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The parties set their rosters for November



Andrea Campbell smiles at her husband Matthew after winning the Democratic primary for attorney general. Image via Campbell campaign



Beside her mother, Maria, Liz Miranda declared victory at Prince Hall. She took 33 percent of the vote in the 2nd Suffolk Senate race. Seth Daniel photo

It's Healey vs. Diehl; Dems like Campbell for attorney general

By GINTAUTAS DUMCIUS
MANAGING EDITOR

It was a no-sweat primary election for Massachusetts Attorney General Maura Healey, who faced no opposition Tuesday in winning the Democratic Party's nomination for governor in the November election, where she will face Geoff Diehl, the Trump-backed Republican candidate.

But for Andrea Campbell, who most recently represented Dorchester and Mattapan on the Boston City Council, a tough campaign ended with her winning her party's backing for attorney general by soundly defeating Shannon Liss-Riordan in Tuesday's primary.

At her victory night party inside the Reelhouse restaurant in Quincy's Marina Bay neighborhood, Campbell called her campaign "people powered," saying, "For all those who have felt marginalized, this victory is for you. For all those who have felt left out and left behind and undervalued, this victory is for you."

She will face trial attorney Jay McMahon, the Republican nominee who ran and lost the AG election to Maura Healey in 2018.

Former Obama administration official Quentin Palfrey was also on the ballot, but he dropped out last week and endorsed Campbell.

With nearly 88 percent of Massachusetts precincts reporting by the *Reporter's* press time, Campbell had picked up 315,420 votes (50.6 percent) to Liss-Riordan's 212,517 (34 percent), and Palfrey's 96,400 votes (15 percent).

The nominee won the city of Boston, receiving 69 percent of the vote to Liss-Riordan's 23 percent, a striking number given that Liss-Riordan had been

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Hayden prevails in ugly DA fight

By GINTAUTAS DUMCIUS
MANAGING EDITOR

It took until 9 o'clock on Tuesday morning for his opponent to concede, but interim Suffolk District Attorney Kevin Hayden had claimed victory on Tuesday night in his bitter Democratic primary against Hyde Park Councillor Ricardo Arroyo, following weeks of backbiting and vicious volleys that spilled into other political arenas

and eroded public trust in the office.

According to unofficial tallies, Hayden won Boston, Revere and Winthrop, while Arroyo won Chelsea. In Boston, with one precinct still left to report, Hayden won 36,950 votes (53 percent) while Arroyo garnered 32,000 ballots (46 percent). City elections officials reported 644 write-in votes.

The result ends a

pitched battle for the seat, a campaign that was rocked by separate reports in the *Boston Globe* that alleged Hayden had mishandled an investigation of Transit Police officers involved in a Mattapan roadway incident while Arroyo had been investigated for sexual assault as a teenager.

Hayden and Arroyo denied the respective

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Kevin Hayden: No longer interim DA. WBUR photo



A woman stands before the Obama Portraits Tour exhibition at the Museum of Fine Arts, Boston. Photo courtesy Museum of Fine Arts

Unveiling its rebranding, MFA hosts Obama portraits

By ANDREA SHEA
WBUR REPORTER

Iconic portraits of President Barack Obama and former First Lady Michelle Obama went on display over Labor Day weekend at the Museum of Fine Arts. Boston is the hit exhibition's final stop on its

seven-city tour, which included Chicago, Atlanta, and Los Angeles. As visitors seek out the Obamas, the MFA also hopes they'll take note of its first rebrand in 30 years, featuring a new logo and welcome banners that read, "Here All Belong." Director

Matthew Teitelbaum said timing the updated messaging's launch with the arrival of the acclaimed portraits was intentional.

"They both have this feeling of outward facing, sense of belonging, invitation to be part of

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Teacher shortages a challenge for BPS, other schools open up

By SETH DANIEL
NEWS EDITOR

As the pandemic continues to affect life across the country, educators are grappling with widespread burnout as teachers are leaving their profession in numbers larger than normal. Locally, the problem has presented itself at every type of school in Dorchester — from parochial to charter to public schools — with administrators scrambling to find teachers at the start of the school term in the wake of an above-average outflow last year.

Drew Echelson, the interim superintendent of the Boston Public Schools system, said late last week that BPS still had around 220 vacancies to fill before the first

day of school this week (Sept. 8.) However, he said, he was confident they would be ready.

"We've done a very thorough analysis of these vacancies to really understand where the vacancies are and how we can be creative and innovative and succeed in the moment," he told the *Reporter*. "I do feel pretty strongly we are

in a strong place and our schools will be staffed for our first day of school."

He added, "We did a very thoughtful analysis to identify patterns of vacancies to ensure any school with higher numbers of vacancies has supports in place to help them. Off the top of my head, I don't think any of those were in Dorchester

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T lost its way, US asserts

Persistent staffing shortages, misaligned management priorities, and communication breakdowns up and down the chain of command created serious safety deficiencies at the MBTA, federal investigators concluded last week.

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Two men killed in triple shooting on Melbourne Street

Three people were shot— two fatally— at a three-decker home at 26 Melbourne St. early on Sunday morning (Sept. 4). Boston Police were called to the scene around 3 a.m. One person died at the scene and a second person was pronounced dead at a local hospital. A third victim sustained non-life-threatening injuries. The victims who died were later named as Tefan Ivy, 32, of Brockton, and Jermaine Daye, 33, of Randolph.

A neighbor told NBC10 Boston that a stray bullet from the incident went into his home near Rev. Loesch/Wainwright Park and grazed his ankle.

Interim District Attorney Kevin Hayden put out the following statement about the incident: “The shooting earlier this morning in Dorchester is yet another deadly reminder of the perils to our neighborhoods when too many guns are in the hands of too many people willing to pull the trigger anywhere and anytime. Boston police and my office are doing everything possible to address gun violence but, as I’ve said again and again, the approach must include all of society.”

No arrests have been reported. Anyone with information is urged to contact Boston Police Homicide Detectives at 617- 343-4470.

A 25-year-old Boston man died last Wednesday evening after he arrived at Carney Hospital suffering from a gunshot wound. Boston Police say that the victim, Keondre Roberts, was shot in the area of 7 Van Winkle Street near Ashmont station just after 5 p.m.

Boston Police arrested two 17-year-olds on Saturday night near Grove Hall after officers assigned to the Youth Violence Task Force responded to a call for “shots fired” in the area. According to the police account, officers saw the two male teens fleeing the scene on a scooter and then on foot after they lost control of the scooter. Police say they found two loaded guns along the teens’ “flight path.” Both will face charges as juveniles in Dorchester court.

MBTA Police arrested a 33-year-old Dorchester man as he attempted to board a Mattapan line trolley at Milton station on Aug. 28. Police say the suspect— Jhovan Louis-Jeune— punched and broke the window of a trolley that day at Mattapan station. Louis-Jeune was found to have several warrants out for his arrest, including one for assault with intent to murder out of Dorchester court.



The annual Classic Car Show returns to Dorchester Park on Sunday, Sept. 11 from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. On display will be antique cars and trucks many visitors will remember from their youth and some that were in use early in the last century. The event will also commemorate the 200th birthday of Frederick Law Olmsted, the renowned landscape architect whose firm designed Dorchester Park in 1893 as well as Boston’s Emerald Necklace and New York’s Central Park. For more information about the car show see dotpark.org. Photo from 2019 event by Alena Kuzub

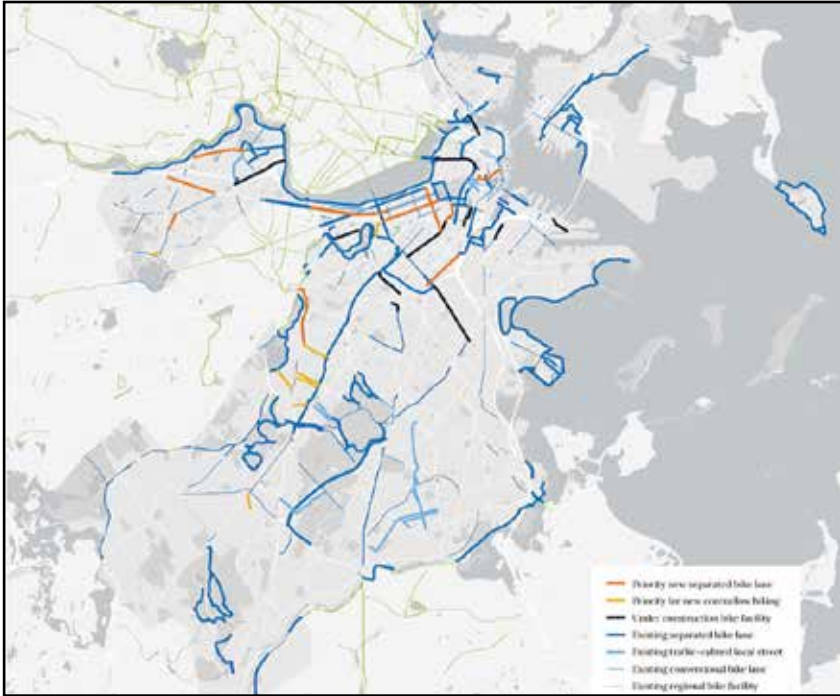
Dorchester, Mattapan left off the list for bike lane additions

The Wu administration plans a 9.4-mile expansion of bike lanes in parts of the city, with advocates hoping Dorchester and Mattapan get slotted for later extensions.

The mayor and city transportation officials were in Roxbury on Tuesday to announce expansions in Allston Brighton, Back Bay and downtown, Fenway/Kenmore Square, South End and Bay Village, Mission Hill, Jamaica Plain, and Roslindale.

They added that they would be launching a citywide design process to encourage safer streets in all neighborhoods. The measures include expanding the Bluebikes program with 100 new stations, as well as adding speed humps in 30 neighborhood zones and 75 raised crosswalks at parks, libraries, and schools.

“We’re working to transform our streets so all road users are protected and everyone can benefit from the opportunities across our city,” Wu said in a statement. “Building out a safe, connected cycling network will help close transportation gaps across our neighborhoods and advance our efforts to make Boston a city for everyone.”



The city currently has 59 miles of off-street paths, and 17.5 miles of bike lanes.

Shavel’le Olivier, executive director of the Mattapan Food and Fitness Coalition, hopes the initial expansions will lead to others.

“These plans will not only benefit those who bike but also those

who walk,” Olivier said. “As an organization whose vision it is to see the Mattapan community safe, clean, walkable and bike-able, we hope to see in the future biking and walking transportation expansion plans in Mattapan, Hyde Park, Dorchester, and Roxbury.”

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UPCOMING CIVIC MEETINGS AND COMMUNITY EVENTS

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“Flawed and Whole,” a one-woman performance about what it means to be “white and anti-racist” by Kristen Aldrich comes to Adams Street Branch BPL, 690 Adams St., Dorchester on Wed., Sept. 14 at 6:15p.m. Followed by a Q & A.

The Neponset River Watershed Association (NepRWA) and partners sponsor the annual Neponset River Fall Cleanup on Saturday, Sept. 17 from 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. Multiple cleanup sites have been designated for Canton, Dedham, Dorchester, Hyde Park, Mattapan, Milton, Norwood, Quincy, and Walpole. Volunteers of all ages, skill levels, and physical abilities are needed to help with this important event. An adult must accompany children under the age of 12. Pre-registration is required. More information about the event, including registration, can be found at Neponset.org/cleanup. Or call Eleanor Yeomans at 781-575-0354 x302

The BPDA will host a virtual public meeting on Tues., Sept. 13 at 6 p.m. to discuss changes to a proposed mixed-use project

at 270 Talbot Ave. in Dorchester. The initial plan called for 21 rental units with ground level retail. The revised plan calls for the construction of 18 condo units with ground level retail. See bostonplans.org for more info on joining the meeting.

Savin Hill Neighborhood Yard Sale: Sat., Sept. 10 from 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. (rain date Sunday, 9/11).

Live jazz music at the Fowler Clark Epstein Farm Stand, 487 Norfolk St., Mattapan on Friday, Sept. 9, 1:30 - 3:30 p.m. More info at urbanfarminginstitute.org.

A long stretch of Dorchester Avenue between Freeport Street and Gallivan Boulevard will be closed off to vehicular traffic on Sat., Sept. 24 from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. for the final Open Streets Boston event of the year. For more information,

visit openstreetsboston.org.

A fundraiser will be held at Florian Hall on Sun., Oct. 2 beginning at 3 p.m. to benefit the family of Ciaran Moore, who suffered a traumatic brain injury when he was assaulted in Dec. 2021. The event will include a silent auction, raffles, t-shirts and more. To donate, please make checks payable to Moore Family Benefit, Rockland Trust, 2250 Dorchester Ave., 02124.

The 25th annual Men of Boston Cook for Women’s Health gala will be held live and in-person under a tent next to Codman Square Health Center on Sat. Oct. 22 at 6 p.m. See Codman.org/menofbostoncook for tickets and more info.

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Discord inside City Hall over subpoenas, redistricting spills outside the chamber

By GINTAUTAS DUMCIUS
MANAGING EDITOR

Several City Hall storylines and subplots came to a raucous head at a meeting of the City Council last week nearly three years into a pandemic that has frayed nerves and less than a week away from an election that has divided the city. Shouting, table-pounding, and expletives filled the air as a public gallery of loudmouths screeched in the background. The entire affair was televised and livestreamed.

What will happen at next week's meeting (Wed., Sept .14) after this week's primary featuring State House races is anyone's guess. "Who knows?" said Dorchester Councillor Frank Baker to the *Reporter*, "Maybe there'll be an all-out riot."

The main storylines driving the outbursts: Hyde Park Councillor Ricardo Arroyo's running for the DA's seat while the *Boston Globe* is reporting on a woman's accusations of sexual assault against him from when he was a teenager, all of which led to dueling subpoena requests and to City Council President Ed Flynn temporarily removing Arroyo, who has denied the allega-

tions, from committee chairmanships.

One subpoena request came from Baker, a supporter of Arroyo's opponent, interim District Attorney Kevin Hayden. He wanted to see city records of the investigation. The other came from Jamaica Plain Councillor Kendra Lara, an Arroyo ally who wanted to see records from when Baker was convicted of marijuana possession in the 1990s.

Both ultimately withdrew their requests as the council plunged into subplots, including dismay over the removal of Arroyo from the chairmanship of the redistricting committee, which is redrawing the boundaries of the nine City Council districts. Allston-Brighton Councillor Liz Breadon, the vice chair, has been put in charge.

Roxbury Councillor Tania Fernandes Anderson, who also supports Arroyo, stood up to say her constituents feel that white councillors are taking advantage of the Arroyo situation to hand over the reins of redistricting to block people of color from joining the council.

"We're going back and forth about allegations but here people are not

innocent until proven guilty," Anderson said. "People are guilty first, people are crucified, people are lynched. Same old tricks, same masters, though."

People are calling her up to "stay in your lane" or you'll lose your seat, she said, adding, "What the [expletive] do I have to do in this [expletive] council in order to get respect as a Black woman? And I'm going to tell you. I'm not afraid of losing the votes, I'm not afraid of this seat. I'm not afraid of anybody here."

She used the occasion to play a message from a white supremacist who left an expletive-laden voicemail. "This is what I get. I get about three or four of them in my office."

She then pivoted to say, "I've made mistakes. And once I learned it, I corrected it immediately. Because I made a stupid mistake. Because I brought people who were loyal to me. I had six staff, as of yesterday, I had four." Fernandes Anderson did not elaborate nor did she respond to repeated Reporter inquiries about what she meant by saying she had made a "mistake."

"They're allegations, for crying out loud," Anderson said, turn-

ing back to the Arroyo matter. "Let the court decide."

Lara voiced support for Fernandes Anderson and said she, too, has received racist threats, which were instigated by City Councillor At-Large Erin Murphy's sister, Darragh. Lara said she went through "proper channels," asking Flynn to speak with Councillor Murphy about her sister. Murphy told Flynn she could not get her sister to back off, Lara alleged.

Fernandes Anderson and Murphy did not respond to a request for comment days after the meeting. Baker did and called Fernandes Anderson "unhinged," then added, "She was just speaking what she feels and what she thinks."

When it was noted to Baker that he had used a swear word after a virtual City Council vote in March 2021, apparently unaware he was on a live microphone, he said, "Two different things."

Asked whether he was concerned about the tenor of Council operations, Baker said, "I'm the dean of that delegation. We looked like total [expletives]," adding, "I own everything I said. Every bit of it, I own." Asked further about his



Councillor Ricardo Arroyo speaks at the Aug. 31 meeting as his father, Felix D. Arroyo, the register of probate, looks on from the audience. (Screenshot)

comment as he withdrew his subpoena that sounded like he was calling Arroyo a "predator," the councillor said it was up to the listener to determine what he meant.

After the meeting, as statements from other councillors flowed into inboxes and onto Twitter. Flynn sought to cool things down, saying, "We need to focus on the big picture, work together as colleagues, and to improve the quality of life for the people of Boston."

Councilor Brian Worrell, who represents Dorchester and Mattapan, acknowledged that tensions are high. "No city representative, staff, or citizen should feel unsafe in their workspace. Threats, racist, name calling, and objectification should never be accepted as we work to create a safer and more equal Boston."

Breadon, now in charge

of the redistricting panel, said that transparency in the effort is crucial. "While we are working under a tight timeline of roughly 60 days, I commit to stewarding a redistricting process to craft a legally defensible redistricting plan that is equitably representative of the City of Boston," she said in a statement.

After her Twitter account briefly disappeared, Fernandes Anderson returned to social media to say that she does not apologize for using "the F word" in the Council chamber. "I like this word, it's a good word," she said. ... "However, I am disappointed I used the F word while expressing hurt/anger. Negative energy is never good. Forgive me. I will do better."

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Pressley, Biden health chief take up abortion-care access in Codman parley

By **SETH DANIEL**
NEWS EDITOR

Congresswoman Ayanna Pressley and Xavier Becerra, President Biden’s health and human services secretary, visited the Codman Square Health Center last Friday afternoon to talk about Black maternal health issues and abortion care access, keying off the US Supreme Court decision earlier this year striking down Roe vs. Wade.

They were joined at the roundtable discus-

sion by local leaders, health providers, and advocates, including Black maternal health advocate Nneka Hall of Mattapan, Codman Square Health Center CEO Sandra Cottrell, Dr. Alisa Goldberg, Everett Handford, Dr. Teju Adegoke of Boston Medical Center (BMC), Michael Curry, Melanie Egorin, and Dr. Renee Crichlow of Codman Square Health Center.

Becerra was there to tout the newly approved extension of Medicaid

postpartum care, which had been called for by Pressley and was granted to Massachusetts in late July. “We’re allowing a mother to thrive with their baby if we do this right,” Becerra said. “We’ll be taking care of them not just for 60 days, but for a full 365 days now after delivery.”

He added that the community health center networks are organizations the federal government wants to invest in, particularly since they showed how

effectively they can deliver health care when it came to COVID vaccinations. “We want to do more because health centers have proven themselves,” he said.

One of the doctors at the event, Renee Crichlow, said the extended Medicaid in Massachusetts allows them to better care for low-income women after they deliver. At the same time, it’s also a period where they can catch other issues more readily like diabetes and hypertension.

Mattapan’s Hall, who has been an advocate for the doula system and for home birth, told Becerra that more needs to be invested in those systems for women of color especially.

Becerra agreed. “We’re going to be making future investments in the doula programs,” he said, “because they are very effective and we get so much out of them.”

The remainder of the roundtable discussed the fallout from the decision to overturn Roe vs. Wade, triggering laws in many states that ban abortion care in all, or some forms.

Pressley said Massachusetts is fortunate to have continued access to abortion care, but she said the trauma of the decision hit her and those she knows heavily. She



US Rep. Pressley speaks about the new maternal care extension of Medicaid from 60 days to 12 months in Massachusetts. Listening is HHS Secretary Becerra.
Seth Daniel photo

was at her daughter’s 8th grade graduation when the news came to her.

“I immediately understood that my daughter would be growing up in a country with fewer rights than I had,” said Pressley.

Hall said there is no safety net for those who cannot afford to travel to get an abortion in a state like Massachusetts that still allows it. “When the rug is pulled out from under you and it’s solid underneath you, you don’t fall, but when it’s pulled out from under you and there’s nothing under it, you fall and you have chaos,” she said.

“Right now, there is a safety net and many of our mothers don’t have the resources to travel across state lines.”

Becerra pointed to St. Louis, Missouri, where a trigger law outlawed abortion providers there, but only 12 miles away across the border in Illinois, abortion providers are still operating. “I don’t believe Americans will tolerate having disparate treatment only

miles from each other,” he said. “I think they will react... What we need to do is work really hard to not let people fall through the cracks. We’re going to do everything we can.”

He noted the federal government is enforcing all occasions where federal law supersedes state law, such as when a doctor decides to perform an abortion on an emergency basis. That decision, he said, is protected by federal law even in states with very restrictive abortion laws.

Dr. Adegoke of Boston Medical Center said they have seen people coming to the hospital for abortion services from other parts of the country, most of them initially from Texas and the southern states. “Folks call and are able to come here and do so because they have resources,” she said.

“They can afford a plane ticket to make an appointment within 36 hours. My question is how many people can do that?”



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For Olmsted’s 200th birthday, a renewed effort to make parks in city welcoming to everyone

By RUPA SHENOY
WBUR REPORTER

On a recent hot summer day, a steady beat sounded throughout Dorchester’s Savin Hill Park, as several dozen Black seniors gathered to learn how to play Japanese drums called taiko. It looked like a fairly simple set-up — chairs, drums, an instructor, microphones and loudspeakers — but organizers put a lot of effort in to make the event feel inclusive.

The event was funded by a grant from a coalition of civic, nonprofit and community organizations called Olmsted Now in an effort to change the way people perceive who is welcome in parks. The effort is in honor of the 200th birthday of Frederick Law Olmsted, who designed Boston’s seven-mile-long Emerald Neck-

lace and thought high quality parks should be open and available to all.

“These grants are meant to disrupt spaces, and break them out of the norm,” said Joëlle Fontaine of the Dorchester-based Design Studio for Social Intervention, which is part of the coalition. “Let’s shake up what the system has been thus far and see how far we can push it, because some things need to change in order for us to really think about equity in a very real way.”

Public parks make communities healthier, but a recent study by the nonprofit Trust for Public Land has found that people of color have far less access to park space than their white counterparts.

“Boston is one of the few cities in the country where there actually is a park within a 10-minute

walk of everyone who lives there,” said the Trust’s CEO Diane Regas. “But we look not just at, is there a park? But is it a quality park? And it’s in those places where Boston can continue to improve.”

Many note that one of the ways Boston could improve is by making everyone feel included in these green spaces.

At the Savin Hill event, organizer Karen Young said a neighbor made them feel unwelcome by asking what the group was doing in the park, and saying they should move. Another organizer of an upcoming Olmsted Now event, Kera Washington, said she called an insurance company to get the policy the city requires for a permit, and they asked exactly what kind of music would be played. She is planning a day of interactive African



Seniors learning to play taiko drums during a recent event in Savin Hill Park. Rupa Shenoy/WBUR photo

diaspora workshops and performances.

“Could it be considered rap?” Washington recalls them asking. “And I said, ‘Well, why are you asking the question?’ And the response was, ‘Well, because our policy doesn’t cover hip-hop.’ So, that was the end of the conversation right there.”

These are the kinds of hurdles novice event organizers — often people of color — face that Olmsted Now is trying to identify and slowly eliminate.

“The gatekeepers who have been at the head for such a very long time

have a perception of how things should be and who should be at the forefront of all of these things,” said Jen Mergel, the director of Experience and Cultural Partnerships at the nonprofit Emerald Necklace Conservancy which funded the Olmsted Now grants this summer. “This was the first time I’ve worked on something like this where the people that the grants are really there to benefit, they were at the forefront to make the decisions.”

The committee put out a call for proposals in April, offering \$200,000 in grants. They chose 16

winning projects deemed mostly likely to shift people’s thinking about who is welcome and who can be their full selves in Olmsted’s parks. Many of the resulting exhibits, art pieces and events will debut this month.

They range from salsa dancing and a Day of the Dead celebration, to spoken word performances and processions to honor enslaved African Americans. A member of the Nipmuc tribe will burn an 18-foot tree trunk for a week to create a traditional canoe. In Fields Corner, Asian American groups are planning a multimedia exhibit to tell the stories of people facing deportation.

The Emerald Necklace Conservancy is raising funds toward that end in the hopes that, one day, Boston’s parks will come closer to being the equitable places for everyone that Frederick Olmsted hoped they would be.

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With ‘fresh ideas and fresh eyes,’ Miranda is heading to the Senate

**BY GINTAUTAS DUMCIUS
AND SETH DANIEL
REPORTER EDITORS**

State Rep. Liz Miranda, a Roxbury native and the daughter of Cape Verdean immigrants, won Tuesday’s Democratic primary to succeed state Sen. Sonia Chang-Diaz, besting another state representative, a former federal housing official, and a longtime seat holder seeking a comeback.

With no Republican candidate expected in November, Miranda is set to take office as the next senator from the Second Suffolk District in January.

The city’s unofficial tally out of some 18,000 votes cast, showed Miranda with 33.2 percent of the vote, with 98 percent of precincts reported. Rep. Nika Elugardo came in second, with 27.4 percent, while Dianne Wilkerson, who served as state senator before she was ousted in a 2008 Democrat primary, garnered 21.5 percent. Miniard Culpepper, a local senior pastor and former federal housing official, earned 15 percent and first-time candidate James E. Grant 2.6 percent.

Just over 18,100 people cast votes in the district.

Miranda let her emotions out in her victory speech at Prince Hall. “They say I’m too flashy, too social, but this is your next Second Suffolk senator. There were times when I wanted to give up, a lot of times when I went to college, and I’d come back home crying and say, ‘I can’t do this.’ My mom would say, ‘Get back on that bus and you’re not only going to do this, but you’re going to finish at the top.’ And I did. That encouragement and love is what all the kids in the Second Suffolk deserve.”

Miranda pledged to be a “different type” of leader on Beacon Hill. “I have fresh ideas and fresh eyes,” she said. “I am one of the city’s own. I’m a daughter of this city. Yes, I wear lipstick and I’ve got nails, but, more importantly, I have hope and heart. Those are two things that you cannot buy.”

Chang-Diaz, who did not endorse in the race, made an appearance at the party and said she was “proud to be handing the 2nd Suffolk reins to my



State Senator Sonia Chang-Diaz, left, greeted her likely successor Rep. Liz Miranda at Prince Hall on Tuesday night. Miranda came out on top in a five-person primary. Seth Daniel photo

sister in service.” A Jamaica Plain Democrat, Chang-Diaz left the seat open after opting to run for governor, though she suspended her campaign earlier this year.

The Second Suffolk includes Dorchester, Mattapan, Hyde Park, Jamaica Plain, Roslindale, the South End, Fenway, and Mission Hill.

Hayden bests Arroyo in bruising District Attorney battle

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accusations and ignored ensuing calls to resign. Arroyo faced a collapse in political support, as Mayor Michelle Wu and US Sen. Elizabeth Warren pulled their endorsements.

After the polls closed, Hayden supporters, including Dorchester Councillor Frank Baker, state Sen. Lydia Edwards and Councillor At-Large Erin Murphy, flocked to SoWa Power Station in the South End. “I promise I won’t let you down,” Hayden told them.

Gov. Charlie Baker in January appointed Hayden, a Roslindale resident, as interim DA after Rachael Rollins left for the US Attorney’s Office. Hayden ran to serve out a full term.

Before the appointment, Hayden served for six years as chairman of the state’s Sex Offender Registry Board. His resume also includes stints as a criminal defense attorney and a Suffolk County assistant district attorney.

Arroyo, a district city councillor from Hyde Park, is the son of Register of Probate Felix D. Arroyo. First elected in 2019, Councillor Arroyo previously worked as a public defender for the Committee for Public Counsel Services.

On Wednesday morning, Arroyo allowed that he had lost, saying, “With nearly all the votes counted it is clear we do not have a path to victory.”

He had thanked his supporters, who

had gathered at the Dona Habana restaurant by Boston Medical Center, on Tuesday night.

“This has been a difficult campaign, not just in the last two weeks but from the very beginning,” he said. “And the reason this was a difficult campaign from the very beginning is because many of those most impacted by this justice system, most disillusioned by this justice system, had a hard time understanding why it was even worth investing their energy and their time to try to turn what has been largely a harmful system for our communities into something that might be less harmful.”



Councillor Arroyo: Concedes defeat, but says “the work continues.” WBUR photo by Jesse Costa

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Chris Worrell takes 5th Suffolk House race

BY SETH DANIEL
NEWS EDITOR

Chris Worrell prevailed in the 5th Suffolk state representative race on Tuesday night over Danielson 'Donnie' Tavares to become the Democratic nominee for the seat, which is being vacated by now Senator-nominee Liz Miranda.

According to preliminary numbers from the City of Boston, Worrell received 1,658 votes to Tavares's 1,266. Althea Garrison, took third place with 866 votes.

As returns from polls in Wards 14 and 15 started to trickle in during the 8 o'clock hour, it soon became apparent that Worrell was likely to have a good night. He topped the ticket at all five precincts that vote at the Lilla G. Frederick School on Columbia

Road. He also posted victories at the Dot House and Viet AID community center in Fields Corner.

Tavares conceded the race around 9 p.m., and after receiving the last set of numbers from the polling location (15-5) at the UP Academy, the Worrell campaign claimed victory.

Worrell, whose brother Brian represents District 4 on the City Council, has worked in the State House previously for state Sen. Nick Collins, and currently is on leave from a position with the Boston Planning and Development Agency (BPDA). He and his wife and children live on Normandy Street in Grove Hall.

While campaigning, Worrell said his leadership will be in the community and not behind a desk at the State House.

The campaign between Worrell and Tavares was one where two mayors were loosely involved at first – with Mayor Michelle Wu encouraging Worrell to run early on and later endorsing him. Tavares, meanwhile, was part of former mayor, and now Labor Secretary Marty Walsh's administration, and had gained an advantage with the Walsh camp in Boston.

Tavares outraised Worrell in campaign financing most months of the race, but it was a race defined more by door-knocking, and meeting people directly rather than a heavy-spending campaign.

In a recent story in the Reporter, Chris Worrell spoke about his family's political rise.

“We’re not trying to be



At the Lilla Frederick School, (l-r) Manny Barbosa, campaigning for Danielson 'Donnie' Tavares, State Rep. candidate Chris Worrell, frequent candidate Roy Owens, and City Councillor Brian Worrell. *Seth Daniel photo*

the Owens or the Bolling families,” he said, referring to two prominent Boston political dynasties. “We’re just trying to be the Worrells and bring

change to a community we live in and that really needs it...It's not a power trip, it's two brothers loving their community."

Worrell will face no

opposition on the Nov. 8 ballot. Rep. Miranda will remain the state rep in the Fifth until January.

It's Healey vs. Diehl; Dems like Campbell for attorney general

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endorsed by Mayor Michelle Wu, US Sen. Elizabeth Warren, and multiple unions.

In a key move during her campaign, Campbell snagged the endorsement of Maura Healey, whose decision to run for governor opened up the attorney general's seat she had held since winning it in the 2014 election cycle.

A year later, Campbell, who had served as deputy general counsel to Gov. Deval Patrick, toppled longtime Boston City Councillor Charles Yancey. She went on to serve as Council president, the first African American woman to serve in that position.

Before Marty Walsh left the mayor's office in early 2021 to take the Labor Secretary's post in the Biden

cabinet, she launched a mayoral campaign in 2021, and came in third, behind Wu and then-Councillor Annissa Essaibi George in the preliminary election.

On Tuesday night, Campbell thanked various organizations, such as the Environmental League of Massachusetts and several unions, including SEIU 1199, with helping power her to victory. A super PAC with ties to the Environmental League spent tens of thousands of dollars to support her campaign, drawing criticism from the Liss-Riordan camp, which called them “corporate interests.”

The Liss-Riordan campaign, meanwhile, drew criticism for its candidate sinking more than \$9 million of her own money into the race.

Other contested statewide races included:

- Lieutenant governor—Salem Mayor Kim Driscoll won a three-way race with Longmeadow state Sen. Eric Lesser and Acton state Rep. Tami Gouviea;

- Auditor – Methuen state Sen. Diana DiZoglio beat out public transit advocate Chris Dempsey;

- **Secretary of State**—Longtime incumbent William Galvin pushed back a challenge from NAACP head Tanisha Sullivan.

All will face Republicans in the fall, with Healey, the Democratic nominee for governor, facing Geoff Diehl, the Republican nominee who was backed by former president Donald Trump, at the top of the ticket in the Nov. 8 election.

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New monkeypox cases cited in state; vax supply is limited; 2nd West Nile Virus case seen

By COLIN A. YOUNG
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NEWS SERVICE

Another 37 cases of monkeypox were confirmed in Massachusetts last week and the supply of the vaccine that protects against the virus remains extremely limited here, public health officials said.

The 37 new cases announced last Thursday by the Department of Public Health raised the state's total case count to 317 as of Aug. 31. The first case in the US this year was confirmed in Massachusetts in May and about 19,000 cases have been confirmed nationwide since.

DPH said most people fully recover in two to four weeks. In its weekly update on Sept. 1, DPH said that due "to extremely limited national availability of vaccine, the JYNNEOS vaccine in Massachusetts still remains limited at this time" and that vaccination here is being "prioritized for individuals at greatest risk of exposure to some-

one with monkeypox."

Last month, DPH began advising health care providers to administer the JYNNEOS monkeypox vaccine intradermally--between layers of the skin rather than into the muscle or fat beneath. That allows what had been a single dose to be split into five, greatly expanding the number of people who could be protected by the current supply of the vaccine.

There were 14 locations across Massachusetts where the JYNNEOS vaccine was available to eligible individuals and 18,085 doses had been administered as of Aug. 31, DPH said.

The federal government said it has allocated 24,171 doses of the vaccine to Massachusetts and it had shipped 18,311 of them as of Aug. 31. The monkeypox virus does not spread easily between people, DPH said, and transmission generally occurs through direct skin-to-skin contact with body fluids or monkeypox sores, through physical

contact with items that have been contaminated with fluids or sores (like clothing or bedding), and less commonly via respiratory droplets from prolonged face-to-face contact.

The agency said people can mitigate their risk by avoiding large gatherings that might have a lot of body contact, like dance parties, and by asking intimate partners about their health.

Suffolk Co. records 2nd West Nile case

The state's Department of Public Health raised the threat level of West Nile Virus from moderate to high in the Greater Boston area last week after a second human case of the illness was found in a man in his 70s who was exposed to the virus in Suffolk County. There were 11 human cases of the mosquito-borne infection in the state last year. People over the age of 50 are at higher risk for severe disease. Most people infected with WNV will have no symptoms.

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Graduates of Don Bosco Technical High School met for an all-class reunion on Saturday, Sept. 3 at the Adams Inn in Quincy. Many from the Class of 1972 celebrated their 50th reunion as part of the event. The school, which was run by the Archdiocese of Boston, was located on Warrenton Street in the South End of Boston from 1955 until it closed in 1998.

Patrick O'Connor photo

Public Garden is host to anniversary celebration of Women's Equality Day



From left, Alexandra Valdez, executive director, Boston Mayor's Office of Women's Advancement; Sasha Goodfriend, executive director, MassNOW; Dr. Nate Horwitz-Willis, executive director of the Advocacy Fund, Planned Parenthood League of Massachusetts; Mary-dith Tuitt, vice president, Suffrage100MA, and her granddaughter Sariya; Freddie Kay, founder and president, Suffrage100MA; state Sen. Becca Rausch; Patricia Comfort, executive director, League of Women Voters of Massachusetts.

Photos by Axie Breen Photography and Suffrage100MA

Women's Equality Day at the Boston Public Garden on Aug. 22 celebrated the 102nd anniversary of the passage of the 19th Amendment



Dorchester's Mary-dith Tuitt, vice president, Suffrage100MA.

that gave many women in the United States the right to vote with an event hosted by Suffrage100MA and the Boston Mayor's Office of Women's Advancement that discussed reproductive rights and voting access.

Speakers included Mary-dith Tuitt of Dorchester, vice president of Suffrage100MA, state Sen. Becca Rausch, and representatives from League of Women Voters, MassNOW, and Planned Parenthood.

Boston City Hall and Plaza was lit in purple last Friday in honor of Women's Equality Day, which is celebrated annually on Aug. 26.

Bianca Lobban of the Brooke Charter High School in Mattapan has been named a 2023 recipient of the CollegeAdvisor.com Scholars Program which provides free, comprehensive admissions support to high school students – many of them first-generation college applicants – who demonstrate financial need and seek to continue their education.

Lobban was selected from over 500 applicants from around the world for the 2023 Scholars class. With a passion for STEM, Lobban hopes to study biology, chemistry or mathematics at Harvard University, Simmons University, Stevens Institute of Technology, Boston University, or UMASS Amherst. Lobban said, "Participating in the CollegeAdvisor.com Scholars Program will help me accomplish my goals in college and prepare me for post-grad because it will help me amplify my interests in college applications. Specifically, I am passionate about helping others maintain their health, especially helping marginalized people in healthcare gain easy access to treatment without facing discrimination." Last year, 81 percent of the CollegeAdvisor.com Scholars got into at least one of their top three college choices. The CollegeAdvisor.com Scholars Program was designed to reinforce CollegeAdvisor.com's commitment to equity and accessibility in higher education.



Shonette Crossdale from Dorchester has been

named one of six 2022 Ad Club Scholars from Boston. The Ad Club created her scholarship and is building career pathways with a vision that Shonette and her fellow Scholars will enrich and diversify the talent pool for the advertising and marketing industries. Crossdale attends Suffolk University.

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Marshall Pinckney Wilder

The following has been excerpted from "Biographical Sketches of Representative Citizens of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts" (Boston: Graves & Steinbarger, 1891).

Marshall Pinckney Wilder was born on Sept. 22, 1798, in Rindge, New Hampshire. His father was a merchant, and at 21, he became a partner in the business. Six years later, Marshall co-established a business in Boston as a wholesale dealer in West



India goods. He attended the Second Congregational Church in Dorchester, where he bought a country seat and took up his residence in 1832. He later represented Dorchester in the Legislature, was a member of the Governor's Council, and president of the state Senate in 1850.

For eight years (1840-47), he was president of the Massachusetts Horticultural Society, for twenty years president of the Norfolk

Agricultural Society, for six years president of the United States Agricultural Society, and, from its organization in 1848, president of the American Pomological Society [concerning the science and practice of growing fruit].

Wilder's estate was located on the north side of Columbia Road at Washington Street. His greenhouses and the plantings [said to be twelve hundred varieties of fruit] on the grounds of his estate were legendary. He is said to have

furnished the plants for the Boston Public Garden.

The archive of these historical posts can be viewed on the blog at dorchesterhistorical-society.org.

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The Society's historic houses are closed at this time due to the pandemic. For now, our in-person programming has been suspended, and we are using Zoom instead. Watch for announcements.

Editorial

So, what’s up with the L Street rehab?

Boston has now gone three full summers without the use of its only public beachfront facility – the Curley Community Center, known to many as the L Street bathhouse. Like most places in the world, the sprawling Columbia Road complex that stretches three city blocks was closed to the public in March 2020 due to the Covid threat. But, since it was already scheduled for what was supposed to be a \$15 million renovation, it has stayed closed. The budget to modernize the L Street facility was bumped up to \$24 million under then-Mayor Marty Walsh. The project’s timeline was accelerated, the center’s old fitness equipment, lockers, and office space were cleared, and the place was gutted back in October 2020.

When the *Reporter* last visited the space, in April 2021, the project seemed to be moving along, with a target completion of December 2021. But, since then, something has gone awry.

The center is still a fenced-off construction site. Visitors to the facility’s website see a message that “unexpected structural issues and delays in receiving materials have pushed the targeted reopening to fall 2022.”

As it turns out, it’ll probably be more like the end of this year.

After a series of inquiries from the *Reporter*, the city’s Chief of Operations, Dion Irish, offered a statement on Tuesday: “The City of Boston is committed to reopening the BCYF Curley Community Center safely, sustainably, and as soon as possible.

“While construction delays are never ideal, the City is taking action to ensure the Curley can reopen with state-of-the-art facilities, including a dance studio, fitness center, spaces for seniors and youth, and three multipurpose rooms for community events.”

Among the steps the city is taking, according to two sources familiar with the project, is legal action, apparently targeting the general contractor and architect involved in the rehab job. However, the mayor’s office did not offer details about the suits, citing “pending litigation.”

What’s left to do? According to a memo shared with the *Reporter*, plenty. All three entrances along Columbia Road need to be finished with landscaping to follow “mid-September.” The beachside deck areas and sports courts, amenities unlike any other city-owned space in the city, need to be finished. And there’s more work waiting to be finished off inside, including electrical wiring, floor finishes, and painting.

Councillor-at-Large Erin Murphy, one of several elected officials who’ve fielded inquiries about the delay, said she’s going to work “alongside the Mayor’s Office, BCYF and other elected officials to ensure that the Curley Community Center’s doors are open for our residents as soon as possible.”

She added: “This neighborhood has waited long enough for the Curley to be back, and they deserve answers to what slowed down this process so much.”

Murphy is right on. L Street is a vital part of the South Boston community. But, as anyone who’s visited it in recent years knows, it’s a magnet for people from all the neighborhoods of Boston. We hope that city officials will further explain and examine what caused this extended disruption and then take steps to be sure work on other BCYF and city facilities don’t suffer undue delays.

-Bill Forry

State should put tax surplus to good use by investing in shaping our state’s future

By Bill Walczak
Reporter Columnist

In my 50 years as a Massachusetts resident, I cannot recall any time when the state was this flush with cash – billions of surplus tax dollars. Boston Globe columnist Shirley Leung’s Aug. 30 column – “Beacon Hill has a money problem: too much of it” – seems to make the case for a tax cut, and also that a flush Massachusetts does not need a so-called “millionaire’s tax.” Conservative groups are pressing hard to give the money back to taxpayers and threatening to sue the state if an obscure law named 62F, passed via referendum in the 1980s, which would force the state to return \$3 billion (of about \$5 billion in surplus) to the taxpayers, is not adhered to. Most assessments say that this would return seven percent of your 2021 state taxes, estimated to be \$250 for the average taxpayer, though more for higher income residents.

These arguments miss the elephant in the room: This is the state’s greatest opportunity to invest in the MBTA, the repair of our bridges, public higher education, universal pre-kindergarten, and climate change. Squandering the surplus by giving it back to taxpayers at \$250 per head would be a Faustian deal.

Let’s face it, Massachusetts does a terrible job of maintaining its assets. We love investing in new things, then think they’ll last forever. We have not taken seriously Boston native Ben Franklin’s adage - an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure. This applies to bridges as well as people.

We have billions of dollars of maintenance and infrastructure needs that have been ignored for decades. For example: A well-functioning MBTA is essential to the economic success of the Commonwealth, and it’s clearly a disaster, wrought by decades of disinvestment that were made much worse by decisions forcing the T to take on \$3.8 billion in debt to complete the Big Dig. This forced indebtedness, ironically forcing public transit to support a highway, is part of the reason the T continues to use 50-year-old trains, has limited its expansion, and, according to the Federal Transit Administration, spends way too little on maintenance, resulting in among the highest rates of “safety events and derailments” in the US.

As outrageous as it was to force the T to take on the debt of the Big Dig, even more irresponsible was force the agency to take on more debt not only for capital projects but also for operating deficits. Today, the T is \$7.6 billion in debt, and plans to borrow \$600 million per year to cover operating deficits. This means that more than a fifth of the T’s budget is going to debt payments.

The agency needs a start-over, which could happen if the budget surplus dollars are used to retire most of its debt, thereby allowing normal spending patterns to emerge. One thing that can’t be allowed to happen is a failure to reduce the T’s debt. The alternative is to continue having the worst traffic jams in the country and public transit that is a joke.

Another disaster waiting to happen is shown by a Mass Budget Policy Center study of Massachusetts bridges reporting that 644 bridges (of 7,880 in total) meet the definition of being “structurally deficient,” which means that “at least one major weight-bearing component of these bridges has serious problems and is in need of repair or replacement.” The study also pointed out that the average bridge in Massachusetts is 56 years old (vs. 44 years nationally), and the average age of structurally deficient bridges is 73 years. You don’t have to travel very far to see this. Recent trips on Rt. 3, Rt. 495, and the Pike showed that nearly every bridge is significantly rusted, and that some bridges have netting or wood underneath to catch falling concrete.

Another area desperately needing investment is higher education. Though not often thought of as “infrastructure,” I’d make the case that it needs to be seen as such. It’s often said that the only natural resource Massachusetts has for its economy is smart, educated residents. Failure to invest to continue having smart, educated residents will be very damaging to the Massachusetts economy. Yet, our state has been reducing support for higher education for the past 40 years. When I was attending UMass Boston in the 1970s, my tuition was \$300 per semester, which allowed me to work part time and go to school full time. In 1980, the average student in Massachusetts paid 22.8 percent of the cost of his or her education; the rest was paid by the state. In 2020, the student cost percentage was 40.2 percent, with the result that Massachusetts public higher education students graduate with \$33,457 in debt, the 8th-highest debt level in the US.

We need to make community college free, and increase scholarship dollars for state universities. No wonder the percent of Massachusetts high school students who intend to go to college has dropped by 10 percent in the past 5 years to 60 percent, as WGBH radio has reported.

Universal Pre-Kindergarten for three year olds is another essential ingredient to having good educational outcomes. Pre-K means that children will more likely read at grade level by third grade, which is a major determinant for student success. Currently New York City, San Antonio, Washington D.C., and the states of Vermont and Florida have instituted universal Pre-K. We’re the education state. We need to be next.

Or perhaps we could learn from other states on how to spend a surplus. California is using much of its surplus to pour money into an effort to become carbon neutral. Massachusetts is woefully behind schedule in that endeavor. If you need evidence to see the value of investing more in the environment, the meteorologist Dave Epstein reported that the average temperature for the Boston area from July 17 through August 6 of this year was 80.6 degrees, the warmest 21 days *ever* in 151 years of recorded temperatures.

To those who think that we are destined to abide by the 62F law, I have two thoughts. One is that it’s a bit disingenuous to think that nobody in state government knew that this law existed. If they were paying attention, they could have adjusted budgets to spend the surplus as it emerged. Be that as it may, since when is the Legislature required to abide by laws as written? Case in point: Several years ago, voters in Massachusetts passed a referendum to make charitable contributions tax deductible. It has, thankfully, never been implemented by the Legislature.

We’ve been kicking these infrastructure balls down the field for many years. With the current, and extremely rare, surplus, we have a chance to fix some very important problems. Instead, we’re looking at putting \$250 into the pockets of taxpayers, good enough for dinner for four at a decent restaurant.

No offense to restaurants, but I’d rather have an MBTA that works, higher education with reduced debt, universal pre-K, bridges that don’t need nets below them to keep concrete from falling on cars, and better preparation for global warming. Let’s hope that our Legislature and governor, who mostly seem gleeful at the notion of giving \$250 to taxpayers, get their acts together.

Bill Walczak is a Dorchester resident and co-founder and former CEO of the Codman Square Health Center. His column appears regularly in the Reporter.

To the Editor

Let’s extend a hand to our formerly homeless neighbors

To the Editor:

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To the Editor

About Brenda James’s fight for justice

To the Editor:

We want to thank Seth Daniels for recent article “Woman suing BPD over her firing awaits call on the case; Question before the court: Did a confrontation take place, or not?” The article is a good synopsis of a fraction of what Brenda James, a Black woman, faced as a Boston police officer and her story is one of haphazardly applied departmental practices, petty power politics, and retribution, all grounded in racism, sexism, and the good old boys’ network.

This article, in addressing Ms. James’s case, also refers to the story of Officer Michael Cox, who was badly beaten by fellow police officers in 1994 and now, years later, has been hired by Mayor Wu as Boston’s new police commissioner. We applaud Ms. Wu for this hire and her commitment to ensure that the BPD, along with other city agencies will “reflect Boston’s neighborhoods and the residents we serve.” At the same time, it is imperative that we not lose sight of Ms. James’s individual case against the BPD, even though it has attracted much less attention than the story of Michael Cox.

Her brave and long battle for justice, has clearly shone the light on the inequities and injustices imposed against her personally as a Black female police officer, and have made clear that these inequities and injustices will continue to occur against others, unless awareness of, and change to, the racist and

sexist culture that still exists within the BPD today, whether conscious or unconscious, is achieved.

Ms. James’ story, one which she personally recounted to us, and one which has now been written about by Seth Daniels here in the *Dorchester Reporter* and in a July 17, 2022, *Boston Globe* article by reporter Ivy Scott – “A police officer lost her job 10 years ago. She’s still fighting to get it back” – is both challenging and inspiring to hear and, while she can never be wholly recompensed for the harm she was caused, we strongly hope she receives the justice she deserves - both with the restitution of her good name and dignity as well as lost income/benefits.

Additionally, it is our hope that if and when this occurs, it will be, along with Mayor Wu’s commitment to create a more diverse police department, another step toward creating a culture within the BPD that not only provides an appearance of welcoming, supporting and protecting people of all color and gender, but also truly does so.

Sincerely,
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Former state treasurer O’Brien to chair Cannabis Commission

The Cannabis Control Commission marked its five-year anniversary last Thursday by welcoming its new chairperson — former state Treasurer Shannon O’Brien.

Treasurer Deborah Goldberg, who is responsible for appointing someone with a financial background to chair the marijuana industry regulatory body, announced last Tuesday that she would swear in O’Brien, who served as state treasurer from 1999 until 2003, as chair of the CCC on Thursday.

“I am confident that her financial background, experience in corporate governance, executive management, and business development, combined with outstanding leadership skills and an acute knowledge of the legislative process, will help the Massachusetts cannabis industry be fairly regulated, equitable, and successful,” Goldberg said of O’Brien, who follows interim Chair Sarah Kim and inaugural CCC Chair Steven Hoffman.

O’Brien, who served six years in the Massachusetts House and two years in the Massachusetts Senate in the late 1980s and 1990s, was the Democratic Party’s nominee for governor in 2002 but she lost the general election to Mitt Romney.

After leaving politics, O’Brien worked at Boston TV station WB 56, and then served three years as CEO of the Girl Scouts of Greater Boston. She was appointed by New York Comptroller Thomas DiNapoli to serve as chair of the state’s Pension Reform Commission from 2008 to 2010.

She serves as the chair of the Massachusetts Baby Bonds Task Force,

but Goldberg’s office said O’Brien will not continue in that role. She has also worked with health care, clean energy, financial services and telecommunications companies through her O’Brien Advisory Group.

O’Brien said that she is eager to get to work

implementing the new cannabis industry reform law that Gov. Baker signed earlier this month to give the CCC greater authority to regulate host community agreements and to provide a dedicated source of funding for equity and inclusion efforts among



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Wu: New position to boost job training

**By YASMIN AMER
WBUR REPORTER**

On Labor Day, Mayor Michelle Wu announced a new city department called the Cabinet for Worker Empowerment. She said the department will establish more job training centers and set up a child-care trust fund and will also oversee the Green New Deal for Boston Public Schools, which promises significant job creation as the city plans to spend \$2 billion to renovate public school buildings over the next decade.

The new office will be lead by Trinh Nguyen, who's the current director of the Office of Workforce Development. Wu said the office will be responsible for "creating a stronger culture



Trinh Nguyen: New member of Wu cabinet

of caution and safety on construction sites throughout the city.

"In the last five months alone, we've seen a fatality, serious injuries, a near accident and multiple fires," Wu said. "This is unacceptable at our work sites in Boston."

Wu made the announcement during the annual Labor Day

breakfast attended by state union members and leaders. Vice President Kamala Harris was the keynote speaker, and she reiterated the administration's commitment to labor.

"We're determined to lead the most pro-union administration in history," Harris said.

Harris touted two of the Biden-Harris administration's signature bills—the 2021 \$1 trillion infrastructure bill and the recent Inflation Reduction Act — saying they will create more jobs. She also criticized some Republican members of Congress as 'extremists,' who are trying to set workers' rights back.

"Instead of standing with working people to

lower the price of health care, education, child-care— these extremists, so-called 'leaders,' prioritize breaks for big corporations and the wealthiest one percent," Harris told the crowd.

Republican National Committee Spokesperson Rachel Lee criticized Harris and Democrats for a "failed track record," citing high inflation, among other things. "It's no wonder why Kamala Harris headed to deep-blue Boston instead of a battleground state," Lee said.

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US Sen. Ed Markey and Vice President Kamala Harris at Monday's annual Labor Day Breakfast in Boston.

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Unveiling its rebranding, MFA hosts Obama portraits

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what the MFA is,” he said, “you know, an expression of what I really believe, which is a museum is only as strong as its relationship with its communities.”

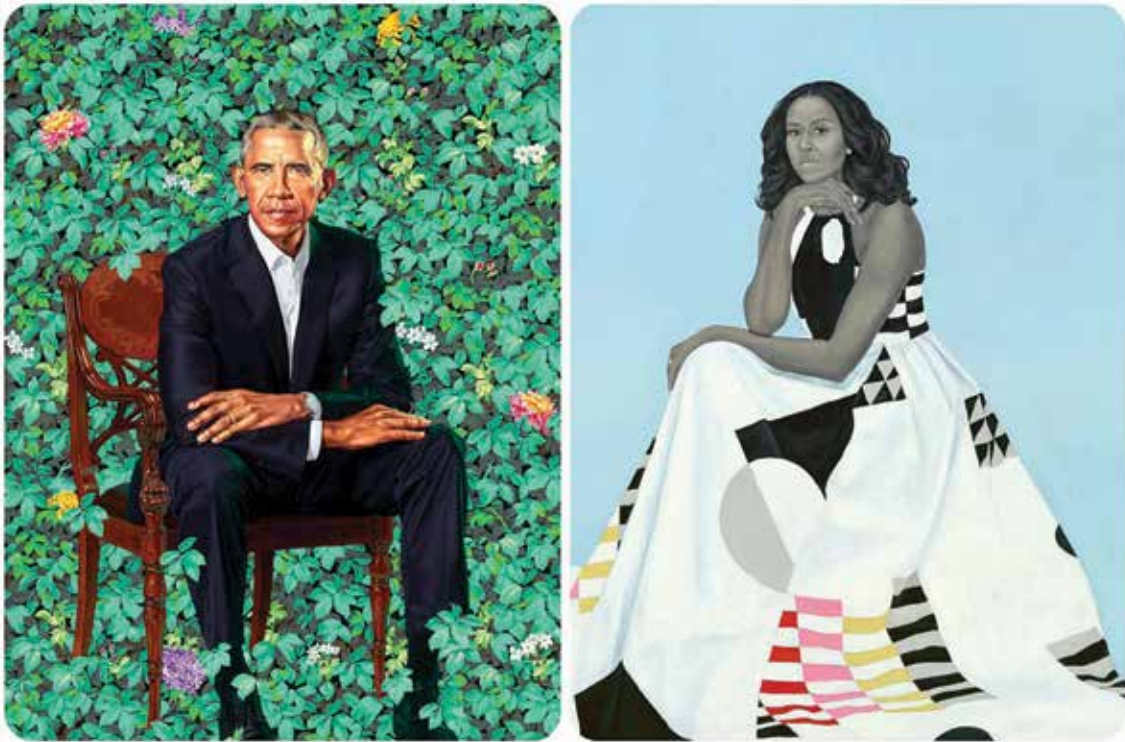
The large-scale portraits have inspired audiences since their debut at the Smithsonian in 2018. Artist Kehinde Wiley’s work features the former president sitting in a chair surrounded by lush greenery. In Amy Sherard’s interpretation, the former First Lady wears a flowing white dress covered with modern, geometric patterns.

The two artists were the first African Americans tapped by the National Portrait Gallery for presidential commissions, and both of their subjects gaze out at the viewer with calm, confident directness.

For Teitelbaum, the sense of approachable leadership the portraits project aligns with the museum’s upgraded visual identity, but also with goals laid out in the museum’s 2017 strategic plan.

That roadmap “had 64 initiatives and commitments,” he explained, “one of which was the rethinking of what generically might be considered the brand of the MFA – how could we rethink how we identify ourselves and the values we want to consistently communicate?”

Then Teitelbaum said the Covid-19 crisis threw cultural institutions like the MFA into



A portrait of Barack Obama by Kehinde Wiley, left, and a portrait of Michelle Obama by Amy Sherard. Both portraits are part of the Smithsonian’s National Portrait Gallery. Courtesy Museum of Fine Arts, Boston

financial tailspins, forcing a halt of some of his institution’s strategic goals. The pandemic caused layoffs and two closures at the museum. Visitations dropped from about 1.2 million people annually to just over 200,000 in fiscal year 2021.

But Teitelbaum said the prolonged, painful pause enabled leadership and staff to reflect more deeply on the museum’s core values and responsibilities. Now, he said the rebrand is communicating the

museum’s vision to the outside world. Starting next week, the campaign will expand to social media and paid advertising.

The old logo was white and red, now it’s a bold black. The tilting forward “MFABoston” was crafted by the New York firm Base Design. Teitelbaum said the museum’s name “leans into Boston” in a way that’s both “solid” in its “sense of tradition,” but at the same time “playful in the sense you can be part of it.”

The museum faced criticism

in 2019 after seventh graders from a Dorchester school reported they were racially profiled during a field trip. In response, the MFA apologized and directed \$500,000 toward diversity and inclusion initiatives.

While reflecting on the MFA’s ongoing institutional “resetting,” Teitelbaum said staff pursued the Obama portraits; the original exhibition tour did not include Boston.

For him, it’s the show with the broadest appeal the muse-

um has hosted in years. Public schools have been invited to see it for free, and community members were asked to submit their own “Portraits of Leadership” that will also be displayed.

In terms of future programming, Teitelbaum said audiences can expect an increased commitment to contemporary art and exhibitions exploring vital cultural issues. The museum is also creating a program to add multilingual labels that include Spanish and other languages.

Despite continued challenges, Teitelbaum is optimistic about the museum’s future. Attendance numbers have climbed to more than 600,000 for 2022, about half of what they were before the pandemic. The director acknowledged there’s still a long way to go, but said the Obama portraits channel a positivity he holds.

“We believe that people are prepared to gather, they are prepared to be in public space with others,” he said. “And, so we are resetting with a real sense of hope.”

The exhibition runs through Oct. 30. There will be free admission on Sept. 19, Oct. 10, and Oct. 30. Also, a Smithsonian documentary about them premieres on Sept. 10.

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Teacher shortages a challenge for BPS as it opens its schools

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or Mattapan. Most are at the middle school and high school levels and mostly in content specific areas like chemistry and physics. Not general education, but content-specific teachers.”

Jessica Tang, the president of the Boston Teachers Union, said last month that there were about 1,000 vacancies across BPS, and that some 200 or so were teaching positions. She said there is a stress on the system for filling existing vacancies along with filling large amounts of new positions created to deal with the continuing effect of Covid-19.

“There is definitely an uptick in the number of vacancies right now going into the school year...but comparatively to the rest of the nation and the national teacher shortages we’re looking at, it’s a relatively smaller number,” she said. “And it’s not just of people leaving the profession the last couple of years during the pandemic, because that is real. There have been additional stresses, there’s been a social, emotional, and mental toll on everybody. There’s been a lot of disrespect to educators and our profession. And that has had an impact.”

As a result of BPS scrambling to fill teaching vacancies, the situation has created havoc in Catholic schools in and around Boston.

St. Brendan’s School, located on Rita Road in Dorchester, started classes last Wednesday. Principal Maura Burke



New teachers and veteran teachers gathered at the Mildred Avenue K-8 School last Friday for training and preparation for the start of school on Sept. 8. Photo courtesy Mildred K-8

said they had a tough time finding teachers to fill vacancies, but mostly because they’re losing their personnel to BPS.

“It’s two-fold for us,” Burke said. “There are so many positions open in the public schools now that Catholic school teachers can get, and they will earn, on average, \$25,000 more per year, and significantly more in Boston. It’s a very tough time for Catholic school principals because they have a teacher they have counted on and they leave for a public-school job...You just can’t compete against that.”

Despite that issue, Burke said, St. Brendan’s relied on an informal principal network and was able to fill openings in time for the start of classes. “We are looking very hard and looking out for each other,” she said. “If it weren’t for that, I was going to have a 6th grade vacancy...I have two or three people I could call in if I had to. I didn’t have to do that because in mid-August we were able to

find the teachers we needed. As of the start of school, we are in great shape.”

Charter schools like the Edward Brooke on American Legion Highway in Mattapan upped their salary structures to be more competitive last year, so losing teachers to BPS isn’t as big an issue. For that school, which started on Aug. 18, it was simply “burnout” and higher turnover.

Brooke co-director Jon Clark said the teacher-retention rate went from the normal 80 percent number down to 70 percent, but at the same time, fewer applicants were applying for open positions.

“Finding teachers was definitely harder this year both because there are fewer candidates applying and also because we had more turnover than we have in a typical year,” he said. “Last year was a really hard year in education. The hardest I’ve ever experienced. I’ve been doing this a long time. No one wants to go to remote again, and it was hard last year

to keep up with the impacts our students and staff experienced day to day...I don’t think it’s out of the realm of possibilities that some of that spurred some people...to change things up.”

The idea of a 10 percent decrease in retention may seem small, but Clark said it is a huge swing for a school to cover. At the same time, it also depends on which subjects have classroom vacancies as it can be harder to fill a high school science position than one for an elementary classroom teacher.

“It doesn’t have to be swings of 25 percent to be felt by the school; even smaller swings of 5 percent can mean larger class sizes,” he said. “It’s not just a question of putting bodies before the classroom...We need to get people in the door and develop them and keep them here.”

To attack the problem at BPS in short order, Rae Catchings, BPS’s director of human capital, said they have come up with a three-part strategy.

First, they put out the word in August to recently retired science educators, offering them an incentive to come out of retirement to fill openings, either in the short-term or for the long-term. Second, they are looking at folks in the BPS central office who might be certified to teach in areas of high need like math and science and deploying them into the classroom. Finally, they are reaching out to colleges and universities for graduate students who could be quali-

fied and willing to fill teaching positions.

“Those in the teaching pipeline, we’re talking about getting them into the classroom and get them experience as they work toward their degree,” said Catchings.

Meanwhile, she said there is good news on the substitute teaching pool, which was a major struggle last year. Many teachers were gone due to Covid protocols, or for routine things like maternity leaves or medical leaves. It became difficult to replace those teachers last year, but Catchings said they are seeing good progress in getting a fine pool of subs to pick up that slack.

“We have a strong substitute pool where we have started to use those who are on the cusp of becoming real teachers and getting them started on being a teacher while they are in the pipeline,” she said. “That’s one way we’ve beefed up our outreach for both regular positions and substitute positions.”

Tang said she was very optimistic about the start of school, but she warned of a “vicious cycle” that could emerge. “We don’t want to be in a vicious cycle where if you lose a lot of educators, it burdens the educators who are there even more, which then burns them out, which then pushes them out of the profession, too,” she said. “We cannot let that happen.”

Gintautas Dumcius contributed to this report.

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Feds slam understaffed MBTA, issue safety directives

By CHRIS LISINSKI
STATE HOUSE NEWS SERVICE

A toxic combination of persistent staffing shortages, misaligned management priorities, and communication breakdowns up and down the chain of command created serious safety deficiencies at the MBTA, federal investigators concluded last week.

Capping off a months-long investigation into high-profile safety failures at the T that in some cases have caused injuries or deaths, the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) published an extensive, withering report ordering immediate fixes in the next six weeks at the MBTA and at the Department of Public Utilities, two agencies overseen by Gov. Baker's administration.

The 90-page report paints a harrowing picture of a transit agency where critical departments are understaffed and overworked, senior leaders focus on the gleaming promise of capital projects at the expense of deteriorating infrastructure, and organizational blind spots leave higher-ups unaware of systemic problems. It also depicted a DPU that has been falling short of its statutory oversight role.

That potent combination of factors, some of which were flagged in an independent safety panel report published in December 2019, has spilled over into service, creating weeks of disruptions.

Between Jan. 1, 2020 and April 30, 2022, MBTA trains derailed and collided at rates "that far exceed industry average and the safety performance of MBTA's peer transit systems," the FTA wrote. On light rail, which includes the Green Line and the Mattapan trolley but not the other subway lines, the MBTA alone accounted for 38 percent of collisions and 94 percent of the associated injuries for "the entire US light rail industry" between 2017 and 2021, according to the report.

"The combination of overworked staff and aging assets has resulted in the organization being overwhelmed, chronic fatigue for key positions in the agency, lack of resources for training and supervision, and leadership priorities that emphasize meeting capital project demands above passenger operations, preventive maintenance, and even safety," the FTA wrote.

Building on the interim orders the FTA issued in June before concluding its probe, federal overseers instructed the MBTA to make changes in four major areas: staffing, safety management, internal communications, and operating conditions and policies. The DPU also faces additional requirements to ramp up its oversight of the T.

Each of the new special directives requires the MBTA or DPU to submit corrective action plans, with due dates ranging between Sept. 20 and Oct. 15.

MBTA General Manager Steve Poftak said on Aug. 31 that the T has started or is in the early stages of responding to 24 of the 53 total actions recommended by the MBTA. Three others are planned but have not yet begun, while 26 need to be planned, he said.

Agency avoids takeover, but FTA to stay involved

Poftak called it "a challenging day for us here at the MBTA but also a day, I believe, of opportunity for us to further refine and make our organization safer."

While the FTA will remain involved in an oversight capacity to ensure changes are made, it has not opted to take over safety oversight at the T as it did, temporarily, with the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority, the only other time it conducted a similar safety management inspection.

FTA Associate Administrator for Communications and Congressional Affairs Paul Kincaid said the federal agency made that intervention at the Washington, DC-area system in 2015 because the state safety oversight agency in place at the time "was not capable of providing adequate safety oversight due to its legal structure and lack of enforcement authority. That contrasts from the DPU, he said.

The FTA's report is packed with details that cast a harsh spotlight on problems at the T, but federal officials took a more diplomatic tone in their remarks last Wednesday. Kincaid said both the MBTA and DPU made decisions "that the FTA does not consider in the interest of safety" but pitched the investigation's end as a "turning point."

"It is not a time for recriminations. It's a time to make the T better. It's a time to improve the safety culture at the T. It's a time to make the DPU aware of what it needs to do and make sure it's doing its job moving forward and to create a safer and more reliable T for all of Massachusetts," Kincaid said. "The T did not get here overnight, and it will not get back to a state of good repair overnight. There is going to have to be, unfortunately, patience on the part of the riders of the T."

Part of the Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs, the DPU is overseen by a three-member commission: Chair Matthew Nelson and members Robert Hayden and Cecile Fraser. A DPU spokesperson refused to make a commissioner or another official available for an interview on Aug. 31.

Time to staff up

MBTA officials said that they would stand up a new Quality, Compliance, and Oversight Office to lead the response to the FTA's findings. That office, which will be helmed by MBTA Chief of Capital Delivery Katie Choe, will report directly to Poftak.

The Department of Transportation will also work with a consultant to explore splicing the MBTA's capital work out to a "multi-modal large construction unit apart from the MBTA," a T spokesperson said.

Nearly simultaneously with the report's release, Gov. Baker on Wednesday announced he was filing a supplemental budget bill that would make another \$200 million available for the MBTA to use

on safety fixes, in addition to \$400 million in a new infrastructure law, and \$266 million in the fiscal year 2023 state budget.

"These funds go toward new recruitment efforts to attract and expand the transit industry workforce and to finance the new safety initiatives called for in the report. We look forward to working with labor, MBTA leaders, lawmakers, and riders to deliver the MBTA riders deserve," Baker said in a statement, adding that the FTA report "will make the system safer and more reliable for riders and the T workforce."

A key factor in the MBTA's response will be an expanded workforce, ramping up pressure on T officials who are already struggling to hire in a tight labor market.

At its current staffing levels, the T does not have enough workers available to simultaneously run its desired level of subway service, keep the system properly maintained, and fulfill the goals outlined in its multi-year capital plan, the FTA said.

For the past half-decade, the MBTA's workforce has lagged the number of budgeted positions by 7 to 10 percent. Many workers are headed for the exits now, either to take new jobs or to retire, exacerbating the challenge.

Federal officials ordered the MBTA as part of its response to create a five-year workforce plan, a step Poftak said would take several months to complete.

Citing interviews with "a range of personnel," the FTA said in its report that the MBTA may be 1,500 to 2,000 positions short of managing its current level of activity, a gap representing more than a third of the T's roughly 5,800 active employees.

That kind of staff expansion would represent an enormous additional cost on the MBTA, which already expects to face an operating budget gap of hundreds of millions of dollars next year and in subsequent years.

Poftak said the five-year staffing plan will inform discussions about rethinking how the T is funded, but he punted on calling for reshaped state support until the "raw materials" become clearer.

"The workforce assessment is likely going to show us that we need additional staffing across the board. That does inform a discussion about funding down the road," he said. "We think we're in the fiscal position at least in the short and medium term to be able to address our needs. I think there is a longer-term conversation that pivots off that workforce discussion."

The new development comes nearly three years after Democrats in the Legislature launched and then aborted a push to raise taxes to boost public transportation investments, an effort that did not draw support from Baker, who had maintained there's adequate funding available.

In June, after federal investigators warned that overworking operations control center dispatchers posed safety risks, the T slashed service on the Red, Orange, and Blue Lines. Those changes will remain in place for the fall, and bus frequency also dropped this week amid a shortage of drivers.

'Systemic failures,' not 'freak accidents'

The FTA launched a safety management inspection in April, pressed into action by a string of incidents on MBTA trains including the April death of a Red Line rider whose arm was caught in a closing door. The probe focused on the Red, Orange, Blue, and Green Lines as well as the Mattapan trolley, but did not include the commuter rail system — operated by Keolis — or the bus network.

Investigators conducted more than 200 interviews, combed through more than 1,500 documents, performed dozens of field inspections, and visited the sites of both recent safety problems and major capital projects.

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concerns about MBTA leadership’s lack of urgency to address safety deficiencies in a timely manner,” the FTA found.

“All levels of the organization, from leadership to frontline workers, expressed surprise and occasional alarm at the MBTA’s declining safety performance but tended to view incidents as ‘one of a kind’ or ‘freak accidents’ rather than the result of systemic failures in operating procedures, training, staffing, and supervision,” investigators wrote. “Pressure points identified in interviews and on-site inspections, such as lack of staffing and supervision, lack of enforcement of safety rules, lack of track access for critical repairs, and excessive overtime, were generally dismissed as inevitable and normal work conditions. There was little awareness that key mitigations previously put in place to reduce safety risk, including safety procedures, staffing resources, and supervision, may no longer be as effective as they once were because resources have been strained so significantly over the last few years.”

One recurring theme the FTA flagged is an overemphasis by MBTA leadership and the Baker administration on the capital budget, which covers major expansion, modernization and large-scale maintenance projects, at the expense of day-to-day service and maintenance on the operations side.

In January, Poftak outlined a plan to redirect \$500 million from traditional operating revenue streams like fares and advertising toward capital needs. He argued at the time that one-time federal dollars gave the agency flexibility to get more work done now.

The FTA viewed that move as “not advisable,” Kincaid said Wednesday.

“In this environment, emphasizing capital project demands above passenger operations and preventive maintenance can negatively impact the safety culture of the agency,” the agency wrote. “FTA found that unwritten norms have emerged that emphasize a ‘get it done and go’ mentality over following safety rules or ensuring compliance with minimum safety standards, particularly when staff are working 12 to 16-hour days, six days a week.”

Another area that drew repeated attention in the federal probe is a lack of attention to key details of safety management.

The FTA found that MBTA leadership “demonstrated a lack of familiarity with safety risk management principles,” often delivering answers that were “general and lacking in detail and examples.”

Neither MBTA workers nor third-party contractors were able to readily communicate how the T’s

safety requirements related to the programs they worked on, investigators found. Employees made “frequent use of unvetted and ad hoc shortcuts in work practices,” sometimes violating safety rules to meet deadlines, according to the report.

Investigators said MBTA leaders often rely on “raw data” or “lagging indicators” to guide their responses to safety issues, rather than analyzed reports with clearly identified trends and recommendations for action.

“Under this framework everything becomes a safety priority, overwhelming supervisors, managers, senior managers, and executive management, and resources are allocated to address symptoms rather than causes of safety concerns,” the FTA wrote.

Pressing need for state-level oversight

The FTA’s investigation did not focus only on the MBTA. It also examined the DPU, an agency that has rarely made its involvement with the T publicly known but serves as the designated state safety oversight agency responsible for keeping an eye on the transit agency.

FTA officials wrote that although DPU has bulked up its staff in the three years since a prior federal report, many workers are “relatively new and still learning (state safety oversight) requirements and activities.”

“What our report indicates is that they haven’t been doing it adequately,” Kincaid said of the DPU’s oversight.

The DPU-specific directive from federal officials calls on the department to deploy its enforcement authority to review the MBTA’s corrective actions and ensure they are completed in a timely manner. The FTA also told the DPU to take a closer look at fatigue management, observing that some MBTA officials such as instructors, yardmasters, chief inspectors and inspectors are still working up to 20 hours per day with only four hours off between shifts – a schedule that federal regulators already said posed a safety risk among dispatchers.

The DPU, through a spokesman, issued a statement in response to the federal report that said in part:

“The recommendations support the Department’s Rail Safety Division’s ongoing efforts to promote the safe operation of the MBTA and build upon safety and oversight initiatives already underway including increased safety staffing, the creation of a new Director of Rail Transit Safety position, field work and audits of the MBTA to provide further oversight and collaboration with the FTA to ensure the MBTA’s corrective action plans are both sufficient and properly executed.”



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Dot musician Eph See channels teenage angst into buoyant pop environment

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Eph See stood in a recording studio at Northeastern University, practicing a passage on electric guitar, undeterred by inch-long, powder-puff-pink acrylic nails. The 22-year-old singer and songwriter was working out a song idea inspired by early 2000s pop punk. Eph had already laid down the main track, an ascending chord progression hoarse with distortion. Now they just had to execute a short lick — more of a flourish, really — that punctuated that triumphant final chord. On the other side of the glass, Eph’s friend Cheryl Tugade waited for the musician’s signal. Then, she hit “record.”

Back in the engineering booth, Eph sat down at the console and listened back. “Oh, that’s sick,” they declared with a chuckle.

Still, they had noticed a small imperfection — the first note of the lick landed a split second late. “I’m just going to nudge that over,” Eph said, highlighting the offending section with the cursor. After a series of minuscule adjustments, the track was deemed satisfactory. Then, a stroke of inspiration: “I think I’m going to harmonize it with the guitar.” Eph hurried back into the recording booth, and in two takes laid down another track; now, twin guitars rose in parallel thirds. Tugade smiled appreciatively. “I can hear the punk.”

So far, the song had only one lyric: “There’s about 80,000 causes to care about, but nothin’s getting done” — a line inspired by “doomscrolling on Twitter,” in Eph’s words. It was set to an earworm of a melody that climbed and fell in jagged leaps like the graph on a heart monitor, rising in urgency (and pitch) before flatlining with an air of resignation. Eph sang it plainly, with a slight tremolo on the word “care.”

After listening back to the first take, they decided to double the vocals. (“Because doubles are punk. You can quote me on that.”) This, too, was accomplished in a single take. Now two Ephs sang in unison, a disaffected chorus of two.

The session had topped 40 minutes, and there wasn’t any more song to record, but it seemed possible that Eph could go on like this for hours, tinkering endlessly with the same 25-second snippet of music. If this was work, it looked a lot like play.

Perhaps this is the secret to Eph See’s paradoxically buoyant music, which surrounds melancholy sentiments with bubblegum melodies and bright production — a playful environment in which to explore the fallout from teenage angst. Their 2021 debut EP, “g*rlhood,” captures the romance of adolescence from the perspective of someone (slightly) older and (regretfully) wiser.

“I recall when there was a time I/ Could paint a fantasy behind the lids of my eyes,” Eph sings on “daydream princess,” a frothy bop about losing the ability to dream. “I remember, but it’s out of sight, out of mind.”

Eph See, whose given name is Felisha Cabral (“Eph See” is a phonetic spelling of their initials, “F.C.”), grew up in Dorchester to Cape Verdean parents. The foundational music of Eph’s childhood came from an older sister and a young aunt.

“[They] would burn CDs of emo

Eph See (Felisha Cabral)

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or pop punk or the diva pop they listened to,” Eph said — JoJo, Britney Spears, My Chemical Romance, the Spice Girls. Eph can still sing from memory the first song they ever wrote, at age 10, which bears the unmistakable influence of early aughts R&B — as well as a preternatural grasp of pop music structure.

Eph learned to sing in the school choir and the high school drama club, snagging coveted roles, like Mimi in “Rent” and the Leading Player in “Pippin.” The “Pippin” part was a dream role, but “the costume was, like — I was in borderline lingerie,” Eph said.

As a teen, they stood out from their peers, for myriad reasons: they had a mature voice, a developed body, and were one of the few Black students at their elite private high school.

“I also wanted so badly to be the ingenue,” Eph said. “But because I had a powerhouse voice and, you know, looked the way I did ... I think that, either consciously or subconsciously, made people see me as the mother and crone, more so than the maiden.”

It was only later that the singer felt they had been typecast. That realization provided the seeds for “the pill,” the first song on “g*rlhood” and its most bluntly arresting. “I was a theater kid but I just played strippers and drama queens/ And I never talked about how it hurt but now I’m coming clean,” Eph sings in the opening verse, summing up a layered experience with bracing economy.

Other songs on “g*rlhood” speak to widely relatable adolescent experiences. On “did i?,” Eph wonders if a teenage crush was even a crush at all — or merely a manifestation of a desire to be loved, singing, “Did I, did I really want it?/ Or feel like I had to have it?/ Why did I really want it at all?” But “did i?” thrums with a more complex and difficult longing. “Going to a predominantly white school, it was a little taboo to, like, have a crush on or express interest in or to date the Black kids,” Eph said. “I was thinking about how much I wanted a boyfriend when I was, like, 13, just to kind of have this confirmation that, yes, it’s possible for me to be wanted.”

The melody of “did i?” arrived serendipitously. “I started writing the song after I heard a bird outside going” — Eph puckered their lips and whistled a sing-songy, two-note phrase. It became the blueprint for the track’s lilting chorus, made sweet and ethereal by echoing backing vocals and, if you listen closely, the sound of chimes.

Those chimes are courtesy of the producer Lucas Sim, or LEXIM, as he is known professionally. “I would say ‘natural,’ honestly, [is] the best single way to describe [Eph’s] musicianship,” said Sim. “They know what they’re hearing in their head and they don’t compromise their own style.”

Sim, who is a student at NYU, met Eph during the early days of the pandemic through the college social networking app Quadio. The two were paired together randomly in a Zoom songwriting club, and immediately clicked. Soon, they were setting up their own Zoom songwriting sessions, and the outlines of “g*rlhood” began to take shape.

At that point, Eph had only released a few self-produced songs. Sim saw his role primarily as one of support, “just kind of getting it from a demo to a finished song.” His production on “g*rlhood” is lighthearted and unpretentious, adding texture and polish to Eph’s hyper-melodic reveries.

While “g*rlhood” is a reckoning with adolescence, the asterisk in the title gestures to a more recent transformation — Eph’s adoption of they/them pronouns and a non-binary identity, in September of 2021. “It was a full moon eclipse in Sagittarius,” they recalled, laughing. “I was just sitting in front of the mirror and looking at myself. And I was introducing myself to myself. And I just said, ‘Hi. I’m Eph See, and my pronouns are she/they.’ And I was just kind of saying that to myself, and it felt more and more comfortable. And I felt all this pressure to be ‘girl’ just kind of melt away.”

Now Eph stands at the threshold of a new landscape. They have only one more semester to complete at Northeastern, where they are majoring in music industry and communications with a minor in music recording. They’ve been thinking about which city they might move to after graduation — New York? Nashville? — and working on new music.

“The singles that I’m sitting on are a lot more fun,” they said. Though, to be truthful, the topics are characteristically bummer — one demo Eph shared with me is about getting stood up at the mall, possibly the most tragic scenario imaginable for a teenager. Yet the singer sounds joyful, voice buoyed by cascading backing vocals.

“I feel like I’ve shed a lot of layers and a lot of the masks that I was wearing,” Eph said. “Now I’m letting myself be really curious and explorative again, and having less fear.”

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Lottery keeping an eye on scratch ticket, Keno trends

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Lottery sales were up \$15.7 million in July and the agency posted a monthly estimated profit of \$102.9 million compared to \$96.2 million in July 2021. Interim Executive Director Mark William Bracken, in a report to the Lottery Commission, attributed the profit bump in part to “a combination of a \$42.1 million increase in Mega Millions sales for the month as a result of a \$1.3 billion jackpot, and a \$5.1 million decrease in Instant Ticket grand prizes being claimed for the month.”

Bracken said told the commission that, after adjustments, the Lottery had an estimated \$13.3 million increase in net profit through the first month of fiscal year 2023 compared to the start of fiscal 2022. But while a Mega Millions jackpot drove sales for those tickets, Bracken said Tuesday that scratch tickets sales were down about 6 percent and that Keno sales were down almost 5 percent. Those two product categories account for nearly 88 percent of all Lottery sales.

“Obviously the most shocking being our instant ticket numbers being down \$22.2 million. And that is a trend that we have seen both nationwide and into this current month of

August as well that we’ll be discussing at the next commission meeting, as well as our Keno sales being down \$5.5 [million] which is also a trend nationwide,” Bracken said. “Plus, we did happen to have a very warm August which generally speaking keeps people outside and less in restaurants and liquor establishments. So that’s contributing to somewhat of that decrease.”

Scratch tickets became a slightly smaller share of the Lottery’s gross sales, falling from 69.4 percent of sales revenue in fiscal 2021 to 66.9 percent in fiscal 2022, according to Lottery records. Keno gained ground last year, inching up from 18.2

percent of sales in fiscal 2021 to 20.8 percent in fiscal 2022.

The dip in scratch tickets sales comes at a time when Massachusetts is preparing to further expand commercial gambling with sports betting and while the long-sought ability for the Lottery to sell its products online remains hung up in private talks over the Legislature’s stalled economic development bill.

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THE TRIAL COURT
PROBATE & FAMILY COURT
SUFFOLK PROBATE & FAMILY COURT
24 NEW CHARDON STREET
BOSTON, MA 02114

CITATION GIVING NOTICE OF PETITION FOR RESIGNATION OF A GUARDIAN OF AN INCAPACITATED PERSON
Docket No. SU21P1030GD

IN THE MATTER OF:
DAVID WALTERS
of DORCHESTER, MA
RESPONDENT

Incapacitated Person/Protected Person

To the named Respondent and all other interested persons, a petition has been filed by Public Guardian Services, LLC of Braintree, MA in the above captioned matter requesting that the court: Accept the Resignation of the Guardian.

The petition asks the Court to make a determination that the Guardian and/or Conservator should be allowed to resign; or should be removed for good cause; or that the Guardianship and/or Conservatorship is no longer necessary and therefore should be terminated. The original petition is on file with the court.

You have the right to object to this proceeding. If you wish to do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance at this court on or before 10:00 A.M. on the return date of **08/31/2022**. This day is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline date by which you have to file the written appearance if you object to the petition. If you fail to file the written appearance by the return date, action may be taken in this matter without further notice to you. In addition to filing the written appearance, you or your attorney must file a written affidavit stating the specific facts and grounds of your objection within 30 days after the return date.

IMPORTANT NOTICE
The outcome of this proceeding may limit or completely take away the above-named person’s right to make decisions about personal affairs or financial affairs or both. The above-named person has the right to ask for a lawyer. Anyone may make this request on behalf of the above-named person. If the above-named person cannot afford a lawyer, one may be appointed at State expense.

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

Felix D. Arroyo
Register of Probate

Date: August 24, 2022

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COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
THE TRIAL COURT
PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT
Suffolk Probate & Family Court
24 New Chardon Street
Boston, MA 02114
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CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION
Docket No. SU22P1923EA

ESTATE OF:
MICHELINE JEANNOUTH
DATE OF DEATH: 09/28/2021

To all interested persons:
A Petition for Formal Adjudication of Intestacy and Appointment of Personal Representative has been filed by Lessort Tresalus of E. Bradenton, FL requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition. The Petitioner requests that: Lessort Tresalus of Bradenton, FL be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve With Corporate Surety on the bond in unsupervised administration.

IMPORTANT NOTICE
You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: 10:00 a.m. on the return day of **09/27/2022**. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you.

UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION UNDER THE MASSACHUSETTS UNIFORM PROBATE CODE (MUPC)
A Personal Representative appointed under the MUPC in an unsupervised administration is not required to file an inventory or annual accounts with the Court. Persons interested in the estate are entitled to notice regarding the administration directly from the Personal Representative and may petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including the distribution of assets and expenses of administration.

Witness, HON. BRIAN J. DUNN, First Justice of this Court.
Date: August 30, 2022

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(set by owner + based on household size + Area Median Income (AMI))

| Household Size | Minimum Income (100% AMI) | Minimum Income (150% AMI) |
|----------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| 1 | \$78,550 | \$117,800 |
| 2 | \$89,750 | \$134,600 |
| 3 | \$100,950 | \$151,450 |
| 4 | \$112,150 | \$168,250 |
| 5 | \$121,150 | \$181,750 |
| 6 | \$130,100 | \$195,200 |


Maximum Income Limits
(set by the BPDA + based on household size + Area Median Income (AMI))

| Household Size | 80% AMI | 100% AMI | 150% AMI |
|----------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| 1 | \$78,550 | \$98,150 | \$147,250 |
| 2 | \$89,750 | \$112,200 | \$168,250 |
| 3 | \$100,950 | \$126,200 | \$189,300 |
| 4 | \$112,150 | \$140,200 | \$210,300 |
| 5 | \$121,150 | \$151,450 | \$227,150 |
| 6 | \$130,100 | \$162,650 | \$243,950 |


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BUCKLEY, Angela (Barry), 69 of Dorchester. Mother of Sarah (Buckley) Coleman of Ireland and Barry Felippin of Florida.



CAGGIANO, Robert William, 77, of Dorchester. He is survived by his wife Irene, his two children, Michael and Dana, his surviving sibling, Barbara Bliley of New York. He was preceded in death earlier this year by his older brother Jim, also of New York. Grandpa Bubba of 5 grandchildren, and 1 great-grandchild. US Navy Veteran. Donations in Bob's memory may be made to any of the VA Medical Center programs.



CALDWELL, Otha Lee (Smith), 79, of Dorchester, formerly of Arkansas. Daughter to

Sylvester Sr. and Minnie Bell Smith. Wife of the late John H. Caldwell Sr. Nicole Smith, her youngest daughter also preceded her in death along with her siblings Barbara Ferguson, Betty Ora Moss, Earlene Calhoun, and Laura Mae Smith. Her son in law Raymond Little Sr. also preceded her in death. She leaves her daughters: Norma Taylor of Memphis (Roy Payne), Pamela O'Neal, Cynthia Key (Donald Key), Lisa O'Neal (Larry Flemon), Alberdella Smith, and Selena Smith of Boston; her siblings: Izola Barnes of California and Sylvester Smith of Lynn; her 11 grandchildren, and four great grandchildren.



CAMILLO, Diana (Cullen), 80, of Dorchester, originally of England. Daughter to the late Jesse and Lillian Cullen. She was predeceased by her husband Anthony "Tony" Camillo. She was the mother of 5 children, grandmother of 8, and great grandmother of 7. The family has requested donation be made to the Dana-Farber Cancer Institute, P.O. Box 849168 Boston, MA 02284-9168

CAMPBELL, Margaret, 77, of Dorchester. Daughter of the late James and Marion Campbell. Sister of Zita Roberts, Catherine Giberson,

Genevieve Cloghessy, Maurice Campbell, Shane Campbell and the late Gerald, Andrew and Joseph Campbell. Margaret is also survived by nieces and nephews.



FOSTER, Debra A. "Debbie" (Abernathy) of Rockland, formerly of Dorchester. Mother of Mark S. Foster of Raynham. Partner of Don Moore. Sister-in-law of Kathleen "Kathy" Foster of Hyannis. Daughter of the late Elena and George W. Abernathy Jr.



FROST, Stephen of Dorchester. Brother of the late Donna Frost, Bob Frost and his wife, Linda, Ginger Cioffi and her husband, Anthony; brother-in-law of Billy Grew; uncle of Michael Frost and his fiancée, Shannon, Kelly Frost, and Lillian Cioffi. He is also survived by many aunts, uncles, cousins, and lifelong friends who loved him dearly. Please considering making a donation to either the Jimmy Fund at danafarber.jimmyfund.org or ALS TDI als.net/donate/ in memory of Stephen Frost.

LANGLEY-RICHARDSON, Maureen Patricia (Scannell), in Mashpee, formerly of Dorchester. Daughter to the late Gerald T. and Mary E. (Patton) Scannell. She leaves a brother, Dennis, and his wife Di- anne of Mashpee, along with two nephews and a niece. Maureen leaves be-

hind five sons: Patrick and Gerard Langley of Boston, Walter P. Langley and his wife, Fiona of Weymouth, James Richardson of Lynn, and Joseph Richardson and his wife, Stephanie of Templeton. She also leaves behind two grandsons and five granddaughters. She was also predeceased by both of her former husbands: Walter P. (Wally) Langley and James Richardson. Since Wally's passing in 1983, The Hundred Club of Massachusetts has been deeply involved in Maureen's life and the lives of her sons. The family would appreciate any donation to them, in her memory, to allow them to continue the good work they do for surviving families of Massachusetts police officers killed in the line of duty. Donations may be sent to 25 Braintree Hill Office Park, Suite 200, Braintree, MA 02184.



LUCAS, Arcephus, 77, originally of Georgia. Son to the late Will Lucas and Bessie M Lucas. He was the 3rd of 9 children and the oldest son. He was preceded in death by two sisters, Bertha Curry and Mary N Lucas. He leaves two brothers, William Lucas (Barbara) of Framingham, and Wilbert Bolden of Dorchester, four sisters, Pearl Washington, Roxbury; Daisy Bolden and Brenda Lucas, Dorchester; Lois Hodges (Fred) of Stockbridge, GA. Seventeen nieces and nephews, 37 great nieces and nephews, 17 great great nieces and nephews. A host of relatives and friends from Georgia, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Michigan, & Alabama. A dear friend, Roy McDonald, Dorchester.

MASON, DAVID R., 79, of Revere formerly



of Dorchester. Husband to Mary E. (Barnett) Meena-Mason. Father of Joseph Meena and wife Terry, Susan Kelly and husband Richard and Daniel Meena and wife Nancy. Papa to 8 grandchildren and 7 great-grandchildren. Brother of Paul Mason and wife Nancy, William Mason and late wife Janet, Linda Oliver and late husband Thomas, Susan Iarrobino and husband Donald and the late Cynthia Sprague and late husband Gerald and Barbara Gilmore. Also many nieces and nephews. U.S. Army Vet. of Vietnam Conflict. Kindly make a memorial donation in David's name to the N.E. Shelter For Homeless Veterans, 17 Court St. Boston, MA. 02108.



McCARTHY, Rosemary E. (Dowling), 70, of Duxbury, formerly of Dorchester. Wife of Michael J. McCarthy. Mother of Kerri M. and her husband Dan Szafran of Duxbury and Michael P. and his wife Julie McCarthy of Braintree. "Nana" of 5. Daughter of the late John B. Dowling and Rosemary J. (Crowley) Dowling. Sister of Margaret "Chickie" and her husband David Searles of Marshfield, John B. Dowling III and his wife Ellen Dowling of North Grafton, and Ralph and his wife Michelle Dowling of Stoneham. Sister-in-law of Mary McCarthy and her husband Vince Coviello, Paul McCarthy

and his companion Jan Fitzpatrick, Patty and her husband Rich Mitchell, and Sheila McCarthy and her husband Ron Mattice. Rosemary is also survived by many nieces, nephews, and cousins. Donations in Rosemary's memory may be made to Dana-Farber Cancer Institute, P.O. Box 849168, Boston, MA 02284, or at dana-farber.org.

McGOVERN, Sister Anne, SC Daughter of the late Hugh and Rita. She was also predeceased by her brothers, Hugh and Fr. Joseph McGovern; and her sisters, Patricia, Rita, Carolyn, and Regina. She leaves her sisters, Rose and Margaret; and her brother, John. She also leaves many nieces, nephews, and grandnieces, and nephews, as well as her sisters in the congregation. Sister Anne was missioned to Saint Peter School in Dorchester, where she began her ministry as an elementary school teacher. Following this assignment, she served at Saint Pius Memorial School in Halifax, Saint Mary School in Port Hawkesbury, and Saint Catherine School in Halifax, Nova Scotia, coming back to Saint Peter School, Dorchester in 1967. Donations in memory of Sister Anne McGovern may be directed to the Sisters of Charity, 125 Oakland Street, Wellesley, MA 02481.

MEEKS, Sister Joan, SC Daughter of the late John A. Meeks and Ethel McDonough Meeks of Brooklyn, NY. Sister Joan was also predeceased by her older sister, Mary deWolfe. She leaves her sisters in the congregation; and nieces and nephews; as well as 16 grandnieces and nephews, and 25 great-grandnieces and nephews. Sister Joan taught at Saint Kevin School and Saint Peter School, Dorchester. Donations in memory of Sister Joan Meeks, SC may be made to the Sisters of Charity, 125 Oakland Street, Wellesley, MA. 02481.

PIRREIRA, Anne L. (Devlin), 81, of Canton, formerly of Randolph, originally of Dorchester. Anne was the wife of the late Ronald R. "Ron" Pirrera. Mother of Edward J. "Ted" Pirrera and his wife, Sarah of Canton and the late Thomas R. Pirrera. Grandmother of Rachel D. and Christopher T. Pirrera of Canton. Daughter of the late James and Anna (Meldon) Devlin. Sister of Virginia Ward of Braintree, Gerard Devlin of Bowie, MD, and the late Thomas and James Devlin and Patricia Robichau. Also survived by many nieces, nephews, and cousins. Memorial contributions may be made in Anne's name to Saint Rock Haiti Foundation, 108 Central Ave., Hull, MA 02045 Saintrock.org/donate or the Canton Food Pantry c/o Canton area helpline, PO box 202, Canton, MA 02021.



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LEGAL NOTICES

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
THE TRIAL COURT
PROBATE & FAMILY COURT
SUFFOLK DIVISION
24 NEW CHARDON STREET
BOSTON, MA 02114
Docket No. SU22D1217DR
DIVORCE SUMMONS
BY PUBLICATION AND MAILING
OLIVE C. PILGRIM
vs.
DANIEL PILGRIM
To the Defendant:
The Plaintiff has filed a Complaint for Divorce requesting that the Court grant a divorce for Irretrievable Breakdown. The Complaint is on file at the Court. An Automatic Restraining Order has been entered in this matter preventing you from taking any action which would negatively impact the current financial status of either party. SEE Supplemental Probate Court Rule 411.
You are hereby summoned and required to serve upon: Olive C. Pilgrim, 153 Westville St., Dorchester, MA 02122-1223 your answer, if any, on or before 10/12/2022. If you fail to do so, the court will proceed to the hearing and adjudication of this action. You are also required to file a copy of your answer, if any, in the office of the Register of this Court.
Witness, HON. BRIAN J. DUNN, First Justice of this Court.
Date: August 18, 2022
Felix D. Arroyo
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COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
THE TRIAL COURT
PROBATE & FAMILY COURT
SUFFOLK PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT
24 NEW CHARDON STREET
BOSTON, MA 02114
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CITATION ON PETITION
TO CHANGE NAME
Docket No. SU22C038CA
IN THE MATTER OF:
JALEXIS DAISY DIAZ
A Petition to Change Name of Minor has been filed by Jalexis Daisy Diaz of Dorchester, MA requesting that the court enter a Decree changing their name to:
Jalexis Daisy Jackson
IMPORTANT NOTICE
Any person may appear for purposes of objecting to the petition by filing an appearance at: Suffolk Probate and Family Court before 10:00 a.m. on the return day of 09/30/2022. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance if you object to this proceeding.
Witness, HON. BRIAN J. DUNN, First Justice of this Court.
Date: August 31, 2022
Felix D. Arroyo
Register of Probate
Published: September 8, 2022

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
THE TRIAL COURT
PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT
INFORMAL PROBATE
PUBLICATION NOTICE
Docket No. SU21P0748EA
ESTATE OF:
ELIZABETH B. CURLEY
DATE OF DEATH: 01/03/2021
SUFFOLK DIVISION
To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner Edward Curley of Boston, MA, a Will has been admitted to informal probate. Edward Curley of Boston, MA has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve without surety on the bond.
The estate is being administered under informal procedure by the Personal Representative under the Massachusetts Uniform Probate Code without supervision by the Court. Inventory and accounts are not required to be filed with the Court, but interested parties are entitled to notice regarding the administration from the Personal Representative and can petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including distribution of assets and expenses of administration. Interested parties are entitled to petition the Court to institute formal proceedings and to obtain orders terminating or restricting the powers of Personal Representatives appointed under informal procedure. A copy of the Petition and Will, if any, can be obtained from the Petitioner.
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