At-large race features lots of names, but little drama

By Cherie Lovett
Special to the Reporter
When Ayanna Pressley declared her upset victory in last September’s Democratic primary over Congressman Mike Capuano, she was cheered by a jubilant crowd at IBEW Hall in Dorchester that was sprinkled with both colleagues from the Boston City Council – and some aspiring successors.

If the election was a triumph of generational and demographic change, it was also a boost for the council itself. The weaker partner of Boston’s strong mayors, the council is better known as an off-ramp to the political twilight of county administration. But for Pressley, the council turned out to be a springboard, catapulting its first member in 25 years – since Tom Menino became mayor in 1993 – to an office squarely in the public eye. And she was the first councillor from Boston in 46 years to win a seat in Congress.

Heightening the interest in last September’s election were other campaigns, including the open race to succeed Dan Conley as Suffolk County District Attorney. There were also primary challenges to Democrats in the Massachusetts House of Representatives, two of which unseated members of the party’s leadership team.

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Happily back home, Powers takes helm at Cristo Rey High

By Katie Trojano
Reporters Staff
Savin Hill native Rosemary J. Powers has certainly made the rounds working in public administration. She served as chief of staff for former Massachusetts Gov. Deval Patrick, and did the same job for former Massachusetts state Sen. Jack Hart. She later joined the staff of New York Gov. Andrew M. Cuomo’s administration, and until earlier this month when she returned to her home turf to take the reins of Cristo Rey High School that exclusively serves families of limit.

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Man dies after rescue from fire on Homes Ave.

By Katie Trojano
Reporters Staff
A man who was rescued by firefighters after a two-alarm fire broke out in his three-decker residence at 83 Homes Ave. in Dorchester early Monday morning later died at the hospital from his injuries, according to Boston Police.

Boston Fire Department personnel arrived at the scene at around 6:30 a.m. Monday to find flames spouting from the third floor of the home. The fire was knocked down by 7:20 a.m. The victim, whose name had not been released at press time, was reportedly found unconscious on the third floor.

A dog was also killed in the fire, which caused $400,000 in damages and displaced four people.

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On the road with Fair Foods:
Mission is to feed the hungry

By Katherine Martin
Reporters Correspondent
It was 7:45 in the morning when Henry Nelson parked his bike outside of First Parish Dorchester and walked across the street to the parking lot that housed three of Fair Food’s trucks. “I’m usually the first one here. It’s a great job if you love organizing,” he said as he opened the back of a leased Enterprise truck and began organizing what had been left there the day before. He broke down cardboard boxes, threw out old food, and swept the truck, tasks that would be repeated multiple times during his ten-hour work day.

Nelson works for Fair Foods, a non-profit food-rescue organization based in Boston that was born in 1988 when Dorchester resident Nancy Jamison intercepted a truck full of fresh carrots going to waste.

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Last March, 32-year-old Kendrick Price, an assistant basketball coach at UMass Boston, died at a party in Dorchester. A month later, 74-year-old Eleanor Maloney, his grandmother, was killed in a crossfire that injured two others on Mattapan St. off Blue Hill Ave. In response to that violence, and other concerns, Boston City Council President Andrea Campbell launched a series of community meetings meant to address the persistence of violence on neighborhood streets.

Yet, as the summer moved along, the violence continued, and the city’s financial concerns now demand that it ensure that it has the resources to address the violence, and obviously we want to that violence, and other concerns, Boston City Council President Andrea Campbell launched a series of community meetings meant to address the persistence of violence on neighborhood streets.

The city spends its money to commend the work of the BPD,” she said as the hearing began. “One way to respond to that violence, and other concerns, Boston City Council President Andrea Campbell launched a series of community meetings meant to address the persistence of violence on neighborhood streets.

As of Monday morning, the violence continued, and the shootings of two men in Mattapan, and Roxbury this month and the shootings of two men at the Mattapan Square T-station early Monday morning.

All the while, community activists have not stopped in their search for solutions to the lawless behavior by some in their communities.

On Aug. 8, Campbell held a two-hour-plus hearing at the Mattapan Library to discuss how the city should spend its $12 million a year on prevention efforts through three programs: Shannon Grants, the Safe and Successful Youth Initiative (SSYI), and the Youth Development Fund.

To give one example: SOAR helps young people in “prevention, intervention, and response.” Typically, young people need to be handled differently than an “established gangster,” said Roy Martin, director of SSYI. For extreme cases, “group services do not work, and they’re not wise,” because they create new gangs. “We are talking about young people who are active in firearm violence,” he said. “Active shooters.” SSYI grants work to make a very small population of proven criminals safe and successful, Martin said. “The biggest challenge is following the client.”

Campbell, who represents District 4, has been organizing barbecues and meetings throughout the summer to connect people who have ideas about how to stop violence before it happens. On Aug. 10, two days after the hearing, a Peace Day basketball tournament brought together first responders, organizers of the Boston Neighborhood Trauma Team, and people from many other organizations to play in the games and enjoy a barbecue.

After winning the semi-final game, a member of the Up-town Roslindale team, Steven Ulysee, was ecstatic. “We love all the love,” he said. “Doing this brings all these families together, and brings our cultures together so that we can be as one, and we can all be a family, and do this every year so that we can stop the crimes, and have more fun in community.”

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Dribble Walk for Peace gives city youth a way to advocate against firearms violence

By Jessica Pierre

Special to the Reporter

With the recent number of mass shootings on the rise across the country, the issue of gun violence is at the forefront of our national political conversations. But for communities of color in Dorchester, Roxbury, and Mattapan neighborhoods, gun violence has been a plague for generations.

While hundreds of demonstrators swarmed City Hall Plaza this past weekend to advocate for tougher national gun laws, many young people in Dorchester gathered this past Sunday at the 4th Annual Dribble Walk for Peace, which was created by the youth to advocate for peace that takes place place on the court this summer. He uses his experience as a youth advocate and basketball coach to instill in neighborhood youth with the creation of his basketball training center, Next Level Factory, where kids of all ages are shown how to hone their basketball skills as a way to stay out of trouble and become positive role models for the future generations.

Veal, who has always aimed to be a role model in the city, following in his dad’s footsteps of community involvement, has a passion for working with the city’s youth. “I’ve always been active in my community.” He added: “Being from Dorchester when gangs were very active in the area, the 31-year-old Veal describes how baskets were used as a saving grace: “Basketball stopped me from doing negative things growing up when people in the neighborhood know you as a ballplayer, the gangs tend to leave you alone because they know you’re going to be busy every day. I was always practicing and that caused me to build a brotherhood with the other men that I would play with across different neighborhoods.”

He added: “Being busy with basketball kept me away from the violence. But focusing on basketball didn’t save everyone whom Royce played with, “Because the streets weren’t there, so there was a lot of people that I played with that still ended up doing bad things or were victims of gun violence,” he said.

Despite that, Veal says that by instilling very important life lessons through the sport, lessons he learned to instill in neighborhood youth with the creation of his basketball training center, Next Level Factory, they have trained young black and brown kids of all grade levels, with many of them going on to play for Division I colleges.

And through their foundation, Next Level Basketball, they host tournaments and community events such as the Dribble Walk for Peace. Royce and Caesar started the Dribble Walk when they noticed that while there were many “walks” happening around the city for different causes, none were geared towards engaging kids.

He added: “I wanted to create a community event that attracted kids because there is so much trouble, so that’s where the change begins.”

Knowing how influential basketball is on the young, he decided to incorporate the sport into the walk by gathering over 200 kids and community leaders to walk from Harambee Park in Dorchester to Malcolm X Park in Roxbury, dribbling basketballs down the path in an effort to give participants a platform on which to stand against gun violence while bringing awareness to the city on the efforts that this plague has on their families and overall communities.

This year's walk happened last Sunday with well over 10 community organizations participating and State Rep. Chynah Tyler walking alongside more than 100 youth basketball players dribbling their balls down Blue Hill Ave toward Warren Street as cars on the road honked in support of them and their cause.

“If I can make every kid that plays basketball stand against gun violence, then that can be very influential,” said Royce.

Eleven-year-old Jerry Brown, a student at Roxbury Prep Charter School said he’s been training with Royce and Caesar since he was six years old to improve his basketball skills and grow closer to his dream of becoming an NBA player.

His best friend and teammate, 12-year-old Trayvon Jones, who goes to East Middle School in Braintree, also trains with Royce and Caesar. Trayvon said he’s made a lot of friends during training. “Playing basketball makes me feel at home,” he said. “As a point guard, I like toget my teammates involved in the plays so that no one feels left out.”

Through the Next Level Basketball Foundation and events like the Dribble Walk for Peace, Royce and Caesar’s ultimate goal is to raise funds for gun violence victims’ families and/or offer scholarships to assist young people’s college basketball careers who have received a D1 scholarship. They also hope to create more awareness around the trauma that comes with gun violence and provide support to families who may not have access to them now. You can learn more about their work at nextlevelfactorytraining.com.
City Councillor Althea Garrison makes a point at the Mattapan forum. Chris Lovett photo

13.58 percent. Despite multiple Latino candidates on the council ballot, Rivera says this year’s 13 at-large competitors will still have to mainly look for support from “traditional voters.” Currently advising at-large candidate Alejandro St. Guillen and District 7 incumbent Kim Janey, Rivera says these voters will also face some “hard decisions.”

“For the last 10 years voters have chosen to diversify their local leadership and this election is no different,” he said. “But this time, with speculation that the mayor may not run again, it’s an opportunity for some to elevate their own leadership, e.g. Michelle Wu and Andrea Campbell.”

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Thoughts while riding a bike in the city
culture’s ‘World Sport’ message

By DANIEL SHERMAN
ARTS & FEATURES EDITOR

The bicycle is a central theme of “World Sport,” the latest album from Mattapan rapper Kadeem. The cover art features five multicolored clones of a bicyclist, and a promo trailer for the project offers a supercut of bike-riding cartoon and film characters. There’s reason why bikes are ubiquitous in the album’s lyrical and visual content: Kadeem’s connection to his own bike and the city’s traffic, is the foundation of much of the tape’s aesthetic.

It’s called “World Sport” because I was riding my bike, an ’87 Schwinn World Sport, while I was making a lot of this, and really trying to get to the essence of what I am as an artist,” Kadeem says.

The 26-year-old MC, whose full name is Kadeem McIntosh, has spent a good part of his life navigating the streets of Boston, peddling drugs, writing rhymes, and working most recently as a Doordash delivery guy. Sitting in a Codman Square restaurant while listening to a party event last Thursday, he explained:

“We all come from little corners of the world where we’re just trying to play our own sport, whether that be hustlin’ or R&B or working a 9 to 5. So the idea of all those trails was just to kind of capture that essence of like, you’re not stopping your momentum, you know, you keep going.”

If riding a bicycle offers a measure of freedom in the form of mobility, it also offers a unique vantage point of one’s environment, according to references to places like Chez Vous and Kay’s Oats lend an acute sense of place to the project. The album’s angle — and its beating heart — is a track called “Three Cs,” a eulogy to the now closed Caribbean Cultural Center, a place that Kadeem, a Jamaican-American, says was a fixture for the Caribbean community in Mattapan when he was growing up.

“It was just a huge hub in the 90s for Jamaicans and Jamaican-Americans to use the space, cultivate art, dance, see uniquely like I was sayin’, you could have a funeral there, and then a couple hours later you could have a graduation party. So it was really like a place of life that breathed [life] into the community, and unfortunately it closed down, but a lot of my experiences as a Jamaica-American definitely came from there, for sure.”

The release of “World Sport” comes at a time when Boston-based rappers are gaining more and more traction on a national scale; in recent weeks, the face of Fields Corner product Cousin Stizz has stared down from billboards across the city in anticipation of his new album. Reflecting on the ascension and growth of rap in Boston, Kadeem was reminded of a quote from Jeff Goldblum’s character in Jurassic Park: “Nature finds a way.”

“It was destined to come to this, and it still is coming and it’s gonna hit a point of artistic maturity,” he said. “It’s probably one of the things that happen that might set that back, whether it’s publications moving out of the city, or gentrification, or whatever it is, like, where there’s heart, there’s art. You know what I’m saying? And this city gets hit by heart.”

For “World Sport,” Kadeem says he simply hopes his music will find ears “in all the hoods” — Mattapan, Roxbury, Dorchester — and empower the people around him.

“I hope this tape puts me somewhere where I’m able to give a voice for the marginalized, you know? That’s always the goal,” he said. “If you’re not trying to inspire or help, then you’re wasting your time.”
Back to School BBQ in Uphams Corner resounds with calls for peace in the Mendes Legacy manner

BY DANIEL SHEEHAN
Arts & Features Editor

Calls for peace were the focus of the 20th annual Bobby Mendes Peace Legacy Back to School Barbecue last Saturday in Uphams Corner. Dozens of neighborhood kids lifted two fingers in the air to form peace signs as they posed for a photo with Mayor Martin Walsh before lining up to receive backpacks stuffed with school supplies and adorned with peace symbol buttons.

The event, now two decades old, was created by local activist Isauro Mendes, a mother who dedicated her life to community engagement and anti-violence advocacy after losing two sons, Bobby and Matthew, to street violence.

“We got a good turnout,” said Mendes, smiling as she watched a throng of kids line up to receive their backpacks. “It makes me so happy.”

The backpacks are a hallmark of the event, which this year also featured a full barbecue spread, a bouncy house, and other kid-friendly activities spanning the length of Groom Street in Uphams Corner, a road also known as Bobby Mendes Way.

State Rep. Liz Miranda, who was in attendance, praised Mendes as a fixture for survivors of gun violence in Dorchester, particularly those in the Cape Verdean community.

“I think for me, as a survivor before I was a state Rep, Isauro has always exhibited for the community the strength of turning your pain into power, and for the kids, as you can see, there’s hundreds of kids in need in our community, and for her to be consistent, and always providing for her community has been a really powerful message for people who are sort of new to the field or new activists,” Miranda said.

The representative, who lost a brother to gun violence, noted the significance of the event after Alfredo “Freddy” Centrieo, a resident of Groom Street, was fatally shot earlier this month.

“When my brother died, one of the first people I called was Isauro, just because she’s always been that champion in honoring her children by helping the community,” said Miranda. “It’s a really important thing. Of course, there was a loss, a homicide of one of the young men who lived on this street, and so for this event to happen that positive right after that, I think also helps the community heal.”

Mendes said Centieo, 30, regularly attended the back to school barbecue over the years. He was Boston’s 25th homicide victim of the year.

Above, Isauro Mendes, City Councilor Annissa Essaibi-George, and State Rep. Liz Miranda share a moment. Below, Mayor Walsh poses with neighborhood kids. At left, a volunteer distributes a free backpack to a grateful recipient.

Dan Sheehan photos

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Dorchester Historical Society

The Ward-Macondray-King House was a three-story Federal mansion that was built on Adams Street around the year 1800. The Clapp genealogy reports that Bela Clapp (1760-1812), a carpenter, built the house, which sat opposite current-day Lonsdale and Mallet streets. Nothing seems to be known of Susan Ward, the first owner, other than that she died in 1835 about 63 years of age.

The next owner was Captain Frederick William Macondray, who was born in Raynham and lived from 1803 to 1862. At a very early age, after the family had moved to Dorchester, he showed an interest in a sea-faring life, and at age nine, he went to sea during the War of 1812 in the crew of Captain William Austin. After 11 years under Austin’s command, the young Macondray was assigned his own vessel as a captain.

At age 28, he married Lavinia Capen Smith in Taunton, Mass., and soon after they set sail for China on the vessel “The Hamilton,” and for the next eight years they lived in Macao. Concerned for the health and education of his growing family, Macondray took his family back to Massachusetts and purchased the home called “Rosemont” in Dorchester in 1842.

The estate stretched from Adams Street east over Pope’s Hill to Neposet Avenue and to Mill Street (now Victory Road) to the north. The captain also owned six acres across Adams Street stretching toward Dorchester Avenue. The Chinese pagoda he built on the crown of the hill in back of the house made for a magnificent observatory.

The Macondrays lived in Rosemont for seven years. The estate was known for its beautiful gardens — he was a practical horticulturist, and for years the exhibitions of his fruit and flowers at the Massachusetts Horticultural Society were highly honored.

When he heard the news of the gold excitement in California in the late 1840s, he sold the house in Dorchester with its large estate in 1849 to Mr. Edward King of Boston for $26,000 and headed west, to San Francisco. Within a month of his arrival, he established, with James Otis and Mr. Cary, the F.W. Macondray Co., which began as a commission house receiving the greater part of its merchandise from Boston. As time went by, he became enormously rich from his various businesses in northern California.

Edward King, the next owner of the house, acquired a fortune in the paint and drug business and was retired when he bought the house. He was president and a director of the Dorchester & Milton Branch Railroad and president of the Mattapan Bank branch in the Harrison Square section of Dorchester.

The estate, which was conveyed to Charles Carruth in 1859 and back to Edward King in 1866, was later sold off in various parcels that in great part accommodated themselves to the oncoming era of the streetcar suburb.

The archive of these historical posts can be viewed on the blog at dorchester-historicalsoociety.org. The Dorchester Historical Society’s historic houses are open on different dates. The Lernoult Clap House (1712 and remodeled 1765) at 199 Boston Street is open on the third Saturday of each month. The James Blake House, 735 Columbus Road (1661) and the William Clap House, 195 Boston Street (1806) are open on the third Sunday of each month. Open hours are 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.
The Irish wonder: What is the Brexit madness going to cost us?

The Irish Times columnist Fintan O’Toole cautioned that the looming political crisis could be an existential one for this island.

“The political architecture that has broadly held for a century since the creation of Northern Ireland in 1921 and independent Ireland in 1922, is now deeply unstable. It may well be that that unhappy settlement will have to be hauled down more rapidly than any of us is prepared for.”

It all seems so absurd and unnecessary, a throwback to a time before the Internet and global inter-connectedness. Why are we throwing up new borders and creating obstacles for what is clearly a world that wants to be linked up — and not just digitally.

As you might tell, traveling here in Connemara is a good example. A native of Clifden who now lives in London and is busy starting up his own successful high-tech company, David Mitchell, 31, had to leave Ireland to find the opportunity for career growth. Like generations before him, he believes his path will eventually lead to America and, quite possibly, Boston.

Over a pint in a noisy Clifden pub, he told us that the anxieties of the “crash Brexit” are even more pronounced here in Ireland than in London. People are worried and for good reason. For centuries, Ireland has paid a dear price for the excesses of its neighbors across the Irish Sea.

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— Bill Forry

With support and opportunity, Dorchester youth ‘cannot fail’

By Roy Lincoln Karp

Reporter Columnist

It’s half past nine in the morning and Kenny-Johnson’s crew is working hard at theYawkey Center, the non-profit multi-service facility on Columbia Road run by Catholic Charities. One teen is mowing grass out back, while three others are removing white boards from classroom walls that will be replaced with smart boards that enhance the teaching of English and job readiness skills.

The crew members are part of Safe City Academy, a skills development program for disconnected youth who are not engaged in academic or vocational education. This is one of two initiatives run by the Dorchester Youth Collaborative (DYC), the Fields Corner non-profit founded in 1981 by Em Folgert, the former editor of the Dorchester Reporter.

Folgert plans to spread the award over four years. These include pipeline programs it has developed with several trade unions and the North Bennet Street School, which has enabled DYC graduates to enter trades such as pipefitting, locksmithing, and carpentry.

Another good example is the partnership between DYC and Catholic Charities, which utilizes a Safe City Academy crew to do general maintenance work at its properties. Debby Rambo, executive director of Catholic Charities, which means “the stakes are high.”

During the summer, teens 15 and older work at full-time summer jobs. Those under 15 are enrolled in a wide variety of activities, including bike rides and even the New England Patriots. “Our community can have such an impact,” she says.

“We overschedule our kids like helicopter parents,” Folgert says, “so they don’t have time to be recruited to play.”

About half the youth in Focus and Finish live in areas identified by the city as “hot spots” for violence, which means “the stakes are high.”

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Geoffrey Canada, founder and president of Harlem Children’s Zone, will help the Edward M. Kennedy Institute kick off a new forum in September. The Stone Social Impact Forum will be an annual event highlighting leaders who advance social change and address areas of inequality in society. The forum plans its kickoff on Tuesday, Sept. 10 at 5:30 p.m. at the Kennedy Institute in Dorchester. In addition to this other work, Canada is the author of two books, “Fist Stick Knife Gun: A Personal History of Violence in America” and “Reaching Up for Manhood: Transforming the Lives of Boys in America.” The James M. and Cathleen D. Stone Foundation is helping to fund the forum, which is being held in partnership with the John F. Kennedy Library Foundation. In a statement, Catherine Stone said Canada’s “lifetime of visionary leadership breaks barriers and crosses sectors in innovative ways. The story of Harlem Children’s Zone draws on civic education, community engagement, economic development, and many other elements that connect to the missions of the Edward M. Kennedy Institute and the John F. Kennedy Li- brary Foundation.” (SHNS)

FREE MOVIE NiGHTS iN CiTY PARks

Mayor Martin J. Walsh’s Movie Nights, part of the Boston Parks and Recreation Department’s ParkARTS program, return in August and September giving residents and visitors the opportunity to enjoy popular films under the night skies in 11 City of Bos- ton parks. All shows begin at dusk (approximately 7:45 p.m.). “Wonder Park” will be screened on Thurs., Aug. 22 at Hynes Playground, West Roxbury. Noyes Park, East Boston will host a screening of “How to Train Your Dragon: The Hidden World” on Mon., Aug. 26. “Dumbo” will be on the big screen at Maverick Square, Charlestown on Tues., Aug. 27. Hyde Park’s Iacono Playground gets “The Lego Movie 2: The Sec- ond Part” on Thurs., Aug. 29. The series concludes at the Frog Pond on Boston Common on Fri., Sept. 6 with “Avengers: Endgame.” For more information please call 617-635-4505 or visit the Boston Parks and Recreation Department online on Facebook or at boston.gov/departments/parks-and-recreation.

MR8K- A RUN fOR GRATiTUdE SET fOR SEPT. 2

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

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Tracking gun from Austria that is central to a US weapons case against a Hyde Park felon
Suspect faces 10 years in federal prison

BY ADAM Gaffen
Universal Hub
A Hyde Park man who was facing local charges for a May incident in which police allegedly spotted him tossing a backpack with a loaded gun onto the roof of a store on Blue Hill Avenue in Mattapan now faces federal gun charges that could send him out of state for up to ten years.

The US Attorney’s office is charging Kerry Charlotin, 30, with being a felon in possession of a firearm and ammunition for the incident in which Charlotin was nabbed by Boston officers patrolling the area just south of Blue Hill Avenue’s intersection with Morton Street because of complaints from nearby residents about drug dealing and public drinking.

That Charlotin was on the street the afternoon of May 1 at all was because a judge gave him a bit of a break: On May 17, 2018, Charlotin was convicted of assault with a dangerous weapon - a gun - and larceny in West Roxbury Municipal Court. The judge in his case sentenced him to 18 months in the county jail, but suspended all but 114 days, on the presumption Charlotin would stay out of trouble until May 15, 2020. This came after a 2013 conviction in Suffolk Superior Court for larceny from a person, assault and battery and witness intimidation, for which he was sentenced to two years in jail, with all but five months suspended.

It proved to be a mistaken assumption, according to an account by Boston Police and an affidavit by a federal ATF agent assigned to the case:

Around 5:20 p.m. on May 1, officers who were specifically monitoring the parking lot at Fernandez Liquors II at 1212 Blue Hill Ave., noticed that Charlotin and a pal had spotted them and began to hurry away - and into an alleyway that had several “No Trespassing” signs.

The officers entered the alley to talk to the two, but this time the pair began to run up Blue Hill Avenue toward Morton Street.

At this time, officers gave chase and pursued the males on foot into a local business at 1186 Blue Hill Ave. The two suspects then fled the area again, but were both located and secured a short time later as officers and detectives continued their investigation into the bag that had been thrown onto the roof of the businesses at 1186. Inside of the bag, officers discovered a Glock 26.9mm firearm loaded with nine rounds of live ammunition.

According to the affidavit, Charlotin initially denied the backpack was his, but then allowed as how he might have had a tool book bag. Asked what was in the bag, he replied, “school books.” In addition to the handgun, police found a plastic bag with a fruit - either a papaya or a mango - inside, and lifted one of Charlotin’s fingerprints from the bag.

Police have charged him with unlawful possession of a firearm, unlawful possession of ammunition and carrying a loaded firearm.

The federal interest in Charlotin stems from the fact that the gun he’s charged with tossing on the roof somehow got here through international and interstate travel. After being built in Austria, it was shipped to a Glock facility in Strynna, GA, sold to a licensed gun dealer in Chaplin, SC and then to another licensed dealer in Ohio, which sold it to “a legal purchaser” in Ohio. Somehow, the gun and the ammunition - also manufactured out of state - then made its way to Mattapan; the affidavit does not say how Charlotin might have wound up with it.

In addition to the potential ten-year sentence in federal prison, Charlotin also faces a possible fine of up to $250,000, according to the US Attorney’s office.

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The rest of the crew headed to other wholesale sellers to intercept surplus produce that would otherwise feed hundreds of people. At Jessica’s, an employee wheeled 26 racks of bread to the back of the truck. “Light day,” Al said as he quickly sorted through each rack to check that they were fresh. He was next scheduled to go to the New England Produce Center, otherwise known as Chelsea Food Market, where the majority of his day’s work would take place. Retired since 2012, Al puts in some 30 volunteer hours a week with Fair Foods. “She tricked me into it, it’s in my blood now,” he said of Nancy Jamison. He weaved around a number of other trucks so he could back into the Chelsea space. A staff member spotted him and held up two fingers, then opened his arms wide, signaling he had two stacks of asparagus for Fair Foods. Together they sorted through the food to select what was fresh enough to sell in the $2 bags they would later be distributing. “My dinner for later,” Jason said as he built a bundle of asparagus feel free from its crate. “For me, Fair Foods has been a way to bridge gaps between the world and all of the resources that are being put toward distributing food. There is no reason to have such a hard time feeding people. There are many working people who have such a hard time keeping the business going. I wish I didn’t have to do this. I wish I wasn’t successful. I wish I could close. I wish I wasn’t able to give food out,” he said.

Henry, Jason, and Brian met Al in Chelsea with the other two trucks around 11:45. Since Al had left them at First Parish, they had collected blueberries, grapes, corn, tomatoes, cucumbers, and a spring mix. Together they sorted through the food to select what was fresh enough to sell in the $2 bags they would later be distributing. “My dinner for later,” Jason said as he built a bundle of asparagus feel free from its crate. “For me, Fair Foods has been a way to bridge gaps because everybody eats and everybody knows how to cook something nice.” He added, “Instead of making it about you’re here and you’re getting something for free, I’m here and I have the power to give you a bag of food, not going home with healthy, fresh food. The power dynamic between the old systems and food pantries doesn’t happen at Fair Foods because food donors fund the program, and if people don’t have $2, the food is free, no questions asked.”

Said Jamison, “We call it ‘the people, the people, the people.’ They are actually funding the program by buying the bag. Yesterday the bag’s value was $35. I have been able to give away $150 million worth of food in the last ten years. Paul Peterson started the dollar bag program at the Lutheran church in Tallbot Ave. He once told me when I was giving away food for free, ‘You’re taking people’s dignity. From now on I won’t charge a dollar a bag, so they aren’t embarrassed by it.’ The dollar bag program gave people their dignity.”

Back to Chelsea, where the crew continued to move stacks to its trucks, allotting a portion of the produce and bread to each site and leaving some fruit aside for the workers who helped them that day. This process took close to two hours. “Friday is a big day for us. We have two sites in East Boston that only run every other Friday. Jason said as he drove to South Boston, home to one of the 40 sites Fair Foods distributes to. It was 2 p.m. when he arrived to unload goods to eager volunteers and customers. He helped unload produce, greeted familiar faces, and was given a bundle of asparagus for later, cut right through the produce, as the assembly line was formed to bring the food from the truck to the church yard, where tables were being set up. After enough food was unloaded, some people were stationed behind the table, sorting through produce, as other volunteers walked along the table with a plastic bag, filling it with the day’s produce. In Friday’s bag, there were two bundles of asparagus, one bag of grapes, one bag of spring mix, and one mixed salad.

At 3 o’clock, people started purchasing bags of the produce, including bundles of blueberries and heads of lettuce, available for $1. Meanwhile, staff continued to unload the truck, sort through produce, bag the goods, and break down boxes. Although some set to close at 5 p.m., their work day ended around 7 o’clock, after the rest of the bags were sold. Frankly we are mobbed,” Jamison said. “We are too busy, I wish I wasn’t successful. I wish I could close. I wish that nobody came for our food. The need has increased, I would say, by 50 percent in the last ten years. The cost of living in this city has driven people into poverty. It is really true that people are hungry. We’re going to be opening a permanent store that will be open five days a week. We have found that so many working people work two jobs and they have such a hard time connecting with us.” To find out more about Fair Foods and how to donate or volunteer, check two dollar-a-bag sites or go to fairfoods.org.

On the road with Fair Foods’ crews, whose mission is to feed the hungry

(Continued from page 1)
About Mookie Betts and his missing smile

By DICK FLAVIN
There is something missing from the Red Sox, and it’s not a thing that endeared us to the team in recent years. It’s a face. We’re not sure we’d feel connected to the team’s spotty performance in 2019 or a roster that seems like the one we believe there is a relationship with. It’s Mookie Betts’ missing smile.

Mookie Betts doesn’t smile much any more. He’s a .280 hitter with him. He might be smiling along with the fans. The Red Sox are fully aware of what a valuable property Mookie Betts is. Not only has he produced outstanding numbers on offense and glittering play on defense, but he also seemed to have a special connection with the team’s fans. So management offered to open the purse strings during the off-season, essentially asking Mookie to name his price to sign a long-term deal. But, through his representatives, he declined to bite, saying he’d rather wait to see what the marketplace has to offer when he reaches free-agency at the end of the 2020 season.

There is a certain risk that goes with taking such a position. What if he were to get seriously injured before he reached free agency? Whatever it is, baseball is trying too hard.

On top of all those pressures Mookie faces the fact that baseball is a hard, hard game. Ted Williams used to say that the most difficult thing in sports is to do is hit a round ball squarely with a round bat. It is made infinitely more difficult when the ball is coming at you and you sometimes exceeding, one hundred miles an hour and with all kinds of different spins on it; and it might be coming in the high, or right, or left, or right, or out, or inside, or –- straight at your head. Mookie Betts achieved superstar status last year. He became one of the best players in the game. Make no mistake, he is still a terrific player, but an objective assessment would not even rank him as the best player on the Red Sox in 2019, let alone in all of baseball. Xander Bogaerts and Rafael Devers are having better years.

Is this year just an aberration? Or was it last year that was the divergence from the norm? Does even Mookie know? Here are his batting averages in the last four years.

- 2015 - .291; 2016 - .318; 2017 - .264, 2018 - .346. The averages have fluctuated wildly, but in years gone by his infectious exuberance for the game has been evident by the constant smile he seems to always be wearing. That’s what has made him the most popular player on the Red Sox.

Let’s hope he regains his batting stroke before the year is over and that he finds his smiling face.

New Items

The Pearls of a seaweed joint slabbed to open at South Bay

By DANIEL SHEFFER ARTS & FEATURES EDITOR
South Bay Center is about to get a bit saltier with the opening of The Pearl, an eatery, a sea food restaurant and oyster bar, set to open in the former abutters, licensee, and permit protocols have been completed. The Pearl Seafood Grill and Raw Bar will occupy the vacant space at 20B District Avenue next to Experiments.

A Medford resident who used to own a business in Dudley Square, DeRosa-Pinckney will own and operate the establishment along with Reggie Cummings and Malik Miki and Winder, a group with roots in Medford, Dorchester, Roxbury, and Randolph.

It’s a community effort. “As a group that’s who we are, we rep Massachusetts and Boston, and we’re just so excited for this opportunity to grow with what’s going on here in Boston.”

The Pearl is a 1,300 square-foot space that will feature outdoor seating in the warm weather. It’s located on the second floor with the oyster bar intended to be the eatery’s centerpoint. The restaurant’s name represents what ownership hopes the restaurant will become—a “hidden gem” in South Bay—so nice, low key, and special.

The Dorchester Historical Society announces new items for the gift shop. Priced at $10 each these items are perfect for the Dorchester viewer of a three-decker and of the gas tank.

The Dorchester Historical Society

Emotions on display at the 25th Annual Dorchester Chili Cook-Off

The 25th Annual Chili Cook-Off was held in the South Bay neighborhood at the Dorchester Neighborhood Center. The event included food, music, and a chili cook-off.

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Dorchester Bike & Brew on Sept. 21

Square. Co-Presented by place on Sat., Sept. 21 from 5 p.m. in Peabody

Classic Car Show. On display will be cars and trucks in historic Dorchester Park for the Seventh Annual variety of antique vehicles will sparkle like gems

Massachusetts on Facebook.

This year the DPA also secured four goats with big appetites to reduce poison ivy and invasive growth at the park and assisting the park

Necklace and New York's Central Park, Dorchester

Frederick Law Olmsted, creator of Boston's Emerald Park provides a view of Dorchester's terrain before cars were invented. Designed by landscape architect cars were invented. Designed by landscape architect

Street, MassBike, Dorchester Brewing Company, and classic music. With the towering trees, hills and

from the School of Music will perform contemporary and classic music. With the towering trees, hills and

lawn games, musical guests and more. The event is closed to vehicular traffic for the duration of the festival. It is free to attend and beer garden sales help defray the costs of the event. Bring your bike, as well we have free bike valet provide by MassBike.

CONCERT SERIES AT GILMAN CHAPEL

Conscious Reggae Band featuring Lower Mills business owner Bobin Nicholson from Eye & Eye Optics will perform in concert on Thurs., Sept. 26 at 7 p.m. at the Gilman Chapel of Cedar Grove Cemetery, 920 Adams St., Dorchester. $15 charge. Doors open at 6:30 p.m.

DORCHESTER YOUTH SOCCER REGISTRATION

Registration is now open for Dorchester Youth Soccer's fall season. Registration closes on August 15 so the league can have time to assign teams, order uniforms and equipment, and generate schedules.

Ages 4-13. Travel teams play on Saturday and House League plays on Sundays. Home field is Pope John Paul II Park. Game times to be determined. Please register today at dyssoccer.com

Savin Hill Yard Sale on Sept. 14

Savin Hill Yard Sale is on Saturday, Sept. 14 from 9a.m.-2p.m. with a rain date of Sunday, Sept. 15. For more information, a copy of the map, or to get your sale address on the map, please email savinhill@outlook.com.

FARMERS MARKET IN PEABODY SQUARE

The Ashmont-Peabody Square Farmers Market is open on the second Sunday of each month at the MBTA MBTA Plaza. The market will be open every Friday from 3-7 p.m. through Oct. 18. It includes farm-fresh produce, local meats, artisan breads and pastries, live music and more. See the weekly vendor line-up at tinyurl.com/ashmont-yardsale.

AUDITIONS ONGOING FOR BOSTON CITY SINGERS

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

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Action for Boston Community Development (ABCD) hosts its annual gala that recognizes and honors community volunteers on Friday, Nov. 8 at the Boston Marriott Copley Place, 110 Huntington Ave, Boston. The evening kicks off with a Social Hour at 6 p.m. and the main program, which will feature a performance by record-breaking Tony, Grammy and Emmy award winning performer Audra McDonald. More at abcdheroes.org.

BOSTON PUBLIC LIBRARY’S HOMEWORK HELP

Boston Public Library’s free Homework Help program is underway offering free after-school help and mentorship provided by high-achieving high school students. The program, offered Monday through Thursday from 3:30-5:30 p.m. is open to students in grades K-8; no registration required. Boston Teacher’s Union tutors are also available during select weekdays from 4-6 p.m. for students in grades K-12. Visit bpl.org/homework.

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POLICE DISTRICT B-3 NEWS

For info, call B-3’s Community Service Office at 617-343-4711.

APPLE GROVE ASSOC.

The Apple Grove Association meets on the second Tuesday of every month from 6:30 p.m. at 1135 Morton St., Mattapan. The contact is Ms. Myrtle Huggins at 617-828-5537.

ASHMONT-ADAMS NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOC.

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

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(Continued from page 1) Part of the Jesuit-founded Cristo Rey Network, a Chicago-based institution comprising 37 college prep schools and serving 12,000 students across 24 states, it offers students a rigorous curriculum, a transformative work-study program, and the support of an intensive community.

Powers grew up in Dorchester, graduating from St. William’s where she lived in an elementary school, which, coincidentally, formerly operated by the St. William’s Catholic corporation in the heart of Dorchester, MA 02124 587 Washington Street Codman Square NDC

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By Alena Kuzub

Special to The Reporter

This was his first race. Ben Chisholm, a four-year-old blond from Wayland, was well behind the other runners, but he was focused on the track, spinning the colorful tropical wheels of his wheelchair and biting his bottom lip. Occasionally, his dad, who was running to his left, grabbed his son’s hand and pulled him forward, giving Ben a boost.

After finishing the lap to loud cheers, Ben, who has acute flaccid myelitis, told his parents that he wanted to go elitis, told his parents that he wanted to go to college. Leo Hirota, a nine year-old from Jamaica Plain who came first in the first mixed youth 400-meter heat, said he had participated in YES programs before, but this was his first time running in this fundraiser. He said he found the race quite challenging, but his goal was to win, and it felt good to achieve his goal. “I like running because it is just a very simple activity,” Leo said. “It is all about movement and practice.”

Inclusion of children who are interested in sports but happen to have a physical or mobility impairment gives them a chance to have social experience of being on a team and to learn the same lessons that their able-bodied peers learn: teamwork, leadership, following a structured plan and setting goals, said Joe Walsh, president of Adaptive Sports New England, a two-time Paralympian and a former managing director of Paralympics for the United States Olympic Committee.

After the youth races were over, a common spirit of accomplishment filled the air. Everyone received a blue ribbon filled with Italian ice coloring just like every other kid’s. The children’s races were followed by competitive one-mile races among high school students, parents, coaches and other adult members of the community.

Pressley talks housing at forum in Cambridge

Last Thursday evening, US Rep Ayanna Pressley, in conjunction with TSNE MissionWorks, spoke at a “Millennial Housing Conversation” as part of her ongoing Equity Agenda Series. The event was held at the Link in Kendall Square, which is a collaborative work space for non-profits that opened in March.

Residents, as well as several Boston elected officials and their representatives were in attendance at the event that was moderated by Beya Jiminez, an urban planning professional and writer.

Pressley cited a recent report by the National Low-Income Housing Coalition that in her 7th congressional district, minimum-wage workers must put in at least 84 hours weekly to afford a one-bedroom apartment at “fair market rent,” adding: “The personal lens that I bring to this outside of being a congresswoman is growing up in the residual aftermath of Reaganomics, redlining, the war on drugs and so-called welfare reform. “I don’t lose that lens or abandon those lived experiences of marginalization and oppression.”

She also spoke of the instability of her family’s housing situation growing up, saying “I came home to eviction notices often, always felt a sense of fragility in the place I should have felt the most safe.”

Pressley said that the housing crisis is not only an economic issue; it’s also an issue of public health. “We can’t look at any of these issues in a silo, the reality is that we don’t live in big boxes. “We live in intersectionality, complexity and nuance, and our legislation has to meet that on the city, state and federal level.”

– KATIE TROMANO
CONNECT THE DOT:
BGCD Hosts End of Summer Talent Show:
Boys & Girls Clubs of Dorchester hosted our annual Talent Show to close out our on-site summer program this year. Members had the chance to show off a wide variety of talents by performing dance routines, musical numbers on the drums and ukulele as well as some wonderful singing. We are fortunate to be able to provide a place where our young members can explore their talents here at Boys & Girls Clubs of Dorchester.

This coming fall we will be offering many arts related programs such as “Making Herstory,” Messy Art, Music lessons, MFA Class, Beatmaking and more. To learn more about these program offerings, please contact our Fine Arts Director, Katy Farrar, at kfarrar@bgcdorchester.org.

FIND OUT WHAT’S INSIDE:
BGCD Safe Summer Streets/BNBL Basketball Program Comes to a Close:
The Safe Summer Streets/BNBL Basketball Program concluded this past week for our Intermediate and Senior Boys divisions. A big congratulations to both winning teams as they move on to play in the city-wide finals.

We will have more athletic programs beginning this fall such as fencing lessons, swim lessons, intramural sports, non-contact boxing, running club, and cheer/tumbling classes. Registration will be held on September 14 from 10 AM to 12 PM.

To learn more about our upcoming programming this fall please contact Brendan McDonald at bmcdonald@bgcdorchester.org.

DID YOU KNOW:
BGCD is Recruiting Riders for the 2019 Rodman Ride for Kids:
The Rodman Ride for Kids is an annual fundraising bike ride taking place on September 21, 2019. This is one of our major fundraising events hosted throughout the year. If you are interested in taking part in the Rodman Ride for Kids, either biking or as a ‘virtual rider’ where friends of the Club are encouraged to raise money without having to ride out on the course, please contact Patty Lamb at plamb@bgcdorchester.org. In 2018, Boys & Girls Clubs of Dorchester’s riders and supporters raised over $500,000 for our Clubs! The Rodman Ride for Kids and the nearly 50 youth-serving affiliated nonprofits together raised $13.3 million last year and more than $108 million since the start of The Ride in 1991. Visit bgcdorchester.org/rodman-ride-for-kids for details.
CONNORS, David Francis “Dave,” 75, of Dorchester, passed away suddenly. Husband of Frances (Mattos) Conners. Father of Matthew Connors of Dorchester. David was also survived by cousins and many nieces, nephews and friends. Born and raised in Boston to the late John and Anne (McDonough) Connors. He was predeceased by his 2 brothers John and Stephen. David was a longtime lobsterman and employee of the USPS and served in the US Army during the Vietnam War.

Donations may be made in David’s memory to: New England Center and Home for Veterans, 17 Court Street, PO Box 84257, Boston, ma 02248-5257.

COX, Bertha L., lived in Roxbury and Dorches-
ter for 60 years. Born in Chattanooga, Tennessee, Bertha was the oldest daughter of Rosa Lee and William Lucas. After marrying daughter of Dave, Bertha and David moved from Tennessee to the Washington, DC area. They ultimately moved to Boston, MA with their growing family. Bertha joined Congregationalist Church, where for 50 years she selflessly dedicated herself. She provided leadership, sang in the choir, was a member of the Willing Workers Organization, delivered food to the sick and shut-in, and served as a trustee.

She was dedicated to God, her church and her family, while continually working full time. She retired after 30 years of service at the Raytheon Corporation. She is survived by her daughter, Cora Davis, Lillian Cox, Barbara Wooten, Jo Cox, Jr., Richard Cox, and Michael Cox, 14 grandchildren, and many great-grandchildren. Donations may be made to Memorial Baptist Church, 180 Blue Hill Avenue, Milton, MA 02186 or Dorchester Residence, 125 Oak Street, Wellesley, MA 02481.

HORAK, MILENA A. of Dorchester, daughter of the late Joseph F. and Maria F. (Giszka) Horak. Sister of Maria Kelly and her husband James of CA, Joseph W. of CA, Jaroslav “Jerry” of Dorchester, and John and his wife Karen of Lynn. Longtime partner of Robert Burton. Aunt of Nathalia, Katrina, Annie, Jennifer, Joe, and Nadia. Also survived by her great-nieces and great-nephews.

Gifts in memory of Milena may be made to Cared Dimensions at 33 Wyman St., Suite 100, Waltham, MA 02450 or to the American Cancer Society, 3003 Manship Street, Boston, MA 02215.

MCARTHY, John B. “Jaeck,” longtime resi-
dent of Northborough. He was 87 years old and survived by his wife of 50 years, Dorothy M. (Dunphy) McCarthy; and his two children, Mary Lea and Matthew, and their families.

McCarthy was predeceased by his parents, John and Mary McCarthy, his sister, Mary Jane McCarthy; his grandmother, Mary McCarthy; and his sister-in-law, Patricia McCarthy. He is survived by his children, grandchildren, nieces, nephews, and many cousins.

McCarthy was a graduate of Northbridge High School and the Massachusetts College of Pharmacy. He was a veteran of the United States Air Force, proudly serving in the Korean War. McCarthy later worked as a pharmacist in his community and was a dedicated member of the Dorchester Congregational Church, where he sang in the choir, taught Sunday School and served on many committees.

A funeral mass will be held at the St. Rose of Lima Parish at the address above.

OLIVER, Robert E. of Milton. Son of Sally “Shirley” Oliver and the late Harold Oliver. Beloved husband of Leslie Oliver and her significant other Edward “Red” Springer. A loving father of Lori Oliver of Worces-
ter, Harold Oliver of Bridgewater. Uncle to his nieces and nephews, and great-grandnephew, Victor.

He was predeceased by his wife, Norina Oliver. He is survived by his wife, Leslie Oliver; daughter of Dorothy and the late Harold Oliver; sister of Nancy Oliver and her husband, Edward “Red” Springer.

ROUSE, Edward D., 72, of Dorchester. Son of the late John and Helen (Taylor) Rouse. Rouse was a lifelong resident of Dorchester and a devoted member of the community. He was a dedicated volunteer at the Dorchester Community Center, where he spent many hours working to help others. Rouse was also a dedicated member of the Dorchester Congregational Church, where he served on many committees and was a member of the choir.

Rouse was predeceased by his wife, Mary Rouse. He is survived by his children, John Rouse, Brian Rouse, and Elizabeth Rouse; and her husband, John G. Rouse; and his sister, Susan Rouse.

Rouse was a dedicated and loving husband, father, and grandfather. He will be deeply missed by his family and friends. Rouse was predeceased by his wife, Mary Rouse. He is survived by his children, John Rouse, Brian Rouse, and Elizabeth Rouse; and her husband, John G. Rouse; and his sister, Susan Rouse.

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