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AVENUE, INK.



Holistic Ink's resident piercer and occasional tattoo artist, Jamie Rivera, tattoos on Matt Bradshaw, a client. “I could sit here all day,” said Bradshaw.

At Holistic Ink, tattoo artist gets ‘high’ from creating his art on a client’s skin

By ISABEL LORD

REPORTER CORRESPONDENT

Walking into Holistic Ink, a tattoo and body piercing shop at 1261 Dorchester Ave., customers are likely to be greeted by a 3-year-old girl doodling behind the front desk. She's the daughter of the resident piercer and occasional tattoo artist Jamie Rivera, and the first indication that Holistic Ink, the only tattoo shop in Dorchester, is a different kind of place.

“It's a home shop,” said Vinny Nguyen, 30, the owner. “Bring your friends!”

Holistic Ink is so named not because it's “healthy,” as many assume (“English is my second language,” Nguyen says with a laugh), but rather for its approach to tattooing: Look at the piece as a whole, be unafraid to change the approach accordingly.



An angel inked by Vinny Nguyen, owner of Holistic Ink, adorns the arm of a client.

Photo courtesy of Vinny Nguyen

Nguyen opened the shop in Glover's Corner in 2016 after spending several years with his mentor, Tuyen Tran, at Timeless Ink in Everett. He worked as a bartender, a real estate agent, and a nail technician before he took up body art. He got his first tattoo – lettering that reads “a man of family” – a decade ago and liked it so much that he bought a tattoo kit and brought it into the nail salon where he worked.

He was watching an instructional video when a co-worker came by and asked him if he did tattoos. “I was like, ‘I'm watching the video! I obviously have no qualifications or any credentials,’” he said, again with a laugh. Nonetheless, he inked his first tattoo, a flower, on her wrist. “It was decent,” he said.

Nowadays, he has a month-long

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A year later, his family keeps murdered son's memory alive

By ISABEL LORD

REPORTER CORRESPONDENT

Almost a year after their son was fatally shot in a brazen, targeted daylight attack in a Stoughton Street barber shop, Alberto “AJ” Monteiro's family will remember his life on Aug. 25 with an

event centered around the sport that he loved most, with the people he loved most.

Family, friends, and other community members will gather in Roberts Playground for an afternoon of flag football, food, music, and family fun. Along

with funding a memorial scholarship in his name, the event is envisioned as a way to remember a young man in ways beyond his death, the result of a crime which remains unsolved.

“Our mission is to bring children and youth

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Mayor, officials want ‘reset’ for development at Port Norfolk

Join neighbors in opposing waterfront build-out

By JENNIFER SMITH
NEWS EDITOR

Elected officials are calling for the would-be developers of a controversial project at Port Norfolk to start over with their plans after a series of public meetings and comment periods left proponents and neighbors locked in a standoff.

City Point Capital, a South Boston-based company, is proposing a mixed-use but primarily residential showpiece for the current MarineMax/Russo Marine site at the tip of the peninsula. It has been rough going from the start for the developers, with residents of the small village concerned from early on about the scale of the project and its impact on the neighborhood's traffic flow and quality of life.

“I understand the concerns of the neighborhood about the site and the current proposal,” Mayor Martin Walsh said in a statement on Tuesday, joining other city and state elected officials in calling for a reboot of the plan. “I have asked the developer

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A location shift for proposed pot shop

By JENNIFER SMITH
NEWS EDITOR

A recreational marijuana shop proposed for an Uphams Corner site has new set of plans and a new location – about 400 feet away from the original site and closer to the hub of commercial activity on Columbia Road.

In a conversation with the *Reporter* on Friday, Benjamin Virga said he and his business partner heard the community's concerns after a fairly contentious preliminary meeting last week and have found a nearby location that works just as well without being in the midst of the residential block.

“We're hoping that it's an olive branch that we've extended,” Virga said, “and Hancock Street Civic Association

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Clark Booth, journalist, is dead at 79

He began in print, for the Quincy Patriot Ledger, reported and wrote for Chs. 4 and 5 for three decades, and since 1989, shared his opinion with readers of the *Dorchester Reporter*. Clark Booth, a journalist's journalist, died last Friday. He was 79. His obituary is on Page 8.



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AJ Monteiro, fatally shot in barber shop last year.

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DOT BY THE DAY
Aug. 2 - 11, 2018
A snapshot look at key upcoming events in and around the neighborhood for your weekly planner.

Thursday (2nd) – The Mayor’s Office begins its citywide free movie series in Boston parks today at Doherty Playground/Town Field, Dorchester with “The Nut Job 2: Nutty by Nature.” The film begins at dusk.

Friday (3rd) – Artists in Residence Workshops will be held at Hunt/Almont Park, Mattapan, 10 a.m.- 1 p.m. Groups of six or more must make prior arrangements by calling the Parks Department at 617-635-4505.

Saturday (4th) – Tenean Beach Day hosted by Port Norfolk Civic Association and Save the Harbor/ Save the Bay starts at 11 a.m. with family fun, BBQ and more. Free.

Monday (6th) – National Night Out observed at Mattapan’s Almont Park, 40 Almont St., starting at 6:50 p.m. Food, games, entertainment and visit from Mayor Walsh and BPD Commissioner William Gross.

Tuesday (7th) – Artists in Residence Workshops will be held at Dorchester’s Town Field from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Free. The New England Aquarium will visit Town Field from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. For information on this and other ParkARTS programs, please call the Boston Parks and Recreation Department at 617-635-4505 or follow @BostonParksDept.

Wednesday (8th) – Free family movie at Ronan Park – The LEGO Ninjago Movie” – begins at dusk. Sponsored by Mayor Martin Walsh’s office.

Thursday (9th) – A free Thursday night movie series will open at Pope John Paul II Park in Neponset today with a screening of Jumanji: Welcome to the Jungle at dusk. Rain cancels.

- Codman Square NCD presents Codman Square Caribbean Jerk Chicken festival, 5:30-8 p.m. at Second Church of Dorchester. \$10 admission. Call 617-825-4224 or email charles@csndc.com for more info.

Saturday (11th) – The Vibe Coffeehouse, a showcase for Christian Arts, invites the public to its annual outdoor event at 5 p.m. on the Lawn at Second Church in Dorchester, 600 Washington St., Codman Square, Dorchester. In case of rain event will be moved indoors to Wales Hall (downstairs). Delicious food, fun, surprises and great entertainment. Free to all.

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A rendering shows a building planned for 233 Hancock St.

More affordable units set aside for Hancock Street building

The developer of a 36-unit apartment building at 233 Hancock St. has notified the city of Boston that he plans to increase the number of affordable units from 5 to 10 and to restrict the rent on another 11 units - in part due to funding from a property-tax surcharge approved by Boston voters in 2016. The Boston Planning and Development Agency last

fall with the minimum 5 units required under the city’s affordable-housing regulations. In a filing with the BPDA, Benjamin Moll of ARX Urban Capital says he was able to increase the number of income-capped units through two new sources of funding: \$500,000 from the city fund set up under the Community Preservation Act approved by voters and a subsidy from a state workforce

housing fund. The 10 “affordable” units will be available to people making no more than 70 percent of the Boston area median income; the other units to people making up to 100 percent of that income. Technically, the BPDA has to approve the increase in affordable units because it approved the project under regulations that required just the 5 affordable units.

Apartment building planned at Morton and Wildwood Sts.

A developer is proposing a 27-unit apartment building on what is now two vacant lots on Morton Street at Wildwood Street. In a filing with the BPDA, Corvo Construction Corp. of Randolph says the first floor of the \$5.5-million building would consist of retail space. The company is proposing 29 parking spaces in a ground-level lot. Most of the units would have two bedrooms; three would have one bedroom each. Four units would be rented as affordable.



Architect’s rendering of proposed building.

In its filing, Corvo says the building’s “attractive architecture” would “be in harmony with the established neighbor-

hood” and would enliven both the residential area and the neighboring commercial block.

Police, Courts & Fire



An early-morning fire last Thursday (July 26) caused an estimated \$1.25 million in damage to two three-deckers on Boston Street (above) and sent one firefighter to the hospital with non-life threatening injuries, the Boston Fire Department reported. All nine residents and six pets at 131 and 135 Boston St. were evacuated safely after firefighters responded at 2:45 a.m. Eversource had to be called in to shut off power after electrical lines down the block caught fire and began sparking, the department said.

National Night Out events set for next week

A series of events to observe the 35th annual National Night Out will be held over two days next week— Aug. 6 and 7. A motorcade of Boston Police officials and Mayor Walsh will visit 12 different locations in the city to present awards to neighborhood watch groups and civic leaders. On Monday, the city delegation will visit Mattapan’s Almont Park from 6:50-7:30 p.m. On Tuesday, the series concludes with a celebration at Town Field in Dorchester’s Fields Corner from 7:30-8 p.m. Each stop will include food, games, and entertainment. Attendees are invited to visit sponsor tables including The Boston Police Foundation, Suffolk County Sheriff’s Department, Boston Centers for Youth & Families, and a host of others including local non-profits.

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B-3 police plan Friday fundraiser for ‘Big, Bad Weekend’ – The Area B-3 Police Community Service Office will host a fundraiser event this Friday (Aug. 3) from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at The Irish Social Club in West Roxbury to raise money for their upcoming Big Bad Weekend festivities to take place from August 17-19. B-3’s William Dickerson explained that Big Bad Weekend is a community outreach event which includes family activities and information sessions. It is being revived this year after a brief hiatus. “It was a pretty big thing a few years ago,” he said. “We’re trying to bring it back.” Throughout the weekend, an array of family and kid-friendly events and activities will be held at Mattapan and Dorchester venues including BCYF Perkins Community Center and BCYF Mildred Avenue, as well as local parks. “It’s a way to attract families to those locations, and to connect them with various different services, like health services and mobile city hall,” Dickerson added. All weekend activities will be free and open to the public. Tickets to Friday’s fundraiser are available for \$20 advance/\$25 at the door. For more information, to donate, or to buy a ticket, contact the Area B-3 Community Service Office at 617-343-4717.

BPDA plans meeting to discuss Morton Street project – A proposal to build a new four story, 27 unit apartment complex at 775 Morton St. will be convened by the Boston Planning and Development Agency on Tuesday, August 14 at 6:30 p.m. at the Mattapan branch of the BPL’s Alice W. Yancey Community Room, 1350 Blue Hill Ave., Mattapan. For more info contact BPDA project manager Gary Webster, Jr. at 617-918-4457 or gary.j.webster@boston.gov.

Kennedy, Campbell headline Codman’s annual meeting – Congressman Joseph Kennedy III and City Council President Andrea Campbell will be the featured speakers at the 2018 annual meeting at Codman Square Health Center on Thursday, August 2 at 6 p.m. The event will be held in the Great Hall at Codman Square, 6 Norfolk St., Dorchester. Everyone is welcome.

Gallivan Center plans playground, seeks volunteers – The BCYF Gallivan Community Center is looking for volunteers, both young and old, to provide input on the design of a new playground to be installed at the center on September 7. The construction process planned for September 7 will see BCYF

volunteers partner with the Morgan Stanley Foundation and Kaboom! BCYF Gallivan Community Center is currently near the end of a year-long \$3 million dollar renovation funded through the City’s Capital Plan. It is expected to reopen in September. For more info call: 617-635-5159.

Free Thursday movies at Pope Park start on Aug. 9 – A free Thursday night movie series will open at Pope John Paul II Park in Neponset on Thurs., Aug. 9 with a screening of Jumanji: Welcome to the Jungle at dusk. The films continue on Aug. 16 (Coco), Aug. 23 (Beauty and the Beast), and Aug. 30 (Thor: Ragnarok.) Rain cancels.

Blood drive at DotHouse Health on August 13 – A community blood drive sponsored by DotHouse Health is set for Monday, August 13 from 11 a.m.-4 p.m. at 1353 Dorchester Ave., Dorchester. Call 1-800-RED CROSS to schedule an appointment.

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Healey endorses Pressley; not ‘political,’ she says; ‘it’s personal’

**By JENNIFER SMITH
NEWS EDITOR**

Attorney General Maura Healey has endorsed City Councillor At-Large Ayanna Pressley in the race for the Massachusetts 7th Congressional seat. “For me, this isn’t political, it’s personal,” Healey said in a statement Monday. “Ayanna isn’t just my city councillor. She’s not just my partner in government. She’s someone who shares our values, and our priorities, who I’ve depended on for years.”

Healey praised Pressley’s work alongside her to fight profiling and discrimination by Boston nightclubs; protect students from predatory for-profit schools; and help survivors of sexual trauma, domestic violence, and human trafficking.



Attorney General Maura Healey and City Councillor Ayanna Pressley.
Photo courtesy Healey

Pressley thanked the attorney general in a subsequent statement, saying she is “deeply honored. I am constantly inspired by Maura’s steadfast commitment to public service and her bold leadership” Pressley said. She added, “I am humbled by Maura’s support, and I look forward

to working with her and others to lift up the voices of those too often overlooked and ensure that those closest to the pain are closest to the power - driving and informing the policymaking.”

Pressley is looking to unseat incumbent US Rep. Michael Capuano in the Sept. 4 primary for

the Democratic nomination. The winner of the primary will effectively take the seat in November since there are no other party candidates on the ballot.

“As Democrats, we sometimes find ourselves in primaries – I know that from personal experience,” Healey said. “But when the polls close, we unite behind the winner for the final stretch and in the work ahead. And that’s just what we will do here on Sept. 4.”

Audrey Coulter, a spokeswoman for the Capuano campaign, reacted in a statement on Monday: “Mike’s proud to have the endorsements of nurses, teachers, labor unions and elected officials across the district. Mike’s focus is on campaigning door to door, person to person,

talking with voters about how important it is to do everything we can to stop Donald Trump and his destructive policies and actions.”

Healey’s endorsement is the first major establishment voice in Pressley’s camp. Mayor Martin Walsh and former Gov. Deval Patrick are backing Capuano, as are the other members of the Massachusetts federal delegation: Representatives Richard Neal, James McGovern, Joseph Kennedy III, Stephen Lynch, and William Keating. Both US senators, Elizabeth Warren and Ed Markey, are staying neutral.

This endorsement for Pressley comes from a prominent and popular incumbent. According to a Nov. 2017 poll from the Western New England University Polling In-

stitute, Healey has a 64 percent approval rating overall – 70 percent among Democrats but only 47 percent among Republicans. The two women have campaigned with each other in the past, including acting as surrogates for Hillary Clinton’s presidential run.

Pressley endorsed Healey in her 2014 race for attorney general against former state lawmaker Warren Tolman. In a *Reporter* article from the time, activists credited Pressley’s backing for some of Healey’s strong showing across Dorchester. “She stood by me and supported me in my first campaign, at a time very few elected leaders were willing to take a chance on an outsider candidate like me,” Healey said.

DA candidates tackle diversity, inequities in Boston Bar forum

**By JENNIFER SMITH
NEWS EDITOR**

Five candidates vying for the Suffolk County District Attorney seat participated in a forum hosted by the Boston Bar association last week, with much of the emphasis on systemic inequities in prosecution and lack of diversity in the DA’s office itself.

Four of them—Evan-

dro Carvalho, Greg Henning, Shannon McAuliffe, and Rachael Rollins — will be on the Sept. 4 ballot for the Democratic primary. Michael Maloney, a Brockton-based lawyer, is running as unenrolled and will be on the general ballot in November to face the Democratic nominee.

Linda Champion, the fifth Democrat and a former Suffolk prosecu-

tor did not attend the forum.

Moderated by law professors Daniel Medwood and Christina Miller, the full forum is available on the Boston Bar Facebook page.

Carvalho said during his time in Dorchester as a former Suffolk prosecutor, he saw “people from my community... cycling in and out of the system.” He called for

better transparency in the office with regard to how cases are being pursued.

Former head of the Suffolk DA’s gang unit, Henning called for “creating an unsolved shooting team to address the crisis of firearms.”

Maloney, a Brockton-based attorney, agreed with his fellow candidates’ calls for better data collection. He also wants

to “expand diversionary programs beyond the juvenile court.”

The district attorney’s office fell short in several areas, said McAuliffe, director of Roca, a non-profit that works with high-risk youths in the criminal justice system. “I see an office that refused to back the crime bill, refuses to address racism that’s happening in the courtrooms, and

also is arguing against people recording police officers. That’s what this office has done,” she said.

Rollins, a former state and federal prosecutor and legal counsel for the MBTA and Massport, said, she will increase the diversity in the office by “probably 6,082 percent, because there are no women and people of color in upper leadership.”

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At Holistic Ink, tattoo artist gets ‘high’ from creating his art on a client’s skin



Jamie Rivera and his instrument at work.

(Continued from page 1) wait list from clients eager to have his skilled hands at their disposal. Since he opened his shop, Holistic Ink has completed roughly 1,600 tattoos and boasts a staff of five: two permanent makeup artists, two tattoo artists, and the piercer Rivera.

Although he now lives in Randolph, Nguyen considers himself a Dorchester guy. He was raised in the neighborhood and wanted to open the shop on the avenue to “give something positive to the community that I serve and love.”

“My whole childhood was here,” he added. “My church is here, my best friends, my fiancé, the food I eat—it’s all here.” It took 15 months to secure licensing for the shop, and a robbery stalled the grand opening. “They took everything,” he said, “but it’s just stuff.” The 26-year-old Rivera came to Holistic Ink after his apprenticeship at Body Xtremes in Quincy. His story is similar to Nguyen’s. He hadn’t thought about getting into the tattoo industry until, well, he did. Always artistic and “different,” he had a six-year scholarship and

was on track to becoming a history professor when he gave his first tattoo, his name, to a girl he was dating at the time. He then gave up the scholarship. Rivera began in serious fashion with a few tattoos here and there (his first was the lips of another former girlfriend tattooed on his neck, a design now hidden), but he is now at work filling his entire body with them, with only his palms and the front of his face scheduled to remain untattooed—until he turns 40. “I’ve gotta see how I age,” he said. Tattooing isn’t the only

body modification he has made: He has multiple implants, from a captive bead ring on the back of his hand (signifying he’s a piercer) to a small pair of horns on his head (inspired by the 2005 film “Modified”) and a split tongue. “Other than my kids, this is the only thing that I’ve fully committed to,” he said in reference to his body art.

That said, Rivera acknowledges that he hates getting tattooed. “I’ve always been the guy who needs ten guys holding one arm down, and ten holding the other,” he said.

So why cover himself? “Why not?” he responded as he worked on a client who was sitting in the chair unflinchingly, seemingly entranced by Rivera’s various implants. “Body art allows me to live how I want,” he said. “Yes, there are a lot of people who stop and stare and ask questions. I’ve been used to that for as long as I can remember. It’s a form of expression, a form of rebellion, something that allows people to do what they want to stick out.” He quickly adds that he doesn’t necessarily always do it for that reason.

As for Nguyen, he specializes in Oriental style tattoos, often larger pieces that he appreciates for their timelessness and significance. Because of their size—and the expense—he has developed a technique that allows him to cover large surfaces of the body with fewer visits, doing a sleeve, for instance, in a matter of weeks as opposed to months.

He begins by creating a foundational tattoo, then builds off it in a manner he likens to oil painting. Using the elasticity of skin and his machines, Nguyen’s clients come in for four hours over two days, then wait two weeks before repeating the process, and another two weeks



Vinny Nguyen, owner of Holistic Ink, beams in front of the shop sign. Isabel Lord photo



Nguyen applies tebori, a traditional Japanese practice of tattooing by hand. It requires five years of apprenticeship to master.

Photo courtesy Vinny Nguyen

before the final session. This process reduces the trauma to the skin, he says. He and his other artists guarantee their work: if the site doesn’t heal properly, even due to the client’s own fault, they’ll touch it up (or re-pierce it) for free.

“I feel weird saying this, but [tattooing] is like doing drugs,” said Nguyen. “Once you do it, it gives you that endorphin high. At first, I thought I was just going to give it two years...but it’s that high that makes me feel like it’s worth it, like it might be my calling, so I pursued it

and ten years later, here I am,” he said, gesturing to the shop around him.

Nguyen hopes to open more parlors throughout Greater Boston and has plans to open a tattoo removal shop in Dorchester by early 2019. He’s more into giving tattoos than removing them, though. “When you see something that you worked so hard for, and to be able to do it on someone else and to make them so happy, it makes me feel like I’m not doing something meaningless,” he said.

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Mayor, officials want ‘reset’ for development at Port Norfolk



A rendering from a presentation made by developers City Point Capital shows a ground-level view of the proposed Neponset Wharf project.
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(Continued from page 1) to review their proposal and continue engaging with the community as the process moves forward.”

The development team has already amended its designs for the Neponset Wharf project over the course of the past year. Scaled down significantly from earlier iterations, the latest vision includes a boathouse and three buildings, topping out at seven stories and containing 96 condominium units and 3,000 square feet of restaurant, retail, and supporting space, including a small neighborhood market and deli. Plans also call for 170 total parking spaces.

But to residents of the Port, it was too little, too late. “The height is too high,” Ben Tankle wrote to the city’s planning arm. “The traffic will be horrible. The area cannot withstand such a development. It will destroy the way of life most of us enjoy.”

Tankle and other neighbors offered testimony submitted to the Boston Planning and Development Agency in recent weeks. They largely echoed the statements made during a series of city-hosted public meetings. They referenced incompat-

ibility with existing zoning, concerns about the impact of dredging around the existing marina or altering the shorelines, and a fundamental objection to the scale of the proposal.

“They seem like they’re not able to get any agreement,” City Councillor Frank Baker told the *Reporter* on Tuesday. “I’m likely going to stand with other elected officials in the community and just have them go back to the drawing board. I’m not sure [neighbors] or the mayor’s office have an appetite for this kind of project.”

In a comment letter, the Neponset River Watershed Association said the developers’ presentations and responses to queries so far have not adequately addressed several concerns. A final filing, the group wrote, “should include sufficient detail for state environmental agencies and the public to determine whether the project will adequately improve water quality and protect wildlife habitat.” Further, the letter said, association and residents “would like more information about how the property under consideration relates to the ownership and potential future development of adjoin-

ing properties.”

Of the dozens who submitted comments, most of the writers were opposed. A minority were in favor of the proposal, citing the need for new housing across the city and redesigns around the tiny peninsula.

“I am a resident of the neighborhood and remain in full support of this project,” wrote Matthew Raffio. “There are a number of headaches that will be rectified in the event this project comes to fruition. On aggregate, the positives outweigh any negatives that come with construction.”

But many objectors echoed the watershed group’s worry that there were simply not enough answers provided around the impact to the Port.

Frank Kodzis, of Walnut Street, a 60-year resident of the Port and longtime fire official, said he wanted more safety information from the developers. “Their project is one-eighth the size of the community, but outsizes the community by 150 percent,” he wrote. “It does not take rocket science to understand that this project is too large for this area. A community is at risk and lives are at risk. I encourage you to deny this project

until reasonable and safe solutions can be resolved for the neighborhood. This project is the cornerstone of all future projects in the community and we MUST get this right for the future.”

Officials said Tuesday that they are in agreement that there is a need

for a fresh start. “I think it is time for a reset with the community,” said state Rep. Dan Hunt. “There continues to be major issues with the size, scope and egress of this project.”

State Sen. Nick Collins, whose new district includes the Port, concurred. “I’ve

heard from many Port Norfolk residents and community leaders of the Port Norfolk Civic Association about the project’s size and scope,” he said. “I have come to share their concerns. Therefore, I stand with the community and my colleagues in opposition to the project.”

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For comic artists of color, a Grove Hall meet-up reminds them they’re not alone

By Quincy Walters
WBUR Reporter

On a recent Saturday afternoon, Denise Stephens brings her 7-year-old grandson, Aiden, to the Grove Hall branch of the Boston Public Library in Dorchester.

Since February, people of color have been gathering here monthly to geek out about comics — particularly comics about, and created by, people of color.

There’s a long table with dozens of comics splayed out, and there’s a section where people can make their own. Aiden, whose favorite comic book character is Batman, decides to draw a superhero he calls Cowabunga. He’s got a grey unitard and an orange triangle on his chest.

Aiden says the character has the ability to shoot fire out of his hands “and water power.” But Cowabunga doesn’t have an origin story yet.

“I have one in mind,” Aiden says. “I’m not telling you it.”

Denise, Aiden’s grandmother, says he can draw for hours. She brought him to the gathering, called Comics in Color, so Aiden could channel his creative energy.

One of the creators of



An array of comics inside the Grove Hall branch of the Boston Public Library features titles created by artists of color.

the group Cagen Luse says the idea had been percolating for a few years, but really took off on the heels of Marvel’s “Black Panther” blockbuster.

“We said, ‘This “Black Panther” effect is going to help us get this movement started.’ And I really think it did,” Luse says.

Luse, who is a comic artist himself, says one of his new favorite graphic novels is “Prince of Cats.”

“It’s a Romeo and Juliet story,” he explains. “It’s in Shakespearean English, but takes place in like ‘80s Brooklyn ... like sword fights on the subway.”

Luse started the group with Barrington Edwards, who is also a comic artist.

Edwards says “Black Panther” is great and all, but at the end of the day,

it’s a story written by two white men: Stan Lee and Jack Kirby.

The group wants to create a network for people of color who are creating comics.

“You really can’t compete with Marvel and DC, but you can kind of knock on the door a little bit,” he says. “And I think it’s really important for our stories to be out there and for us to show the depth and breadth of our stories.”

Edwards says when people of color create comics, a sort of metaphysical heroism emerges.

“We need imagination to kind of power through life in our communities that are unfortunately targeted — specifically targeted through time to be kind of an underclass,” he says. “We need imagination. We need the energy from Afrofutur-

ism and hauntology and magical realism.”

Edwards says the purpose of the Comics in Color group is simple: to let people of color who are into nerdism know they’re not alone.

“There are lots of black nerds who love comics and animation. Where are they in Boston?” he asked. “So, we wanted to just kind of create a group that met just with very little expectations -- just get a group together and see if you can create some energy.”

Remember 7-year-old Aiden and his grandmother Denise? Before coming to the Comics in Color meeting, Denise said she worried that Aiden’s obsession with superheroes wasn’t normal or healthy. But being in the space with other people of color who like comics as much as Aiden, Denise’s worries were quelled.

“It just gave me the assurance that, you know, he’s okay,” she says. “He’s OK.”

And who knows? Maybe Aiden’s Cowabunga superhero could wind up someday rivaling Black Panther.

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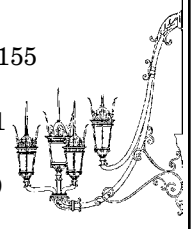
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Thurs., Aug. 2, 2 p.m. – Dorchester Career Access Points Library Hours; 4 p.m. – Read in Events. **Thurs., Aug. 9,** 2 p.m. – Dorchester Career Access Points Library Hours; 4 p.m. – Read in Events. **Wed. Aug. 15,** 3:30 p.m. – Alex and the Kaleidoscope. **Thurs., Aug. 16,** 2 p.m. – Dorchester Career Access Points Library Hours; 4 p.m. – Read In Events; 6 p.m. – Countdown to Kindergarten.

FIELDS CORNER BRANCH

Fri., Aug. 3, 9:30 a.m. – Lapsit Story Time; 10:30 a.m. – Reading Readiness. **Sat., Aug. 4,** 9:30 a.m. – Citizenship Class. **Mon., Aug. 6,** 2 p.m. – Tech Goes Home Computer Classes. **Tues., Aug. 7,** 5:30 p.m. – Read In Events. **Wed., Aug. 8,** 10:30 a.m. – Preschool Films and Fun. **Thurs., Aug. 9,** 4 p.m. – Ralph Masiello. **Fri., Aug. 10,** 9:30 a.m. – Lapsit Story Time; 10:30 a.m. – Reading Readiness. **Sat., Aug. 11,** 9:30 a.m. – Citizenship Class. **Mon., Aug. 13,** 2 p.m. – Tech Goes Home Computer Classes. **Tues., Aug. 14,** 5:30 p.m. – Read in Events. **Wed., Aug. 15,** 10:30 a.m. – Preschool Films and Fun.

GROVE HALL BRANCH

Fri., Aug. 3, 10:30 a.m. – Preschool Movies; 1:30 p.m. – Read In Events. **Mon., Aug. 6,** 11:15 a.m. – Read Boston. **Wed., Aug. 8,** 2 p.m. – Ralph Masiello. **Fri., Aug. 10,** 10:30 a.m. – Preschool Movies; 1:30 p.m. – Read in Events. **Sat., Aug 11,** 12 p.m. – Youth to Women and Manhood. **Mon., Aug 13,** 11:15 a.m. – Read Boston. **Wed., Aug. 15,** 10:30 a.m. – Alex and the Kaleidoscope. **Thurs., July 16,** 6 p.m. – Book Club: An American Marriage.

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MATTAPAN BRANCH

Fri., Aug. 3, 1:15 p.m. – Read Boston. **Sat., Aug. 4,** 10 a.m. – Computer Basics Class; 2:30 p.m. – Introduction to Creole. **Tues., Aug. 7,** 2 p.m. – Gardening - weather permitting; 6 p.m. – “Let’s Rock” Film Series. **Wed., Aug. 8,** 3 p.m. – Read In Events; Million Minute Read-In; 4 p.m. – Grub Street: Spoken Word. **Thurs., Aug. 9,** 6:30 p.m. – Gentle Yoga. **Fri., Aug. 10,** 10:30 a.m. – Countdown to Kindergarten. **Tues., Aug. 14,** 2 p.m. – Gardening - weather permitting; 6 p.m. – “Let’s Rock” Film Series. **Wed., Aug. 15,** 3 p.m. – Read In Events; Million Minute Read-In; 4 p.m. – Grub Street: Spoken Word. **Tues., Aug. 21,** 2 p.m. – Gardening - weather permitting.

UPHAMS CORNER BRANCH

Thurs., Aug. 2, 4 p.m. – Read In Events. **Mon., Aug. 6,** 10:30 a.m. – Baby and Toddler Singalong; 4:30 p.m. – Make it Mondays Science: Rock Candy. **Wed., Aug. 8,** 2:30 p.m. – New England Aquarium - Tidepool Touch Tanks. **Thurs., Aug. 9,** 4 p.m. – Read In Events. **Fri., Aug. 10,** 3 p.m. – LEGO Builders. **Mon., Aug. 13,** 10:30 a.m. – Baby and Toddler Singalong; 4:30 p.m. – Make it Mondays Craft: Pet Rocks. **Wed. Aug. 15,** 1:30 p.m. – Alex and the Kaleidoscope. **Thurs., Aug. 16,** 4 p.m. – Read In Events.

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St. Gregory's bids Fr. Daily adieu at final Mass, Florian Hall party

Fr. Vincent Daily, who has served as the pastor of St. Gregory's parish in Lower Mills since 2008, celebrated his final Mass at the Dorchester Avenue church last Saturday, July 28. The Mass was followed by a three-hour buffet dinner and party in his honor at Florian Hall, which drew a crowd of more than 400 people, most of them parishioners. Daily, who plays guitar, joined in with a band for a selection of Irish tunes.



Fr. Vincent Daily shook a hand outside St. Greg's.

Parishioners, led by Mike Skillin, offered words of praise for "Father Vin," who was a popular and welcoming

figure in the Lower Mills community over the last decade. A native of Maine, Daily told the packed hall that he had been "spoiled" by the affection that he and his family experienced from the St. Gregory's community — and that it had not been his wish to leave. Still, he said, ten years was a good, long stretch for a pastoral assignment. Fr. Ahern, he assured his flock, would be a great fit in the parish, which includes parts of Milton, Mattapan and Dorchester.

Daily is departing to begin a new assignment on the faculty of Pope St. John XXIII National Seminary in Weston. He will be succeeded as pastor at St. Gregory's by Fr. Jack Ahern, who has held other local assignments at Dorchester's tri-parish (Holy Family, St. Peter and St. Teresa of Calcutta) and Roxbury's St. Patrick.

St. Gregory parish, which had been bundled into a collaborative with St. Matthew in Dorchester and St. Angela Merici in Mattapan, will once again be a stand-alone parish under Fr. Ahern's



Above, Fr. Daily greeted friends and family — including his uncle Rev. Vincent E. Daily — at Florian Hall on Saturday evening, where he also joined in with the band. Right: Fr. Daily with Della Costello, left, and Ed Forry, right.

Photo by Patrick O'Connor leadership. St. Matthew and St. Angela will remain joined with a single administrator, Father Garcia Breneville, now leading the parishes.

— BILL FORRY



Top listing agent Julie Simmons (l) with Conway CEO and President Carol Bulman.

Hundreds of colleagues way Cityside-Dorchester applauded as Jack Con- Realtor Julie Simmons

was named Top Listing Agent Companywide at the firm's recent mid-year awards breakfast at the Holiday Inn in Mansfield. Julie also earned the Tops in Sales and Listings award for her Dorchester office for the first six months of 2018.

"Celebrating 30 years with Conway Country in 2018, this agent and former manager's record of success stands the test of time," said Conway CEO and President Carol Bulman. "I am so happy to present Julie Simmons with one of our biggest honors of the day, the Mid-Year Top Lister Award for our entire company. Congratulations, Julie!"



Mayor Martin Walsh and Boston Police Commissioner William Evans celebrated with the graduates of the latest class of Operation Exit at a ceremony held last week at the Sheet Metal Workers Local 17 Union hall in Lower Mills. The program, launched by Mayor Walsh in 2014, seeks to give young people returning from incarceration training in building trades, culinary arts, web development, or professional pathways. Mayor's office photo by John Wilcox

YESTERYEAR ARCHIVE

DORCHESTER HISTORICAL SOCIETY

At the Dorchester Historical Society, we are commemorating the 100th anniversary of World War I. Using a collection of photographs we have of Dorchester residents who served in that war, we have been documenting their lives throughout the year. We hope later to produce an online exhibit highlighting these men and what they did for their country.

Our next biography features **Richard A. Dana**, who enlisted in Ambulance Co. 1 of the National Guard in Allston, Mass., on March 21, 1916,



Richard A. Dana

at the age of 18. He served overseas from Sept. 17, 1917 to April 7, 1919, and was in all the battles with the 26th Division including engagements: Defensive: Champagne-Marne; Offensive: Aisne-Marne; St. Mihiel; Meuse-Argonne; Defensive sectors: Chemin de Dames (Ile de France); Toul-Boucq (Lorraine) Pas Fni (Ile de France; Rupt/ (Lorraine); Troyon (Lorraine).

Richard was born in Dorchester on March 13, 1898. His father William was a coachman and later proprietor of a garage, and his mother Sarah was a housewife. They

lived at 2260 Dorchester Avenue.

After his discharge, Richard continued living with his parents and siblings, now at 2141 Dorchester Avenue, and worked as a fur salesman. In 1925 Richard married Loretta Donovan, and was soon living at 833 Dorchester Avenue with his new wife and in-laws.

In 1930, Richard's occupation was listed as Inspector, Moving Pictures. For a time after, we don't know where they lived, but by 1951, he and Loretta and daughters Geraldine, 21, and Dana, 24, were back living at 833

Dorchester Avenue. Richard was a postal clerk, and Loretta was a telephone operator. By 1963 he was retired. In 1965 Loretta was listed as a housewife, presumably retired from her telephone operator job.

Richard died on Jan. 20, 1965. The undertaker was the John C. Mulry Funeral Home at the corner of King Street and Dorchester Avenue. His Requiem Mass was at St. Margaret's Church, and he was buried in the Brookdale Cemetery in Dedham.

An archive of these historical posts can be viewed at dorchesterhistoricalsociety.org

Clark Booth, journalist for all seasons, dies at 79

For some 30 years, he wrote on sports for the Reporter

Although Clark Booth decided last year to retire from writing a column on sports 50 weeks a year for the archdiocesan weekly the Pilot, the *Dorchester Reporter*, and a lengthy list of friends to whom he sent the essays via email, he asked *Reporter* Editor Bill Forry and me for the opportunity “to weigh in later from time to time should events and personalities arouse my tired muse.”

But his muse slumbered on until last Friday when this most gracious man and writer died at age 79, of pulmonary fibrosis, leaving behind his beloved Anne and their family and a large community of friends and admirers.

He also bequeathed us his self-written obituary. It’s a document with few of the rhetorical flourishes that distinguished the writing that he put his mind to over his long years as a journalist. In this instance, he said late last year, “Let’s let the facts tell the story all the way through.”

And so they do. — TOM MULVOY

‘It was a very good ride’

“Clark Vincent Booth, a journalist who worked all forms of news media for more than a half century during what may now be seen as the Golden Age of the genre, has died at the age of 79. Most of Mr. Booth’s career was played out in Boston where he began in newspapers, moved on to television news, and dallied occasionally in radio, while remaining a free-lance writer for various New England newspapers and periodicals.

“Retiring from full-time work in 2000, Mr. Booth remained active in the free-lance field as a print-columnist and writer/narrator for an international documentary team. It was a matter of some pride to him that he never spent a day of his adult life not tuned in to current events, offering comment on them, or agitating endlessly about them with his loving and ever patient wife of 52 years, Anne. It was a full life, and it went by fast.

“Mr. Booth was born in Boston on March 21, 1939. His parents, Russell and Trudie (Elmore) Booth, were hard-working and intensely driven children of the Depression. Opportunities were limited, which didn’t discourage them from raising a family of five children, endowing each with much to dream of and a willingness to work for it. They were hardscrabble times, yet remarkably inspirational.

“The family bounced from Boston to Arlington to Weymouth to Norwell back to Weymouth where Mr. Booth graduated from high school (1956) then

spent a year working at a Randolph sneaker factory earning his college keep and finally arriving at the illustrious College of the Holy Cross where he majored in English, with minors in History and Philosophy, not exactly a formation many might deem practical but ideal for a budding journalist back then.

“Graduating in 1961, he did basic training in the Army for a six-year hitch in the Reserves, then reported to the Quincy Patriot Ledger newspaper in September 1962. It was a marvelous time to be entering the business. In the years ahead, major newspapers would attain unprecedented heights of influence and prosperity, while television news - virtually non-existent at the beginning of the Sixties - would be booming by the end of the decade. It was a grand era, destined to be brief but spectacular.

“Mr. Booth was at the Ledger, a superb suburban daily, for three years before being recruited by WBZ-TV News, Boston, where he spent 10 years, before moving over to WCVB-TV, Boston, for 25 years where he became the station’s first ‘Special Correspondent’. In this period, ‘CVB had a global reach, functioning more like a network while being acclaimed by the New York Times as “maybe the finest television station in America.” It was heady stuff: a thrilling place to work at a most exciting time.

“A sampling of just some of his favorite assignments - both on the news side where he spent most of his years, and in sports, where he digressed for 12 bright and sunny seasons - affirms the point. His areas of specialization, aside from sports, were politics, religion, culture, international affairs, and he was allowed freely to dabble in all of them.

“Favorites included: Six national political conventions; 10 presidential campaigns; two papal elections; four papal visits to the U.S. and Canada; two Roman Catholic consistories, and a synod; 12 World Series; three Super Bowls; 20 Stanley Cup Playoff festivals; three stints in Northern Ireland covering ‘the Troubles’; the fall of the Iron Curtain (1989-’90); Cuba under Castro; an extended study of the Catholic Church in America, and another of the royal family in England.

“Mr. Booth was also the writer and narrators of dozens of documentaries and news specials on a wide and diverse range with the favorites, including programs on New England Literary Masters, Remembrances of World War II, featuring the historian William L. Shirer, the

lingering grip of America’s Civil War, and the rowdy history of the Boston Garden.

“For nine years, Mr. Booth also moderated a weekly public affairs T.V program, “In Good Faith,” which brought a religious perspective to the weekly glut of current events. In his senior years, he served as chief writer for a Boston College based television documentary team called ‘Etoile’ that focused on conflict resolution in international trouble spots and produced programs on South Africa, the Middle East, Northern Ireland, the Balkans, East Africa, the Sicilian Mafia, and the Russian Gulag. In keeping with a lifelong interest in the games America loves, for decades he wrote a weekly column on sports for The Pilot, the weekly newspaper of the archdiocese of Boston, and for the *Dorchester Reporter*. For further amusement, he authored a history of the Boston Bruins hockey team, his favorite.

“Mr. Booth’s partner in all this fine madness was the beloved Anne Marion (Cowlin) Booth, RN. They met in 1963, on an enchanted evening, and all the rest was, to him, sweet destiny. They married in 1966, lived in Reading, Massachusetts for 30 years before moving to New Smyrna Beach, Fla., in 1999. Together they saw much of the world, verily at its best and often enough at its brightest. They walked Washington on an historic day, floated down the Seine on a summer night, lumbered the high ground of Thailand on the back of an elephant, walked the Great Wall of China, annually did Tanglewood, reveled in Dvorak in glorious Prague, and never once missed Masterpiece Theatre. Who could ask for anything more?

“In addition to his wife, Mr. Booth leaves sons Scott of New York City and Matthew of Apollo Beach, Fl., daughter Tracy Husbands of New Smyrna Beach and their spouses, Carolyn, Kristen and Guy, and five “almost perfect” grandchildren - Alyssa, Paul, Christopher, Mara, and Lucy - plus Max, the wonder dog. Dear Brother Russ, eternally “the Kid,” passed on too young. But surviving him also are three dear sisters and their spouses, all of Massachusetts: Jacquelyn (& Edward) Splaine, Roberta (& Barry) Fuller, Cheryl (& Terry) Kirkman.

“All things considered, it was a very good ride. Clark wishes one and all - friends and family, classmates and colleagues, neighbors and acquaintances down through all the years - a very fond adieu. And, with apologies to Ed Murrow, adds; ‘To one and all, good night and good luck!’ ”

doesn’t mean saying yes to every project without neighborhood feedback.

So how can you help Dorchester grow? The most effective way is to show up in support of new housing at development and re-zoning meetings, such as the effort underway at Glover’s Corner. If you are unable to attend meetings, there are other ways that individuals can help:

- During a project’s comment period, write to the BPDA to support projects that increase density in higher-priced areas of Boston most in demand among new buyers.
- Get active in your local neighborhood association, especially if you are a newcomer or a renter. (Homeowners and long-term residents are often disproportionately represented in these groups.)
- Help soften the adversarial stance that can arise between developers and residents, and work with developers to positively shape projects in your neighborhood. Talk through neighborhood concerns around development - such as parking, traffic, and noise concerns - to identify concrete issues for mediation.

Finally, we believe that Dorchester has always tried to make the best of change, in good times and bad. The preponderance of three-deckers in what was once the orchards and estates of the landed gentry is testament to our neighborhood’s history of pragmatism and constructive response to the realities of constant urban change. We believe that Dorchester can indeed grow without sacrificing its identity. In the process, we can help shape the forces of change to produce new housing that leads to more positive and equitable outcomes.

Sean Wheeler, Jarred Johnson, and Jenn Cartee are among the founding members of Dorchester Growing Together, a new Dorchester pro-housing collective. For more information, email the group at info@dotgrow.org to join their mailing list, or follow them on Facebook.

Protect Dorchester’s future by planning for growth

BY SEAN WHEELER, JARRED JOHNSON, AND JENN CARTEE

Can Dorchester grow without sacrificing its identity?

A few weeks ago, we posed that question at a networking event organized for a diverse, multiracial group of Dorchester residents - young and old, newcomer and long-term - just like the neighborhood.

Among many perspectives and opinions, everyone in our group recognized one incontrovertible fact: Dorchester is becoming an increasingly expensive place to live. Perhaps we haven’t changed as dramatically in appearance as South Boston, but people have taken notice of new buildings and new residents, as well as increasing housing costs. Our neighborhood character and neighborhood identity

feel at risk - including the lived experience of diversity that makes Dorchester such a special place.

In response to this challenge, we take the stance of radical inclusion. We believe there can be, and should be, room for all in Dorchester if we meet the challenge of growth head-on.

We are launching a new civic group, Dorchester Growing Together, to be a catalyst for local pro-housing advocacy. We will work with existing civic groups and affordable housing advocates, but we organize around the principle that Boston shouldn’t have to choose between economic growth and housing affordability for all. Our purpose is to support more housing of all types - within Dorchester, throughout Boston, and in surrounding communities.

Why do we advocate for new development? Because Dorchester can no longer afford the status quo. Since 1994, Boston’s population has increased 25 percent, but the city has not built new housing at the same rate of growth. Current housing prices reflect this disparity. In 1994, the median price for a three-decker was \$126,000 in today’s dollars. Today, a three-decker can sell for over \$900,000. Similarly, rents in three-deckers - for newcomers and incumbent residents alike - have risen from about \$650 in 1994 to \$2000+ today. Boston’s population growth will continue, putting our neighborhood at risk of even higher housing costs, since unwillingness to build only forces residents and newcomers into a competition for existing housing stock.

We believe that nuance is important in the discussion, and we must share the benefits and challenges of growth fairly, especially in a neighborhood as big and diverse as Dorchester. We recognize that simply adding housing supply does not go far enough. We believe in tenant protections, affordable housing creation, and innovation to lower the cost of building units. We believe that adding mixed income developments, with truly affordable housing and unsubsidized low-cost units, is a way to bring investment into the community without raising rents. We believe that saying yes to housing

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Roxbury job fair at Reggie Lewis Track connected seekers to ‘cannabis economy’



A cannabis job fair held last Wednesday night attracted several hundred people to the Reggie Lewis Track and Athletic Center in Roxbury. Jonathan Ng photo

By JONATHAN NG
REPORTER CORRESPONDENT

Hundreds of job seekers turned out to a cannabis job fair last Wednesday night at the Reggie Lewis Track and Athletic Center in Roxbury, in hopes of securing one of more than 160 available jobs at 15 marijuana businesses.

The job fair was hosted by the Massachusetts Cannabis Business Association (MassCBA) and a coalition of advocacy groups to connect prospective job applicants to a variety of marijuana businesses, in both medical and recreational markets.

Organizers say the event underscores the rapid growth of the state’s cannabis economy, including the range of new jobs available for people looking to join the budding marijuana sector. According to projections from Weedmaps, an online cannabis dispensary locator, a mature Massachusetts cannabis industry is poised to create 19,000 full-time equivalent jobs.

James McMahon is the interim chair of MassCBA and an attorney that guides en-

trepreneurs looking to enter into the emerging marijuana sector from development, licensing, site identification and evaluation.

“As more and more sites open, there’s a huge need for jobs and local employment,” said McMahon. “The need for that trusted and trained workforce takes a while which is why operators are starting that process almost as soon as they are building a site up.”

Revolutionary Clinics currently has a cultivation facility in Fitchburg, a medical marijuana dispensary in Somerville, and two new sites opening in Cambridge later this year.

“We have a lot of very good paying jobs that are full-time with good benefits,” said the company’s chief executive, Keith Cooper. “We are also bringing in many manufacturing jobs. Many of the positions aren’t limited to cultivation. It includes security, cooking, human resources, and of course, our retail operations.”

The job fair also included a free legal consultation for prospec-

tive employees hoping to seal their Criminal Offender Record Information (CORI) related to past marijuana possession convictions. Following the passage of an Act to Ensure Safe Access to Marijuana last year, individuals with criminal court records for unlawful possession of marijuana are eligible to seal those past records.

“I want to commend the MassCBA and all the organizations who put this event on to make sure that there was a record-sealing component,” said Shaleen Title, a commissioner at the Cannabis Control Commission (CCC), the regulatory agency tasked with overseeing the rollout and implementation of the state’s nascent cannabis industry. “It’s really important to make sure that if marijuana is legal now, we are also helping people who have been criminalized for it in the past, especially understanding that it had been enforced in disparate ways.”

Pauline Quirion, director of the CORI and Re-entry Project at the Greater Boston Legal

Services said, “Unfortunately, most employers will not hire somebody with a record, even if it’s something really minor.” She added, “It can also affect housing if a landlord does a background check. Having your criminal records sealed, they wouldn’t see that information.”

On July 1, Massachusetts became the seventh state in the U.S. where adults 21 years of age or older can legally purchase recreational cannabis, however, people looking to take up will not find any dispensaries to purchase it from. That’s because regulators from the CCC would first need to license an independent testing lab. State law also requires all recreational marijuana products sold would need to be tested for safety before any retail sales can begin.

Cannabis advocates also say the issue of host community agreements have stymied the recreational sales rollout.

“We’re seeing a lot of the issues on the municipal levels from zoning, host community agreements, neighbor and community opposition,” said McMahon. “The CCC will not consider license applications until that agreement has been made with the town or city. We need to loosen the fear, uncertainty, and doubt that some municipalities hold over these businesses.”

“The individuals who are looking to operate in Massachusetts, for the most part, want to be held to a higher standard and are constantly going through the extra steps to improve their success,” he said. “I would say to treat this business like any other; let it sink or swim on its own merits.”

A location shift for proposed pot shop

(Continued from page 1) will see that and be more trusting of us to do right by the neighborhood.”

Virga had planned to pursue 33-37 Hancock St., now the site of the Kriola restaurant at the corner of Payson Avenue. But as of Friday, “we were able to secure a new location,” Virga said. They terminated the contract for 33 Hancock St. and signed a purchase and sale agreement for 8-12 Hancock St.

The new location “seems to be a much better fit,” Virga said. “After meeting with the neighborhood, as far as what they’re going to work with, it seemed like a reasonable request and something we wanted to try to do to show them we can be a good member of the community.”

Will Cole-French, president of the Hancock Street group, said in an email Monday that he appreciated the direct outreach from Virga, “because it signals an intentionality on his part to keep an open line of communication with us.”

However, Cole-French said, he is still uneasy with the amount of uncertainty in the emerging cannabis industry. City officials have been silent on his queries, Cole-French said, and a subsequent meeting in Bowdoin-Geneva left him “with more questions than answers” regarding license renewal and safeguards around the recreational shops.

He remains concerned about public usage and edible marijuana products like gummy bears and their potential ap-

peal to children.

“How can we do anything but oppose a business like this in our community when there are so many questions and so few answers?” he asked.

Once the site of Cataloni’s, which was closed in 2010 after alleged cocaine sales and purchases by customers, as well as damage from a sleeping driver whose vehicle struck the property, the 2,193-square foot building has sat vacant for years.

“It’s closer to Columbia Road, closer to true Uphams Corner,” Virga said, “with commercial benefits and surrounded by commercial properties.”

With the former agreement off the table, Virga said the next step is to go to the city and withdraw

their application and appeal to the Zoning Board for 33 Hancock St., restarting the filing process with 8-12 Hancock St.

“We had a very small window of time to make that happen,” Virga said of the switch. “It set us back a couple of weeks,” but after the new application, the routine zoning denial, and setting up the first official round of abutters meetings, “hopefully, it shouldn’t be too long a process,” he said.

The impassioned response gave them an opportunity to “step up and do what they asked us, and it’s better for our business, better for the neighborhood,” he said. “One of the rare occurrences where it’s actually a win-win situation.”

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TENEAN BEACH DAY SET FOR AUGUST 4
Tenean Beach Day hosted by Port Norfolk Civic Association and Save the Harbor/Save the Bay starts at 11 a.m. on Saturday, August 4 with family fun, BBQ and more. Free.

CODMAN SQUARE ANNUAL MEETING FEATURES US REP KENNEDY, COUNCIL PRESIDENT CAMPBELL

Congressman Joseph Kennedy III and City Council President Andrea Campbell will be the featured speakers at the 2018 annual meeting at Codman Square Health Center on Thurs., Aug. 2 at 6 p.m. The event will be held in the Great Hall at Codman Square, 6 Norfolk St., Dorchester. Everyone is welcome.

MAYOR'S OFFICE BRINGS MOVIES TO CITY PARKS
Mayor Martin J. Walsh's Movie Nights, part of the Boston Parks and Recreation Department's ParkARTS program, will give residents and visitors the opportunity to enjoy popular films under the night skies in 12 City of Boston parks during August and September. All shows begin at dusk (approximately 7:45 p.m.) and are sponsored by the Boston Parks and Recreation Department and Northeastern University in partnership with the Mayor's Office of Tourism, Sports, and Entertainment and HOT 96.9. Free popcorn will be provided by AMC Loews Theatres.

The series opens on Thursday, August 2 at Doherty Playground/Town Field, Dorchester with "The Nut Job 2: Nutty by Nature." Next up is Ronan Park on Wed., Aug. 8 with The LEGO Ninjago Movie." On Tuesday, August 21 it's "Cars 3" at Walker Playground in Mat-tapan. On Friday, Sept. 7, the Frog Pond on Boston Common will be the setting for "Black Panther." The series ends at the Frog Pond on Friday, September 21 with "Karate Kid."

FREE THURSDAY MOVIES AT POPE PARK START ON AUG. 9

A free Thursday night movie series will open at Pope John Paul II Park in Neponset on Thurs., Aug. 9 with a screening of Jumanji: Welcome to the Jungle at dusk. The films continue on Aug. 16 (Coco), Aug. 23 (Beauty and the Beast), and Aug. 30 (Thor: Ragnarok.) Rain cancels.

FREE FAMILY MOVIES AT MARTINI SHELL IN HYDE PARK

WBZ News Radio 1030 & DCR present Free Family



More than 450 youths from eight community groups, including Washington Heights Tenant Association and the Teen Center at St. Peter's, attended Save the Harbor/Save the Bay's 8th Annual Youth Beach Bash & Splash at the Department of Conservation & Recreation's Carson Beach last Friday, July 27. This event was part of Save the Harbor's free Life's a Beach Events, which bring free programs to our region's public beaches all summer long. The event included performances by pirates and entertainers from the Boston Circus Guild, featuring acrobats, an aerialist, and a hula-hooper, with support from Piers Park Sailing, YMCA Boston, and South Boston Neighborhood House. Save the Harbor's final Youth Beach Bash & Splash of the summer will be held at Carson Beach on August 10th.

Flicks Summer Series 2018 at DCR Francis D. Martini Memorial Shell Park, 1015 Truman Parkway, Hyde Park. Pack up a blanket, lawn chair and picnic and head to DCR Francis D. Martini Memorial Shell Park for free family movies under the stars all summer long! Grab your spot on the lawn with friends and family

and enjoy the movie. Bug spray recommended. All movies are shown at dusk. Rain cancels. Upcoming shows: Tuesday, Aug 7 — Jumanji: Welcome to the Jungle; Tuesday, Aug 14 — Coco; Tuesday, Aug 21— Beauty & the Beast; Tuesday, Aug 28— Thor: Ragnarok.

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A year later, his family keeps murdered son’s memory alive

(Continued from page 1) together for a fun game of flag football promoting peace and unity,” explained Arminda Baptista, AJ Monteiro’s mom in a letter requesting donations for the game. “It’s a family and a community gathering, where everyone can come as one and play, and feel safe and secure,” she said.

Monteiro lived less than a mile from Creole International, a small barbershop tucked into a small row of storefronts along Stoughton Street, about halfway between Uphams Corner and Pleasant Street. On Sept. 5, 2017, he was 21, working two jobs to put himself through college, and in need of a haircut.

It was there, a little before 11 a.m., that a gunman entered the shop and shot and killed AJ, the only person targeted in the attack, as he sat in a chair.

In the 11 months since the shooting, no arrests have been made and Boston Police have had little to say publicly about the investigation, other than the fact that it remains open and “active.”

“It’s so disappointing that someone can walk into a business place and do such a thing without shame or care,” said his mother, Arminda. His uncle, Jose Baptista, is



AJ Monteiro is shown in his Dorchester Eagles Pop Warner uniform. Courtesy of Arminda Baptista

frustrated, too. He grew up in Uphams Corner and now looks at his home neighborhood, one he grew to love, with a different eye.

“I’m disappointed in the people I call my neighbors,” he said, “in how things are settled, in the lack of involvement by parents in their chil-

dren’s’ lives. Take a more proactive approach if you happen to see your child going down the wrong path. I’m disappointed in the entire community, including myself.”

While the crime itself quickly faded from public view, Monteiro’s survivors have quietly worked to keep his memory alive. They set up a scholarship fund in his name at Saint John Paul II Catholic Academy (SJP2CA), where he studied in grammar and middle school. Recipients must display the characteristics that his family says AJ himself represented—a respect for and love of God; the spirit of love, peace, and friendship; hardworking and determined; and a humble and loyal friend. Preference is given to students moving on to his former high school, Catholic Memorial High School.

There’s already been an awardee: Jarrell Saget, who will receive \$500 toward his education at Saint Joseph’s Preparatory School in Brighton next year. “Jarrell has been a Saint John Paul scholar since he was 4 years old,” Nicholas Cuomo, principal of SJP2CA in Neponset, told the Reporter. “[He] has embodied the spirit of AJ at SJP: hardworking,

determined, humble, and a close relationship with God.”

And, with the upcoming flag football tournament, the family hopes to make a lasting tradition out of the sports that AJ loved to play. His passion for football was inspired by his uncles, both football players who encouraged him from a young age. After joining the Dorchester Pop Warner Eagles at six years old, AJ was hooked.

His uncle Jose remembers the first time AJ quarterbacked the John D. O’Bryant Tigers. “[He] must have been 7 or 8; everybody was screaming and cheering. I remember looking up at him and his eyes were locked in and focused on me. It was really inspiring to him; it was jaw-dropping. I remember coming off the field, all muddy, and he gave me the biggest hug. I’ll never forget it.”

AJ was a natural at the sport, taking the field as a tight-end and running back.

“I’m looking forward to everyone remembering something he really enjoyed,” said Baptista. “I’m excited for everyone to get together on the field and understand that this was a happy place, a place he enjoyed and a place where he thrived.”

The sport remained

close to AJ’s heart over the years; days before he died, he was in the car with his mom and her fiancé when they passed a Pop Warner Eagles game. “He made us do a whole U-turn and go back,” she remembered, smiling, “Because he had to donate some money to his team.”


That team, “his team,” will be present at the August event, playing against kids from the Boys & Girls Club in memory of their former teammate. There will be some adult games going on as well, for the older family members who wanted to play.

There will be live music and a DJ, food, drinks, and even a bouncy house.

“Each day is a new day,” says AJ’s mom, Arminda. She finds her strength in her other kids — a daughter, 18, and a son, 4.

“It’s really tough on them,” she says, “especially my daughter. My son...I don’t know how he’s going to process all of this.”

“For some reason,” she continues, “he’s molding into AJ: he’s laidback, a homebody, a hugger, so affectionate. I just hope he stays that way and doesn’t think the world is mean and cruel and awful.”



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Community Health News

Healey launches probe into vaping company Juul

By Andy Metzger
State House News Service

Attorney General Maura Healey has launched an investigation against Juul, the largest vaping company in the country, to determine whether it intentionally markets to minors and whether it tracks underage use of its products.

“We are investigating and we want answers,” Healey said last week at a press conference.

Based on how the e-cigarettes are advertised and flavored, Healey said Juul seems to be following the playbook that cigarette companies wrote more than a generation ago, using cartoon characters like Joe Camel and TV ads featuring the Marlboro Man that hooked youths with a smelly and expensive habit that might wind up killing them.

“They’re engaged in an effort to get kids addicted,” Healey claimed. Many teens who experiment with vaping don’t realize they are receiving a dose of highly addictive nicotine, Healey said.

A company spokesman says Juul has never marketed to anyone underage and the company tries to block anyone below the age of 21 from purchasing its products.

“We welcome the opportunity to work with the Massachusetts Attorney General because, we too, are committed to preventing underage use of JUUL. We utilize stringent online tools to block attempts by those under the age of 21 from purchasing our products, including unique ID match and age verification technology,” said Matt David, chief communications officer at JUUL Labs. “Furthermore, we have never marketed to anyone underage. In fact, we have done very little marketing relative to our growth.”

Juul was founded by entrepreneurs who smoked and were “looking for a better alternative to smoking,” according to the company. In May, Juul’s CEO, a former executive at the yogurt-maker Chobani, said the company does not want any teens to use the products, which he said are geared toward smokers.

“We want to disrupt the trillion-dollar global tobacco market and have a meaningful, positive impact on public health worldwide. We think that is within our reach,” CEO Kevin Burns wrote,

announcing support for raising the legal age to purchase tobacco products to 21, a \$30 million three-year investment into research and youth engagement, and cooperation with officials on tobacco control.

Lawmakers on Thursday sent Gov. Charlie Baker a bill that would ban the use of vape pens and other e-cigarettes from everywhere smoking is already banned and increase the age at which people can purchase tobacco or e-cigarettes to 21, from 18.

Healey held last Tuesday’s press conference to raise awareness about a harmful product, according to her office.

The attorney general’s office has issued cease and desist letters to Direct Eliquid LLC and Eonsmoke, which operate three online retailers, demanding that they stop selling e-cigarette products in Massachusetts without an “adequate age verification system.” Healey described those websites - directeliquid.com, buyjuul.com and eonsmoke.com – as “the online equivalent of a liquor store that doesn’t check IDs.”

The attorney general also issued civil investigative demands, which are like subpoenas, against those two companies and Juul, Healey said. Massachusetts is the first state to issue those types of demands of an e-cigarette company, according to Healey.

While the demands are confidential, Healey is looking for a “variety of documents” so that prosecutors can understand more about the marketing policy and interaction between Juul and retailers, both online and brick and mortar, and the number of people under the age of 21 who use Juul or similar products.

The Charlestown Democrat who is seeking a second term this year also objected to what she said was Juul’s pitch to school districts to offer a “prevention curriculum,” and she said her office warned all Bay State school districts about what she deemed a “brazen” attempt for the vaping company to contract directly with schools.

“It’s a little like letting the fox into the hen house,” said Healey, who said she is unaware of any schools that have agreed to work with Juul.



Boston Collegiate Charter School offers Free and Reduced meals to its students that qualify. This notice includes the eligibility criteria for free and reduced price meals or free milk.

- When known to the school, households will be notified of their children’s eligibility for free meals if they are members of household receiving assistance from the:
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- Migrant,
- Runaway,
- Enrolled in an eligible Head Start, or
- Enrolled in an eligible pre-kindergarten class.

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

- Only the last four digits of the Social Security Number of the household’s primary wage earner or another adult household member (or an indication of “none”) is needed when submitting the application.
- Information submitted on the application may be subject to verification.
- For up to 30 operating days into the new school year (or until a new eligibility determination is made, whichever comes first) an individual child’s free or reduced price eligibility status from the previous year will continue within the same school. When the carryover period ends, unless the household is notified that their children are directly certified or the household submits an application that is approved, the children’s meals must be claimed at the paid rate.
- If children or households receives benefits under Assistance Programs or Other Source Categorically Eligible Programs and are not notified by the school of their free meal benefits, the parent or guardian should contact the school.
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Children need healthy meals to learn. Boston Collegiate Charter School offers healthy meals every school day. Breakfast costs \$2.00; lunch costs \$3.75. Your children may qualify for free meals or for reduced price meals. Reduced price is \$.30 for breakfast and \$.40 for lunch. This packet includes an application for free or reduced price meal benefits, and a set of detailed instructions. Below are some common questions and answers to help you with the application process.

Frequently Asked Questions

- WHO CAN GET FREE OR REDUCED PRICE MEALS?**
- All children in households receiving benefits from MA SNAP, MA TAFDC, or specific categories of Medicaid are eligible for free meals.
 - Foster children that are under the legal responsibility of a foster care agency or court are eligible for free meals.
 - Children participating in their school’s Head Start program are eligible for free meals.
 - Children who meet the definition of homeless, runaway, or migrant are eligible for free meals.
 - Children may receive free or reduced price meals if your household’s income is within the limits on the Federal Income Eligibility Guidelines. Your children may qualify for free or reduced price meals if your household income falls at or below the limits on this chart.

INCOME ELIGIBILITY GUIDELINES (Effective July 1, 2018 – June 30, 2019)										
HOUSEHOLD SIZE	Free Meals (130%)					Reduced Price Meals (185%)				
	YEAR	MONTH	Twice per Month	Every Two Weeks	WEEK	YEAR	MONTH	Twice per Month	Every Two Weeks	WEEK
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2	21,398	1,784	892	823	412	30,451	2,538	1,269	1,172	586
3	27,014	2,252	1,126	1,039	520	38,443	3,204	1,602	1,479	740
4	32,630	2,720	1,360	1,255	628	46,435	3,870	1,935	1,786	893
5	38,246	3,188	1,594	1,471	736	54,427	4,536	2,268	2,094	1,047
6	43,862	3,656	1,828	1,687	844	62,419	5,202	2,601	2,401	1,201
7	49,478	4,124	2,062	1,903	952	70,411	5,868	2,934	2,709	1,355
8	55,094	4,592	2,296	2,119	1,060	78,403	6,534	3,267	3,016	1,508
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HOW DO I KNOW IF MY CHILDREN QUALIFY AS HOMELESS, MIGRANT, OR RUNAWAY?

Do the members of your household lack a permanent address? Are you staying together in a shelter, hotel, or other temporary housing arrangement? Does your family relocate on a seasonal basis? Are any children living with you who have chosen to leave their prior family or household? If you believe children in your household meet these descriptions and haven’t been told your children will get free meals, please call or e-mail Boston Collegiate Charter School, Teresa Rodriguez trodriguez@bostoncollegiate.org or 617-282-6710 x126.

DO I NEED TO FILL OUT AN APPLICATION FOR EACH CHILD?

No. Use one Free and Reduced Price School Meals Application for all students in your household. We cannot approve an application that is not complete, so be sure to fill out all required information. Return the completed application to: Kim Misci, Boston Collegiate Charter School, 11 Mayhew Street Dorchester, MA 02125.

SHOULD I FILL OUT AN APPLICATION IF I RECEIVED A LETTER THIS SCHOOL YEAR SAYING MY CHILDREN ARE ALREADY APPROVED FOR FREE MEALS?

No, but please read the letter you got carefully and follow the instructions. If any children in your household were missing from your eligibility notification, contact Kim Misci at Boston Collegiate Charter School, 11 Mayhew Street, Dorchester, MA 02125, kmisci@bostoncollegiate.org 617-265-1172 X298 immediately.

CAN I APPLY ONLINE?

No. However, Boston Collegiate Charter School is hoping to have online applications available at some point during the 2018-2019 school year. You are encouraged to complete an online application instead of a paper application if you are able. The online application has the same requirements and will ask you for the same information as the paper application. Visit https://schoolpaymentportal.com/ to begin or to learn more about the online application process. Contact Kim Misci, Boston Collegiate Charter School 11 Mayhew Street Dorchester, MA 02125, (617) 265-1172 X298, kmisci@bostoncollegiate.org if you have any questions about the online application.

MY CHILD’S APPLICATION WAS APPROVED LAST YEAR. DO I NEED TO FILL OUT A NEW ONE?

Yes. Your child’s application is only good for that school year and for the first few days of this school year. You must send in a new application unless the school told you that your child is eligible for the new school year.

I GET WIC. CAN MY CHILDREN GET FREE MEALS?

Children in households participating in WIC may be eligible for free or reduced price meals. Please send in a completed application.

WILL THE INFORMATION I GIVE BE CHECKED?

Yes. We may also ask you to send written proof of the household income you report.

IF I DON’T QUALIFY NOW, MAY I APPLY LATER?

Yes, you may apply at any time during the school year. For example, children with a parent or guardian who becomes unemployed may become eligible for free and reduced price meals if the household income drops below the income limit.

WHAT IF I DISAGREE WITH THE SCHOOL’S DECISION ABOUT MY APPLICATION?

You should talk to school officials. You also may ask for a hearing by calling or writing to: Shannah Varon, Executive Director, Boston Collegiate Charter School, 215 Sydney Street Dorchester, MA 02125 svaron@bostoncollegiate.org or 617-282-6710 X203.

MAY I APPLY IF SOMEONE IN MY HOUSEHOLD IS NOT A U.S. CITIZEN?

Yes. You, your children, or other household members do not have to be U.S. citizens to apply for free or reduced price meals.

WHAT IF MY INCOME IS NOT ALWAYS THE SAME?

List the amount that you normally receive. For example, if you normally make \$1000 each month, but you missed some work last month and only made \$900, put down that you made \$1000 per month. If you normally get overtime, include it, but do not include it if you only work overtime sometimes. If you have lost a job or had your hours or wages reduced, use your current income.

WHAT IF SOME HOUSEHOLD MEMBERS HAVE NO INCOME TO REPORT?

Household members may not receive some types of income we ask you to report on the application, or may not receive income at all. Whenever this happens, please write a 0 in the field. However, if any income fields are left empty or blank, those will also be counted as zeroes. Please be careful when leaving income fields blank, as we will assume you meant to do so.

WE ARE IN THE MILITARY. DO WE REPORT OUR INCOME DIFFERENTLY?

Your basic pay and cash bonuses must be reported as income. If you get any cash value allowances for off-base housing, food, or clothing, or receive Family Subsistence Supplemental Allowance payments, it must also be included as income. However, if your housing is part of the Military Housing Privatization Initiative, do not include your housing allowance as income. Any additional combat pay resulting from deployment is also excluded from income.

WHAT IF THERE ISN’T ENOUGH SPACE ON THE APPLICATION FOR MY FAMILY?

List any additional household members on a separate piece of paper, and attach it to your application. Contact Kim Misci, Boston Collegiate Charter School, 11 Mayhew Street Dorchester, MA 02125 at kmisci@bostoncollegiate.org or at 617-265-1172 X298 to receive a second application.

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

To find out how to apply for MASNAP or other assistance benefits, contact your local assistance office or call the MASNAP Hotline at 1-866-950-3663. If you have other questions or need help, call 617-265-1172 X298.

Sincerely,
Kim Misci
Middle School Office Manager
7/25/18

The Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act requires the information requested in order to verify your children’s eligibility for free or reduced price meals. If you do not provide the information or provide incomplete information, your children may no longer receive free or reduced price meals. Pursuant to Section 7 of the Privacy Act, disclosure of your Social Security number is not required. We do not need and are not requesting any Social Security numbers that may appear on documents you submit.

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Neighborhood Notables

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PARKARTS PROGRAM COMES TO DOT, MATTAPAN

The Boston Parks and Recreation Department’s annual ParkARTS program, sponsored by Holly and David Bruce, is pleased to announce the return of its series of children’s arts workshops giving kids the opportunity to express their creativity while working on fun projects with local artists. In Dorchester to Mattapan, children ages three to ten can enjoy painting, mask and jewelry making, treasure creations, and more at the Artists in Residence Workshops held from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in parks across the city. Participation is free and all materials are provided, but young children must be accompanied by an adult. Groups of six or more must make prior arrangements by calling the Parks Department at 617-635-4505. In addition, the New England Aquarium will bring its traveling tide pool exhibit to nine locations and the Marionette Puppet Show series will return in July and August at 11 a.m. at various children’s workshops. Artists in Residence Workshops will be held at Dorchester’s Martin Playground on Hilltop Street from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. each Tuesday in July. It will also be held on select Tuesdays (July 31, Aug. 7 and Aug. 14) at Town Field, Dorchester; and on Fridays in August (3, 10, 17) at Hunt/Almont Park, Mattapan. The New New England Aquarium will visit Town Field on Tues., Aug 7 from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.: and Hunt/Almont Park in Mattapan on Friday, Aug. 10 (10-2). Rosalita’s Puppets Marionette Performances will perform at Martin Playground on Tuesday, July 17 at 11 a.m. A splash dance party will be held on Friday, Aug. 17 at noon at Hunt/Almont Park, Mattapan. For information on this and other ParkARTS programs, please call the Boston Parks and Recreation Department at 617-635-4505 or follow @BostonParksDept.

DUDLEY JAZZ FESTIVAL ON JULY 28

The third annual Dudley Jazz Festival will take place on Saturday, July 28 from 12-6 p.m. at Mary Hannon Park, 613 Dudley St., Dorchester. The rain location will be the Bruce Bolling Building 2nd Floor, 2300 Washington St., Roxbury. This year’s program will include guitarist Fred Woodard, vocalist Lydia Harrell, vibraphonist Monte Croft with the George

W. Russell Trio and a tenor saxophonist Ricky Ford. For more info go to creativeculturalarts.org, contact us by email at ccarts@comcast.net or by phone at 617-631-9809.

CITY HALL CONCERT SERIES CONTINUES THROUGH AUGUST 22

The Dorothy Curran Wednesday Night Concert Series returns from July 25 to August 22 for another season of outdoor music on City Hall Plaza with Strictly Sinatra by Michael Dutra, Disco Night with Stardust, the classic soul of Charlie Thomas’ Drifters, and the grand finale featuring the legendary Trammms. Now celebrating 46 years as Boston’s longest-running free outdoor concert series, these performances bring four summer nights of great entertainment to this unique venue located in the heart of Boston. All shows begin at 7 p.m. The series kicks off July 25 with Strictly Sinatra featuring the music of Ol’ Blue Eyes as Michael Dutra takes to the stage drawing from a repertoire of more than 500 Sinatra classics. For more information, please call 617-635-4505.

WHITE STADIUM TO HOST FREE YOUTH SUMMER SPORTS CENTER

The Boston Parks and Recreation Department will offer free youth Sports centers at White Stadium in Franklin Park, M Street Park in South Boston, and East Boston Stadium featuring professional instruction in a number of popular sports from July 9 to August 17. The Sports Centers are offered free of charge to Boston residents and open to boys and girls ages 7 to 14. The program offers progressive skill development to city youth in July and August.

The South Boston Summer Sports Center at M Street Park is a full day drop-in program for Boston residents ages 7 to 14. The program runs Monday through Friday from July 9 to August 17, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Children can participate in many traditional and non-traditional recreation activities. Parents may register their children for one day, a week, or the entire summer. For more information, please call (617) 961-3084 or email woodley.auguste@boston.gov. The White Stadium Sports Center in Franklin Park will feature several sports Tuesday through Friday from July 10 to August 17, 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m., with participants choosing a favorite to take part in each

week. The sports offered throughout the program include volleyball, lacrosse, tennis, basketball, Double Dutch, track and field, football, soccer, and baseball/softball. The White Stadium Sports Center also hosts Monday workshops from July 16 to August 13 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. For more information or to register, please go to apm.activecommunities.com/cobparksandrecdepart/Home.

B-3 POLICE PLAN FRIDAY FUNDRAISER FOR ‘BIG, BAD WEEKEND’

The Area B-3 Police Community Service Office will host a fundraiser event this Friday (Aug. 3) from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at The Irish Social Club in West Roxbury to raise money for their upcoming Big Bad Weekend festivities to take place from August 17-19. B-3’s William Dickerson explained that Big Bad Weekend is a community outreach event which includes family activities and information sessions. It is being revived this year after a brief hiatus. “It was a pretty big thing a few years ago,” he said. “We’re trying to bring it back.” Throughout the weekend, an array of family and kid-friendly events and activities will be held at Mattapan and Dorchester venues including BCYF Perkins Community Center and BCYF Mildred Avenue, as well as local parks. “It’s a way to attract families to those locations, and to connect them with various different services, like health services and mobile city hall,” Dickerson added. All weekend activities will be free and open to the public. Tickets to Friday’s fundraiser are available for \$20 advance/\$25 at the door. For more information, to donate, or to buy a ticket, contact the Area B-3 Community Service Office at 617-343-4717.

BPDA PLANS MEETING TO DISCUSS MORTON STREET PROJECT

A proposal to build a new four-story, 27 unit apartment complex at 775 Morton St. will be convened by the Boston Planning and Development Agency on Tuesday, August 14 at 6:30 p.m. at the Mattapan branch of the BPL’s Alice W. Yancey Community Room, 1350 Blue Hill Ave., Mattapan. For more info contact BPDA project manager Gary Webster, Jr. at 617-918-4457 or gary.j.webster@boston.gov.

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REPORTER'S CALENDAR

Thursday, August 2

• Congressman Joseph Kennedy III and City Council President Andrea Campbell will be the featured speakers at the 2018 annual meeting at Codman Square Health Center today at 6 p.m. The event will be held in the Great Hall at Codman Square, 6 Norfolk St., Dorchester. Everyone is welcome.

• The Mayor's Office begins its citywide free movie series in Boston parks today at Doherty Playground/Town Field, Dorchester with "The Nut Job 2: Nutty by Nature." The film begins at dusk.

Friday, August 3

• Artists in Residence Workshops will be held at Hunt/Almont Park, Mattapan, 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. Groups of six or more must make prior arrangements by calling the Parks Department at 617-635-4505.

Saturday, August 4

• Tenean Beach Day hosted by Port Norfolk Civic Association and Save the Harbor/Save the Bay starts at 11 a.m. with family fun, BBQ and more. Free.

Tuesday, August 7

• Artists in Residence Workshops will be held at Dorchester's Town Field from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Free. The New England Aquarium will visit Town Field from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. For information on this and other ParkARTS programs, please call the Boston Parks and Recreation Department at 617-635-4505 or follow @BostonParksDept.

Wednesday, August 8

• Free family movie at Ronan Park — The LEGO Ninjago Movie" — begins at dusk. Sponsored by Mayor Martin Walsh's office.

Thursday, August 9

• A free Thursday night movie series will open at Pope John Paul II Park in Neponset today with a screening of Jumanji: Welcome to the Jungle at dusk. The films continue on Aug. 16 (Coco), Aug. 23 (Beauty and the Beast), and Aug. 30 (Thor: Ragnarok.) Rain cancels.

Saturday, August 11

• The Vibe Coffeehouse, a showcase for Christian Arts, invites the public to its annual Outdoor Event at 5 p.m. on the Lawn at Second Church in Dorchester, 600 Washington St., Codman Square, Dorchester. In case of rain event will be moved indoors to Wales Hall (downstairs). Delicious food, fun, surprises and great entertainment. Free to all. RSVP to be entered to win door prizes. Also bring bags of gently used clothing, shoes, and accessories to support the Vibe Coffeehouse. RSVP: eventbrite.com/e/the-vibe-fundrive-outdoor-concert-tickets-48256519549.

Monday, August 13

• Community blood drive sponsored by DotHouse Health from 11 a.m.-4 p.m. at 1353 Dorchester Ave., Dorchester. Call 1-800-RED CROSS to schedule an appointment.

Tuesday, August 14

• Artists in Residence Workshops will be held at Dorchester's Town Field from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Free. Groups of six or more must make prior arrangements

by calling the Parks Department at 617-635-4505.

Thursday, August 16

• Youth Enrichment Services (YES) and the Martin Richard Charitable Foundation host the 5th Annual Martin Richard Memorial One Mile Invitational at Saunders Stadium in Moakley Park, South Boston. All funds raised will support the Martin Richard Charitable Foundation and Youth Enrichment Services (YES). Event begins with a wheelchair race clinic at 4:15 p.m. Registration opens at 4:30 p.m. Several divisions for youth and adults. Contact Bryan Van Dorpe at bvandorpe@yeskids.org for more info.

Friday, August 17

• A splash dance party will be held on Friday, Aug. 17 at noon at Hunt/Almont Park, Mattapan. For information on this and other ParkARTS programs, please call the Boston Parks and Recreation Department at 617-635-4505 or follow @BostonParksDept.

Saturday, August 18

• Ninth annual Brew at the Zoo, a beer-tasting event at Franklin Park Zoo that offers guests the opportunity to walk on the wild side as they sample offerings from local breweries and restaurants. The entire zoo (weather permitting) will be open for this

HELP WANTED



Codman Square Neighborhood Development Corporation

COMMUNITY ORGANIZER POSITION

The mission of the Codman Square Neighborhood Development Corporation (the "NDC") is to build a cohesive and resilient community in Codman Square and South Dorchester, develop affordable housing and commercial spaces that are safe and sustainable, and promote economic stability for low and moderate income residents of all ages.

Job Summary: About the Position: The CSNDC Community Organizer will be responsible for taking a lead and/or supporting organizing role in CSNDC Community Cohesion, Health and Equitable Outcomes & Opportunity programming. This will include grant based initiatives, urban agriculture, youth engagement, resident leadership development, policy advocacy, supporting tenant/block associations and cross departmental collaboration. The ideal candidate will possess strong interpersonal and communication skills; and the ability to design, facilitate, and manage communitybased models of engagement. S/he will thrive in an adaptive environment, hold and meet a high bar for quality and a standard of excellence. S/he will be detail oriented, have excellent organizational and project management skills and be an analytical and strategic thinker. Additionally, s/he will be able to build relationships with constituents in a spirit of collaboration to engender trust, and increase external awareness and understanding of CSNDC initiatives and efforts.

Submit resume and cover letter by **August 10th, 2018** to: Director of CORR, Codman Square NDC 587 Washington St, Dorchester, MA 02124 or to jason@csndc.com No calls please

event, with the exception of the seasonal Butterfly Landing exhibit. Transportation will be provided to and from the Forest Hills MBTA station and the Zoo at the following times, running continuously: 3:30 - 5:30 p.m.: Forest Hills MBTA to Franklin Park Zoo's Giraffe Entrance - 5:30 - 7:30 p.m.: Franklin Park Zoo's Giraffe Entrance to Forest Hills MBTA. Zoo staff will be available to assist in boarding buses. Please note: This event is 21+. Franklin Park Zoo will close at 1 p.m. in preparation for the event. More: zoonewengland.org/engage/brew-at-the-zoo

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Codman Square Neighborhood Development Corporation

SENIOR REAL ESTATE PROJECT MANAGER

CSNDC is looking for an experienced real estate professional to lead specific real estate projects, from inception through completion. The Senior Project Manager will serve as CSNDC's lead real estate development person for two to three substantial projects (TDC from \$7 million - \$20 million). In addition, s/he will

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- Negotiate contracts with and coordinate the work of project architects, contractors, lawyers, consultants, and other service providers.
- Coordinate community planning and community organizing activities with our partners and with CSNDC's Community Organizing staff.
- Assume other related duties, as assigned.

Skills and Experience

Bachelors or Master's degree in a related field, with a minimum of 5 years of experience in real estate development or finance, community-based urban planning, or related fields. Familiarity with public, private and quasi-public financing programs for affordable housing and commercial real estate including LIHTC and NMTC programs. Demonstrated project management experience and thorough understanding of real estate development, including overall deal structuring, finance, design, and construction management. Demonstrated ability to lead a complex partnership of public, nonprofit and community stakeholders.

Bilingual Spanish/English or Haitian Creole/English a plus Competitive salary, plus benefits, depending on qualifications.

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**BY MAUREEN FORRY-SORRELL
Reporter Staff**

This week at the Kids' Menu, we're venturing outside the neighborhood to check out what our neighbors have to offer. Whether you're craving a boat ride on our picturesque Boston Harbor, or you're wondering what's inside that lovely mansion perched atop Milton Hill, these are open invitations to keep you and your families enriched all summer long.

KIDS MENU

Forbes House Museum Offers a Children's Story Walk—The Forbes House Museum, located at 215 Adams St. in Milton, has installed a Story Walk for the book "Cabin Boy," by Phyllis Forbes Kerr.

At the Forbes House, you're invited to explore the grounds and read about the adventures of Robert Bennet Forbes when he was a young boy of 13 making his first trip to China. The "Cabin Boy" Story Walk will be up throughout the summer and is available from dawn to dusk, when the grounds are always

open to the public. On select days, go inside the museum for a staff "Show and Tell." You'll be able to ask questions and get up close to genuine artifacts from those long-ago trips to China.

"Cabin Boy" Show and Tell is a free drop-in program that runs every Wednesday from 1 to 2 p.m., and every Thursday from 12:30 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. through Aug. 24. For more information call 617-696-1815 or visit forbeshousemuseum.org.

SAVE THE HARBOR'S FREE "SHARE THE HARBOR" TOURS — Save the Harbor/Save the Bay is hosting a boatload of free events this summer, including harbor island excursions on Bay State Cruise Company's flagship Provincetown II. All are welcome aboard to enjoy a ride to Georges or Spectacle Islands. These free "Share the Harbor" cruises, which are open to the public, depart on Mondays at 10 a.m. from the dock at the World Trade Center in Boston's Seaport. You can make a reservation at blog.savetheharbor.org.

Thurs., Aug 2, 7:30 p.m. — City-sponsored movie night at Town Field: "The Nut Job 2: Nutty by Nature." Show begins at dusk (approximately 7:45 p.m.) and is sponsored by the Boston Parks and Recreation Department and Northeastern University in partnership with the Mayor's Office of Tourism, Sports, and Entertainment and HOT 96.9. Free popcorn will be provided by AMC Loews Theatres.

Fri., Aug. 3 — Friday Ashmont Farmers Market at Peabody Square. Market vendors will accept cash, credit and debit cards, and SNAP/EBT, HIP. Some vendors also accept WIC and SFMNP Coupons. * Live Music or visual arts with Dot Art at every market, plus lawn and table games for fun while you linger. * Summer Eats Program: We are excited to be serving free, healthy meals to Kids and Teens every Friday through the end of summer (8/31) from 4 p.m. to 5:30pm at the Market. We're also excited to be working with the Child Nutrition Outreach Program at

Project Bread to help ensure every child has access to the food they need to succeed this summer!

Sat., Aug 4 at 11 a.m. — Tenean Beach Day hosted by Port Norfolk Civic Association and Save the Harbor/Save the Bay starts at 11 a.m. with family fun, BBQ and more. Free.

Tues., Aug. 7 at 5 p.m. — BCYF Girls' Night Lip Sync Battle, 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the Perkins Community Center. Learn more and sign up at Boston.gov/BCYF-Girls.

Wed., Aug 8, at 7:30 p.m. — City-sponsored movie night at Ronan Park with "The LEGO Ninjago Movie."

Thurs., Aug. 9 — Elma Lewis Playhouse in the Park — Aug. 9 & Aug. 16. This event includes free concerts and films. Morning events will include dancing and drumming for kids and their families. Evening events will include various genres of music and talent acts. The events will take place at 1 Circuit Drive in Dorchester. For more information call 617-442-4141 or visit franklin-parkcoalition.org.

Sat., Aug. 11, at 3 p.m. — Dorchester Kids Ballet Open House. Join José Mateo Ballet Theatre for an afternoon of free trial ballet classes for young dancers ages 3 to 9 at our Dorchester Studio at St. Mary's Episcopal Church in Uphams Corner. Families at the Open House will be eligible for special discounts on tuition if they choose to enroll in the 2018-19 Young Dancers Program and our friends from Teddy's Shoes will be on hand to do ballet slipper fittings and selling ballet apparel. Financial Aid application assistance will also be available. Call us at 617-354-7467 or email info@ballet-theatre.org.

Sat., Aug 25 — Dorchester Beach Festival at Malibu and Savin Hill beaches, 3 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Kids Event from 3-6 with field games, face painting, giant bubble demo, circus acts, Dot Art leads arts + crafts, NE Aquarium, Save the Harbor Save the Bay seaside walks and more. Live music from 5 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. with more games and food trucks.

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State budget allots \$50k to rehab Greenway entrance structure

By DANIEL SHEEHAN
REPORTER STAFF

Members of Dorchester’s State House delegation say that the \$41.7 billion state budget signed into law last week by Gov. Charlie Baker achieved a healthy balance between financial responsibility and necessary funding for community projects.

Overall, the budget calls for a 3.2 percent increase in spending in fiscal year 2019.

“This is a budget that we can be incredibly proud of both as a state and on the local level as well,” said State Rep. Dan Cullinane, whose 12th Suffolk district includes parts of Dorchester and Mattapan.

The approved spending plan includes a larger tax credit for low-income families, a \$160 million investment in public education, and a \$200 million in funding for substance abuse treatment. It also sets aside \$368 million for the state’s “rainy day fund,” raising state reserves to their highest level since 2007 and protecting against a future economic downturn.

“We must keep in mind and plan for the future to continue maintaining fiscal discipline,” said Gov. Charlie Baker in a State House press

release.

Baker vetoed only \$48.9 million of the budget, some of which was overridden and reinstated by the Legislature during deliberations following the signing of the budget last Thursday.

One of these overturned vetoes amounted to a sizable investment in criminal justice reform: \$3 million earmarked for community based residential reentry programs. The funding, which was at first rejected by Baker, was secured after override efforts led by Cullinane and Rep. Evandro Carvalho, two Dorchester representatives who have advocated for reductions in recidivism rates in the past.

Cullinane explained that the funds would “make sure folks leaving incarceration are provided with enough stability to make sure they don’t return and restart that vicious cycle...people who have paid their debt to society will have a foundation to start their new life.”

On the local level, Cullinane trumpeted his effort to secure \$50,000 in funding that he says will help renovate an old comfort station in Mattapan Square. The empty circa 1913 structure— owned by

the state Department of Conservation and Recreation— sits at the entrance to the Neponset Greenway. Cullinane says he hopes a coffee or ice cream shop will occupy the space once it is renovated to put a finishing touch on the Greenway project.

A significant slice of the budget pie was set aside for a local nonprofit, the Haitian American Business Expo (HABE), an online index of Haitian-American-owned businesses in the Boston area. Cullinane said he worked with the HABE to create an employment portal that will help connect businesses with potential employees and customers, something he described as “an important match for that community.”

Additional funding went to New England Community Services (NECS), a mentoring organization that provides life coaching and engagement opportunities to young adults in urban Boston areas.

Elsewhere, Rep. Dan Hunt of the 13th Suffolk District said he successfully secured funding for a number of programs, including St. Mary’s Center for Women and Children, Harbor Health Services, and the Louis D. Brown Peace Institute.



Public Meeting

775 Morton Street

Tuesday, August 14
6:30 PM

1350 Blue Hill Avenue
Mattapan Branch Public Library
Alice W. Yancey Community Room
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Project Proponent:
Corvo Properties

Project Description:
The Proposed Project consists of a new four (4)-story, 27-unit, residential rental building, with off-street parking for 29 total vehicles.

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BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS OF DORCHESTER



BGCD Members Compete in Entrepreneurship Challenge. See details below.

CONNECT THE DOT
BGCD Members Compete in NFTE Entrepreneurship Challenge: Fifteen Club members of BGCD entered their business plans in the NFTE Biz-Academy Entrepreneurship Challenge last Friday.

Throughout the 2 week summer Biz-Academy, each student came up with a business idea of their own ranging from an actual product, to an app, to a service. Each plan explains exactly what the product is, all of the expenses and costs, who their market is and how they'll attract customers.

Judah, the winner, will now be entered into the video round online against all of the other students who won Biz-Academies across the country. Winners of this video round move on to NFTE's National Competition in NYC against students who won regional competitions during their school year programs.

FIND OUT WHAT'S INSIDE
BPD & BGCD Olympics Event: The Boys & Girls Clubs of Dorchester, Boston Police Department and several other local Boys & Girls Clubs are joining forces to put on an amazing Olympic and World Cup themed event!

This Friday August 3rd at Madison Park in Roxbury, different Club teams will rotate through various stations with the chance to participate and compete in tons of fun activities such as an obstacle course, limbo, around the world, turbo javelin, corn hole and more!

At the event we will be joined by the BPD Officers, Special Olympics and New England Revolution, who will assist in running all of the numerous activities. The event will also feature a cookout with great food options thanks to Fresh Truck and the BPD Ice Cream Truck.



Curious Creatures Program Visits BGCD: This past Friday BGCD members were treated to a visit by the Curious Creatures program. Club members had the opportunity to see, touch and hold a variety of animals during the demonstration.

DID YOU KNOW
Ride With Us: As part of the Rodman Disney for Kids Program, 150 children will travel to Disney World in Orlando, Florida this August with BGCD for an once in a lifetime unforgettable experience. The program is funded by the incredible generosity of our Board Member, Don Rodman, and the many friends who support his efforts. This gives members of our Clubs opportunities and memories that will last a lifetime. In addition to the Disney for Kids Program, Don Rodman also sponsors and supports Theatre for Kids and the Rodman Ride for Kids

We are looking for members to join our Rodman Ride team! This is a great opportunity to give back to your community and support BGCD - a win, win! To be part of our BGCD team, please contact Patty Lamb at plamb@bgcdorchester.org or visit our website at bgcdorchester.org/rodman-ride-for-kids.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Boston PD & BGCD Olympics Event
August 3

Field Day at Walter Denney Youth Center
August 10

Camp Northbound
August 18 - 23



RECENT OBITUARIES

BAGDIGIAN- JE-DRUSZEWSKI, Eliza-beth M. in Weymouth, formerly of Dorchester. Wife of Kevin Bagdigian. Mother of Theresa, Alex, and Matthew Bagdigian. Beloved daughter of Maria (Ma-terac) Jedruszewski and the late Adolf Jedrusze-wski. Sister of the late

Stephan Jedruszewski. Donations in Eliza-beth’s memory may be made to the above named church.
BROWN, Selven A. II of Dorchester. He is survived by his 2 sisters Wayffiah and Almata, 4 daughters C. Arika, Apryl, Adrienne, Tanya, 20 grandchildren and

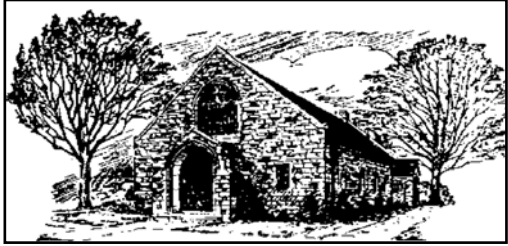
14 Great grandchildren and a host of other fam-ily and friends.
CULLEN, James A., Jr. 86, of Sudbury. Born in 1932, he was raised in Charlestown and Dorchester, later residing in Winchester and Sudbury. He was the husband of Alice (Walsh); proud father of James A. Cullen, III and his wife Deborah of Billerica, MA, John G. Cullen and his wife Robin of Sudbury, MA, Katherine M. Hecht of Searsport, ME, Jean M. McGuire and her hus-band Wayne of Tolland, CT. He is also survived by 15 grandchildren, 6 great grandchildren, and son-in-law, Richard Blanchet of Lincoln, RI. He was predeceased by two daughters, Alice T. Cullen and Elizabeth A. Cullen-Blanchet; his mother, Catherine (Doherty); his father James A. Cullen, Sr., and his stepmother, Theresa E. (Frazier) Cullen. James was a veteran of the Korean War, serving in the United States Navy. He was a 61 year member

of the IBEW Local 103 Boston as a Journey-man Electrician and also served as a Busi-ness Agent. He was a member of the IBEW Local 103 Boston Retir-ees, VFW Post 8771 in Sudbury, and the DAV.
DAVIS, James W. “Jim” of Pembroke, formerly of Dorchester, at the age of 87. Hus-band of late Carol Da-vis (Dunphy). Father of Deborah Sullivan and husband Danny, Cherly Pait, Kathleen Flynn and husband Brian, and Jimmy Davis: Grampy of Matthew, Shannan, Keri, Shawn, Olivia, Timothy, Joseph, Caro-line, Armani, Arianna, and Aliyah. Jim was a retired U.S. Post Office Letter Carrier and a proud U.S. Army Vet-eran.
FLAHERTY, Mi-chael B. of Mansfield, formerly of Dorchester. Husband of Michele “Mickey” O’Brien. Fa-ther of Cailin and Rose Flaherty. Caring step-father to Nathan and Caelin Flanders. Son of Ann and the late Mi-chael Flaherty of Co. Galway, Ireland. Broth-er of Paul Flaherty of Dorchester, Patricia Young and her husband Danny of Dorchester, and Brian Flaherty of Dorchester. Uncle of Maggie, Joe, Sarah, and Claire Young. Also sur-vived by many aunts, uncles, cousins, and friends. Remembrances may be made in Mi-chael’s name to the American Heart Asso-ciation
GREEN, Melba L. of Roxbury She was born in 1923, in Camden, Al-abama; the only daugh-ter of Katie Bell and Louie Craig. She had just celebrated her 95th birthday. She graduated from Camden Academy in 1941. A year after graduation, she met and married her late hus-band of 76 years, Ran-dolph E. Green in 1942. They moved to Tuskegee where he was stationed in the 9th Calvary. Upon his discharge, they moved to West Newton, then the South

End and finally in 1950 purchased their home on Woodbine Street in Rox-bury. They were blessed with eleven children. Her mother, who died at age 28, was chronically ill and incapacitated as well as bedridden. Mel-ba was ten. This served as the catalyst to pursue a career in the medical field. While still raising her children, at age 42, she took employment as an operating technician at Beth Israel Hospital. She then became a nurs-ing assistant at the Vet-erans Administration Medical Center in Ja-maica Plain. While there she enrolled in a nurs-ing program at Girls’ Trade. With the help of family and friends who assisted in caring for the children, she was able to devote herself to her studies. Taking the LPN exam, she passed on the first try. As an LPN, she continued to work at the VA oversee-ing group sessions in the Psychiatry Department especially for young Vietnam veterans. She also instituted the Com-munity Adjustment for Veterans Group. She retired in 1985 at 62. At 57, she earned a M.Ed. One of her joys was to see one of her great granddaughter’s gradu-ate from Cambridge College with a M.Ed in 2016. Again, return-ing right back to work for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts as a Mental Health Coordi-nator/Nurse, she opened the Parker Street West Shelter on the grounds of the Shattuck Hospi-tal. In 1996 she retired at 73. She was also a world class traveler to Senegal, West Africa, Cairo, Israel, Brazil, Switzerland, Iceland and France. The Great Wall of China was on her to do list. She took time to learn how to swim at 44. Melba joined and at-tended Concord Baptist Church from 1945 to 1977. On April 19, 1977, she became a member of Twelfth Baptist Church in Roxbury. She was a member of the Chapel and Senior chorus and was blessed with a so-prano voice that could sing opera. She is sur-vived by her sister, Eliz-abeth Rogers of Florida, brothers Louie Craig, Jr. (deceased) and Ron-ald B. (Craig) Shaheed of North Carolina. Her children: Helen Moris-sette, Randolph, Jr., Ray Ferrill (deceased), Dolly, Michael (deceased), Ed-ward (deceased), Sher-rill Goms, Elizabeth, Craig, Jonathan (Deke),

and Kimberly Stubbs. There are 24 grand-children, 23 great, 19 great-great and five great-great-great grand-children.
LANDY, Margaret M. (Ferro), of Dorches-ter, formerly of Hol-brook, passed away on July 18, 2018 at the age of 92. Born and raised in So. Boston. Should friends desire, memorial contributions may be made in her name to the American Cancer Soci-ety, 30 Speen St, Fram-ingham, MA 01701.
MULHALL, Ken-neth A. 82 of Salem, NH. Ken was born in Boston, MA, grew up and was educated in South Boston and Dorchester, MA. He lived in Salem, NH for the past 2 years, formerly of Hampstead, NH, where he lived for 20 years. Ken was a Paymaster for the Bos-ton Globe newspaper where he worked for 40 years before retiring in 1998. He was a US Navy veteran and was a mem-ber of St. Anne’s Par-ish in Hampstead, NH. Ken is survived by his wife of 58 years, Mau-reen (Kelliher) Mulhall of Salem, NH, Children: Kathryn and her hus-band Peter Mahoney of Salem, NH, Phillip and his wife Luene Mulhall of Sandown, NH, Mark and his wife Maura Mul-hall of East Hampstead, NH, and Daniel and his wife Stacey Mulhall of Sandown, NH. Brother: Gerard Mulhall and wife Marie Peeler of Pembroke, MA, Grand-children: Jason, Mandy, Alyssa, Brendan, Pat-rick, Julia, Bridget, and Garrett, Several Nieces and Nephews. Dona-tions may be made to the Alzheimer’s Associa-tion of NH.
TYLER, Haroldine Carolyn of Dorches-ter. Wife of Edward G. Tyler. Mother of Joan Marable and husband Ken of Brooklyn, NY, Edward G. Tyler, Jr. (deceased) and Judy- Beth Tyler and husband Tony Bell of San Diego, CA. Grandmother of Kimberly and Jonathan Marable of New York City and Elizabeth and Catherine Bell, of San Diego. She also leaves a host of other relatives and friends.
WHALEN, Gloria (Melvin) 86, of Easton, formerly of Dorchester. Wife of the late Joseph Whalen. Mother of the late Mary A. Whalen. Gloria is survived by her brother Thomas Whalen of Stoughton and sev-eral loving nieces and nephews.

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LEGAL NOTICE

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS THE TRIAL COURT PROBATE & FAMILY COURT SUFFOLK PROBATE & FAMILY COURT 24 NEW CHARDON STREET BOSTON, MA 02114 CITATION GIVING NOTICE OF PETITION FOR APPOINTMENT OF GUARDIAN FOR INCAPACITATED PERSON PURSUANT TO G.L. c. 190B, §5-304 Docket No. SU18P1503GD IN THE MATTER OF: ASHLEY M. MONGE CIRINO OF DORCHESTER, MA RESPONDENT

Alleged Incapacitated Person.

To the named Respondent and all other interested persons, a petition has been filed by Estrella Cirino of Boston in the above captioned matter alleging that Ashley M. Monge Cirino is in need of a Guardian and requesting that Estrella Cirino of Boston, MA (or some other suitable person) be appointed as Guardian to serve on the bond.

The petition asks the Court to determine that the Respondent is incapacitated, that the appointment of a Guardian is necessary, and that the proposed Guardian is appropriate. The petition is on file with this court and may contain a request for certain specific authority.

You have the right to object to this proceeding. If you wish to do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance at this court on or before 10:00 A.M. on the return date of **08/23/2018**. This day is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline date by which you have to file the written appearance if you object to the petition. If you fail to file the written appearance by the return date, action may be taken in this matter without further notice to you. In addition to filing the written appearance, you or your attorney must file a written affidavit stating the specific facts and grounds of your objection within 30 days after the return date.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

The outcome of this proceeding may limit or completely take away the above-named person’s right to make decisions about personal affairs or financial affairs 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. Brian J. Dunn, First Justice of this Court.

Felix D. Arroyo
Register of Probate

Date: July 24, 2018

Published: August 2, 2018

LEGAL NOTICE

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS THE TRIAL COURT PROBATE & FAMILY COURT MIDDLESEX PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT 208 CAMBRIDGE STREET CAMBRIDGE, MA 02141 Docket No. MI18D2179DR DIVORCE SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION AND MAILING JEANNY MAI vs. TAMER AWAD

The Plaintiff has filed a Complaint for Divorce requesting that the Court Grant a divorce for irretrievable Breakdwn of the Marriage 1B. The Complaint is on file at the Court.

An Automatic Restraining Order has been entered in this matter preventing you from taking any action which would negatively impact the current financial status of either party. SEE Supplemental Probate Court Rule 411.

You are hereby summoned and required to serve upon: Jeanny Mai, 225 Arsenal St., Watertown, MA 02472 your answer, if any, on or before **08/13/2018**. If you fail to do so, the court will proceed to the hearing and adjudication of this action. You are also required to file a copy of your answer, if any, in the office of the Register of this Court.

Witness, HON. EDWARD F. DONNELLY, JR, First Justice of this Court.

Date: July 2, 2018

Tara DeCristofaro
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