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# Faulty exhaust pipe sparked Treadmark blaze

# Fire chief says delayed 911 call, sprinkler issues also contributed

By BILL FORRY AND JONATHAN INNOCENT REPORTER STAFF

A faulty exhaust pipe connected to a basement generator ignited flammable materials on the roofline of the Treadmark building on the afternoon of June 28, sparking a six-alarm fire that tore through the wood-framed building's upper floors, according to Boston's fire commissioner, who detailed the results of an extensive investigation on Wednesday.

BFD Commissioner Joe Finn also revealed that that signs of a possible fire were first detected by construction workers about an hourand-a-half before the

**Boston Fire Commis**sioner Joe Finn, shown above at the scene of the June 28 Treadmark fire, outlined the likely causes of the blaze this week. Bill Forry photo



Boston Fire Department was notified, a long delay that Finn says likely made a bad situation far worse.

"It's a grave concern," said Finn of the lost time in a press conference at BFD headquarters, calling it "a total breakdown on the construction site itself."

The structure comprised four stories of wood-framed construction over two floors of steel and concrete — a style that developers and city officials have emphasized is common throughout the city and very safe if built to code.

Workers were testing the building's emergency generator in the basement that day. The generator exhaust pipe,

which runs up through the top of the building, heats up from gases produced as the device is in use.

Finn and the city's top building inspector— William 'Buddy' Christopher— said that the pipe should have had more clearance between its hot surface and flammable materials in the building. "We are confident in the area of origin in the space between the sixth floor and roof and that it was caused by exhaust piping from the emergency generator in the basement," said

Just as an exhaust pipe on the back of a car running 70 miles per hour on a highway becomes

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## In launching campaign, Walsh touts his record

By Jennifer Smith **News Editor** 

Highlighting successes in housing, job creation, and efforts against homelessness in a booming Boston, Mayor Martin Walsh kicked off his re-election campaign at Florian Hall on Saturday.

"What I try to do is change people's lives every day," the mayor told those gathered in front of a stage on the blacktop outside the firefighter's union hall on Hallet Street. "I don't own this seat. This seat belongs to the city of

Having set a goal of building 53,000 new units of housing by 2030, Walsh said 21,000 homes have been constructed in the city since he took office. Nearly 9,000 of the units are designated for low- and middle-income families, he said.

Walsh also said the city has eliminated chronic homelessness among veterans. As the population grows, he said, Boston has also added more than 60,000 jobs. He noted that his



outside Florian Hall last Saturday. Courtesy Walsh campaign

administration has presided over a AAA bond rating for four years in a row - a first in the city's history.

But the city's progress is taking place in an uneasy time, he said. "We talk about what's happening in the city, and the state, and the country. We have to make sure we keep what's happening in Boston strong, because

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# Morrissey mailbag: Tweak the lanes, speeds, and signals

By Jennifer Smith **News Editor** 

Neighbors, cyclists, pedestrians, and drivers weighed in energetically on the latest designs for the William T. Morrissey Boulevard revamp, with more than 50 comments submitted to state's Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) after a presentation of the 25 percent design.

The agency is grinding its way through a \$3.2 million design phase for the frequently flooded thorough fare connecting Kosciuszko Circle to Neponset Circle, though the former is not part of the planned redesign.

It envisions a DCR parkway bordered by biking and walking paths. Speed limits would be lowered to 35 miles per



ADCR rendering shows improved passage for pedestrians and bicyclists along the Lambert's property on Morrissey Blvd.

hour from 40, signals streamlined around some of the most chaotic portions of the roadway, and lanes dropped along the route in anticipation of a more logical traffic flow pattern.

Responses were mixed on the traffic alterations.

"Having lived and traveled on Neponset Avenue for over thirty years I have experienced many a traffic nightmare, but none I fear will compare as to what will happen if Morrissey Blvd. will be narrowed to two lanes each way," wrote Deborah Moleca.

Some, like Dorchester resident Lynn Holmgren with the Livable Streets Alliance, wanted an even lower speed limit.

"At a minimum, the speed limit on Morrissev Blvd should be reduced from 40 to 30 mph," she wrote. "The road must (Continued on page 13)

# Mixed-use pitched for vacant Blue Hill Ave. parcel

By Rowan Walrath REPORTER CORRESPONDENT

Mattapan residents will have the opportunity to express their opinions about a proposal for a mixed-use, four-story building on Blue Hill Avenue at a public meet-

ing next Tuesday, Aug. 1. The development, proposed by Allston-

Brighton-based landlord George Minasidis for 1199-1203 Blue Hill Ave. — at the corner of Deering Road – would consist of 21 residential

units, retail and restaurant space, and an underground parking garage.

 $The plan\,was\,filed\,with$ the Boston Planning and Development Agency (BPDA) in April.

Karen Bunch, proj-

development, said that although community members have expressed support so far, Minasidis and the developers are looking to get full public approval for the project. The meeting on Tuesday,

ect consultant for the set for 6 p.m. to 7:15 p.m. at the Mattapan Branch Library at 1350 Blue Hill Ave., will be the latest forum for residents to express their opinions.

The most important thing for the property (Continued on page 11)



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## DOT BY THE DAY

July 28 - Aug. 4, 2017

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

Friday (28th) – Free admission to the JFK Library today from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. as part of the Highland Street Foundation's 9th annual Free Fun Fridays series. For further info, visit jfklibrary.org.

Saturday (29th) – Mattapan Patriots "Get Registered" Saturdays at Almont Park in Mattapan from 12:30-5:30 p.m. Season starts on Tues., Aug. 1. Contact Rashad Cope at rashad.o.cope@ gmail.com or 617-648-6392.

 $\bullet$  Harp & Bard Backyard BBQ benefits Boys and Girls Clubs of Dorchester, 12-5 p.m. \$20 donation at the door helps Rodman Ride for Kids team. Contact Patty Lamb at plamb@bgcdorchester. org. 1099 Dorchester Ave., Dorchester. 21-plus

Monday (31st) – Mayor's Movie Night features the Lego Batman Movie at Rev. Allen Park, 7:30 p.m. Call 617-635-4505 or go to boston.gov/parks.

• Get to know all about Mothers for Justice and Equality and all of the programs and services they offer at a Mother's Corner Café today at 8 a.m. at the Strand Theatre, 543 Columbia Rd., Dorchester. More info at sveras@mothersforjusticeandequality.org

Tuesday (1st) – ParkARTS Children's Workshop at Town Field in Fields Corner. Children ages three to ten can enjoy painting, mask and jewelry making, treasure creations, and more from 10-1 a.m. Also on August 8, 15. Contact 617-635-4505 or visit boston.gov/parks.

Wednesday (2nd) - The Savin Hillbillies perform at the Adams Street branch of the BPL, 690 Adams St., Dorchester, 5:30 p.m.

Thursday (3rd) – Neighborhood concert at Dorchester Park features Sugar Babies Band, 7 p.m. Sponsored by Mayor Martin J. Walsh. Call 617-635-4505 or go to boston.gov/parks.

• Summer Block Party from 5-7 p.m. at BYCF Mildred Avenue Community Center in Mattapan includes swimming and resource tables from every department within the City of Boston Health & Human Services Cabinet.

Friday (4th) - ParkARTS Children's Workshop at Almont Park in Mattapan. Children ages three to ten can enjoy painting, mask and jewelry making, treasure creations, and more from 10-1 a.m. Also on August 11, 18. Contact 617-635-4505 or visit boston.gov/parks.

## July 27, 2017 Mother of Ashmont murder victim calls for peace, cites need to organize

By Naomi Kooker SPECIAL TO THE REPORTER

Last Friday evening, Grace Richardson stood on an Ashmont Street sidewalk next to pictures of her son, Christopher Levon Austin, Jr., arranged on a poster board that read, "We love you Christopher." A bouquet of flowers and three tall votive candles lay in front of the makeshift memorial at 96 Ashmont Street—the area where Austin, 20, was shot about 10 a.m. on June 28. He later died. Two men have been arrested and are being held without bail for his murder.

"We're going to more funerals than older people go to," Richardson told a growing crowd of neighbors, friends and extended family members from Dorchester and surrounding  ${
m neighborhoods}.$ 

More than 50 people joined Richardson and her daughter, Sata, who organized the vigil, to offer condolences, to listen, to vent, to speak and troubleshoot solutions to keep the violence—especially on Ashmont Street-from happening again.

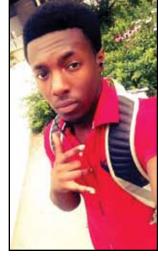
Richardson recounted in a telephone interview after the vigil there were two other shootings that occurred on Ashmont

"Neighbors are concerned," she said.

While the gathering spilled into the street, four Boston police officers, some on bikes, stood by across the street.

Richardson's overriding purpose for the vigil was to bring neighbors some of whom were unaware of her son's shooting—together, to give people a chance to offer condolences, and to organize.

"We cannot do it by ourselves, " she said.



Christopher Levon Austin, Jr, 20, was shot in the head as he walked along Ashmont Street on June 28.

Sata Richardson has established a Go Fund Me page to help pay for burial costs for her brother, said her mother; the family is asking for \$10,000 and has about \$3,000, said Grace Richardson.

People took turns expressing concern and suggesting solutions, such as getting a camera on the street to mitigate crime. One man said men should just get out and start patrolling the

About 20 people signed up to meet again and be part of a larger effort to organize the disparate neighborhood associations and pool efforts to keep the streets safer.

"We have to start taking control of our streets," said Charles Clemons Muhammad, who is running for city councillor in District 7. "The question is how bad do we want it?"

"I don't even want to hear violence is down while shooting is up," said Boston City Councillor Tito Jackson, who is challenging Mayor Martin J. Walsh in this year's mayoral election. "This is tragic and we have a huge increase in shootings in Boston," he said, "and we have not put forward a comprehensive plan to interrupt the violence. If we do nothing, it will continue."

Ramona Jones, who lives in Jamaica Plain, lost a son to gun violence in 2002. She offered her condolences to Richardson. "It takes a minute to kill someone, but it takes a lifetime to deal with it," she said.

 $Domingo\,DaRosa, who$ attended the vigil, expressed the need to stay vigilant. "We all come out when something like this happens and, in a week, we are back to normal.

DaRosa, who owns a small construction company, admitted to getting into trouble as a youth. He credits a parole officer who helped him stay positive and interested in life, such as organized football, with putting his life on track.

Richardson said days after the vigil that neighbors are already planning to meet to keep addressing the issue.

"I'm very happy about that," she said. "I just take every day as it comes-I can support that."

Police described Austin's as a "brazen daylight shooting." Keith Cousins, 30, of Boston, was arrested in Marietta, Ga. on July 14. Shaquille Brown, 22, of Mattapan, has also been charged in Austin's shooting.

Prosecutors say that Cousins drove a vehicle that followed Austin as he walked down Ashmont Street and that Brown accosted him on the street and shot him. The motive for the homicide remains under investigation. The two men are due back in court on Aug. 19.

## Police, **Courts & Fire**



## Officer injured as police arrest two after Codman Square traffic stop

A Boston Police officer was injured Monday afternoon while arresting a Dorchester man during a traffic stop in Codman Square. The incident unfolded around 5:30 p.m. after a C-11 officer stopped a vehicle that Boston Police say had an expired license plate. The driver- Tyrone Hicks, 41, was arrested without incident for an expired driver's license. Police say the passenger, Darnell Pierre, 26, resisted a search of his person and then resisted arrest. Police say Pierre attempted to pull a loaded Tauras.40 handgun from his waistband and then struggled with arresting officers, injuring one of them. Pierre was cuffed and charged with possession of an illegal firearm, which police say was reportedly stolen inGeorgia last June.

## Mattapan woman charged with second-degree murder in hit-and-run

A Mattapan woman was arraigned Monday on charges she intentionally ran down a woman on a Dorchester sidewalk last March. Amara Smothers, 40, was arraigned in Suffolk Superior Court for allegedly hitting

Darnella Grossett-Kellam, 51, with her minivan after an argument on Julian Street. The victim died from her injuries three weeks

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## UPCOMING CIVIC ASSOCIATION MEETINGS • FULL LISTINGS ON PAGE 10

Abutters Meeting at Mildred Ave. Community Center On Thurs., July 27 at 6 p.m. The Mayor's Office of Neighborhood Services, along with the proponents of 438 River St., Mattapan invites surrounding neighbors of this address to a meeting to discuss a proposal to change occupancy from daycare to a Body Art Parlor (Tattoo Parlor). Questions or concerns, contact Ruth Georges at Ruth.Georges@boston.gov or 617-635-2677.

**BPDA meeting set on Port Norfolk project** – A public meeting on a proposed development at 24 Ericsson St. in Port Norfolk is set for Wed., Aug. 9 from 6-8 p.m. at the Port Norfolk Yacht Club, 179 Walnut St., Dorchester. The developer proposes 150 condo units, a 25-room hotel, covered parking and more. BPDA contact is Tim Czerwienski at 617-918-5303.

Public meeting on Blue Hill Avenue plans – The BPDA

hosts a public meeting regarding a proposed mixed-use residential and commercial development in a new, fourstory building at 1199-1203 Blue Hill Ave., Mattapan. Meeting starts at 6 p.m. on Tuesday, Aug. 1 at the Mattapan BPL, 1350 Blue Hill Ave.

August 1 meeting on Pleasant Street condos - The BPDA hosts a public meeting on Tuesday, Aug. 1 to review proposal for a three-story residential building to house 17 condos and parking for 20 vehicles at 54 Pleasant St., Dorchester. 6:30-8 p.m. at Boys and Girls Club of Dorchester, 1135 Dorchester, Ave., Dorchester, BPDA contact: John.Campbell@Boston.gov

Free Family Flicks at Pope John Paul II Park - Free films will be screened weekly at Pope John Paul II Park in Neponset starting on Thursday, Aug. 10. Meet at the Gallivan Boulevard entrance in Dorchester at dusk. Bring along a blanket, chair, popcorn and enjoy a family movie under the stars. Don't forget bug spray too! All movies begin at dusk, weather permitting. Call 617-698-1802 for weather updates. Thurs., August 10: Moana; Thurs., August 17: Lego Batman; Thurs., August 24: Dr. Strange; Tues, August 29: Star Wars Rouge 1.

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Tree Warden hearing on August 3 - A Boston Parks and Recreation Department public hearing on Thursday, August 3, at 12 noon will review plans to remove two public shade trees at 345 Blue Hill Avenue in Dorchester. The hearing will be held by the City of Boston's Tree Warden in the 3rd floor Conference Room of the Boston Parks and Recreation Department at 1010 Massachusetts Ave. For further information, call 617-635-7275.

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# In launching campaign, Walsh touts housing, job creation

(Continued from page 1) of uncertainty in the nation. We don't know what's going to happen to housing, we don't know what's going to happen with immigration, we don't know what's going to happen with healthcare.

"It's important for us to understand here in Boston and Massachusetts," he said, "that we work to make sure that our people are taken care of."

Suffolk County Sheriff Steve Tompkins endorsed and introduced Walsh, noting as he did that when Walsh was running for his first term, he said he would work with the sheriff's office to end the opioid crisis and address mental health issues.

"He said it with conviction," Tompkins said. It was "truthful and honest" and Walsh kept his word.

The launch was staged around a carnivalthemed party that drew thousands on a warm Saturday afternoon who munched on hamburgers, hot dogs, and ice cream while kids played on inflatables slides and bouncy houses. A stiltwalker weaved around a magician as music pulsed loudly across the open lot. A loop of the mayor's campaign video played inside the

(Continued from page 1) hall, where seniors sat communities. And like there's more to be done to of uncertainty in the sheltered from the heat. anything else, it takes reach vulnerable youths

Longtime community activist and Dorchester resident Thelma Burns, 81, stood inside with Yvonne Jones, 70, of Mattapan, a retired educator and the newly elected head of ABCD. They said they hoped to see more funding go to the public schools, but believe Walsh to be committed to taking care of the elderly and the homeless.

"We think he's knowledgeable about the city," Burns said, "he's knowledgeable about politics, and we have some questions that we want answered and we think he'll answer them, about the elderly and the seniors and affordable housing, and education."

As to the progress the city has made during Walsh's first term, Burns said, "It's a little slow. The process is slow, but I think he's working on it."

Jones seconded the sentiment. As lifelong Boston residents, she and Burns are patient but attentive when it comes to change from city leadership.

"I like Marty," Jones said. "I like what he stands for. I also have watched what he's been doing in our different communities in terms of trying to better our

communities. And like anything else, it takes time to do it.... He's not ignoring the fact that there are some needs in Boston. And I just like him as a person."

Walsh's top challenger, City Councillor Tito Jackson, has criticized him for inadequately responding to systemic violence and inequities, as well as underfunding the schools. Amid a recent spike in violence, Walsh acknowledged there's more to be done to reach vulnerable youths and integrate responses between departments, but he said the city is heading broadly in the right direction.

"Look at the city three years ago and look at the city today," Walsh said to reporters after the event. "You talk to the average person in the street, they're going to say Boston's an incredible city. We have more economic development than ever

going, we've built more affordable housing than ever before, we've housed 1,100 homeless people, our unemployment rate is 3.2 percent – you tell me that's a bad city."

City Councillor Frank Baker, who represents Dorchester's District 3, introduced other elected officials at the event. He said that Walsh makes decisions based on an instinctive sense of what's best for the city and its residents. He highlighted new libraries, park renovations, and "places for people to come together and build on community."

on community."
Added Baker: "There's places around the country [where] they don't have communities like we have in Boston. We're living in the hub of the universe. We do it right here. We do it better than anybody else in the country, and it's because of leadership like Martin Walsh."

## Dot campers impacted by vandalism invited to tour Fenway

A group of campers from Sportsmen's Tennis and Enrichment Center visited Fenway Park last Friday (July 24) and enjoyed lunch on the Green Monster and a tour of the facilities, thanks to Bank of America and the Red Sox. The group trip was planned after the tennis facilty in Dorchester was vandalized on July 17— leaving some of the space damaged and unusable.

The vandals broke into a storage shed and used paint and other supplies to deface the courts, with profanity spray painted on the rear door, and ransacking the adjoining garden.

"We had a tough week last week when our camp was vandalized," said Camille Clark, the deputy director at Sportsmen's. "We have almost 200 campers from three different camps over the course of the summer, so to have to keep our kids inside with limited space, it was really hard on us."

Members of the Transit Police stepped up to help repaint the



Campers from Sportsmen's Tennis and Enrichment Center enjoyed a day at Fenway Park last Friday.

Jonathan Innocent photo

defaced courts. The invitation to join the Red Sox and Bank of America for lunch, free Red Sox caps and a tour of Fenway came on Monday.

"We know how much Sportsmen's Tennis and Enrichment Center means to our community and to the families of the young campers who attend each week," said Miceal Chamberlain, the

Massachusetts President for Bank of America "So of course, we were very disappointed to hear about the vandalism that took place at the center in Dorchester earlier this week. We were delighted to arrange the opportunity at Fenway Park, and our teammates enjoyed spending time with these fantastic campers!"

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# Greenway caution: Watch out for the poison ivy!

By Rowan Walrath REPORTER CORRESPONDENT

Earlier this month, neighbors exploring the new Neponset River Greenway extension in Mattapan and Milton encountered an unexpected hazard—poison ivy, hanging right at eye level.

Lee Toma, an avid bicyclist and Greenway advocate, first alerted folks to the issue on Mon., July 17, when he posted two photos on Twitter showing a sign he'd made the day before with an upwardpointing arrow and the words "WARNING! POISON IVY." Five days later, he tweeted again, pointing out that his homemade sign in Milton near the Hyde Park border was still there: "Do I have to do this myself, @MassDCR?"

The Department of Conservation and Recreation replied on Twitter later that day, directing Toma to contact the community relations hotline.

As far as the eye-level poison ivy goes, DCR spokesman Mark Steffan said this week that the clean-up process has just begun. On Monday, in an email to the Reporter, he said that DCR officials and a licensed contractor had "cut the base of as many vines as possible." Once the plants wilt, crews will remove the



Poison Ivy that hangs over a portion of the Neponset Greenway near Mattapan Square is a hazard to walkers and bicyclists. Lee Toma photo

dead foliage. Steffan added that given the right permits, the DCR plans to treat the poison ivy with a herbicide next month.

"Poison ivy is growing all around the outside of the trail, and sometimes it starts creeping inside to where people actually walk, so it's becoming more of a problem," Toma said in a phone interview on

Toma, who has been active

with the Neponset River Greenway Council for years, sees trail maintenance and signage as priorities now that the onemile extension from Central Avenue to Blue Hill Avenue is open and heavily used. At the council's last meeting on July 5, his agenda items included wayfaring signs at trailheads, pictograms for non-English speakers, and potential trail cleaning and maintenance

latest issue.

"I reported it to them on July 5, and I think I put the sign up on the 16th when I hadn't seen anything," Toma said. "I was on the trail, and I saw that some of the vines are hanging from the tree right in front of people's faces.... I sure wouldn't want to get poison ivy on my face, so that's why I put up the sign."

Toma said the problem is sponsorships. Poisonivy is the not just a DCR issue. The state agency, which built and maintains the trail, has faced budget cuts that have resulted in understaffing, bringing the DCR to "a point where things aren't working as they should

Vivian Ortiz of Mattapan Food and Fitness agrees. Also a member of the Neponset River Greenway Council, she said she does her part to support the department by conducting neighborhood education. She also sends pictures of any problems she sees — like poison ivy - directly to a DCR project manager.

"[We're] letting as many of our neighbors know, even if they're not walking on the trail," Ortiz said. "The path isn't lit at night, so make sure that if you're going to go out there, you go earlier in the day. Bugs come out after 7:30 or 8 o'clock at night. So it's just sharing information about this new, beautiful highlight in our neighborhood[with those] who maybe weren't so involved in the planning process." Ortiz said she walks or bikes on the Greenway every day, talking to visitors along the way.

The Neponset River Greenway Council will next meet on Wed., Aug. 2 at 7 p.m. at Mattapan's Foley Senior

# Faulty exhaust pipe sparked Treadmark blaze

(Continued from page 1) during heavy use and factor was the sprinkler scorching to the touch, the generator pipe can reach up to 800 degrees

be hazardous near any potential tinder.

system. While sprinkler and life safety systems Another complicating in the building were installed and operationally ready, they had not yet been turned on. Finn and Christopher each emphasized that there was no requirement that the sprinklers be activated at that time.

Treadmark, with 83 units including 32 condominiums and 51 affordable rental units, was scheduled to be inspected on June 29 — the day after the fire— for a certificate of occupancy. Christopher said that fire officials and inspectors likely would have spotted the flawed design of the exhaust pipe.

The top two floors, full of condominium units, had already been sold. Almost all of the apartments on the second through fourth floors were rented to income-eligible renters selected through a city lottery. The first of residents was set to move in on July 15.

The delay in calling 911 emerged as a key factor in determining the cause of the fire. Testing on the emergency generator unit, Finn said, started at 10:30 a.m. on the day of the incident, with the unit's capacity steadily increased over the next several hours.

He said that witness reports on the scene indicate that an odor of smoke - and a hazewas first noticed by workers at about 1 p.m. But the fire department was not called to the scene until 2:30. "The call should have went to 911 and we could have found this fire in a short period of time,"

remarked Finn, who said that firefighters could have used infra-red equipment to locate the source of the smoke. "We want the construction industry to understand that if there's an odor of smoke or haze, they have to report it right away."

Christopher said that city officials will review the fire department's findings to discuss potential "recommendations" for protecting buildings under construction. "There was no legal requirement for that sprinkler system to be turned on because it was not occupied at that time," said Finn. "The fact that it wasn't turned on is certainly a contributing factor here."

Finn added: "Everyone thinks sprinkler systems are a panacea — they are not. They need to be functioning and operational."

Said Christopher: "At this point, Joe's team has assessed what the cause was. Now it's our responsibility to sit down and review that and see what steps make sense to have the safest buildings for construction workers and firefighters and residents."

Christopher said that he did not expect any change to building codes. "We have absolute faith in our construction industry here in Boston. This is a case we will use to develop some standards, but no we don't think it's a systemic problem."

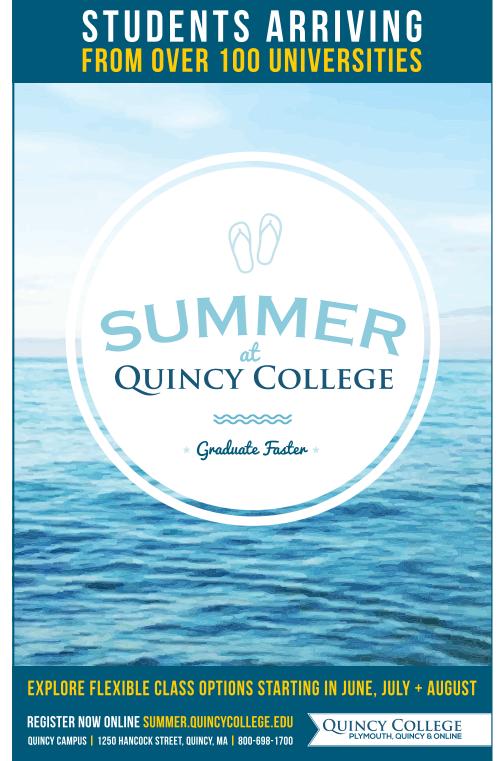
Finn was more explicit about his concerns about the potential hazards of wood-framed buildings, especially for first responders. "I do have concerns with lightweight construction," he said. "From a firefighting perspective, they are very dangerous to the people working in them in the construction phase. You see the potential for rapid-fire development.

Finn noted that the area where the pipe ignited the fire - the southwest corner of the roofline – collapsed just nine minutes after fire fighters arrived. "These are dangerous buildings in the construction phase," he said.

The owners and developers of the Treadmark builing — Trinity Financial, Inc. — did not respond immediately to Finn's assessment of the fire's causes. However, the company's leaders have said they do plan to rebuild, but have not yet determined whether a gut rehab of the building could preserve the existing shell, or if it would need to be stripped down to the concrete base and rebuilt entirely.

Work is ongoing to demolish the roof and top story, which sustained the most extensive damage. Those areas need to be cleared out along with any rooftop equipment for inspectors to safely assess the remainder of the building. Until they can access the fifth floor and take the measure of the structure, Trinity will not have a concrete plan for reconstruction.

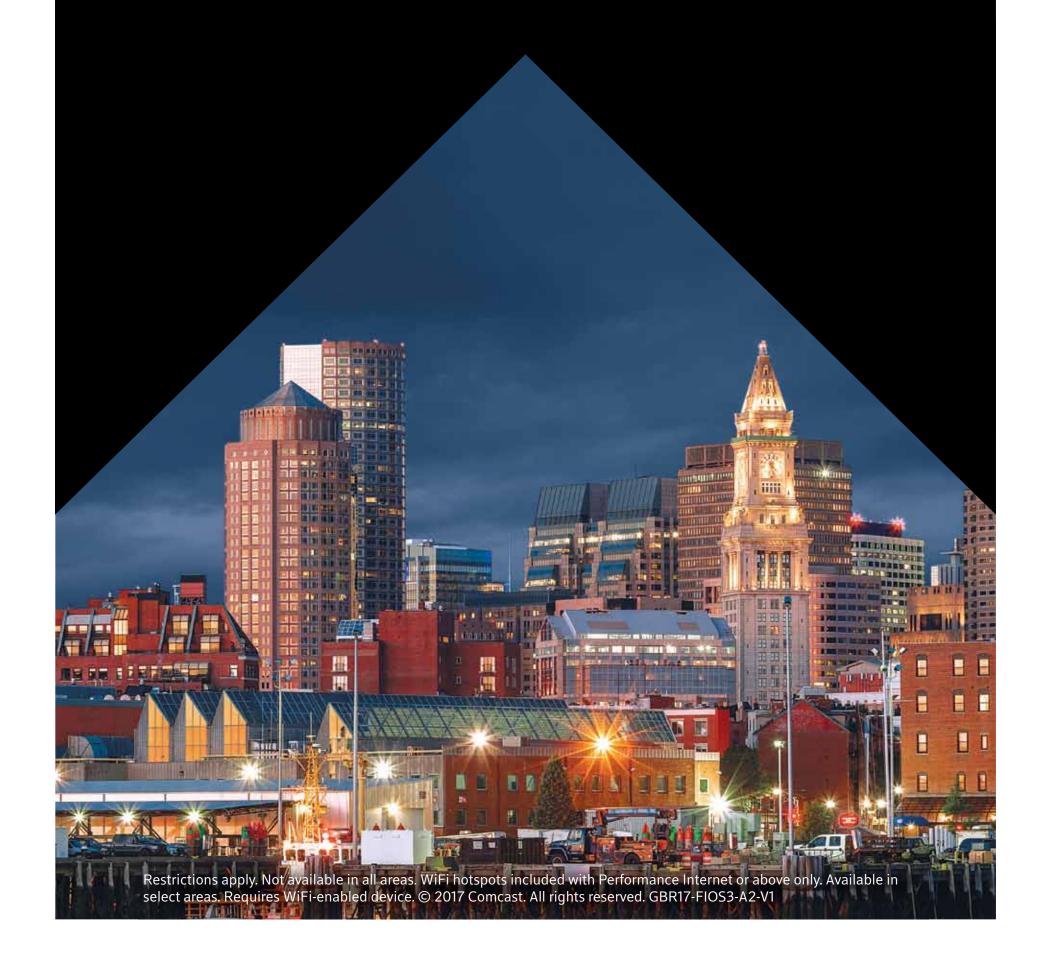
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# Arts & Entertainment

# Gerry Beaudoin Trio to kick off Jazz Series at All Saints

By Reporter Staff

Veteran Boston-area jazz guitarist Gerry Beaudoin will bring his trio to Peabody Hall at the Parish of All Saints on Ashmont Street for a performance on Thurs., Aug. 10, at 7:30 p.m.

This concert is the inaugural event in the new quarterly Dot Jazz Series being co-sponsored by Greater Ashmont Main Street and the Mandorla Music Series.

"We were so pleased with the enthusiastic turnout for our April event with the Jason Palmer Quartet that we've decided to launch this as a recurring quarterly series," says Mandorla Music producer Mark Redmond. Remaining 2017-2018 Dot Jazz Series dates are November 9, February 15, and May 10.

Beaudoin heard a wide range of music in his childhood home, ranging from Louis Armstrong to the Beatles to Andres Segovia to Chet Atkins. He picked up the guitar at age 10, and started playing professionally in a country band at 15.

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see "Roomful of Blues" as a young teen, and he became enamored of the blues stylings of guitarist Duke Robillard. After playing in high school jazz and blues bands, he went on to study at Berklee in the early 1970s. Another seminal moment came when he first saw 7-string guitarist Bucky Pizzarelli in New York. Gerry soon began incorporating 7-string into his repertoire.

In a career that now spans several decades, Beaudoin has gone on to record and perform with early influences Robillard and Pizzarelli, as well J. Geils band namesake Jay Geils and newgrass mandolin legend David Grisman, among many others.

His working band these days is the trio he'll be bring to Dot Jazz, featuring his son Gerard Beaudoin III on vibraphone and longtime collaborator Bob Nieske on bass. (For the Dot Jazz date, Neil Patton will be subbing for Nieske.)

Gerry hopes the trio's new CD will ready in time to bring to the Dot



Gerry Beaudoin and his jazz trio will perform at the Parish of All Saints' Peabody Hall as the inaugural act in a new Dot Jazz Series.

Jazz show, and says it's a particular joy for him to have his son in the band.

"One of the important signs of a vibrant community is a lively neighborhood arts scene," said Greater Ashmont Main Street executive director Jenn Cartee. "Greater Ashmont Main Street has been working to bring more art to Dorchester through our

public mural projects and other visual art pop-ups, and through supporting and promoting live music whenever possible.

"We now have live music or arts at all seventeen weeks of the Ashmont Farmers Market season, and host local musicians at the Dorchester Bike & Brew and our annual gala. Our new partnership with Mandorla Music on the Dot Jazz Series is another opportunity to make the arts accessible to all our residents, and we are so excited about the initial reception our first concert in April received," added Cartee.

Tickets, \$15, include a dessert reception featuring items from a local bakery, and are available at mandorlamusic. net. Tickets will also be available at the door. Tavolo Ristorante is also offering a special discount to pre-show diners who buy their tickets in advance.

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Thurs., July 27, 10:30 a.m. – Drop in Tech Support; Toddler Sensory Play, Fri., July 28, 9:30 a.m. – Story Time at the Park with Bibliocycle. Mon., July 31, 2 p.m. – Historic New England - Summer in the City. Tues., Aug. 1, 10:30 a.m. – Summer in the City Story Time; 4:30 p.m. – Art in the City: Kids' Art Club. Wed., Aug. 2, 6:30 p.m. – Concert in the Reading Garden. Thurs., Aug. 3, 10:30 a.m. – Drop in Tech Support; Toddler Sensory Play. Sat., Aug. 5, 3 p.m. – Kids' Garden Club.

CODMAN SQUARE BRANCH

Thurs., July 27, 7 p.m. – Book Discussion: Just Wanna Testify. Fri., July 28, 10:30 a.m. – Preschool Story Time; 12:30 p.m. – USCIS Information Hours. Tues., Aug. 1, 11:15 a.m. – ReadBoston StoryMobile. Fri., Aug. 4, 10:30 a.m. – Preschool Story Time. Sat., Aug. 5, 9 a.m. – Giant Book Sale!

FIELDS CORNER BRANCH

Thurs., July 27, Pilgrimage to Hué: Rituals, and Trances showcases an annual festival called Dien Hon Chén in Hué, Viet Nam. The festival is considered one of the largest gatherings to celebrate Dao Mau, a religion indigenous to Viet Nam that centers around the worship of a Mother Goddess. The photographs featured in this exhibition helps connect us with a world beyond the grave as spirits converge in central Viet Nam. And: a tale of escape, loss, and the afterlife. Fri., July 28, Pilgrimage to Hué; 9:30 a.m. – Lapsit Story Time; 10:30 a.m. – Reading Readiness. Sat., July 29, Pilgrimage to Hué. Mon., July 31, Pilgrimage to Hué. Wed., Aug. 2, 10:30 a.m. – Preschool Films and Fun. Fri., Aug. 4, 9:30 a.m. – Lapsit Story Time; 10:30 a.m. – Reading Readiness.

GROVE HALL BRANCH

Sat., July 29, 10 a.m. – Economic Development for Poeple of the African Diaspora. Mon., July 31, 11 a.m. – TSA Career InformationSession. Wed., Aug. 2, 11:15 a.m. – ReadBoston StoryMobile; 2 p.m. – Henna Tattoos. Sat., Aug. 5, 1 p.m. – Science Can Dance.

LOWER MILLS BRANCH

Thurs., July 27, 3 p.m. – Kids Code: Google CS First - Music; 6:30 p.m. – ESL Conversation Group. Fri., July 28, 10 a.m. – Elementary Adventures. Mon., July 31, 3 p.m. – Kids Code: Google CS First - Music; 7 p.m. – Pajama Storytime. Tues., Aug. 1, 10:30 a.m. – Story Time with Ms. Celeste; 1:15 p.m. – ReadBoston StoryMobile. Wed., Aug. 2, 10:30 a.m. – Music & Movement. Thurs., Aug. 3, 3 p.m – Kids Code: Google CS First - Music; 6:30 p.m. – ESL Conversation Group. Fri., Aug. 4, 10 a.m. – Elementary Adventures.

MATTAPAN BRANCH

**Thurs., July 27**, 12 p.m. – Towering Tots; 1 p.m. – Free Summer Lunch for Teens and Children brought to you by Project Bread; 3 p.m. – Grub Street-Drop Writing: Creative Explorations for Teens; 6 p.m. -Spring/Summer Yoga Series for Adults. Fri., July 28, p.m. - Free Summer Lunch for Teens and brought to you by Project Bread, Sat., July 29, 10 a.m. – Technology Drop-in; 1 p.m. – Science Can Dance. Mon., July 31, 1 p.m. – Free Summer Lunch for Teens and Children brought to you by Project Bread. Tues., Aug. 1, 12 p.m. – Towering Tots; 1 p.m. - Free Summer Lunch for Teens and Children brought to you by Project Bread. Wed., Aug. 2, 1 p.m. - Free Summer Lunch for Teens and Children brought to you by Project Bread. Thurs., Aug. 3, 12 p.m. - Towering Tots; 1 p.m. - Free Summer Lunch for Teens and Children brought to you by Project Bread; 3 p.m. – Grub Street-Drop into Writing: Creative Explorations for Teens; 5 p.m. – Computer Classics. Fri., Aug. 4, 1 p.m. – Free Summer Lunch for Teens and Children brought to you by Project Bread; 2 p.m. – New England Aquarium-Sharks. Sat., Aug. 5, 10 a.m. – Technology Drop-in.

UPHAMS CORNER BRANCH

Thurs., July 27, 2 p.m. – Summer Crafternoons. Fri., July 28, 2 p.m. – Friday Films: Beauty and the Beast. Mon., July 31 – 3 p.m. – LEGO Builders. Wed., Aug. 2, 11:30 a.m. – Baby and Toddler Circle Time; 3 p.m. – Summer Tinker Time. Thurs., Aug. 3, 2 p.m. – Summer Crafternoons. Fri., Aug. 4, 2 p.m. – Friday Family Films: Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find Them.



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## **FATHERHOOD 101**

## Court-based program seeks to boost parenting skills, steer men away from streets

By Jonathan Innocent REPORTER CORRESPONDENT

On a Wednesday afternoon last month, 19 men gathered in a courtroom inside Dorchester District Court on Washington Street. Some of them had been here before under more difficult circumstances. This time, they were joined by their children and families to enjoy a happier milestone: graduation from the Dorchester Fatherhood program.

Facilitated by Assistant Chief Probation Officer Vanthomas Straughter and Probation Officer II Cyril Juandoo of the Dorchester District Court Probation Department, the 12 week program targets court-involved fathers and hopes to improve and build their connection with their children and families. The program

has two active cycles a year, one beginning in the spring, and the other beginning in the fall.

Over 2,500 fathers have graduated from such court-based programs statewide since the first one was introduced in 1994 by then Chief Probation Officer Thomas Mitchell and Training Director Ste**phen Bocko** in Norfolk County.

The Dorchester Fatherhood Program was launched in 1998 and is one of the oldest of the 20 programs across the state. They have worked with 300 participants with ages ranging from 18 to the late 50s.

The fathers only get out of the experience what they are willing put in, says Straughter.

"We try and talk about things that are relevant to them. And we discuss why it's important for

them to put themselves first," Straughter said.
"We're asking them to question things and not just accept them, and also to stop and recognize, 'Is this acceptable for me?"

In a statement, Probation Commissioner Edward J. Dolan said the program is an important tool.

"Fatherhood Programs benefit the community and reconnects fathers to their children," said Dolan. "By participating, fathers enhance pro-social behaviors, problem-solving and communications skills. This promotes lawabiding behavior that contributes to public safety."

The workshops are based on the "Five Principles of Fatherhood," which use as their premise: "As a father it is my responsibility to: 1) Give affection to my children; 2) Give gentle guidance to my children; 3) Provide financial support to my children and the mother of my children; 4) Demonstrate respect at all times to the mother of my children; and 5) Set a proud example for my children by living within the law and without the taint of alcohol/drug abuse"

Craig Charlton, 40, was one of the graduates.

"I learned how to take certain situations differently. Both facilitators were also very helpful, showing up on time every day and stay-ing committed," said Charlton, who said he learned from the other fathers as well.

"They help a lot because you find out what they're going through and it helps you if you're going through things too. You learn from

Jamal Nicholas and his son Mai'lig at a Dorchester District Court ceremony for the Dorchester Fatherhood program.

their mistakes and accomplishments, and you apply that to your daily

At the Dorchester Fatherhood Program, participants are frequently reminded that, "your CORI is your resume." According to Officer Straughter, his

priority is to help the fathers understand that all they can control are their actions and decisions, and that by making good, lawful decisions they can stay out of the criminal justice system and be a positive presence and influence for their children.



Chiara Eisner "We collaborate with doctors and artists."

Dorchester's Chiara Eisner, co-founder and director of OncArt, has been awarded a \$1,000 grant from the Pollination Project, which gives \$1000 a day every day to individual changemakers and activists worldwide.

# Dot innovator wins grant to aid her non-profit work

Eisner's OncArt, Inc. materials are saved connects clinicians with artists to create illustrated health education materials worldwide-"Art for Health Literacy, Everywhere." Chiara Eisner and Julia Shivers have created a web app at Oncart.org that implements OncArt's concept.

The site offers a collaborative design tool and an easily searchable, public database of works. OncArt invites clinicians to request art for their health messages, and artists to upload illustrations to respond to those requests. The finished, visual health education

in the Library to be viewed, shared, printed, or translated by anyone.

Chiara Eisner, who first pitched the idea for OncArt at a Global Cancer Hack-a-thon in downtown Boston, thanks The Pollination Project for "the vote of confidence and investment in the health of immigrants in Boston."

"New Americans, refugees, and those in global health settings often have difficulty understanding their doctor's important messages or even understanding where they should go for healthcare. At OncArt. we collaborate with both

doctors and artists to create visual, illustrated health guides that try to make this easier for those most likely to fall through the cracks,' she said.

Eisner has lived in Fields Corner for two years. Aside from her work with OncArt, the young professional splits her time working at MASS Design Group, the architecture nonprofit developing affordable, transit-oriented housing in Mattapan, and teaching English and designing curriculum for adult English learners at Dorchester's St. Mark's Community Education Program.



Anne Bowie of Dorchester was recognized for her work as a teacher with national non-profit Citizen Schools recently. Bowie spends several hours a week sharing her professional "know-how" with middle school students. She received a gold level Presidential Volunteer Service Award, an initiative of the Corporation for National and Community Service. Gold and silver award level honorees show a notable commitment to service. Gold level recipients taught four of the past four semesters. This year, 51 Citizen Teachers were recognized at the gold level.

During the 2016-2017 school year, over 2300 Citizen Teachers taught more than 1,000 apprenticeships, impacting over 5,300 students in six states.

## YESTERYEAR ARCHIVE

DORCHESTER HISTORICAL SOCIETY

At the Dorchester Historical Society, we are in the process of a year-long project to commemorate the 100-year anniversary of World War I. Using a collection of photographs we have of World War I Dorchester residents, we will be featuring service men and women in a number of short biographies throughout the year. At the culmination of the project, we hope to produce an online exhibit which highlights these men and women and their service to our country.

Fred Cook Gilpatric, Jr. was born on March 8, 1897, to Fred and Flora  $May\,Gilpatric, and\,he\,appears\,to\,have$ been their only child. At the time of his birth, and for his childhood, the Gilpatrics made their home on Richmond Street in the Lower Mills neighborhood of Dorchester. Fred's father, Fred Sr., was a lawyer in downtown Boston, listed in the Boston



Fred C. Gilpatric

City Directory as working on Court Street as well as Pemberton Square.

Fred graduated from Boston Latin School in 1914 and went on to study at Dartmouth College in Hanover, New Hampshire. He was set to graduate in 1919 but never would; he was chosen for military service after enlisting on June 5,1918. His draft card describes him as a young man of "medium height and build, light blue eyes, and dark brown hair.'

Fred did not serve very much time in the military as he was stricken with influenza pneumonia and never recovered. On September 27, 1918, he died at the Base Hospital in Camp Lee, Virginia while he was still in officer training school. His death certificate lists him as a "soldier, private in Company 26, Central Officers Training." He is buried in Dorchester at Cedar Grove Cemetery, and his grave is marked with a stone that reads: "Our Soldier Boy."

In 1920, the Old Dorchester Post honored Fred and three other young Dorchester men who died during World War I, by dedicating street squares in their names. The square at Adams and Milton Streets was renamed Fred C. Gilpatric Square and dedicated in a ceremony held on November 21, 1920.

Do you know more about Fred C. Gilpatric? We would love to hear from you! All material has been researched by volunteers at the Dorchester Historical Society, so please let us know if we got something wrong or you think a piece of the story is missing!

 $Check\ out\ the\ Dorchester\ Historical$ Society's online catalog at Dorchester. pastperfectononline.com; the archive of these historical posts can be viewed on the blog at dorchesterhistoricalsociety.org

## **Editorial**

# New rules needed after Treadmark fire

The fallout from the June 28 fire that ravaged the Treadmark building on Dorchester Avenue continues this week. Boston Fire officials have determined that the fire's cause was multi-dimensional—from a hot exhaust pipe positioned too closely to flammable construction materials, an extended delay in calling 911, and a sprinkler system that was in place but not turned on.

Fire Commissioner Joe Finn's conclusion offers a bitter pill to swallow: This fire — even if it was just an accident— should have been prevented, or at the very least caught, before it got out of hand. Instead, by the time trained fire personnel were called in, it was essentially "too late." The fire had consumed enough of the space between the roof and the sixth floor that the section was unstable. In fact, Finn's lieutenants had to order firefighters out of the building as a roof collapse was imminent.

At this point, we still do not know for certain whether the Treadmark building can be rebuilt—or how long it might take if that is viable. The sincere wish of those of us who live and work around the scarred remains of the building is that it rise from those ashes and fulfill the original vision of its designers and builders and future occupants.

But it is also clear that some details about how the Treadmark— and other large buildings like it— are constructed will need to change.

The city's top building inspector— William 'Buddy' Christopher— said on Wednesday that the exhaust pipe that acted as the torch in the fire should have had more clearance between its hot surface and flammable materials in the building. The fact that it did not must be accounted for and corrected here and in all instances.

But more broadly, perhaps, it will be necessary to require that all buildings under construction have an active fire suppression system—sprinklers—in place well before an occupancy permit is sought. The safety of the men and women who are laboring to build these taller, wooden structures should dictate that for certain. And, if Commissioner Finn says that buildings like the Treadmark are "very dangerous" while under construction because they don't have active sprinklers, that seems reason enough to mandate that they should be a definitive date in the build.

Building codes in Boston— and indeed statewide— certainly allow for "stick-built" wooden structures to rise. That seems unlikely to change. Treadmark was to include 51 rental units that would have become reasonably affordable homes to people with a mix of incomes— along with 32 market-rate condos. That is the kind of mix that this community has said we want and need. Taller, more dense structures on appropriate sites close to public transit nodes is still the right formula for this growing city.

But we also want these buildings to be as safe as possible—both during their construction and certainly once they are occupied. Christopher indicated that the Walsh administration will review the new BFD cause report and take action accordingly. It's essential that they make such recommendations in a timely way as new housing projects with similar construction plans are constantly entering the review pipeline in Dorchester, Mattapan, and beyond.

Bill Forry

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# 'Detroit' – a story of police brutality told and filmed with a shaky hand

By Jennifer Smith News Editor

A riot starts like a spark burning slowly down the wick of a bomb. It moves along in stops and starts, anxiety building, and unless the wick is cut, the tension skillfully de-escalated, the bomb explodes.

So begins 'Detroit,' the third collaboration by the director Kathryn Bigelow and the writer Mark Boal, the creative team behind "The Hurt Locker" and "Zero Dark Thirty."

Set in the violent summer of 1967, the film is viscerally timely, relentlessly grim, and rich with strong performances, but the story, which seems disinterested in offering viewers anything beyond documenting the searing injustice of this brutal chapter in American history, is undercut by shaky camera work and heavy-handed editing. 'Detroit' connects with viewers like a punch to the gut, but there is no exploration of why it was delivered.

'Detroit' is not so much about the race riots in that major American city a half century ago as it is about the events during and following a traumatic July night at the Algiers Motel, a haven for prostitutes and drug use just a stone's throw from where the riot began. (Filming for 'Detroit' drenched Dorchester's Ashmont Street in smoke and the roar of police cars, shattering the air with bullets while on scene locally last summer. The All Saint's Church parish house was transformed into the site of the film's central howers.)

Larry Reed (played with sensitivity by the excellent Algee Smith) is the lead singer of the soul group the Dramatics. When the rioting brings a local performance to an abrupt end, he and his friend Fred (Jacob Latimore) head to the motel and enthusiastically join in the revelry with two white girls from Ohio, Julie Ann (Hannah Murray) and Karen (Kaitlyn Dever of "Justified") and a group of other black men, including local guy Carl (Jason Mitchell, of "Straight Outta Compton").

Carl fires a blank from a starter pistol out the window toward a group of National Guardsmen who are warming themselves with coffee donated by the self-possessed security guard Melvin Dismukes, who is played by a phenomenal John Boyega ("Star Wars"). The fuse catches.

Fearing a sniper firing from the Algiers, a group of Detroit police, led by Philip Krauss (24-year-old British actor Will Poulter, of "The Revenant"), storms in, all of them flushed with the simmering rage of the archetypal white racist cop. Fresh from shooting an unarmed black man in the back, Krauss is on a hair-trigger, and infuriated by the idea of two white girls having sex with black men.

This episode marks the gut-wrenching center of the film, stunning the nerves as the young men and women are told to line up facing the wall. Krauss leads his officers in a sickening "death game" meant to coerce a confession and locate a gun. A policeman brings a black suspect into a room and fires a bullet into the floor, so those outside will think someone's been shot. But twitchy trigger fingers, and an officer who finds the idea of shooting an unarmed man in cold blood to be an all-too-plausible request, leave three black men dead by night's end, and two white females and seven black males brutally beaten.

"I need you to survive the night," Dismukes says to one of the terrified men.

The light of day provides little relief. Cover-ups and lies lead to the policemen being exonerated by all-white juries in courts outside Detroit. Dismukes, who was only at the scene in a fruitless attempt to stave off bloodshed, is pulled into a murder investigation.

The parallels between events in the film and a modern discussion on police brutality and race relations are not subtle. A highly publicized series of police shootings involving unarmed and seemingly non-threatening black victims in recent years still deeply affects public consciousness.

Bigelow's penchant for war movies is particularly noticeable in 'Detroit,' which is shot in docu-drama style with a frenetic, jittery camera's eye focused on the proceedings to scattershot effect. The slow build to violent rioting in the opening scene melds well with the cinematographer Barry Ackroyd's shaky lens, which leaves viewers as disoriented and nervous as the participants.

But in moments where the brutality of Krauss's game should be enough to put an audience on edge, it seems that the creative team doesn't quite trust the audience to be present on the scene's merits. The camera jumps haphazardly, slamming into the wall with Anthony Mackie ("The Hurt Locker"), a paratrooper just returned from Vietnam, and vibrating painfully close to Larry Reed's agonized and tear-damp face.

Even as Boyega's stone-faced security guard seeps anxiety in a police scene largely without motion, the frame maintains a slight movement. The combined effect left this reviewer wondering halfway through the film if the pit in my stomach was disgust or motion sickness.

'Detroit' simmers with rage and heat and fear, and Bigelow's willingness to engage with a brutal reality is admirable. She tells the story ably, horrifies the audience effectively, and makes it abundantly clear that the line between men and monsters is thin and permeable. Still, it's hard to escape the feeling that this is a film in love with shoving brutality into the viewers' faces without reason.

If Bigelow hoped to provoke righteous outrage, she does that exceptionally well. If she aimed to document a horrific trauma inflicted upon the black men and white women in that motel, then she pulled that off thoroughly. But if the goal of filming this unflinching misery was to provide catharsis and understanding – beyond the acknowledgement that justice for the damage done to black bodies and souls has been troublingly rare – then she has failed.

'Detroit' is, in its way, an uncomplicated look at police brutality, if agonizing in the telling. Krauss morphs from being a police officer recklessly indifferent to the value of black lives into the nightmarish conductor of a psychologically and physically torturous game. He is not redeemable or explicable, his assaults are overt, and therefore his role is not a referendum on anything but his own monstrosity.

Insidious, systemic racism and how it interacts with power that carries forward into the modern day is the issue at hand. And it is that aspect of 'Detroit' that is largely left aside in favor of instinctive outrage.

# Why are insurers waging war on patients?

By Chantelle Marcial Special to the Reporter

At the center of the ongoing debate over how to reform the US healthcare system is the assumption that every person with insurance coverage has reasonable access to care. In reality, insurance carriers routinely reject doctors' recommended treatments, instead offering cheaper and less suitable alternative medications that could jeopardize the health and safety of the patients.

As a rheumatoid arthritis patient, I have spent months at a time battling with my insurance company to obtain the medications I need to appropriately manage my pain and live a normal life. And I'm not alone. What happened to me happens to other patients every single day.

There are millions of patients like me—individuals regarded by insurers as little more than numbers in cost-saving algorithms. If Congress wants to make healthcare not only more affordable, but also more accessible, it must begin by limiting the ability of insurance companies to disrupt the recommended treatments.

Almost 20 years ago, I was living a normal life when my health quickly deteriorated. It took years to correctly diagnose my intense pain as rheumatoid arthritis. After the finding, my doctor felt I would be a great candidate for drug trials taking place to approve a new medication.

Several weeks into the trial, it felt as though I had regained a new lease on life. Once the yearlong program ended, my doctor and I attempted to replicate the results with similar drugs already on the market. Finally, it appeared that one medication did work, but only at a much higher dosage than normal. Imagine my devastation when my insurance company refused to give me access to the medications at the necessary dosage.

As we waited for the previous drug to receive FDA approval, I reverted to using ineffective medications to manage my pain. Once the FDA approved the trial drug, my insurer rejected that prescription as well, on the basis that the drug was too new to the market, despite my participation in the trial with very successful results.

My medical team has been exceptional in accommodating insurers and their demands, including extensive paper work to explain the higher doses, my prior medical history, and why I require these drugs. Yet insurers, who have never met or examined me, are able to reject a prescribed medical therapy that my doctor deems necessary.

As the debate over health care reform continues in Washington, lawmakers must hold insurers accountable for the medical decisions they are making.

Chantelle Marcial is a rheumatoid arthritis patient and advocate for Global Healthy Living Foundation's 50-State Network in Boston.

## Haitian elders protest **Catholic Charities** program cuts

By Jonathan Innocent REPORTER CORRESPONDENT

A crowd of about 50 people— including senior citizens, social workers, and community advocates, gathered to protest the planned closing of a Catholic Charities-run elder day care program on Tuesday afternoon. The Haitian Elder Program, hosted at the Catholic Charities Yawkey/Haitian Multi-Service Center at 185 Columbia Rd, is slated to close today.

The shut down will impact 26 individual clients now enrolled in the program. But advocates say that it's the latest in a series of moves away from the center's original mission— serving Haitian immigrants and their families.

Among the roughly fifty people protesting outside the center held up signs that read, "Keep your promise to the Haitian Community," and "The Haitian Community is asking for their share.'

The news of the closing came via a letter to staff and clients on July 10.

In the letter Joseph Burneika, the director of Catholic Charities of Boston, said that "after a thorough review of the program," they decided that they would no longer be able to financially support the program moving further.

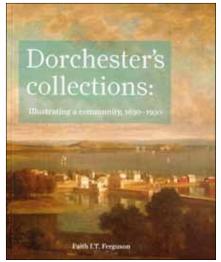
This cancellation, he said, would not affect the other pre-existing programming of the center, including a food pantry, immigration legal services, adult education, and childcare

Catholic Charities is working to transition the HMSC seniors to alternate programs in the city. They arranged for the Senior Whole Health Program to provide a workshop that will inform the enrolled elders on how to manage, arrange, and secure healthcare services that they may be eligible to receive.

However, some of those present at Tuesday's demonstration say that ending the program is part of an ongoing shift away from programming geared specifically to

"As of now, the name of the Haitian Multi-Service Center is still on the building, but these programs have been shut down one by one,' said Roudnie Celestin, who has worked at the center for the past two years. "There was a daycare downstairs that was named Konbit Kreyol, now that's gone, and now it's a daycare center that's no longer for Haitians. We had Sante Manman, it was closed down. We had HIV programs, these are shut down. They're taking away everything that the Haitians had in this building. So now we're fighting, we're asking the community to stand with us, so that we can get this program back and then we can get what the Haitians worked hard for to get in this building. These elders need our help, they have a family in the community and they want to keep it together."

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    o Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP): o Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR); or

    o Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF), if the State program meets Federal standards.

    An application is not required for free meal benefits for Assistance Program participants and all of the children in the household are eligible for free meal benefits. If any children were not listed on the notice of eligibility, the household should contact the LEA or school to have free meal benefits extended to them.

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- Categorically Eligible, because the child is categorized, as defined by law as:

o Homeless o Migrant, o Runaway, o Enrolled in an eligible Head Start, or o Enrolled in an eligible pre-kindergarten class.

If any children were not listed on the notice of eligibility, the household should contact the LEA or school about their eligibility through an Other Source Categorically Eligible Program or should submit an income application.

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- Children who meet the definition of homeless, runaway, or migrant are eligible for free meals.

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| 4   | 31,980            | 2,665   | 1,333                 | 1,230                 | 615   | 45,510               | 3,793   | 1,897                 | 1,751                 | 876   |
| 5   | 37,414            | 3,118   | 1,559                 | 1,439                 | 720   | 53,243               | 4,437   | 2,219                 | 2,048                 | 1,024 |
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WHAT IF THERE ISN'T ENOUGH SPACE ON THE APPLICATION FOR MY FAMILY?

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MY FAMILY NEEDS MORE HELP. ARE THERE OTHER PROGRAMS WE MIGHT APPLY FOR?

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If you have other questions or need help, call 617-265-1172 X298.

Kim Misci, Middle School Office Manager (8/10/17)

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# Reporter's Neighborhood Notables

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The first annual Neponset Riverfest drew a large turnout to the Neponset II Park last Saturday morning and afternoon. The festival included free kayak, canoe and paddleboard rides- and a concert by the Beachcombovers (pictured inset) who were joined by Dot's own Richie Parsons for a cover of the song "No Surfing in Dorchester Bay." The event was sponsored by the Neponset River Watershed Association, the DCR and many other organizations, including the Dorchester Reporter.

Photos courtesy NepRWA

## HARP & BARD BACKYARD BBQ ON SATURDAY

Boys & Girls Clubs of Dorchester invites adults 21+ to a backyard BBQ on the patio at Harp & Bard on Sat., July 29 from 12-5 p.m. Food, games, prizes and beer. A \$20 donation at the door and any other proceeds from the event will go toward the Rodman Ride for Kids team that Harp & Bard is putting together. Contact Patty Lamb at plamb@bgcdorchester.org for further information about the team. No RSVP necessary.

## FREE FAMILY FUN DAY AT DORCHESTER'S TENEAN BEACH

Presented by Save the Harbor Save the Bay and The Port Norfolk Civic Association on Sat., Aug. 12 from 2-6 p.m. for a day of food, games, art, music and fun. **ABUTTERS MEETING AT MILDRED AVE.** 

## COMMUNITY CENTER

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On Thurs., July 27 at 6 p.m. The Mayor's Office of Neighborhood Services, along with the proponents



of 438 River St., Mattapan invites surrounding neighbors of this address to a meeting to discuss a proposal to change occupancy from daycare to a Body Art Parlor (Tattoo Parlor). Questions or concerns, contact Ruth Georges at Ruth.Georges@boston.gov or 617-635-2677.

#### **AUGUST PARKARTS CHILDREN'S WORKSHOPS**

Children ages three to ten can enjoy painting, mask and jewelry making, treasure creations, and more at the Artists in Residence Workshops held at Town Field Park, Dorchester; Tues., Aug., 1, 8, 15; and Almont Park, Mattapan; Fri., Aug., 4, 11, 18. Contact 617-635-4505 or visit boston.gov/parks. **HEALTHY FOOD FOR EVERY AGE COOKING** 

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Taught by Kit Clark Senior Service staff from 10-1 p.m. on Thurs., Aug. 10, 17 and 24th at 450 Washington St., Dorchester. All classes will use fresh produce from local farmers market. Cooking

class topics include: Enjoying healthy foods that taste great, Eating healthy on a budget and Healthy eating lifestyle. Call 617-533-9216 to sign up for the cooking class.

## DORCHESTER YOUTH HOCKEY GOLF OUTING

Golf outing on Mon., Sept. 25 at 8 a.m. at Wampatuck Country Club, Canton. \$175 per golfer. For more information, contact Phil Olsen at 617-515-9851, Jeff Hampton at 617-347-1757 or Bill Sansone at 617-828-4557 or wps0312@aol.com.

#### **MIXED GREENS COMEDY SHOW**

Comedy show at Ester on Sun., Aug. 13 at 7 p.m. Hosted by Mindy Mazur. Headliner: Cathy Coleman, featuring Awet Teame, Suzette Standring - Trent Williams-Denise Morin, Justin P. Drew, and Susanne Boitano. Casual atmosphere, local artisan food, full bar. As seen on Phantom Gourmet. Free, interviews upon request. For further questions: 617-698-2261.

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# Mixed-use pitched for vacant Blue Hill Ave. parcel



Arendering filed with the BPDA shows the proposed building that would rise at the corner of Blue Hill Avenue and Deering Road in Mattapan.

(Continued from page 1) owner is that the folks in the community supported him for what they do," Bunch said, adding that the developers have already had at least four meetings in the immediate neighborhood.

The developers and architects have made slight changes over the past several weeks based on community suggestions, including additional trees and benches, more walkability, and a commitment to work with Boston Police to ensure public safety in the area.

The residential units, of which "three or four" would be affordable types available through a lottery system, will provide BPDA shows the proposed at the corner of Blue Hill in Mattapan.

the building.
"There are people who are interested who are renting in the community," she said.

with homeownership

opportunities, Bunch

said. Developers have

already reached out to

people who may pur-

chase condominiums in

For the retail spaces, Bunch said small businesses, a bakery-café, and MetroPCS – which has indicated explicit interest, she added — are all possibilities. However, perhaps the most highly-anticipated part of the project is a 55-seat restaurant on the building's first floor.

"They've been saying all along, through the process, that they're excited," Bunch said. "They support a sit-down family restaurant; they need that in the community. They're excited about the small businesses."

BPDA senior project manager Lance Campbell said the developers have so far been actively engaged with the neighborhood. "This is their second big go-round with the community," Campbell said. "They're just keeping them aware and updated about their plans for developing this property. That's the developer— that's what we expect them to

do when they file. We're like, 'Look, we don't work for you guys. We're just here to facilitate the process."

Campbell will be at Tuesday's meeting along with Boston Neighborhood Services representative Ruth Georges. He said that with the public's approval, the developers are looking to go to the BPDA Board in September.

"I'm not there to advocate; I'm just there to facilitate," Campbell said. "Whatever you think about the project, please let me know."

## NEXT COMMUNITY MEETING

## CONCERNING THE PLAN FOR THE MATTAPAN MBTA LOT

You are invited to our 6th community meeting to discuss the design of the redevelopment of the parking lot next to the Mattapan trolley station. This site will offer retail space as well as a mix of affordable and market-rate housing. Please join us—Preservation of Affordable Housing (POAH) and Nuestra Comunidad—to share ideas about this exciting addition to the neighborhood.



Date: Thursday August 3rd
Time: 6:00 - 7:30 p.m.
Location: Mattapan Library



POAH is a Boston-based nonprofit developer, owner, and operator of nearly 9,000 affordable homes in 9 states and D.C. with aver 2,900 apartment homes in Massachusetts, including 500 in Boston. POAH is also a partner with Boston Housing Authority for the redevelopment of Whittier Street in Roxbury.

Nuestra Comunidad is a community development corporation devoted to enhancing the physical, economic, and social well-being of Raxbury and other underserved populations in greater Boston through a community-driven process that promotes self-sufficiency and neighborhood revitalization.

For more information, please contact Lina Jimenez at Ijimenez@nuestracdc.org or 617-989-1211



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# Community Health News

# Sánchez pledges 'thoughtful' approach on MassHealth

By Katie Lannan State House News Service

Three days after Gov. Charlie Baker issued a MassHealth policy challenge, the new chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee last Thursday declined to outline a path forward on the issue, saying he needs to talk to committee staff first as he adjusts to his

new role

Rep. Jeff Sánchez, during an appearance on Boston Herald Radio, said he intends to work cooperatively with Baker and Senate leaders and wants to hear feedback on Baker's MassHealth changes from legislators and outside stakeholders.

"We have to be really thoughtful about how we go about this," the Jamaica Plain Democrat said. "This is lives. These are people's lives at stake, and we want to know we're careful."

Baker on Monday returned new employer health care assessments and proposed unemployment insurance rate relief to the Legislature, telling them he'll take corrective action on the budget if they don't act within 60 days on a package of reforms that he says will make the costly MassHealth program more sustainable.

According to the Massachusetts Taxpayers Foundation, Baker vetoed nine of the budget's outside sections and \$320.3 million across 169 line items, including \$202 million related to the MassHealth changes he

proposed in June.

The net impact of the vetoes, after accounting for federal revenues, is \$193 million, according to the foundation's analysis.

"If history is any guide, many of these vetoes will be overridden in the months ahead, as since FY 2012 almost 90 percent of all spending vetoes have been overridden by the Legislature," the foundation wrote. "The more spending overrides, however, the greater the midyear budget cuts."

Sánchez, who was  $named\, chairman\, Monday$ after former House budgetchiefBrianDempsey's sudden resignation for a lobbying job, said Baker has an "ambitious agenda" and the Legislature has "been thoughtful with him." Before making any decisions on overriding Baker's vetoes, the chairman said he wants to hear from his new  $committee\,staff\,and\,meet$ with Speaker Robert DeLeo to figure out how to move forward.

"There's so much that you have to learn," Sánchez said, citing the curve that comes with his new position. He said he wants to hear from Ways and Means committee staff about "their direct understanding of the budget, the process, the

principles that they've worked on in this past budget process."

Sánchez was formerly the chair of the Health Care Financing Committee and before that helmed the Public Health Committee. He said the uncertainty around what health care reform plans will emerge next from Washington, D.C. creates "an impending cloud" over the issue at the state level, resulting in a need for a cautious approach by Massachusetts policymakers.

The first Latino chair of House Ways and Means, Sánchez recounted in his radio interview how he moved to Boston from New York with his mother and sister in 1973 because his sister was sick and the family wanted to seek better medical care. They moved in with his aunt's family in her apartment in Boston's Mission Main housing project, where his mother got a job in the daycare center and became involved in the diverse community, Sánchez said. He said families of all backgrounds and in all cities have similar experiences and face similar struggles.



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# 1199-1203 BLUE HILL AVENUE

TUESDAY, AUGUST 1

6:00 PM - 7:15 PM

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Mattapan Branch Library Large Conference Room Mattapan, MA 02126

## PROJECT PROPONENT:

1199-1203 Blue Hill Avenue, LLC

## PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

The Proposed Project consisting of a mixed-use residential and commercial development in a new four-story building with an underground parking level below. Together, the Project building will include twenty-one (21) residential units, with a total of 39 bedrooms, 3,000 gsf of retail space, 2,800 gsf of restaurant space (55 seats), 22 underground garage parking spaces, and covered storage for 25 bicycles within the underground parking garage.

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Teresa Polhemus, Executive Director/Secretary

# Morrissey mailbag: Tweak the lanes, speeds, and signals

(Continued from page 1) also be designed in a way that will help to self-enforce the speed limit and restrict large trucks. Removing concrete medians, narrowing travel lane widths, and rethinking curb offsets are several ways to achieve this.

Others said the proposed reduction was sufficient or unnecessary.

"This is a boulevard," one commenter noted.

The LivableStreets Alliance, Boston Cyclists Union Landline Coalition, Metropolitan Area Planning Council, WalkBoston, StreetsPAC Massachusetts, Dot Bike, and Mattapan Food and Fitness Coalition sent a joint letter to DCR offering general feedback on the route and making area-specific suggestions for some of the most fraught segments of roadway.

Among their highlighted suggestions: The "Ocean Parkway" section along Malibu Beach should be designed with a wide 8 to 10 foot sidewalk; keep only two through-lanes, rather than also allow for short sections with three lanes: and add a connection to the newly completed leg of DCR's Neponset River Greenway, which has become an increasingly popular bike commute route.



The existing conditions along the Lambert's stretch of Morrissey. Bill Forry photo

a connection between the two facilities will be designed separately, but the project extremity should still be looked as a gateway to a capitalintensive redesign," they wrote. "Not only will this lead to a lack of legibility from the network perspective, but also create a major safety hazard for people walking or bicycling along Morrissey and going further."

Most commenters were pleased that the redesign is taking place at all, with bicyclists in particular grateful for the prospect of a safe and traversable collection in lieu of braving the parallel and treacherous Dorchester Avenue.

"I would like to commend the DCR on their commitment to improving bicycling infrastructure along Morrissey Boulevard," wrote Dorchester resident Jonathan Grenier. "Two of the real gems in Boston for cycling are the path along the

"We understand that harborin Columbia Point to the north, and the  $bicycling\,paths\,from\,Port$ Norfolk out to Mattapan. As you mentioned in your presentation, the current paths are dangerous, disconnected, and unpleasant, and taking children along these paths should never be attempted. If the bicycling routes are connected safely and attractively, this would be an enormous quality of life improvement for residents of eastern Dorchester, Milton, and Mattapan."

> Proposed alterations near Neponset Circle

stirred significant talk from commenters. The 25 percent design includes changes at Neponset Circle to allow two-way circulation under I-93, which Port Norfolk Civic Association president John Lyons wrote "is preposterous and a threat to public safety."

Eliminating a southbound-to-northbound U-turn near a Dunkin' Donuts at Freeport Street would also cause access issues, some posited.

Audrey Condon, who lives on Neponset Avenue, said she uses the Neponset Circle multiple times per day to enter and leave the neighborhood. Existing backups would be made worse if drivers had to continue through Neponset Circle to switch directions, she said. "Taking away the turnaround would create a massive hassle for us," she wrote.

Other comments proposed the addition of traffic signals at various points along the stretch, including one near Conley Street.

The project timeline is dependent upon state funding, officials note. Each of the three Morrissey segments will likely take around two years to complete, starting with the vulnerable middle stretch from from Patten's Cove Bridge to Freeport Street.

"The DCR will continue to engage with community organizations, elected officials, and various stakeholders who have diligently contributed to the furthering of this

project," a department spokesman said in an emailed statement, "and the agency looks forward to continued collaborative efforts to transform Morrissey Boulevard into an urban parkway that better connects the neighborhoods of Dorchester and South Boston with their waterfronts."

DCR officials plan to host another public meeting in late summer or early fall to present a 75 percent design concept for the length of the parkway. All comments will be posted to the DCR

"Before this public meeting, the DCR will carefully evaluate feedback... specifically looking at suggestions to improve the multi-use facilities of this important thoroughfare to better serve drivers, cyclists, and pedestrians alike, the department statement said.

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# Public Meeting

# 24 ERICSSON STREET

**WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 9** 

6:00 PM - 8:00 PM

## **179 WALNUT STREET**

Port Norfolk Yacht Club Dorchester, MA 02122

## **PROJECT PROPONENT:**

CPC Ericsson Street, LLC

## PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

CPC Ericsson Street LLC proposes a development of multiple buildings on an approximately 156,816 square foot site off of Ericsson St. in the Port Norfolk area of Dorchester. The proposal calls for 150 condo units, a 25-room boutique hotel, covered parking, some commercial space, and renovated boat storage and service facilities. The total building area of the project is approximately 307,000 square feet.

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The hearing will be held at 12 noon on Thurs., Aug. 3 by the City of Boston's Tree Warden (or designee) in the 3rd floor Conference Room of the Boston Parks and Recreation Department. Public testimony will be taken at the hearing, or may be provided prior to the hearing in writing to the Tree Warden, Boston Parks and Recreation Department, 1010 Massachusetts Avenue, 3rd floor, Boston, MA 02118 or by emailing parks@boston.gov with "Dorchester Tree Hearing" in the subject line. A final decision regarding the request will be made within two weeks of the hearing. For further information, please contact the Tree Warden at 617-635-7275.



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#### MARTIN J. WALSH SUMMER BLOCK PARTY

Thurs., Aug. 3 from 5-7 p.m. at BCYF Mildred Community Center, this block party will offer swimming and resource tables from every department within the City of Boston Health & Human Services Cabinet. In the case of rain or other weather issues, please check the BCYF Facebook page (facebook. com/BCYFBoston).

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The City of Boston's two outdoor pools, the BCYF Clougherty Pool in Charlestown and the BCYF Mirabella Pool in the North End are open for the season until Mon., Sept. 4. Pools are open seven days a week from morning to dusk and the beach is open weekdays 9a.m.-5 p.m., and weekends 8-4 p.m. Also opening is the City's "Family Friendly Beach" at the BCYF Curley Community Center in South Boston. For membership and programming information for these locations, visit Boston.Gov/BCYF

#### **BCYF GIRLS NIGHTS SUMMER SCHEDULE**

Fri., August 4: Girls' Summer Night at BCYF Quincy Community Center, 5-8 p.m. Ages 10-17. Tues., August 8: Lip Sync Night and BBQ at BCYF Perkins Community Center, 5-8 p.m. Ages 13-16. Sat., August 12: Girls' Day at New England Aquarium, 11 a.m. Ages 6-17. Wed., August 16: Girls' Skate Night at Chez Vous, 5-8 p.m. Ages 6-18. Tues., August 22: Ice Cream Social at JP Licks, 4-6 p.m. Ages 6-17. Updates and changes to the schedule will be posted on Boston.Gov/BCYF. For more information on Girls Nights or to register, please e-mail Erika.Butler@ Boston.Gov or call her at 617-635-4920 x2314.

## STANDOUT FOR BLACK LIVES

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#### THE SAVIN HILLBILLIES AT ADAMS STREET **LIBRARY**

The Savin Hillbillies will perform on Wed., Aug. 2 at 5:30 p.m. For further information, contact the Adams St. Branch at 617-436-6900.

## **MATTAPAN PATRIOTS "GET REGISTERED"**

## **SATURDAYS**

Welcoming all new and returning football and cheerleader participants to come register at Almont Park in Mattapan on Sat., July 29 from 12:30-5:30 p.m. for the 2017 Pop Warner season, which starts on Tues., Aug. 1. Enter a chance to win \$25 off the registration fee in the registration raffle. For registration, prices and required materials to complete registration, contact Rashad Cope at rashad.o.cope@ gmail.com or 617-648-6392.

#### FAMILY FLICKS AT DCR POPE JOHN PAUL II PARK

Meet at the Gallivan Boulevard entrance in Dorchester at dusk. Bring along a blanket, chair, popcorn and enjoy a family movie under the stars. Don't forget bug spray too! All movies begin at dusk, weather permitting. Call 617-698-1802 for weather updates. Thurs., August 10: Moana Thurs., August 17: Lego Batman; Thurs., August 24: Dr. Strange; Tues., August 29: Star Wars Rogue 1.

#### FREE YOUTH SPORTS CENTERS IN AUGUST

The Boston Parks and Recreation Department announces the return of free youth Sports Centers at White Stadium in Franklin Park, Moakley Park in

South Boston, and East Boston Stadium featuring professional instruction in many popular sports to August 18. The Sports Centers are offered free of charge to Boston residents and open to boys and girls ages 7 to 14. The White Stadium Sports Center also hosts Monday workshops to August 14 offering boys and girls the opportunity to participate in a five-week reading, writing, and math enrichment program. Pre-registration is required and space is limited. For more information on all White Stadium Sports Center programs, please call 617-961-3092 or email larelle.bryson@boston.gov.

## STUDENT ART EXHIBITION AT EMK INSTITUTE

From Her Beacon" will be on display at the Edward M. Kennedy Institute for the United States Senate through the summer. The Institute is open Tuesday

through Sunday from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Massachusetts residents 17 years of age and younger are admitted to the Institute free of charge.

## **UPHAMS CORNER LIBRARY**

Thursdays at 4 p.m.: BTU teachers are available to help students in grades K-12 with homework on Thursdays. This program is free. No registration is required. **CITIZENSHIP CLASSES** 

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# REPORTER'S CALENDA

Thursday, July 27

• The Mayor's Office of Neighborhood Services, along with the proponents of 438 River St. Mattapan, invites surrounding neighbors of this address to a meeting to discuss a proposal to change occupancy from daycare to a Body Art Parlor (Tattoo Parlor). 6 p.m., Mildred Avenue Community Center, Mattapan. Contact Ruth Georges at Ruth. Georges@boston.gov or 617-635-2677.

Friday, July 28

• Free admission to the JFK Library today from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. as part of the Highland Street Foundation's 9th annual Free Fun Fridays series. For further info, visit jfklibrary.org.

Saturday, July 29

Mattapan Patri-

ots "Get Registered" Saturdays at Almont Park in Mattapan from 12:30-5:30 p.m. Season starts on Tues., Aug. 1. Enter a chance to win \$25 off the registration fee in the registration raffle. Contact Rashad Cope at rashad.o.cope@gmail. com or 617-648-6392.

• Harp & Bard Backyard BBQ benefits Boys and Girls Clubs of Dorchester, 12-5 p.m. \$20 donation at the door helps Rodman Ride for Kids team. Contact Patty Lamb at plamb@bgcdorchester. org. 1099 Dorchester Ave., Dorchester. 21-plus event.

Monday, July 31

• Mayor's Movie Night features the Lego Batman Movie at Rev. Allen Park, 7:30 p.m. Call 617-635-4505 or go to boston.gov/parks.

• Get to know all about Mothers for Justice and Equality and all of the programs and services they offer at a Mother's Corner Café today at 8 a.m. at the Strand Theatre, 543 Columbia Rd., Dorchester. More info at sveras@mothersforjusticeandequality.

Tuesday, August 1
• ParkARTS Children's

Workshop at Town Field in Fields Corner. Children ages three to ten can enjoy painting, mask and jewelry making, treasure creations, and more from 10-1 a.m. Also on August 8, 15. Contact 617-635-4505 or visit boston.gov/ parks.

• BPDA hosts public meeting to review proposal for a three-story residential building to house 17 condos and parking for 20 vehicles at 54

Pleasant St., Dorchester. 6:30-8 p.m. at Boys and Girls Club of Dorchester.1135 Dorchester Ave., Dorchester. BPDA contact: John.Campbell@ Boston.gov.

Wednesday, August 2

• The Savin Hillbillies perform at the Adams Street branch of the BPL, 690 Adams St., Dorchester, 5:30 p.m.

Thursday, August 3

 Boston Parks and Recreation Department public hearing on Thur., August 3, at noon on a request to remove two public shade trees at 345 Blue Hill Avenue in Dorchester. The hearing will be held by the City of Boston's Tree Warden in the 3rd floor Conference Room of the Boston Parks and Recreation Department at 1010 Mass. Ave. For further information, call 617-635-7275.

## **HELP WANTED**



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Job Summary: Under general direction of the Executive Director, this position facilitates fund raising research, implementation of our Community Investment Tax Credit (CITC) campaign through support of major donor identification, communication and cultivation. Undertakes grant (proposal) writing and development. Responsible for all aspects of proposal writing/production, review and editing, working closely with all levels of staff on a program, departmental, agency-wide and/or special initiative basis. Develop collateral materials such as agency annual reports, newsletters, etc., in support of communication and donor identification and cultivation. Develop informational pieces designed to keep Codman Square donors and other constituents abreast of Codman Square's work events and initiatives, working in coordination with web and social media site developers. Participate in CITC Campaign Committee meetings. Plan funder/major donor events. Maintains donor databases, including DHCD online CITC database and develops tracking protocols and supports reporting on donations and grants.

Submit resume and cover letter with salary requirements by August 31, 2017 to: Executive Director, Codman Square NDC, 587 Washington St, Dorchester, MA 02124 or to katrina@ csndc.com. No calls please.

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(617) 788-8300
CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION Docket No. SU17P1312EA ESTATE OF: JANICE MARIE CAMPBELL DATE OF DEATH: 02/03/2017

onal Benresentative has been filed by Roosevelt Campbell of Boston, MArequest ing that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested n the Petition. The Petitioner reque Roosevelt Campbell of Boston, MA be appointed as Personal Representative of aid estate to serve Without Surety on the bond in an unsupervised administration. You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before 10:00 a.m. on **08/10/2017**. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an Affidavit of Objections within thirty (30) days of the return date, action may be taken withou

uther notice to you.

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First Justice of this Court. Date: July 18, 2017 Terri Klug Cafazzo

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**COMMONWEALTH OF** MASSACHUSETTS
THE TRIAL COURT
PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT
Suffolk Probate & Family Court
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CITATION ON PETITION FOR
FORMAL ADJUDICATION
Docket No. SU15P2494EA
ESTATE OF:
ETHEL TERESA ZELETSKY
a/k/a: MRS. JOSEPH ZELETSKY

a/k/a: MRS. JOSEPH ZELETSKY DATE OF DEATH: 08/06/2014

to all interested persons:

A petition for Formal Adjudication of
Intestacy and Appointment of Personal
Representative has been filed by Joseph J. Zeletsky of New Bedford, MA requesting J. Zeietsky of New Bedford, 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 Joseph J. Zeletsky of New Bedford, MA be appointed as Personal Representative of said estate to serve Without Surety on the bond in an userpreview administration. oond in an unsupervised administration You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court Petition from the Petitioner of at the Court You have a right to object to this proceeding To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before 10:00 a.m. on **08/25/2017**. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline Inis is NOT a rearing date, but a deaduline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an Affidavit of Objections within thirty (30) days of the return date, action may be taken without further notice to you.

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Witness, HON. JOANP. ARMSTRONG First Institute of this Court

First Justice of this Court.

Date: July 14, 2017 Terri Klug Cafazzo Register of Probate Published: July 27, 2017

## **LEGAL NOTICES**

COMMONWEALTH OF COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS SUFFOLK, SS.
THE TRIAL COURT PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT NOTICE AND ORDER: PETITION FOR RESIGNATION OR PETITION FOR REMOVAL OF GUARDIANSHIP OF A MINOR DOCKET NO. SU10P0905GD IN THE INTERESTS OF DESTINY WALTON OF DORCHESTER, MA MINOR Notice to all Interested Parties

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Notice to all Interested Parties
1. Hearing Date/Time: A hearing on a
Petition to Resign as Guardian of a Minor or
Petition for Removal of Guardian of a Minor
filed by Paulette Windett of Dorchester, MA on
06/13/2017 will be held 08/09/2017 10:30 AM

off 3/2017 to 3/30 AM
Guardianship of Minor Hearing. Located at 24 New Chardon Street, 3rd Floor, Boston,
MA 02114, - Probation Department.
2. Responset to Petition: You may respond by filing a written response to the Petition or by appearing in person at the hearing. If you choose to file a written response, you need to:
File the original with the Court; and
Mail a copy to all interested parties at least five (5) business days before the hearing.
3. Counsel for the Minor: the Minor on adult on behalf of the minor) has the right to request that counsel be appointed for the minor.
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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 NOTICE OF PETITION FOR CHANGE OF NAME Docket No. SU17C0188CA IN THE MATTER OF: **DIANE SHERRY ESCALERA** 

of
To all persons interested in a etition described:

A petition has been presented by Diane S. Escalera requesting hat: Diane Sherry Escalera be allowed to change his/her/their name as follows: DIANE SHERRY JEAN JOSEPH

IF YOU DESIRE TO OBJECT THERETO, YOU OR YOUR AT-ORNEYMUSTFILEAWRITTEN APPEARANCE IN SAID COURT AT BOSTON ON OR BEFORE ENO'CLOCK IN THE MORNING (10:00 AM) ON 08/03/2017. Witness, HON. JOAN P. ARM-

STRONG, First Justice of this June 29, 2017

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COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS THE TRIAL COURT
PROBATE & FAMILY COURT SUFFOLK DIVISION
24 NEW CHARDON STREET
BOSTON, MA 02114
Docket No. SU17D0346DR
DIVORCE SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION and MAILING DANIA GOMEZ

vs. WILMER MARTINEZ LEZAMA

the Defendant:
The Plaintiff has filed a Complaint for Divorce requesting that the Court grant a divorce for IRRETRIEVABLE BREAKDOWN. The Complaint is on file at the Court. An Automatic Restraining Order has been entered in this matter preventing you from taking any action which would negatively impact the cur-rent financial status of either party. SEE Supplemental Probate Court Rule 411.

You are hereby summoned and equired to serve upon: Dania Gomez Creston Park, Apt. 2, Boston, MA 02121 your answer, if any, on or before 08/31/2017. If you fail to do so, the court will proceed to the hearing and adjudica tion of this action. You are also required to file a copy of your answer, if any, in the office of the Register of this Court. Witness, HON. JOAN P. ARM-

STRONG, First Justice of this Court. Date:

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COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS THE TRIAL COURT
PROBATE & FAMILY COURT SUFFOLK DIVISION 24 NEW CHARDON STREET BOSTON, MA 02114 Docket No. SU17D1236DR DIVORCE SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION and MAILING MALISA T. NGUYEN

vs. TU NHI TRAN

To the Defendant:
The Plaintiff has filed a Complain for Divorce requesting that the Cour grant a divorce for IRRETRIEVABLE BREAKDOWN. The Complaint is on file at the Court. An Automatic Restraining Order has been entered in this matte preventing you from taking any action which would negatively impact the cur ent financial status of either party. SEE Supplemental Probate Court Rule 411.

You are hereby summoned and re guired to serve upon: Malisa T. Nguyen 7 Gibson St., Dorchester, MA 02122 1223 your answer, if any, on or before **08/10/2017**. If you fail to do so, the cour 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. JOAN P. ARM-

STRONG, First Justice of this Court. Date: June 21, 2017

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# What major league baseball needs is a good leaving alone

Summer peaks, and so with it should base ball be peaking. But 2017 is not your ordinary season. While ostensibly booming financially-ever the foremost considerationfundamental questions about how the game is being played, including some challenges to its basic artistic integrity, are being raised, inspiring debate that's fast getting sharp and could become ominous.

Thegamehaschanged, and it continues to change at an accelerated pace, and if one can judge from the rising tide of bickering, many people in the game itself are not happy about it. As for those who pay the freight – the dutiful and honorable slugs who watch and follow and truly care—one suspects what they're experiencing is confusion.

None of this should surprise us. Baseball was the game that for roughly a century never changed, and certainly not after the "Dead Ball Era" surrendered to the "Live Ball Era," bringing into a reasonable if delicate balance the game's offense and defense. It was only every decade or so that they would tinker with something like the sacrifice fly rule, and when they did tinker, it was a big deal. Nobody ever dared suggest they mess with the basics, the dynamics, the geometrics. All of which makes the recent deluge of new thinking, new ideas, new gimmicks, change for the sake of change shocking to the diehards.

Consider the renovations that have lately taken place. Runaway instant replays, infield shifts, upheaval in the thinking about how to use pitchers, all the balderdash linked with analytics, the curbing of baseline-contact, the near-banning of brushbacks, the disappearing pinch-hitter, the devaluing of stolen bases, the elimination of intentional walks, and the near total spurning of good old-fashioned inside-baseball stufflike the sacrifice bunt, the hit and run, the squeeze, the merits of hitting 'em where they ain't instead of swinging for the fences. Is the fine art of manufacturing runs to become a lost cause?

Nor should we forget the umpires here. The drastic curtailment of their authority has some wondering if their days are numbered. Managers haranguing umpires – a lusty art form in its heyday – has

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been virtually abolished. Pondering all this, a wise old baseball man recently observed, "They are taking all the theatre out of this game. It's sad."

Key among the culprits in this de facto revolution is the almighty home run, or, more precisely, the mindless obsession with the long ball. Baseball's on-rushing power surge has been this season's major story, much as it was last season. A generation of baseball managers seems content to sit back and wait for their swarthy sluggers to crush one rather than try patching together a nice rally with a touch of guile and some strategic singles. No matter that the flip side of this mentality is having to abide the insufferable avalanche of strikeouts-also being compiled this season at an historic rate - which swarthy sluggers tend to end up doing when they aren't crunching homers. Boring!

At the all-star break, MLB projected to finish 2017 with 6,117 home runs. That's 424 more than last season, more than a 7 percent

increase. If such a trend persists unchecked, entire seasons will eventually amount to one long and unutterably boring home run derby. You like homers, you say? You may live to regret that.

There remains the suspicion – scandalous, if proven true – that either the baseball has been juiced-somethingmany pitchers say they believe-or the bats have been juiced, which the commissioner himself says should be considered. The ball is the more likely suspect and important studies having ostensible scientific merit have already been conducted, but flatly rejected by the powersthat-be. If it were ever determined anything was juiced, and it was willfully authorized, there would be hell to pay, which probably means all the studies will come to - Nothing!

For many, the overriding issue is the pace and length of games. They are slowing down still more this season, and if you watch enough baseball and have occasionally napped between conferences on the mound or during not-so-instantaneous replays and the third change of pitchers occurring in the same inning, you understand why the commissioner, among many others, is concerned a world moving at an ever-faster pace may be losing patience with a game moving at a much slower pace. "Pace & Length" is a huge issue, but it's decidedly connected with all the others.

In an admirable attempt to advance the discussion, the New York Post recently published a 20-page report on all this stuff that featured the thinking of a couple of dozen of the game's best minds - management types, owners, players, even media. The excellent result dramatically verifies that disagreement is widespread and that there are no easy solutions.

Butwhatwedon't need is more hair-brained nonsense from woolly headed sophisticates who think that, being smarter than Alexander Cartwright, they can make this game better than it has ever been.

Case in point: a pompous lecture in the Post's report from Joe Maddon, the Cubs manager who was regarded as one



of the game's smart guys before he began taking himself too seriously. In his latest leap from reality, Maddon boasts he's "not afraid of change" while vigorously advocating for robotic umpires! Let lasers, computers, and electric eyes call balls and strikes, he says, and decide who's safe or out. Because, he adds, "Umpires are human and make mistakes."

I've got news for you, Joe. Everybody makes mistakes in baseball. Especially managers as those of us who watched you fumble and bumble your way through the World Series last fall and darn near blow it were again reminded. Baseball is a game of mistakes. It's nice that way

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# **BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS OF DORCHESTER**



Animal Explorers: Members at the Walter Denney Youth Center had a chance to get to know a little hedgehog last week during Summer Program.



Plaster Painting: Teen members painted plaster at a paint-your-own-pottery studio last week, as part of the Safe Summer Streets program.

#### CONNECT THE DOT

MLK Scholars: BGCD is proud to have many members taking part in the MLK Summer Scholars program put on by John Hancock this year. The program provides funding to local non-profit organizations to hire youth staff members for the summer. Over the course of the summer, Scholars gain important career readiness skills, and help their non-profit organizations deliver on their missions. This is the 10th year of MLK Scholars. Youth participants are required to attend bi-weekly personal development workshops intended to guide them through a discovery process where they can explore their current path and focus on next steps in achieving education and employment goals. The curriculum consistently integrates important messages on social responsibility, leadership development, and civic involvement.

## FIND OUT WHAT'S INSIDE

Summer Basketball League: Part of our Safe Summer Streets teen summer program is a summer basketball league. The league consists of 14 teams, including Girls, Intermediate Boys and Senior Boys teams, which compete in an ongoing tournament throughout the summer. The basketball league is one of the favorite aspects of Safe Summer Streets for many teen members. Safe Summer Streets is the teen summer program at Boys & Girls Clubs of Dorchester, which provides a fun, safe place for area teens to hang out and explore their passions from 3-11PM all summer long. A ride home is provided for those who need it. For any questions about the basketball league or joining Safe Summer Streets, contact Teen Director, Marcus Johnson at mjohnson@bgcdorchester.org.

#### DID YOU KNOW

Falmouth Road Race Progress: Did you know Boys & Girls Clubs of Dorchester has a team running the Falmouth Road Race on August 20th? Our team is well on their way to their fundraising goals, with each person committed to raising \$1250 on behalf of the Club for the seven-mile race. To follow the progress of the Boys & Girls Clubs of Dorchester team online, visit our online fundraising page at firstgiving.com/ team/353262. If you are interested in donating to BGCD through the race, you can support an individual runner or the Club team right on that page. To support in person, join us for the Harp & Bard Backyard BBQ on Saturday. For any questions about the Falmouth Road Race or future ways to get involved in an event or fundraising for Boys & Girls Clubs of Dorchester contact Patty Lamb at plamb@bgcdorchester.org.

#### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

SUMMER PROGRAM July 10th - August 16th

DORCHESTER YACHT CLUB HARBOR CRUISE July 26th

HARP & BARD BACKYARD BBQ July 29th

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## RECENT OBITUARIES

BARRY, Stephen D. "Steve" of Peabody and formerly of Winchester. Steve is survived by his wife of 55 years Marie (Helmick) Barry, his son Raymond and his wife Keri (DeVito) of Tewksbury, MA, his daughter Anne Marie of Lake Charles, LA, and eight grandchildren; Alex Barry, Tiffany Barry, Zachary Barry, Michael Thompson, Stephanie Ryan, U.S. Army Private William Ryan, Alicia Gill and Robyn Gill. Steve is survived by his two sisters; Kay Hooley of Las Cruces, NM, and Marguerite Sullivan and her husband Roger of Hingham, MA. He is the brother-in-law of Monsignor William M. Helmick and the late Father Raymond Helmick, S.J. Steve was a United States Marine, a Veteran of the Korean War, an alumnus of Boston College

and the Secretary of the Boston College Class of 1956. Donations may be made to the American Heart Association: Founders Affiliate of American Heart Association, P.O. Box 417005, Boston, MA 02241-7005 or, by visiting their online site at: https:// donatenow.heart.org/.

BLECKLEY, Janet M. (Paulovich) of Weymouth, formerly of Dorchester, age 78. Born and raised in Dorchester, Janet lived in Ocala, Florida briefly and has lived in Weymouth for many years. She worked in her family business. Marv's Mobil Gas Station in Dorchester. Wife of the late Marvin E. Bleckley. Mother of Janette Tibets of Rockland, David Bleckley of Weymouth, Daniel Bleckley of Halifax, Paul Bleckley of Scituate and Kathryn Davis of New

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Bedford. Grandmother to 13 grandchildren, 5 greatgrandchildren and 1 great great granddaughter. Sister of the late Wallace Paulovich.

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CULLY, James A. III in Quincy, formerly of Dorchester, Savin Hill, Milton, and Marathon, FL age 82 years. He leaves the mother of their children, Kathleen M. (Keady) Cully of Milton. Father of James M. Cully of South Boston, Carolyn A. Cormican of South Weymouth, Diane M. Cully of Hanover, and Kevin J. Cully of South Boston. Son of the late James A. Cully Jr. and Florence G. (Duris) Cully. Brother of Mary Ellen Manning of Milton, Gerald L. Cully of Norwood, Richard J. Cully of Milton, Joan E. Cully of Milton, and the late Paul F. and Kevin J. Cully. Grandfather of Caitlyn, Molly, and Laura Cormican, Harry and Kevin Cully, and Liam Sears. Godfather of Renee Conway of North Andover. Veteran Korean War - U.S. Navy. Former volunteer firefighter in Marathon, FL for 10 years. Late retired member of the IBEW Local #103 for 61 years, member of the American Legion Post #380, the Braintree DAV, and the Knights of Columbus, Columbus Council #116. Donations in Jim's memory may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Pl., Memphis, TN 38105.

DHOOGE, Elizabeth **A**. of Braintree, formerly Dorchester. Élizabeth adored her family and was very close with all of them. Elizabeth worked for the Boston Bruins for over 20 years. Daughter of Barbara (Roche) Dhooge of Braintree and the late Eugene Dhooge. Sister of Gene Dhooge and his wife Lynn of Easton, Kristin

Batty and her husband Doug of Greenfield, NH, and the late Michael Dhooge. Aunt of Tim, Nick, and Alanna Batty and Connor and Andrew Dhooge. Also survived by many aunts, uncles, and cousins. Donations in memory of Elizabeth may be made to Neurofibromatosis Northeast Team Powers Coast to the Cure, 9 Bedford St, Burlington, MA 01803, https://www.firstgiving. com/team/355309.

FARMER, Shirelle F. Shirelle was the daughter of the late William D. and Lillian B.Farmer of Rocky Mount, North Carolina. She is preceded in death by two brothers, Willie, Jr., and Earnest Farmer. Shirelle leaves four sisters, Frances Skinner, Barbara McNeil, Scheena Farmer, Schekela Farmer, three brothers, Dennis Farmer, Sharif Sharif (aka - Charles Farmer), Kennieth Farmer and a host of relatives and

friends. GRIFFIN, James P. Suddenly, in South Boston, formerly of Dorchester. Son of the late John F. and Mary T. (Powell). Brother of Margaret and her husband Paul Connare of Brockton, John and his wife Gabriele Griffin of Lowell, Richard Griffin of South Boston, Michael and his wife Joanne Griffin of Abington, Robert and his wife Beth Griffin of Franklin, and the late Paul F. Griffin. Nephew of the late Lorraine Powell Wallace. Survived by several nieces, grandnieces, and grandnephews. Late retired employee of the MDC and the DCR for over 35 years, and Quirk Motors. Donations in Jim's memory may be made to Globe Santa, PO Box 55820, Boston, MA 02205-5820.

McCLELLAN, John

J., Jr. 64 years of age. of Manomet, formerly of Charlestown. Husband of 37 years to Carol (Walsh) McClellan. Father of Lisa Ouellette and husband Mark, Sarah McClellan and fiance Andrew Wheeler, Kelly McClellan and fiance Michael Parker, John McClellan III and wife Alyssa. Papa of Ryan Everett, Samantha Ouellette, Vera Johns, future grandson, Seamus Wheeler, and greatgrandchildren, Diego Hall & Sky Everett. Brother of Barbara J. Cole, Penney Sweeney, and the late Wayne McClellan. Also many loving nieces and nephews. Proud friend of Bill W. Donations in John's name can be made to the Charlestown Recovery House, 15 Bunker Hill St., Charlestown, MA 02129 and/or to the Edwina Martin House, 678 N. Main St., Brockton, MA 02301.

McLAUGHLIN, Marv Anne (Flynn) age 95, of Milton, formerly of Dorchester. Wife of the late John P. McLaughlin, Boston Fire Department (ret.) for 63 years. Mother of Paul W. McLaughlin and his wife Barbara of Milton, Maura Lapping and her husband. Robert of Newton, Brian J. McLaughlin and his wife Deborah of West Harwich, Sheila M. Ware and her husband Michael of Waitsfield, Vermont, Kevin G. McLaughlin and his wife Linda Baumeister of Milton and Brendan F. McLaughlin and his wife Mary of Milton and the late Sean McLaughlin. Grandmother of Mary C. McLaughlin of San Francisco, California, Matthew P. McLaughlin and his wife Stephanie of Burlingame, CA, Brian P. McLaughlin and his wife Maureen of Dorchester, Mark E. McLaughlin and his wife Annie of Baltimore, Maryland, Nicholas G. Ware

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or both. The above-named person has the right to ask for a lawyer. Anyone

may make this request on behalf of the above-named person. If the above-named person cannot afford a lawyer, one may be appointed at State expense.

Witness, Hon, Joan P. Armstrong First Justice of this Court.

Terri Klug Cafazzo
Register of Probate

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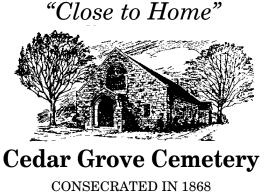
and his wife Jasmine of Honolulu, HI, Emily Sanchez and her husband Juan of Dorchester, Matthew G. McLaughlin of South Boston, Kevin S. McLaughlin of Milton, John P. McLaughlin of New York City, and Conor McLaughlin and Maura McLaughlin both of Milton. Her great-grandchildren are Emma and Tess McLaughlin of Burlingame, CA, William, Bridget and Desmond McLaughlin of Dorchester and Maggie, John and Constance Evelyn of Baltimore, Maryland. Sister of Kathleen Flynn of Milton, Anne Donnellan of Middleborough and the late Rev. William C. Flynn, James Flynn and Peter Flynn. Remembrances may be made in Mary's name to Dana Farber Cancer Institute/Jimmy Fund, 10 Brookline Place West, Floor 6, Brookline, MA 02445.

REYNOLDS, Margaret M. (Vesey) of Randolph, formerly of Dorchester, passed away after a brief illness, at the age of 90. Born and raised in Dorchester, Margaret graduated from Dorchester High School for Girls. She worked as a supervisor for Blue Cross Blue Shield, retiring after 25 years. Margaret was a member of the St. Mary Seniors, St. Bernadette Seniors, the Randolph Senior Bowlers and the Randolph Historical Society. She was also a longtime volunteer at the Election Polls in Randolph. Margaret was the wife of the late Philip A. Reynolds. Mother of Christine Eshbach of Middleboro, Brian Reynolds of Rockland, Teresa List of TX, Mary Reynolds of Randolph, Kathleen Roberts of Holbrook and Peggy Ruggiero of Chelmsford. Sister of Sr. Teresa Vesey, SJC of Milton, Claire Anderson of Abington, Richard Vesey of Weymouth and the late William Vesey and James Vesey. Also survived by many grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces, nephews and

friends.
SPENCE, Gerald W. of Dorchester. Husband of Princess L. (Barrett) Spence and dear father of Todd, Morris, Trish Ann Spence and Candace Prescott, all of Canada. Also survived by 2 broth-5 sisters, and 6 grand children.

STARCK, Virginia M. (Curry) in Dorchester. Wife of the late Rene A. Mother of James R. and his wife Marilyn Starck of Maine, Janis M. Bowes of Pembroke, Robert A. Starck of Maine, Kenneth P. Starck of Colorado, Cheryl A. Baker of Winchendon, Stephen K. Starck of Dorchester, and Richard P. Starck and his companion Jeanne Gill of Middleboro. Sister of Elaine Hatfield-Thompson of Boxford. Survived by 13 grandchildren, 12 great-grandchildren, and 3 great-great-grandchildren. Late member Gold Star Wives and the South Boston VFW Post #6536. Donations in Virginia's memory may be made to St. Margaret Church, 800 Columbia Rd., Dorchester,

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