanding the middle school at O'Bryant by about 400 students, creating a total enrollment of 2,000, and leaving Madison Park to occupy the entire Roxbury Crossing campus.

"The high schools' vision that the mayor laid out last week begins with investing in Madison Park and the John D. O'Bryant, two schools that serve disproportionate numbers of Black and Latinx students when compared to the district overall," a Wu spokesperson said in a statement. "Before sharing the proposal publicly, the City and BPS teams spoke with a multigenerational group of students, staff, and alumni and heard a clear desire for both schools to have their own state-ofthe-art facilities."

The statement said they have proposed massive investments into both schools, including what they believe will be a nation-leading vocational technical high school in the heart of Roxbury, and a STEM facility at the new O'Bryant in West Roxbury.

"We will continue to deliver on these major

facilities commitments and improve learning environments for our students," the statement added.

The mayor's office noted that they have heard some skepticism of the move, but they have also heard a lot of support from the community and school leaders and alums, including O'Bryant family members who live in Dorchester and Mattapan.

Of note as well, the mayor's office said that since the O'Bryant is an exam school, the seats in the admissions process are distributed equally across socioeconomic tiers. That, they said, would ensure that the O'Bryant student body would remain as diverse in West Roxbury as it is today in Roxbury, and would not eventually benefit more white students than Black students.

An in-person parent/ community meeting about the O'Bryant move was scheduled for Tuesday of this week, but later it was set as a Zoom meeting online. A parent meeting for Madison Park school community was scheduled for the next day.

Kambon and Flint said they don't believe there has been enough discussion with the community about such a large move. They said Roxbury Community College, Madison Park, O'Bryant, and the forthcoming Benjamin Franklin Institute (now under construction in Nubian Square) have a synergy building and were working together already. This move, they said, takes that energy out of the heart of the Black community and places it in a predominantly white neighborhood that is difficult to get to.

"The bottom line is Mi $chelle\,Wu\,\,needs\,to\,come$ to the table and talk to us," said Flint. "This has got to stop...We're tired of getting pushed off the table. I'm sick of Michelle Wu and the City Council disrespecting us and we're going to do something.'

Kambon said they have architects in the community-a reference to the noted architect David Lee of Stull & Lee Architects – who believe the existing campus has plenty of room to transform the schools sitting side-by-side without having to move either

"They could take that \$50 million and apply it to this situation here and have a state-of-the-art facility," Kambon said. "If you go to Madison Park, it's a huge facility that's underutilized."



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City program helps public housing residents achieve home ownership Up to \$75,000 in funding is available per applicant

By SETH DANIEL NEWS EDITOR

When Codman Square resident Gisselle Jimenez heard about the One Plus Boston mortgage, which helps public housing and Section 8 voucher holders achieve homeownership with up to \$75,000 in assistance, she thought it sounded too good to be true.

But the journey she embarked upon with the city and Boston Housing Authority's (BHA) newest program has led her and her two boys, Isael and Elias, to a home of their own in Hyde Park that they closed on in a public ceremony last Wednesday afternoon in the Codman Square offices of Thumbprint Realty.

Jimenez, who had a private apartment near Codman Square with a Section 8 voucher, traded in that certificate for participation in the new mortgage program this month, after having started down that path earlier with the BHA's Family Self Sufficiency (FSS) financial literacy program. That dual formula has resulted in a generational change for her and her boys.

"You see how rent is in Boston, it is very expensive," she said. "Sometimes you feel discouraged and feel you'll stay in the same bracket all your life. This program gave me the opportunity not only for me, but also for my kids. This is for their generation and an open door...It's so important people know they don't have to make



New homeowner Gisselle Jimenez, at center, signs the closing documents for her new home in Hyde Park. She is flanked by Myah Powers, Needham Bank's Wilfred Edwards, and her sons Elias and Isael. Seth Daniel photo

a certain amount to get to this place. This was my dream and I'm a single mother coming from a single mother."

The ceremony was organized by Alex and Joanna Edwards, who run Thumbprint Realty on Washington Street in Dorchester, and have been the top broker for the unique One Plus Boston program so far. Jimenez is the fourth person who has successfully used the program, and there are five other families from public housing in the pipeline.

Joanna said they are participating because homeownership in Boston is a passion for her and her husband. "Oftentimes we pass on our vouchers as opposed to passing on generational wealth and homeownership," she said. "Generational wealth is extremely important to my husband and me and we want to educate our community on what

is attainable. Homeownership seems very far-fetched for a lot of people, especially the Black and Brown community here. It's our goal, responsibility, and priority to let them know it isn't."

Mayor Michelle Wu, who took part in the closing proceedings, said the program is an enhancement of the existing One Boston mortgage, whereby it seeks out public housing development residents and those who hold BHA Section 8 vouchers, and works to get them the resources to buy a home.

With BHA's Megan Ryan at the helm, the program has grown legs over the past few months. Public housing residents can qualify for as much as \$75,000 in down payment or closing cost assistance under One Plus Boston, which the Wu administration launched using federal Covid-19 recovery funds.

Tearing up, Wu told the audience that the work they have been doing is just for this occasion. "We are a city that has a chance to show every city around the country what it means when people are empowered to live their fullest lives," she said. "The starting point for that is having your dream home...and a place where the kids can play in the backyard and do homework at the table and dream about what is next in their lives."

The subsidy can also be used to finance a lower interest rate, said Needham Bank's Wilfred Edwards – who worked with Jimenez on the mortgage for her new home.

"In this high-interest rate environment where interest rates are almost 7 percent, folks like Gisselle have been able to use the rate reduction and buy that rate down," he said. "She got a 5 percent rate in a...7 percent rate environment. That afforded her to be able to buy much more house than she typically could have. In fact, with a 7 percent without the down payment assistance and mechanics of this program, she would not have been able to experience homeownership."

The banker noted the many people in Boston who, frustrated by high prices and high rents, are leaving their long-time neighborhoods for surrounding cities and towns. He cautioned those thinking about doing so, especially those in public housing, to look closely

at the programs like One Plus Boston, Mass Dreams, and Federal home loan banks, where there is potentially more than \$100,000 available to buyers like Jimenez.

"There is a lot of money out there," he said.

BHA Administrator Kate Bennett said the program helps applicants in two ways: "Within BHA, we have several hundred people that earn above 70 percent of AMI and just need this kind of support to make that leap to homeownership," she said. "It makes total sense for us because not only are we helping that family with their own mobility, but we also freeing up a rental unit for a family on our long, long waiting list."

Jimenez said she prayed long and hard for her dream of a new home; she even wrote a letter to the owners after her initial offer was turned down. Her plea must have hit home—the sellers chose her next. With a new life ahead for her and her children, the first order of business for, Jimenez said, was to get out into the backyard.

"I can't wait to work in the garden," she said. "I love plants and I love trees and the first thing I noticed at this home was the backyard."

More information on the program is available at the following website: https://www.bostonhousing.org/en/For-Section-8-Leased-Housing/Resident-Information/BHA-First-Home-Program.aspx.



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Exhibit on the history of slavery in Boston opens in Faneuil Hall

By Mamathna Coetzee AND KATIE COLE

An exhibit detailing the history of slavery in Boston, entitled "Slavery in Boston," opened in Faneuil Hall on June 16. The two-floor presentation highlights the lives of individual enslaved African and Native Amer-

ican people in Boston and how the city upheld the institution of slavery, said Joe Bagley, the city's director of archeology.

The exhibit features artifacts from those times, some of which were discovered during archeological surveys at Faneuil Hall. They include pieces used in the production of sugar, which was shipped into Boston from Caribbean slave plantations, and pottery from Parker Pottery in Charlestown that were likely made by two enslaved Black men, who are identified in the historical record as Jack and Acton.

"The goal really of this is to lay the foundations of what slavery in Boston was and try to tell as complete a story as possible, to include the presence of Native enslaved people in addition to enslaved Africans," said Bagley.

Most enslaved people in Boston were Native American before 1700, according to the exhibit's website.

Faneuil Hall itself is, in part, a product of the slave trade. Peter Faneuil, the eponymous wealthy merchant who paid for the building, profited from the sale of enslaved people. Activists have previously called for the building to be renamed due to its ties to slavery.

"Slavery in Boston" is part of a larger project to digitize over 60,000 artifacts found by the archeological surveys at Faneuil Hall and make them accessible in a catalog online.

The exhibit is free, open to the public, and will be on display indef-

UMass Boston survey will ask for views on state seal, motto

tasked with overhauling Massachusetts's state seal and motto voted last week to move ahead with a UMass Boston survey to solicit public input on the redesign. Created in 2021, the slow-moving State Seal Commission has received multiple deadline extensions, most recently to Nov. 15, 2023, and a \$100,000 budget, awarded by the Legislature last fall.

The current 18th century seal portrays an indigenous person on a shield below a crest that features an arm holding a sword, which advocates have long said represents violence and oppression toward the native population. The commission last year brainstormed potential ideas ranging from flora and fauna, like

The state commission a pine tree or a chickadee, to geographic features like the ocean.

Panel co-chair Brian Boyles said the panel is looking at an approximately \$85,000 scope of work in partnering with the UMass Boston Center for Survey Research. Commissioners approved proceeding with the survey pending their approval of its final contents.

Vice Chair Brittney Walley said she hoped the "random sampling" of the state, including both online and snail-mail responses, will present "an image of what our commonwealth has to say" about a new emblem and motto. She added that the commission would strategically solicit responses from non-random respondents such as the Institute for New

What's easier than stopping into



England Native American Studies.

After the commission missed its last few deadlines, Boyles requested that it work on an internal Oct. 15 deadline ahead of its statutory November goal for delivering recommendations back to the Legislature.

- SAM DORAN/ SHNS

Dorchester, Roxbury schools receive EdVestors arts grants

A dozen Dorchester schools have received grants from EdVestors. a nonprofit focused on school improvement. The organization announced earlier this month a \$460,000 purse for arts education funding to 65 Boston Public Schools for the coming school year.

The announcement came at the Citywide Arts Festival, an annual three- affair that started in 2009.

The Dorchester schools that received grants funding include Boston Community Leadership Academy, Boston International Newcomers Academy, Burke High School, Clap Elementary School, Community Academy of Science & Health, Everett Elementary School, Henderson K-12 Inclusion School, Kennedy Academy for Health Careers, Lee Academy, Mather Ele-

mentary School, Russell Elementary School, and TechBoston Academy.

The Roxbury schools include Boston Day & Evening Academy, Dudley Street Neighborhood Charter School, Ellis Elementary, Greater Egleston High School, Hale Elementary, Haynes Early Education Center, Mason Pilot Elementary, and the O'Bryant School of Math & Science.

Bags remain at center of battle against plastic

By Sophie Hauck STATE HOUSE **News Service**

Time's up for single-use plastics. Or at least that remains the hope of representatives from ten environmental organizations who gathered this week on Beacon Hill to promote bills that would ban the distribution of

plastic shopping bags at retail stores statewide.

Sen. Becca Rausch and Rep. Mindy Domb stood with advocates outside the State House last Wednesday and said the state should follow the lead of many of cities and towns where single-use plastic bag bans or limitations have already been put into effect.

"The fact that we haven't done it has allowed 156 towns to take the lead," Domb said. "We have to level the playing field across the state and have every town sort of be

and customers and municipalities – no one's put at a disadvantage.'

Supporters of the legislation imagined a future where Massachusetts leads the country in plastic waste reduction.

"The Commonwealth is behind where it should and can be when it comes to reducing plastics,' said Lydia Churchill of Environmental Massachusetts. "Nothing we use for a few minutes should pollute our environment and threaten our wildlife for hundreds of years."

The Joint Committee

Natural Resources heard more than 40 bills last Wednesday afternoon designed to limit single-use plastic consumption.

If passed, the bills (S 477/ H 784) backed by Rausch and Domb would prohibit retail stores from distributing single-use plastic bags to shoppers except when handling prescription medication, perishable grocery items, or delicate clothing.

The bills encourage shoppers to use their own reusable shopping bags, but stores could sell recycled paper bags to customers for ten cents.





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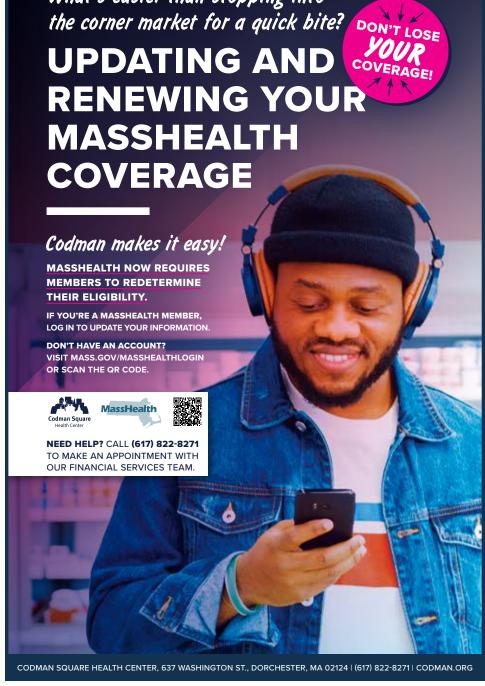
Send an email to fellowestrust@yahoo.com to register to attend one of the Technical Assistance sessions on Tuesday, June 27 (10-11:30 am) or Thursday, July 6 (4:00-5:30pm). Both sessions will be held at the Roxbury Branch (149 Dudley Street). When you register, you will receive a detailed list of the types of programs sought.

The grant deadline is Friday, July 21 at 7:00 pm.









Reporter's People in and around our Neighborhoods

Sportsmen's Center gets \$1m grant from Cummings Foundation

Sportsmen's Tennis and Enrichment Center (STEC) has been selected as one of 150 local nonprofits from among 630 applicants to share in a \$30 million purse through Cummings Foundation's major annual grants program. The Dorchester-based organization will receive \$100,000 a year for 10 years after undergoing a competitive review process.

For more than 60 years, STEC has leveraged tennis to open doors of opportunity for youth in some of Boston's most underserved communities. As one of the largest organizations in the USTA's National Junior Tennis and Learning (NJTL) network, it provides top-tier tennis instruction, academic support, and life skills programming for more than 5,000 youth annu-

In addition, STEC is home to hundreds of adult members from across Metro Boston, who rent courts, take lessons,

compete on traveling teams, and share their time and talents with Enrichment Center youth.

"We are extraordinarily grateful for this investment, and the vote of confidence that this gift represents from the Cummings Foundation,' said Toni Wiley, Sportsmen's chief executive officer. "Over the last four years, Cummings has funded our Learning Center, and has been an amazing institutional partner. This 10-year grant is transformational for both Sportsmen's current programs, and our future legacy.'

Sportsmen's is committed to tackling the literacy gap in young learners aged 5 to 8 who are facing Covid slide and learning loss due to remote learning, and social emotional wellness and mental health challenges due to pandemic lockdowns and school closures. The grant will fund increased academic, enrichment, and emotional support to help close the widening achievement gap for vulnerable children along Boston's Blue Hill Avenue corridor.

"The way the local nonprofit sector perseveres, steps up, and pivots to meet the shifting needs of the community is most impressive," said Cummings Foundation executive director Joyce Vyriotes. "We are incredibly grateful for these tireless efforts to support people in the community and to increase equity and access to opportu-

The Foundation and volunteers first identified 150 organizations to receive three-year grants of up to \$225,000 each. The winners included first-time recipients as well as nonprofits that had previously received Cummings grants. Twenty-five of this latter group of repeat recipients were then selected by a volunteer panel to have their grants elevated to 10-year awards ranging from \$300,000 to \$1 million each.

- REPORTER STAFF

Trustees of Reservations names its new CEO

The board of directors of The Trustees of Reservations (The Trustees) on June 7 announced the appointment of Katie Theoharides as president and CEO. She joins The Trustees from her role as head of US Offshore East division for the energy industry firm RWE. She also served as former Massachusetts Gov. Charlie Baker's energy and environmental affairs chief.

Theoharides brings a background in ecology and climate science to her longstanding career in environmental leadership and land conservation, key pillars of The Trustees' mission.

The Trustees own a variety of properties across Massachusetts, includ $ing\,dozens\,of\,community\\$ gardens in Boston. The Erie Green, at 72 Erie Street, and the Lydon Community Green at 57 Msgr. Lydon Way in Dorchester are just two of the 56 local gardens across eight neighbor-

environmentalist who cares for land conservation and for mobilizing people through a shared reverence for nature," said Peter B. Coffin, chair $of The \, Trustees' \, Board \, of \,$ Directors.

During her time as a Baker administration official, from 2019 to 2022, Theoharides led partnerships with local communities to build climate resiliency and reduce emissions. She also worked as a lead negotiator on complex environmental and energy issues with governmental, business, and philanthropic leaders.

"The decades ahead will require a deep sense of urgency and dedicated work to bring people together to protect our environment and implement solutions for a changing climate," said Theoharides.

Her career in Massachusetts started at The Trustees in 2010 when she served as the executive director of the Hilltown Land Trust, an "At her core she is an affiliate of The Trustees.



Kathryn Theoharides Starts job on July 10 Krista Photographyphoto

A native of Western Massachusetts, Theoharides focused her studies on global environmental change, earning a Bachelor of Arts in ecology and evolutionary biology from Dartmouth College and a Master of Science in environmental biology from the University of Massachusetts Boston. She will begin her new roles on July 10.

—REPOŘTERSTAFF

ABCD promotes Dot native Corbin-Fennell to COO post

Action for Boston Community Development (ABCD) has announced the promotion of Anne Corbin-Fennell to chief operating officer for the anti-poverty agency. The Dorchester native has 29 years of experience in program development, implementation and administration.

"Anne brings a wealth of experience in nonprofit administration to the COO role, having led a variety of ABCD programs including Child Care Choices of Boston (CCCB), Elder Services and Housing and Homelessness Prevention," said ABCD President and CEO Sharon Scott-Chan-

Rising to the occasion is second nature to Corbin-Fennell, as she was tapped to serve as interim director of ABCD's Housing and Homelessness Prevention department at the her new job as a natural



Anne Corbin-Fennell "Appreciative, proud" **Photo courtesy ABCD**

start of the pandemic in 2020, while also serving as director of ABCD's Elder Services program until her appointment as COO.

Corbin-Fennell sees

next step on her pro-fessional journey. "I am appreciative of Sharon's confidence in my abilities and proud to take on this critical leadership role. I look forward to the days ahead with ABCD."

Corbin-Fennell began her ABCD career at Child Care Choices of Boston (CCCB) in 1993, becoming director in 2010.

Prior to joining ABCD, Corbin-Fennell held management positions at the former BayState Health Care and Blue Cross/Blue Shield of Massachusetts. She is a graduate of Springfield College and holds a certificate in Nonprofit Administration & Finance from Suffolk University's Center for Public Management.

She lives in Brockton and has two adult sons. In her free time, she and her husband enjoy traveling

Richardson Award hopeful hailed at Caribbean festival

Maridena Rojas, of the Talbot Norfolk Triangle Neighborhood Associa-



Maridena Rojas

tion (TNT), was presented with a plaque for her nomination as a candidate for the national Dorothy Richardson Award

on June 3 during the Codman Square Neighborhood Development Corporation's annual Caribbean JerkFest celebration.

The award for resident leadership, sponsored by NeighborWorks, honors the spirit and life's work of Dorothy Mae Richardson, and her neighbors, who sparked a movement in the 1960s on the north side of Pittsburgh. Their efforts resulted in the $establishment\,of\,the\,first$ Neighborhood Housing Services, the forerunner of today's Neighbor-Works network, which is active in Dorchester and Mattapan neighbor-

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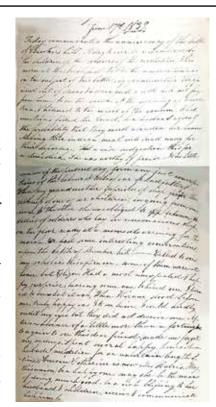
Battle of Bunker Hill, the first major battle in the Revolutionary War, which took place on June 17, 1775, in Charlestown. The British won the day. The wife of Lemuel Clap, who served as a captain in the Revolutionary War, Elizabeth (Clapp) Withington, kept a diary and wrote an item in her diary on June 17, 1839, about what her paternal grandmother, Rebecca (Dexter) Clap - Lemuel's second wife - had experienced:

"Today commemorates the anniversary of the battle of Bunker hill, a day to ever be remembered by the children of the soldiers of the revolution. This morn at the breakfast table, the conversation was on the subject of this battle. My grandmother Clapp went out of doors & ascended a little hill not far from home to see the smoke of the burning of Charlestown & listened to the report of the cannon. What emotions filled

Bunker Hill Day marks the her heart, her husband absent, the probability that they must abandon her home, making their Indian meal into bread, ready for their departure.

"How little can we of the present day form any just conception of the labours & toils of our grandfather? When my grandmother, deprived of sleep by the sickness of one of her children, in going from one room to the other, was obliged to step between the bodies of soldiers who lay in unconscious sleep on the floor, ready at a moment's warning for the march."

During the siege of Boston and the Dorchester Heights campaign some of Capt. Clap's men were stationed at his house. Although the Historical Society's Lemuel Clap House was altered in the early and mid-eighteenth century, it is still the same as it was during the revolution. It was moved to its present location on Boston Street in 1957.



The archive of these historical posts can be viewed on the blog at dorchesterhistorical society. org. The Society's William Clapp and James Blake houses are open to the public on the third Sunday of the month from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Page 10 THE REPORTER June 22, 2023 dotnews.com

Editorial

RIP, Lou Pasquale, Dot's devoted friend

Luigi "Lou" Pasquale grew up in Quincy, and he and Terry, his wife of 74 years, were longtime residents of Braintree.

But Lou, who died on Father's Day at age 96, proved that you don't have to live here to call Dorchester your home. He was a fixture in this neighborhood for three-quarters-of-a-century.

A mason by trade, he helped to build some of Dorchester's landmark buildings with his own hands, including the Boston Bowl, which is where he was based for many years. In 2019, then-Mayor Marty Walsh was on hand as the city re-named the corner just outside the bowling alley's entrance "Lou Pasquale Square."

Last year, he rode in a convertible in the Dorchester

Day Parade as the

chief marshal, a role

that has traditional-

ly been served by a

veteran. He never

talked very much

about his experience in World War II,

but he did tell his

legions of friends

what compelled him

to persuade his par-

ents to let him sign

up for Army ser-

vice, even though



Lou Pasquale with Reporter he was technically too young to enlist.

Dorcena Forry.

"I told my parents

Dorcena Forry. "I told my parents I had to go in the service because [Hitler] is killing people because of who they are, and I can't sleep,"

he said in a 2019 interview.

Lou enlisted in time to see action in the Pacific, where he was wounded in an explosion on Okinawa. He recalled to the *Reporter* that as he lay wounded with a piece of shrapnel in his leg, he saw a heavenly white light – and made a pact with God.

"I said, 'I promise to help an individual every day of my life. I told my Mum I'd make it home, and so if you help me through this, I'll keep that promise."

Lou made good on that promise, and, and to the everlasting betterment of Dorchester, fate brought him to Morrissey Boulevard and the bowling alley. He mentored (some would say "saved") untold numbers of wayward teens and young adults, some of whom he first encountered as troublemakers in the pool hall.

Lou was constantly calling in favors from his vast network of admirers to help out someone in need. He was active in all manner of philanthropy across the region, but he was particularly busy in helping out the Disabled American Veterans (DAV) organization.

Later in his career, as the manager at Phillips Old Colony House, he charmed and danced with his guests, always on the lookout for a way to fulfill the long-ago pledge he made on a Japanese island battlefield. It was Lou's relationships that made the Old Colony House a go-to spot for Dorchester functions and special occasions for a generation.

"I don't expect anything," he said at the time of the Pasquale Square dedication. "If you do something for somebody and you expect something in return, it has no meaning. But if you do something, and you don't expect anything, it makes you feel good in your heart."

Visting hours for Lou Pasquale will be held at the Sweeney Brothers Home in Quincy, on Friday, June 23, 4-7 p.m. A funeral Mass will be celebrated in St. John the Baptist Church in Quincy on Sat., June 24, 10 a.m. Those wishing to make a donation in Lou's memory can send it to Disabled American Veterans, State House, Room 546, Boston, MA 02133.

-Bill Forry

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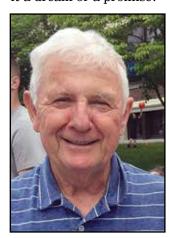
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Off the Bench

The yearning that faith keeps alive

By James W. Dolan Boston Irish Contributor

Is my yearning for something better than what I see around me just an indication of my fretful human nature? Or am I being pulled by a force that draws me toward a destiny beyond my own mortality? Is it a dream or a promise?



James W. Dolan

True contentment is unattainable here. Fulfillment is beyond our reach. Why this feeling of disquiet and discontent even when things go well? Love, money, and power never satisfy. Something is always missing. It never is quite what we hoped it would be.

Is our inability to satisfy our own needs no matter how hard we try simply our lot as human beings or is it a message? Is hope a misplaced delusion or the gateway to

faith? Faith is the affirmation of hope. It propels us to a belief in the unknowable. It provides a channel for our yearning. It directs us toward that distant yet attainable union with our source.

As the salmon is drawn back to its spawning grounds, so, too, are we drawn by some force beyond our understanding to whence we sprang. Our capacity to understand what draws us back may be like that of the salmon which only knows that it should return.

If the universe was produced by the "Big Bang,"

what caused that cataclysmic event, what was the space in which it occurred, and what was the matter that made it possible? What caused life even in its most elemental form? Where did atoms come from?

To suggest that existence is all a huge accident – that matter, the universe, life, evolution, and mankind are coincidences – is preposterous. We may not understand the intelligent design behind it all, but to conclude it was a fluke is to suspend judgment.

The salmon does not understand the ocean in which it swims or the river in which it was hatched and to which it returns to spawn. Like salmon, we swim in a larger sea but our understanding of the why and how of it, although on a higher plain, may be comparable to that of a fish trying to understand its own environment.

Having achieved belief, many people stop. They acknowledge the existence of an intelligent life force, a supreme being, or God, but are at a loss to know what to do about it. Offended by the excesses of organized religion, some struggle in trying to establish and maintain a relationship with it.

Faith serves to define the force. In so doing, it reduces that force to human terms that we can know, understand, and worship. It is an expression of our desire to know, love, and worship that created us and maintains us in existence—to establish a relationship with our creator.

To conclude that creation, the universe, and mankind just happened without rhyme or reason, to no purpose, is a leap of faith in the opposite direction. But sometimes the cruelty, evil, and sheer madness that are so much a part of human history makes one question the existence of a benevolent creator.

James W. Dolan is a retired Dorchester District Court judge who now practices law.

Commentary

Our politics have become nastier

By Lawrence S. DiCara Special to the Reporter

When email was new and I was in firm management, I was always appalled at the tone used when people were emailing each other back and forth with language that would never be used face to face. I don't think any of this is healthy. Ideas are now transmitted rapidly and electronically without regard to their veracity.

The language that we hear on television and, yes, on the floor of the Boston City Council, would never have been used in private 50 years ago. It is now used in public. It is a very different world than the one that I knew toward the end of the last century.

This is not the America that DeTocqueville reported on almost 200 years ago. Community organizations such as veterans' posts, Knights of Columbus Councils, Holy Name Societies, Rotaries, Kiwanis, Lions, have disappeared left and right; many doors are shuttered. Harvard Professor Robert Putnam long ago detailed the diminished vibrancy of civic life in America. The Sons of Italy Lodge of which I have been a member for over 40 years, and which my grandfather founded more than 100 years ago, announced recently that the organization may sell their real estate.

The Boston Sports Club, of which I was a member for 16 years, closed on 24 hours' notice, never to reopen, a microcosm of society disappeared. Friendships evaporated. These are all victims of the pandemic.

This is also a very different America from the America I knew as a young man on the City Council. Perhaps this is in part because of the toxic polarization of our politics. I disagreed with Louise Day Hicks. I disagreed with Fred Langone. We were civil enough with each other, however, so that we could get things done. That is not necessarily the case today. It is very troubling and is in part because of the elevation of people on the political fringes to positions of visibility as a result of media outlets that overemphasize their importance.

Anyone who has studied American politics understands that much of the political energy through the first decades of the 20th century emanated from the left. The Progressive Era brought about significant reforms, as did the New Deal and the Civil Rights Movement and the legislation that followed. And let's not forget the Nuclear Test Ban Treaty and Medicare!

For the past 50 years or so, however, political energy has been emanating from the right. Prop. 13 and its progeny, Ronald Reagan and all he stood for. Newt Gingrich, who chose to shut down the government. The Tea Party, which gave most all of us a big headache and then, of course, Donald Trump. There has been a succession of tax cuts and deregulatory actions. Who knows what is next?

It is to wonder why the left has been obsessing with identity politics and which pronouns people will identify themselves with, rather than dealing with bread-and-butter economic issues that impact the great majority of Americans. Perhaps I am naive, but I believe that one can be both progressive and patriotic. I see no contradiction in being an advocate for change, and also being an advocate for rules.

I fear that our problem is that the great majority of our political activity is generated by people who are Washington-centric; either they live there, or they want to live there. Alas, Washington is a city where everybody talks to people who are exactly like them. They are not out and about, even in communities such as Wellesley, even in cities as urbane as Boston.

The Washington Post reports that a survey on political attitudes by the non-partisan research group More in Common concludes that the five most common emotions toward our nation today are "frustration, disappointment, exhaustion, disgust, and anger." More in Common suggests many Americans are members of the "exhausted majority." George Will has suggested that "most Americans are not angry; they are exhausted and embarrassed by exhibitionistic, political anger."

Thomas Frank, author of "What's the Matter with Kansas," has written extensively on this topic. He suggests: "It must be demanded by ordinary people... coming together in the millions in a social movement capable of sweeping all before it."

Steve Pearlstein recently wrote in the Washington Post that the nation really needed "an uprising of the serious." I think he is right. Maybe we need the adults to once again step up, as they did during World War II and at other times throughout the nation's history.

There is about the land a form of neo-nihilism. There are some on the political fringes – on both the left and the right - who support tearing down most any institution simply because it is an institution. There is not necessarily any logic involved.

There are similarities to the chaos that preceded the Civil War and, sadly, presented in Nazi Germany some 100 years ago.

Marty Baron, former editor-in-chief at the Boston Globe and the Washington Post recently gave a major speech in defense of objective journalism, wherein he questioned the advocacy role of so many working for major newspapers. He suggested newsrooms should embody "more humility, less hubris." I fear that the media have a bias toward reporting bad news. Good things never seem to be reported. Maybe all of us need to emphasize that there are good things happening in the world.

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Commentary

Imagining Dorchester with trees

By Meg Campbell Special to the Reporter

Growing up in Southern California, my favorite books were filled with girls climbing trees, hosting clubhouse meetings in their tree houses, and swinging beneath leafy branches. The palm trees in my neighborhood offered none of these enchanting pastimes, so for my 10th birthday I asked for a climbing tree. I received a maple and a sycamore, but they were saplings. I was disappointed. I would need to wait decades before I could climb them.

As a young mother, I lived in the Vermont village of Newbury, where I met Ken Rower, a Massachusetts transplant, who served as volunteer tree warden and tireless, passionate ambassador for planting and maintaining native trees on the Newbury Common.

When I remarked that Vermont seemed to already have a lot of trees, he launched into an explanation of the importance of expanding the tree canopy for health, the environment, and beauty. Could I not see the beauty of each tree? Ken taught me to fight for trees.

When we moved to Dorchester a few years later, I was struck by the absence of trees, particularly compared to the wealthier parts of the city. On Jones Hill in Uphams Corner, there were hardly any trees on our street.

I called the arborist for the city of Boston, and he told me, "People in Dorchester don't want trees. That's why we don't plant them there."

When I probed further, I learned that only property owners could request a tree to be planted on a city sidewalk abutting their property, and the wait-time was over a year. This policy, still in place, is blatantly biased against renters, who are disproportionately people of color.



Four-foot-high cement planters along Columbia Road add insult to injury.

In the mid-1980s, our neighbor, Joan Banfield, shared a commitment to getting more trees planted on Jones Hill and she organized a youth group, including my daughters, to petition the city to do a blitz of tree plantings in our neighborhood. The youth went door to door to collect permission slips from property owners, and these were presented to the city.

The campaign was successful. Thirty-six years later, I write this from my third-floor study, looking out at the two locusts and

two maples that weere planted back then. They stand taller than my three-decker.

Last summer at the height of the heat wave, I took the temperature at sidewalk level in front of my house and then farther down the street, where there were no trees, and there was a 4 degree difference. When the temperature is in the 90s, four degrees is huge.

In 1987, I wrote a poem, "Dot Ave," as I imagined what Dorchester Avenue could look like if it had a consistent, mature canopy on both sides. There are patches now, particularly south of St. Mark's to Lower Mills, but the stretch from Freeport Street to Columbia Road cries out for a comprehensive tree planting blitz of its own.

I cannot walk or drive down Columbia Road without getting roiled about the long stretch of the island down the middle that is bereft of trees. Huge four-foot-high cement planters add insult to injury.

The Emerald Necklace was originally designed to circle to the city down Columbia Road to the ocean. We are missing the green jewels we were long ago prom-

Dot Ave

Boulevard of my dreams, I get a wild fever to walk you someday end to end losing count of your trees. Flowering trees, bushy trees, trees that shade. Trees that screen, trees on the sides Autumn and spring, up and down every block. First, trees.

Now you sag with double-parked trucks, who like wayward elephants will not move along. Billboards blemish, and chain link, barbed wire stretches chafe

and bruise you.

Let me catalog your riches:

This many languages sung on Dot Ave: English, Spanish,

Ĉreole, Vietnamese, Thai, Cambodian, Laotian, Italian,

Irish brogue, French and rap.

This many children, like tropical birds, day-dreaming out windows, bedding down each night.

1 library, 5 churches, 1 hospital, 3 train stations, 2 health centers, 3 schools, 2 parks, 1 day care, 3 elderly high-rises, and 1 renovated chocolate factory.

Dot Ave. If Dorchester were Venice, You would be our main canal. If Dorchester were a pomegranate, You would be our seeds, our ruby juice, our core. If Dorchester were a fairy tale, You would be the toad waiting for our aromatic kiss.

By Meg Campbell.

The poem was published in DOT AVE, an anthology by the Dorchester Arts Council, 1987.

ised. Driving by the narrower median newly planted with trees at Forest Hills triggers my outrage, so by the time I'm exiting Franklin Park onto Columbia Road, I see where the trees should and could be as gaping open wounds.

What is most frustrating is to realize that it will take a concerted, sustained, organized citizen mobilization to get what people in wealthier neighborhoods have always had: Trees.

Fortunately, two groups have sprung up to offer leadership and advocacy on behalf of Dorchester's tree canopy. Michael Keamy has organized the Dorchester Avenue Vision Action Committee, focused on the stretch of Dorchester Avenue from Freeport to Columbia Road. David Meshoulam founded Speak for the Trees, and with board chair Liz Luc Clowes, the landscape designer who recently designed Boston's very first "micro forest" at 45 Norfolk in Codman Square, their organization is combining working with youth to plant and maintain trees, as well as advocating at the city and state level for policy changes.

Developers, whether they're proposing projects large or small, have been given free rein to cut down mature trees, and if they are replaced (mostly they are built over), it is with saplings like the ones I received on my 10th birthday. I hope to be 100 in 30 years. I hope Dorchester Avenue and Columbia Road can finally become the boulevards of my dreams.

Letter to the Editor

On mattresses: good policy very poorly implemented

I was gratified to see in the June 1 issue of the Reporter that I am not the only one noticing how mattresses are turning up all over our neighborhood. While it may be true that suburbanites, contractors, and others are dumping their discarded mattresses and box springs in Dorchester, what I have seen in my Uphams Corner neighborhood is that many residents really have no idea that the pick-up policy has changed.

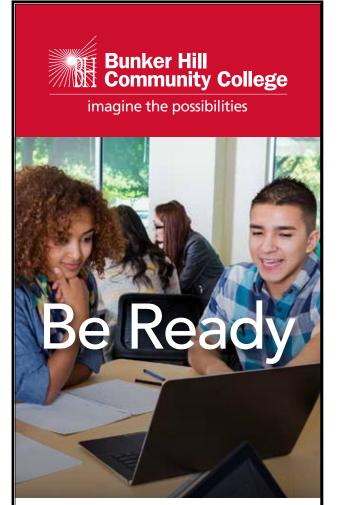
Whenever I see a resident looking baffled by the mattress that the garbage truck didn't take, I let them know how to get rid of it, but this really isn't an effective way to get the word out. If, for example, the City of Boston supplied trash collectors with tags that they could stick on the mattresses they leave

behind, letting the owners know what they need to do – and preferably in several languages – I think many people would comply. And yes, there will always be some who don't.

At the moment, from my house I can see a box spring on a rear porch that has been there so long that the kids who live there have decorated it with markers, and a mattress on the ground in a side yard next door getting waterlogged for well over a month.

This seems to me to be a good policy very poorly implemented. The city can, and should, do a better job at getting the word out.

Marti A. Glynn Dorchester



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A search for their names

(Continued from page 1) Dr. Karilyn Crockett, an assistant professor of urban history at MIT who served as chief of equity under Walsh, in an interview with the Reporter.

The project had its origin with the Walsh adviser, Joyce Linehan, a regular visitor to the cemetery, which she can see from the back porch of her Adams Street home.

During one of her walks through the burial place with her dogs, Linehan stumbled upon an unkempt grave marker set low to the ground. It was labeled, "The Home for Aged Colored Women,' and next to it was a similar marker, "The Home for Aged Women." While one word differentiates these two abutting sites, the women have not been memorialized in the same way. The white women were provided with headstones that individually mark their identities while the plot for the "Colored Women" remains empty of headstones and the women are unnamed.

As Linehan's walk continued, she came across a second plot that was marked "The Home for



A closer look at the marker in Cedar Grove Cemetery. At right: A small crowd of people, part of a neighborhood group seeking to uncover the names of 133 Black women, recently gathered at the grave site.

Linda Champion photo

Aged Colored Women." At this location, Linehan saw again that the Black women were not given individual headstones.

Full of curiosity, she later reached out to the board of trustees at the cemetery and then to the Massachusetts Historical Society (MHS) for some guidance. And she shared her findings with a small group of friends, who then began thinking about what Linehan describes as a "research project."

Through their initial research, the group learned that The Home for Aged Colored Women

was founded in 1860 and offered shelter to elderly African American women in Boston. During its operations at various locations around Beacon Hill until 1944, the home arranged to bury some deceased residents at Cedar Grove Cemetery.

The little information that the research team discovered early on inspired Linehan to search for more substantial answers for their quest. "There are lots of books written about how my people, Irish Americans, came to be in Boston," she said. "There are also some stories about other



immigrant groups. But I don't know that there's been a lot of extensive research on this very particular migration of women of color from the South, some of whom, obviously, given the time frame, were going to be formerly enslaved."

A larger ad hoc neighborhood group was quickly established, its mission to identify the women buried at the cemetery between the end of the Civil War in 1865 and the mid-20th century. The effort, titled "Saying Their

Names: The Cedar Grove Cemetery Project," was underway.

Linehan reached out to Prof. Crockett, who had in the spring of 2022 presented the project to a group of her students studying city planning and graduate students taking up architecture, and they spent the next 14 weeks researching biographical information of the 133 women. As the students read documents from MHS, explored Ancestry.com, and combed through the home's records, more than just the names of the women began to surface. They uncovered information about the day-to-day lives of some of the women, gleaned a sense of their personalities, found out where they received their health care, and where they worshiped.

Linehan and Crockett also sought out Sid Sibley, the superintendent of Cedar Grove, who has been a resident of Dorchester since 1979. He describes his role in the project as a "facilitator" helping to provide whatever information he has on the women and arranging meeting spaces and times for the group.

The first formal meeting of the project team occurred last Tuesday (June 6), when about 50 community members gathered at the cemetery.

Linda Champion, a Suffolk County prosecutor, was one attendee. She became involved in the project through her friendship with Linehan. Before moving to Milton, she had lived on Beaumont Street and ran a law firm on Adams Street.

After hearing about the sorry state of the marker, Champion agreed to help clean up the site, but her own identity led her to greater involvement. She is the daughter of a Korean immigrant and a Black American father, whose family comes from a Georgia plantation. The importance of her family history has heightened her interest in that of the descendants of the women at Cedar Grove. "My hope is that we can take what is unmarked and at least add a tombstone engraved with all of their

names," she said.

Champion believes that there are people looking for the fate of these women and longing to have their stories told. Adding their names to their resting places may give the people wondering about their ancestors an opportunity to discover family members who went North and were never heard from again.

Mattapan's Aisha Miller, a vice president at the real estate company Related Beal, has also become involved in the project. Like Champion, she wants to see that every woman who has died and is buried in the section for The Home for Aged Colored Women is given tombstone information that identifies who they are.

"So many times in our history, women — Black women especially —have gone uncredited, unnoticed, and then kind of just left by the wayside,' Miller told the Reporter. "These women have names and families, and they came here probably against their will. Nevertheless, they were here, they worked, and they ended up at this home as they aged and just respectfully deserve a name."

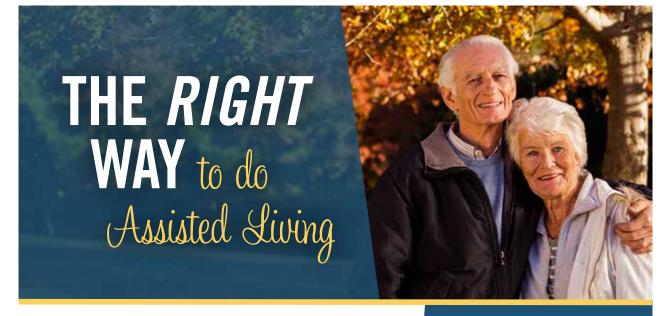
Having a single memorial, without the names of the women, is not what the project members see as appropriate. "They're just kind of grouped together with one nameplate and, to me, they deserve much better than being grouped together like most Black women. They don't get ... to be known individually," said Miller.

While the research effort has been successful in that all 133 women have been identified in some way, there is still work to be done. There are a few first names and one last name that are missing.

"Even though I'm sort of the person that started the ball rolling by asking some questions," said Linehan, "I'm very cognizant of the fact that whatever it is that we do, that needs to be arrived at by some community process. So, we're trying to figure out what to do next."

Until that decision is made, community members have donated money to plant flowers around the site each spring. "At the meeting last Tuesday," said Linehan, "two women came up to me and said they had noticed those graves because of the flowers.

"I just think that they brought more attention to the two sites. So, if we were to install something that is a little bit more visible, it would just draw people to the story of how these women came to be there, which I think is an incredibly important story."



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Epiphany School celebrates quarter century of education

By Cassidy McNeeley SPECIAL TO THE REPORTER

Before you even make it past the Epiphany School's main lobby, which is covered in artwork and student-ofthe-month photos, the kids welcome you with excited handshakes and kind eyes. Forced to grow up far too soon, their introductions and speech are far beyond their years.

The Epiphany School, located off Centre Street and next to Shawmut MBTA Station, is an independent, tuition-free school that has nurtured and educated hundreds of low-income children over the past quarter century. What began in 1998 as a 40-student middle school now enrolls some 150 students in grades 5through 8 while also offering an early learning center and a graduate support program. There are also about 3,000 students in various "Epiphany-inspired" schools around the world.

Rev. John H. Finley IV attended the $Harvard\,Divinity\,School\,but\,left\,to\,start$ the Epiphany School. After departing from Cambridge, he moved to Dorchester and lived for a time at Saint Peter's Convent on Meeting House Hill. Later in his career, the Berkeley Divinity School at Yale awarded him an honorary degree.

When starting Epiphany, Finley looked at the operation of the Jesuit-run Nativity Preparatory School in Jamaica Plain and saw that they selected motivated middle-school boys with engaged parents in low-income circumstances. He wanted to help families from a different setting.

"My kids are students because they are homeless, they have been abused, neglected, and they're testing about three years behind grade level when they come in fourth grade. But they make about two years of academic improvement every year and graduate above grade level," he said.

Finley said he and Epiphany staff support students and their families by offering nontraditional school days. The education is free, and school hours are extended in the morning and afternoon



Above, co-founder and head of the school, Rev. John H. Finley IV poses with Principal Michelle (Gomez) Sanchez in front of the Ephinay School entrance, which is shown on the right.

Cassidy McNeeley photos

to accommodate working caregivers.

"One of our goals is that we want to see every family move out of poverty while the kids are at school," Finley said. "So, the long day helps with that. Some parents can work and then they have more flexibility in their work time and so forth."

While schooling doesn't begin until fifth grade, Epiphany's early learning center assists mothers-to-be as early as the end of their first trimester. That program helps parents create stable lives and ensures that children will be prepared for kindergarten, supporters

The goal is not to "infantilize" the families, Finley said, but rather to help them get through difficult times and set them up for a better future. Even when the families graduate beyond the early learning center and middle school, the graduate support team helps from afar.

"We stay with all of our kids for the rest of their lives," said Finley. "So that means finding them in high school and college, making sure they have summer jobs, and helping them with employment in their twenties and thirties.

"We survey every kid every year to see how they're doing and find out what's going on with them. And we have a center now with multiple staff people. We run a gymnasium with high-speed internet, laundry, shower, and so forth. So, a lot of our graduates come back to school every day."



Epiphany's student body is diverse, composed of 68 percent Black, African American, and Caribbean Islanders, 21 percent Latino or Hispanic, and 2 percent white.

Finley credits his student's success to the teachers and staff at the school. Michelle Sanchez, a Rhode Island native who attended Boston College, joined Epiphany at its beginning in 1998 as a science and math teacher. She did not have much experience teaching but believes she was hired because she could identify with the students.

As a low-income Black woman, Sanchez found it difficult to fit in at BC. She discovered that education was where she could make the greatest impact on students like herself, telling the Reporter in an interview that "in a world of serving our population of students, it was really important to the founders to have somebody who got it in a way that no one there actually did."

During her fifth year at the school, Sanchez was promoted to principal, a position she still holds today. She says she is not a rigid leader but rather is open to the ideas of her diverse staff, many of whom are Epiphany graduates.

"It's this beautiful cycle of they came here, they graduated, they went on to high school, college, and now they're back and giving back to the next generation of kids. And it's a beautiful thing I get to experience every day,"

Another factor that seems to lead to the success and return of Epiphany graduates is the trauma-sensitive approach that staff members take. Both Finley and Sanchez say that participation in individual therapy among students is high. Additionally, each grade has a gender-based therapy group.

Teachers also offer unique classroom setups that create calming environments for students who have endured trauma. Throughout the school, classrooms have an abundance of seating options from desks, to couches and beanbags. Overhead lights are dimmed, and soft lamps are lit. The lighting is paired with aroma therapy and tranquil sounds of mini water fountains and peaceful music.

Diane Patrick, an attorney, a former New York public school teacher, and a former first lady of Massachusetts, serves on the school's board of trustees. She described the school as one big loving family where arms are wrapped around each other.

"Epiphany is a model of what can be done if you've got the right people and the right passions and, actually, the right funding," Patrick said. "These kids can do what any other children can do if given the opportunities in school to have the same learning, the same helpful environment, the same nutrition, the same counseling, the same access to role models."

Time for 'Coffee with a Cop' at Dahlia's Garden in Uphams Corner

The popular "Coffee with a Cop" program was held for the first time in the Uphams Corner business district last Wednesday (June 7) in Dahlia's Garden flower shop. The event followed a neighborhood walk earlier this month identifying problems and concerns in the surrounding neighborhood and in the business

B-2 District Capt. Haseeb Hosein brought in several members of his staff to talk with residents and business owners about Uphams Corner over coffee and cake and the nice smells of roses and lavender.

Dahlia's Garden own-



Officer Joey Key, Officer Carina Shepard, Adonis Fernandez, Paula Ricka, Elias Monteiro, and Ambioris Fernandez of Brothers Supermarket, B-2 Capt. Haseeb Hosein, and Dahlia's Garden owner Estela Rosario.

er Estela Rosario, who opened on Dudley Street more than three years ago, said she was verv pleased with the turnout and happy to host the event. She said she hopes it can be a catalyst for the business community and the police

to come together this summer to make things better. Other participating businesses included Brothers Supermarket.

Elias Monteiro, who helped organize the event, said it was the first time an event focused on the businesses

that bring so much vibrancy to the neighborhood had been held in Uphams Corner.

– SETH DANIEL



Nicole Taub, chief of staff for Police Commissioner Michael Cox, Supt. James Chin, Chante Creech, Dahlia's Garden owner Estela Rosario, B-2 Capt. Officer Lauren Woods, and State Rep. Chris Worrell.



Haseeb Hosein, and Jelly Santos, of Dahlia's Garden.

BPD now sharing info with the neighborhood

(Continued from page 1) the VietAID community center on Charles Street. "We've been coming out to community meetings for many, many years, but I don't think people understand everything we do to keep you safe and to work with you."

Cox was joined at the meeting by Area C-11 Captain Shawn Burns and other senior BPD officers.

The commissioner explained that police leadership routinely work with the Boston Regional Intelligence Center (BRIC) to learn of statistics, intelligence, and trends "to put the resources in the right places to keep everyone

He said the new idea is $\,$ to integrate "CompStat [a multifaceted and interactive approach to crime control and quality of life improvement] "with what you find important and what you think are the needs in your community."

Burns noted that the BPD has looked at numbers and trends for many years inside the police station and used that data to make staffing decisions. Now, they would like to accentuate the numbers with community experiences.

"This is something we do every day in BPD when we work with stats and look for trends to utilize our resources in the best way possible, but we want to know what's important to the community when we make those decisions," he said.

BRIC Dep. Supt. Gerald Cahill, and Deputy



Commissioner Michael Cox and Supt. James Chin and members of the Fields Corner community at an informational meeting on June 13.

Director Ryan Walsh, explained that his agency emerged in the aftermath of 9/11 to address international terrorism at the ground level. Now, BRIC also focuses heavily on crime stats, real-time crime assessments, and domestic terrorism.

They detailed stats and strategies being used in the C-11 District and the Fields Corner sub-district to combat serious crime, and quality of life crimes such as vandalism, fireworks, motor vehicle crashes, and loud parties.

In those stats, there has been a trend toward street robberies and larcenies being on the increase, with a small increase in shootings and homicides.

For quality-of-life crimes, there has been an upswing in calls for public use of intravenous



Patrol officers from C-11 introduced themselves one by one, a presentation that was well received by community members in attendance who were told that most of the district's officers live in, or grew up in, Dorchester.

drugs, and of publicly intoxicated persons. Loud party calls have gone down, as have fireworks complaints, aside from one address on Ditson

Street that is an ongoing problem.

"For intoxicated persons, Fields Corner and Hancock Street are hot spots," said Walsh. "That is driving a quality-of-life concern in Fields Corner and other parts of Dorchester Avenue in C-11."

Other issues identified by Walsh and the C-11 Community Services officers were illegal scooter/ ATV usage, barbershop health code violations, and code enforcement on problem properties.

A major part of last week's meeting was time spent introducing command staff and individual beat officers from C-11. At one point, patrol officers introduced themselves to the public,earning applause. It is noteworthy that of the 12 officers introduced, a large majority live in Dorchester or grew up in the community.

In fact, Jamie Miller, the deputy supt. of Investigative Services, told the crowd that his great-grandfather bought a house in Dorchester that has served as the family home for his grandfather, his father, and himself. "That's the same house I am raising my kids in, he said.

Virtually every branch of C-11's operations, and many police headquarters operations, were



C-11 Capt. Shawn Burns.

introduced and talked about in great depth including C-11 detectives showing community members how they used private video recently to solve a purse snatching on Geneva Avenue.

 $Neighbors\,were\,clearly \quad in \,the \,CompStat\,\,data\,\,on$ appreciative of the presentation, with some in the audience from Fields Corner and Four Corners saying they would like additional meetings like this-particularly to meet individual officers and leaders.

Issues identified by the public in a short Q&A included more focus on quality-of-life crimes, a need to add more Vietnamese-speaking officers, reintroducing police into the schools to help young people, patrols focused on Faulkner Street in Fields Corner, and informing/updating the public when there are serial criminals on active crime sprees.

Cox said the BPD would be willing to bring



Police Commissioner Michael Cox said the BPD will be sharing information with the neighborhoods on how it uses statistics, intelligence, and trends in doing policing. Seth Daniel photos

a monthly, quarterly, or semi-annual basis. "We need your support and we're ready to adjust and change and do what we need to do," he told the audience. "You will be the driver of this."

He added: "A lot of people have been turned off to policing just due to the narrative out there about us around the country. It didn't happen overnight and won't change overnight, but it will change when we tell the story of the good people that do this job."

The third community presentation is scheduled to take place in Jamaica Plain's District E-13, with others to come around the city over the summer months.



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Wu rejects cut to BPD budget, calls \$31m trim 'illusory'

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Cuts to public works and transportation departments would lead to "holding positions vacant and delaying hiring for critically needed positions in both departments to fill potholes, upgrade crosswalks, plow snow, and ensure our street infrastructure is safe," Wu's letter said, adding, "As the city's elected officials, we have a collective responsibility to protect core City functions."

Veto overrides require eight votes out of the 12-member Council, which stands at 13 members when at full strength, but is down a councillor due to Kenzie Bok's departure for the top job at the Boston Housing Authority.

Councillor Tania Fernandes Anderson, who chairs the amendment-writing Ways and Means Committee, has claimed that the Council's proposed cuts would not lead to layoffs, arguing that various city de-



Councillors Tania Fernandes Anderson and Michael Flaherty were on opposite sides of the budget vote.

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partments have unspent funds that can be tapped.

While Wurejected most of the high-dollar cuts, she did accept some amendments, including increased funding for maternal and men's health initiatives, fire arriving migra stituent service ogies, housing a childcare ent fund, and a new ment for future programming.

safety and worker protections, support for newly arriving migrants, constituent service technologies, housing vouchers, a childcare entrepreneur fund, and a needs assessment for future senior programming.

"These amendments support the need to deliver on City services and make Boston the best city for residents of all generations," Wu's letter said.

She also wrote that she is keeping the new Office of Participatory Bud-

funding. Councillors had approved \$10 million, while activists sought \$40 million. According to activists

geting at \$2 million in

According to activists who have pushed for establishing the office, the process involves "everyday people proposing projects in their neighborhoods," ranging from park improvements to public art. While the office is staffing up, its oversight board hasn't been filled out yet.

"We share the Council's goal of a participatory budgeting process

that engages more of our residents in the challenging and empowering work of crafting future City budgets," Wu wrote.

The Council, which is typically off next week, scheduled a special meeting on Wednesday of this week in order to formally receive Wu's veto message. Councillors cannot act on the veto the same day as they receive it, so they are expected to take up the budget again on Wed., June 28. If they do not move on the legislation before the end of the month, the mayor's version goes into effect.

During last year's budget cycle, councillors passed \$26 million in amendments, including a \$13.3 million cut to the police budget, much of it from overtime. The independent Boston Municipal Research Bureau (BMRB) later noted that police overtime must be paid out by law, "regardless of how much was budgeted originally."

Wu ended up reducing the overall police budget by \$1.2 million while councillors overrode a total of \$2.1 million in amendments. After the fiscal 2023 budget process ended, the Council had redistributed \$9.9 million, or 0.6 percent, of budget appropriations they had the authority to amend, per BMRB.

Dot's Nguyen to lead city's SPARK effort

Anthony Nguyen of Dorchester has been hired to be the new director of SPARK Boston, a Wu administration initiative to empower 20to 35-year-olds to play a greater role in planning for the city's future. The son of Vietnamese immigrants, Nguyen is a lifelong Dorchester resident who joined SPARK Boston in 2021 and held the position of captain, volunteering his time assisting with programming efforts.

The SPARK Boston Council meets monthly to engage and learn from city departments, hosts networking and voter registration events, and also volunteers in Boston neighborhoods throughout the year.

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When the mercury rises, your pets require attention

By Dr. Edward SCHETTINO

With the weather warming up, many of us have one thing on our

Moment of Paws

minds – getting outside to enjoy the weather. As we gear up for another summer, the Animal Rescue League of Boston (ARL) kicks offits annual safety campaign, Too Hot

for Spot®, to remind pet owners of the dangers of leaving animals in hot

Whether you're heading out for vacation or just running errands, with a number of days already above 90 degrees, we need to keep our dogs in mind whenever we get in the car - no matter what the final destination may be.

Unlike humans, animals cannot efficiently



cool their bodies. And while the windows in the car may be cracked or you're parked in the shade, even with outside temperatures below 80 degrees, the inside of a vehicle can heat up to well over 100 degrees in a matter of minutes. The stifling heat inside a car

Common symptoms include lethargy or weakness, heavy panting, glazed eyes, profuse salivation, excessive thirst, lack of coordination, a deep red or purple tongue, vomiting – even seizures or unconscious-

If your canine companion is experiencing any of these symptoms, it is critical that you take them immediately

to the closest veterinary hospital for treatment.

Before jumping in the car, consider the follow-

- Make sure your pet can come with you. If you're planning to stay in a hotel or rental property, call ahead to confirm their pet policy. Additionally, many "dog-friendly" beaches have limited hours during the summer to account for the influx of sunbathers, so always do your research before vou leave for the day's activities.
- A quick errand will always take longer than you expect. When swinging by the local pharmacy or grocery store for necessities, have someone stay inside the car with your pet, with the air conditioning running.
- Limit your pet's outdoor exercise to the morning or evening hours when it is coolest.
- It's always safest to keep your pet indoors. When enjoying outdoor activities, leave your pet in the room and make sure they're in a cool, comfortable environment with access to plenty of fresh water, as well as safe toys and treats to keep them occupied while you're gone.

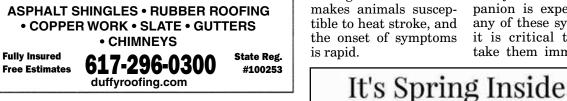
• Know where to go in an emergency. Do your research before leaving so you know where the nearest veterinary clinics are – just in case.

Health hazards aside, it is also against the law in Massachusetts to keep an animal confined in a vehicle when extreme heat or cold may threaten the animal's health. The law passed in 2016 and while pet owners should be well aware of the dangers of leaving animals in vehicles during the warm weather months, we sadly still see numerous examples of animals suffering and even dying every year, as the result of being left in the car.

Summer is here and we're all ready to enjoy the sunshine. But remember: When the temperatures rise, it's Too Hot for Spot®!

To learn more summer pet safety tips, visit arlboston.org/too-hot-

Dr. Edward Schettino is the president and CEO of the Animal Rescue League of Boston. He has a doctorate in Veterinary Medicine from the Cummings School of Veterinary Medicine at Tufts University.





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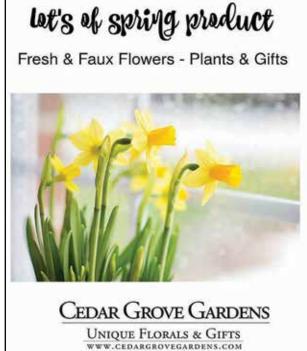
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A brother's blood helps Franklin Park lion survive surgery

With key assistance from his brother via a blood transfusion, Kamaia, an ailing 14-year-old lion at the Franklin Park Zoo, underwent major, three-hour-long surgery on the facility's grounds on June 9 as doctors removed his damaged spleen.

The day before, the zoo's veterinary team collected blood from the brother, a littermate named Dinari, and used it to help his badly anemic sibling through what zoo officials deemed a rare procedure.

An exam earlier in the month showed that Kamaia was severely anemic with a greatly enlarged spleen. He had experienced serious health issues, including a bout with pneumonia, earlier in the spring. Doctors suspected that he had chronic underlying health issues, although comprehensive diagnostic tests had been inconclusive.

"Now that his spleen has been removed and he has received the blood transfusion, we are hope-

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ful that he will be feeling better very soon. This was a major surgery, and we will continue to monitor him closely to ensure that he is comfortable and recovering well," said Dr. Chris Bonar. Zoo

New England Director of Animal Health.

"Blood transfusions are not often performed in zoological settings because it can be difficult to find a suitable donor," Bonar said. "Because

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Franklin Park Zoo's Kamaia and Dinari, brother lions, were part of a rare surgery on June 9, where Dinari provided blood to help his brother. The surgery was deemed a success.

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Kamaia and his brother were littermates, Dinari was the perfect donor for this much needed transfusion."

Kamaia is expected to remain in his off-exhibit space for the next few weeks so that his care team can closely monitor him while he continues to recover.

The brothers have resided at the zoo since 2015.

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BGCD Members Go Kayaking on Charles River with Elevate Youth: See

FIND OUT WHAT'S INSIDE: BGCD Holds Juneteenth Celebration for Members & Families: On

June 14th, Boys & Girls Clubs of Dorchester's members and families celebrated Juneteenth with an afternoon of fun. The event featured a barbeque, carnival games, entertainment by our Dance Team, Baton Club, and a special singing performance by our Clubs Assistant . Music Director, Pearl. Juneteenth is recognized on June

19th as a federal holiday in the United States commemorating the emancipation of enslaved African-Americans. It was a wonderful celebration of community and a time to honor and celebrate the end of slavery in the United States.

Thank you to all our staff who helped honor this day and host such a successful event!



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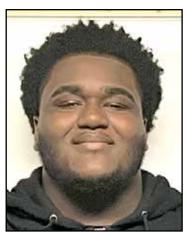
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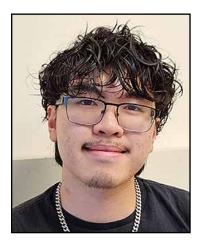
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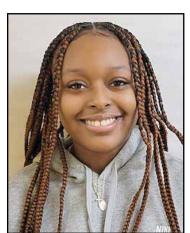
Greater Egleston High School Kyara Paredes, Dorchester; Bunker Hill Community College



Boston Collegiate Charter School Connor Murphy, Dorchester; Northeastern University



Excel High School Korvin Nguyen, Dorchester; Northeastern University



Community Academy Kayla Cannady, Dorchester; Curry College



The English High School Kaelyn McInnis, Dorchester; University of Massachusetts, Amherst



Boston Day Evening Academy Kayla Quinlan, Dorchester; Wellesley College



Boston International High School Chenaya Valeus, Mattapan; Centre College (Kentucky)

At Burke High, Alicia Rose found a close-knit community

(Continued from page 1) living close to school and being able to walk there.

"The student-teacher relationships I have here are so good that I can go to any teacher about anything because I feel that support from them," she said. "We have a very close community at the Burke and we support each other, and I'm going to miss that."

Rose's mother, Myra Rose, and her two sisters, Alaina Rose, and Sheneka Forrester, moved to Dorchester from Orlando when she was 5 years old. She attended the MLK Jr. School in Grove Hall, the Phineas Bates in Roslindale, the former Washington Irving Middle School in Roslindale, and then high school at the Burke.

"After 8th grade, I knew high school was where it really started to count," she said, noting that she was always a good student growing up. "In 9th grade, I was like, 'Ok Alicia.

this is when it matters.' In high school I really focused on my education."

Rose, like all the students in the Class of 2023, felt the impact of the pandemic, which shut down classes at the end of their freshman year and through her sophomore year. While on Zoom school, she said she was able to maintain "A's" with forming relationships with City Year fellows helpingher to stay on track. To lighten things up at the end of the pandemic year, that group had a laugh together due to Rose's love of pickles: They organized a pickle contest. "We brought in a whole bunch of pickles and had everyone try them and rank them," Rose said with a big laugh.

She planned to play soccer in high school, but was talked into volleyball by a friend. In switching, she found her game. "Volleyball felt like a small community in an existing community," she said. "It

was great to have that support system and have those girls to talk to and get advice from...I am a very competitive person and I love the games."

Academically, Rose has participated in the MIT Cascade program and studied Forensic Science and Culinary Arts there. She excelled in dual enrollment college classes with Bunker Hill Community College and Roxbury Community College, and took classes in calculus and computer science with another college-level program.

program.
She was also heavily involved post-pandemic with the Mental Health Ambassadors group at the Burke, a program started by City Councillor Julia Mejia. Rose said mental health had become a big issue for students, and many – including herself – said it wasn't something talked about in the home.

"Councillor Mejia told us she wanted to get a mental health curriculum into all BPS schools," she said. "I felt that was perfect. That is what is needed. There are health classes this year, but to have a mental health curriculum to hear about in school and take home and teach to families is really what we need."

The highlight of her senior year has been receiving the Posse Foundation Scholarship. The foundation is a Boston-based program that supports urban students in Boston and nearby suburbs as they transition from high school to out-of-state partner colleges – including Union College, Bucknell University, Centre College (Kentucky), and others. The program includes a scholarship that pays full tuition.

At first, Rose wasn't convinced that the program was for her as she and a friend contemplated attending Salem State University. Soon, she became comfortable and excited about Posse, but neverthought



TechBoston Academy Ferdinand Yudha Hartono, Dorchester; Northeastern University

she would be chosen.

"The night after the last interview I put my head down to go to sleep and they called and asked if my mom was around," she said. "I got my mom, and they told me I got it, and it didn't feel real. My mom and I just started screaming."

Rose chose Union College in Schenectady, NY, because (Continued next page)

Jaylen Scott of NHCS is going to Pennsylvania's Bucknell University

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up. It was much more special than just going out to a car or taking the train home."

While NHCS has been around for nearly 30 years in Dorchester, its high school expansion is relatively new, and Scott is only the third valedictorian in the school's history – having graduated on June 7 with the Class of 2023 in the Strand Theatre. He said that NHCS has provided him with both teachers who really cared about his future, and the resources for him to get places.

"I always had someone to help me get the resources at NHCS to be successful," he said. "At other schools I went to teachers who just let you be, but at NHCS I felt the teachers really wanted to help." In his academic career, Scott said he always got "A's" in every subject but math, and frequently got beat out for top honors by friends. However, by 9th grade he said he really "accelerated" his efforts and got straight 'A's' from then on.

Like Burke High School's Alicia Rose, Scott's counterpart in this edition's valedictorian report, diligence in and out of the classroom got the attention of the Posse Scholarship Foundation, a Boston-based program that supports urban students in Boston and nearby suburbs as they transition from high school to out-ofstate colleges they partnered with - including Bucknell, Union College, Centre College (Kentucky), and others. The support program includes a scholarship that pays for full

Scott said he wasn't going to apply for the Posse Scholarship at first because he wanted to attend a Historically Black College and University (HBCU), but his guidance counselor persuaded him to reconsider due to the program's financial benefits, and that counsel lead him happily to Bucknell.

"Ilooked at other schools, but I was looking for a school like NHCS with a similar kind of small community and teachers who cared," he said. "That was a value I wanted in a school."

In the meantime, he was chosen as a Bill and Melinda Gates Millennium Scholarship winner—the first ever at NHCS and a rarity anywhere. That scholarship covers all expenses,

tuition, and costs not covered by other scholarships all the way through a Ph.D degree. For Scott, the stresses of paying for college are gone.

"I am going to be able to go to school debt-free, and that's very good," he said. "It's a huge accomplishment and it was a very long application process."

During his time at NHCS, Scott was a member of the National Honor Society, and was always found around the school volunteering or helping at special events. He was the co-founder of the Student Ambassadors Club and participated in the NHCS Design Team.

He plans to major in biology at Bucknell, having developed a fondness for the subject while studying it at NHCS. He hopes to become a research scientist and work in a laboratory environment.

However, he said, he won't forget about the neighborhood, and Centre Street, where he came of age. He said he will miss the sounds of the city, walking to Codman Square, and motorcycles going up the street late at night, but what he will take with him is a desire to give back.

"I feel like the biggest thing I learned living in Dorchester was about helping one another," he said. "I want to create a strong network so I can give back to my community – especially to NHCS. I can't just be selfish and not give back to the places that helped form who I am."

Scott is the son of Cheryl Norville, and the grandson of Michael Norville.

St. Sebastian's School graduates three from Dorchester, Mattapan



Pictured, from left, Jeffrey M. Valdez, Zion R. Simmons, Headmaster William Burke, and Jordan J. Atkinson.

Three young men from Dorchester and Mattapan graduated from St. Sebastian's School during the school's commencement exercises this month. They are Jordan J. Atkinson, who will attend Trinity College; Zion R. Simmons, PG year - Phillips Exeter Academy; Jeffrey M. Valdez, who will attend Siena College.

At Burke High, Alicia Rose found a close-knit community

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of its law program and because it had a welcoming student body like at the Burke. She said she wants to pursue a law degree.

In August, she will leave Dorchester and the support system of her family and school and head off to a totally new experience in college, something that she admits is "scary. It makes me a little nervous because I have to find my place in a whole new environment," she said. "But that is really the point of the Posse...We can explore and expand our horizons and still have a place that feels like home."

Dot student gains honors at Woodward

The Woodward School graduated its 128th class from the United First Parish, Church of the Presidents in Quincy on Sat., June 2. Among the diploma receivers was Justine Redinger of Dorchester, who was recognized with the "Head of School Award," which is given to a graduating senior "who exemplifies the mission, values and spirit of The Woodward School by achieving her goals through hard work and high standards. She is engaged, compassionate, positive, and generous within her school community, supporting others even as she advances herself."

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# of Units	Unit Size	Square Feet	AMI	Rent*	# of units built out for Mobility Impairments	# of units built out for Visual Impairments and/or Deaf/Hard of Hearing
10	Studio	449-486	50%	\$1,072-\$1,154	1	-
11	1-Bedroom	524-763	50%	\$1,092-\$1,205	3	-
7	2-Bedroom	840-880	50%	\$1,228-\$1,373	2	-
6	3-Bedroom	978-1,191	50%	\$1,359-\$1,536	-	-
9	Studio	405-553	51%-80%	\$1,415-\$1,885	-	-
13	1-Bedroom	524-763	51%-80%	\$1,461-\$1,848	2	-
7	2-Bedroom	840-918	51%-80%	\$1,674-\$2,034	1	-
5	3-Bedroom	978-1,135	51%-80%	\$1,865-\$2,231	-	-
8	Studio	425-453	81%-110%	\$3,130-\$3,212	-	1
8	1-Bedroom	524-763	81%-110%	\$3,062-\$3,175	1	-
3	2-Bedroom	840-954	81%-110%	\$3,757-\$3,902	1	-
3	3-Bedroom	978-1,023	81%-110%	\$4,185	-	-

*All utilities paid for by the tenant.

Rents for 110% AMI units are based on household income. Included in chart above are the lowest/highest possible rents based on 1-2 people in a Studio unit, 1-2 people in a 1-Bedroom unit and 2-4 people in a 2-Bedroom unit.

Minimum Income Limits for 50% AMI units

Unit Size	AMI	Minimum Household Income
Studio	50%	\$32,160
1-Bedroom	50%	\$32,760
2 Bedroom	50%	\$36,840
3-Bedroom	50%	\$40,770

Maximum Income Limits

(set by the HUD + based on Household Size + AMI)

Household Size	50% AMI	51%-80% AMI	81%-110% AMI
1	\$51,950	\$51,951 - \$82,950	\$82,951 - \$114,268
2	\$59,400	\$59,401 - \$94,800	\$94,801 - \$130,592
3	\$66,800	\$66,801 - \$106,650	\$106,651 - \$146,976
4	\$74,200	\$74,201 - \$118,450	\$118,451 - \$163,240
5	\$80,150	\$80,151 - \$127,950	\$127,951 - \$176,299
6	\$86,100	\$86,101 - \$137,450	\$137,451 - \$189,358

* 2023 Area Median Incomes for the Boston, Cambridge, Quincy, MA-NH MSA. Asset Limit: \$75,000 (excluding restricted assets)

Applications are available during the application period. Monday, June 19th, 2023 — Wednesday, July 19th, 2023.

To complete an online application, visit: www.ProspectUnionSquareLottery.com. To have a hard copy of the application mailed to you, please email ProspectUnionSquare@MaloneyProperties.com or call (617) 639-3064 Ext 785

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Fully completed + signed applications must be submitted online or received (not postmarked) no later than Wednesday, July 19th, 2023

> Mailed to: Maloney Properties, Inc. Attn: Prospect Lottery 27 Mica Lane, Wellesley, MA 02481

Or emailed to: ProspectUnionSquare@MaloneyProperties.com

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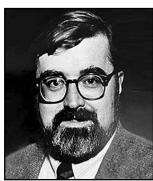




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HOLLORAN, Peter Christopher, 76, of Cambridge, orginally from Dorchester. Husband of Kathryn Beers; brother of Maureen Monahan, Kathleen Joyce, Frances Rizza and her husband, Margaret Geary; brother John Holloran and his wife; and a large extended family. Vietnam War veteran. Please consider donating

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MATTALIANO, Stephen J. Jr., "Steve", 95, known to all as passed originally of Mattapan. Husband of the late Ellen M. (Doherty) Mattaliano. He was the son of the late Stephen Sr. and Caroline (Rocco) Mattaliano and the brother of Gerard Mattaliano and the late Barbara Murphy, Joseph Mattaliano, . William Mattaliano, and Carolyn Melendy. Steve is survived by his children Ellen McCarthy and her husband Michael of Hanover, Stephen M. Mattaliano and his wife Dawn of Milton, and Donna M. Cullinan and her husband John of East



Bridgewater. Grampa to 7. Great grampa to 5. He is also survived by many loving nieces and nephews. US Army veteran.

NAUGHTON, Bridget Anne "Bridie" (Mulkerrin), 69, of Dorchester formerly of Ireland. Daughter of the late Michael and Mary (Jennings) Mulkerrin. Wife of the late Patrick J. Naughton.Mother of Patricia A. Naughton

COMMONWEALTH OF

MASSACHUSETTS
THE TRIAL COURT
PROBATE AND FAMILY 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. SU23P0230EA

ESTATE OF:

WILLIAM HENRY BEHAN, JR. A/K/A: WILLIAM H. BEHAN, JR.

DATE OF DEATH: 12/09/2022

To all interested persons:
An Amended Petition for S/A - Forma
Adjudication of Intestacy and Appointmen
of Personal Representative has been filed
by Christine R. Behan of Middleboro, MAre

juesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as request

ed in the Petition. The Petitioner requests that: Christine R. Behan of Middleboro, MA

be appointed as Personal Representative(sof said estate to serve With Corporate 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

Court before: 10:00 a.m. on the return day of 071/4/2023.
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 it is the state of t

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UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION
UNDER THE MASSACHUSETTS
UNIFORM PROBATE CODE (MUPC)

A Personal Representative appointed unde the MUPC in an unsupervised administration

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Witness, HON. BRIAN J. DUNN, First

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and her husband Antonio Bruno of Weymouth, Joseph P. Naughton of Dorchester, Sheila A. and her husband Joseph Duffy of Rockland, and the late Maureen Margaret Naughton, Michael Patrick Naughton, and Baby Boy Naughton. "Nana" of 4. Sister of Marcus and his wife Nany Mulkerrin, Barbara and her husband Joe Doherty, Kate McDonagh and her husband Chris Storey, Nappie and her husband Paraic Mullen, Winnie and her husband Martin Sullivan, and the late Paraic Mulkerrin, Maureen and her husband Morgan Mulkerrin, Peggy and her husband Raymond Sullivan, Julia Griffin, Morgan and his wife Kathleen Mulkerrin, and Anne Mulkerrin. Survived by many nieces

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. SU23P1268EA
ESTATE OF:
NORMA BEATRICE MOSELEY
DATE OF DEATH: 01/18/2019

To all interested persons: A Petition for Late and Limited Forma Testacy and/or Appointment has been filed

by Carol Moseley of Atlanta, GA requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and

that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition. The Petitioner requests that Carol Moseley of Allanta, GA be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve Without Surety on the bond in Unsupported administration.

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

This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline

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

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Witness, HON, BRIAN J. DUNN, Firs'

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unsupervised administration.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

of 07/26/2023.

and nephews. Donations in Bridget's memory may be made to Dana Farber Cancer Institute at danafarber.jimmyfund.org.

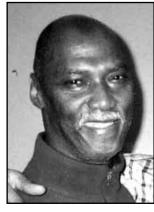


NEIMANN, Paul C., 77, of Hyde Park, formerly of Dorchester. Son to Eleanor (MacNevin) and Edwin Neimann. Husband of the late Kathleen M. "Kathy" Neimann (Barry). Father of Julie Doyle of Dorchester, Donna Gagne and her husband, Richard of Plymouth, Lisa Baldassari and her husband, Victor of Dorchester and Paula Neimann of Dorchester. Brother of Carol Crawford and her late husband, Joseph of Annapolis, MD, Thomas

nise Kelliher and her husband, Roger of Rockland, Edwin Neimann and his wife, Debbie of North Huntingdon, PA, Dorothy Morley and her husband, Gregory of Belfast, ME and Joseph Neimann and his wife, Deana of Dennis. Brother-in-law to Thomas Barry and his wife, Ann of Weymouth. "Papa" to 7. "Uncle Paul" to numerous nieces and nephews. Also survived by many cousins and friends. Donations in memory of Paul may be made to VHL Alliance, P.O. Box 844682, Boston, MA, 02284-4682.

Neimann and his wife,

Elaine of Hyde Park, De-



WILLIAMS, Eugene Ernest, 76. of Dorches-Loving brother, uncle, cousin and dear friend.

SUFFOLK DIVISION

on the bond. The estate is being administered under informal procedure by the Personal Representative unde 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

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COMMONWEALTH OF
MASSACHUSETTS
THE TRIAL COURT
PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT
INFORMAL PROBATE
PUBLICATION NOTICE
Docket No. SU23P1217EA
ESTATE OF:
JOHN J. DONOVAN, JR.
A/K/A: JOHN J. DONOVAN
DATE OF DEATH: February 13, 2023
SUFFOLK DIVISION

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner Francis X. Donovan of Dorchester, MA, a Will has been admitted to informal probate. Francis X. Donovan of Dorchester MA has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve without surety

obtained from the Petitioner.

LEGAL NOTICES

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS THE TRIAL COURT
PROBATE and FAMILY COURT Suffolk Probate & Family Court 24 New Chardon Street Boston, MA 02114 (617) 788-8300 CITATION ON PETITION FOR ORDER OF COMPLETE SETTLEMENT Docket No. SU20P1833EA ESTATE OF: ELMA MILLS

DATE OF DEATH: 03/09/2000 A Petition for Order of Complete Settle-ment has been filed by Marshal Mills of Bradenton, FL requesting that the court enter a formal Decree of Complete Set-tlement including the allowance of a final account, of the first and final and other such relief as may be requested in the Petition.

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.

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 07/14/2023.

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 anpearance and objection followed written appearance and objection followed. 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.

Witness, HON. BRIAN J. DUNN, First Justice of this Court. Date: June 6, 2023

> **COMMONWEALTH OF** MASSACHUSETTS THE TRIAL COURT

THE TRIAL COURT
PROBATE & FAMILY COURT
SUFFOLK DIVISION
24 NEW CHARDON STREET
BOSTON, MA 02114
Docket No. SU23D0694DR
DIVORCE SUMMONS
BY PUBLICATION and MAILING
LUZELENA MELENDEZ
VS.

ALEX MELENDEZ

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: Luzelena Melen-

dez, 89 Crestview Lane, Fitchburg, MA 01420 your answer, if any, on or before

07/25/2023. If you fail to do so, the court will proceed to the hearing and adjudica-

tion 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. BRIANJ. DUNN, First Justice of this Court.

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MASSACHUSETTS THE TRIAL COURT
PROBATE & FAMILY COURT SUFFOLK DIVISION 24 NEW CHARDON STREET BOSTON, MA 02114 Docket No. SU23D0409DR DIVORCE SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION and MAILING JAVIER TORRES

Automatic Restraining Order has

You are hereby summoned and required to serve upon: Javier Torres, 724 Dudley St., Apt. 1, Boston, MA 02125 your answer, if any, on or before **07/20/2023**. If you fail to do so, the court will proceed to the hearing and adjudica tion 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. BRIANJ. DUNN, First

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COMMONWEALTH OF

MARIA TORRES ALMADA

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 peen 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.

Justice of this Court. Date: June 7, 2023

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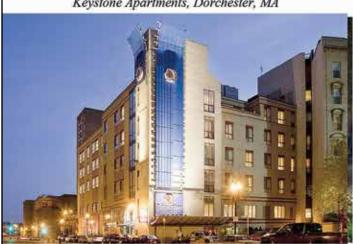




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