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T issues forecast for Red Line operations: Delays and crowding through summertime

By Chris Lisinski STATE HOUSE **News Service**

In the two weeks since a Red Line train with 60 aboard derailed in Dorchester, MBTA officials have been hesitant to offer an exact estimate of when full service will be restored, citing the complexities of repairing the signal infrastructure that was wiped out by the careening six-car set.

Now, it is clear the time line is months, not days or weeks, meaning more headaches on a route that runs from Braintree through Quincy, Dorchester, Boston, Cambridge, and Somerville, and averages 240,000 weekday trips.

At a press conference last Friday, the first day of summer, MBTA General Manager Steve Poftak announced that

delays of 10 to 20 minutes on the Red Line would persist "at least through Labor Day." That means slower service for people trying to get to work or home during a summer that will feature fare hikes, effective July 1.

"We understand how disruptive this has been for riders," Poftak said. "Our priority is on improving service, doing it as quickly as we can,

but doing it as safely as we can."

Someprogresshasbeen made since the June 11 derailment just outside the JFK/UMass station commuters no longer need to change trains to access the Braintree line, for example — but because bungalows housing the signal system sustained considerable damage, MBTA crews (Continued on page 14)



MBTA General Manager Steve Poftak, was joined by Deputy General Manager Jeff Gonneville (right), at a press conference at JFK/UMass station last Chris Lisinski/SHNS photo

The Menino Scholarship Class of 2019

3 from Dot headed to BU with 23 others

By Jasmine Braswell REPORTER CORRESPONDENT

Three Dorchester students will attend Boston University as Menino Scholars this fall as members of the latest round of Boston Public high school graduates who will get a full-tuition scholarship to attend the university in the name of the late Boston mayor Thomas M. Menino.

On June 19, 26 newly minted high school graduates attended a special event on the BU campus to officially receive their scholarship awards. Boston University President Robert A. Brown spoke along with another featured guest, Sophia Dorsainvil-Johnson, a 2020 Menino Scholar, and



Boston University President Robert A. Brown, left, and City Councillor Annissa Essaibi-George, at right, greeted the incoming class of Boston University Menino Scholars last week. Boston University photo

Annissa Essaibi-George, an at-large Boston city councillor.

The Menino scholarships are four-year, fulltuition grants to select seniors from Boston's public high schools. BU began offering them in 1973 as part its con-

tinuing commitment to the city of Boston and later renamed them after Boston's longest-serving mayor.

Then, in 2009, BU expanded its opportunities

for Boston Public School students by offering a (Continued on page 7)



Amber Torres (left) and Althea Bennett use their Hoodgrown Aesthetic podcast to "sine a bright light on artists of color" in Boston. Ellie Nguyen photo

City's artists of color see potential in boosting activity at the Strand

By Daniel Sheehan ARTS & FEATURES EDITOR

Growing up on Dudley Street, Amber Torres saw the bustling Uphams Corner neighborhood as her "downtown." Whether grabbing a bite at Brothers' Supermarket, buying a new pair of shoes at Foot Locker, or just hanging out with friends, Torres knew the neighborhood as a hub of commercial activity.

But she was always bothered by one building that often was devoid of life: the Strand Theatre.

"It was so neglected for a long time," she said, thinking back to the handful of times she attended programs there as a kid. "The only times I really went were for field trips to see The Nutcracker, and that was once a year. It just wasn't seen as a great theater space like that. It's not a mecca the way Symphony Hall is seen."

Today, Torres is part of a citywide movement intent on reactivating the Uphams Corner landmark, which underwent a series of renovations in the past decade but remains relatively underused, and in Torres'

words, "underloved."
This past month, the Strand's art gallery has been playing host to "Inner City Circle," an art show featuring Boston-based artists that was organized by Torres, Mission Hill native Althea Bennett, Dorchester

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Man, 19, shot dead during police chase on Dot street

Gross: He fired at two officers

By BILL FORRY AND JENNIFER SMITH REPORTER STAFF

A Boston Police officer shot and killed a 19-year-old man who was allegedly firing a gun at him and others during a pursuit in the area of Town Field and Melville Avenue late Monday afternoon.

The incident took place around 5:15 p.m., according to BPD Commissioner William Gross, who briefed reporters at police headquarters later Monday night.

Gross said that police on bicycle patrol responded to Town Field for a report of gunshots and began pursuing two men who were fleeing the scene.

No one was shot in Town Field, contrary to initial reports, Gross said. A separate individual "was just injured trying to scale a fence.'

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One dead, and four

Boston police say one person was killed and

four people were injured,

one seriously, in a rash of

shootings in Dorchester

and Mattapan on Sun-

day (June 23). The first

incident took place just

after 3 p.m. at 3 Duke

St. in Mattapan, police

said. That victim died

after being brought to a

Later that night, the

four other individuals

were shot within a mile of

one another in Dorches-

ter over an 80-minute

period. One person was

shot at 9:26 p.m. at 83

Maple St., near Franklin

Park. That victim is

expected to survive. Two

people were shot at 9:51

p.m. at 197 Columbia

Rd. Both victims brought

themselves to a hospital

with non-life threatening

injuries. One person

suffered life-threatening

injuries after he was

shot at 83 Fayston St. at

any of the victims or

say whether any arrests

have been made.

Police did not identify

10:43 p.m.

hospital for treatment.

wounded

over weekend

June 28 - July 20, 2019

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

Friday (28th) - Ashmont Peabody Square Farmers Market launches at the MBTA plaza, 3-7 p.m. Farm-fresh produce, local meats, artisan breads and pastries, live music, games and activities, community resources. See the weekly vendor line-up via Twitter or go to tinyurl.com/AFMCal. Proudly accepting WIC and SNAP.

Saturday (29th) - The Lawn on D presented by Citizens Bank hosts the official MLB London Series Red Sox watch party with food, drinks and lawn games starting at 12 noon. Watch the Sox take on the dreaded Yankees in London on a huge LED screen. There will be replicas of the Green Monster and dugouts, plus a batting cage. The Felix Brown Band takes the stage at 6 p.m. followed by Swipe Right Band at 8 p.m. For more see LawnonD.com.

Monday (1st) – City of Boston begins new start time of 6 a.m. for all residential trash and recycling collections.

Thursday (4th) – Independence Day.

Saturday (6th) – JFK Library's Celebrate series welcomes families for Bright Star Touring Theatre's show "Jack's Adventure in Space," at 10:30 a.m. Free. Register at jfklibrary.org.

Tuesday (9th) - City of Boston's Artists in Residence workshops will be held from 10 a.m. to 12 noon at McConnell Park, Dorchester. Free for kids ages 3-10.

Tuesday (16th) - Fenway Challenge featuring the Red Sox Showcase at Town Field, 1545 Dorchester Ave. from 10:30 a.m. – noon. The free series gives children ages 7 to 14 the opportunity to test their pitching accuracy, swing in a batting cage, and practice base stealing. Food and entertainment including virtual reality, a replica Green Monster, and Red Sox mascots Wally and Tessie will provide participants with an unforgettable field day. Participants will also have the opportunity to win Red Sox tickets. To register go to mlb.com/redsox/forms/ fenway-challenge.

 ${\bf Saturday (20th)} - {\bf Neponset River Fest will be held at}$ DCR Neponset Park, Dorchester (at the corner of Granite Ave. and Hilltop St.) Hosted by Neponset River Watershed Association. This is a familyfriendly, public event. The public is encouraged to bring a blanket and a picnic, and spend the day. Activities include: free canoeing/kayaking, biking, rock wall climbing, soccer demonstrations, bouncy house, and casting clinic. Multiple food trucks, live musical performances, environmental and science exhibits, kid's activities, and more. See Neponset. org for more info.

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Boston Latin Academy held its graduation on Sun., June 9 at Matthews Arena at Northeastern. Diplomas were presented to 256 graduates. Prior to graduation, officials of the class gathered for a photo: (left to right) Michelle Chen, salutatorian; Cristalle Dejesus, vice-president; Kelly Exilus, president; Aissata Seck, secretary; Madison Davies, treasurer; Alex Tran, salutatorian.

Lloyd to take helm at DSNI

John Lloyd will serve as the new executive director of Dudley Street Neighborhood Initiative. The organization's board president Keila Barros announced the appointment on Monday.

"We are excited to welcome John to the team and know that he will bring the expertise, enthusiasm and vision to carry DSNI into our next phase of work," said Barros. Lloyd holds an MBA



John Lloyd from Bentley University and is currently pursuing a doctorate at the Uni-

versity of Pennsylvania. "DSNI is at an inflection point, and because of this, it is an exciting time which requires a bold vision and the

tenacity to achieve that vision," Lloyd said in a statement. Lloyd joins DSNI following an eight-month search led by DSNI staff and board members

along with TSNE MissionWorks, according to

Flames planning an eatery in Peabody Square

Barros.

By Dan Sheehan ARTS & FEATURES EDITOR

After a relatively cool spring, Ashmont residents can expect a heat check in the coming months. Flames, the Boston-based Caribbean restaurant chain, will be opening up a fourth location in Peabody Square later this year. The company currently has sites in Mattapan, Grove Hall, and Mission Hill.

According to Jenn Cartee, executive director of Greater Ashmont Main Streets, Flames owner Jonathan Chambers is renovating a vacant building at 1 Peabody Square, adjacent to the 7-11. His request for change of use of the property, which formerly housed a chiropractic health center, will scheduled for a Zoning Board of Appeals hearing on Tues., June 25.

In a letter to the ZBA expressing support for the new location, Cartee described the incoming restaurant as "a well-suited addition to our existing business mix and a vibrant business model that will enhance the foot traffic and vitality of one of our anchor business nodes. The building at 1 Peabody Square has been derelict and in disrepair for nearly a decade. We as an organization have tried to work with the owner to find an appropriate tenant who would renovate and activate it, or, failing that, a buyer who would redevelop the parcel entirely. There have been many stumbling blocks along the way, so we are thrilled to welcome an experienced, successful businessman like Mr. Chambers to the parcel.

Over the past two years, a revitalization campaign has invested some \$90,000 into new plantings, landscaping, street and bike infrastructure, and signage in Peabody Square. Cartee pointed to those efforts as part of what made the location "appealing" for Chambers.

Taqueria set to open on Savin Hill Avenue

A taqueria and tequila bar is coming to Savin Hill this year, with a soft opening later this summer and plan for a full opening this fall.

The owners of Savin Bar & Kitchen plan to open the 100-seat Ghost Pepper Taqueria in their

door at 116 Savin Hill Ave. They received approval from the licensing board in late May to open the shop in the mixed-use condo building at the spot that was for years known only as the "Savin Hill Hole."

The full building will

Hill Bar & Kitchen and Ghost Pepper Taqueria," according to the licensing filing.

Owners Ken Osherow and Driscoll DoCanto already have a seven-day all-alcohol license for the building, which houses the decade-old Savin Bar

According to Eater Boston, DoCanto said Ghost Pepper will feature a U-shaped bar. "The space overall will be bright, with pops of color, elements of natural wood, and concrete," he told Eater.

JENNIFER SMITH

UPCOMING CIVIC ASSOC. MEETINGS • FULL LISTINGS ON PAGE 12

Council on Sat., June 29 at the Brooke Charter High School, No cost to attend. 200 American Legion Highway, Dorchester, 02124. A light breakfast and seating will begin at 11 am. "This event will allow the Greater Mattapan community to connect with the You may bring your own tent. Congresswoman, elevate their ideas, solutions, and concerns, and allow the Congresswoman to share some of her federal priorities for our District," the council said in a statement. RSVP is required— see link at DotNews.com. The event is scheduled for 11:30 a.m.-12:30p.m.

Fundraiser for Old Morton Street fire victims on July 27 – The Lower Mills Civic Association will host a fundraiser on Sat., July Street. The fundraiser will be held from 5-8 p.m. at St. Gregory's auditorium, 2200 Dorchester Ave. Tickets: \$25. Donations of Richardson Parks trees. There will be food vendors and light made be sent via LMCA to 15 Becket St., Dorchester, 02124. Multicultural Day in Codman Square on July 13 – Celebrate the variety of cultures that make up our neighborhood at Dorchester Multicultural Day on Sat., July 13, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. corner of Washington St. & Talbot Ave., Codman Square. Live on Mon., July 8 to discuss a proposal to construct a four-story,

Pressley speaks to Mattapan Council on Saturday – U.S. Entertainment, music, dance and fashion. Local vendors, residential development at 3 Aspinwall Rd. in Dorchester. The Congresswoman Ayanna Pressley is hosting a public event food for sale, community choir, arts for kids and more. Bring meeting will take place at 6:30 p.m. at the Codman Square in partnership with the Greater Mattapan Neighborhood a folding chair and relax all day or stay for as long as you can.

Vendors may register for a table at this outdoor event (indoors in case of rain) by July 6. Includes: One 6-foot table, 1 chair. For further information contact: secondchnaz@gmail.com or

617-825-2797. Sponsors are: Second Church in Dorchester, Codman Square Neighborhood Council, Codman Farmers Market, Codman Square Neighborhood Development Corp. Pear Square Art Fair on July 20 – The second annual Pear Square Art Fair will be held in Richardson Park (near intersection of Mass Ave. and Columbia Rd.) Over a dozen art vendors including 27 for neighbors displaced by the nine-alarm fire on Old Morton handcrafted leather, pottery, fused glass, painting and more! Artists will be making art and selling their work in the shade entertainment all afternoon from local folk, pop and soul artist on the lawn of Boston's oldest house, The James Blake House!. Free tours available. Vending hours 12-5 p.m.

Public meeting on proposal for 3 Aspinwall Rd. – The Boston at Codman Park & Second Church in Dorchester parking lot, Planning and Development Agency will host a public meeting

Health Center's Great Hall, 637 Washington St., Dorchester. This meeting was originally scheduled for June 24. More info: bostonplans.org or call John Campbell at 617-918-4282. The close of public comment on this proposal in July 19.

MR8K- A Run for Gratitude set for Sept. 2 – The Martin Richard Foundation, in partnership with the Boston Bruins Foundation, New Balance and DMSE Sports, will host the second annual MR8K - A Run for Gratitude on Labor Day, Monday, Sept. 2 at Warrior Ice Arena at Boston Landing in Brighton. Registration is \$45. with proceeds benefiting the Martin Richard Foundation. Participants who choose to fundraise and commit to raise a minimum of \$300 for the Foundation will receive free entry into the race and a limited edition 2019 MR8K Team MR8 race shirt. The event is open to runners, walkers and para-athletes of all abilities, as well as families with small children. Register now at BostonBruins.com/MR8K

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City launches Newmarket planning initiative

By Jennifer Smith News Editor

The latest in Boston's relentless series of planning studies is coming to Newmarket with two open houses on Wednesday and Thursday.

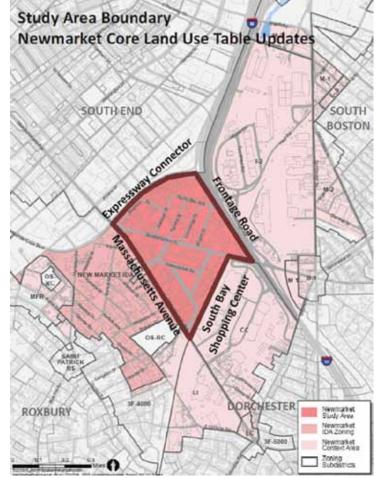
"PLAN Newmarket: The 21st Century Economy Initiative" is a land-use focused study of the largely commercial and industrial swath along Dorchester's border with South Boston and Roxbury.

Also on the docket are public realm interests, mobility, arts and culture, climate resilience, public health, and open space contributions to a future jobs center, the city said.

Two completed studies have rolled out in South Boston along Dorchester Avenue and in Jamaica Plain and Roxbury (JP/Rox). A planning initiative in Glovers Corner is nearing its conclusion and a neighborhood-wide study in Mattapan is in its early stages.

Mayor Martin Walsh announced the Mattapan and Newmarket studies, along with a handful of others in East Boston and Downtown, just over a year ago.

"The BPDA and Mayor Walsh are looking at the future of Boston holistically by coordinating planning initiatives across the city that take into account the future of housing, jobs, transit, and more," said Brian Golden, director of the Boston Planning and Development Agency, in a prepared statement. "We are excited to continue this planning with PLAN: Newmarket,



an area that has served as an industrial and economic hub. We encourage the public to be active participants in this process by attending meetings, speaking with BPDA and City of Boston staff and providing feedback."

The planning process will refine the study boundaries, but it will likely be centered around Newmarket Square and Southampton Street with the Fairmount Line station

at its southern tip, just to the northeast of the South Bay shopping center.

"We are looking forward to working closely with the BPDA on this initiative," said Sue Sullivan, executive director of the Newmarket Business Association. "Newmarket has historically been Boston's industrial job engine and it will be incredibly exciting to plan the expansion of this job base to include new

commercial, transit-oriented, and innovative industrial businesses that will employ local residents."

Newmarket was designated as its own zoning district in 2014 for light industrial uses. The 2017 city-wide plan Imagine Boston 2030 described Newmarket as a potential "expanded neighborhood" along with Widett Circle, industrial and heavy commercial facilities including 18 acres of city-owned land on the northern end that Mayor Walsh is now pushing as prime private development land.

"In Newmarket and Widett Circle, major industrial areas will be preserved and strengthened alongside transit-oriented job and housing growth to strengthen connections to surrounding areas," the Imagine Boston plan reads.

This planning study only addresses Newmarket, which is in keeping with other study areas that are a subset of the broader target areas laid out in Imagine Boston 2030.

According to the city, Widett is not in the geographic scope of the planning study primarily because planners are "focused on the future of the existing industrial neighborhood on the west side of the interstate."

Resiliency is a concern, as the Imagine Boston plan notes parts of Newmarket and Widett Circle will have at least a ten percent annual chance of flooding in the coming decades, and from several directions including Dorchester Bay and Fort Point Channel.

"Addressing these risks requires district-scale flood protection plans," the city plan said.

Resiliency has to be a part of the planning, District 3 City Councillor Frank Baker said. At this stage he is looking forward to seeing what residents around the area bring to the table, given that the zone itself is hardly residential at all.

"It will be interesting to see what shows up from the neighborhoods, because the area is mostly zoning for all businesses, not zoned for residential," Baker said. "We may have the opportunity for residential spots or have an opportunity to do those small units that we talk about that would hopefully be more affordable and work for the people who would work there [in the new Newmarket business center]. I'd like to see if we can keep the business that are there and figure out ways for them to stay and jobs to stay, and not go all high tech or lab space."

PLAN Newmarket kicked off its community process this week on Wednesday (June 26) from 8 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. at the Pipefitters United Association of Boston at 40 Enterprise St. and on Thursday (June 27) from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at La Alianza Hispana at 1000 Massachusetts Ave.

Both meetings were to include the same content, according to a release, all of which will be put on the planning agency's website afterward.



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City's artists of color see potential in boosting activity at the Strand

Art Project gallery director Emma Leavitt, and Afro-Caribbean Museum gallery manager Mfalme Kenyatta.

Torres and Bennett, both 25, are the minds behind "Hoodgrown Aesthetic," a podcast with a mission to shine a bright light on artists of color in the city. The duo met over a decade ago as students at the Boston Arts Academy, where they discovered in each other a mutual passion for visual arts and community organizing. After gaining experience curating shows while in college, they felt a calling to launch a platform in their hometown.

"We wanted a way to highlight Boston artists," explained Bennett, "specifically in the community we felt involved in — that being artists of color. This city is so rich with culture, but it's often ignored when it comes to artists of color."

Initially, Torres and Bennett brainstormed plans to open a hybrid studio/community center as a setting to stimulate

(Continued from page 1) creation and arts engagement. "That's still a goal of ours in the future," said Torres. "But this is how we sort of took our first step toward that: Hoodgrown is our way of creating a sort of community center space on the internet."

That online community space acts as a discussion forum for many of Boston's established and up-and-coming artists of color. Now on its 174th episode, Hoodgrown Aesthetic has grown and evolved since its inception last year.

"At first it was like, let's just talk to our friends because we knew a lot of artists, but then it branched out from there," explained Bennett. Now, the pair have divided recording time into six segments, including "Word on the Street," in which Torres and Bennett discuss news concerning art and how it intersects with poverty, education, race, and gender; and "Good Looks," an interview segment with local educators, activists, and artists of all mediums and styles.



At a live-recorded podcast episode last Friday night at the Strand Theatre, a panel discussion focused on Boston's current relationship to its black and brown artists. Pictured, l-r, Althea Bennett, Amber Daniel Sheehan photo Torres, Larry Pierce, Rocky Cotard, Rixy Fernandez.

A recurring topic on the podcast is just how much the art scene in black and brown communities like Dorchester, Roxbury, and Mattapan has grown in the last year. Small galleries are popping up in each neighborhood, and the city has become more accepting of street art, with graffiti and murals

being commissioned with more frequency. But despite this progress, the status quo is "not perfect yet," according to Bennett.

"It still feels a little exploitative sometimes," she said. "Artists don't have full ownership, there's a feeling that art is being used to sell neighborhoods, you know, with this whole campaign around beautifying and gentrifying Boston. It's kind of bittersweet how murals brighten up neighborhoods but also increase the value of homes."

And beyond the street, inequity still looms large at some of the city's great artistic institutions.

Bennett, who works at

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the Museum of Fine Arts, says she witnesses on a daily basis the tension between Boston's largely white upper echelons of art and its communities of color. A incident earlier this month between two racist patrons and a group of BPS schoolchildren from Dorchester was just the most recent example of this type of discrimination. While Bennett credited the MFA for acting quickly to ban the offending patrons, she said the incident nevertheless reflected "the city's true

colors." "A lot of white folks think the art world is reserved exclusively for them," she said, "and that for me was a reflec-

tion of how arts culture in the city is."

Torres, who now teaches at the Boston Arts Academy, agrees. "I feel that. When you're walking with students in a museum or in a public space, you feel like you have to over-police them just to avoid something like that. But one positive takeaway from all of this is how people came together to discuss it. We want to build infrastructure and support in our communities, too, and so it was nice to see regular folks from the hood talking about art – it should be known that the MFA is meant for everyone."

At a live-recorded podcast episode last Friday night at The Strand, Torres and Bennett led a panel discussion on Boston's current relationship with its black and brown artists with a group that included veteran local painter Larry Pierce, Boston-based Haitian artist Rocky Cotard, and Latinx contemporary artist Rixy Fernandez.

At one point, Pierce imparted some of his wisdom to his younger co-panelists, imploring them to "be loud. Just keep making as much noise as possible, so that they have no choice but

to listen to you." In amplifying the voices of their peers, Torres and Bennett are doing just that. Inner City Circle: An Intergenerational Show of Boston-based Artists $is\ currently\ on\ display\ at$ the Strand Theatre. You can support Hoodgrown Aesthetic at patreon. com/hoodgrownaesthetic or listen to the show on Spotify, Soundcloud, or Stitcher. To learn moreabout the podcast, visit hoodgrownaesthetic.

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Public Meeting

3 Aspinwall Road

Monday, July 8 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM

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Codman Square Health Center, Great Hall Dorchester, MA 02124

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This is a rescheduled meeting originally set for June 24.

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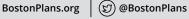
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The question continues to be: How best to boost the Strand? Residents in Uphams Corner neighborhood have their hopes, and their fears

By Cristela Guerra

Tucked away on a hill at the center of one of the nation's most diverse ZIP codes is a grand dame of a theater that bore witness to the end of WWI and silent films, the start of "talkies," and the civil rights movement and hosted on its stage the likes of Tracy Chapman, B.B. King, and Public Enemy.

The Strand Theatre — which some locals fondly call "the people's theater" — has stood more than a century in Uphams Corner. It is the only large-scale theater in the city located outside of Boston's Theater District and in a community of color.

The history of this onetime vaudeville place and movie house includes many peaks and valleys. It opened on Nov. 18, 1918, the day WWI ended, and moviegoers rushed through its doors to be greeted by ushers in white gloves for a celebration of the signing of the Armistice. It remained a movie house until 1969 when it closed due to declining ticket sales.

The Strand then sat empty for a decade before the city of Boston took it over in 1979, prompted by pressure from residents, and leased the premises for \$1 a year to a nonprofit established by local residents. Once again in financial straits, the nonprofit dissolved in 2004. Since then, the city has struggled to fill the facility's 1,400 seats.

But people still talk about its heyday in the '90s. "A lot of the rising stars of Boston came through there," said Ramona Lisa Alexander, arts and culture manager at the Dudley Street Neighborhood Initiative and an actress. "It was like the place you had to performifyou were in the arts in Boston."

Alexander, who most recently played Circe in Marcus Gardley's "black odyssey boston," at Central Square Theater, remembers teens learning set and lighting design and managing the box office. She performed in shows such as Ntozake Shange's "For Colored Girls Who Have Considered Suicide/When The Rainbow Is Enuf" at the Strand.

This is what the city of Boston would like to see the Strand become again, a warm beating heart at the center of Dorchester, a cultural hub humming with activity, and, most importantly, a safe space for young people. But since 2004, the theater has not attracted a nonprofit or cultural organization to continuously fill the space.

The city wants to lease the space to an operator or developer



The exterior of the Strand Theater in Uphams Corner, Dorchester as seen from Columbia Road.

Jesse Costa/WBUR photo

that will infuse it with new programming. But first, it has been trying to understand what community members would like to see at the Strand. City officials have held community meetings for a year and a half, where residents have asked questions, and given suggestions on what they wanted to see in their neighborhood theater.

They also have expressed fears. On post-it notes and poster board, many were concerned that this renewed interest in the Strand wasn't for them.

"How will the Strand improve programming without pricing out residents?" wrote one resident. "I'm most interested in seeing the Strand reconfigured to meet modern-day needs of local performers ... a wide variety of spaces, black box, rehearsal spaces, theater..." wrote another. "I'm most interested in ensuring that the neighborhood remains affordable and that residents get to define what affordable means," wrote a third.

Said Lori Lobenstine, a program design lead at the Design Studio for Social Intervention, who oversaw meetings with residents about the future of the theater: "There's this funny dichotomy where there's a sense that there's this community of color in Uphams Corner and so it needs a certain kind of programming and then there's a larger theater community, which is somehow always seen as white. When there's this larger African Diaspora, Cape Verdean Diaspora like people come to Uphams Corner to go to Brothers supermarket or to go to their church - it could serve the region in some ways that are also very relevant to the communities that are here right now."

Added Kara Elliott-Ortega, the city's chief of arts and culture: "This is really about what do community members, what do they want to see in this space in the future, what's the identity of it. This is a city-owned building ... that has significance to people. It means something about the building's mission, how to actually be accessible and how to be not just a place for performance but for incubating local businesses, local artistry, being relevant to the community that we're in."

The Strand has undergone a slow, but steady makeover for decades, Elliott-Ortega said. She estimates the city has spent close to \$20 million in the last decade alone. The latest additions include updated bathrooms, a newly installed elevator and a working marquee, which city officials hope will soon light up the night with upcoming performances to attract the community to its doors.

The theater is mentioned both in the city's Boston Creates Cultural Plan and the citywide Imagine Boston 2030 program. In the minds of city officials, continuing renovations at the Strand is a key part of building up the rest of the block with the addition of a new library and maintaining affordable housing.

housing. "I think sometimes people feel like there aren't a lot of things going on at the Strand,' Elliott-Ortega said. "But it was actually booked almost every Friday, Saturday last year. Some things only fill the orchestra. You know they'll only do 300 seats or something like that and that's fine. But there are still events that, like, pack the house."

With recent shows such as Boston Answering, a response to Boston Calling, and a conversation on racism set for October with diversity instructor and educator Jane Elliott, there are stirrings of a new era for this quintessential community theater, one that invites innovative art, experiments, and provokes cultural conversations.

"The Strand is a beautiful old building and it feels like it is has not been renovated to the level of some of the downtown theaters,' Lobenstine said. "You feel some of that disrepair but you feel so much possibility. When you meet with some of the folks that have been involved with the Strand over the decades you feel so much love, so much passion from what they've put into it, the frustrations they've experienced, their belief in it as a space."

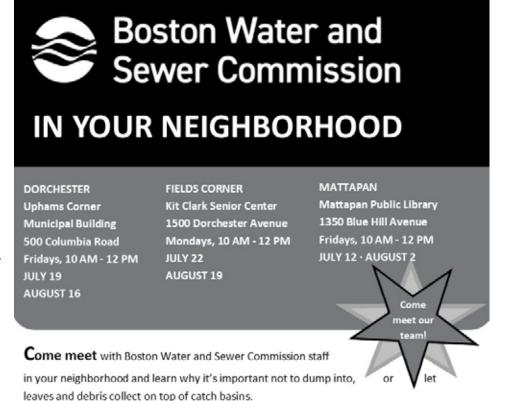
City officials said they have made a concerted effort to work hand-inhand with organizations such as the Dudley Street Neighborhood Initiative, the Design Studio for Social Intervention, artists from the area and an advisory board of residents. Elliott-Ortega heard the stories of residents who had their first dates with their spouses at the Strand long ago and years later are invested in seeing it thrive.

"I feel like there's a lot of presence in the Strand. There's a lot of history and it has kind of this majestic, historic quality to me. There's a lot of respect in the Strand," she said. "The push for it to be like a 'people's theater,' for it to really be of the community in a deep way, that affects every operating decision."

Phyllis Y. Smith, a production stage manager for the Boston Center for the Arts, found her calling behind the curtains of the Strand. Smith's mother wanted to find something to keep her then-13-year-old daughter busy that summer. "I joined against my will," Smith said, laughing. "I was not for performing. I still am not. But through the Strand Teen Players I found a family, a home, a place where I felt welcome and comfortable. A place where people accepted me ... that's what led to me taking the path that I currently am on."

Smith still sees the Strand's massive stage, rich red and gold hues and patches on the walls, where old paint meets new in a melange of the past and the present, as a haven. It just needs a little TLC. "If you were a kid and you had you had nowhere to go after school, just drop by," Smith said. "Just drop by and you could learn."

Cristela Guerra is an arts and culture reporter for The ARTery, WBUR's Arts and Culture Team



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Campbell lays out her 'action plan' for 'equity' in BPS system

By JENNIFER SMITH News Editor

City Council President Andrea Campbell on Monday released a multi-step plan she believes will help address systemic inequities inside the Boston Public School system.

Based on four broader recommendations – a responsive central office, access to quality schools, early learning, and quality high schools
– the report, "Action for Boston Children," makes specific recommendations ranging from better data collection and distribution, to school formula adjustments, to accountability milestones that she hopes will set a more concrete timeline for improvements.

As a councillor, Campbell does not have any direct influence within the city's public school system, though she says incoming Superintendent Brenda Casselius's July 1 start date makes the report "timely."

The plan was placed on the City Council meeting agenda for Wednesday (June 26).

Campbell is a product of Boston Public Schools, she notes, having attended five schools, including Boston Latin School. Inequities in quality pervade parts of the system,



Andrea Campbell

she said, noting as an example a Northeastern University report in 2018 that found more than 80 percent of kindergarten students in Back Bay/ Beacon Hill, Central, and Charlestown attended high quality (Tier 1) schools, compared to only 5 percent of those in Mattapan.

Campbell is running for re-election against challenger Jeff Durham for the District 4 seat she has held since handily unseating longtime councillor Charles Yancey in 2015.

"I was served well by BPS," Campbell said in an interview, "but I'm mindful of the fact that many of my peers, including my twin brother, Andre, were not."

Rather than focus on what is not working, she said, her plan was the result of meeting "with as many stakeholders as possible [to]... come up with what I think is a pragmatic action plan that I hope will serve as a catalyst to move the system in the right direction and to support the new superintendent...as she is also thinking about coming up with her own plans to transform the system."

Campbell spoke to Casselius on Tuesday at a meeting that had been scheduled prior to the report's release.

With respect to the central office, Campbell's report calls for collecting and sharing annual "central office perception and satisfaction data" along with plans to improve. She would like the Welcome Centers to be overhauled for a better experience for those navigating the school assignment process.

The report calls for a more ambitious push for a clear number of Tier 1 seats in BPS and offers an action plan for meeting that goal. Campbell also calls on the district to readjust the Home Assignment formula to guarantee a minimum number of Tier 1 and 2 seats rather than assignment preferences based on Tier 1 and 2 schools. a policy that can penalize families who live in areas with fewer high-quality schools nearby.

She would like a transparent accounting of the progress toward closing the remaining half of a 1,500 pre-K seating gap, as well as data and a clear chain of control for the age zero to five year old continuum of care. Similarly, open data and common graduation standards should be established for the district's high schools, the report states.

the district "create a new process for open enrollment schools to develop and launch innovative school model redesigns, starting by piloting such an effort in a few schools."

These priorities all come with timelines ranging from 90 days to June 2020, starting with early planning and data collection, and ending with broader standards and long-term comprehensive planning.

"This was very much a personal mission," Campbell said of the report, noting that BPS has been helpful in offering input along with community members. "You know, in addition to saying I care about education and participating in the budget hearings and going to my community meetings and talking about it with my voters on the doors, I said I want to come up with tangible things that can shift the system, that are pragmatic, that are realistic, and that attach an accountability timeline that forces the district to respond to some of these thoughts and ideas.'

Interim Superintendent Laura Perille said in a statement that the report's recommendations parallel several areas of ongoing work in BPS. Some instances of existing efforts that BPS highlights are a budgeted \$500,000 for district Welcome Centers, a Quality Pre-K fund to close the remaining 750-seat gap in high quality pre-K availability, and a report Another ask is that recently presented to the

School Committee making recommendations for improving local high schools.

"It's encouraging to see a number of the ideas expressed in Councillor Campbell's report resonate with key themes and work already underway in the Boston Public Schools (BPS), including high school improvement, expansion of early childhood education, and increased support for families," Perille said. "We welcome the collaboration of Councillor Campbell along with community members and partners to develop a stronger school system that continues to improve outcomes for all students."

Her report's recommendations are couched in a definition of equity informed by conversations with parents, teachers, and school officials, Campbell said. While there are equity initiatives in BPS planning, they are not necessarily the guiding principles across the board, she

"I don't think those currently exist in the system," Campbell added. "I think we're often quick to come up with action and initiatives but don't necessarily take the time that's required to come up with 'What is the driving force and values that inform our work?" And if you are looking at issues through an equity lens as well as certain $values\,that\,we\,articulate$ in the report, you can sometimes come out with different outcomes."

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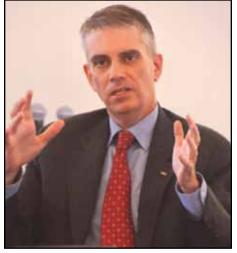
BPDA's Golden a finalist for Massport CEO position

By Chris Lisinski State House News Service

A Massachusetts Port Authority screening committee has recommended two finalists for the organization's CEO position — and despite applying for the permanent role, acting CEO John Pranckevicius did not make the cut.

The committee named Lisa Wieland, Massport's port director, and Brian Golden, director of the Boston Planning and Development Agency and a former state representative, as the finalists during a Board of Directors meeting last Thursday morning, according to a Massport press release.

More than 100 people submitted applications for the CEO position, the release said. Massport spokeswoman Jennifer Mehigan confirmed that Pranckevicius, who has been serving as the authority's head on an interim basis since November, was among the



Brian Golden. Chris Lovett photo

who lives in the St.

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ter and recently gradu-

ated from Boston Latin

School, says the Menino

scholarship is "a really

big accomplishment" be-

cause BU was her num-

ber one choice for college.

"I've always wanted to

also graduated from Bos-

ton Latin School and won

applicants. Once a new CEO takes over, Pranckevicius will return to his previous role as Massport chief financial officer, according to the press release.

"Being the Acting CEO for Massport has been a tremendous professional and personal experience for me," Pranckevicius said in the release. "I would like to thank both the Board for the opportunity and my fellow colleagues for their hard work and support. There are great things happening throughout the Authority and once the transition to the next CEO is completed, I am excited to jump back in as the Authority's CFO and continue advancing Massport's agenda."

The Board of Directors will hold a special meeting on Thurs., June 27, to vote on which of the two finalists to name the next CEO.

Thomas Glynn, resigned as CEO last August. Since January, a screening committee comprising Massport Board Chair Lew Evangelidis, senior board member Sean O'Brien, and Transportation Secretary Stephanie Pollack, has been reviewing applica-

tions and meeting with candidates.

"More than one hundred candidates applied from a wide range of professional backgrounds in the private, public, government and non-profit sectors," Evangelidis said in the press release. "We're confident in recommending these finalists who have demonstrated the leadership skills to build on Massport's recent successes and collaborate with the authority's talented senior staff and many engaged stakeholders to ensure that the authority continues to benefit the Commonwealth's economy, transportation system and neighboring communities.'

On Tuesday, Moody's Investor Services rated Massport's revenue bonds as Aa2, the third-highest level, citing above average growth and describing Logan International Airport as "among the strongest of

Moody's rated airports."

3 Dot students headed for BU on Menino scholarships

(Continued from page 1) new Community Service award whereby recipients receive university grants to fully fund their calculated financial eligibility without loans. That eligibility is the difference between a student's annual educational costs and his or her expected family contribution.

This year, Boston University recognized 41 community service award winners, including 10 from Dorchester. Anya Hershenson,

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stay in Boston," the 18 year old said, "because my ultimate goal is to become a Boston public teacher."

Andrew Huynh, 18, who lives in Neponset,

a Menino scholarship. Receiving the award, he said, lifted a financial burden from his family.

"It's kind of giving them hope so that they don't have to pay for all of my college and they can pay on things that are equally important, but things that won't burden them as much," said Huynh, who is looking forward to pursuing a major in business and a minor in music.

In May, he said, "I received the privilege to sit in on a BU jazz band

rehearsal and I got to talk to the band director. And so for next year I want to audition for their jazz band and I want to play the [baritone saxophone] in their band. My goal is to just play in the band and embrace music and then maybe do some photography on the side."

In addition to Huynh and Hershenson, Huy Phan will attend BU as a Menino Scholar.

Throughout last week, the scholars went to a YMCA camp site in Connecticut and enjoyed bonding time by boating, hanging out by the lake, and engaging in other activities like rope courses to work on team building. Being far removed from the city was a completely new experience meant to bring them together as a group.

One of the community service award recipients, Cassandra Rose Berrette, 18, of Mattapan, said that going to BU was her top choice as she completed her studies at Boston Latin Academy.

"It was close by and I didn't want to go too far away. Plus, it had my major... in neuroscience and finding colleges that have this major is kind of hard."

The other Dorchester residents who received Community Service awards included: Debohra Dagnachew, Owen Murray, Angela Tran, Linh Tran, Liguya Brown, Naomi Caines, Bishop Edwards, Nhan Huynh, John Nagasawa and Linda Pham.



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Man, 19, shot dead during police chase on Dot street; Gross: He fired at officers

(Continued from page 1) are seeking any camera and supported in their It was reported, though, that ballistic evidence had been recovered at the field.

One of the suspects ran to Penhallow Street across Melville and the officers followed him with one getting off his bike to chase him on foot, Gross said.

The man pulled out a gun, he added. The two officers "issued several verbal commands for him to drop the firearm,' Gross said, an account, he noted, that was confirmed by "numerous witnesses on scene."

Instead of dropping the gun, Gross said, the man shot at the officers and the officers returned fire. They struck the suspect, who has still not been publicly identified.

Gross said neither of the officers was hit. After the suspect fell to the ground, he said, the officers ran to him and began performing first aid until Boston EMS paramedics arrived and pronounced the man dead.

A firearm was recovered at the scene.

The dead man's alleged accomplice remains at large, Gross said, after running away on Mather Street. Police

footage that may have captured the second suspect's image.

The commissioner said the officers were not wearing body cameras, but that C-11 officers, who quickly responded to the scene to assist, were. The C-6 district in Dorchester and South Boston and the C-11 district in Dorchester, as well at the Youth Violence Strike Force, have been issued body cameras. The city-wide bicycle officers have not.

Footage from the cameras will be reviewed as part of an investigation by both Boston Police and the Suffolk County District Attorney's office into the incident, Gross

Elected officials responded to the series of shootings by condemning violence and offering support to the community.

"Any act of violence in our city is tragic and traumatizing," tweeted Mayor Martin Walsh. "We will continue to focus on preventing crime by creating more opportunities for our young people, and a path away from violence. We will not rest until all residents feel safe

neighborhood each and every day."

Violence often spikes in the summer months. On Sunday afternoon, Corey Thompson, 25 of Mattapan, was fatally shot on Duke Street. Police are still investigating that incident. Between Friday morning and Monday morning, police reported one homicide, six non-fatal shootings, and two nonfatal stabbings.

Gross said 150 new officers have graduated into districts across the city, "so that's helped out."

Concluding his remarks, Gross again thanked the witnesses who came forward after the shooting to offer their accounts.

"The mayor and myself and many community activists always state the only way we're going to stop these repeat violent crimes is if we work together to ensure that the individuals responsible for these violent crimes are brought to justice."

In a statement issued on Tuesday evening, DA Rollins said: "The sequence of events last evening that began with a shooting in a crowded park in the Fields Corner section of Dorchester and ended with a loss of life on Penhallow Street has left the city shaken.

"I am thankful for the immediate response of the Boston Police Department and that none of those officers were injured," Rollins added. "I would be remiss if I did not thank the many witnesses from the community who came forward to aid investigators at the scene. If there is anyone in the community with additional information, please bring that to my office directly.

"I also acknowledge that a family has lost its loved one; to them, I express my sympathy. As your District Attorney, it is my office that holds exclusive jurisdiction over any death investigation, including police-involved shootings. I assure that family, members of law enforcement, and this community that there will be a complete, impartial, and transparent review by my Discharge Integrity Team, and we will make our findings available to the public."

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Quincy man held in Devon St. homicide

A 29-year-old Quincy man was arraigned in Dorchester Municipal Court on Tuesday for the murder of a 59-yearold man on Devon Street last month. Lalance Smith has been charged with shooting Arnold Woodrum during what prosecutors say was an armed robbery inside the victim's home. Smith was ordered held without bail pending his next court date on July 25.

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Friday, July 12th will be the last day of service before the Adams Street branch closes for the construction of a new building. We will reopen early 2021. Museum passes, holds and other items will be transferred to the Lower Mills Branch. Thurs., June 27, 10:30 a.m. - Baby & Toddler Sing; 4:30 p.m. - LEGO Builders Club.

CODMAN SQUARE BRANCH

Fri., June 28, 10 a.m. – Tech Help Time; 10:30 a.m. – Stories, Stories, Stories. **Sat., June 29,** 9:30 a.m. – Citizenship Class. **Tues., July 2,** 11 a.m. - Stories, Stories, Stories. Fri., July 5, 10:30 a.m. - Stories, Stories, Stories; Super-Cold Science. Sat., July 6, 9:30 a.m. – Citizenship Class; 2p.m. – Dorchester Speaks. Tues., July 9, 11 a.m. - Stories, Stories, Stories; 11:15 a.m. - ReadBoston. **Fri., July 12**, 10 a.m. – Tech Help Time; 10:30 a.m. - Stories, Stories, Stories. Sat., July 13, 3 p.m. - USCIS Information Desk at Boston Public Library. **Tues.**, **July 16**, 10:30 a.m. – Historic New England - Girl Running: Bobbi Gibb and the Boston Marathon; 11 a.m. - Stories, Stories, Stories; 11:15 a.m. – ReadBoston; 1 p.m. – Dominican Art by Marvin.

FIELDS CORNER BRANCH

Fri., June 28, 9:30 a.m. – Lapsit Story Time; 10:30 a.m. - Preschool Storytime. Mon., July 1, 1 p.m. - Healthy Cooking with Kids. Tues., July 2, 6 p.m. - Museum of Science: Science Magic. Wed., July 3, 10:30 a.m. – Preschool Films and Fun. Fri., July 5, 10:30 a.m. – Preschool Storyting. Wed., July 10, 10:30 a.m. – Preschool Films and Fun. Thurs., July 11, 3 p.m. - Drop-In Tech Help.

GROVE HALL BRANCH

Thurs., June 27, 3 p.m. – Museum of Science-Reptiles!. Fri., June 28, 2:30 p.m. – Teen Gaming. Wed., July 3, 3 p.m. – Anime Club. Sat., July 6, 2 p.m. – Teen Resume Building. Mon., July 8, 2 p.m. - New England Aquarium - Summer Youth Focused Workshop. Wed., July 10, 11:15 a.m. – ReadBoston. Sat., July 13, 1 p.m. – Family Yoga. Wed., July 17, 11:15 a.m. – ReadBoston; 3 p.m. – Anime Club.

LOWER MILLS BRANCH

The Lower Mills branch will be closed for an interior refresh through mid-summer 2019.

MATTAPAN BRANCH

Thurs., June 27, 2 p.m. - Afternoon Movies; 6:30 p.m. – Free Gentle Yoga. **Fri., June 28**, 10:30 a.m. – Museum of Science-Night Sky; 3 p.m. – Crafternoon. Sat., June 29, 10 a.m. - Computer Basics Class. Mon., July 1, 10:30 a.m. – Hugs & Play; 11 a.m. – Fab Foundation: Open Lab; 1 p.m. - Fab Foundation: Laser Cut Bookmarks; 3 p.m. -Fab Foundation: Open Lab. Tues., July 2, 1 p.m. - Fab Foundation: 3D Printed Reading Device; 3 p.m. - Fab Foundation: Open Lab. Wed., July 3, 10:30 a.m. – Toddler Time: 11 a.m. – Fab Foundation: Open Lab; 1 p.m. – Fab Foundation: Laser Cut Bookmarks; 3 p.m. – Fab Foundation: Open Lab. **Fri., July 5**, 11 a.m. – Fab Foundation: Open Lab; 1 p.m. – Fab Foundation: Vinyl Cut Stickers; 3 p.m. – Fab Foundation: Open Lab. Sat., July 6, 10:30 a.m. – Poppin Beans Storytime. **Tues.**, **July** 9, 3 p.m. – Tinker Tuesdays; 6 p.m. – Hip Hop Dance with Thy. Wed., July 10, 3 p.m. - Crafternoons. Thurs., July 11, 5 p.m. – Evening Movies; 6:30 p.m. – Free Gentle Yoga.

UPHAMS CORNER BRANCH

Thurs., June 27, 6:30 p.m. – Pajama Story Time. Fri., June 28, 2 p.m. - Game Day Afternoon. Mon., July 1, 10:30 am. - Baby & Toddler Lapsit. Mon., July 8, All Day - Communicate Like a Champion Drop In Activities. **Tues.**, **July 9**, All Day - Communicate Like a Champion Drop In Activities. Wed., July 10, All Day - Communicate Like a Champion Drop In Activities. Thurs., July 11, All Day - Communicate Like a Champion Drop In Activities. Fri., July 12, All Day - Communicate Like a Champion Drop In Activities. Sat., July 13, 2 p.m. – Historic New England - Girl Running: Bobbi Gibb and the Boston Marathon. Mon., July 15, All Day - Explore the Library Scavenger Hunt; 10:30 a.m. – Baby and Toddler Lapsit.



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The American Red Cross honored Lexi Ashraf of Dorchester - along with eight other volunteers from across Massachusetts - last Thursday for their service to local communities and the mission of alleviating human suffering. Ashraf received the Youth Programs Volunteer of the Year Award for her work coordinating the Red Cross Club at Wellesley High School.

She is a rising senior at Wellesley High School where she is the president of her school's Red Cross Club. Lexi became interested in the Red Cross when she volunteered at the Red Cross Food Pantry in Boston and has expanded her club so that others can have the same experience.

Boston University awarded academic degrees to 6,902 students last month, including several from Dorchester and Mattapan, including (from Dorchester): Melissa Phineus, Master of Education in Educational Leadership and Policy Studies; Katherine L. Gudiel, Bachelor of Arts in International Relations; Christina Honeycutt, Master of City Planning in City, Community and Regional Planning; Lucy Ramirez, Master of Education in Counseling; Ivan Montoya, Master of Public Health in Epidemiology and Biostatistics; Catia S. Monteiro, Bachelor of Science in Psychology and Human Development, Cum Laude; David E. Shore, Juris Doctor in

Monique J. Meade, Doctor of Medicine in Medicine; Brandy D. Bernabe, Bachelor of

Law, Cum Laude;

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Also, Selina Dam, Bachelor of Science in Behavior and Health; Nora A. Quinn,

Bachelor of Arts in History, Summa Cum Laude, and a Bachelor of Science in

Social Studies Education, Summa Cum Laude; Mary N. Dao, Bachelor of Arts in Biology, Spec. in Cell Biology, Molecular Biology & Genetics; Joshua Clachar, Master of Science in Project Management; Kim L. Spanier, Master of Education in Reading Education; Meron Tefera, Master of Education in Reading Education; Colton B. Finley, Bachelor of Science in Communication; Roy'Al S. Sanyika-Hall, Bachelor of Arts in Political Science; Kathryn M. Hixson, Doctor of Philosophy in Neuroscience; **Thien**

Nguyen, Bachelor of Arts in Computer Science; Alicia A. Peterson, Master of Business Administration in Business Administration and Management; Taylor C. Robinson, Master of Education in

Applied Human Development; **Tony Nguyen**, Bachelor of Science in Biomedical Engineering; Rebecca Bilodeau, Master of Social Work in Social Work; Finadayo **D. Jervis**, Master of Public Health in Health Policy and Management.

Receiving degrees from Mattapan were Natasha White, Master of Urban Affairs in Urban Affairs; Kelechi C. Aguocha, Master of Laws in Banking and Financial Law; Alexis M. Jones, Bachelor of Science in Early Childhood Education and Independent Major; and Seychelle Dunn-Corbin, Doctor of Musical Arts in Woodwind Performance.

Dorchester students graduate from Boston College High School

On Sunday, May 19, 2019 at Boston College High School's 155th Commencement, President Grace Cotter Regan and the Board of Trustees presented diplomas to 253 members of the class of 2019. Mr. Stephen Hughes, a 1973 graduate of BC High and Principal of the school, gave the address.

Among the graduates



Dennis Quang Dang, who graduated with Academic Honors and as a member of the National Honor Society. He plans on the University of Massachusetts Lowell in the fall.



Christopher Hugh Mullen, who plans on taking a year off.



Paul Erick Alexis, who graduated with Academic Honors and as a member of the National Honor Society. He plans on Harvard College in the fall.



William Scott Cole-French, who graduated with Academic Honors. He plans on the University of Massachusetts Lowell in the fall.



Shane M. Donovan, who plans on the University of Maine in the fall.



who plans on Rivier University in the fall.



William Joseph Penella, who plans on the Catholic University of America in the fall.



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The illustration shows a horse-drawn car of the Highland Railway traveling to Oakland Garden, an outdoor amusement park that was located on Columbia Road near Blue Hill Avenue on what is now the land on either side of Hewins Street and Wolcott Street and in between, stretching from Columbia Road to Erie Street. The map detail is from the 1884 Bromley atlas.

The amusement park was established in the early 1880s, showing up on the 1884 atlas. Although Franklin Park opened in 1883, not all the land for the park had been acquired by that time, and it was not completed for several years. The success of Oakland Garden Amusement Park must have

resulted partly from its proximity to Franklin Park, offering additional attractions for visitors there.

"Evening performances included mini-theatricals, operettas and concerts, while circuses and sideshows amused local children during the day. So popular were the attractions of Oakland Garden that horse-drawn cars were chartered from the Highland Railway. Thus 'if you wish to spend a pleasant evening, all you had to do was purchase a ticket. Large numbers of visitors not only took the cars but walked from miles around.'

The park appears again in the 1889 atlas, but by 1894, the land had been subdivided for residential development.

 Source: Anthony Mitchell Sammarco. Dorchester in the Images of America series. (1995).

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

The Dorchester Historical Society's historic houses are open on different dates. The Lemuel Clap House (1712 and remodeled 1765) at 199 Boston Street is open on the third Saturday of each month. The James Blake House, 735 Columbia Road (1661) and the William Clap House, 195 Boston Street (1806) are open on the third Sunday of each month. Open hours are 11 am to 4 pm.



Editorial

Red Line woes open door for Fairmount test

If there is any upside to our summer of discontent on the Red Line, perhaps it could be this: Some long-suffering MBTA customers are beating a path to the Fairmount Line. While the commuter rail line offers less frequent departures— there's an average of one train per hour—it nonetheless offers two or three things that the Red Line sorely lacks: reliability, speed, and relative comfort.

For folks who live within walking distance of stops like Uphams Corner, Four Corners, Talbot Ave., Morton Street, and the new Blue Hill Avenue station, it can be a welcome alternative for the same

cost as a subway ride.

It's true that the Fairmount Line has had on-time performance (OTP) troubles of its own in the past. But, overall, the line has been relatively problem-free compared to other MBTA train operations in the city. In 2018, the Fairmount Line could boast a 96 percent OTP—and that figure was on the rise when we checked last winter.

Keolis, which operates the line, has added about 2,500 additional train trips per year on the Fairmount since 2014. Ridership on the line has seen a growth of more than 200 percent since 2012, much of that due to station stops that have opened

in Dorchester and Mattapan.

When the latest new platform at Blue Hill Avenue opened in the spring, Keolis CEO David Scorey noted: "The Fairmount Line has one of Commuter Rail's best rates of on-time-performance, and with 40 daily trains, Blue Hill Avenue passengers can travel to or from South Station in less than 30 minutes. As ridership grows on this line, Keolis will continue to partner with the communities we serve and market the service to new riders."

This weekend, a friend in Mattapan who typically rides the Red Line from Ashmont to her job in Cambridge and back, told me that she has started walking to Morton Street station and jumping on the Fairmount Line instead. "It has been," she said, "amazing. There's always a seat. It's on time. I'm at South Station in 15 minutes."

She then has to contend with huge crowds on the platform at South Station, of course, to continue her journey to Cambridge. That's still a disaster. But, she reasons, at least the first part of her journey is less stressful and more predictable.

State Sen. Nick Collins has introduced legislation this year that could— if passed— make the Fairmount Line even more viable. He wants it to be fully electrified, an investment that would allow for the Fairmount to transition to more rapid, frequent subway-like service. That's long been the dream of transit justice activists, who want underserved parts of Dot, Mattapan, and Hyde Park to get a bonafide rapid transit line at long last.

We're all for it. In the meantime, it would be smart for the MBTA and Keolis to take some more immediate steps to shift more ridership over to the Fairmount stations. Now is the time for a more sustained awareness campaign aimed at getting Dorchester and Mattapan people to give

the Fairmount a go.

It's not a solution to the woes that will face many of us who live in close proximity to the Red Line for weeks to come. But, there are many people who bus or bike to Red Line stations who'd be better off jumping on the commuter rail for the same price, but with a bit more planning on the time factor. It should be a part of the T's overall strategy to mitigate the aggravations that are now a daily dose of life on the Red Line.

— Bill Forry

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Let's be fair and do things right on cannabis delivery framework

By Sieh "Chief" Samura Special to the Reporter

First, the good news. In April, the Massachusetts Cannabis Control Commission (CCC) voted to move forward on a cannabis delivery framework for the state's legal market. And while the details of the program have been delayed again, it's important to get the job done right as legal delivery is vitally important. If we don't have robust licensed delivery you can rest assured that unlicensed and potentially illegal delivery will thrive.

Now, the not-so-good news. The program as currently proposed by the CCC will not work. I know because I delivered cannabis in the grey market for years, and recently talked about this experience on Good Morning America. Here is what I learned from that time:

Delivering cannabis is one of the hardest parts of the business. For sure it is a great way to grow and supplement an existing store, but as a standalone business, it stinks. Think about it: Do you know any small businesses whose only service is to pick up orders from independent stores and take them to shoppers? Sure, there are giant companies like FedEx and armies of gig-workers that drive for Amazon, but standalone mom and pop businesses? No. Now,

add on all the expensive rules and regulations these

entrepreneurs would have to face under the CCC's proposed regulations.

Under the proposed framework, each delivery car must have two drivers, doubling employee costs with no added safety benefit. These additional costs would undoubtedly be passed on to the consumer, putting cannabis delivery far out of reach for most consumers. And what, exactly, is that extra employee supposed to do? In my experience, one driver can get the job done perfectly well, and safely.

Cars must also be hard wired with multiple cameras and drivers would be required to wear body cameras; they would be walking surveillance drones, recording every interaction with customers and their personal property. This is another unnecessary and costly expense. Plus, it is downright creepy. Where does all this video surveillance go and who is responsible if it is stolen or leaked? Is the CCC really asking economic empowerment and social equity applicants to run surveillance companies?

FedEx drivers — who can deliver guns, opioids, liquor, tobacco products, and everything in between — don't have to comply with these requirements. Why do we think small businesses can, or should have to? We're talking about delivering a plant, not plutonium.

Bottom line, the CCC's proposed regulations create high-cost barriers to entry for the very applicants delivery is supposed to uplift.

In a state which bans commercial-plated vehicles on many residential streets, the requirement to have all deliveries take place in commercial-plated vehicles is not only a safety issue for drivers but it is also an access issue for patients. What are patients supposed to do if they live on a street that doesn't allow commercial-plated vehicles...or don't have access to a car to get to a dispensary...or are so ill it's difficult for them to use public transportation? The CCC is essentially making it impossible for those patients to get the medicine they need to live a comfortable and fulfilling life.

Do not make Massachusetts medical patients suffer or make drivers targets by requiring drivers to carry external signage. Use smart technology, like GPS tracking and digital recording of all sales, to make sure that products are only delivered to legal adults. Law enforcement can easily use these records if needed.

Finally, allow entrepreneurs the ability to purchase and maintain their own, limited inventory of legally obtained cannabis so that they can complete more and faster deliveries. This will not only provide better customer service, but it will also cut down on unwanted back and forth driving and wasted gas.

The CCC understands, correctly, that people who took the brunt of the government's war on drugs should have the opportunity to participate in this new legal, voter-approved market. But we can't survive and thrive within a framework that is unworkable. There is still time to build a great system that supports these entrepreneurs and also delivers a great service for customers. But a different approach than that currently being considered must be taken.

It is truly a shame that the CCC left consideration of economic empowerment and social equity applicants to the very end, but that doesn't mean we should settle for a raw deal. Now's the time to make this right.

Sieh Samura, better known as "Chief," is a cannabis consumer rights activist who lives in Mattapan.

If the Normandy invasion had failed, what might that have meant for the Allied push?

By James W. Dolan Special to the Reporter

After Adolf Hitler invaded the Soviet Union in June 1941, Joseph Stalin immediately began pleading with Franklin Roosevelt and Winston Churchill to invade France, which, he said, he needed to reduce the pressure on Russian troops who were desperately resisting the Germans who were closing in on the Russian homeland. By then, Hitler had defeated France but had aborted plans to invade Great Britain due to the effectiveness of British air and naval forces in maintaining control of the English Channel.

The initial German assault against Stalin by 3



James W. Dolan

million men in 150 divisions was remarkably successful as Nazi troops overwhelmed poorly trained, shocked, and disorganized Russian defense forces. Fast-moving mechanized divisions advanced to the outskirts of Moscow before being stalled in December 1941 by a combination of the fearsome Russian winter and the difficult task of supplying troops. A Soviet winter counteroffensive pushed the

invaders back and the tide slowly began to turn.

With the defeat of a German army at Stalingrad in February 1943 after a five-month battle, the initiative passed to the Soviet forces and thereafter Hitler's troops were on the defensive. In battle after battle with enormous casualties on both sides, the Russians pushed the invaders back into Germany, eventually capturing Berlin in May 1945.

The Normandy invasion forced Hitler to fight on three fronts, Russia, Italy, and France. The size of the forces engaged on the Russian front dwarfed those fighting in Italy and France combined. The once powerful but over-extended German air force was virtually absent during D-Day. By any measure – troops involved, battles, casualties, prisoners and scope – the Russian campaign far exceeded the fighting elsewhere. An estimated 26 million Russians died in the war including more than 8 million military deaths.

While opening a second front in France was helpful and likely shortened the war; would the Allies victory have been achieved without it? By June 1944, Soviet armies were attacking on several fronts and steadily gaining ground. Probably as important as a second front were the supplies, principally food and military equipment, provided to Russia by the United States, particularly during the early stages of the war.

The Soviets depended on the Lend-Lease Program to blunt the unexpected invasion. Upon the Russians recovering from the initial shock and with the marshalling of their military and industrial resources, Germany was on the way to losing. Hitler had counted on a swift victory and Germany was not prepared for a long war of attrition. It was only a matter of time. German forces were also retreating in fierce fighting in Italy where Rome fell to allied forces on June 4, 1944, two day before D-Day.

Allied forces invaded southern France on Aug. 15, 1944 and quickly overcame German resistance, capturing most of southern France within a month. Until D-Day, Hitler had been able to shift much needed troops from France to the Eastern Front where his best troops were desperately trying to stop the Russian offensive. With the invasion in Normandy, German ground troops were actively engaged in northern and southern France, Italy, and Russia. Hitler no longer had the luxury of consolidating his depleted forces. The Battle of the Bulge in December 1944 was a last desperate effort by Germany to halt the progress of the allies on the western front before they entered the homeland.

Defeat was inevitable. A rational leader would have acknowledged that and entered into peace negotiations. But Hitler was a madman, determined to continue fighting even if it meant the total destruction of Germany. Absent the Normandy invasion, in my opinion, Germany would have still lost the war but it would have taken longer and more territory would have fallen behind what later in the decade became the Iron Curtain. Roosevelt and Churchill were committed to the invasion, having promised to open a second front to relieve pressure on Russians forces who had been fighting for three years.

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

Chang-Diaz seeks breakthrough for funding of education reform

By Jennifer Smith News Editor

A sweeping effort to overhaul the state's 26-year-old education funding formula is still in the joint Education Committee as a vocal coalition of proponents keep pushing for movement. The bill is similar to an earlier effort that died in conference committee last year, though new provisions to address the cost of charter reimbursements would offer a potential boost to cities like Boston.

Both the PROMISE ACT, put forward by a group of lawmakers led by state Sen. Sonia Chang-Díaz (Jamaica Plain), and Gov. Charlie Baker's current education proposal were contrasted in a Massachusetts Budget and Policy Center report last week. The think tank analysis determined that the senator's bill, sponsored in the House by Reps. Aaron Vega and Mary Keefe, would by 2026 allocate about \$1.41 billion more to schools than the current projections and \$946.3 million more than Governor Baker's plan. Baker's proposal would direct an additional \$460 million per year to districts beyond the current formula.

In an extended interview during and after The Horse Race podcast last week, Chang-Díaz told the *Reporter* that the dramatic funding boost is necessary to fully meet the state's obligation to provide a quality education to its students while grappling with the greater cost of educating disadvantaged children. It expands on the bipartisan though last-minute efforts of the last cycle.

"People worked really hard with the just grueling schedule over the course of that week

to try and arrive at a compromise. We were not able to," Chang-Díaz said of the failed negotiations last year, which remain opaque because of legislature rules covering conference committees. "And the major difference between the bill that had passed the House last year and the bill that passed the Senate last year, as with the bills that we see – the governor's bill versus the PROMISE Act this year – was about what do we do with respect to low income students?

"There were also differences last year around what is the right way to account for the cost of educating English learners in the formula," Chang-Diaz said. "There's less daylight between the proposals on that this year. But the biggest difference by far was, and still is, how do we properly account for what it costs to close achievement gaps for low income students?"

The last major change to the education funding formulas came back in 1993, with a related lawsuit looming over the state.

"When we passed the 1993 Education Reform Act, which was a landmark piece of legislation, we made the right promises, the right commitments, and did a lot of things right in the law," Chang-Díaz said. "That still persists today. We said we are going to not allow these cavernous gaps between the haves and the havenots to persist in our state."

One problem, she said. is the formula has slowly "eroded" and become less well-matched to the educational reality over time as the internet became a necessary tool and health care and special education costs increased.

Another problem is "things that we never got right in the formula," she said. "So, we've been doing it wrong for 25 years."

This category is what education advocates and PROMISE Act supporters are really digging in on: Actually investing enough to close the opportunity gaps that the 1993 legislation identified.

A 2015 commission that Chang-Díaz was a part of "made rec-ommendations about mathematical changes we need to make to the formula in order to more accurately account for what it takes to move a low income kid, to sort of bridge that gap.

The Massachusetts Budget and Policy Center, which did not make recommendations in its report, offered a clear metric for the difference between bills. Schools would receive boosts in their funding relative to the proportion to the number of low-income students they serve.

"While this would only provide a 9 percent increase for the most affluent districts, it would roughly double the amount of extra funding for the highest poverty schools," the report states. "While moving to 100 percent additional funding for kids experiencing poverty would be a significant increase, it is in line with school finance research stretching back several decades."

This goes far beyond the maximum 20 percent increase in funding for areas with high proportions of low-income students under the governor's bill. Baker's proposal, a spokeswoman for Education Secretary Jim Peyser told CommonWealth Magazine, "is funded with existing revenues,

with investments beginning immediately and can be sustained over time."

The PROMISE Act is a more expensive bill and would not work with existing revenues. There is not a potential revenue stream cited to immediately fund the bill should it pass, as a push to impose a tax surcharge on income greater than \$1 million would take years and a constitutional amendment to become law.

Backed by the Massachusetts Teachers Alliance and the Fund Our Future organization, the PROMISE Act also has 117 legislators as co-sponsors, including Dorchester and Mattapan elected officials like state Sen. Nick Collins and state Reps. Russell Holmes, Dan Hunt, Dan Cullinane, Liz Miranda, and David Biele.

Mayor Martin Walsh joined the chorus supporting the PROMISE Act this year, as one provision could bring a windfall to Boston by providing a minimum amount of state funding to cities after their share of obligatory state is paid to the municipality's charter schools. Boston would stand to receive up to \$100 million in state aid through this minimum aid change. Gov. Baker's bill would also address Chapter 70 funding issues, with his formula giving Boston another \$16 million after it took

A March hearing at the State House tack-



Sonia Chang-Diaz

led the PROMISE Act. Chang-Díaz notes that they have now had the better part of two legislative cycles to discuss the proposed changes - through the prior bill and the PROMISE Act – and hopes to see some progress in the near future.

"Folks said after the end of the conference committee last year, we're going to keep working on this," she said. "So, it's been more than three months that we've had to work on it... I'm hopeful that the bill is going to come out soon from committee because we urgently need to pass this before the beginning of the next school year."

a parallel between the strained education funding and other struggling systems. 'Honestly, I see a lot

Chang-Díaz also drew

of parallels between the education space and the transportation space,"

Chang-Díaz said. "We have decades worth of deferred maintenance. That's rearing its head in a way that's impossible to ignore. And with the train derailments, it happens in a big sort of explosive way - it involves a lot of human bodies all at once... With the education system, there are what I would call individual train derailments that are happening every day.'

The interview took place in the week after a Red Line train derailment tangled the entire area's infrastructure and a double homicide shook Jamaica Plain.

The entire interview with Chang-Diaz and other episodes of The Horse Race, a political podcast hosted by Reporter news editor Jennifer Smith and MassINC Polling Director Steve Koczela, are available online and wherever podcasts are found.

Girls Nights events kick off with July 11 beach party

Boston residents Zoo all-ages girls event p.m., for all ages. can register now to attend one or more Girls Nights produced by Boston Centers for Youth and Families (BCYF). This series of free, girls-only events will be held throughout the summer and are designed to bring girls together in a safe and cohesive environment. Last summer over 1,500 girls participated.

Girls Night starts on Thurs., July 11 with an all-ages beach kick-off event at the Curley Community Center in South Boston from 5-8 p.m. A Franklin Park

will be held on Sat., July 13, 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. On Wed. July 17, it's Rock Climbing and BBQ at the BCYF Menino Community Center in Hyde Park from 4 - 7 p.m., for ages 10-17. On Tues., July 23, there will be an all-ages party for girls at Boston Bowl from 4 - 7 p.m.. An excursion on Codzilla in Boston Harbor is planned for Tuesday, July 30, 5 p.m., ages 7 and older. A LipSync & Dance Battle will take place at BCYF Perkins Community Center in Dorchester on Tues., August 6, 5 - 8

A visit to the New England Aquarium is set for Sat., Aug. 10, 10 a.m. - 12 p.m., for all ages. A trip to Laser Quest will be Tuesday, Aug.13, 5-8 p.m., ages 6and older. AJP Licks Ice Cream Social is slated for Tues., Aug. 20, 4 - 6 p.m., all ages. Finally, an "End of Summer" party will take place at Mattapan's Chez Vous rink with Boston Police District B3 on Friday, Aug. 23, 5 - 8 p.m., all

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Boston Collegiate Charter School's Class of 2019 graduates tossed their caps in celebration to conclude a ceremony at the Strand Theatre on June 6. Students in this year's graduating class are heading off to a diverse array of institutions of higher education, including Boston College, Bowdoin College, Northeastern University, and all four campuses in the University of Massachusetts system. Boston City Councilor Andrea Campbell was the commencement speaker. This year's Valedictorian is Victoria Wawryszuk who will be attending Northeastern University on the Northeastern Boston Valedictorian Scholarship. Salutatorian Anna Lysakowski will be attending Northeastern University on the Boston Public High School Scholarship. Photo courtesy BCCS

PUBLIC MEETING ON PROPOSAL FOR 3 ASPINWALL RD.

The Boston Planning and Development Agency will host a public meeting on Mon., July 8 to discuss a proposal to construct a four-story, residential development at 3 Aspinwall Rd. in Dorchester. The meeting will take place at 6:30 p.m. at the Codman Square Health Center's Great Hall, 637 Washington St., Dorchester. This meeting was originally scheduled for June 24. More info: bostonplans.org or call John

Campbell at 617-918-4282. The close of public comment on this proposal in July 19.

RIVERFEST AT NEPONSET PARK ON JULY 20

Neponset RiverFest will be held on Sat. July 20, at DCR Neponset Park, Dorchester (at the corner of Granite Ave. and Hilltop St.) Join Neponset River Watershed Association as they celebrate the Neponset River and the beautiful parks and pedestrian paths along the shore, along with the natural salt marshes and wetlands that support more than 200 species

of birds, fish and other wildlife. This is a family-friendly, public event. The public is encouraged to bring a blanket and a picnic, and spend the day. Activities include: free canoeing/kayaking, biking, rock wall climbing, soccer demonstrations, bouncy house, and casting clinic. Multiple food trucks, live musical performances, environmental and science exhibits, kid's activities, and more. See Neponset. org for more info.

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Wu calls for rally vs. T hike on July 1, day it goes into effect

By Meghan B. Kelly WBUR Reporter

Boston City Councillor Michelle Wu is spearheading a "#BostonTParty" to protest coming fare hikes on the MBTA. The rally comes after two recent train derailments, within several days of each other, renewed focus on the T's performance.

Wu said on Twitter that she didn't want to call for a rider boycott but to "rally our ridership & empower every commuter to push for solutions to fix the T."

The effort will put volunteers at MBTA stops and trains during the rush hour commute on Monday, July 1 — when the fare hikes will take effect — to "engage riders and spark a conversation throughout the day and



Michelle Wu Robin Lubbock/WBUR photo

beyond about what we could do NOW if we marshal the political will to act with urgency."

Subway and commuter rail fares are set to increase by an average of 6 percent.

In an op-ed in the Boston Globe, Wu called for Boston, and other towns and municipalities the MBTA goes through, to have a seat at the table when it comes to the T's decision-making authority.



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T issues forecast for Red Line operations: Delays and crowding through summertime

(Continued from page 1) must manually direct traffic and will run fewer

"In those bungalows are systems that essentially control train speed, train spacing and even ultimately throwing switches between the Ashmont and Braintree branches that allow us to operate the Red Line every day," Deputy General Manager Jeff Gonneville said at the press availability.

A standard rush hour will see 13 to 14 trains running on the Red Line every hour, but for the summer, the system will only be able to accommodate 10. Delays and crowding are likely to come as a result of the cutback.

The key challenge, Poftak said, is that the equipment damaged in some cases dates back to the 1970s. He and Gonneville spoke to reporters in front of a table with examples of the affected technology, pointing out the damage and the specialty parts needed for restoration.

Crews are using whatever pieces they can for now and are in the process of finding additional repair materials, but that is not an easy task when the parts are several decades old.

"We are working to restore the full level of service using some of the existing equipment and any equipment that we can secure," Poftak said. "It is a very complicated process. Some of this equipment is obviously not the type of thing that you buy off the rack."

The derailment also pushed up the MBTA's timeline on plans to



The damaged signal bungalow at JFK-UMass station is shown in this photo taken on the day after the June 11 derailment. *Image courtesy MassDOT*

modernize signalling in the area. A project was already under way to replace analog signals near Columbia Junction with digital ones by 2021, but Poftak said officials are now working with the contractor to complete that work by 2020.

There is some chance for service to improve over the course of the summer, ahead of the Labor Day deadline outlined last Friday, officials said. As signal circuits come back online, the MBTA may be able to reduce the almost 50 workers manually directing trains and run them more quickly.

"We are working every day to decrease the amount of manual work that's being done, and if we are able to make sufficient progress, that number will decrease," Poftak said. "But I think to allow the riding public to plan, right now, we foresee this current level of service persisting at least through Labor Day."

After a week and a half of probing, investigators have ruled out track infrastructure, operator error, and foul play, but still have not determined a cause for the derailment, which was the fifth this calendar year and the 24th on an MBTA passenger train since the start of 2015.

They are looking closely at the 50-year-old train itself and its wheel truck, which was installed in 2014. But that process, Gonneville said, is also challenging because it is not yet clear which parts were damaged as a result of the derailment that sent the train skidding more than 1,800 feet and which may have broken down prior to — and therefore caused — the incident.

"We are at the point now where there is a detailed metallurgical analysis or a detailed analysis that needs to be done to forensically identify what came first, so what was the cause and what was the effect," he said.

Asked by a reporter if budgetary changes contributed to the derailment, Gonneville answered, "Absolutely not."

Authorities investigated similar components

on all of the 68 other Type 1 cars currently in passenger service on the Red Line in the wake of the derailment and found no issues, they said. Poftak stressed several times that he believes the system remains safe to use.

Despite anticipating

Despite anticipating delays for most of the summer and significant outcry from riders and elected officials, the MBTA has no plans to pause a set of fare increases set to take effect July 1. The changes vary by ticket type, but a single ride on the Red Line will soon increase 15 cents and a monthly subway pass will go up \$5.50.

"I think the requests to delay the fare increases are just an expression of frustration in the wake of the derailment," Transportation Secretary Stephanie Pollack told reporters on the previous Monday. "I am totally sympathetic to that level of frustration. I just think the fare increase is the wrong target for that frustration."

Fare hikes were still planned at the time of a Tuesday press conference in Medford, where Gov. Baker announced a more aggressive effort to speed repairs and upgrades with night and weekend closures.

The govenor and T officials unveiled a plan that includes a future infusion of \$50 million in surplus state revenue to be a flexible fund that could go to either the capital or operational side of the T, changes to state laws governing procurement, and negotiations with contractors and industry partners to speed up project schedules and streamline contracts.

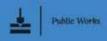
On top of an independent review of MBTA derailment over the past two years, the Board announced this week the names of an independent panel will examine MBTA safety practices -former US Transportation Secretary Ray La-Hood, former Acting FTA Administrator Carolyn Flowers, and former NY City Transit President Carmen Bianco. A Mass-DOT spokesperson said the "scope" of the panel's work will be "finalized soon.'



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Community Health News



Healthy cooking classes for kids at Neponset's Driscoll Health Center

Daniel Driscoll - Neponset Health Center will offer a free four-week healthy cooking class for 5th and 6th graders this summer, beginning July 10. The class sessions will take place from 5-6:30 p.m. over four Wednesdays, July 10-31. All classes will take place at the health center, located at 398 Neponset Ave. in Dorchester. Free

parking is available and the health center is accessible by MBTA bus.

Kids will have fun while learning how to make healthy foods and meal choices with recipes provided by Harbor Health's nutritionist. In each of the four sessions, classes will cover a new nutrition topic and prepare a healthy recipe. Kids will get to taste what they made and bring home the recipe. The free cooking classes are made possible thanks to funding from Kohl's Cares.

Space is limited and registration is required. Visit bit.ly/DDNHCsummercooking to register. Or call 617-533-2228 or email prevention@hhsi. us with questions about the class.

Ojuka to accept Whittier Street's President's Award

Chigoziri Ojuka, Family and Psychiatric Nurse Practitioner, and Director of the Whittier Health Center's Quincy Commons clinic on Blue Hill Avenue, will be presented with the 2019 President's Award at the Center's annual meeting on June 27.

The annual award is the result of a peer nomination process and organization-wide vote to select the colleague to be recognized. Ojuka, known as "Chichi," joined Whittier in 2014. In 2017, she was promoted to Practice Manager/ Supervising Nurse Practitioner of Whittier's new satellite clinic on Blue Hill Ave/Quincy Commons and in 2018 became the center's director.

"I have known Chichi for almost 10 years," said Frederica Williams, president and CEO of Whittier Health Center. "Since joining the Whittier team, she has consistently exemplified Whittier's core values, and demonstrated a deep commitment to our vision and mission and has continued her personal growth which has prepared her for the leadership role she holds today."

In 2019, Ojuka earned another Master's degree to become a Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner from Regis College, which allows her to serve a wider range of patients.

"Since becoming the Director of Whittier's Quincy Commons, Chichi has launched several successful programs to meet the



Chigoziri Ojuka

needs of our patients including a Women's Health/Family Planning clinic, bi-lingual Diabetes Education Group (Spanish and English), and an Infectious Diseases clinic to serve patients with HIV and Hep C and patients with STDs," said Williams.

 $Ojuka\,earned\,a\,BS\,in\,Economics$ from the University of Calabar in Nigeria, where she received the Economics department's Best Graduating Student Award. Ojuka also holds an Associate in Nursing degree from Mass Bay College (2006), and a BSN from Curry College (2012), where she received the Best Achievement Award from the Nursing department. She was also presented with an achievement award from the Honor Society of Nursing.



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FUNDRAISER FOR OLD MORTON STREET FIRE VICTIMS ON JULY 27

The Lower Mills Civic Association will host a fundraiser on Sat., July 27 for neighbors displaced by the nine-alarm fire on Old Morton Street. The fundraiser will be held from 5-8 p.m. at St. Gregory's auditorium, 2200 Dorchester Ave. Tickets: \$25. Donations made be sent via LMCA to 15 Becket St., Dorchester, 02124.

MULTICULTURAL DAY IN CODMAN SQUARE ON JULY 13

Celebrate the variety of cultures that make up our neighborhood at Dorchester Multicultural Day on Sat., July 13, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. at Codman Park & Second Church in Dorchester parking lot, corner of Washington St. & Talbot Ave., Codman Square. Live Entertainment, music, dance and fashion. Local vendors, food for sale, community choir, arts for kids and more. Bring a folding chair and relax all day or stay for as long as you can. No cost to attend. Vendors may register for a table at this outdoor event (indoors in case of rain) by July 6. Includes: One 6-foot table, 1 chair. You may bring your own tent. For further information contact: secondchnaz@ gmail.com or 617-825-2797. Sponsors are: Second Church in Dorchester, Codman Square Neighborhood Council, Codman Farmers Market, Codman Square Neighborhood Development Corp.

PEAR SQUARE ART FAIR ON JULY 20

The second annual Pear Square Art Fair will be held in Richardson Park (near intersection of Mass Ave. and Columbia Rd.) Over a dozen art vendors including handcrafted leather, pottery, fused glass, painting and more! Artists will be making art and selling their work in the shade of Richardson Parks trees. There will be food vendors and light entertainment all afternoon from local folk, pop and soul artist on the lawn of Boston's oldest house, The James Blake House!.Free tours available. Vending hours 12-5 p.m. **ADSL T-BALL SIGN-UPS UNDERWAY**

BNBL SIGN-UPS NOW UNDERWAY

Registration is now open for the 50th annual season of Boston's favorite summer basketball league, the Boston Neighborhood Basketball League (BNBL), kicking off on Monday, July 8. BNBL is the oldest municipal basketball league in the country serving young men and women in three divisions each for boys and girls: 13 and under; 15 and under; and 18 and under.BNBL is played at Boston Centers for Youth & Families (BCYF) community centers and selected city parks. The 2019 BNBL season ends with the championship games played in mid-August. BNBL also offers a free Pee Wee Developmental Program for boys and girls ages 6 to 11 offered at various locations across the city in Dorchester, Mattapan, Roslindale, South Boston, West Roxbury, and Roxbury. This program teaches young players the basics of basketball in a fun and non-competitive setting. Registration for Pee Wee BNBL is done on-site at the Pee Wee locations. For more information, please email Charlie Conners at Charles.Conners@boston.gov or call 617-961-3093. Sign-up for the ADSL t-ball league (\$40) at

alldorchestersports.org. Program fee: \$40. **AUDITIONS ONGOING FOR BOSTON CITY**

SINGERS

New programs for the Boston City Singers start in September. Auditions are happening by appointment at the Epiphany School, 154 Centre St., Dorchester. More audition sessions are planned on Sept. 6 and 7 or by appointment. See bostoncitysingers.org or call 617-825-0674.

FENWAY CHALLENGE COMES TO TOWN FIELD IN JULY

The Boston Parks and Recreation Department, the Boston Red Sox, and Highland Street Foundation team up once again to present the Fenway Challenge featuring the Red Sox Showcase in local parks on three Tuesdays in July and August. The free series gives children ages 7 to 14 the opportunity to test their pitching accuracy, swing in a batting cage, and practice base stealing. Food and entertainment including virtual reality, a replica Green Monster, and Red Sox mascots Wally and Tessie will provide participants with an unforgettable field day. Participants will also have the opportunity to win Red Sox tickets. The Fenway Challenge will be held from 10:30 a.m. to 12 noon. The dates are July 16 at Doherty Playground (Town Field), 1545 Dorchester Ave., Dorchester; July 30 at Lee Playground, 775

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East First S., South Boston; and August 6 at Carter Playground, 709 Columbus Ave., South End. For more information, contact Cheryl Brown at 617-961-3085 or cheryl.brown@boston.gov. To register please go to mlb.com/redsox/forms/fenway-challenge.

FREE PARKARTS WORKSHOPS FOR KIDS

The Boston Parks and Recreation Department's annual ParkARTS program sponsored by Holly Bruce returns in July for kids ages three to ten at the Artists in Residence Workshops held from 10 a.m. to 12 noon in parks across the city. Participation is free and all materials are provided, but children must be accompanied by an adult. Groups of eight or more must make prior arrangements by calling the Parks Department at 617-635-4505 or emailing boston.gov/ parks. In addition, the New England Aquarium will bring its traveling tide pool exhibit to four locations and the Marionette Puppet Show series will return in July and August at 11 a.m. at various children's workshops. Experience the unique charm of Rosalita's Puppets featuring marionettes made by professional actor-puppeteer Charlotte Anne Dore. Artists in Residence Workshops will be held from 10 a.m. to 12 noon on Tuesdays, July (9, 16, 23) at McConnell Park, Dorchester. They will be held on Tuesday, July 30, and August 6, 13 at Town Field, Dorchester; and on Fridays—August 2, 9, 16— at Hunt/ Almont Park, Mattapan. The New England Aquarium will be at McConnell Park in Dorchester from 10 a.m. to 12 noon on Tuesday, July 16. Rosalita's Puppets Marionette Performance will be at 11 a.m. on Tuesday, August 13, Town Field, Dorchester.

MR8K- A RUN FOR GRATITUDE SET FOR SEPT. 2

The Martin Richard Foundation, in partnership with the Boston Bruins Foundation, New Balance and DMSE Sports, will host the second annual MR8K - A Run for Gratitude on Labor Day, Monday, Sept. 2 at Warrior Ice Arena at Boston Landing in Brighton. Produced by DMSE Sports, Inc., the 5-mile course will take place at Warrior Ice Arena at Boston Landing. More than 2,000 people participated in last year's inaugural event at TD Garden, which resulted in a \$100,000 donation to McLean Hospital's LEADER program to support first responders. Registration is \$45, with proceeds benefiting the Martin Richard Foundation. Participants who choose to fundraise and commit to raise a minimum of \$300 for the Foundation will receive free entry into the race and a limited edition 2019 MR8K Team MR8 race shirt. The event is open to runners, walkers and para-athletes of all abilities, as well as families with small children. Register now at BostonBruins.com/MR8K

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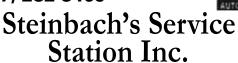
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King Boston wins \$100,000 grant from Cummings Foundation

King Boston- the organization formed to honor the work and Boston legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., and Coretta Scott King— is one of 100 local nonprofits to receive grants of \$100,000 each through Cummings Foundation's "\$100K for 100" program. King Boston was chosen from a total of 574 applicants during a competitive review process.

The funding will be used for King Boston's ongoing efforts to create a memorial on Boston Common and a dynamic "King Center for Economic Justice" in Roxbury

"On behalf of King Boston, I want to thank Joyce and Bill Cummings and Cummings Foundation for their support of King Boston," said Marie St. Fleur, Executive Director of King Boston. "This gift brings us a large step closer to realizing King Boston's goal of not simply recalling the King's legacy of service but to also inspire a new dedication to combatting the inequities that are

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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. SU19P1190EA

ESTATE OF:

ALFRED JORDAN DATE OF DEATH: 04/12/2019

To all interested persons: A petition for Formal Probate of Will with

A petition for Formal Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative has been filed by Stephanie J. Drayton of Dorchester, MA requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition. The Petitioner requests that: Stephanie J. Drayton of Dorchester, MA be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve on the bond in an unsupervised administration.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceed-

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 07/22/2019.
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 profess to you.

Unsupervised Administration

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The complete list of 100 grant winners is available at cummingsfoundation.org.



Dot students graduate from St. Joseph's Prep - Saint Joseph Preparatory High School held its seventh Commencement Exercises at the Robsham Theater at Boston College on June 6. Diplomas were conferred to 99 members of this graduating class, the Class of 2019, by Head of School, Thomas E. Nunan, Jr. The graduates and their families were treated to exemplary speeches from the Salutatorian, Sarah Gyurmey (UMASS, Amherst), and from the Valedictorian, Daniel Lotti (UMASS, Lowell, Honors Program). Lee Hogan, CSJ, President of the Sisters of St. Joseph of Boston, offered the Invocation and Board Chair Dr. Carole Hughes, Senior Associate Dean/Director for the Office of Graduate Student Life at Boston College, extended congratulations to the graduates. Rep. Kevin G. Honan, Massachusetts State Representative for the 17th District, was the Commencement Speaker. Pictured above are graduates from Dorchester (l-r, back row) Kira Fernandes (Stonehill College), Mia Ransom Yance (UMass, Amherst), Maria Andrade (Amherst College), Brianna Bailey (Bridgewater State University), and Cameron Ferent (Renssalaer Polytechnic Institute) with Mr. Nunan.

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Docket No. SU19D1079DR DIVORCE SUMMONS
BY PUBLICATION and MAILING
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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: Winfred Eunice Myers, 265 Hebron St., Hyde Park, MA 02136 your answer, if any, on or before **07/25/2019**. If you fail to do so, the court vill 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. BRIAN J. DUNN,

First Justice of this Court. Date: June 4, 2019

Felix D. Arroyo

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS THE TRIAL COURT PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT
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CITATION ON PETITION FOR
FORMAL ADJUDICATION
Device No. S14001315EA Docket No. SU19P1315EA ESTATE OF: DIXIE LEE BUFFORD

DATE OF DEATH: 02/28/2019 A petition for Formal Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative has been filed by Sandra Wright of Matapan, MA requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition. The Petitioner requests that: Sandra Wright of Mattapan, MA be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve on the bond in an unsupervised administration IMPORTANT NOTICE

You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. Petition from the Petitioner of at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: 10:00 a.m. on the return day of 07/23/2019.

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Probate Code (MUPC)
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Witness, HON. BRIAN J. DUNN, First

Justice of this Court. Date: June 11, 2019

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COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS THE TRIAL COURT **PROBATE & FAMILY COURT** SUFFOLK PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT 24 NEW CHARDON STREET BOSTON, MA 02114 617-788-8300 CITATION ON PETITION

TO CHANGE NAME Docket No. SU19C0263CA IN THE MATTER OF: CHRISTIVA CIDY MORELAND

A Petition to Change Name of Adult has been filed by Christiva Cidy Moreland of Boston, MA requesting that the court enter a Decree changing their name to: Younique Thornton

IMPORTANT NOTICE

Any person may appear for surposes of objecting to the petition by filing an appearance at: Suffolk Probate and Family Court before 10:00 a.m. on the return day of **07/04/2019**. This is not a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance if you object to this

roceeding. Witness, HON. BRIAN J DUNN, First Justice of this Court. Date: June 10, 2019

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FORMAL ADJUDICATION
Device 11, 18, 1814013925A Docket No. SU19P1283EA ESTATE OF: RICHARD MICHAEL ROLAK

DATE OF DEATH: 04/18/2019 and Appointment of Personal Representative has been filed by Karen M. Rolak of South Boston, MA requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition. The Petitioner requests that: Karen M. Rolak of South Boston, MA be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve on the bond in an unsupervised administration IMPORTANT NOTICE

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Date: June 07, 2019 Felix D. Arroyo Register of Probate Published: June 27, 2019

Mattapan rapper boosts creative healing with 'Outside,' his new hip hop release

By Caleb Nelson SPECIAL TO THE REPORTER

Great music never dies. It spreads organically, gets remixed, and continues to find fresh ears. Daniel Laurent (DL) speaks gently, is careful with his words, and carries many scars. His strength, creative energy, and resolve is palpable in his lyrics. It shows through his music and he knows how to make outsiders care about his family.

"It's important to be legacy building," DL said in an interview after the premiere of his awardwinning music video. "How do you want to be remembered?"

The week after Memorial Day, after a great flood of rain, as city blocks begin heating up all over the northern hemisphere, Laurent released his heartfelt single, "Outside." Now live on YouTube, and available on his website (DanielLaurent.com), the song speaks to the perils of life's hustle.

Over a base-heavy doo wop beat, Mattapan resident DL raps a challenge for his peers: "Sink or swim, it might hurt your pride." At 37 years old, he says he is not trying to cater to teenagers, but to be a model of how to live through adulthood. "Stand firm on my principles. Violate one of the three, the wrath's gonna be Biblical."

With his song playing in the background, DL talked about his lyrics:



About 60 people gathered last month in The River Church, located in the basement of a bank in Quincy Center, for a listening party for Daniel Laurent's new single, "Outside." Caleb Nelson photo

"Meaning if you step on my shoes, that's fine. You don't say sorry, that means you're disrespectful, but I'm not going to take your life away for that. But violating my family, I take that very serious.'

It has been more than ten years since DL lost his fiancée to gun violence. Before the music video, he showed a short documentary that he and JB Palmer made to commemorate his experiences. It shows him visiting her grave for the first time in many years at the cemetery near Franklin Park.

Her death still haunts him, and he still doesn't clearly remember everything that happened after he heard the news. The video also commemorates many other victims of gun violence, including Kendric Price, who was a basketball coach at UMass Boston, the California rapper Nipsey Hustle, and DL's neighbor Eleanor Maloney, who died from gunfire in the spring.

"I actually saw her body on the ground," he said. "It was covered, but I saw her feet. All of that is traumatic. We push that aside and keep going, but it's really traumatic."

The room was packed for the premiere. Many prominent members of the Mattapan commu-"We cannot do it alone, nity attended, including people gathered in The River Church, located in the basement of a bank

Dominic and Christina Kaiser ran a film festival called "Stories by The



Daniel Laurent

River" with a channel worldwere there, includon YouTube. Any time we can engage the community, we're open to give opportunity," said Dominic.

Many of DL's friends from the Boston Rap

ing the DJ from The Almighty RSO who has produced for artists like NAS and Mobb Deep.

"I believe in his music, and what he's got going on," the RSO said. "He

speaks volumes, very well respected, likeable, loveable guy. You can see everybody came out to see what's going on."

Rocklyn, a friend of DL's who heard the song about a month before the video release, said he has his verse ready for the remix. "He's always been a phenomenal artist," Said Rocklyn. "It's a deep song. It's a message that brings awareness to some of the challenges within the inner city. It focuses on some of the solutions as well."

Said Nerissa Williams Scott, a producer with TCGT Entertainment who has seen DL perform many times, and noted that he has been influential in her hip hop life: "When he spits his lyrics, he's a true gift from God. He's an artist. Every time a hear a good album, I call him up, I'm like, 'D, I heard this album.' He's like, 'You're late, but it's great."

While some members of DL's community see opportunities for activism in his lyrics, the rapper says that's not his bag. "There are people in this room that I know actually voted for Trump, and that's fine. I love them the same."

DL said that he has been MCing on and off for about ten years. "It's always been a passion for me, but this time I'm more intentional. I'm trying to be intentional with my message, but I'm not trying to disrespect someone for their beliefs or their thoughts, or their stances. It's blatantly there, and you see it. But I don't want an "F you" and your thoughts."

The videographer and director of the music video sent it out for awards, and it won "Best Music Video" from the American Tracks Music Awards.

While appreciative of the attention, DL said he doesn't need more clout. He hopes to make real positive changes in his community. "Trying to save some of these kids is important," he said. "If I could personally know that I saved one, I would be fulfilled."

Unity Peace fest mounted at Ronan Park

About 150 people attended an all-day live music "Unity Peace Festival" in Ronan Park on June 15. The event was organized by Luisa Tavares Barros, a native of Cape Verde who has lived in Dorchester since 1981. Her son Andrew Tavares, 17, was shot and killed in Roxbury in band Bino Barros have since launched a series of events to promote peace through music.

The event in Ronan Park included live music and motivational speakers with an emphasis on Cape Verdean artists. Barros said she hopes her audience would "reflect and see the need to come together because only together, we can make a difference.

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BGCD Members Receive Marian L. Heard Scholarship: See details below.



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BGCD Members Receive Marian L. Heard Scholarship: Last week, two high school seniors from BGCD received the prestigious Marian L. Heard Scholarship. This scholarship will grant them \$10K in tuition assistance and a mentor to help coach them through their four years of college.

Congratulations to Ricky H. and James N. who were two of fifteen Scholars recognized at a luncheon with United Way of Massachusetts Bay Leadership and volunteers. Both Ricky and James are active members of the College Fellows program at the Club. Our thanks to the United Way of Massachusetts Bay for this terrific opportunity.

For more information on the College Fellows program please contact Tricia Chapple at pchapple@bgcdorchester. org.

FIND OUT WHAT'S INSIDE: BGCD Hosts Member Recognition Night: BGCD hosted its annual Mem-

ber Recognition Night event last week, recognizing members for outstanding achievement, sportsmanship and participation across all program areas. Over 300 members and their families attended the event which included a sit-down meal.

The Recognition Night helped us to close out the school year program. Our staff was excited for the opportunity to acknowledge the success of our members. Congratulations to all of the award winners on their achievements.

For more information on the wide variety of programming available at the Club, please visit www.bgcdorchester. org or contact Brendan McDonald at bmacdonald@bgcdorchester.org.

DID YOU KNOW

BGCD is Recruiting Riders for the
2019 Rodman Ride for Kids: The
Rodman Ride for Kids is an annual
fundraising bike ride taking place on
September 21, 2019. This is one of

our major fundraising events hosted throughout the year. If you are interested in taking part in the Rodman Ride for Kids, either biking or as a 'virtual rider' where friends of the Club are encouraged to raise money without having to ride out on the course, please contact Patty Lamb at plamb@bgc-dorchester.org.

In 2018, Boys & Girls Clubs of Dorchester's riders and supporters raised over \$500,000 for our Clubs! The Rodman Ride for Kids and the nearly 50 youth-serving affiliated nonprofits together raised \$13.3 million last year and more than \$108 million since the start of The Ride in 1991. Visit bgcdorchester.org/rodman-ride-for-kids for details.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Safe Summer Streets Block Party for Teens June 29th

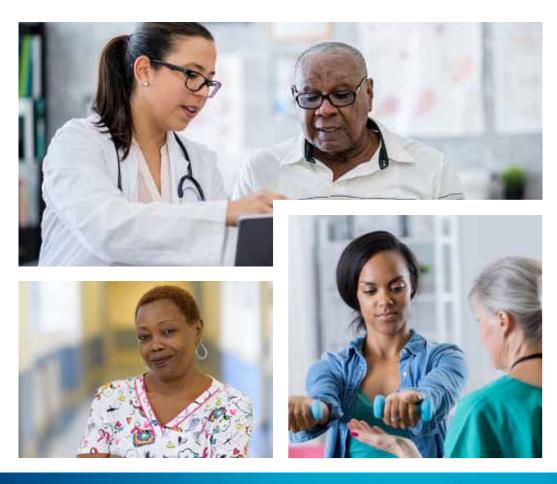
Summer Program Begins (pre-registration required) July 8th

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Boston Parks Summer Fitness Series sponsored by Blue Cross Blue Shield is a four-month-long series that will offer 30 free classes per week from June 3 to September 28 in 19 neighborhoods across the city. The program is tailored to the interests of residents and participants, including age-friendly classes for kids and older adults as well as those new to fitness classes. For a full schedule please visit bphc.org/ summerfitness. For updates, follow @ HealthyBoston and @BostonParksDept on Twitter, or call 617-534-2355.

APPLE GROVE ASSOC.

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

GREATER MATTAPAN NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

The Greater Mattapan Neighborhood Council meets monthly from 6:30-8 p.m., at the Mildred Ave Community Ctr. The meeting begins promptly at 6:30 p.m. as there is a full agenda. Please forward all questions to info. gmncouncil@ gmail.com. website: www.g-mnc.org

ASHMONT-ADAMS NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOC.

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Meetings are typically held on the first Thursday of each month at the Plasterer's Hall, 7 Fredericka St., at 7 p.m. Contact Pat O'Neill at pattiashmont@gmail.com.

ASHMONT HILL ASSOC.

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

ASHMONT HILL BOOK GROUP

Everyone is welcome to Book Group, whether you've read the book or not. For further info, please contact Lil Konowitz at klil@hotmail.com.

ASHMONT VALLEY NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOC.

Meetings are usually the 2nd Monday or Tuesday of the month at 6:30 p.m. at 776 Washington St., Dorchester.

CEDAR GROVE CIVIC ASSOC.

Meetings are held in the St. Brendan's Father Lane Hall – lower level at 589 Gallivan Blvd., Dorchester Tuesdays on the second Tuesday of the month at 7 p.m. Info: cedargrovecivic@gmail. com or 617-825-1402.

CLAM POINT CIVIC ASSOC.

The meetings are usually held on the second Monday of the month (unless it's a holiday) at WORK, Inc. 25 Beach St., at the corner of Freeport St., across from the IBEW; on-street parking available. **CODMAN SQUARE NEIGHBORHOOD** COUNCIL

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The FCCA meets on the first Tuesday of the month at 6:30 at the Kit Clark Center, 1500 Dorchester Ave. For more info. contact V. Girard, chair, at: vivian8120@gmail.com.

month, 7-8:30 p.m., in the Great Hall

of the Codman Sq. Health Center, 6

Meetings the first Mon. of each month,

p.m., at the Little House, 275 East

The Dorchester North Neighborhood

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Neighborhood Assoc.) generally meets

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(search Dorchester North) for updates

and announcements. Send questions

and agenda items to: dorchesternorth@

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COLUMBIA-SAVIN HILL CIVIC

WOODROW AVENUE NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOC

WANA meets on the third Thursday of every month from 6-8p.m. at VFW Post

8772, 54 Woodrow Ave., Dorchester. Nina Johnson is the president. Email woodrowaveassoc@gmail.com or visit wanaboston on Facebook.

JONES HILL ASSOC.

The Jones Hill Association meets every month on the second Wednesday at 7 p.m. at St. Mary's Center for Women and Children in the Executive Board Room. All are welcome. Developers wishing to inquire or present should contact officers@joneshill.com. Infor $mation, events, and voting \, membership \,$ can be found on joneshill.com.

EASTMAN-ELDER ASSOC.

The association meets the third Thurs. of each month, 7 p.m., at the Upham's Corner Health Center, 636 Columbia Rd, across from the fire

DORCHESTER UNIFIED NEIGHBORHOOD (D.U.N.) ASSOC.

Please join the D.U.N. Association contact list to stay up to date. Provide your name, address, e-mail and phone to DUNAssociation@gmail.com or 617-901-4919.

FREEPORT-ADAMS ASSOC.

The meetings will be held the second Wed. of the month, 6:30 p.m., at the Fields Corner CDC office (the old Dist. 11 police station).

GROOM/HUMPHREYS NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOC.

The GHNA meets on the third Wed. of the month, 7 p.m., in the Kroc Salvation Army Community Center, 650 Dudley St., Dor., 02125. For info, call 857-8911072 or maxboxer@aol.com.

HANCOCK STREET CIVIC ASSOC.

Hancock Street Civic meets on the first Tuesday of each month, 7-8:30 p.m. at the community room of 530 Columbia Rd, Dorchester. https://sites.google. com/view/hsca02125/ for more info.

HECLA/LYON/EAST STREETS WATCH

The Hecla, Lyon, and East Streets Neighborhood Watch meets at Susi Auto Body Shop 79 Freeport St., corner of Linden St., on a date TBA. All residents are invited to join.

LINDEN/ELLSWORTH/LEEDSVILLE WATCH

For info, call 617-288-0818. **LOWER MILLS CIVIC ASSOC.**

Next meeting TBD. Meetings are held at 7 p.m. at St. Gregory Auditorium. Dues (\$7) are now due. See the web page: dorchesterlowermills.org.

MCCORMACK CIVIC ASSOC.

Meetings are held at Saint Teresa of Calcutta Parish Hall in basement of Saint Margaret Church beginning at 6:30 p.m. Next meeting: Tues., May 21 at 7 p.m. Zoning committee meets next on Wed., June 12 at 6:30 p.m. at Carpenter Center, 750 Dorchester Ave. More online at McCormackCivic.org. Please being ID for proof of residency within association boundaries. Dues are \$5 or \$10. Questions, please e-mail McCormackCivic@gmail.com.

MELVILLE PARK CIVIC ASSOC.

Monthly meeting is held the third Thursday of each month at the Epiphany School, 154 Centre Street/ Shawmut T, 2nd floor library, from 6:30-8 p.m.

MEETINGHOUSE HILL CIVIC ASSOC.

The Meetinghouse Hill Civic Association meets monthly at the First Parish Dorchester, 10 Parish St. Dorchester. Contact civic president Shirley Jones at joness713@msn.com.

PEABODY SLOPE ASSOC.

The Peabody Slope Neighborhood Assn's meetings, the first Mon. of the month, at Dorchester Academy, 18 Croftland Ave., 7 p.m. For info: peabodyslope.org or 617-533-8123.

POPE'S HILL NEIGHBORHOOD

Neighborhood E-Mail Alert system. PHNA meetings, usually the fourth Wed. of the month at the Leahy/Holloran Community Center at 7 p.m. All are the fourth Wednesday of the month. PORT NORFOLK CIVIC ASSOC.

Meetings the third Tuesday of the month at the Port Norfolk Yacht Club, 7 p.m. Info: 617-825-5225.

ST. MARK'S AREA CIVIC ASSOC.

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ADSL spring softball season in full swing

By Kevin George SPECIAL TO THE REPORTER

The ADSL's spring softball season is in full gear now after dealing with many early season rainouts. The league, which added a fifth minor league team this year, is playing games at Toohig, Walsh, Town, and Hemenway parks. Currently there is a t-ball, five minor league teams, five majors teams and four senior teams that make up the ADSL program.

The Minors Saints against the Angels-Third baseman Meredith Gracia made an amazing backhanded catch to end the fourth inning against the Angels to hold them off in a well- fought game on Mon., June 10. Clare McCarthy showed her speed in rounding the bases and beating out the pitcher as she raced to tag her out. Ava Tankle and Caroline and Madeleine Richardson showed amazing defensive skills in the field, all making plays at second

Friars against the Saints - First baseman Riley Porter, hit a home run in the first inning against the Friars for the Saints sending Amelia Gracia home on Sat., June 15. Amelia had just hit a double deep into left field. In the third inning, Ava Porter knocked a double to center field sending one run home. Mari Dolan and Emily MacIsaac both hit singles to advance runners for the Saints, keeping the inning alive. Madisyn Glynn and Madelyn Habershaw have proved themselves to be utility players for the team in the field and at bat.

Majors Crusaders defeat the Blue Jays - Christina George threw a complete game shutout against the Blue Jays on Mon., June 10. Isabelle McQuaide was outstanding behind the plate for the Crusaders. Sarah Mullen had three hits for the Blue Jays. Kelly McKenna, Kalen Walsh, Christina George also contributed to the offense with multiple hits. Lila Curley and Colleen Sansone pitched well for the Blue Jays. The

defense was led by Addie

Willet, Katie Kelly, and

Maeve Pugsley.

Cardinals topple Tar Heels - The Cardinals beat the Tar Heels on Fri., June 14. Monica Kelley pitched four innings of two-run ball and hit a grand slam. Emma Donovan closed out the game. There was great fielding by Ananda Scott and Audrey Kelley. Emme Finnigan hit a home run for the Tar Heels.

Orioles over the Crusaders - The O's topped the Crusaders on Fri., June 14, behind a complete game from pitcher Lola Roberts and a home run from Maddy Roberts. Adriana Taglieri showed strong defense at second base and Phoebe Le Ngo was especially aggressive on the basepaths in a great team effort. Rory Shields

was outstanding for the Crusaders defensively.

Crusadersdefeatthe Blue Jays – Christina George gave up one run over three innings and Rosie Sweeney threw three shutout innings to lead the Crusaders on Sat., June 15. Hitters for the Crusaders were Anna Mullin, Grace Foley, Rory Shields, Sarah Mullen, Molly Hearon, Christina George, Kalen Walsh, Kelly McKenna, Rory Shields and Riley Flynn. Addie Willet pitched well for the Blue Jays. The defense was led by Nieve Tobin, Katie Kelly, and Bridget Casev.

Orioles Defeat Blue Jays- The Orioles came from behind to score 9 runs in their last at-bat to hold off the Blue Javs

in a hard fought 14-13 game at Town Field on June 19. Violet Riley made a great play on a fly ball in center field and had a key hit to spark the Orioles' offense. Phoebe Le Ngo and Clare Ablett were especially sharp at third base and shortstop and it was an all-around team effort.

Seniors

Raves defeat Falcons-The Ravens bested the Falcons 14-10 in the rain on Father's Day (June 16). Sofie Borges pitched a complete game, hit a double, and scored twice. Meredith Larson Bultmeyer was fierce behind the plate and reached base in every at bat, scoring four runs.

Compiled by Kevin George for the Reporter

Saturday's summit at Whittier Street Center will focus on mental health issues for men

Men's mental health will be the focus as Whittier Street Health Center hosts its 19th annual Men's Health Summit on Sat., June 29. Established as a forum to address the disparities

in men's health and health care, this year's summit, Men's Mental Health: Breaking the Stigma to Address Emotional Wellbeing, Physical Health and Family.

Despite growing awareness of mental health by the public at large, the topic for at-risk African American and Latino men remains in the shadows. For men in these communities,

State jobless rate at 3 percent

The Massachusetts unemployment rate rose in May, but rested at the low rate of 3 percent. State labor officials, citing federal data, reported on June 21 that Massachusetts lost 3,600 jobs in May, despite the addition of 400 government jobs.

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the Bureau of Labor have added 26,700 jobs. health services (14,300),

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Statistics estimates that Bay State employers The bulk of the job gains were in education and professional services (7,100) and government (4,200)."Massachusetts con-

Public is split over

strong economy with a low unemployment rate of 3 percent and over 60,000 more employed residents and 17,500 fewer unemployed residents in the last year," Labor and Workforce Development Secretary Rosalin Acosta said in a statement. "Also, the Commonwealth's labor force participation rate remains at a near 15year high and is 5 points above the U.S. rate."

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likely to utilize mental health services than their white counterparts.

The U.S. jobless rate - SHNS

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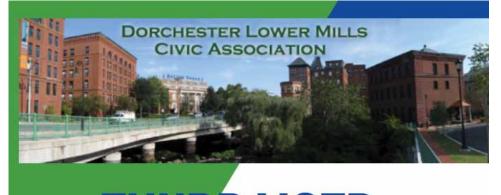
Felix D. Arroyo Register of Probate Published: June 27, 2019

a cultural reluctance to acknowledge mental health issues can result in a lifetime of suffering from undiagnosed and untreated conditions. According to a CDC Health Interview Survey (2015), black and Hispanic men aged 18-44 were 40 percent less

"The Men's Health Summitisanopportunity to illustrate the importance of educating men and their families and to take control of their health-physically, mentally, emotionally and socially," says Frederica Williams, president and CEO of Whittier Street Health Center. "This year's health summit aims to actively mobilize men from all walks of life to use the opportunities and resources available to them. This, in turn, can improve their wellness and that of their families and the surrounding communities."

The one-day Men's Health Summit will feature a keynote speech by Michael Curry, the former Boston NAACP president. Curry serves as the current executive VP of Mass League of Community Health Centers. His remarks will be followed by a Q&A panel discussion with mental health professionals.

Awards will also be presented to Whittier Street Health Center's 2019 Men's Health Champions: Abdillahi "Mash" Abdirahman, owner, Butterfly Café; Eugene Barros, director, Division of Healthy Homes & Community Supports, Boston Public Health Commission; Rich Chiarella, president, Chiarella Designs; Charles Cofield, business representative, Community Outreach and Recruiting, New England Regional Council of Carpenters; Rev. Dieufort Fleurissaint, director, Haitian American Chamber of Commerce of MA; Alejandro "Alex" Garcia: marketing and program director, Adult Day Healthcare Village of Joy; and Rev. Emanuel L. Hutcherson, ED, Future Hope Apprenticeship & Recovery program.



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Docket No. SU19P1021EA
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ESTATE OF: IRENA JAWORSKI a/k/a: IRENA ANKIEWICZ, IRENA KIJEWSKI

DATE OF DEATH: 02/26/2019 To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner Elizabeth Wrobel-Szczesny of Dorchester MA, a Will has been admitted to informal probate. Elizabeth Wrobel-Szczesny of Dorchester, MA has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve without surety on the bond.

The estate is being administered inder informal procedure by the Personal Representative under the Massachusetts Uniform Probate Code without supervision by the Court. Inventory and accounts are not required to be filed with the Court, but interested parties are entitled to notice regarding the administration from the Personal Representative and can petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate. including distribution of assets and expenses of administration. Interested parties are entitled to petition the Court to institute formal proceedings and to obtain orders terminatng or restricting the powers of Personal Representatives appointed under informal rocedure. A copy of the Petition and Will, if any, can be obtained from the Petitioner. Published: June 27, 2019



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FORTEY, Frederick of Dorchester. Husband and best friend of 55 years to Anne Marie Fortey (Browning) of Dorchester. Father of Barbara "Barbie" Blaney (Keith) of Braintree, Christine "Chrissy" Joyce (John) Dorchester and Paul Fortey (Erin) of Dorchester. Brother of Edward Fortey of Quincy. Cherished grandfather of Nicholas, Mark and Kaitlyn Blaney of Braintree and Kaleigh,

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CITATION GIVING NOTICE
OF PETITION FOR
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§5-304, & §5-405
Docket No. SU19P0907PM
IN THE MATTER OF:

Docket No. SUI 9P0907PM
IN THE MATTER OF:
MELISSA GEROME
of DORCHESTER, MA
RESPONDENT
(Person to be Protected/Minor)
To the named Respondent and all other
interested persons, a petition has been filed
by Boston Medical Center of Boston, MA
in the above captioned matter alleging that
Melissa Gerome is in need of a Conservator
or other protective order and requesting
that (or some other suitable person) be
appointed as Conservator to serve Without

that (or some other suitable person) be appointed as Conservator to serve Without Surety on the bond.

The petition asks the Court to determine that the Respondent is disabled, that a protective order or appointment of

that a protective order or appointment of a Conservator is necessary, and that the proposed conservator is appropriate. The petition is on file with this court.

You have the right to object to this proceeding. If you wish to do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance at this court on or before 10:00 A.M. on the return date of 07/15/2019. This day is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline date buy which a hearing date, but a deadline date by whic you have to file the written appearance you object to the petition. If you fail to file the written appearance by the return date action may be taken in this matter withou further notice to you. In addition to filing the written appearance, you or your attorne must file a written affidavit stating th

must file a written affidavit stating the specific facts and grounds of your objection within 30 days after the return date.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

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

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

Felix D. Arroyo Register of Probate Date: June 14, 2019 Published: June 27, 2019

Ryan, Matthew and John Joyce of Dorchester. Frederick was a well respected school teacher for Boston Public Schools for 40+ years before retiring.

HOBAN, Paul V.

BFD Lieutenant of

Quincy, and formerly

of Roslindale, he was

57. Born in Boston, he was a son of the late Robert and Ann (Cushing) Hoban. Paul was a 1979 graduate of Xaverian Bros. High School. He was a United States Navy Veteran, serving in the Middle-East. Paul joined the Boston Fire Department in 1989, and served in neighborhoods many across the city, most recently in Dorchester at the Engine 16, Ladder 6 station on Gallivan Boulevard. He participated in extensive training and received numerous certifications with the department including HazMat, EMT, and Dive Team. Paul was a first responder during the 2013 Boston Marathon Bombing. His efforts and heroism throughout the years have saved countless lives. Paul was the husband of MyraBeth (Warren) Hoban of Quincy, and father of Shane of PA and Rachel of Quincy. He was the brother of Robert and his wife Patricia of Needham, Mark and his wife Julie of Norwood, and Michael and his wife Patricia of Medfield. Paul was the son in-law of Ruth Perrone of Plymouth and late Fred Perrone, and the brother in-law of Melanie Malinowski and her husband Robert of Norwell. He was the nephew of Paula and John Johnson of Holbrook, and the uncle of Matthew, Rory, Bryan, Meredith, Michael, and Jillian Hoban, and Robert and Jacob Malinowski. Additionally, Paul is survived by many cousins. Expressions of sympathy may be made in Paul's memory to the Boston Fire Department Relief Fund, 115 Southampton Street, Boston, MA

02118 or visit www.bfdrelief.org.

Relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend the Visiting Hours on Sunday from 4-8 PM in the Keohane Funeral Home, 785 Hancock St., QUINCY. Family and friends will gather in the funeral home beginning at 9:30 AM on Monday prior to the Mass of Christian Burial in St. Ann's Church, Quincy at 10:30. Burial will follow in the Massachusetts National Cemetery in Bourne.

LESSARD, Robert D. of Dorchester. Husband of the late Anna (Coughlin) Lessard. Uncle of Robert Coughlin of Dorchester. Brother-in-law of Dottie Taffe of FL and Mary Golab of NH. Also survived by many loving nieces and nephews. Late member of the K of C Council #180.

MELCHIN, Marie V. (Miller) age 83, of Abington, formerly of Dorchester and Braintree. She was the daughter of the late John and Helen Miller. Marie was the wife of 51 years to the late Charles R. Melchin. She was the mother of Mary Lysakowski and husband Robert of Ware, Carol Mullen and husband Paul of Abington, Maureen Tomlin and husband Scott of Abington, and Paul Melchin and wife Stacie of Georgetown. She was grandmother to Kathleen Huff and husband Evan of Southampton, Michael Lysakowski and wife Sonya of Abington, Megan Tomlin of Quincy, Elizabeth Mullen, John Tomlin, and Susan Mullen all of Abington, and Kevin and Steven Melchin of Georgetown. Sister of Rosamond Abbott of Weymouth, Edward Miller of Milton, Kathleen Riley of Weymouth, Margaret "Peggy" Miller of Dorchester, and the late Frances Lynch, Virginia Sullivan, Louise Burke, and Gerard Miller. Marie was an aunt to many nieces and nephews. Marie was a member of the Catholic Daughters for many years and was devoted to the Blessed Mother. Donations can be made to the Catho-Television, P.O. Box 9196, 34 Chestnut Street, Watertown, MA 02471 or Massachusetts Commission for the Blind, 600 Washington Street, Boston, MA 02111. MULKERRIN,

Nora P. "No-No." of Dorchester, native Rusheenamanagh, Carna, Co. Galway, Ireland. Daughter of the late Michael and Mary (Joyce) Mulkerrin. Sister of Michael F. Mulkerrin (Mary) of Quincy, Kieran Mulkerrin (Sarah) of England, Paraic Mulkerrin (Bernadette) of Winthrop, Seamus Mulk-errin (Sheila) of Millis, Johnny Mulkerrin (late Valerie) of England and the late Colm Mulkerrin; former sister-inlaw of Ann Mulkerrin of Quincy; also survived by many nieces & nephews, grandnieces and grandnephews. Memorials in Nora's name may be made to St. Margaret Church of St. Teresa of Calcutta Parish, 800 Columbia Rd., Dorchester, MA 02125. NAUGHTON, Pat-

rick J. of Dorchester. Native of Béal a' Daingin, Co. Galway, Ireland. Husband of Bridget A. (Mulkerrin) Naughton. Father of Patricia A. Naughton (Antonio Bruno) of Weymouth, Joseph P. Naughton of Dorchester, Sheila A. Naughton (Joseph Duffy) of Rockland and the late Maureen Margaret Naughton, Michael Patrick Naughton and baby Naughton. Brother of Martin, Thomas and Cholm Naughton, all of Connemara, Michael Naughton of Dublin, Brid Reaney of Mayo, Mairead Curran of Meath and the late Josie Naughton, Billy Naughton and Mary Ruddy; grandfather of Makayla, Kaitlyn, Avah and Connor; also survived by many nieces and nephews. Memorials in his name may be made to American Red Cross, 274 Tremont St., Boston, MA 02116.

WALSH, Peter J.

of South Boston. Husband of the late Marion F. (Lewis) Walsh. Father of Peter and his wife Mary Ann of Dorchester, Michael of Dorchester, Robert and his wife Michele of Windham, NH, Paul of South Boston and Marylou McGovern and her husband Thomas of Quincy. Grandfather of Meghan, Nora, Bridget and Conor Walsh, Brendan, Cameron, Courtney, and Kaleigh Walsh, Tommy, Molly, and Emma McGovern. Brother of Carolyn Donovan and her late husband Bob, Barbara Daly and her husband Jimbo and the late Mary Ellen Ryan and her husband Joseph, Anne McDonnell and her husband Jim, Meg Walsh, Cathy Walsh, Joe Walsh, Jimmy Walsh, Walter Walsh and his wife Joan. Son of the late Peter and Ann (Joyce) Walsh. Also survived by many nieces and nephews. Retired Teamster Local 25. Longtime parishioner at St. Brigid Church and member of the Castle Island Association and Columbia Yacht Club. Donations in memory of Peter may be made to St. Brigid Parish, 841 East Broadway, South Boston, MA 02127.

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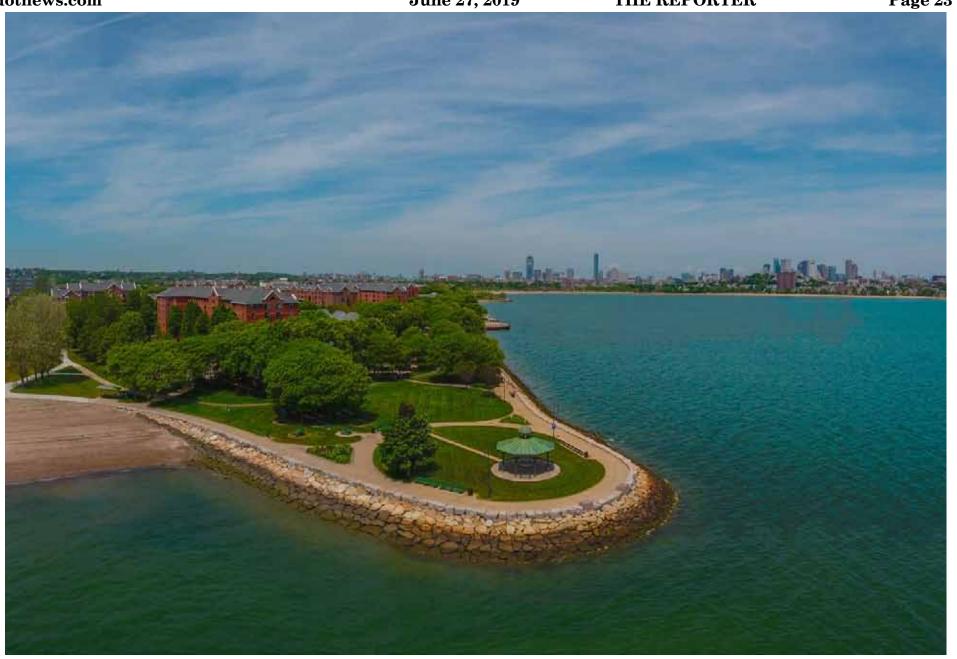
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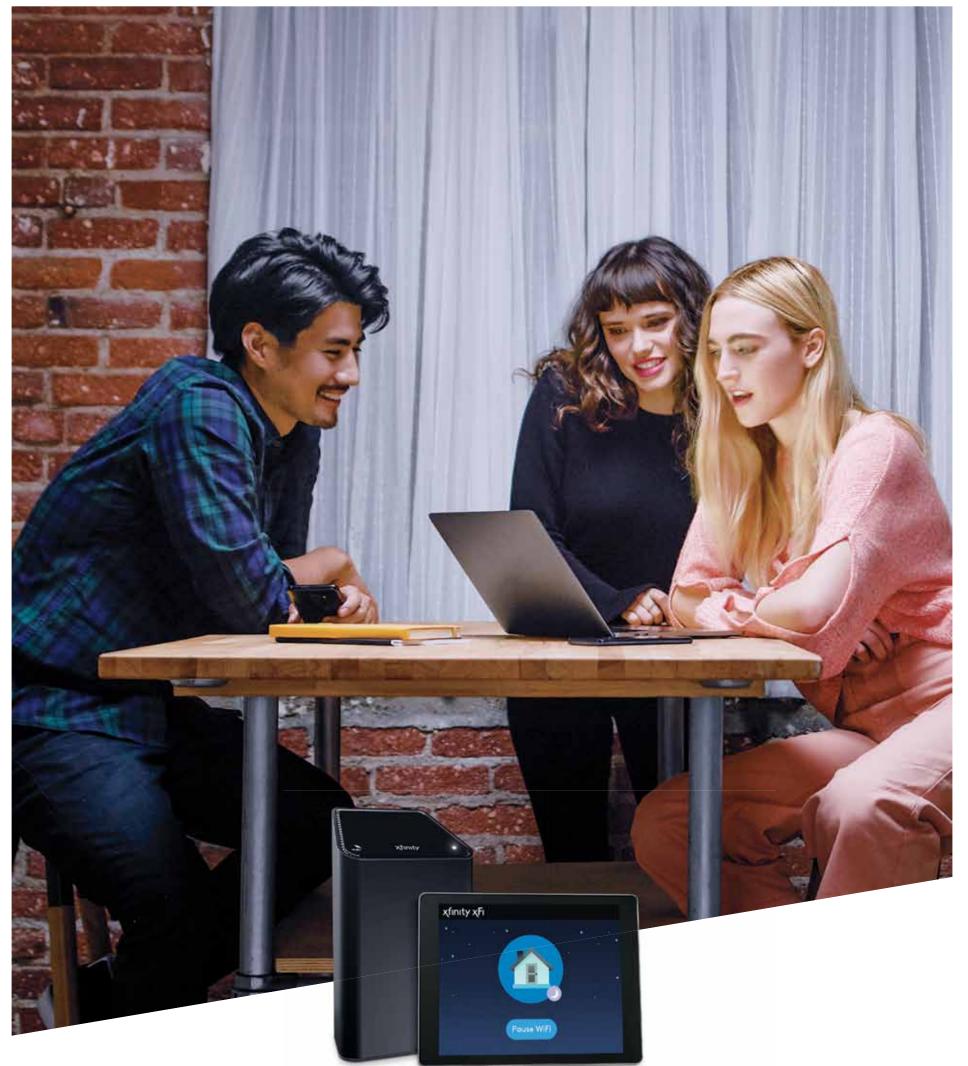
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