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STATUE DILEMMA IN MATTAPAN

Question: Where to site 'Gateway' symbols?

By SETH DANIEL **News Editor**

One of two "gateway" statues in Mattapan Square that was knocked down and damaged last May by a reckless driver will be repaired and replaced in its original position, city officials told neighbors during a meeting late last month. But the long-term fate of the bronze statues—installed in 2005 as a salute to Mattapan's history— remains a point of contention, as officials anticipate a likely relocation in future years to accommodate new traffic configurations along Blue Hill Avenue.

Sarah Rodrigo, a senior project manager with the Mayor's Office of Arts & Culture, told attendees at a June 28 virtual meeting that the city has approved \$45,000 to pay for the repair of the sculpture, which was damaged on May 18.

The good news is the bronze statue can be completely repaired,' Rodrigo said. "These are all reparable damages to the art. ... We're looking at a three to four months out depending on some timelines... They will subrogate the driver in this case and his insurance will pay for it."

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The outreached arm of this statue in Mattapan Square conveys the history of the neighborhood to another statue that represents the present and future. Seth Daniel photo

Dot's Mary Whalen, a State House guide, has logged 5,000 hours of history lessons

By GINTAUTAS DUMCIUS MANAGING EDITOR

Dorchester's Mary Whalen, who taught American history and constitutional law to Braintree students for 40 years, always looked forward to Sunday afternoon, because it meant Monday, and the opportunity to impart knowledge, was at hand.



retary of State William Galvin's office, which runs the tours of the building, called her in for an interview.

She was quickly hired for the position and asked which day of the week she preferred. "Mondays," Whalen answered immediately. She remembered that her interviewer said, "Monday's great. Nobody likes to work on Mondays, so come." That was more than 5,000 Mondays ago. With the exception of the pan-(Continued on page 4)

Wu's \$4.2b budget is now in effect A single override remains in dispute

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By GINTAUTAS DUMCIUS MANAGING EDITOR

Mayor Wu's \$4.2 billion operating budget for fiscal year 2024, went into effect on July 1 without any significant markups from the 12 members of the City Council who spent 7.5 hours deliberating, recessing, and chiding each other last Wednesday as they attempted five times to override Wu's various budget vetoes. Only one override cleared the two-thirds vote needed, and it was of dubious legality.

A Wu spokesperson said the budget, as it stands, funds core city services and public safety, invests in infrastructure, expands hours at libraries over the weekends, and adds senior programming at community centers, among other investments, all aimed at making "Boston the best place in the country to raise a family."

The spokesperson added that the administration is "reviewing the legal validity of the override provision" - which seeks to set aside \$584.000 to fund a salary increase for municipal security officers – "as (Continued on page 9)

Six months in, Miranda discusses maternal health fund and reparations bill

BY GINTAUTAS DUMCIUS MANAGING EDITOR

A \$50 billion-plus state budget. A push to electrify the Fairmount Line. A proposed commission to study

reparations in Massachusetts. Six months into her job as a state senator, sitting in a seat of "Black power and Black community here in Boston," Liz Miranda has a list of things she's working on that contains more than those three agenda items.

After winning last fall's election to replace Sonia Chang-Diaz as the state

senator for the Second Suffolk District (Roxbury, and parts of Dorchester, Mattapan, and Hyde Park), Miranda became one of 40 lawmakers in the Legislature's upper house. "Now as a freshman senator, I feel strongly I can make a big impact," she told the Reporter in a recent interview.

Miranda, who serves on four times the number of committees she sat on as a state representative, when(Continued on page 12)



Sen. Liz Miranda

When she retired from teaching 20 years ago, the move left a hole in her schedule and she looked into becoming a guide at the State House. Sec-

Mary Whalen, a State House tour guide, shows two citations for her 5,000 hours as a volunteer "Doric Docent.

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Police, Courts & Fire

South Boston man charged with Feb. 18 murder in Dot

A 20-year-old South Boston man wanted for the February murder of a woman in Dorchester was arrested by members of the BPD's Fugitive Unit last Friday. Stepheon Wells was taken into custody in the Back Bay and arraigned that afternoon in Dorchester court. According to police, Wells shot and killed Diva Ayuso, 32, of Sharon on Feb. 18 at a building on Fermoy Heights near Franklin Field. According to news reports, the victim was an employee with the Massachusetts Environmental Police and the mother of a 12-year-old son.

Two men were found dead from apparent drug overdoses in a third-floor apartment at 29 Alpha Rd. in Dorchester's Melville-Park neighborhood last Thursday (June 29). According to a Boston Police report obtained by the Reporter, the victims were found unresponsive by EMS personnel around 12:30 p.m. The case has been classified as a death investigation, but no further details have been released.

City Councillor Kendra Lara, whose district includes Jamaica Plain, West Roxbury, and Roslindale, is facing charges after crashing her car into a home in Jamaica Plain last Friday (June 30). A police report indicates that she was driving with a revoked license, in a car that was unregistered and uninsured. It also had an expired inspection sticker. The police report redacted Lara's name, though her office confirmed the details of the incident.

A spokesperson for Lara claimed she was trying to avoid another car when she veered off the road and crashed into a house on Centre Street. She was traveling with her young son, Zaire, who was transported to Boston Children's Hospital for stitches. Police contacted the Department of Children and Families after the crash because Lara's son was not secured in a proper booster seat, according to the police report.

Lara's Massachusetts driving record, under her previously used name, Kendra Hicks, shows multiple violations and sanctions, including driving a vehicle in Dorchester without registration in 2010.

The report said Lara will be summonsed to appear at the Boston Municipal Court's West Roxbury Division to face charges of operating a motor vehicle after suspension, operating an unregistered motor vehicle, and operating an uninsured motor vehicle.

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Waltham firm puts up \$5.6 million for Fields Corner's O'Hearn building

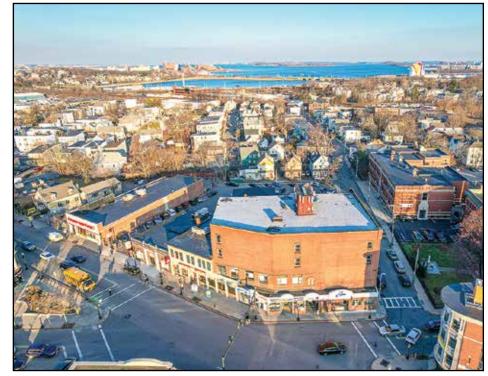
By Seth Daniel **News Editor**

A Waltham-based development and management company, Marc Resnick and Beantown Properties, purchased the O'Hearn Building at 1444 Dorchester Ave. in Fields Corner last month for \$5.6 million under a realty trust that is controlled by Resnick.

The company has a long history of development in Greater Boston, but nothing in Dorchester, according to the company's website. In March, a broker told the Reporter that the buyer's offer was chosen from several other offers, mostly because it said it will maintain the continuity of the historical pieces of the building, which houses the United States Postal Service's 02122 office.

A phone call and email to the new owners were not returned in time for this edition. T

The property consists of three parcels – retail spaces, the four-story building, and a parking



The O'Hearn building in Fields Corner.

lot in the back behind that contains the historic Fields House. The space had been on the market for \$6.2 million but it was under agreement for the sale price since March.

The late Richie Jerrier owned the building for estate in Fields Corner,

several years, and his niece, Lisa Theriault, had controlled it since Jerrier passed away a year ago. She was listed as the seller through Jerrier's estate.

The property has long been a key piece of real with the post office as an anchor and retail spaces and offices on the second floor. Other floors are largely vacant, and some haven't been touched since the building served as a warehouse/storage facility.

FBI nets 21 suspects in drug raids; charges resident of Shepton Street in Dot as N.H. enterprise's leader

FBI officials announced last week that they have brought indictments against 21 individuals for their involvement in a fentanyl and cocaine ring that operated in Manchester, N.H., and was led, they said, by a resident of Shepton Street in Dorchester, located several blocks north of Ashmont Station.

The agency gave the following in a report on the indictments: Having identified 22 individuals as being involved in a longtime criminal operawidespread raid on June 6 and took 21 of the 22 suspects into custody.

One of the raids occurred at the 15 Shepton Street address, where agents and the Boston Police arrested three men, including the man they called the ringleader of the criminal enterprise, 53-year-old Juan Ramon 'Ricky' Soto Baez. The others were Osvaldo 'Tony' David Soto Jimenez, 29, of Dorchester, and Brandon Rivera, 21, of Boston. Five other

tion, agents conducted a defendants arrested that day also listed Boston addresses.

According to the indictments, the 21 suspects trafficked large quantities of fentanyl and crack cocaine across state lines, utilizing a business model the FBI said mirrored a sophisticated drug trafficking operation by which customers would use dispatch telephone numbers to call in orders for drugs that runners would supply by meeting buyers at predetermined locations, often inside the runners' vehicles.

During the raids, law enforcement seized approximately 1.6 kilograms of suspected cocaine, 150 grams of suspected cocaine base, 250 grams of suspected fentanyl, 100 bags of suspected controlled substances packaged for sale, \$26,000 in cash, and four firearms.

The defendants are scheduled to appear in federal court in Boston sometime this month.

- REPORTER STAFF

UPCOMING CIVIC MEETINGS AND COMMUNITY EVENTS

Neponset River Watershed Association (NepRWA) has set a new date for their the Beacon Bop from UMass Boston (12

New date for Neponset Day Fest— The 621 Dudley St. on Sat., July 22, 12-6 p.m. Free. Featuring performances by

award from Mayor Wu while second and third place winners will be awarded certificates.

jfklibrary.org for more info. The Boston Parks and Recreation Department's 2023 ParkARTS Citywide Neighborhood Concert Series will come to **Dorchester Park and Hunt-Almont Park** this summer. All shows begin at 7 p.m. unless otherwise noted. On Monday, July 31, National Night Out at Hunt-Almont Park will be celebrated with Conscious Reggae, 40 Almont Street, Mattapan, On Wed., August 2, River of Dreams (Billy Joel tribute), come to Dorchester Park. Adams Street, Dorchester. For more information, call 617-635-4505 or visit boston.gov/parkarts. An employee job fair for Boston Public Schools, which is seeking part-time and full-time custodians, will be held on Wed., July 12, 9 a.m.-2 p.m. at the Campbell Resource Center, 1216 Dorchester Ave. Boston residency required. Contact imcintosh@bostonpublicschools.org or 617-635-9162 for more info.

Swing Orchestra starting at 5 p.m. Go to

annual Neponset Day Festival: Sunday, July 30 from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. at DCR Neponset II Park in Dorchester, at the corner of Hilltop Street and Granite Avenue. The public is invited to participate in the free, family-friendly event. Activities include free boating with Paddle Boston, kids' crafts and games, music, food trucks, environmental exhibits, and more.

"We are very happy to be able to reschedule this fun celebration along the Neponset River," said NepRWA Greenways Director, Andres Ripley. "Neponset Day celebrates our diverse communities and gives residents an opportunity to learn about the River, enjoy the waterfront park and Greenway Trail – and even try a free paddle on the water if they wish."

The original date for the event was June 3, but was rained out. For more information about Neponset Day, visit neponset.org/ neponsetday

The Dudley Jazz Fest returns to Dorchester's Mary Hannon Playground, p.m.), Pat Loomis (1p.m.), Fred Woodard Collective (2:15 p.m.), James Kamal Jones and Other Tongues (3:30 p.m.), and Ron Mandi and Rightly Guided featuring Nadia Washington (4:45 p.m.). For more info, contact ccarts@comcast.net or 617-631-9809.

Boston's green thumbs have until 11:59 p.m. on Wed., July 12, to submit their gardens for award contention in the 27th annual Mayor's Garden Contest. The contest recognizes gardeners who have landscaped, planted flowers, trees, shrubs, and, in the process, helped beautify Boston's neighborhoods. Nomination forms may be found boston.gov/mayors-garden-contest. at Alternatively, contestants may request an application by emailing their name and address to gardencontest@boston. gov. Paper applications are also available in English and ten additional languages. Judges will fan out across the city visiting finalists the week of July 24. Once the votes are tallied, first place winners will receive the coveted "Golden Trowel"

A public meeting will be held via Zoom on Thurs., July 13 at 6 p.m. about a proposed retail cannabis establishment at 1102A Blue Hill Ave. in Dorchester. See ad on page 13 for more details on joining the meeting.

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

The Urban Farming Institute of Boston's sixth annual Farm Stand is now open each Friday, 1-5 p.m. at the Fowler Clark Epstein Farm, 487 Norfolk St., Mattapan. For more info, call 617-989-9920. Or visit urbanfarminginstitute.org.

The JFK Library is hosting a series of late-night openings and programs this summer, including a July 21 Swing Era Music and Dance with the Beantown

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there.

The case has made national headlines and

led to speculation as to

Hewitt's reason for im-

personating a high school

student. Students at the

Jeremiah Burke shared

with the Boston Globe

some odd behaviors and

remarks made by Hewitt

during the time she was

"It's extremely dis-turbing," Boston Mayor Michelle Wu said Mon-

day on WBUR's Radio

Boston. "If someone told

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decades removed from

being in some of these

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where Hewitt enrolled in

September — declined

to comment, citing the

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police investigation.

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concerning."

Fraud charges for adult woman who posed as high school student

By SUEVON LEE WBUR REPORTER

An adult woman who allegedly used false identification and paperwork to enroll as a student in three Boston high schools this academic year has been charged with document forgery and identity fraud, according to a copy of the criminal complaint obtained by WBUR.

The suspect has been identified as Shelby Hewitt, 32, of Canton. A warrant for her arrest was requested in the application for criminal complaint filed on Tues., June 29.

The criminal complaint, filed in the West Roxbury division of Boston Municipal Court, came a week after Boston school superintendent Mary Skipper notified families by letter that an adult woman had falsely registered as a student at three schools during various points in the 2022-2023 school year.

Hewitt attended Jeremiah Burke High School, Brighton High School, and English High School, "utilizing the student transfer process and enrolling under multiple pseudonyms," Skipper said.

The complaint offered no motive for Hewitt's actions. Max Baker, a spokesman for Boston Public Schools, said last Wednesday that the district is "not commenting further."

Hewitt was a social worker at the Massachusetts Department of Children and Families up until February, a DCF spokeswoman said last week. She was first employed by the agency in 2016.

At a Boston school committee meeting last week, Skipper said any additional updates would be provided "if relevant information becomes available." Her letter to families assured that school staff had not "identified any incidents of harm to students or staff" as the result of Hewitt's actions.

"I'm deeply troubled that an adult would breach the trust of our school communities by posing as a student,' the superintendent told school committee members at a June 21 meeting. She commended BPS school staff for flagging the case to police as soon as they "identified irregularities with the student's enrollment.

"With any major incident we will continue to review all of our systems and processes to make sure that what we did was correct," Skipper said.

According to the complaint, detectives executed a search warrant at an apartment in Jamaica Plain on June 15, the day after police were summoned to English High, the school Hewitt most recently attended and where irregularities in her enrollment paperwork were first noticed.

During their search of the residence, police found several documents that consisted of "falsely made, altered, or forged" documents from Lowell Juvenile Court and the Department of Children and Families, according to the complaint. Hewitt apparently used two aliases to gain entry into the school system, the initials for which were "DBH" and "EAH."

An individual interviewed at Lowell Juvenile Court told detectives she did not know Hewitt and had not given her permission to use her name on a forged document, the complaint states. It's not to comment beyond that. clear how this person is connected to the court system.

Hewitt also allegedly falsified DCF paperwork to represent that "DBH" and "EAH" were in DCF custody status. The documents were signed using the name of a non-existent DCF employee, according to the complaint. Hewitt allegedly used these documents to help enroll her in Boston Public Schools.

At English High, Hewitt apparently went by the name "Ellie Ales-sandra Blake," according to the complaint. Head of school Caitlyn Murphy could not be reached for comment.

A DCF spokeswoman said last week that the agency is "working in collaboration with the District Attorney's office in this matter" but declined

Red Line to feature buses in mid-July

The rest of July will see service changes on the Red and Orange subway lines, as well as the Kingston, Middleborough, Greenbush, and Worcester commuter rail lines, so that crews can work on track upgrades.

Specifically as to the Red Line, the MBTA is planning on completing critical rail and tie replacement that will alleviate speed restrictions through what are known as "slow zones." Buses will substitute

for the evening trains between JFK/UMass and North Quincy Stations, beginning around 8:45 p.m. on July 11 to July 12, and on July 20. Similarly, shuttle buses will stand in for weekday trains between JFK/UMass and Braintree stations,

starting at 8:45 p.m. on and Braintree will be July 21 and during the weekend of July 22-23.

Accessible shuttle bus services will also be offered for the commuter rail lines running adjacent to the Red Line Kingston, Middleborough, and Greenbush Commuter Rail Lines that stop at JFK/UMass. Evening weekday trains between South Station

incident report, a box for "human trafficking" was $checked \, off \, but \, no \, further$ detail was provided. The Boston Police Human Trafficking Unit, Boston Police Internet Crimes Against Children Unit, and the Massachusetts State Police High-Risk Victims Unit all took part in the June 15 search of the Jamaica Plain residence, according to the complaint.

In addition to Hewitt, two other individuals are named in the complaint: John A. Smith and Rebecca L. Bernat, both 48, of Jamaica Plain. They were apparently involved in efforts to withdraw Hewitt from English High, saying she was bullied. That initially set off school administrators' suspicions and further digging into Hewitt's enrollment paperwork, leading to the police investigation.

replaced by buses after 7:30 p.m. from June 10 to June 14 and from July 17 to July 21, as well as during the weekend of July 22-23.

Additionally, there will be an express shuttle service operating between South Station and Braintree Station.

– CASSIDY McNEELEY



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NOTE: The 1661 James Blake House (735 Columbia Road) and the 1806 William Clapp House (195 Boston Street) are now open for tours on the third Sunday of the month, from 11am to 3pm. Come visit!

www.dorchesterhistoricalsociety.org

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Dot's Mary Whalen, a State House guide, has logged 5,000 hours of history lessons

(Continued from page 1) guests received an "A+" demic timeout, which shut down public access to the building for roughly two years, Whalen has been greeting and taking residents and tourists across the marble-floored State House for 18 years.

The capitol building hosts 90,000 visitors a year on tours that are free and last roughly 40 minutes.

Ever the teacher, Whalen often ends the tour by noting that all the

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and there would be no homework to do. "I get a positive reaction from that," she quipped while sitting in the State House's Great Hall, where Galvin's office had put together a luncheon to honor her volunteering efforts.

Her favorite parts of Massachusetts history are the Revolutionary War and the early years of statehood that followed. "Because so much of our history fits into that particular area," she said. "I am so awed. People will say, 'My goodness, all the tours you've given, it must get so boring. Never. Never does it get boring."

Born in 1935, Whalen has lived on Dorchester Avenue in Fields Corner her whole life. A Reporter profile in 2015 noted that she has an illustrated alphabet board, framed and covered in glass, above her fireplace, with the "R" standing for "Revolutionary Soldier" and the "W" for "The Washington." She is a graduate of Boston College and Boston State College.

In the summertime, she hands over her duties



was honored for her service as a State House volunteer.

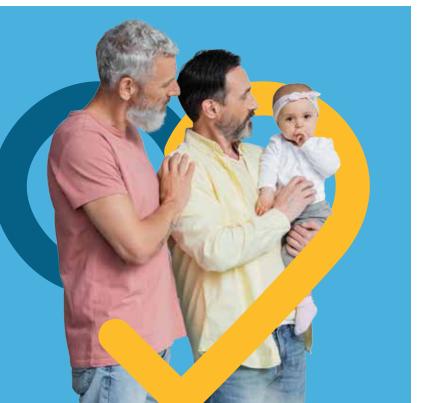
to teenagers, who step in as volunteers. Whalen, who occupies her time helping to administer law school exams, returns to Beacon Hill with the other adult volunteers after Labor Day.

Galvin said the State House tours program "wouldn't be possible without volunteers" like Whalen. He expressed gratitude for her "unheard of" 5,000 hours of service

"When the building was closed due to the pandemic, many of our Doric Docents chose to take a well-deserved retirement from their service as tour guides," he said. "We were lucky to have Ms. Whalen return enthusiastically and selflessly give our visitors even more of her time.'

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Page 6 **THE REPORTER Residents at the Boston Home** take on challenges of eating out

By Cassidy McNeeley SPECIAL TO THE REPORTER

Since the advent of pandemic, residents at the Boston Home, an assisted living facility on Dorchester Ave. at Gallivan Blvd., have struggled to participate in outings because of a lack of wheelchair transportation options. But over the last year, the Home's activities team has worked with various Dorchester businesses to reconnect its residents to the local community.

"Prior to the pandemic we had a very popular outings program where residents could go to concerts, restaurants, performances, plays, things like that," said Victoria Stevens, a spokesperson for the Boston Home. "Since the pandemic, transportation for people who use power wheelchairs has become much more challenging."

Most long-term care facilities stopped doing outings as Covid limitations were put in place, so without a steady demand for transportation, contractors went looking for other work.

The facility, founded in 1881 for adults with advanced multiple sclerosis and other progressive neurological disorders, aims to help its 96 residents, all of whom use manual or motorized wheelchairs, live as independently as possible. They have full access to the building and campus grounds, including bedrooms, a wheelchair enhancement center, a rehabilitation program, and an art gallery.

Also located on campus are the Harmon Apartments, which are affordable, fully accessible settings for disabled adults who are welcomed to participate in activities within the home and in group outings.

While Stevens and staff members hope to see Covid-affected programs resume, there are also looking to set up outings on their own. But without vans, residents are left to rely on their wheelchairs, which are battery-operated and only go a few miles per hour, so any locations they hope to visit must be nearby. Luckily, several local businesses such as the Bowery, Navarra, Bread, Tavolo, and American Provisions, are restaurants that are accessible and welcoming.

Boston Home resident Anne Betschart appreciates the work that these businesses and the activity staff have put into scheduling outings. "They take advance planning and the activity department has made sure that the restaurant can handle the group. These are big wheelchairs, so we need physical space and room to move around the restaurant."

Even if a restaurant building is wheelchair accessible, that does not necessarily mean it is practical for larger power wheelchairs, said the Home's Stevens. "A wheelchair might be able to get into that building but can it navigate between the tables? Can you easily pull up and position yourself so that you can reach everything at the table? Are you able to order the food to be brought to you the way you need it?"

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She explained that accessibility is also about having servers who can properly position food and drinks for the residents to enjoy. For example, appetizers are served on individual plates so that the residents can reach them without difficulty.

Kerry Donahue, the Boston Home's activities director, has noticed that visiting these restaurants has had a positive impact on the resident's mental health. "Their quality of life has just improved, they become more social, and they become more confident," said Donahue. "Being able to do this iust gives them that extra freedom. You go out with friends and socialize; it's something that we just take for granted.³

Brian Costello is another Boston Home resident who loves to hit the streets of Dorchester. He visits the Dunkin' at Carney Hospital every Sunday and says that the Lower Mills Tavern "bends over backward just to make sure we're comfortable."

While experiences within these restaurants have been great, the travel to and from them in their chairs presents another challenge: the conditions of the sidewalks in Dorchester, many of which are scarred with cracks and divots, and the weather.

Boston Home resident Brian Costello, center, with the director

of communication Victoria Stevens, left, and activity director Kerry Donahue. Cassidy McNeeley photo

When visiting local restaurants, residents work their way down toward the Bowery in Lower Mills or up the avenue to Ashmont Station. "The sidewalks are paved but the tree roots are dislodging them," said Betschart. "It's pretty treacherous-'the mean streets of Dot Ave' is what we call it." Those issues make it difficult

for residents to go out on their

own without an activity assistant. "It makes it easier if we go," said Donahue, "because if they need to be repositioned or something happens with their chair, we can help them. It becomes painful if they're going over those bumps."

Donahue and Stevens noted that they plan to speak with city lawmakers and ask for fixes to sidewalk conditions.

2023 CITY OF BOSTON UPDATED YARD WASTE COLLECTION SCHEDULE Due to the state's closure of the Sumner Tunnel, yard waste will be collected on Saturdays only during July and August in all Boston neighborhoods. The regular collection schedule will resume in September. To learn more please visit boston.gov/yard-waste JULY AUGUST

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Household hazardous waste drop-off

Yard Waste drop off 416 American Legion Highway Boston, MA 02131 | 9 a.m. - 12 p.m.

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Nazaire Nzikoba, a nurse practioner at Whitter Street Health Center, will be presented with the 2023 President's Award



Nazaire Nzikoba **Reflects "core values"**

during a June 23 ceremony. A member of the Whittier team since December of 2010, Nzikoba recently completed his graduate degree in nursing and subsequently passed the Nurse Practitioner Board examinations. "Throughout his 13

years of service at Whitter, Nazaire has consistently exemplified the core values of our organization and a deep commitment to our vision and mission," said Frederica M. Williams, president and CEO of Whittier Street Health Center. "He is a calm, competent, compassionate, and caring provider whose service and accomplishments are highly regarded by staff, patients, and the communities we serve."

Eastern Mass. Girl Scouts tap Dot's O'Leary for board

Girl Scouts of Eastern Massachusetts (GSE-MA) has elected Pamela O'Leary of Dorchester to the Board Nominating and Development Committee.

O'Leary is a lead account manager for National Grid and has worked in the utility industry for 33 years, with responsibilities for scheduling and delivery on construction installations, infrastructure relocations, and related work required to provide safe, affordable, clean, and reliable energy to larger commercial/ industrial



Pamela O'Leary National Grid manager

customers within the Boston territory.

She received her bachelor's in management and teaching degree from Regis College.

A new board chair for St. Mary's Center

Dustin C. Sarnoski has been named the new chair of the board of trustees for St. Mary's Center for Women and Children



estate team operates in 25 countries and consists of approximately 70 direct staff and more than 3,000 contractors worldwide.

"Dustin brings firm leadership to our board of trustees, and the commitment and compassion he has shown for St. Mary's Center's families in his 18 months as a board member is remarkable," said Alexis Steel, the center's president. "As we embark on a transformative new chapter, Dustin's proven expertise in real estate and law, as well as his passion for social justice for families, will be critical in guiding us toward the future of the agency.' For his part, Sarnoski called the center's mission "deeply meaningful to me, and to be selected to serve as the board chair is an incredible honor. It is an exciting time to be leading the board," he said."



Collegiate Girls Softball

The Boston Collegiate Charter School Girls' Softball team won the MCSAO Championships this year, something the squad hasn't done since 2017. The team also earned a spot in the Division 5 State Tour-nament, but lost in the opening round to McCann Tech.

Franklin Park Zoo in fund drive to update African Penguin habitats

A capital campaign is underway to build the African Experience at Franklin Park Zoo by updating the African Penguin Coast and the African Savanna habitats.

The \$16 million project, when completed, will be a feature of the continuing transformation of Franklin Park Zoo as the habitats - marking the return of these temperate climate living species to the zoo for the first time in more than 50 years – will connect guests with Zoo New England's conservation mission as they enter the park. To date, \$13.5 million has been raised in the campaign for this project, which is expected to open in summer 2025.

"This experience is unlike any other at Franklin Park Zoo, and I could not be more excited to provide an opportunity for guests to better appreciate, and understand,



A rendering of the African Penguin Coast exhibit that is planned to open in Franklin Park Zoo in 2025. The African Penguins have not been in the Zoo for Rendering courtesy Torre Design Consortium more than 50 years.

England's president and CEO. "With the rapid loss $of biodiversity \, across \, our$ planet, our conservation mission is more important than ever before. These new experiences will connect guests of all ages to incredible wildlife and to the critical role we all play in preserving and maintaining healthy

found in large colonies along the rocky southwestern coast of Africa from Namibia to Port Elizabeth in South Africa. The African Savannah habitat, home to Hartmann's mountain zebras, wildebeests, and ostriches will undergo a dramatic expansion. A watering hole, a place

gate and share space in the wild, will be added. New containment moats will allow for unobstructed viewing of these fascinating animals and their social interactions.

Torre Design Consortium is the lead architect and design firm for this project.

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Dustin C. Sarnoski **Expertise cited**

on Dorchester's Jones Hill. The multi-service, nonprofit organization works collaboratively with hundreds of families experiencing homelessness and poverty.

Sarnoski is the head of Global Realty at State Street Corp. and president of SSB Realty, LLC. He joined State Street in 2007 and is responsible for the organization's 6 million-square-foot operational real estate portfolio, consisting of office space and data centers. Sarnoski's real

Sarnoski, a Melrose resident, received a Bachelor of Arts degree in Chemistry from Amherst College and a JD with a concentration in Environmental Law from Vermont Law School.

these iconic birds," said John Linehan, Zoo New

Fairfield University

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Students in the News

2.0 or better at the conclusion of the senior year.

Fairfield University Congratulates Spring 2023 Dean's List

The following Fairfield University student(s) from Dorchester received Dean's List Honors for the Spring 2023 semester.

•Hailey Johnston •Brianna Gomez Pena •Kaitlyn E. Murphy Rylie A. Kelley

Students must have completed a minimum of 12 credit hours in a semester, have no outstanding or incomplete

grades for that semester, and have attained a semester grade point average of 3.50 or better.

Vicktor Gabriel Williams Barros named to Husson University's **Honors List**

Dorchester resident Vicktor Gabriel Williams Barros has been named to Husson University's (Maine) Honors List for the Spring 2023 semester.

During the spring semester, Williams Barros was enrolled in Husson's Bachelor of Science in sport management program.

Students who make the Honors List must be enrolled as an undergraduate student, carry a full-time load of 12 credit hours, complete all attempted courses in the time allotted for the semester, and achieve a 3.40 to 3.59 semester grade-point average. Credits from pass/fail classes do not qualify toward meeting the minimum credit hour requirement.

The Yesteryear Archive feature will return next week.

Editorial

Come one, come all to our convention, say NAACP leaders

When NAACP delegates from all over the country arrive in Boston for the 114th annual convention in late July, the theme will be "Thriving Together," but the vibe will be all-inclusive. Most events will take place from July 26 to Aug. 1 in the Seaport at the Boston Convention and Exhibition Center (BCEC), but officials at a kick-off press conference on June 27 stressed that the conference is for everybody.

"We need to have Boston show up," said Michael Curry, former director of the NAACP Boston branch. "If people show up it's because today you walk out of here and decide to bring people with you...Let there not be one aspect of this city that does not get an invitation to come to the Seaport to be part of this convention."

Dorchester's The Davis Systems will coordinate a large community Day of Action project in Dorchester and Mattapan on July 22. That will be in coordination with leaders from the NAACP, Main Streets Districts, community organizations, and the city's Office of Neighborhood Services.

During the convention, the Hub in the Seaport's BCEC will function as an open door to these communities and businesses in Boston, according to Tanisha Sullivan, the current NAACP Boston branch president. She noted they have received nearly \$4 million in support from government and corporate leadership locally – with a \$2 million state budget earmark ushered in by Mattapan state Rep. Russell Holmes and pushed through by House Speaker Ron Mariano and Ways and Means Chair Aaron Michlewitz, all of whom attended last Tuesday's kick-off.

"We're just getting started," Sullivan said. "This convention will make a difference in this city. We will be changed forever for the better. There are too many folks counting on us...I want to echo the invitation and invite everyone to join us.'

The Hub will be host to a career summit on July 28, and a concert that Friday night by DJ Jazzy Jeff, as well as GospelFest held on Sunday headlined by Fred Hammond.

Martha Sheridan, head of the private sector company that markets the city, Meet Boston, said they predict "well in excess of \$10 million in direct spending" from the convention being held here.

The NAACP held its second annual convention at Boston's Park Street Church in 1911. Boston hosted another convention in 1982.

Curry noted that for some time he had been calling on the organization to come back to Boston where the first "chartered" branch of the organization still stands strong. While the leadership had been discussing Nashville as the destination in 2020, Curry made a convincing case, and others stepped up to make sure subsidies were available to make hotels and amenities affordable. Once the affordability aspect was solved by local leadership, he said, his other reason for pushing the convention here could be revealed.

"I think when conventions come to cities and states, they require us to dig into our history," he said. "We need to now revisit that history to give us momentum for all the conversations we're having about reparations, about criminal justice, housing, education, and you get a sense of pride...Courage will not skip this generation."

– Seth Daniel

Challenging the 'hot summer' chapter in the city narrative

July 6, 2023

BY CLEMENTINA M. CHÉRY SPECIAL TO THE REPORTER

Are those fireworks or gunshots? As Independence Day approaches, the nights are filled with noises that leave the city on edge. For me and many survivors of homicide victims, those sounds re-traumatize us.

Recently, while discussing the narrative that there is an uptick in violence during the summer, I thought about the years that I've heard the phrase: "Watch out! It's going to be a "hot summer," an implication that violence and homicide spike dramatically during those months, with no prescription for peace.

This narrative saddens and angers me and re-triggers many of us in the survivor community.

From January to May 2022, the Louis D. Brown Peace Institute's Survivor Outreach Services (SOS) assisted 11 families in the city of Boston. During the summer months (June - August 2022), the SOS team assisted 10 families. Yet, during the post-summer months (September - December 2022), we assisted 21 families.

Where were the headlines about the resources and support for families in the winter, which were statistically more violent in the city? We are a culture that responds crisis by crisis, not by what people actually need. Violence must be

addressed all year long, not just during the summer. Every single life taken by violence is a major loss, and with every homicide, there are at least ten peo-

ple directly impacted. Survivorship is ongoing and grows exponentially, and survivors' needs for support change year-round. It's important that we face this issue even when rates seem "down" - by instilling the value of peace and investing in the tools and responses that we know work.

To survivors of homicide victims and their families: during the upcoming holiday and summer months, remember that healing is a journey, not a destination. At the Louis D. Brown Peace Institute, we encourage mindfulness practices and Peace Play in Urban Settings to take care of yourselves. Understand your triggers and tap into the tools you have to help you regain control. Some things we recommend:

Write your feelings in a journal every day. Writing about your experiences allows you to release some of your emotions.

Give your mind a break and release from thoughts and emotions through stillness. At night, when those fireworks cause me to swell with rage and fear, I've learned to turn on the sounds of rain and breathe slowly and deeply. I meditate on the Principles of Peace until I fall asleep.

Stay connected to the people and communities that keep you grounded and calm, and remember that you're the architect of your own inner healing.

Chaplain Clementina M. Chéry is the President and CEO of the Louis D. Brown Peace Institute.

Letters to the Editor

Congress must check radical top court

To the Editor:

Our fundamental freedoms are being attacked by the Supreme Court. The partisan right-wing majority on the bench has gutted voting rights, opened the floodgates to unlimited corporate money in our elections, struck down gun safety laws and affirmative action in university admissions, and limited the government's ability to protect our air and water. In the year since the majority justices they overturned Roe v. Wade, abortion has been effectively banned (with extremely limited exceptions) in fourteen states, meaning that nearly 1 in 3 Americans have lost access to abortion care.

This year, the court overturned access to clean water and student debt relief for millions of middle and low-income borrowers. They've set the precedent of overturning policies simply because they were enacted by Democratic presidents.

This can't go on. We need to move away from these types of extremely partisan rulings and restore the legitimacy of the court. Congress has a constitutional duty to serve as a check on the Supreme Court and restore faith in our judicial system. It's time they act before it's too late. Anthony Curioso

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Bostonians need more than a feel-good strategy on crime

Mayor Wu recently said that crime in Boston mostly occurs in five percent of selected street tracks in the city. She went on to say that the city would focus its crime strategy around the five percent with events being planned by faith-based organizations and nonprofits. This feel-good strategy does not do anything to change the needs of the people who commit the crimes.

The criminals are not going to church or the YMCA or Boys/Girls clubs. They're hanging on the corners and in the parks and getting high and trying to figure out a way to get money because most do not have a trade or education to secure employment and have given up. They cannot afford the high rents, cannot live in public housing, and have become used to living on the fringes on couches and out of sight.

One out of four households in this country have no father in the home. In communities of color, that figure is dramatically higher. Most young men of color stickup men are the ones younger people try to be learn manhood in the streets and in our prisons. Our like. These are the people who change communities. prisons teach them how to survive with no morals, just that the strong survive.

Mayor Wu must address this lack of fatherhood learning if she hopes to change behavior. Faith leaders and nonprofit leaders already know that the criminals are not coming to them for direction. They want them but have no attraction. Parole officers and other controlling authorities cannot force them to participate in most programs, so they wait until they violate some rule or other and then return them to prison or they pick up a new charge and return based on bad decisions, most often ones based on the need for food and shelter and drugs.

This is why a Learning Academy is needed. We have to teach, train, and mentor. In each of the selected areas where the five percent is located there are influencers who live there and who young people look to out of fear or respect. When they see these influencers changing behavior, they notice and sometimes emulate what they see. The former drug dealers and Benjamin Thompson Codman Square

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Longtime political aide, activist Mukiya Baker-Gomez dead at 74

Mukiya Baker-Gomez, who played pivotal roles in Boston political campaigns for five decades, died of a



Mukiya **Baker-Gomez** heart attack on June 10 at age 74. She was mourned during a memorial service and wake held on June 21 in Roxbury at the Twelfth Baptist Church.

In recent years, Mrs. Baker-Gomez lived in Hyde Park, but she was a past resident of Roxbury and Mattapan. She was active in the campaigns of many leaders over the years, including her close friend, former State Sen. Dianne Wilkerson, former City Councillor Charles Yancey,

the late Councillor Chuck Turner, and the late state Rep. Mel King, among others.

She was a Boston Public School graduate and BPS parent who was a strong proponent of reform within the public school system. Last February, she wrote an op-ed in the *Reporter* calling for an immediate return to an elected school committee, noting that a large majority of Boston voters had supported a resolution on the 2021 municipal ballot to do just that. "It's time to move on from the 30-year failed experiment," she asserted. The school board has been appointed by the mayor since 1991.

Mrs. Baker-Gomez leaves her husband, Kevin Gomez, their children Talisha and Kenyatta; her five siblings and four grandchildren.

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Wu's \$4.2b budget now in effect; one override remains in dispute

(Continued from page 1) the Boston City Charter places the authority to contract with municipal unions solely with the Administration, and not in the purview of the Council.'

At a related event last week in West Roxbury, Wu told reporters that her administration is negotiating a contract with the municipal security officers, noting that the budget isn't the venue to determine salary increases.

During the Wednesday debate, which stretched into the evening hours, Roxbury Councillor Tania Fernandes Anderson, chair of the Council's budget-writing Ways and Means Committee, proposed that the money for municipal officers come from the Boston Police Department's budget.

That prompted Dorchester Councillor Frank Baker to suggest a rewrite, with the \$584,000 coming from municipal officers' overtime budget instead. Earlier in the meeting, he angrily protested against the money coming from the BPD, and said councillors were acting like pigs

After proposing his Before the 2021 expan-rewrite, he added, "I'm sion of their budgetary



Tania Fernandes Anderson **Cites death threats**

not a lawyer, I'm not whatever."

Fernandes Anderson, who ultimately agreed to Baker's amendment, defended her work and noted that Baker was not reprimanded by City Council President Ed Flynn for calling councillors "pigs." She also said that she has received verbal abuse and death threats in the last few weeks after proposing to cut the police budget by tens of millions of dollars.

The other overrides failed because they did not get the eight votes required, as progressives were divided over the proposals, and moderates and conservatives were united in opposition.

only approve, reject, or reduce whatever the mayor proposed. Now they can amend the budget, but any additions must be offset by a reduction somewhere else. Vast swathes remain untouchable, including \$1.4 billion for public schools and fixed costs such as pensions and debt service, according to independent budget analysts. That left \$1.8 billion in accounts for councillors to amend in the fiscal year 2024 budget, according to the Boston Municipal Research Bureau.

powers, councillors could

Fernandes Anderson first proposed cutting \$75 million in amendments, with more than \$40 million coming from Boston Police accounts. That eventually shrank to \$53 million, with a \$31 million cut to police, before councillors voted to send their changes to Wu's desk. The proposal also cut from accounts for public libraries and veterans.

Days later, Wu rejected many of the changes, calling the cut to police "illusory" because city officials are "obligated to cover salary and overtime expenses incurred by the department." The administration has pursued reforms through police contract negotiations, but public safety unions have historically resisted attempts at reform and continue to do so.

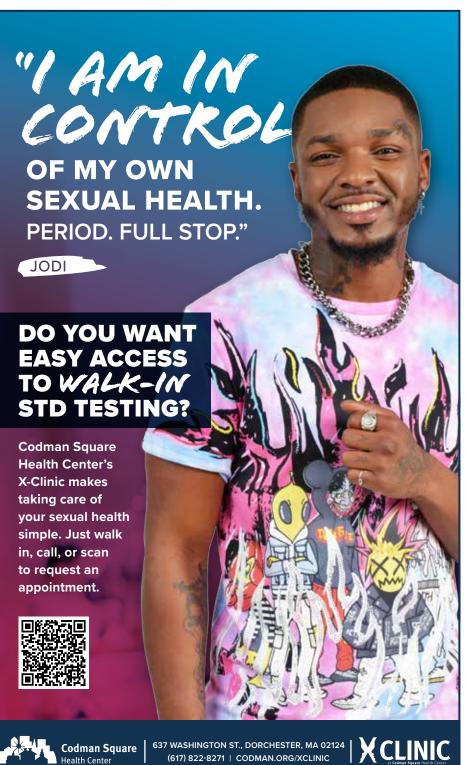
A similar budget fight played out in 2022, the first year that councillors had the expanded powers, when they sought to cut police overtime despite the law calling

for it to be paid out. Wu vetoed that effort as well, saying it was a "false reduction."

On Wednesday, as the debate was getting underway, Fernandes Anderson asked colleagues and constituents to refrain from using violent language and coordinating with police officers in response to the proposed cuts.

"I'd like to remind the public I am just a regular person," said the Council's first Muslim American.

Referring to the various disagreements councillors have had over the last two years, she said, "some people are more conservative and some are more progressive, that's all.'



Education nonprofit sends grants aimed at literacy to Dorchester, Mattapan schools

The Boston Schools Fund, a non-profit organization that seeks to advance educational equity in Boston, has announced a second round of funding as part of its \$2.3 million PEAK Grants (Partnering with Educators to Accelerate Knowledge) partnership with the Boston Public Schools (BPS).

This allotment is focused on supporting high-quality literacy instruction and improving student reading outcomes in support of BPS's Equitable Literacy Initiative.

The second cohort of

al materials and curricula evidence-based practices that provide students with research-based, standards-aligned, grade-level content that includes culturally and linguistically sustaining practices.

"Improving literacy instruction is key to unlocking our students' full potential," said Mather Elementary School Principal HaiSon. "The grants will enable us to implement

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and enhance our students' reading abilities. We are excited about the positive impact this will have on their educational journeys."

The five aforementioned schools will join the first group, which includes Conservatory Lab Charter School in Dorchester.

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Peak schools for the 2023-24 school year will include three local schools: the Mather Elementary in Dorchester; the Mildred Avenue K-8 School in Mattapan; and the Russell Elementary in Dorchester.

In the upcoming school year, BPS will maintain the instructional focus on Equitable Literacy across all content areas to strengthen its multitiered systems of support via strong tier 1 instruction-laying a strong Tier 1 infrastructure to become a fully inclusive district and expand access to bilingual/native language instruction. This work includes a focus on the implementation of high-quality instruction-

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July 6, 2023 Mattapan Sq. 'gateway' statue to be repaired; relocation of pair on the table

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Karin Goodfellow, the city's director of Public Art, confirmed that the statue will be restored to its former home at the intersection of Blue Hill Avenue and River Street – at least for now.

The intent of the artists, Fern Cunningham and Karen Eutemey, was to create an invisible archway between the two statues where Mattapan's past was relaying its history to the present and future of Mattapan-which is conveyed with a child holding a book and each statue having outstretched arms toward the other.

The idea of moving them to an alternate site nearby-closer to the MBTA station— has become a hot potato issue. Leading the movement against the relocation has been Barbara Crichlow, who was on the committee that commissioned the statues. While they were installed in 2005, the planning had gone on for 25 years before, she said.

"I'm hearing the statue is going back into place, and I hope it does," said Crichlow. "These two statues mean a lot to the people on the committee and if you look at the history, you'll understand. We really had a hard time when the statue was hit and knocked down. and people said they want to move it.

Donna Young, the daughter of the owner of a Brigham's Ice Cream store that once occupied

a retail space in the square, said her family did not want the statues moved.

"I know moving them would not be an option we would be happy with given all the hard work they put into bringing these to life where they're at,' she said.

The Office of Arts and Culture said there is an opportunity in the interim to replace the statue and install lighting and landscaping – making them more noticeable for now. Lighting, protective bollards, historical interpretation, and other extras were originally intended to be included in the statue project, but they didn't materialize with the finished product.

However, the Boston Transportation Department (BTD) wants to convene a serious conversation about moving the statues - preferably staying in the Square but sited on the commuter plaza long River Street, said Charlotte Fleetwood of BTD. That would happen within the upcoming Mattapan Square Re-Design that runs in tandem with the Blue Hill Avenue Transportation Action Plan and is several years away from construction.

Part of the issue is that the statues are in the way of a new left turn for buses, and in the way of new pedestrian crossings – as well as multi-modal accommodations for bicyclists and public transit.

"We are looking at ways to

make the new intersection more pedestrian-friendly and more accessible," Fleetwood said, adding that her agency believes there is an opportunity for a "win-win" where they can make the intersection more pedestrian friendly, more transit friendly, and keep the statues in the Square.

"We would not do that without discussions with the committee and the community," she said. "We want to have these discussions and share rough ideas."

She is not alone with that thinking. Advocates for moving the statues aren't newcomers or out-of-towners, as is sometimes suggested.

Kenya Beaman, a life-long resident of Mattapan and a city employee with the Boston Planning and Development Agency (BPDA), said she has seen the statues but never knew anything about the history. She said she appreciates the artists' intent but would like to see them in a more accessible placed.

"My personal opinion as a resident is I would like to see it in a space that's safe where folks can learn about the committee, and kids can take pictures of them, and field trips can learn about them," she said. "My main objective is to make sure everyone knows about the statue and its meaning. You can't do that if it's sitting on that small island."

Mattapan's Vivian Ortiz



One of the statues in Mattapan Square was toppled by a reckless driver on May 18. The city is going to repair it and put it back on its current site, a decision that has stoked an ongoing conversation about moving the statues to a different location in the future. Fatima Ali Salaam photo

agreed, saying she has passed by the statues on her bicycle for years, but never knew about them. "I would like to see them closer and in a space people can enjoy them," she said, noting that it would be great to be able to take pictures with them and stop to look at them.

Conversely, Muriel Leonard said many people use the statues as landmarks.

"They are the first things you see when you arrive in Boston," she asserted. "I agree they should stay because they have a kind of presence...If they're moved, you're going to lose the gateway."

Eutemey, who created one of the statues. said if they are moved, they must be situated to make sure the artist-intent is preserved. "That's part of the intention of them," she said. "It's to convey the passing of the history of Mattapan and it being received by the present and the future.³

She said there is a little girl holding a book on one statue, and the book contains all the information generated throughout the history of Mattapan by all of the different peoples who lived there.

She said the history is passed on in the sculptures "so we don't forget that history and we have that information when we make decisions today.²

Crichlow noted that there were supposed to be interpretive materials that the state never produced. She said the misunderstanding about the statues is part of the story of Mattapan. "We get the short end of the stick on a lot of projects," she said. "If they were lit up you would have all paid attention to them. You drive through in the dark now and you see nothing...We thought we were getting things we needed and wanted, and we didn't. Consider that in your thoughts when you make these decisions."

A BTD meeting to discuss the statues, lighting, and other parts of the Mattapan Square Re-Design will take place online on July 18.

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Page 12 THE REPORTER Six months in, Sen. Miranda discusses maternal health fund, reparations bill

(Continued from page 1) approved a minibud- to die from pregnancy she was one of 160 members of the House-chairs the Joint Committee on Racial Equity and Civil

and is a member of the budget-writing Joint Committee on Ways and Means.

In the interview, she touted several items that she worked to get into the Senate version of the budget that House and Senate lawmakers are currently hashing out to send as a final version to Gov. Healey's desk, though it will be late; the new fiscal year started on July 1. Lawmakers have get that funds services through the end of July as a stopgap measure.

Miranda pointed to a \$1 million fund now in the Senate version that is aimed at helping the development of nonprofit birth centers at a time when Massachusetts has just one birth center in operation. The fund's money would prioritize centers that serve areas with high rates of maternal and infant mortality. Miranda, who pushed through the amendment, said Black women are three times more likely

complications than white women.

Separately, a bill that she filed with East Boston state Sen. Lydia Edwards to spur the electrification of the Fairmount commuter rail line cleared the Transportation Committee in June and has moved on to the Ways and Means Committee. The bill also calls for "frequent and affordable" service on the line, which runs between South Station and Readville and has multiple stops in Dorchester and Mattapan.

Miranda noted that with the "slow zones" plaguing the Red Line and other parts of the MBTA, the commuter rail lines are seeing an increase in passengers, since it's a quick ride to where the jobs are downtown. Electrification of the line would shorten the commute even further, she said, and would also reduce air pollution, since the current engines run on diesel. Another Miranda bill

that is in the early stages of making its way through Beacon Hill calls for a nine-member commission to study reparations in Massachusetts. Filed jointly with Mattapan state Rep. Brandy Fluker Oakley, the bill notes that reparations can take multiple forms, including compensation, care. and services beyond monetary payments, and public apologies for slavery and racism.

Miranda said that while Massachusetts often touts its abolitionist history, the Bay State profited from the transatlantic slave trade. Higher education institutions, locally and nationally, including Harvard University, have started to look into into their ties to the slave trade, she added.

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are owed at least the telling of truth but also the reparative justice to right the wrongs," said Miranda, who is Cape Verdean.

The city of Boston has a reparations task force underway, with members appointed last February and recommendations to be released next year. The town of Amherst, in Western Massachusetts, has its own panel.

"I believe strongly that when we help and address issues of systemic barriers, it impacts all of us," Miranda said. "It helps all of us."

Material from State House News Service was used in this report.

"I believe Black people

Short circuit cited in '22 Red Line fatality when door trapped rider

By Chris Lisinski STATE HOUSE **News Service**

A short circuit on a Red Line train prevented a failsafe from triggering and allowed the vehicle to leave the station while a passenger was trapped in a door, federal investigators concluded while describing a pair of other missteps in the fatal incident.

The National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) last Tuesday (June 27) deemed the short circuit the "probable cause" of the April 10, 2022 tragedy that killed a man named Robinson Lalin.

Red Line trains like the one involved in the accident are equipped with interlock circuits that disable propulsion if any passenger door is open, including if the door is blocked. But an NTSB investigation of

the vehicle in question found that protruding wire strands touching a mounting screw created a short circuit, effectively allowing the train to move before its doors fully closed.

"Under normal operating conditions, the passenger door interlock circuit would have prevented train propulsion if a door obstruction was detected or the doors were open," the agency wrote in a 10-page report. "However, the short circuit that bypassed the passenger door interlock circuit allowed the train to proceed even with the passenger's upper body obstructing the ... railcar doors."

The agency tested its entire Red Line fleet within 72 hours of Lalin's death and found no similar issues, according to the NTSB. An MBTA spokesperson said similar

tests performed on all Orange, Blue, and Green Line vehicles did not identify another problem.

Investigators determined the short circuit occurred at some point after the master controller was rebuilt in 2017. The NTSB said that at the time of the accident, the MBTA's preventative maintenance did not include an inspection procedure to examine the door interlock circuit's functionality.

After the incident, the T updated its maintenance process to include testing to ensure trains could not begin travel while doors were open. The agency also implemented a new electrical isolation method on the relevant terminal boards to ensure that "protruding wires do not unintentionally complete a short circuit," the NTSB wrote.

The report, which builds on the NTSB's preliminary findings issued in May 2022, noted that Lalin and several other passengers boarded a Red Line train at Broadway Station just before 12:30 a.m. on April 10, 2022. Lalin attempted to disembark while the train was departing when the doors closed on his "upper body on his right side." He ran alongside the train while trapped in the door, then collided with a wall at the end of the platform and was killed, the NTSB said.

MBTA departure policy requires operators to stick their heads outside of the operating cab and make sure the platform is clear before departing and to check that pilot lights are off, which indicates that passenger doors have closed, according to the report.

The NTSB found that

the operator of the train conducted a visual inspection of the platform but pulled her head back into the cab before the pilot lights above the malfunctioning door turned off, "contrary to MBTA departure procedures."

An MBTA spokesperson said the operator no longer works for the T but did not say if the operator had resigned or was terminated.

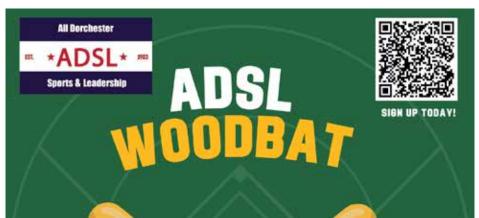
The NTSB also found a 19-foot "blind spot" in a camera view of the station platform, which blocked sight of the door in which Lalin became trapped. If the operator was using a monitor with that camera feed to check the platform, "it was unlikely that she would have seen Lalin stuck in the doors," investigators said.

In the wake of the accident, MBTA officials began conducting regular

audits of those cameras and monitors, referred to as single-person train operation (SPTO) cameras. T spokesperson Lisa Battiston said the agency has upgraded and replaced 31 of 55 monitors with "larger, brighter, and easier to clean" versions, focusing first on those in "the most critical locations."

"This includes upgrading and replacing both SPTO monitors at Broadway station," Battiston said. "The MBTA has also been implementing a Legacy Camera Replacement project, funded by a Department of Homeland Security grant, to phase out aging equipment. Additionally, the MBTA has also improved communications between motor persons and the team responsible for maintaining the cameras and monitors to ensure that any issues are resolved quickly.'





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Remdesivir is an FDA-approved medicine that interferes how the COVID-19 virus replicates. It can help people with COVID-19 recover faster and reduce the chances of developing severe COVID-19. The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) has issued emergency use authorizations (EUAs) for Paxlovid. Paxlovid slows down COVID-19's ability to replicate.





THE REPORTER

Madison Park Development buys Grove Hall lot, eyes mixed-use



This key vacant lot in Grove Hall on Warren Street has been purchased by Madison Park Development Corporation for \$3.2 million. Seth Daniel photo

By Seth Daniel **News Editor**

A well-known Roxbury development corporation last month purchased a large vacant lot in Grove Hall that sits next to the post office and includes 1 Crawford St. and 639 Warren St. for \$3.2 million.

Leslie Reid, the CEO of Madison Park Development Corporation (MPDC), said her team envisions a new building

with affordable housing and the possibility of retail space.

"We were approached by a broker and that's how the parcel came to our attention," she said. "We have already had over a dozen community meetings with stakeholders and elected officials. We did that while the property was under agreement and before we purchased it...We felt that good people appreciated we came early in the process and that was good because we could have walked away if people had ripped and tore into us, and our project didn't maximize community benefit."

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m Reid\,said\,the\,consensus}$ in those meetings was to have affordable housing units, which could be rental or ownership, and a non-residential space, likely on the ground floor. "We got great feedback," she said. "We felt pretty confident people wouldn't be totally opposed to it," she said.

Reid is now busy assembling a team of architects, engineers, accountants, and others - with a mind to hiring women-owned or BIPOC-owned firms. Once they have the team assembled and have specific plans, they will come back to the community. She predicts it could be

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two years before a shovel ist Ekua Holmes. While color through community hits the ground, but in the interim, MPDC has joined the Roxbury Sunflower Project led by art-

it awaits development, that project will activate the vacant lot, aiming "to bring nature, beauty, and

wide Sunflower plantings particularly on the Grove Hall line," according to project's website.

Notice of Public Meeting

Notice is hereby given that a Community Outreach Meeting for a Proposed Cannabis Establishment is scheduled for...

Date:	Thursday, July 20, 2023
Time:	6:00 pm
Location:	Online (Zoom) / Live at 1102A Blue Hill
	Avenue, Dorchester MA 02124

Three ways you can join the Zoom meeting...

- 1. Go to https://tinyurl.com/1102ABlueHillAve
- 2. Go to www.zoom.us/join Enter this Meeting ID when prompted: Meeting ID: 931 932 7392 Click "join." **Enter Meeting Passcode: 1102BLUE**
- 3. Go to Zoom link: https://us06web.zoom.us/j/9319327392?pwd=VUo5UjVXUI NGL3VXR0d6MEsxQTY5dz09

The proposed retail cannabis establishment will be located at:

1102A Blue Hill Avenue, Dorchester, MA 02124

There will be an opportunity for the public to ask questions and share comments.

If you have any questions about this meeting or have comments about the proposal please contact: Cleon Byron, CEO/Owner of the retail establishment, at cleonmbyron@gmail.com.

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Page 14 Dot-based interfaith group seeking support for housing measures pending on Beacon Hill

By GINTAUTAS DUMCIUS **MANAGING EDITOR** There are three issues top of mind for Boston

Mayor Wu, and they are "housing, housing, housing," she told a



residents, according to large crowd gathered at Temple Israel in the city's Longwood area last week, adding, "housing, and how expensive it is, how unaffordably out of reach it is."

Housing was the focus of the gathering, put together by the Dorchester-based Greater Boston Interfaith Organization (GBIO). The event drew a mix of politicians, clergy, and private sector leaders: Lt. Gov. Kim

Driscoll, who wore the title of acting governor because Maura Healey was traveling in Ireland; newly appointed Healey housing chief Ed Augustus, Worcester's former city manager; Mattapan state Rep. Brandy Fluker Oakley; and Cape Cod state Sen. Julian Cyr, among others. Rev. Burns Stanfield, who heads a Presbyterian congregation in South Boston, serves as the GBIO's



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chair.

"Housing is what determines the safety of our communities, the vibrancy of our communities, the solidarity of our communities," Wu said. "And I'm so excited that you all are taking this on because there is power in this room."

A key goal of the event was building support for a real estate transfer fee, which is backed by the Wu administration. Legislation on Beacon Hill calls for a fee ranging between 0.5 percent and 2 percent on transactions above \$1 million, with the money going to an affordable housing trust fund. Municipalities would be able to opt into such a fee, and under the latest version, cities and towns can create exemptions if they choose.

Realtors oppose the fee, which is also called a tax.

The concept has drawn support from Thomas O'Brien, a developer with the HYM Investment Group and a former director of the Boston Redevelopment Authority. dotnews.com

His company is behind the creation of 12,000 units of housing, 2,200 of them affordable.

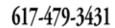
'But it's not enough," he said in a statement issued after the GBIO's gathering. "We must build more, and I agree with the GBIO that we must all work together to solve this problem. If a transfer fee can be created that does not adversely affect current homeowners, has an upper limit on commercial transactions. and in which the proceeds are dedicated to housing production and preservation, I would be for it."

Another piece of legislation that GBIO supports is a bill allowing inmates released from incarceration to have priority access to state-funded housing and vouchers.

Fluker Oakley said the bill "will not only remove a major barrier to accessing resources that can connect our neighbors to housing opportunities, but it also has the potential to reduce recidivism and make our communities more vibrant places where we all can thrive.'



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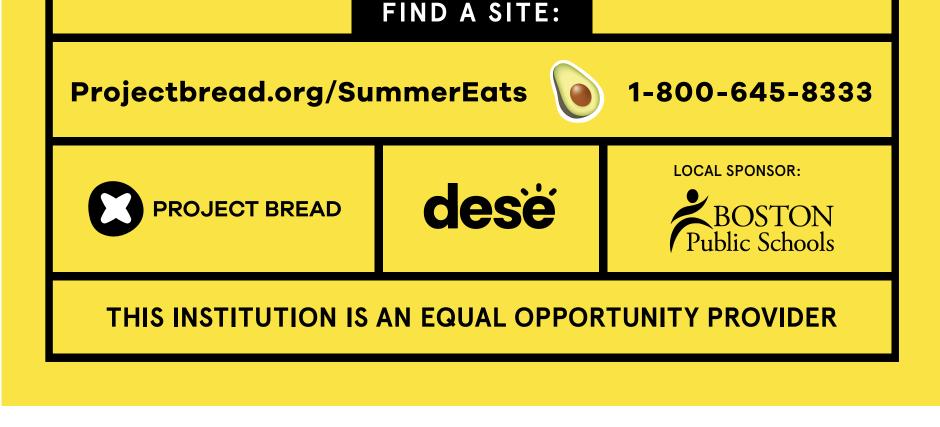
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Graduates hail the mind-opening values of the Clemente Course in the Humanities Codman Sq. Health Center hosts cultural programming

BY SETH DANIEL **News Editor**

When Rose Dolin and her two sisters. Hans and Lynda, signed up for the one-year commitment to the Clemente Course in the Humanities at the Codman Square Neighborhood Health Center's Adult Education program, they had no idea how many doors it would open to them intellectually. They thought they would simply be practicing English speaking and writing.

While they did do that, they also got a tutorial in the finer points of art history, among other studies. During a graduation program this spring in the Great Hall, Rose Dolin took note of how the program has changed the course of her life:

"Coming to this country six years ago has been very hard," said the native of Haiti. "Feeling a sense of belonging in the US has always been challenging for me. Adjusting has been a really long journey. A lot of times I have felt very lonely, especially during the Covid-19 quarantine. I often asked, What will I do with my life?' I was on the verge of really giving up before Clemente. For me, Clemente opened up my eyes to so many things with American history, writing, art history and English. I feel enlightened."

The Clemente Course in the Humanities has been in operation at the Health Center for 22 years. It is sponsored there by the Mass Cultural Council as one of five Clemente Course sites around the state that provide low-income adults with college-level introductory humanities courses, free of charge, for credit that is awarded by Bard College.

Co-Directors Tim Mc-Carthy and Jack Cheng took the lead on the course in the fall of 2001 in the Great Hall and have taught hundreds of students since then. They collaborate with other teachers and instructors, but in the end, the reward is the lightbulb that goes off when students invest in studying the humanities and the world of arts.

"The best definition we've come up with of the humanities is it is the study together of what it means to be human so we can all become more humane," said McCarthy, a Dorchester resident. "This course was born just after the 9/11 terrorist attack with just a little bit of money. We started here and people came, and they have continued to come for the past 22 years for this joyous work."

Added Cheng, directing his comments to the graduates at the Great Hall ceremony: "I hope you'll take with you all we learned and the trips we took with each other and the talks about what is right and wrong in the world and what happened in the past to make it the way it is. I hope when you're in Dorchester or elsewhere, you'll visit an art gallery or notice a building's ar-



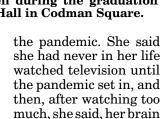
Tim McCarthy, Co-Academic Director for the Codman Square location.



Gina Ocasion, Clemente Course statewide coordinator.



Co-Academic Director Jack Cheng handed a diploma to Sharon Howell during the graduation ceremony at the Great Hall in Codman Square.

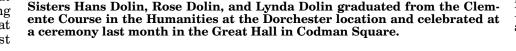


"needed some exercise." Her interests were philosophy, African American history, art history, but more than that, they were about herself.

"I want to say I learned truth," she said. "They have the saying, 'To thine own self be true.' This class taught me a lot more about that. I learned how much further I'm ready and willing to take the truth and honesty in life."

The 2023 graduates of the Clemente Course in Dorchester included: Rose Sherley Dolin, Hans Dolin, Lynda Dolin, Sharon Howell, Hazel Hutcherson, Pierre Jeremie, Gwendolyn McLean Kirkland, Sandra Means, and Dianna Miles.

For more information on the next course, contact Michelle Rue at 617-740-2531, or by email at michelle.rue@ dorchesterhouse.org.



chitecture outside - and that you don't do those things alone, but with others.'

60-year-old Lower Mills Morningstar Baptist

Sharon Howell, a Church, said she committed to the one-year native and member of Clemente Course after feeling burnt out from

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Clemente Course graduates from 2023 included Pierre Jeremie, Hazel Hutcherson, Lynda Dolin, Rose Dolin, Gwendolyn McLean Kirkland, Hans Dolin, and Seth Daniel photos Sharon Howell.

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BGCD Member Deshawn V. Represents Massachusetts in Northeast Youth of the Year Event: See details below.

CONNECT THE DOT: BGCD Member Deshawn V. **Represents Massachusetts in** Northeast Youth of the Year Event: **Congratulations to BGCD Member** Deshawn V. who participated in Boys & Girls Clubs of America's Northeast **Regional Youth of the Year event held** last week in New York City. Deshawn was selected as BGCD's 2023 Youth of the Year and then went on to represent our Club at the Massachusetts Youth of the Year event where he was selected to represent the State. While in New York City, the candidates representing the 11 states of the Northeast enjoyed the opportunity to connect with one another and enjoy the sights of New York City prior to taking part in the competition which was held at Major League Baseball Headquarters. Congratulations to Deshawn who did a great job representing Massachusetts and BGCD. We are so proud of your accomplishments!

FIND OUT WHAT'S INSIDE: **BGCD Holds Awards Ceremony for End of School Year Programming:** During the final week of our school year programming at Boys & Girls Clubs of Dorchester, the Club hosted an awards ceremony to recognize outstanding participation in our core programs. The awards were to recognize individual achievement and leadership within their respective programs. Our members received award certificates for their efforts and were treated to a fun after party. Congratulations to all the members who were selected to take part and for making this school year so fun at BGCD! The current 2022-2023 school year enrichment programming has concluded, but we are excited to be offering a new array of enrichment programming in the Fall. To learn more about BGCD Programming, please contact Brendan McDonald at bmcdonald@bgcdorchester.org.



BGCD Holds Awards Ceremony for End of School Year Programming: See details below.

DID YOU KNOW: BGCD Onboards 100+ Teens for Summer Jobs: Boys & Girls Clubs of Dorchester is hard at work onboarding 100+ teens for Summer positions within all three of our Clubhouse locations. In partnership with the City of Boston's Office of Youth Employment & Opportunity, the hiring process has begun and included a recent enrollment mixer for teens to get to know one another. The new hires will now go through a two week training and safety program before beginning to work with members on July 11th.

The summer program will include opportunities to learn about financial literacy, careers in Biotech, Medicine and the Trades as well as a College Night Cruise as part of the Power Forward program. For more information, please contact Chad Hassey at chassey@bgcdorchester.org.

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CARVALHO, Cecilia S. (Baptista) of Bridgewater, originally of Cabo Verde. Wife of the late Fidelio Carvalho. Mother



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formerly of Savin Hill. Son of the late Arthur J. and Teresa J. (Skehan) Clooney. "Budzo" of

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To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner Sackie M. Freeman of Dorchester, MA. Sackie M. Freeman of Dorchester, MA has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve without surety on the bond.

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COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS THE TRIAL COURT PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT INFORMAL PROBATE PUBLICATION NOTICE Docket No. SU23P1325EA ESTATE OF: MARGIE LEAK a/k/a: MARGIE LEE LEAK DATE OF DEATH: 04/11/2023 SUFFOLK DIVISION

Daniel and Dorothy Ryan of Braintree, formerly of Savin Hill, and their family, Melissa and Barrett Kelly, and their 2 children of Milton, Danielle and John Tierney and their 3 children of Savin Hill, Shannon and Brian Hegarty and their 3 children of Milton, and his "special girlfriend" Kasey Ryan of Savin Hill. Brother of Marie Connell of Quincy, Patricia Clooney of Dorchester, Robert and his wife Christine Clooney of Weymouth, John Clooney and his late wife June of Weymouth, and the late Kathleen Dewitt, and Arthur and his wife Jacqueline Clooney. Brotherin-law of Robert Dewitt of Braintree. Michael is also

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COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS THE TRIAL COURT PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT Suffolk Probate & Family Court 24 New Chardon Street Boston, MA 02114 (617) 788-8300 CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION Docket No. SU23P1335EA EFATE OC ESTATE OF: DONALD R. BODDIE DATE OF DEATH: 02/24/2023 A Petition for Formal Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative has been filed by Carole Furr of Roxbury MA requesting that the Court enter a forma Decree and Order and for such other relie as requested in the Petition. The Petition requests that: Carole Furr of Roxbury, Ma pe appointed as Personal Representative(s of said estate to serve Without Surety on the oond in unsu IMPORTANT NOTICE

survived by many nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews, six godchildren, many cousins, and his longtime dear friend Rev. John J. Unni. Donations in Michael's memory may be made to the Inclusion Program at The Boys and Girls Clubs of Dorchester, 1135 Dorchester Ave., Dorchester, MA 02125.



DUNN, Robert Emmet of Quincy, formerly of Savin Hill. U. Marine Corps veteran and a retired Lt. Colonel of the MA State Police. Bob was predeceased by his parents, James and Mary (Hughes); and his siblings, Sr. Therese Dunn CSJ, James Dunn and Virginia McGrath. Husband of Mary (Driscoll) Dunn; and father to Robert E. Dunn, Jr. (Jean), Brian Dunn (Meredyth), Colleen Maimaron (David) and Kristin Freeman (Donald). Grandfather to 4. Please consider making a donation to Sisters of St. Joseph of Boston.

HOYT, Winnifred, of Dorchester. Wife to Carlos

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COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

PROBATE COURT SUFFOLK, ss. Case No. SU22P2038 To all persons interested in the matter of David M. Smith of Dorchester in said County of Suffolk - a person under

conservatorship. A petition has been presented to said Court, for license to sell a private sale certain real estate of David M. Smith, 345 Ashmont St., Unit 2, Dorchester, MA 02124 in the County of Suffolk for maintenance and praying that the petitioner, Jonathan M. Spirn, Esq., may become the seller of said real estate.

<u>Exhibit A</u> In re: Conservatorship of David M. Smith (SU22P2038PM) Petition for Sale of Real Estate (located at 345 Ashmont Street, Unit 2, Dorchester (Boston) MA 02124) Unit #2, in the 345 Ashmont Street Condominium situated at 345 Ashmont Street (Dorchester) Boston, MA 02124. a condominium established oursuant to Massachusetts Genera Laws, Chapter 183A, by Master Deed dated September 16, 1987 and filed with Suffolk County Registry of Deeds, Book 14088, Page 338. The Unit is shown on the floor plans of the building filed simultaneously vith said Master Deed and on the



Hoyt Sr., mother of Sandra Hoyt, Carlos Hoyt Jr. (daughter-in-love, Leslie Hoyt), and Kevin Hoyt. Grandmother of 2, aunt of several nieces, nephews, cousins, and a dear and devoted friend to many. Please consider a donation to any of these deserving sources that were significant to Winnie: Special Olympics, Boston Higashi School, 800 N Main St., Randolph, MA 02368, or Agassiz Village Summer Camp, West Poland, ME.



O'BRIEN, Marion V. (Donovan), 79, of Oxnard CA, formerly of Dorchester. Survivors include son Jeremiah II (Rowena); 3 grandchildren; sister Therese Furfey (Leo); and brother James Donovan (Maureen); along with many nieces, nephews, cousins and friends. Preceded in death by daughters Coleen and Kim O'Brien Swaim; parents Helen and William "Baba' Donovan; and sister Helen Donovan. Donations may be made in Marion's memory to the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation, 6025 Santa Monica Blvd.,Suite 204, Los Angeles, CA 90038.

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COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS THE TRIAL COURT PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT 24 New Chardon Street Boston, MA 02114 (617) 788-8300 CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION Docket No. SU2391320EA Docket No. SU23P1320EA ESTATE OF: GLORIA MARIE CIARMATARO a/k/a: GLORIA M. CIARMATARO DATE OF DEATH: 01/31/2023 Date of Dearth 01/31/2023 To all interested persons: A Petition for Formal Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative has been filed by Donna M. McLaughlin of Stoughton, MA and Karen I. Tracey of

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS THE TRIAL COURT PROBATE & FAMILY COURT SUFFOLK DIVISION 24 NEW CHARDON STREET BOSTON, MA 02114 Docket No. SU23D116DR DIVORCE SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION and MAILING OSCAR BULLARD vs. PAULA ALEXANDRA ALVES BULLARD 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 impac the current financial status of either party SEE Supplemental Probate Court Rule 411

You are hereby summoned and required to serve upon: Ifeanvi M Okeke Esg. IMO LEGAL, LLC, 294 Pleasant St., Ste. 202B, Stoughton, MA 02072 your answer, if any, on or before 08/17/2023. If you fail to do so the court will proceed to the hearing and adjudication of this action. You are also required to file a copy of your answer, if any in the office of the Register of this Court. Witness, HON. BRIAN J. DUNN, First Justice of this Court.

Date: June 21, 2023

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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. SU23C0316CA IN THE MATTER OF: ELIZABETH PLAISIMON A Petition to Change Name of Adult has been filed by Elizabeth Plaisimon of Boston, MA request ing that the court enter a Decree changing their name to: Elizabeth Joseph Ortega IMPORTANT NOTICE

Any person may appear fo purposes of objecting to the pe tition by filing an appearance at Suffolk Probate and Family Court before 10:00 a.m. on the return day of 07/27/2023. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance if you object to this proceeding.

Witness, HON. BRIAN J DUNN, First Justice of this Court Date: June 22, 2023 Vincent Procopic Register of Probate Published: July 6, 2023

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner Roshanda Leak of Dorchester, MA; Natasha Leak of Dorchester, MA, a Will has been admitted to informal probate. Roshanda Leak of Dorchester MA: Natasha Leak 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 adminis-

ered under informal procedure by the Personal Representative under the Massachusetts Uniform Probate Code without supervision by the Court. Inventory and accounts are not required to be filed with the Court but interested parties are entitled to notice regarding the administration from the Personal Representative and can petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including distribution of assets and expenses of administration. Interested parties are entitled to petition the Court to institute formal proceedings and to obtain orders terminating or restricting the powers of Personal Representatives appointed under informal procedure. A copy of the Petition and Will, if any, can be obtained from the Petitioner. Published: July 6, 2023

You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court You have a right to object to this proceeding To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at thi Court before: 10:00 a.m. on the return da of 08/04/2023

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

UNDER THE MASSACHUSETTS UNIFORM PROBATE CODE (MUPC) A Personal Representative appointed under the MUPC in an unsupervised administration s not required to file an inventory or annua accounts with the Court. Persons interested n the estate are entitled to notice regarding he administration directly from the Persona the administration directly from the Persona Representative and may petition the Courtir any matter relating to the estate, including the distribution of assets and expenses of administration. Witness, HON, BRIAN J. DUNN, Firs'

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copy of the portion of said plans attached to the Unit Deed, to which is affixed a verified statement in the form required by Section 9 of said Chapter 183A

Said Unit is conveyed together with, subject to, and with the benefit of the provisions of said Chapter 183A, the Master Deed, Condominium Trust and Unit Deed, and all rights, easements and agreements described therein

Said Unit is conveyed together with an undivided 36.14 percent interest in the Common Elements described n the Master Deed. Said Unit is also subject to any ease ments, restrictions, and agreements of record insofar as any of the same are in force and applicable. For the title reference see deed dated May 25, 2006 and recorded with the Suffolk Registry of Deeds in Book

39796, Page 264. IF YOU DESIRE TO OBJECT THERETO, YOU OR YOUR ATTORNEY HOULD FILE A WRITTEN APPEAR ANCE IN SAID COURT AT BOSTON BEFORE TEN O'CLOCK IN THE FORE NOON ON the 2nd day of August, 2023 the return day of this citation. Witness, BRIAN J. DUNN, ESQUIRE, First Judge of said Court, this 21st day of June, 2023.

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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: Donna M. McLaughlin of Stoughton, MA and Karen I. Tracey of Dorchester, MA be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve Without Surety on the bond in unsupervised administration

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