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Democrats pick their leaders: Markey, Fluker Oakley

Markey beats Kennedy, statewide and in Boston

BY MATT MURPHY AND COLIN A. YOUNG STATE HOUSE NEWS SERVICE

Sen. Edward Markey beat back an insurgent challenge from Congressman Joseph Kennedy III on Tuesday in decisive fashion, surpassing Kennedy by a margin of 59-40 percent in Boston, according to unofficial results posted by the city's Election department.

Markey, who at 74 has spent more than four decades in Congress, successfully defined himself as a progressive champion, using endorsements from people like U.S. Rep. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez and his co-sponsorship of the Green New Deal to endear himself to young, liberal voters.

The time to be timid is past. The age of incrementalism is over. Now is our moment to think big, to build big, to be big. This is what this election is all about. This is what this moment demands," Markey declared in a victory speech outside the Malden Public Library.

The primary victory puts Markey in the pole position to win another six-year term in November. He will face Kevin O'Connor, a Dover resident and Boston attorney who defeated right-wing provocateur Shiva Ayyadurai in the Republican primary.

Kennedy, who is the grandson of Robert F. Ken-

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Brandy Fluker Oakley, right, won the nomination for the 12th Suffolk House seat on Tuesday. Above, she campaigned with Brenda Fluker and Adrianne Mayo-Dunn at Florian Hall. Katie Trojano photo

Fluker Oakley leads pack in 12th Suffolk

By Katie Trojano REPORTER STAFF

Brandy Fluker Oakley, an attorney and education advocate from Mattapan, won a four-person contest for the 12th Suffolk House seat in Dorchester, Mattapan, Hyde Park and Milton in Tuesday's primary election. According to unofficial results from both Boston and Milton precincts, Fluker Oakley finished with 4,047 votes in her column, or about 39 percent of the total votes cast. The runner-up was Jovan Lacet, who finished with 3,144 votes, roughly 30 percent.

Fluker Oakley's victory— once certified— will mean she will replace Rep. Dan Cullinane, who announced earlier this year that he would not seek re-election. There will be no opposition for her on the Nov. 3 final election.

"It is the honor of a lifetime to be elected to represent you on Beacon Hill. This campaign has always been about community. The streets of this district are my home and its voters are my neighbors," Fluker Oakley said during a Facebook live event late Tuesday night.

"I will always view the successes and challenges of our community's kids, businesses, schools and seniors as my own. This is what fueled my cam-

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Copper's 'in' at The People's Academy

Artisan trains at-risk youth, apprentices in a Dorchester three-decker

By Daniel Sheehan ARTS & FEATURES EDITOR

Inside the rooms of an unassuming threedecker in Uphams Corner, copper rules. The gleaming metal is everywhere — in the form of pots, pans, light fixtures, model vehicles, decorative hardware, and artwork.

On one wall is a visage of President Barack Obama in profile etched on a sheet of copper through an oxidation process. On another, a painting titled "The Copper Man" portrays T. Michael Thomas, the owner of the home and the master craftsman penina much of the handiwork in it.

A lifelong Dorchester resident, Thomas honed his metalworking skills at the Local 17 Sheet Metal Workers union on Adams Street, where he was one of very few Black tradesmen. His experience there led him to start The People's Academy (TPA), a non-profit based at the Uphams Corner house that trains neighborhood young people in the copper and metalworking trades.

"There wasn't a lot of diversity or inclusiveness for Boston residents, women, and Black and brown people," explained Thomas. "I often challenged it because the construction is happening in Boston, and you had people coming from all over to work - Rhode Island, Connecticut, New York, New Hampshire—but there was a huge lack of Boston residents. And they all used the excuse, you know, we don't have the time and started The People's Academy."

The organization's two-year apprenticeship program helps atrisk young adults and formerly incarcerated individuals reentering society develop a skilled trade through hands-on learning, making them employable, connect-



T. Michael Thomas and his marine-style art work.

ing them with union jobs, and laying the framework for their own entrepreneurial opportunities.

Incentivizing nonviolence is a central tenet of the organization; in (Continued on page 11)

From the Academy workshop: The fabled three-decker. Daniel Sheehan photos



Pandemic recasting rental scene; no easy signups with students learning online style

By Quincy Walters WBUR Reporter

On a Monday evening in the last full week of August, a landlord held an open house for a twobedroom condo rental in Dorchester. The price: \$2,000 a month. Many renters would tell you that's a steal in this city. But this unit has been on the

market since July and it's still empty.

These days, landlords said it's not surprising to find a vacant apartment, something that would have seemed almost unthinkable at this time of year in summers past. Sept. 1 — the start of many new leases in the city — is usually marked by moving trucks lining and blocking Boston streets as students arrive and residents move into new digs.

But as with so many things, the date Bostonians affectionately refer to as "Allston Christmas," may be different this year because of Covid-19.

"This is probably the longest we've had our place on the market," said Mindy Wright, owner of the yet-to-be-rented Dorchester condo. "It usually rents pretty quickly."

She said that in the decade she's been renting it, she has usually been able to find a tenant in about

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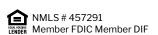


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Police, Courts, & Fire

A murder on Adams Street — A man was shot to death last Wednesday night (Aug. 26) on Adams Street, about one block from the Boston Police station on Gibson Street that serves as the headquarters for Area C-11. The man was found suffering from "apparent gunshot wounds" by police called to the scene around 10:43 p.m. A police record described the shooting scene as the "area of" 336 Adams St. The victim died at a local hospital, according to police.

No arrests have been reported and police have issued their standard appeal to the public for tips: call 1-800-494-TIPS if you have any info.

No bail for Dot gunman— A federal judge on Monday ordered John Boampang held without bail at least until the end of his trial on charges filed after he opened fire on police as rioting was winding down following a May 31 protest march and vigil on the Common.

Boampang, 37, of Dorchester, already faced 21 charges in state court related to the way he allegedly fired 11 rounds in the direction of police early on June 1 from an alley off Arlington Street in the Back Bay, supposedly out of anger that police had smashed his windshield after he had helped himself to goods from local stores. The US Attorney's office then charged him in federal court on related charges, including being a felon in possession of a firearm and assaulting a federal officer - a Boston Police detective doubling as a member of an FBI anti-gang task force.

In her order, US District Court Magistrate Judge Page Kelly said that even if police did break one of Boampong's windows, that's hardly justification for opening fire on them, and that federal prosecutors more than adequately proved Boampang would prove a menace to society should he be released on bail while he awaits trial on the federal charges.

Man shot on Blue Hill Avenue— A man was wounded in a late-night gun attack that took place during an impromptu street party along Blue Hill Avenue as last Saturday turned into Sunday morning. According to the news site Universal Hub, the victim was shot around 12:30 a.m. near Blue Hill and Ellington Street "in the middle of what had turned into a large pre-Carnival block party, even though Carnival itself had been canceled in May because of Covid-19." The homicide unit was called in due to the severity of the victim's injuries, the news site.

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State infection rate on Covid-19 put up to one percent on Monday

By State House News Service

After touting a sevenday average positive test rate of 0.9 percent over the weekend, which was an all-time low, the Department of Public Health's daily COVID-19 data report on Monday revised the figure upwards to one percent.

The DPH said the positive test rate changes as new data are received, and that routine data cleaning takes place constantly. At one percent, the seven-day average positive test rate is lower than it has been since DPH started reporting the figure, but the revision means that a consistent sub-1 percent positive test rate still eludes Massachusetts.

DPH reported 301 new cases of the coronavirus on Monday and announced the recent deaths of 11 people. Hospitalizations, which had fallen to 290 as of midday Sunday, climbed back up to 314 as of midday Monday, officials said.

Since February, 118,784 people in Massachusetts have become infected with the coronavirus. Since March, 9,060 people have died with test-confirmed or probable cases of Covid-19.

The seven-day average of the positive test rate in Boston was 2.3 percent as of the week that ended Aug. 22, Mayor Martin Walsh said last Wednesday, down from 2.7 percent the previous week as Boston continues to see increases in testing.

Walsh said that Bos-



Marino Diaz Cruz wipes down the surfaces inside an MBTA bus with disinfectant after it pulled into Ashmont Station last month.

Jesse Costa/WBUR photo

ton's cumulative positive test rate — the share of all tests conducted in the city since the pandemic began that came back positive for the coronavirus — was now at about 10 percent. At one point, the mayor said, that rate was about 38 percent. Walsh said testing volume has increased in Boston in each of the last four weeks. Last week, the city processed an average of 2,028 tests per day.

Late last month, Walsh reported that his administration had begun an outreach effort to make sure businesses understand the regulations they must adhere to.

"We're making sure management and staff know the regulations and have the access to PPE and prevention efforts like social distancing and hygiene, distributing COVID checklists, fact sheets and signs including posters that demonstrate the importance of wearing face coverings, and reminding employ-

ers they need to report to the Boston Public Health Commission when they have an employee that tests positive," he said.

A non-profit Boston fund will offer nearly \$700,000 in small business loans to spur economic development amid the pandemic, city officials announced Monday.

The Boston Local Development Corporation, a private nonprofit operated by a department of the Boston Planning and Development Agency, received a \$693,000 grant through the federal CARES Act. That money will be used to run a revolving loan fund for Boston businesses that have been impacted by the pandemic, officials said, with the BLDC's standard fund offering loans ranging between \$25,000 and \$150,000.

"This additional funding for the Boston Local Development Corporation will allow Boston to continue its efforts to provide and leverage additional resources to support the small businesses that fuel our neighborhoods and our economy during this challenging time," Mayor Walsh said in a press release.

Travelers from four additional states will no longer need to quarantine or test negative for COVID-19 upon arrival in Massachusetts. The Department of Public Health updated its list of lower-risk states last Friday to deem Pennsylvania, Delaware, West Virginia, and Colorado exempt from Gov. Charlie Baker's travel order, citing in a tweet "decreases in these states' positive test rates and

cases per 100,000." The list of lower-risk states is now at ten, with the four new ones joining Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, New York, Connecticut, and New Jersey. Rhode Island remains in the restricted category as the lone New England state where most travel to Massachusetts requires quarantine for two weeks upon arrival or a negative test, though the policy does not cover those commuting for work or errands or travelers passing through the state.

Colorado is the lone state on Massachusetts's lower-risk list west of Appalachia, and it is also the only one that does not border at least one other lower-risk state on the list. Officials had included Hawaii on the exemption list earlier in August when they implemented the new policy, but later removed it.

Civic groups to begin fall season virtually

Several civic associations and neighborhood groups in Dorchester and Mattapan have plans to meet virtually this month. The groups that have scheduled general membership meet-

ings online via Zoom include: Codman Square Neighborhood Council on Wed., Sept. 2 at 7 p.m.;

Fields Corner Civic Association on Tues., Sept. 8 at 6:30 p.m.;

Greater Mattapan Neighborhood Council on Tues., Sept. 8 at 6:30 p.m.;

Jones Hill Civic Association on Wed., Sept. 12 at 7 p.m.; Columbia-Savin Hill Civic Associa-

tion on Mon., Sept. 14 at 7 p.m.;

Lower Mills Civic on Tues., Sept. 15 at 7 p.m.; and Port Norfolk Civic Association — Tues., Sept. 17 at 7 p.m.

UPCOMING CIVIC MEETINGS AND COMMUNITY EVENTS

Mayor's Office seeks immigrant leaders for civic program — The mayor's office is seeking immigrants to enroll in a 12-weekcourse aimed at teaching new leaders on "how to effectively navigate local government." The program - "Immigrants Lead Boston" - is sponsored by the Mayor's Office for Immigrant Advancement in collaboration with the Civic Engagement Cabinet. The City of Boston is granting the participants scholarship stipends of up to \$1,000 for their "time and commitment." The program begins October 21, 2020 but applications are due by September 18. To learn more about Immigrants Lead Boston and to apply, visit boston.gov/immigrantslead. Interested residents are also encouraged to sign-up for a virtual information session on Sat., September 5, 10-11 a.m. The annual Savin Hill Neighborhood Yard Sale is on Sat., Sept. 19, 9 a.m.-2p.m. (rain date: Sunday, 9/20). To get on the map or to request a copy of the map of participating

homes, please send an email to savinhill@

outlook.com.

projects proposed by TLee Development LLC, a company owned by Dorchester resident Travis Lee. The first, for a project at 270 Talbot Ave., will take place on Thursday, September 3 from 5:30-7:00 p.m. According to an initial project application, the proposed four story building would include 21 affordable rental units (for households earning up to 90% AMI) and 2,700 square feet of ground floor retail space. The property is currently the site of an auto repair shop. The second, for a project at 1463-1469 Dorchester Ave., will take place on Tuesday, September 8 from 5:30-7:00 p.m. The proposal would erect a five story, 29-unit apartment building with ground floor retail space. The project would include 25 studio units and four one-bedroom units, with 100% of the

residential units being income restricted.

The property currently houses the John

Gallagher Insurance Agency. On Tues.,

Public meetings on housing proposals —

The BPDA has scheduled virtual meetings

in September for threedifferent housing

Sept. 22 at 5:30 p.m, the BPDA will host a meeting to discuss a proposal for 69 Bailey St., which calls for a new, four-story, 29-unit residential building on the site of a former veteran's post at that address. To register for the meetings through Zoom, visit bostonplans.org.

Dorchester Bay EDC plans Oct. 2 online fundraiser – Dorchester Bay Economic Development Corp. (EDC) will host its 41st annual fundraiser "Dorchester Strong: Rising to the Challenge" on Fri., Oct. 2 via a live-stream that will be held from 7-8 p.m. The honorees are Sophia Haynes-Cardwell of Staiez Cultural Arts Center and Sheriff Steven Tompkins, with special guest Dr. Beverly Daniel Tatum. For more information, please contact Angela S. Yarde at ayarde@dbcedc.org or call 617-533-9561. Black Patriots event hosted by Shirley-**Eustis House** — The Shirley-Eustis House Association, Boston National Historical Park, and the Gibson House Museum will host an online presentation highlighting the lives of four Black men - some enslaved,

some free - who fought against the British at the Battle of Bunker Hill in June of 1775. Barzillai Lew, Cuff Blanchard-Chambers, Cuff Whittemore, and Jude Hall were among the thousands of men of color who chose to fight with the Patriots in a war that seemed to hold no explicit promise of liberty for Black people. The online presentation will take place at 12 p.m. on Tues., Sept. 15and at 7 p.m. on Thurs., Sept. 24. It is free of charge and open to the public. A question-and-answer session will follow the webinar to allow participants to ask indepth questions about the soldiers' lives. The session will also provide more information on the resources available for others wanting to explore this thread of American history. To register for the program, visit shirleyeustishouse.org.

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BPS: 'Error' blocked exam school admissions for dozens

By Carrie Jung WBUR REPORTER

Boston Public School leaders say they are working to fix an error in how they calculated grade point averages for 152 students applying to the district's three exam schools over the last two years. The calculation error mostly affected students attending schools outside of the district that use an A-F grading system. It essentially represented their GPA as a lower number than it should have been in the 1-4 grading system most BPS schools use.

Admissions into the district's exam schools are determined by a combination of GPA and scores on a standardized entrance test.

Superintendent Brenda Cassellius said on Monday that the issue was brought to the district's attention when a student's tutor called the school system to inquire over the summer. After investigating the complaint, school officials noticed that dozens of other students were affected, too. District staff are calling affected families this week to apologize and offer them enrollment to the school they were eligible for.

"[Parents], like me, regret that the error happened and were concerned about that,

but happy that we had transparency and that we were accounting for all of the students that had the error rather than just fixing it for the one," Cassellius said.

She added that the issue occurred when the district switched to a new student database in late 2018. One of the two offices that handle admissions information was not working with the most updated information after the switch.

"We'll be following through with any disciplinary action in accordance to BPS policy in terms of what we'll be doing there," Cassellius said.

The issue affected ad-

missions for last school year and this upcoming school year. For 62 students, it meant being denied admission to any of the exam schools (10 white, 19 Latinx, 17 Black, 3 Asian). For 90 others, it meant that they did not get admission to their first-choice exam school (34 white, 17 Latinx, 30 Black, 7 Asian, 2 other). There were also 67 students who were erroneously granted admissions to the exam schools, but district officials said they won't be rescinding those offers.

For civil rights advocates like Rev. Willie Bodrick who have been pushing the district to move away from admissions standards that rely solely on GPA and test scores, the situation adds fuel to his argument that the current criteria disproportionately impact students of color in a negative way. Bodrick hopes the school system uses this as an opportunity to change.

'The hope and the prayer for me is that we look at a moratorium on the admissions system," he said. "And that we consider different mechanisms so that we can properly evaluate our children."

Bodrick added that he applauds the district for catching this calculation error and making an ef $fort\,to\,redress\,th\overset{\smile}{e}\,harm.$ "But if we had been listening to advocates earlier, we might not have been in this situation in the first place," he said.

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City opens indoor pools to public

Since the summer arrived in the midst of a pandemic, Boston Mayor Martin Walsh has been encouraging residents to get some exercise and cool off by taking a dip at one of the city's outdoor public pools. With fall now approaching, Walsh on Monday announced that four of the Boston Center for Youth and Families indoor pools would open to the public on Wednesday.

"As we head toward the end of summer, I am pleased we are able to open up indoor swimming options for our residents," the mayor said. "BCYF has spent a lot of time making sure that safety protocols are in place so that we can open these additional recreational facilities within the current Covid-19 guidelines.

"I encourage residents to take advantage of these options and continue to take all the precautions: wearing face coverings when out, keeping your distance

from others, and washing your hands."

BCYF's Curtis Hall Pool in Jamaica Plain, Draper Pool in West Roxbury, Flaherty Pool in Roslindale. and Mason Pool in Dorchester will open Wednesday, joining the outdoor Clougherty Pool in Charlestown and the Mirabella Pool in the North End. Swimmers must register for a timeslot.

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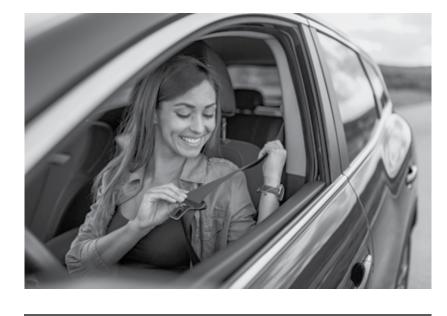
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Pressley pushes pandemic relief, integrity of USPS

By Katie Trojano REPORTER STAFF

In 2018, Ayanna Pressley was elected to the US House as the representative for the 7th Congressional district —which includes large parts of Dorchester and Mattapan. From the beginning of her term last year, she has not been shy about letting people know where she stands, and recently she has been a leading voice in Congress calling for an equitable legislative response to the Covid-19 pandemic while strongly urging her colleagues to support funding and protections for the United States Postal Service.

In talking to the Reporter last week, Pressley, who has no opposition in this week's primary balloting, shared her thoughts about campaigning against the backdrop of the ongoing viral scourge and the hardships it has brought for many of her constituents.

"Everything about the moment we find ourselves in is unprecedented, and that unprecedented set of affairs means that we're also having to campaign and to organize in ways that are unconventional, and we have no reference point," she said.

"Each of us are sort of our own analog in this moment," she added, "many of the fundamentals and tried and true things that have been effective for engaging new voters, expanding the electorate, keeping folks engaged... and all of those efforts are now against the backdrop of the people we represent experiencing a lot of hardship and uncertainty.'

Throughout the pandemic but especially since its onset six months ago, Pressley said, her first priority has been checking in with her own constituents and conducting wellness checks through her district office.

"The first thing I wanted to prioritize was just checking in with people, and those wellness checks turned into informing people about resources available and to better understand the extent of their needs," she said.

What I was fighting for relative to the Covid response was to ensure that the response is one that is equitable," Pressley said, noting that she was able to successfully push for the inclusion of the Equitable Data Collection and Disclosure Act in the federal relief package.

Pressley was also an original cosponsor of the Essential Workers' Bill of Rights, which outlined health and safety protection for those working during the pandemic. She noted that she has had many conversations with essential workers in the district.

"In those conversations, we were able to better understand which things we were fighting for and had secured in Washington in terms of relief that were impactful, and to understand where the gaps were in the types of things people were or were not accessing,"

She noted that she also worked to make constituents aware of the testing resources available to them in their communities and pushed to secure federal funding for Community Health Centers.

"I guess technically – because that has been occurring within the context of my re-election - those are things that could be considered a part of my political engagement, but it's really just me doing my job," said Pressley.

"I think the case to make to the people that I humbly represent and serve is that it is year round, not just within that six to nine month or year period that would be characterized at the election. So for me, how I'm making that case is how I legislate. I focus on legislating in partnership with the community, and any bill I author is informed by those closest to an issue."

Pressley's team is also phone banking and hosting different constituent calls via Zoom to gather input on a variety of issues.

"We talk about more specific issues, so [that] those who might want to do a deeper dive regarding my work to cancel student debt or advocacy to stop the dismantling of the USPS, to support small businesses, or to address the black maternal mortality crisis can get the chance to do so." she said.

Pressley said that much of her work to secure protections for the USPS has also been informed by the realities shared with her by her constituents.

"The United States Postal Service is a public institution and a public good. It is one of the largest, if not the largest, employer of veterans and it also has one of, if not the most, diverse work forces in the country, she said, "For many, the USPS was their best access to a living wage job. It changed their life by affording them social and economic mobility. I've received hundreds of calls from dedicated letter carriers who are concerned about the impacts, given this defunding of the USPs."

She added: "In the Massachusetts 7th district alone, nine mail sorting machines were removed. I've received hundreds of calls from constituents who have not received mail-in ballots that they requested weeks ago, from seniors and veterans who have not received life-saving medication, from small business owners who rely on the USPS to move goods to their customers and freelancers who cannot receive

payments." A week ago Saturday, the US House, in an emergency session, passed and



US Rep. Pressley, who was unopposed in her re-election for the Democratic nomination for Congress on Tuesday, is shown with constituents outside of the Chittick School in Hyde Park on Tuesday. Courtesy Rep. Pressley

sent on to the Senate the Delivering for America Act, which would provide \$25 billion in emergency funds to support the USPS and prohibit agency officials from implementing or approving any changes to the operations or service levels in effect on Jan. 1, 2020, that would impede prompt, reliable, and efficient service. The Senate has yet to act on the bill.

"It would restore and offer redress for the harm that has been caused by Postmaster General Dejoy, something he refused to do when he came before the oversight committee," said Pressley, who is a member of that panel and who last week questioned Louis Dejoy and later called for his resignation.

She said she was "very alarmed" by what she learned after questioning DeJoy. "All he has said is that he will not continue to do what he was doing, but not that he would reverse the harms that he has already caused. I learned that the number of Covidimpacted workers and letter carriers was much higher than had originally been reported, and in fact that there have been 83 fatalities from Covid," she said, adding:

"I've requested that all of that data be collected according to congressional districts and shared back to the committee so that we know how many workers have tested positive, been quarantined, or have hospitalizations."

Pressley said that Donald Trump's comments and USPS's efforts to dismantle and slow the delivery of mail in the midst of a pandemic knowing that there will be a higher proportion of people voting by mail is "voter suppression and intimidation. We need to not take the bait and we need to show up and participate because this administration has caused us hundreds and thousands of American lives and is a threat to our democracy. Period."

This is why, she said, it is crucial for everyone to vote. "They are doing all of those things – in rhetoric, policy, and procedure - to compromise and undermine people's faith and confidence in the USPS, and in these dedicated letter carriers and postal workers, as a way to dissuade you from showing up in person to cast a ballot."

To Pressley, "the hypocrisy of that is that Donald Trump himself has requested a mail-in ballot, so clearly he has some semblance of faith despite his rampant charges of fraud in the mail process."

Looking ahead, Pressley said she'll be focused on continuing to connect with her constituents, working to grow a majority in the House, flipping the Senate and "electing Vice President Joe Biden and Sen. Kamala Harris-that's the number one.'

Fluker Oakley wins 12th Suffolk House nomination for Dems

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state representative. Together we will strengthen the partnership between the policy and the people in doing so."

Fluker Oakley also took a moment to thank her opponents and Rep. Cul-

"I want to thank Jovan Lacet and Stephanie Everett for the opportunity to share this campaign with you and to Rep. Cullinane for his selfless service to our community," she said, "Most importantly I want to thank God, my incredible volunteers, friend, supporters, family and my mom, without whom this victory wouldn't be possible."

Added Fluker Oakley: "We are at a pivotal moment in our nation's history. I am eager to start my service on behalf of the 12th Suffolk District so we can start building a happier, more inclusive, and just tomorrow. Now let's get to work!"

Sen. Nick Collins, who defeated his primary challenger Samuel Pierce on the ballot, took to Twitter to congratulate Fluker Oakley last night.

my work as fellow Latin grad, @TeamBrandy617, on being elected the democratic nominee for State representative in the 12th Suffolk! Looking forward to partnering with you to serve the people of Mattapan and Dorchester," he wrote.

At-large City Councillor Annissa Essaibi-George, who endorsed Fluker Oakley in August, also congratulated Fluker Oakley on Twitter.

'Congrats to @TeamBrandy617 and all the candidates hoping to represent the 12th. Government is a team sport, and everyone needs to be a part of the future!"

A former teacher and public defender in the Boston Municipal and Chelsea district courts, Fluker Oakley joined the race as a first-time candidate. Early on and throughout her campaign she regularly notched impressive endorsements from several elected officials, environmental groups, and both the Boston Teachers Union and the Massachusetts Teachers Association. She led the field in fundraising and mounted an aggressive and effective direct mail n their nomes and on mobile devices.

Earlier on Tuesday, she spoke to the Reporter about her expectations outside of Florian Hall, as voters trickled in to cast their ballots.

"Obviously, you know this is my first time and it has been a mix of anxiety and excitement all rolled into one I'm so proud of this campaign that we've run. we've put out several mailers, We've been phone banking since May, and hitting the pavement where we could safely," said Fluker-Oakley

"I've been feeling good about the energy from voters. All day we've been travelling to different polling locations and I'm feeling optimistic, so we'll see what happens later tonight.'

Her optimism was warranted.

When the first unofficial results from polls began to roll in, Fluker Oakley was in first-place in many bellwether polling locations, including Florian Hall's 16-11 precinct, Ashmont-Adams (16-8) and Lower Mills Library (17-13). She also won in battleground Mattapan precincts including Mildred

"Congratulations to my friend and and digital campaign to reach voters Avenue. And, critically, she dominated ne neig in Militon's two precincts.

Lacet, a Mattapan-based attorney and former US Marine and Boston Police officer, waged two unsuccessful campaigns against Cullinane in the last two election cycles. On Tuesday, Fluker Oakley beat Lacet at some of the polling stations where Lacet topped Cullinane in 2018. Lacet was the top vote-getter at Lower Mills' precinct 17-14 and at the Taylor School on Morton Street.

Everett, an attorney and Mattapan resident who ran unsuccessfully for the 12th Suffolk seat in 2013, finished in third place with about 21 percent of the vote.

Cameron Charbonnier, an aide to Mayor Martin Walsh, suspended his campaign during the summer and endorsed Everett. But, Charbonnier's name remained on the ballot. He collected significant vote totals near his home in Dorchester and finished with about 8 percent of the total vote.

Dot's Kain reflects on 38 years of monitoring the city's elections

By Katie Trojano REPORTER STAFF

Martin Kain, a fourdecade Dorchester resident and senior official at the Boston Election Department where he was well known for his work recruiting and training poll workers, retired from his position on July 31, just a few days after his starting date 38 years ago.

The 64-year-old Kain began working in the department not long after he moved to Dorchester's Ashmont-Adams neighborhood in August

"When I took the exam back in '83," he said in an interview, "I thought to myself that the Election Department has to be the most honest and upstanding environment. I didn't want to work in a place that was really politically motivated, so I thought what could be more above board than the Election Department?"

Kain cut his teeth during the mayoral race in 1983, which at one point featured eight candidates and a historic runoff between Raymond Flynn and Mel



Martin Kain, shown in 2017 when he was a recipient of the 2017 Shattuck Award for Public Service.

"We were working six

I thought, 'What have I gotten myself into? Is it going to be like this all of the time?" he said with a laugh. "Obviously, it hasn't been like that, but that was quite overwhelming."

In that era, and well into the 1990s, Boston relied on lever machines to cast and count ballots. "It was this great big machine that had curtains and the curtains would close, you'd pull down the lever next to the name of the candidate that you wish to elect," said Kain. "And, so, in those days, at the end of the night the people who staffed the polls would open up the back of the machine, turn keys to expose the numbers, record the numbers on paper, and add them

"Now, at the end of the day, they turn a key and a paper tape comes out giving them everything and they post it on the wall."

Other changes during his tenure include the way people can register to vote in the Commonwealth, a simplified process that Kain theorizes is also partly responsible or seven days a week and for decreased turnout

"It used to be that to register to vote, you had to go physically to Boston City Hall and register with a registrar. But they've simplified the process much more. You can go to the Register of Motor Vehicles and check off a box and that'll get you registered," he said. "But there's no effort in that. I think that our numbers have increased substantially because the process has become simplified, but there's not a commitment on the part of the folks that are taking advantage of that option."

Legislative changes have also made poll worker recruitment a big component of his work in recent years— a little easier, he said.

"I remember one time I did a little talk before a seniors' group that met on Commonwealth Ave. in the Gamble Mansion and before I began, I said, 'Can I see a show of hands from anyone who's a registered voter here in Boston?' Not one hand went up.'

Kain explained that at the time poll workers were required by law to be registered voters in the communities they served. "Now," he said, "the requirement is that

you be a registered voter in Massachusetts. Early on it was also necessary to have an equal representation of Democrats and Republicans and that would be nearly impossible now because the majority of folks are unenrolled. I remember having to ask permission to hire people that were unenrolled to serve at the polls.

Kain said that despite some obstacles, he found ways to recruit poll workers, often relying on civic association gatherings to expand his outreach.

"Generally, when I'm trying to recruit folks, I'll speak at civic associations and churches because they're already deeply involved in their communities. It's difficult to recruit people because it's a very long day and the stipend is not a great deal of money, but I don't think many people that do this are doing it for the money."

In 2017, Kain helped the city roll out a student poll worker program, forming a partnership between the Election Department and the Boston Public Schools. The effort included poll worker training and informational sessions that engaged students 16 years or older in the

city's election process.

"We were hoping to expand that program this year but with the coronavirus we're not really able," he said. "The good thing about that is we especially tried to reach out to students who are able to speak a language in addition to English because there's a great need for that."

Although he's retired, at the time of the interview, Kain was hosting poll worker training sessions ahead of the state primaries, and has agreed to do so for the Nov. 3 general election just to help them over the hurdle here," he said.

Kain said he was expecting high turnouts for both elections, "but as far as the number or people actually going to polling sites, I think those numbers will be low because people will take advantage of their option to mail in their ${
m votes.}"$

Kain summed up his years at the Elections Department this way:

"It has been a wonderful experience for me getting to know so many people who staff the polls that I became friends with. I hope that more people will choose to get involved in the process."

It's Markey over Kennedy in Boston— and statewide

(Continued from page 1)

nedy, the son of a former Congressman and the first Kennedy to lose a political race in Massachusetts, started his campaign with an advantage in the polls and fundraising, but saw both leads evaporate as COVID-19 upended the race and he struggled to convince Democrats that Markey deserved to be forced into retirement.

Kennedy, when he called Markey to concede, trailed the senator 55 percent to 45 percent with less than half the vote counted. He spent considerable time campaigning in Dorchester in recent days. On election eve, his campaign rallied in the parking lot of IBEW Local 103. On Election Day, Kennedy finished his campaign with a late-afternoon visit to the 13-10 polling station at the Cristo Rey School on Savin Hill, where he greeted voters with Boston City Councillor Frank

Kennedy performed well in some parts of Dorchester and Mattapan. At the triple-precinct Mildred Avenue polling station in Mattapan, Kennedy was the clear winner, 971-452 over Markey. But the incumbent showed strength elsewhere, beating Kennedy by smaller margins in Neponset, Lower Mills, St. Mark's Area, Ashmont-Adams and Fields Corner. Markey piled on much bigger margins in other parts of Boston, Cambridge, Somerville, and in suburban communities, including Kennedy's own home base, Newton.

A few hours later, in a concession speech outside his Watertown headquarters, Kennedy said he did not regret taking the risk of challenging an incumbent of his own party, and told his supporters, "I know that we are not done."

"It's worth being in the ring. It's worth the fight," he said, offering advice to his two small children.

Kennedy also called his family "role models" after he said his famous last name "was invoked far more often than I anticipated in this race."

"You are my example of what public

service should be and can be when it is done with courage and grit," Kennedy said.

The outcome leaves Kennedy with an uncertain future in politics. Just two years ago as a third-term Congressman, Kennedy was tapped by Speaker Nancy Pelosi to deliver the Democratic response to the State of the Union and appeared to be a leader on the rise.

Now, he is out of politics, at least for the time being.

Both Kennedy and Markey spent over \$10 million each on their races, flooding the airwaves with ads, and super PACs on both sides added to the arms race as the campaign got contentious in the closing weeks.

Over the course of multiple debates, the two Democrats tangled over Markey's votes on crime and immigration bills, and Kennedy's evolving position on Medicare for All. But the two really diverged less over policy than personality, and how the power and prestige of a Senate seat should be wielded.

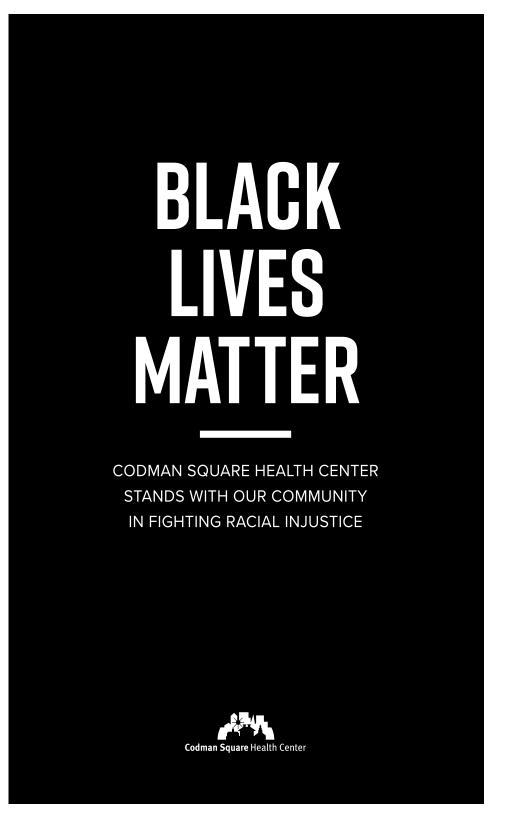
The outcome also marked another big win for top Markey advisor John Walsh, who in 2006 helped elect Deval Patrick, who ran as a Beacon Hill outsider, as the state's first African-American governor.

U.S. Rep. Stephen Lynch, of South Boston, also both won in their contested primaries. In Lynch's case, the incumbent does not have a Republican challenger in November. He defeated Massachusetts General Hospital infectious disease physician Robbie Goldstein. In Boston, Lynch won about 54 percent of the vote to Goldstein's 44 percent, according to unofficial results posted by the city Election department.

Senator Nick Collins was nominated for re-election in the First Suffolk district with roughly 74 percent of the vote over challenger Samuel Pierce.

Many local lawmakers—including State Rep. Dan Hunt, Liz Miranda, and Russell Holmes—were unopposed on Tuesday's ballot.

Reporter Staff contributed to this



Warrior Fitness at South Bay offers array of classes; outdoor kickboxing fitness classes on tap this month

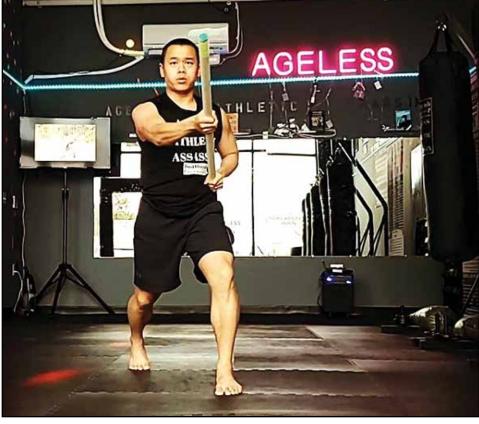
By Daniel Sheehan REPORTER STAFF

When Dorchester resident Francis Huvnh opened up his kickboxing studio, Warrior Fitness, in the South Bay center in January, he didn't know an impending economic shutdown would put his fledgling business on hold in just a matter of weeks. But after remaining closed from mid-March through July, Warrior Fitness is back up and running as studio members have returned to their training regimens and Huynh has returned to sharing his passion with others.

Huynh, a son of Vietnamese immigrants who grew up in Maine, was introduced to martial arts at a young age by his father as a way of building confidence and learning self-defense.

"In Maine, there are not that many Asians there, so my brother and I were bullied in grade school," he said. "Learning martial arts meant we could defend ourselves, but it also improved our confidence, fitness, and also academics because of the way martial arts activates the brain...when our peers in school saw that, they didn't bully us

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Francis Huynh opened his kickboxing studio, Warrior Fitness, at South Bay Center earlier this year.

anymore, and we were able to progress through school without fear of being bullied."

Huynh worked in consulting for a few years after graduating from college, but soon realized he wanted his job to be rooted in his passion for fitness. Now, he teaches kickboxing and martial-arts inspired fitness classes at the

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the goal of helping oth-

South Bay space with ers overcome their own obstacles. Classes are

geared toward helping young kids cope with bullying, teaching women to defend themselves against attackers, and empowering overweight and elderly folks to live healthier, more confident lives.

"Our methodology of teaching comes from Eastern martial arts," said Huynh, explaining that members are encouraged to "pursue martial arts as a life skill, similar to running.'

Inside the studio, neon signs based on Huynh's book, "Ageless Athletic Assassin," exhort those training to test their limits and adhere to a "Just Huynh" (pronounced "just win") attitude. Equipment like kickboxing bags, martial arts dummies, and weapons such as nunchaku and bo staffs can appear intimidating to some, but Huynh stressed that his

classes are accessible to all ages and abilities.

In an effort to make his popular training methods more visible, he's offering a series of outdoor kickboxing and fitness classes to be held on the green just outside AMC Theatres during $the\,month\,of\,September.$

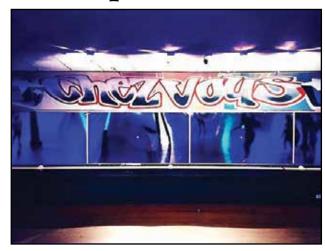
At a discounted price of \$10 per 45-minute session, the classes will consist of stretching, punching, kicking, selfdefense combos, high intensity exercises, abs, and pushups, as well as weapons training with nunchucks, bo staff, or the baton. The social-distanced classes can accommodate up to 20 people and will take place at 2 p.m. and 4 p.m. on three Saturdays: Sept. 5, 19, and 26. Those interested can sign up on the South Bay website at bostonsouthbay.com/

Chez-Vous roller rink, still closed, looking to the public for help

By Daniel Sheehan REPORTER STAFF

A beloved Dorchester roller rink is sounding the alarm and appealing to the community for help as it remains closed due to Covid-19 restrictions. The rink, which has been closed since March, is hoping to stay in business with the help of a new crowdsourced Gofundme fundraiser.

Derick Foster, a manager at Chez-Vous, an 88-year-old fixture on Rhoades Street off Blue Hill Avenue, said the appeal is a last-ditch effort to stave off what is threatening to become "an insurmountable debt. The bills haven't stopped," he said. "We've maintained as best as we could for a few months, but, you know, we have utilities to pay, contracts to honor, permits, inspections, maintenance. Roller skating rinks were already struggling, and to be closed down in the middle of our busier sea-



The Chez-Vous rink, closed since March, remains empty indefinitely.

son in late winter/spring, that was just a huge blow on top of everything."

With the pandemic expected to linger in the region for the foreseeable future, Foster doesn't expect the rink to reopen again until sometime next year. So far, in the span of about two weeks, the Gofundme page has raised about \$11,000 of its \$50,000 goal.

"We're very appreciative. We know it's a horrible time for everyone, so to get any support at all, it's a blessing, and I think it shows our importance to people as a community space," said

Chez-Vous, a Dorcheser institution for more than 80 years, is a popular venue for group events and often hosts birthday parties, school trips, and meetups for local organizations. As such, it's one of a handful of businesses that will continue to lie dormant as long as large indoor gatherings remain nonviable.

"It's very difficult to not be open and available to community members, schools, and the closeknit organizations in our community," said Foster. "Skating is a chance for folks to get stress off their shoulders, and for people who choose our space for that, it's heartbreaking. We miss everyone...hopefully this isn't the end."

Project Description:

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Tuesday, September 22

The proposed project consists of a new four-story, 29-unit residential building, with 4 affordable units being provided pursuant to the City's Inclusionary Development Policy. Eight surface parking spaces will be provided, as the site is located approximately four hundred feet from the MBTA's Ashmont/ Peabody Square station on the Red Line. The project was designed as, and will conform with the requirements of, the City's Compact Living Pilot initiative.

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Reporter's People

News about people in and around our Neighborhoods

Roberts Playground field re-named for Keith Love

By Reporter Staff

Mayor Walsh presided at a small ceremony last week to re-name a playing field at Roberts Playground for the late Keith Love, the longtime co-headmaster of Tech-Boston Academy who died of cancer last spring at age 52.

The mayor was joined by Boston Public Schools Superintendent Brenda Cassellius and Boston Parks and Recreation Commissioner Ryan Woods, along with members of the school community.

The Parks Department renovated the field, which hosts many local sporting events, with artificial turf in 2013. But TechBoston Academy athletic programs always take priority when the department manages use of the field.

"Keith Love was someone who lived to empower and inspire young people," said Walsh. "He reminds us how

important it is to have role models in our community, who make our city a better place. His courage, strength, and $compassion\,will\,continue$ to inspire every TechBoston student who comes to this school. And we will always carry him with us in our hearts."

Love was just six months shy of a 20-year BPS career and had spent the last 16 years working at TechBoston Academy, beginning in 2004 as a program director. Three years later he became TBA's chief administrative officer, and in 2013 he became school leader, alongside co-headmaster Nora Vernazza. "Keith had so much Bear Pride and was widely known as the heart and soul of the TechBoston Academy community," noted Cassellius. "We are so lucky to have known Keith and we are all better people because of his presence in all our lives."



Mayor Walsh joined the Boston Parks and Recreation Department, Boston Public Schools Superintendent Brenda Čassellius, and TechBoston Academy community members at the athletic field at Roberts Playground renamed for beloved TechBoston educator Keith Love. Isabel Leon/Mayor's Office photo

Dorchester filmmaker, 19, turns her lens on racial justice

By Daniel Sheehan REPORTER STAFF

This summer, as protestors took to Boston streets and the national discourse turned to issues of policing and systemic racism, a young Dorchester filmmaker teamed up with a Brookline teenager to create "An Honest Conversation," a short film that compiles interviews with various Dorchester and Greater Boston residents to offer a range of opinions on current affairs.

Michelle Levinger is a sec-

 $ond\hbox{-} year film\, student\, at\, Sarah$ Lawrence College in New York. She told the Reporter that while her friend Silviu Leroy, 18, came up with the idea for the documentary and conducted the interviews, she was instrumental in producing and executing the project.

"It was a great partnership [with him] on the creative side, and me on the practical, figuring out how to make that idea actually work," said the 19-year-old Levinger, who used equipment she had won through a grant in high school to make the film, while drawing from past experience with more narrative styles of filmmaking.

In the film, Leroy questions a diverse range of interviewees about their reactions to George Floyd's murder, their perception of the violent and nonviolent protests that erupted in its wake, and their perspectives on the history of police brutality.

Four of the subjects interviewed were Levinger's neighbors in Dorchester.

Levinger said that making the film challenged her viewpoints on certain subjects, and made her see the political objectives of violent protests and vandalism in a new light. She hopes the film sparks more conversations in turn and allows viewers to consider issues of police brutality and systemic racism in more nuanced ways.

"I hope they take from it what I took from it- a new perspective, and new passion to support the BLM movement," she said. "We took what we had, just words and an idea and made something. I hope other people feel inspired to take what they have and make a difference.'



Michelle Levinger

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James John Slater Medical Study Volunteer

We continue our presentation of soldiers and sailors with connectionsDorchesterwho served in World War I. Following are excerpts from Camille Arbogast's profile of James John Slater (1897-1969), who with his family lived in Dorchester at 14 Johnson Terrace and later at 158 Boston St.

James John Slater, one of eight children of James Blanchard, a printer, and Mary Belle (Campbell), was born in Roxbury in 1897. During James's childhood his family moved regularly (Roxbury, the South End, Jamaica Plain, Mattapan, and Dorchester).

James enlisted in the Massachusetts National Guard on April 6, 1915. He reported for duty on July 25, 1917, serving as a saddler in Field Hospital #1 of the



JAMES J. SLATER Shown in his Quincy office, Mr. Slater in discussing the proposed medal says the hell with it.

26th Division. On Sept. 7, he

sailed for Europe. In France, James

volunteered to participate

a high fever which lasted few days, followed repeated relapses, sometimes recurring for years. The illness could also cause "complications which are either disabling or fatal such as weak hearts, disordered livers or kidneys, bad eyesight, etc."

In January 1918, James and the other volunteers were transferred to a hospital in Saint Pol, Pas de Calais. James was among the volunteers inoculated with infected blood, and in seven days, he was ill with trench fever. After several relapses, the disease began to decrease in severity. The study proved that trench fever was an infectious disease primarily transmitted by lice. General John J. Pershing commended volunteers

in a trench fever medical "exceptionally meritorious Service Medal. Those medals Thereafter, James returned Division to the $26 \mathrm{th}$ pronounced "fit for duty." though he professed to tiring easily and suffering back pain. After another year of service, he was discharged at Camp on April 29, 1919. On Sept. 16, 1922, he

married Alexandra Scott Christie of Allston, a clerk and a graduate of Brighton High School. They had a daughter, Phyllis, born in 1923.

In 1939, an effort was made in Congress to obtain official recognition for the trench fever study participants, a proposal to which James said:

"The army recognizes three medals, the Congressional Medal of Honor, Distinguished Service Cross Distinguished and $_{
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study. The illness caused and conspicuous services." rate with the army and no others do. Now if what we did is worth anything it is worth one of those recognized awards. If it is not worthy of one of those medals it is not worth anything. A special medal, it seems to me, would not mean a thing to anybody, and I say the hell with it." In the 30 years following, James was divorced, remarried, and worked as a traveling salesman of electrical equipment while relocating numerous times. He died on May 24, 1969, at the Beach Hospital in Fort Lauderdale, Florida. Funeral services were held for him in Ft. Lauderdale and in Wellesley, Mass. archive of these Thehistorical posts can be

viewed on the blog at

dorchester historical society.

Editorial

Trump's accelerating assault on democracy

We have not wasted much ink in this space detailing the day-to-day outrages, depravities, and lies of the Trump administration over the last 44 months. Such an exercise would leave precious little room for the steady diet of local coverage to which our readers are accustomed.

But lest anyone labor under any misapprehension: This unhinged presidency is loathsome to us in every way. It must be brought to an end by the power of our votes.

Each minute of this sustained national nightmare that is the Trump presidency has brought further descent into lunacy, criminality, and misinformation.

Now, as the campaign season lurches toward its climactic fall chapter, the Trump-Pence strategy is clear: Stoke discord and ferment violence on the streets of American cities and, in a desperate flail, appeal to the most vile fears of their malcontented base. In the meantime, the back plan: Sow the most poisonous of crops—doubt in the fundamental lifeblood of our republic—throughout the land. What bitter harvest will their wickedness reap come November?

Last week, the Trump-Pence ticket shamelessly misused the White House and other federal property to stage the Republican convention, a flagrant violation of federal law. And yet, on went the show, as even left-wing media —eager to appear even-handed in their coverage— aired the proceedings with only passing references to the abuse of power.

This week has brought even more grotesque behavior. The president's well-documented affinity for white nationalist killers was once again torch-lit by a teen vigilante, Kyle Rittenhouse, charged by Wisconsin authorities with murdering two men and grievously wounding a third on the streets of Kenosha last weekend amid protests set off by yet another police shooting of an unarmed Black man.

In his patented double-speak, Trump on Monday seemed to defend Rittenhouse's actions as self-defense, suggesting the AR-15 wielding 17 year old "probably would have been killed" had he not let loose a barrage of bullets at unarmed protestors.

Not since the aftermath of the bloody neo-Nazi riot in Charlottesville had the Republican nominee for president come so close to inciting and justifying white supremacist vigilantism.

His opponent, former Vice President Biden, meanwhile, has been unequivocal in denouncing any form of violence amid the protests in cities like Portland and Kenosha. Biden is spot-on when he notes that it is Trump who brings "toxicity" along with him wherever he rolls.

"Fires are burning and we have a president who fans the flames rather than fighting the flames," Biden said. "Donald Trump looks at this violence and he sees a political lifeline."

It's even more sinister than that. On Tuesday, ignoring appeals of state and local officials to stay away, Trump descended on Kenosha, a small city still reeling from the aftermath of murder and days of unrest. It would, of course, be too much to ask this particular politician to pass up an opportunity to enflame his red-capped brigade.

Meanwhile, yesterday in Massachusetts, still in the midst of a disruptive and deadly pandemic, people exercised their civic duty in strong numbers. Whether casting ballots in person— as my family did, with no hardship, in Lower Mills— or sending it along through the mail, the voting was done with great confidence that our sacred right, our franchise, is fully intact.

We have a president who intends to undermine that right. We must not let him succeed.

Bill Forry

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Commentary

Pay heed and listen up: a cautionary tale

By James W. Dolan Reporter Columnist

Once upon a time there was a far distant land where people enjoyed periods of relative strife and harmony. For the most part, the citizens were able to adapt to the variables so much a part of a diverse country. They acknowledged life's imperfections and understood that flawed human beings required a stability that could only be achieved through understanding, restraint and compromise.



James W. Dolan

Progress was slow, but things seemed to be moving steadily forward despite the fits and starts normally associated with the complex and often divergent demands of identifying and achieving the "common good." They recognized the need for an ordered society because only then could progress be assured. Power had to be ceded to government and other

institutions formed to promote the critical balancing of competing interests.

The entire structure depended upon the good will of citizens; their capacity to disagree, debate, and compromise without rancor. Absent shared common values of truth, compassion, understanding, fairness, and humility, the structure would atrophy and eventually collapse. Instead of shared responsibility, the "common good" would be undermined by a distorted conception of reality and, finally, by power seized by an autocrat.

That's exactly what happened when a larger-thanlife showman arrived on the scene promising greatness if only the people would follow him. Despite a sordid past, he was able to convince large numbers of disgruntled citizens that politicians cannot be trusted, so why not give him a try. Many agreed that a leader so outspoken and confident, even one so blatantly lacking in character and fundamental values, would be a breath of fresh air.

They accepted false equivalence: Since all politicians are crooked, they decided, why not take a chance on a complete charlatan. They might not want him as a son-in-law but what harm can he do as president. Character was sacrificed on the altar of expediency.

The outcome was predictable. Pursuit of the "common good" was no longer a goal. Partisanship prevailed and the fundamental underpinnings of democracy eroded. Respect, integrity, restraint, and decency were replaced by acrimony, distrust, and recrimination. There was unrest in the land and the residents of neighboring countries wondered what had gone wrong. It's one thing to recognize human weakness by building safeguards to manage it. But embrace it at your peril.

In the end, a once prosperous and stable country turned on itself. Anger, suspicion, and bitterness undermined trust, understanding, respect, and accommodation. Governing became unintelligible, "full of sound and fury signifying nothing." The country slipped from authoritarianism into anarchy and eventually collapsed. History shows how empires have self-destructed. It has happened again and again and again.

My name is Ozymandias, King of Kings; Look on my works ye Mighty and despair! Nothing beside remains. Round the decay Of the Colossal Wreck, boundless and bare, The lone and level sands stretch far away. Percy Bysshe Shelly

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

Letter to the Editor

Rainbow Peace Flag project expands into Dot, Mattapan

To the Editor:

I am writing to draw your attention to an important movement a small but mighty group of local residents is launching in partnership with community-based organizations, businesses, and houses of worship.

It is called the City Peace Project, part of the Rainbow Peace Flag Project. Our goal is to distribute and display rainbow peace flags throughout Dorchester, Roxbury, and Mattapan beginning on September 21, the International Day of Peace.

The Rainbow Peace Flag has been referred to as "a flag that symbolizes a growing movement of solidarity, inclusion, kindness, and peace" and efforts to promote it have gained momentum. Since 2016, more than 16,000 flags have been distributed. They are given free to any and all who want them.

The Rainbow Peace Flag Project seeks to extend kindness and caring across national borders, with love that includes people of all sexualities, genders, abilities, religions, races, and cultures, and to condemn acts of violence and hatred, embracing peaceful dialogue instead.

In 2019, the flag was redesigned to include four skin tone stripes representing the rainbow of humanity; to change the letters from white to black in solidarity with the Black Lives Matter movement; and to put all the colors side by side as a symbolic move away from hierarchy and toward equality.

Our local effort is known as the City Peace Project. The unfortunate uptick in violence we are seeing in some neighborhoods, due in part to the stress and trauma of Covid-19 among other things, and the importance of the Black Lives Matter movement, compels us to find a way of demonstrating the concern and care we share for one another.

Imagine the message that will be sent, seeing these flags throughout communities that are often impacted the most by violence and trauma, and which, unfortunately, are too often defined by these acts. While a flag cannot prevent violence or solve the underlying issues, it can certainly send a message of love and compassion that is often so hard to envision and promote and serve as an important reminder of our collective humanity.

The plan is to distribute as many flags as possible throughout Dorchester, Roxbury and Mattapan ahead of Sept. 21 to all who want to display or promote them, with the flags being available on a continual basis afterward. Businesses and organiza-



A Rainbow Peace Flag flies from the porch of a neighborhood home.

Photo courtesy Betsy Boggia tions that have an open location can be provided a display to give them away, and all are encouraged to fly the flag themselves.

Donations are accepted for those who would like to provide financial support, but a donation is not required to receive a flag or flag display. Requests for flags are already coming in, and an effort is being launched to have the flag flown on City Hall Plaza on Sept. 21.

This is an ambitious effort and we welcome all who would like to volunteer to help package, distribute, promote, display, and share their story of why this symbol is important for them, their family, loved ones, or community.

Request for flags or offers to volunteer can be sent to citypeaceproject@gmail.org. Donations can be made at secure.givelively.org.

Betsy Boggia Dorchester

Call it what you will, but single-payer health care is what we need

By BILL WALCZAK REPORTER CONTRIBUTOR

The Republican FearFest was at full throttle last week, with numerous Trumps and others using their convention to declare that electing the Biden-Harris ticket would result in anarchy, the loss of the suburbs—and socialism, which Nikki Haley claimed was Biden's "vision for America."



Bill Walczak

Trump himself said that Biden was "a Trojan horse for socialism."

Socialism has had many different meanings over the years, but today it generally means government control of a

system. In the US, the post office, the military, the court system, roadways, fire and police departments, and public schools would be examples of government control over systems.

When Republicans talk about socialism, they mainly bring up our health care system. Obamacare is a particular target, despite the fact that the idea for Obamacare came out of the right-wing Heritage Foundation. Republicans initially embraced the Heritage Foundation idea. Indeed, Mitt Romney's term as Massachusetts governor was notable for his health care reform bill, also based on the Heritage Foundation idea, which became known as Romneycare.

The Romneycare model was adopted by President Obama in the Affordable Care Act, which became known as Obamacare. The Republican Party then turned against it, declaring it to be "socialism." The RNC speaker and Florida businessman Maximo Alvarez was especially wary of Medicare-based health care for all, saying: "I've seen ideas like this before, and I'm here to tell you, we cannot let them take over our country."

The idea of a health care system

that cares for all Americans was part of Franklin Delano Roosevelt's New Deal, but because of strong objections from some labor unions, Roosevelt decided that Unemployment Insurance and Social Security would be the first socialist support systems to be introduced to America during the Great Depression.

Truman, LBJ, Nixon, and Clinton all preceded Obama with their own efforts to insure all Americans, and all the while, opponents to a national health insurance system, especially the American Medical Association, spewed the word "socialism" as the reason Americans should not have it.

Still, cut components of a socialized medicine system were passed over the years to care for elders (Medicare), lowincome people (Medicaid), our federal and state Public Health organizations, Native Americans (Indian Health Service), those in our active military, and veterans (Veterans Health Administration). In fact, nearly half of all health care dollars in the US today are spent by government offices.

The idea of a government being responsible for ensuring that medical care is available for all its residents originated in 1883 in Germany, followed in the next two decades by ten other European countries. Today, the United States stands alone among developed countries as the only one without a comprehensive system of medical care for all its residents.

Much of the time, the term "single payer system" is used, meaning that, whether health care services are controlled by the government or not, the government is responsible for paying for it. This would include Canada, where the system is private, but the payment is public, and Great Britain, where both the system and payment are public in the well-regarded National Health Services.

When Alvarez talked about being wary of the idea of health care for all, he was saying be wary of the health care system that virtually every other developed country in the world has.

I spent 42 years running a health care organization and became a quick convert to single payer. If the purpose of our health care system is to ensure that our American population is as healthy as can be, and that our system is as efficient as it can be, we have failed miserably.

Despite spending \$3.6 trillion (2019 data) for medical care (over \$11,000 per person), far more than any other country (17.7 percent of our GDP, vs. the 12 percent of the next highest country, Switzerland), the US is ranked 24th by the World Health Organization in life expectancy. We rank 37th in the world's countries' health systems, in the WHO's estimation.

Additionally, the Commonwealth Fund ranks us 11th among 11 developed countries for health outcomes, equity, and quality. And the National Institutes of Health ranks us at the bottom of 16 comparable high-income countries in health outcomes and lifespans.

So give us an "F" when it comes to outcomes vs. expenditures.

America has a deeply fragmented and arcane insurance system in which millions of families depend on employment for their insurance. So if there's a recession or pandemic and millions of people get laid off from their jobs, they lose their health insurance, too. And though there is an individual mandate (residents in states like Massachusetts are required to carry health insurance), the insurance purchased through the state's Health Connector can require many thousands of dollars in deductibles and copays.

We have no business mandate — a requirement that employers offer good health insurance to all employees. This means that the taxpayers subsidize large corporations like Walmart, which keeps its prices down by not offering benefits like insurance to all their employees, thereby leaving that

I spent 42 years running a health responsibility with the taxpayers, since many employees of companies onvert to single payer. If the purpose like Walmart qualify for Medicaid.

In the US, out of pocket expenditures for health care is \$366 billion per year (10 percent of medical expenditures). The result of such a system is that 66.5 percent of personal bankruptcies in the US (19 percent in Canada) are due to medical debt.

We also have bizarre rules in this country. Take colonoscopies, for example. According to Obamacare, preventive procedures are supposed to have no out-of-pocket cost, but insurance companies have decided that "preventive" means not finding anything. If they find a polyp, then this clearly preventive procedure (to take out something that could cause cancer, thereby preventing the cancer) turns into a "diagnostic" procedure, and you pay for anything not covered by insurance, such as the deductible. That was \$1,700 for my last colonoscopy, which found one easily-resolved, 1 millimeter polyp.

Prevention, which should be the centerpiece of a rational health care system, is not an important part of the American system of care. If it were, we'd have a lot more focus on nutrition and fitness, and the social determinants of health.

This is our health care system. Compare it to our peer countries, where you get a card when you're born, and keep it until you die. It covers nearly everything you need, and health outcomes are significantly better. Call it socialized medicine or call it the way health care is typically delivered in the developed world. I'll take any one of those systems over the broken and costly one we have.

Bill Walczak is the co-founder and former president/CEO of the Codman Square Health Center. He lives in Dorchester.

Let's show appreciation for all our front line workers

By Frank Baker

It's hard to believe that we have entered the sixth full month of Covid-19 paralyzing our city and our lives. I have previously written here about the solutions we all need to deliver in order to maintain our civility and society during these incredibly difficult times. I have called for support of our police as they dedicated themselves to our safety amidst a global pandemic. I have asked for support of Black Lives Matter. And I have asked for support of our city budget, one that considered the transformational effects the virus has had on our economy and funds services that help all of our residents with affordable housing, schools, and public health initiatives.

As we have all struggled and tried to maintain peace of mind at home and in society, we cannot forget the thousands of people who have weathered the hardships and health risks and done their jobs day after day, without the benefit of staying home or being able to call into meetings in pajamas via Zoom.

Our front line workers in Boston are moving into their sixth month of what must seem like a never-ending journey. These heroes are keeping the people of Boston fed. They are picking up garbage and working road projects in extreme heat while wearing masks. They are working around the clock at our local hospitals to deliver life-saving medicine to a stream of patients that does not seem to end. They do this while often making low wages and receiving no benefits. They are the people who keep us going while the rest of us are stuck at home.

We need to take a minute and understand how long six months actually is, particularly as these men and women bravely face the unknown of Covid's effect on them and their families if they contract the virus during the course of their selfless duties. Six months of caring for our elderly at assisted living facilities and working around the clock to keep them safe. Six months of making sure the toilet paper, hand sanitizer, milk, diapers, and bread is on the shelves. Six months of making sure we get our mail.

Here is what we all need to get behind. We need to appreciate and thank these citizens for putting this great city above themselves. They are selfless. And in my opinion, they have gone under-appreciated. After five months in daily crisis, I think it is possible our appreciation of these people and their efforts is waning.

Just as we cannot let our guard down with the virus, we have to remember that these heroes have kept going, too. Their mission-essential duties do not For the readers here who are wondering what they can do, it is simple. Say thank you to these men and women for what they are doing every day. Beyond that, you can really help by continuing to respect this virus. The long haul is not over. Not by a long shot. And what we owe the front line workers is our adherence to the rules. Wear a mask. Wash your hands. Stay home when you can. And please be kind to each other. That way we can all get through this the way Bostonians always do – together.

Frank Baker represents District 3 in the Boston City Council.



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Pandemic recasting rental scene; no easy signups with students learning online style

"My husband and I have just been talking about it. Do we take in a tenant that's less competitive as far as their application?" Wright said. "Do we make decisions around a lower credit score, or references that maybe are not as glowing just to get somebody in?"

She said the condo could be ideal for a student at the nearby University of Massachusetts Boston. But the school is relying heavily on online classes for this

(Continued from page 1) fall. That's also the case for some other local colleges and universities.

> The result is that fewer students are looking to rent across the city, according to the economist Joshua Clark, who analyzes rental markets for the real estate website Zillow.

> "We have a whole new situation now," he said. "The city of Boston and the metro area is usually getting ready right now for a flood of students to come on down to town and take up a huge

amount of the demand and need a lot of supply that we see around the city.'

A smaller influx of students isn't the only variable affecting demand. There's also increased unemployment. And it's having an impact on rental prices, according to Clark.

"Right now, if you are making money in Boston, if you are a lucky person who's been able to keep their job - and I know that's less common these days than normal — but

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Realtor Jonathan Viciere and condominium owner Mindy Wright wait for prospective renters to show up at the open house. Jesse Costa/WBUR photo

right now is a great time to find deals," he said. "The amount of promotions available right now are very great."

Clark said Zillow doesn't monitor vacancy rates, and the city of Boston doesn't yet have data that would shed light on what this Sept. 1 will look like. But Clark said there are price declines — something that hasn't happened since Zillow started monitoring Boston's rental market in 2014.

And landlords are offering other incentives, such as allowing new tenants to move in for three months rent-free.

"Extra little add-ons that are really reflecting higher vacancy rates than normal," Clark said.

But even with some downward pressure on prices, Clark noted that Boston is still one of the most expensive rental markets in the country. So, if people were struggling before the pandemic, there's little chance a slight drop in the rent or living rent-free for a few months would make much difference.

There may be another factor reducing demand for new leases this year: fewer people getting kicked out of their homes. Housing rights advocates in Boston said the months leading up to September are typically a time when some landlords try to get rid of non-paying tenants to make way for college students.

"In a normal year, April, May, June, July, August — those months in the housing justice movement are often referred to as eviction season," said Helen Matthews with City Life/ Vida Urbana, a grassroots organization that advocates for housing rights.

This year, she said "eviction season" is on hold because of the statewide moratorium on evictions. But Matthews said that doesn't put people at ease. A recent Census survey indicated one in three Massachusetts renters

are unable to pay their rent. That rental debt adds up. And Matthews said the fear is heightened for renters of color.

One in every two Black renters in Boston said they had little to no confidence that they could pay their rent for August," she said. "Thirty-nine percent of Latinx renters surveyed said they had little to no confidence that they could pay their rent for August."

Matthews said when the eviction moratorium ends in October, Boston and the rest of Massachusetts could face an eviction crisis. There's a bill making its way through the Legislature that would attempt to stabilize the rental market post-COVID-19. Until then, Bostonians are looking at an unfamiliar rental landscape.

Mindy Wright, the owner of the condo in Dorchester, said if no one moves in on Sept. 1, she's hoping to find a tenant for September 15. If not, she said she and her family might be able to afford to go without a tenant for six months. After that, she's not so sure. And Wright said she knows other landlords may not be able to wait that long.

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Copper work the 'in thing' at The People's Academy

(Continued from page 1) the third-floor office space, a copper plate with the words "Trades not Triggers" displays the unofficial TPA motto. Thomas contrasted his organization's style of addressing gun violence with that of the judicial system.

"TPA is a proactive approach; they have a reactive approach... every time there's an incident that happens, it costs taxpayers money, it costs the families grief. it's a negative effect. But if they work with The People's Academy, they become employable, they have no time to run around and do whatever, plus they're rebuilding the infrastructure. It's a win-win."

TPA normally trains about 30 students a year, but that number has dropped this year due to COVID safety measures and scant resources. The Academy operates on thin margins that have been squeezed even further by the pandemic and the ensuing economic crisis. Most of the program's budget comes from contract work done on construction sites around the region, so when those jobs were cut off, so was their revenue.

"This program is self-funded," explained Thomas. "With the virus, it made it even worse because the very few projects we were doing got shut down. We weren't receiving any of this federal, state, city funding, so for us we're struggling financially to carry this program... Here is something that would contribute to the economy, to the infrastructure, and it's not getting the help it deserves.

While funding is scarce, a recent boost from City Realty Group — in the form of a donation of several new Chromebooks— will provide crucial technology to help TPA apprentices in the educational portion of the program.

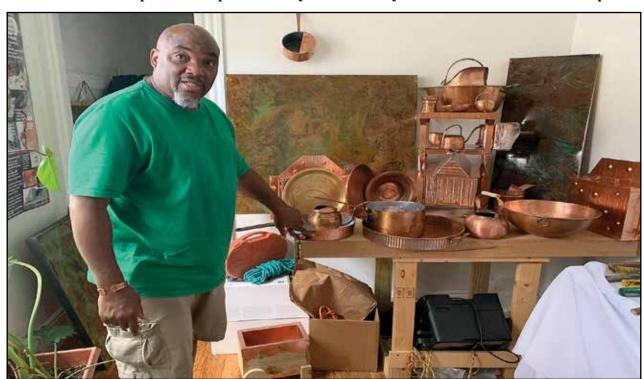
"Adding the technology component will be huge," said TPA executive director Tanisha Stephney, in that it will allow students to draft blueprints, use architectural software, and analyze construction plans ahead of a job.

She added: "The connection that we made with City Realty is very powerful and a huge component of where TPA is needing to go. They connect us to properties and contracts built around the copper trade."

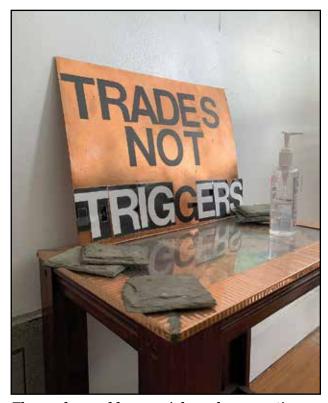
In general, TPA is well connected with the metal, electrical, and carpentry union network in Dorchester. Thomas noted that in 2018, 43 of 50 apprentices accepted to IBEW Local 103's electrical apprenticeship program came from TPA.



The outdoor workshop at The People's Academy can be as busy as a beehive. Daniel Sheehan photos



T. Michael Thomas and a collection of the shop's copper items.





The academy addresses violence by promoting peace on images it creates. "Trades Not Triggers" is the unofficial TPA motto.

The Academy's imprint can be seen in copper work at South Bay Center and the State House, as well as in construction projects from Brookline to Cape Cod, and as far away as New Hampshire and Maine.

 $Still, the \, organization \hbox{'s}$

local ties to the neighborhood are visible— and often deeply personal. Many of the men and women in Thomas's program are from the blocks right around the current TPA headquarters (Thomas hopes to one day move the organization to a site at Quincy and Warren streets in Roxbury, a space pending city approval that would let TPA house live-in apprentices and manufacture metal for nearby companies).

Paul Francis, 29, grew up nearby in Uphams Corner, where he caught Thomas's eye at a young age. "He noticed that someone like me needed attention and needed something to occupy my time positively," said Francis. "So, he'd have me do stuff around the house, wash his car, stuff

like that. Once I got of age, he brought me onto a job site...it changed my life," he said. Thomas taught him discipline, how to be punctual, and how to improvise, noting that in the metalworking field "if there's not a way, you got to make a way."

Working a trade is diversionary by nature, added Francis. "It keeps you busy, keeps you away from the streets."

For kids in the neighborhood without a diversion or a mentor like Thomas, the consequences can sometimes be deadly. In recent years, TPA has conducted copper leaf workshops in which family members of victims of gun violence are invited to create copper leaves in memory of those who have died.

"It lets community members learn about copper and create something that represents someone they love," explained Stephney.

The copper leaf structures, Stephney and Thomas suggested, could replace makeshift memorials that sprout at the sites of homicides around the city, which can sometimes leave behind broken glass or revive painful memories and, in turn, incite further violence.

A model of the copper tree hangs in the workshop in Thomas's basement, alongside a copper model three-decker and copper-paneled light displays honoring victims of Covid-19 that the mayor has agreed to place on display as a memorial at City Hall at some point in the near future.

TPA apprentices say that Thomas's artistry has rubbed off on them, even when it comes to more utilitarian work at construction sites. Working with their hands to create something tangible, and having a final product they can point to and be proud of, is meaningful in and of itself.

Shaun Andrade, 36, joined the program in 2017 after leaving a low-level job at Stop & Shop. "There was no skill to it, just moving cans and putting them back, nothing I wanted to do. Now I know a skill, I enjoy doing it, and I love talking about it, you know, telling my son about what I build or the things I've done. It just puts you in a different mindset."

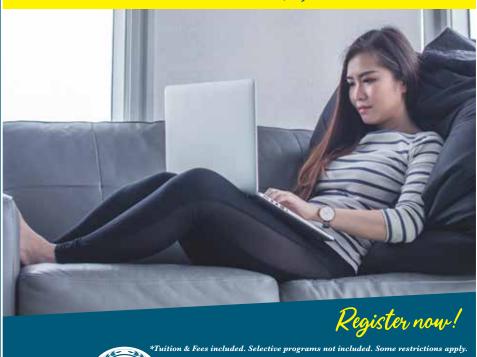
That change in mentality is the first step on a path to a better life, said Andrade, but for it to happen, a person needs first to be given a chance.

"Once you have a mindset of wanting to do better, you have to be willing to learn, willing to change. A lot of people have hidden talents that they don't even know about because opportunities like this were never presented to them."

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Medical experts questioning viral data from jails, prisons

By Deborah Becker WBUR Reporter

Despite a surge in Covid-19 cases in jails and prisons around the country, Massachusetts public safety officials are touting few cases behind bars. But some doctors are raising questions about the testing — and the data.

Concerns arose in the wake of reports of a recent study from a researcher at Brigham and Women's Hospital, Dr. Monik Jimenez, who found that the infection rate in Massachusetts correctional settings is three times higher than the rate in the community.

"The rates in carceral facilities in Massachusetts is exceptionally high," Jimenez said, "higher compared to the general population of Massachusetts and the general population of the United States."

Her study looked at infection rates in Massachusetts jails and prisons from April to early July that are published weekly as mandated by a state Supreme Judicial Court ruling. Jimenez says that while Massachusetts is unique compared to other states in at least providing some testing data, it isn't standardized. So not all

facilities test or report the same way.

"Because there is a lack of oversight and a lack of transparency, you don't know what you don't know," Jimenez said. "This lack of transparency further cripples an adequate public health response."

Jimenez said that lack of transparency also raises questions about all correctional testing. Some epidemiologists agree.

Dr. Stephen Kissler, a postdoctoral fellow at Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health, has been looking at the data provided by the SJC ruling. Kissler wonders why the positive Covid-19 rate in state prisons isn't even higher, especially after some widespread testing.

"That did cause me to raise my eyebrows to some extent," Kissler said. "Whether it's the timing of the tests, because of how the tests were administered, or the issue of people in the prisons not getting tested when they show symptoms — any one of those things could be in play. But I think one of them must be."

The court documents say that in Department of Correction (DOC) facilities, there

were more than 2,700 prisoners tested since the end of May, with 12 new positive cases. At the same time, the report lists 124 more correctional officers tested with 12 new positive cases.

Kissler believes more frequent testing should be required in correctional facilities, as it is in other congregate living situations.

"We know these are settings where Covid can spread explosively," Kissler said. "That's been shown clearly in nursing homes, and the evidence is mounting with the universities' reversals of opening plans — so that's absolutely true in universities as well."

Elizabeth Matos, with Prisoners' Legal Services of Massachusetts — the group that filed the suit — also believes the data reported because of the SJC ruling contain discrepancies. She said that since the SJC reports were issued in April, there have been different numbers and those should clarified to understand the effects of the virus behind bars.

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Experts: Plan now to ensure Covid-19 vaccine distribution

BY MATT MURPHY STATE HOUSE News Service

Bars, concert venues, and sports arenas won't fully open to the public in Massachusetts until there is a vaccine, or a treatment, for Covid-19. But if one were to be approved in the fall, or winter, who would be immunized first? And who would administer it?

The fourth and final stage of reopening may seem a long way off, given that vaccines are still in various stages of development, but experts agree that planning for the eventuality of a vaccine should begin now

"It would be a tragedy if a vaccine were produced, available. and effective and we couldn't get it to people fast enough," said Lauren Stienstra, program director for homeland security and emergency management at the National Governors Association.

The NGA published a policy memo this month suggesting that a "whole of government" response will be needed to successfully distribute a vaccine to the public. Gov. Baker is a member of the NGA's executive committee.

'The challenge of vaccine development is matched by the challenge of vaccine distribution; once discovered and produced, it must be delivered and dispensed to the population writ large," the memo said.

The nine-page blueprint, which is intended to help states think through the challenges of vaccination, recommended that governors begin convening Cabinets and stakeholders to develop preliminary strategies.

"I think states, of course, have been planning," said Claire Hannan, executive director of the Association of Immunization Managers. "They have existing pandemic flu plans that they would have brought off the shelf, dusted off, and really started going through.'

But even though states like Massachusetts have existing distribution one step ahead in that

channels for vaccines, many questions about a Covid-19 vaccine remain unanswered.

Those questions include who will get the vaccine first if there is limited supply? Should scope-of-practice laws be amended to increase the supply of medical professionals licensed to administer a vaccine? And will the state employ a "push model" or a "pull model" for distribution.

The latter relies on a strategy of pushing vaccine out to local agencies and private sector partners responsible for delivering vaccine to specific populations. The former involves putting the onus on the public to "retrieve" vaccines from drive-thru clinics, clinics at schools, and other distribution sites.

The state could also elect to set up its own vaccination centers, experts said.

We definitely want to avoid some of the distribution challenges that we saw with testing and Remdesivir," Stienstra said.

The Baker administration would not say whether it has started planning for the distribution of a vaccine, or if steps had been taken to begin thinking through some of the issues raised by the Governors Association and other experts.

"The Covid-19 Command Center is in constant communication with the Commonwealth's nation-leading medical and life sciences organizations, and as a vaccine is developed, will work closely with these groups and federal and state partners on planning for potential distribution," said Sarah Finlaw, a spokesman for the center.

Hannan said she didn't know specifically how far along Massachusetts was in its planning, but said generally states were well engaged in the effort. She also said that Massachusetts has a "really good system in place" for disseminating the annual flu vaccine, including experience with getting that vaccine to uninsured adults.

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There's also the question of convincing the public that the vaccine is safe. A recent Gallup poll found that 35 percent of Americans said they were unlikely to get vaccinated even if the FDA approved a free vaccine today.

"They need to be focusing on the messaging and how they're going to communicate, how they're going to encourage people to get the vaccine," Hannan said.

In Massachusetts, the task of developing a vaccine is front and center. Some of the leading candidates to be the first to develop an effective vaccine call Massachusetts home, including Cambridge-based Moderna, which has entered a stage-three efficacy trial to test its vaccine on as many as 30,000

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Hereof fail not, at your peril, or as other wise said suit may be adjudged and orders entered in your absence.

It appearing to this Court that no personal service of the Complaint has been made on the Defendant identified herein above, that after diligent search Plaintiffs can find no such persons upon whom they can lawfully make service, it is **ORDERED** that notice of this suit be given to them by publishing on one occasion in *The Dorchester Reporter* and *The Orange County Register*, with said publication to be at least 20 days before the

publication to be at fleast 20 days before the above responsive pleading due date. Dated at Boston, Massachusetts this 19th day of August, 2020. /s/ Susan E. Sullivan, Justice Clerk of the Courts

By: /s/ Philip Drapos Philip Drapos Deputy Assistant Clerk

reported some promising early results.

Pfizer, another Bay State pharmaceutical giant racing to develop a vaccine, has also entered third-stage trials, and hopes to be in a position to seek Food and Drug Administration approvals for use by October.

The Trump administration launched "Operation Warp Speed" on May 15 aimed at delivering 300 million doses of a safe, effective vaccine by January 2021.

The NGA said it expects the federal government to purchase and secure all available vaccine once it is developed, and centralize distribution to the states. The Centers for Disease Control held which one scenario was discussed that would have industry deliver vaccine to a central distributor that would parcel out weekly allotments to states.

"There is a high degree of uncertainty as to the exact processes and procedures that will be used for operations, administration, and logistics," the NGA memo said.

The policy memo, however, said states should also begin to think about how they will access supply chains for cold chain storage of vaccine, as well as gloves, syringes, and wipes. Stienstra said that could mean states like Massachusetts leasing warehouse space to store vaccine

respect," she told the humans, and last week a meeting on July 30 in before it gets shipped to pharmacies like CVS, or direct to hospitals, clinics, and other providers.

The goal, the NGA's memo said, would be to avoid a repeat of the early days of the pandemic when shortages of personal protective equipment had states competing against one another and the federal government for supplies.

President Trump on Aug. 11 raised the idea of military involvement in distributing vaccines. "The military is ready to go," he said. "They're ready to deliver a vaccine to Americans as soon as one is fully approved by the FDA and we're moving very close to that approval."



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CALLINAN, Marion In Quincy, originally

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from Savin Hill, 86. She was the mother of Christopher Callinan and his wife Pamela of Quincy. Daughter of the late Henry and Florence (Raithel) Barry. Sister of the late John, Harold "Hap" and Arthur "Art" Barry.



CARVER, Carol A. of Dorchester. Wife of the late Raymond T. Carver. Mother of Paul R. Carver and his wife Susan of Marshfield, Peter G. Carver and his wife Elizabeth of Rockland, Andrew C. Carver of Dorchester, Matthew T. Carver of Marshfield, and Philip J. Carver and his wife Pamela of Dorchester. Cherished grandmother "CC" of 12. Sister of Virginia Dunn, Maureen Ryan, and the

late George V. Kenneally Jr., and Gerard Kenneally. Also survived by many nieces, nephews, and friends.

DAVIS, Evelyn R. of Dorchester. Mother of Kenneth Davis of Dorchester. She is also survived by 12 brothers and sisters.



GRACE, Margaret "Peggy" (Busund), 72, of Needham. She was born in Teaneck, NJ, the daughter of Harold and Margaret Busund. Peggy grew up in Teaneck. She leaves her husband of 41 years, Ken Grace, her two sons Michael Grace and partner Tiffany Robicheau of Dorchester, Matthew and his wife Katie Grace of Natick, and her grand-pug Olive, two brothers and sisters-inlaw Harold and Margo Busund of PA, Robert Busund and Cyndy Santa Maria of AZ, as well as many other loving family members and friends. Memorial donations may be made to: Immaculate Heart Academy, 500 Van Emburgh Avenue, Township of Washington, NJ 07676. To make a gift online, please visit.immaculateheartnj.com

GRIFFIN, Mary G. of Marshfield, formerly from Jamaica Plain and Dorchester, 93. Wife of the late Gerald "Gerry" Griffin; mother of Matthew of Jamaica Plain, Timothy of Sandwich,



Daniel of Norwell, Mollie of Marshfield, John of Marshfield, and the late Gerard Griffin; Mother-in-law of Karen Smith, Sandra Griffin, Melanie Griffin and Julie Griffin; Nana 11. Also survived by sisterin-law Mary-Pat Goggin of California, and many nieces and nephews of the Griffin and Goggin families. Daughter of the late Daniel and Mollie "Mumsie" Goggin. Also sister of the late Robert, Richard, Daniel and Gerard Goggin. Mary was born in Boston to Daniel and Mollie Goggin, and was raised in Neponset (Saint Ann's Parish). Expressions of sympathy may be made to the Saint Clares Monastery, 920 Centre Street, Jamaica



KEY, Robert Mallard, "Bobby", 72 of Dorchester, was born in Boston to the late Henry and Lillie Key. He was the youngest of two sons. He attended Boston Technical High School and graduated in

ematics was nurtured and became prominent in High School. He attended the University of Massachusetts and the Massachusetts Institute of Technology where he majored in advanced Mathematics. He retired from Massachusetts General Hospital after working there in various capacities for approximately 30 years. After retirement he continued to work at the Veterans Hospital and Northeastern for 15 more years. He is survived by His Brother Henry Key, Jr. (wife Marcia), His niece and nephew Michael and Michelle Key, His aunts, Abney Bourne and Alyce Williams, his uncle, Andre Nealy, cousins, Willie Nealy Ill, Wendell Bourne (wife Margo), Gloria Lee (husband Tony), Jeanette Bourne, George Key, (wife Jackie), Harvey Key (wife Terry) his partner and close friend of 30+ years Francette Chappell, and many other cousins, relatives and friends.

1967. His gift in math-



LYNCH, Patricia M., 91. Patricia was a lifelong resident of Dorchester. She was a graduate of Simmons College with a Bachelor of Science in Educational and Emmanuel College with a Masters in Education. She spent her entire career in the Quincy Public School System. She taught at the Snug Harbor School and the Parker School. She retired in 1994. She was a member of the Quincy Retired Teachers Association. Patricia was the sister of the late John D. Lynch and his wife Margaret. Aunt of John Lynch of Winchester, Susan Rogers of Pocasset, Julie Lynch, Brian Lynch, Richard Lynch and Jane Lynch all of Milton, Stephen Lynch of Braintree, Karen Lynch of Scituate and the late Gregory Lynch. Patricia is also survived by several great-nieces and nephews and 1 great-great-niece.

LYNCH, Sister Mary T., S.F.C.C. of Dorchester, formerly of South Boston and Jamaica Plain. Daughter of the late Mary (Finn) Lynch and Matthew Lynch. Sister of Sally McDonnell of Randolph, Eileen Lombardi of Easton, Matthew Lynch of Randolph, James Lynch of FL, and the late Kathleen Trapani and Marian Ci-



ampa. Also survived by many nieces and nephews. Sister Mary was a member of Missionary Servants of the Most Blessed Trinity for 35 years and the Sisters For Christian Community. Her ministry was helping individuals with alcohol and drug addictions, as well those in the criminal justice system.



McDONALD, thew G. "Matty Mic" in Dorchester, suddenly. Son of Paul G. Mc-Donald of Watertown and Julia A. (Moroney) McDonald of Dorchester. Brother of Conor R. McDonald of Dorchester. Survived by many aunts, uncles, cousins, and dear friends. Matty was a member of the Laborer's Union Local #223. When he was young, he was an avid sports participant, playing for Dorchester Youth Hockey and Savin Hill Baseball. Donations in Matty's memory may be made to the Daniel J. Marr Boys & Girls Club, 1135 Dorchester Ave., Dorchester, MA 02125.



McNICHOLAS, Dorothy E. (Ragazzo) of Dorchester. Wife of the late Martin "Joe" McNicholas. Mother of Mark McNicholas and his wife Catherine of Braintree, and the late Nancy Valetta. Grandmother of 2. Also survived by many nieces and nephews.

MISKELL, Andrew "Andy" in Dorchester, formerly of Mucklon, Balyforan, Co. Galway, Ireland. Husband of Ellen (Faherty) Miskell. Father of Mary M. and her husband Seamus Quinn of Dorchester, Eileen B. and her husband Matthew Coyle of Ireland, Annmarie McDonough of East

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Boston, Andrew C. and his wife Erin Miskell of East Milton, and Kathleen and her husband Michael Brown of East Bridgewater. Brother of Dennis Miskell of England, and the late John, Philip, and Michael Miskell, Kathleen Verdon, Josephine Miskell, Peter Miskell, and Bridget Anne Mellor. "Pop-Pop" of 15. Great-grandfather of 2. Andy was a retired custodian for the City of Boston Housing Authority for many years. Donations in Andy's memory may be made to The Jimmy Fund, P.O. Box 849168, Boston, MA 02284-9168

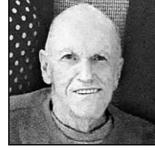
MULLEN, Michael Patrick of Dorchester passed away August 29 after a long illness. Son of the late Raymond T. Mullen and Nellie Mullen Bonspille. Father of Katylee Mullen and her partner Dave Micciche of Florence, SC. His son Mathew Mullen and his wife Katie of Abington, his grandson John Patrick. Brother of Barry J. Mullen of Dorchester, Maureen Townsend of Quincy, and the late Noelene Drake, Kathleen Donovan, Marc Mullen, Eileen Perry.



OWENS, Joanne M. (Cogliano), 89, formerly of Roxbury, Dorchester, and Quincy. Wife of 59 years of the late Joseph, and mother of six daughters, Marie and Carol of Dorchester; Suzanne and husband Doug Smith of Milton; Laura and husband Michael Gazzola and Elizabeth and husband Martin Rigby of Quincy; Nancy and husband Daniel Marston of Fairfax, VA. Grandmother of 7. Sister of the late Jeanne Howard, Ann Murphy, Mary, Vincent (Jimmy), Frank, Joseph, and Loretta Cogliano, and survived by sister, Constance Peruzzi of Dorchester, as well as many nieces and nephews, their children and grandchildren. Joanne volunteered at Charles Taylor Elementary School library and the Girls Latin School/ Boston Latin Academy PTO, both as a member and Board President. Donations may be made in memory of Joanne to: Hebrew Senior Life/ NewBridge, 1200 Centre Street, Roslindale,

PROUT, Robert E. "Bob" of Braintree,

MA 02131.



formerly of Dorchester (OFD), 80. Born and raised in Boston to the late Edwin Prout and Pauline (Murch) Prout. Bob graduated from Dorchester High School, Class of 1957. US Army veteran. Bob was a retired Teamster with Local 25 and Town of Braintree employee. Robert was the husband of the late Virginia "Ginny" (Connor) Prout. Father of Michael T. Prout, Joanne M. Allen and her husband Dominick, and Laura A. Prout, all of Braintree. Brother of the late William Prout and Lorraine Ramacorti. "Bubba" 2 and the late Adrienne Saltibus. Also survived by several nieces, nephews, great-nieces, greatnephews and several close friends. Should friends desire, memorial contributions may be made in his name to the Jimmy Fund.



SMITH, Barbara A. "Daisy" (Gilboy), 73, of Marstons Mills. Born in Boston, she was the daughter of the late Joseph and Margaret (Kenneally) Gilboy and sister of the late Mary P. "Trisha" Farren. Barbara grew up in Quincy and graduated from St. Gregory High School in Dorchester.Barbara is survived by her husband James Michael of Marstons Smith stepdaughters Mills. Nicole Baumler of Hyannisport and Samantha Webb of Centerville, brother Joseph M. Gilboy of Milton, 3 grandchildren and many nieces and nephews. Donations may be made to Alzheimer's Disease Research, 22512 Gateway Center Drive, Clarksburg, MD 20871.



Wilma of WADE, Dorchester. Retired Nurse's Aide, Tufts Medical Center and longtime member of Beulah Pilgrim Holiness Church. Wife of the late James Stephen Wade. Mother of Sidney (Vicki) Wade of Utah, Yvonne Wade of Boston,

Nulma Wade of North Carolina, Dave Wade of Boston, Wilber "Lance" and Yvonne Wade, Steven Wade and Dayle (Cass) Wade all of Boston and the late Eulie Rose Wade and Imelda Judith DeCosta. She is survived by 15 grandchildren and a host of great-grandchildren, nieces, nephews, extended family, friends.

September 3, 2020



Ann

WALSH,

(**Flaherty**) of Milton, 86. She leaves her husband of 64 years, Thomas D. Walsh. Ann was a teacher in the Boston schools for many years. She was an elected Milton Town Meeting Member, a Milton Warrant Committee Member, a Milton Cemetery Trustee, a Milton Historical Commission member, a Milton Hospital Corporator, and a member of the Milton Conservation Commission. An avid volunteer, she was a member of the Eire Society of Boston and the Amateur Gardeners Club of Milton. Ann was the daughter to the late Patrick J. Flaherty and the late Margaret (Cronin) Flaherty. She attended Cathedral High School and Regis College. She leaves four children: Kathleen Samp and her husband Edward of Wayland; Patricia Greene of Newton; Kevin and his wife Chris of Wilmington; and Thomas and his wife Hiroe of Quincy. Her brothers James and Joseph preceded her in death. She also leaves grandchildren. seven Ann was born in Quincy and lived in Milton for 60 years. In Ann's memory, please perform an act of kindness.

WEYDT, Alyce Marie, 85, of Lynnfield formerly of Dorchester. Born in 1935 in Boston, she was a daughter of

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Ellen (Hart) Weydt.

Alyce was employed at John Hancock for over 40 years as a computer analyst. After her retirement from John Hancock, she was a lunch lady for the Murphy School in Dorchester. She also helped at her family's run business in Hingham, Larry & Miriam's Donut Shop. Alyce is survived by her two children, Judy Campbell and her husband Peter of Lynnfield and Jonathan Weydt of Attleboro; her eight grandchildren; and three great grandchildren; her siblings Margarite Dubois of Grafton, James Weydt of Weymouth, Carol Weese of Weymouth, Neil Weydt of Dorchester, and the late Theresa Brandi, Miriam Livingston, and Joanne Callanan. Also survived by close family friends Maria and Flo Santone, and many nieces and nephews. Donations in Alyce's name may be made to the Alzheimer's Association directly at http://www.alz.org/ WILLIAMS

(Hughes) Janice A. of Mattapan. Wife of the late Sidney Williams. Mother of Marlene Hughes of Wakefield, Kevin Hughes of the Berkshires, Stephanie Hughes-Wallace of Mattapan and Devonna Williams of Methuen. Sister of Darlene Bowman of Dorchester, Anna Farrow of Mattapan, Shirley Hughes of Jamaica Plain and the late Paul and Brenda

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Felix D. Arroyo Register of Probate Published: September 3, 2020

Patricia M. (Mullaney) Miller



In Dorchester, formerly of Watertown and Belmont, died peacefully at home surrounded by her loving family on August 27, 2020. Daughter of the late Bertram P. and Helena C. (Connolly) Mullaney. Beloved wife of the late Kenneth R. Miller. Loving mother of Kathleen M. "Kathy" Minehan and her late husband Steve F. Minehan of Dorchester,

Thomas J. Miller of Chelsea, Maryellen and her husband Thomas J. Ciulla of Randolph, and Sheila M. and her husband Timothy J. Piquette of Dorchester. Sister of Clare Scannell of Wellesley and the late Bertram P. Mullaney. Devoted grandmother of Kelley Minehan (BFD), Capt. Joseph Minehan (BFD), Meghan Minehan, Kaitlin Minehan, Ian Miller, Devin Madrigale, Matthieu Miller, Michael Ciulla, Daniel Ciulla, Brian Ciulla, Noelle Piquette, and Kristen Piquette. Great-grandmother of 18. Patricia was a proud graduate of Belmont High School, Class of 1950. She was a longtime member of the Catholic Daughters of America (Court Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal), and parishioner of St. Ambrose Church in Dorchester. In lieu of flowers, donations in Patricia's memory may be made to The Hundred Club of Massachusetts, 17 Gloucester St., Boston, MA 02115. There will be a private visitation, private Funeral Mass in St. Ambrose Church, and private interment in Cedar Grove Cemetery. For guestbook, please visit www.jmurphyfh.com. Arrangements by the Murphy Funeral Home, DORCHESTER.

Hughes. "Nana" to 6. Great-grandmother of 1. Janice is also lovingly survived by many extend family and close friends. Janice was born in Columbus, Ohio. She was a social worker for many years. Most recently, she worked for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in the health care industry. She was a foster mother to many children over the past 30 years.

ZÜBRYCKI, John **J.**, 73. John grew up in Belgium and settled in Dorchester in 1959 and has lived in Weymouth for 43 years. He was an Army Veteran and served in Vietnam. Mr. Zubrycki was a ramp service agent for Delta Airlines at Logan Airport for 32 years. He also was a life member of the Weymouth Lodge of Elks. Husband of 49 years to Elizabeth A. (Bradbury) Zubrycki. Father of Matthew and his wife Deirdre of Keller, Texas and Danielle Morgan and her husband Eric of Pembroke. Brother of Roman Zubrycki and his wife Linda of Holbrook and Christine Schultz and her husband Michael of Lexington. Grandfather of 5. Uncle to many nieces and nephews. If desired, donations may be made in his memory to the Joslin Diabetes Center, One Joslin Place, Suite 745, Boston, MA 02215.

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ADSL Softball season offered fun summer outlet for Dot girls



Players, mentors and coaches in the ADSL Girls Softball Minor division include (front row, l-r): Mila Yandle, Meghan Coppney, Mia Myers, Molly Dolan, Lola Yandle, Devlin O'Regan, Juia Keene; (second row) Grace Plunkett, Lilianna Dahlbeck, Brianna Thach, Isabelle Robbins, Amara Ings, Lila Flaherty, Bridget McCarthy. Mentors (in purple): Avery Dillon, Ava O'Brien, Lauren Dillon. Back row: Coaches: Chris Plunkett, Kevin Monahan, Christina Myers.

By Kevin P. Monahan

It was a late start to the season this year for ADSL girl's softball, but once we got the goahead, we were able to field Minors, Majors, and Senior divisions that had several highlights.

In the Minors, Chris Plunkett and Christina Myers provided an immediate impact as first-year coaches. They started with some basic drills to shake off the rust and worked the girls up to "game ready." Several parents commented on the improvement of the players' skills from the beginning to the end of the season.

Coach Plunkett's highlights were watching his DareDevils players Liliana Dahlbeck giving solid play at first base and Brianna Thach hitting her first home run. Coach Myers watched her Saints players Molly Dolan and Mia Myers develop their defensive skills while Bridget McCarthy led the way with her hitting

My own Friars team had a mix of rookies and seasoned players. Clare McCarthy continued to tear up the bases with lightning speed and aggressive base running. Amara Ings and Lila Flaherty proved more than ready to take it to the next level. Rookie Julia Keene's natural athletic skills showed she is someone to watch out for next year.

Grace Plunkett and Lila Flaherty peaked enough to be called up to the Majors division late in the season. They showed their worth as both went 2 for 3 at the plate and exhibited solid defensive skills. My biggest thrill was watching their confidence and comradery building up through the season.

In the Majors bracket, Crusaders coach Kevin George had a strong mix of veterans and rookies. The Crusaders have moved up from "cellar dwellers" into the team to beat with Kelly McK- Sarah Lynch, and Rory Shields leading the way with their bats. The Mullin and Porter sisters are fast on the bases and Izzy Mcquaid is solid behind the plate. Caitlin Sweeney and Christina George led the charge on mound while rookies Zoe Baxter and Maggie Januliwitz are stars of the future.

A merged Blue Jay / Cardinals team is the biggest threat to the Crusaders and the coaching trio of Jason Willet and Matt and Noreen Kelley can boast of a deep bench. Coaches are silent on this, but the truth is daughters Addie Willet, Audrey, and Nina Kelly are all-stars. Sluggers Katie King and Colleen Sansone complement the hard hitting of Lilah Curley and Addie Willet. Audrey Kelley has the bat and exceptional defensive skills.

The Falcons team headed up by Joe Kyne and PJ Trapani has a young group transitioning from last year's

Minors Championship team to a an up-andcoming line-up for next year. Ava and Lila Kyne showed improvement as Emma Sorensen and Alannah Tankle are team leaders.

The Orioles had another fun season, as we welcomed six rookies to the team along with our seasoned veterans. Among the youngest players, Lyla Mendoza mastered right field and Sabine Beliveau showed early promise with great contact at the plate. Many returning players took on new positions, with Adriana Taglieri becoming a formidable pitcher, Ruby Gold holding it down at first, and Elise Walker stepping up to become a solid catcher as the season progressed.

Nia Buyu anchored the team with strong defense at shortstop and Aaliyah Johnson's hitting just keeps getting stronger. Many thanks to all the Orioles and their families for bringing positive energy and love for the sport!

In the Senior division, Dan Clark's perennial championship Hawk team has been matched by a talented Eagles team coached by Mike Haggerty and Mat & Noreen Kelley. Hawk's star hurlers Brenna Emma, Lauren and Avery Dillon have been matched by Amanda Astrofski and Monica Kelley. Hawks defensive specialist Sarah Clark and Ava O'Brien are matched with Eagles Emme Finnegan and Madelyn Murphy. Hawks long ball hitters Kaelin Clark and Sydney Hanlon have been matched by Eagles Keira Flynn, Ava Duffy, Cori Miller, and Carol Casado. Deep center is no longer a safe zone for spectators.

The Ravens were a young squad this year that put together some excellent hitting and fielding as they came together as a team. Unique Washington was

a standout for her improved hitting and fielding, with fellow Seniors rookies Ananda Scott bringing a big bat to the lineup, Clare Ablett providing a reliable glove and hustle, and Phoebe Le-Ngo showing speed in the outfield and on the base paths.

Pitching duties were split among four Ravens: Cielo Diaz, Amanda Hughes, Tyler Borges, and Lola Roberts, all of whom could be counted on to throw strikes and play great defense, and Meredith Bultmeyer was key both on and off the field as a veteran catcher and all-around leader. This team will be back and better than ever in Spring 2021!

Come out to watch the action this week at Toohig Park as we wrap up the playoffs. Big thanks to ADSL for housing some safe fun for the summer.

Kevin Monahan is the Commissioner of ADSL Girls Softball.



Coaches used rackets to launch softballs skyward during a recent practice featuring Minor league players at Toohig Park. Photos courtesy Kevin Monahan

Cannabis board orders up major change for pot delivery

By Colin A. Young STATE HOUSE **News Service**

State marijuana regulators have made alterations to the set of regulations that has been under development for months to allow delivery licensees to buy marijuana wholesale from cultivators and manufacturers, a change that one regulator said is key to equity in the newly legal industry.

The way the Cannabis Control Commission had drafted its newest set of regulations, delivery licensees would have functioned essentially as couriers — sourcing marijuana and marijuana products from CCC-licensed retailers and making same-day

deliveries to customers for a fee.

Several prospective cannabis delivery operators told commissioners during a public hearing that the framework for delivery would not work as initially written.

During a meeting last Friday to comb through bundles of outstanding policy questions, the CCC voted to allow delivery companies to source the marijuana and products they offer for delivery from CCClicensed cultivators and product manufacturers on a wholesale basis. Delivery licenses are available exclusively to participants in the CCC's Social Equity Program and certified economic empowerment applicants, and the commission voted Friday to increase that exclusivity period from two years to three years.

"With this change creating unprecedented exclusivity for social equity + economic empowerment businesses, Massachusetts might be back on track to be the first state with a functioning national model for equity. Very grateful to all who took the time to comment, and my colleagues, Commissioner Shaleen Title tweeted after Friday's meeting.

Home delivery of marijuana has long been allowed under the state's medical marijuana program, and advocates livery regulations. "The pushed for a deliveryonly license in the recreational market arguing that it will help level the playing field between large corporations and small businesses because the barriers to entry for delivery are typically far less burdensome than those for retail licenses. The CCC's courier-only delivery model will remain an option, one with a potentially lower cost of entry, for prospective business owners.

"We got a lot of pushback saying that people found that to be less than a viable economic model," CCC Chairman Steven Hoffman said in August of the commission's initial plan for de-

trade-off, of course, in our minds is a very strong desire to try to keep the capital requirements as low as possible in this business and, of course, adding warehousing and wholesaling would significantly increase the capital requirements."

The CCC approved a delivery license structure in the fall and made applications available in May, but has not yet licensed a delivery-only business.

Also Friday, the CCC

addressed another hot topic in its proposed regulations — the threshold for the number of medical marijuana patients a single caregiver can assist. Originally, the CCC proposed affording caregivers — essentially

people registered with

the CCC to care for and

provide cannabis to med-

ical marijuana patients

who might be unable to go to a dispensary themselves — the ability to provide care to up to 10 patients but that specific threshold was met with opposition from a major patient advocacy group.

Instead, the CCC decided Friday to allow each caregiver to care for up to five patients and to grow up to 500 square feet of marijuana for their patients. Caregivers would be able to request a waiver to care for more than five patients. but their homegrown canopy could not exceed the 500 square foot limit.

The CCC's rewritten regulations are not yet final. Commissioners had expected to vote on the final set of regulations on Sept. 24, but the slideshow presentation from Friday's meeting said the date for a final vote on regulations is to be determined.



Leaders from College Bound Dorchester's Boston Uncornered solution received a \$5,000 community partnership grant from the Mass Convention Center Authority last week. The money will go directly to supporting the weekly stipends Boston Uncornered students receive while pursuing college degrees. This grant was given in conjunction with Senator Nick Collins. Shown above, from left, are Mark O'Leary, of the Convention Center Authority; Stefanie O'Shea, Boston Uncornered Government Relations and Partnerships; Francisco Depina, Boston Uncornered College Readiness Advisor; and Bob O'Shea, Mass Convention Center Authority Community Liaison.

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Dorchester was very proud of our Summer Program this year. Although the program looked different than in past summers, the Clubs were able to safely open and welcome our members back. With so much uncertainty in the world, the kids were so happy to be back at the Club with their friends and caring staff. Throughout the summer, they enjoyed participating in various creative outdoor activities as well as swimming, athletics, arts and crafts and more. One of the final projects was to help prepare our members and get them excited for the upcoming

school year. They created signs to share with each other about what

be when they grow up.

grade they are going into, who their

teacher will be and what they want to

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FIND OUT WHAT'S INSIDE: BGCD Social Justice Program Special Art Project: At Boys & Girls Clubs of Dorchester, our teens initiated their own Social Justice Program. In the program, they wanted to start a special art project to help express their thoughts and feelings during these unprecedented times.

The teens were asked what BGCD means to them. They are always encouraged to use their voices to speak up for what and who they believe in. The artwork that they created paints a beautiful picture of opportunity, diversity, human rights and so much more.

Check out our video today at https:// vimeo.com/452289180. You won't want to miss seeing these amazing and powerful pieces of artwork from our teens.



DID YOU KNOW: BGCD Teens Take Part in Career Week Interviews: Boys & Girls Clubs of Dorchester hosted our 2nd week of Career Education Zoom sessions for members with our High School Career Prep Team.

During the week members heard from Mike Melchionda, an Electrician and Member of Local 103 IBEW, Jacqueline DeStefano of Mutual of America Financial Group, Norbert Kong from BlackRock Investments, State Representative Liz Miranda, Honorable Massachusetts Judge and former **BGCD Alum Steven Key, Al Carrier** from Carrier Associates Engineering, Anna Rickert from RODE Architects Inc., Emmanuel Dambreville, Boston Police Department and David Blandino, **Boston Fire Department. During the** 2-week period we had 125 teens take part in sessions. Thanks to all of our panelists for joining us!

UPDATES

Boys & Girls Clubs of Dorchester
"BGCD At Home" Virtual Programming:

BGCD's virtual programming has finished our summer programming. Please keep an eye out for our fall schedule with fun new programs coming soon.

For more information or to register your child, please email Brendan McDonald at bmcdonald@bgcdorchester.org or call 617-288-7120.



Walsh urges eligible parents to use enhanced EBT program

By Katie Trojano REPORTER STAFF

Mayor Martin Walsh this week urged Dorchester residents with children enrolled in Boston Public Schools to take advantage of an enhanced Electronic Benefits Transfer (EBT) program that offers additional food-buying relief for households hit hard by the pandemic.

The program is available for all students who receive free or reduced lunch under the National School Lunch Program, including all Boston Public Schools as well as public Charter Schools. Normally, Boston schools offer breakfast and lunch for most schoolkids. The Pandemic EBT Program will help families buy their own food while schools await in-person re-openings.

"Across the city we still have over 6,700 unactivated cards, and in Dorchester there are 1,400," said Walsh. "That's where we really want to get the word out to families. It's an incredible resource. We don't want anyone missing out because they're not aware of it."

Walsh spoke as part of a statewide awareness campaign supported by the Shah Family Foundation and Project Bread in collaboration with the Massachusetts Department of Transitional Assistance and the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education.

He was joined in a virtual event by First Lady Lauren Baker, Catalina Lopez-Ospina, director of the city's Office of Food Access, and Jill Shah, president of the Shah Family Foundation.

"We're here to address concerns and we want to make sure that the federal dollars that have been put aside to help families buy food are used. At the same time, we want to make sure that people are encouraged to use them to support their local grocer, farmer's

are struggling," said the mayor.

He added: "There are millions of dollars that could go to our businesses and that's another great reason to use this money."

The Baker-Polito administration has re-

market and people who ceived federal approval to promote increased food security for families who participate in the USDA's National School Lunch Program. Families enrolled receive payments of roughly \$30 weekly for each student. The benefit is expected to bring more than \$200

million in federal funds into the state's economy.

"This is a very trying, complicated, and difficult time for everybody and we want to make sure that people are aware of this resource," repeated Walsh. "It really should be taken advantage of for a whole host of reasons."

MBTA, cities are launching dedicated bus lane program

By Chris Lisinksi STATE HOUSE News Service

The MBTA and city officials in Boston, Somerville, Everett, and Chelsea will install up to 14 miles of dedicated bus lanes across the region through next spring, a project that they said will help minimize the risks of Covid-19 for bus commuters.

More than 50,000 weekday riders will be able to travel on buses in the dedicated bus lanes through the \$20 million project, MBTA officials said as they announced the partnership last Thursday.

Some of the areas targeted already had bus lane planning under way, while others are newly selected based on ridership trends since the pandemic started in March. T officials said they worked with municipal leaders to select areas with the highest ridership during the Covid era to receive new bus lanes, including some on routes with large numbers of essential employees.

Because buses can travel more quickly in dedicated lanes, the T hopes that it will be able to run faster service and reduce crowding, steps that will support social distancing on the vehicles while the public health crisis remains ongoing.

Six bus lane projects will be implemented this fall or next spring: Columbus Avenue between Walnut Avenue and Jackson Square Station in Boston; North Washington Street from Cross Street to Causeway Street in Boston; Broadway between Chelsea City Hall and 3rd Street; Washington Street in Somerville between Mc-Grath Highway and Sullivan Square; Sweetser Circle and nearby parts of Main Street and Broadway in Everett: and Washington Street from Forest Hills Station to Roslindale Village.

Four others in Boston will undergo additional planning for potential installation by the spring: Warren Street between Grove Hall and Nubian Square; Malcolm X Boulevard between Nubian Square and Tremont Street; both Columbus Avenue and Tremont Street between Jackson Square Station and Ruggles Station; and Hyde Park Avenue between Metropolitan Parkway and Forest Hills Station.

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Weekend National Guard call-up ended on Monday

was called up and on standby over the weekend, but was not deployed into any active operations, the Baker administration said Monday night as it deactivated the 1,000 Guardsmen who had been notified with no clear and public mission.

"Following coordination with municipal leaders through the weekend regarding po-

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STEVE JOSEPH
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RESPONDENT

person) be appointed as Guardian to serve Without Surety on the bond. The petition asks the Court to determine that the Respondent is incapacitated, that the appointment of a Guardian is neces-sary, and that the proposed Guardian is appropriate. The petition is on file with this court and may contain a request for certain specific authority. specific authority.

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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 Å.M. on the return date of 10/07/2020. 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 potice to you. If addition to filing the action may be taken in this intaken 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.

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

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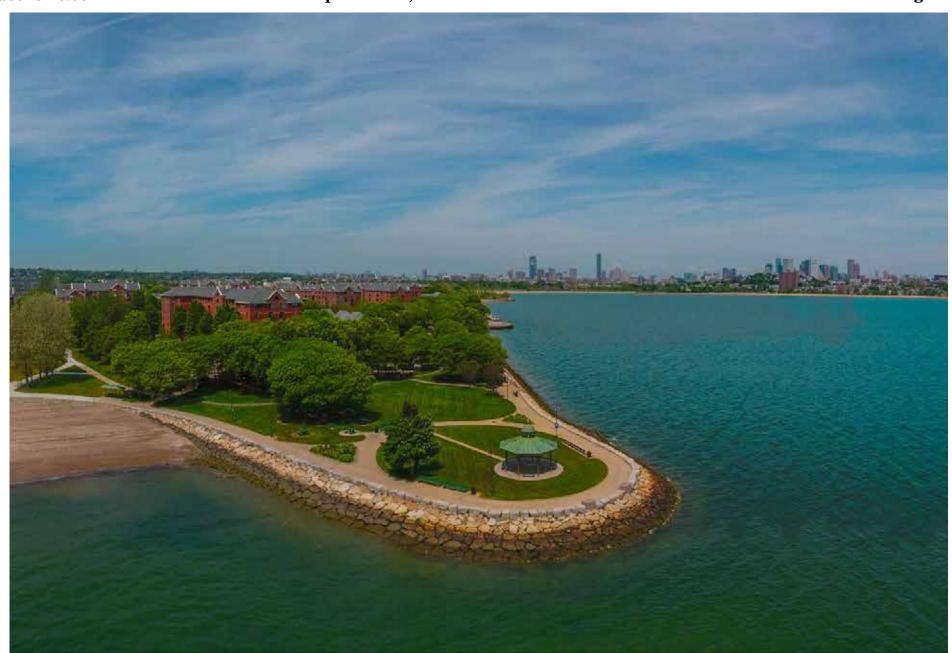
The National Guard tential large-scale demonstrations, Gov. Baker today authorized the Adjutant General of the Massachusetts National Guard to end the Governor's Aug. 28 activation order. That activation, which made Guard personnel available in the event that municipal leaders required their assistance, will end at midnight tonight," a spokesman from the Executive Office of Public Safety and Security said late Monday, providing the most direct information yet on why Gov. Charlie Baker wanted the National Guard to be at the ready since Friday.

The governor's Friday order activating the Guard did not give a detailed reason for the decision and the Baker administration said the order was given "in the event that municipal leaders require their assistance."

The call-up coincided with a weekend that saw violence crop up at and around demonstrations over policing and racial justice in other parts of the country, but not in Massachusetts.

Late Monday night, the administration confirmed that no Guardsmen were further pressed into action. Baker himself has not explained his decision to call upon the National Guard without explaining its purpose, nor have reporters had an opportunity to put the question directly to the commander in chief of the Guard.

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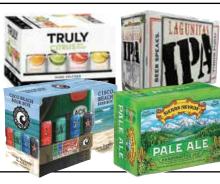
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