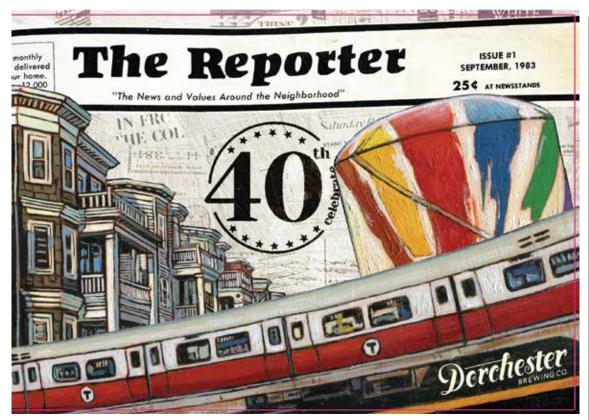
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A collage of iconic Dorchester images hand-painted by artist Andrew Houle incorporates the original masthead of The Reporter, which debuted on this week in 1983. The artwork above is featured on a commemorative can produced in collaboration with Dorchester Brewing Company. See story on Page 36 in this week's special section on The Reporter's 40th anniversary

The Birth of The Reporter

With a promise to bring readers "the news and values around the neighborhood" in each edition, The Reporter hit the streets of Dorchester for the first time forty years ago this week — Sept. 1983. In a special 40page supplement inside this week's edition, we look back at the origins of The Reporter and its evolution through the decades where:

• Bill Forry, who was 10 when his parents, Ed and Mary, launched The Reporter from their Lower Mills home, recalls the earliest days of the family-run enterprise, which is now one of the few of its kind left in the region.

 Chris Lovett chronicles the years before The Reporter, when the Forrys published annual "yearbooks" that celebrated this neighborhood and its people.

The late, great Boston Globe journalist Jack Thomas's classic Reporter story, first published in 2008, is retold.

• Bill Walczak recalls a changing Dorchester in 1983



Above, Christina (Redmond) Myers and her children, Mia and Cam, who deliver the Dorchester Reporter along the same St. Brendan's area route that she worked 30 years ago. See story on Page 23 inside this week's special section on the Reporter's 40th anniversary. Seth Daniel photo

FitzGerald tops field in District 3; will face **Richards in Nov. runoff** Arroyo loses District 5 seat

BY REPORTER STAFF

Voters in select parts of the city on Tuesday trickled into polling locations, choosing two finalists, John FitzGerald, a Boston Planning and Development Agency official, and Joel Richards, a public school teacher, in the open race for City Council District 3, which includes Dorchester and the South End. They also expelled Ricardo Arroyo, the incumbent councillor for District 5, which includes Hyde Park, Mattapan, and Roslindale.

The latter made history, as Arroyo became one of two incumbents to be ousted in a preliminary since Boston switched to its current system in 1983. District 6 Councillor Kendra Lara, who represents Jamaica Plain and West Roxbury, is the other. She also lost her seat Tuesday night.

In District 3, Frank Baker decided back in April against running for another twoyear term, sparking a seven-way preliminary. FitzGerald, who received support Joel Richards from Baker and former mayor Marty



John FitzGerald



Walsh, was the top vote-getter. The name of the candidate who will join FitzGerald on the ballot for the Nov. 7 final election (Continued on page 4)

At-large council contest is up next for city voters

By GINTAUTAS DUMCIUS MANAGING EDITOR

With the end of the preliminary election this week, voters can turn to the Nov. 7 ballot and its marguee race.

The ballot will feature eight contenders vying for the City Council's at-large slots, and voters can choose up to four. They will join the top two finishers in the district races that were on the ballot this past Tuesday (Districts 3, 5, 6 and 7), as well as incumbents like District 2's Ed Flynn (South Boston) and District 4's Brian Worrell (Dorchester and Mattapan) who are not facing challengers.

Three incumbents - Ruthzee Louijeune, Erin, and Julia Mejia are running for reelection. The departure of veteran Michael Flaherty, who had two long stints on the Council, broken up by an unsuccessful run for mayor in 2009, has left voters with the choice of welcoming at least one newcomer to a body that has been riven by infighting and backbiting, even as it worked (Continued on page 5)

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By CHRIS LOVETT SPECIAL TO THE REPORTER

The history starts with a dream and becomes a nightmare, only to reawaken as a halting voice of trauma or equanimity steeped in regret. Such was the "moral arc" of Boston's "long road to school desegregation" in the PBS "American Experience" documentary, "The Busing Battleground," which premiered Monday night before 150 people at the Commu-nity Academy of Science and Health in Dorchester.

Taking place almost 49 years to the

day after the start of what many refer to as "court-ordered busing" in 1974, the screening was the first in a series of commemorative events organized by the Boston Desegregation and Busing Initiative, which includes several members who experienced the history. Even before the screening began, one of the group's co-chairs, Lew Finfer, a longtime community organizer, reminded the audience that the event was taking place in what was during the turmoil of the 1970s one of the few places in Dorchester where people of different races could

feel safe attending the same community meeting. He then drew attention to the documentary's last words, spoken by a pioneering Black journalist in Boston, Bryant Rollins, who passed in May 2022.

"If there had been a way for deep dialogue between Blacks and Whites, a lot of the conflict that arose in the sixties and the seventies was avoidable," said Rollins. "People were in a state of violent agreement. What we agreed about was inefficacy of busing. White parents didn't want it for their kids. They had differ-(Continued on page 10)



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Police, Courts & Fire Woman, 29, shot fatally off Blue Hill Avenue

A woman was murdered at 2 Greenock St. to the south of Franklin Field around 5:25 a.m. on Saturday (Sept. 9). The victim was later identified as Princess Charles, 29, of Quincy. A second victim managed to get to a local hospital despite being shot several times and is expected to survive, say police, who were initially alerted to 13 rounds of gunfire by the BPD's SpotSpotter system.

Boston Police arrested a 19-year-old man on Sept. 9 for shooting 21-year-old Mario Santos to death at 59 Wilrose St. on Feb. 21. Trevon Wideman, 19, was arrested around 6 a.m. on Saturday at his home on Kineo Street, about a half-mile from where Santos was murdered - and where police found a second victim, who survived.

A woman walking near Savin Hill Beach at the end of Southview Street was critically injured when she was hit by lightning around 3:20 p.m. on Saturday afternoon (Sept. 9). State Police report that the woman was walking her dog, Bruce, who got scared and ran off. Bruce was later found and reunited with his family. Bystanders, one a nurse, performed CPR on the victim before paramedics arrived, according to the Boston Globe, which reported that the victim was a 31-year-old woman from Dorchester.

A previously convicted felon was charged Sept. 12 in connection with the armed robberies of two Boston and Brockton businesses in March-including a smoke shop on Dorchester's Blue Hill Avenue. Fernando Bost, 32, of Boston, was charged with two counts of Hobbs Act robbery and one count of being a felon in possession of a firearm. He allegedly robbed RJ Smoke and held the cashier at gunpoint and took cash before fleeing the store. Bost was arrested by state law enforcement near Springfield.

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'Open Streets,' with vendors along a shut-down Dot Ave., set for Sunday

By CASSIDY MCNEELEY SPECIAL TO THE REPORTER

Open Streets Dorchester, take two: City officials will for the second consecutive year temporarily shut down Dorchester Avenue to vehicle traffic between Ashmont Street and Freeport Street this coming Sunday (Sept. 17) and open it up to people and more than 100 vendors. The route has been shortened from last year's event, when the southern terminus was Gallivan Boulevard.

The closure of the thoroughfare will begin at 9 a.m., with events starting at 10 a.m. and continuing until 3:30 p.m.

Mayor Wu set up "Open Streets" at sites across the city last year to encourage a rethinking of how city streets are used, and to make Boston more family friendly. Open Streets events took place earlier this year in Jamaica Plain, Allston-Brighton, and along Blue Hill Avenue along the Dorchester/ Roxbury border. Another is set for Oct. 16 in East Boston along Meridian and Bennington Streets.



Lethu Le relaxed on a folding chair in the middle of Dorchester Avenue during the 2022 Open Streets event, which drew thousands of people. This year's event is on Sunday, Sept. 17 from 10 a.m.- 3:30 p.m. Seth Daniel photo

The list of vendors includes 2 Curls 1 Mission, Casa Myrna Inc., Fabe Jewelry, Greater Ashmont Main Street, Mimi's Bling Creations, Nefertiti Travel, Cricket Wireless, East Coast School of Combined Martial Arts, and The Black Balloon Company, among others.

The idea driving the "Open Streets" program is that closing the avenue to vehicles for a time will allow community members to walk, bike, and talk to vendors.

"Last year was a reimagining of what's possible when we think about transforming our streets, from how we connect to where we connect with each other, "Wu said earlier this year. "That's why as part of our commitment to making Boston the best place in the country to raise a family we're expanding our efforts this year to not only have those three successful events continue in the community but to add Allston-Brighton and East Boston.'

Open Streets programming is free and will include food trucks as well as various activities for kids such as face painting, balloon animals, crafts, and interactive games.

St. Mary's Center plans to expand campus

St. Marv's Center for Women and Children on Jones Hill filed plans with the Boston Planning and Development Agency (BPDA) on Tuesday that call for extensive renovation and new construction on its 2.4-acre campus along Cushing Avenue.

The Center currently operates an adult family shelter, a young par-enting living program, transitional housing, and education/employment supports. It would expand its shelter programs if the project— planned in conjunction with the Archdiocese of Boston's Planning Office of Urban



The design above was attached to St. Mary's Center's plan for expansion.

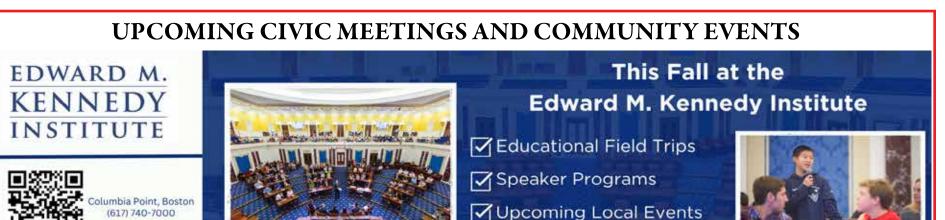
Tuesday's "letter of intent" calls for the existing to be demolished, and a building and parking ga-five-story building to rise

Affairs—moves forward. rage next to Everett Avenue and Jerome Street

in the space with 71 units of "deeply affordable" supportive housing. It would increase St. Mary's shelter programs by 30 percent and include 72 parking spaces underneath the structure. A second phase calls for a full gut-rehabilitation of the existing East, Main, and Chapel buildings - formerly the St. Margaret's Hospital along Cushing Avenue.

Tuesday's letter is a precursor to filing a Project Notification Form (PNF) under the BPDA's Article 80 process.

- SETH DANIEL





Lower Mills Civic Association meets on Tues., Sept. 19, at 7 p.m. at St. Gregory auditorium, 2214 Dorchester Ave. On the agenda: Stan McLaren from Carney Hospital and Sen. Nick Collins.

The MBTA is hosting meetings to brief the public on the upcoming, two-week interruption in Red Line and Mattapan trolley service as a track improvement project begins next month. Shuttle buses will replace service on the Ashmont Branch and Mattapan Line for 16 days from Sat., Oct. 14, through Sun., Oct. 29. Meetings are set for Thurs., Sept. 14, 6-8 p.m. at Immigrant Family Services Institute, 1626 Blue Hill Ave., Mattapan; Tues., Sept. 19, 6-8 p.m., VietAID Center, 42 Charles St. Fields Corner; Wed., Sept. 27, 6-8 p.m. (virtual, registration required); Sat., Sept. 30, 1-3 p.m., the Great Hall, Codman Square Health Center. Harvard Street Neighborhood Health

Center's Health and Wellness community fair will be held this Saturday (Sept. 16) from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., at 1 Franklin Park Road, Dorchester. Bouncy house, face painting, basketball, DJ, and more. Rain date: Sept. 24.

St. Mark's Community Education Program hosts "Opening Doors: Celebrating Immigrant Success Stories" on Sat., Sept. 16, 6-9 p.m. with former Boston Mayor and former US Labor Secretary Marty Walsh. Tickets are on sale now at stmarkesol.org.

Franklin Park Jazz and R&B Festival is set for Sat., Sept. 16, 1-7 p.m. Rollins Ross with Mike Rollins, Angelena and the Unit, Midnight Crew, and headliner Avery Sunshine. See franklinparkcoalition.org for more.

Ashmont Hill Chamber Music plans a concert of Persian Classical Music this Sunday (Sept. 17) at 4 p.m. at Peabody Hall, 209 Ashmont St., Dorchester. Children under 18 are free. Tickets for adults: \$25: students \$18. IC and ConnectorCare holders, \$3.

Open Community House on redevelopment plans for Shattuck campus at Morton Street will be held on Tues., Sept. 19, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at Lena Park CDC, 150 American Legion Highway. See bit.ly/ shattuckopenhouse for more info. Or visit mortonstreetredevelopment.org.

MassHire hosts a FutureSkills info session for training programs at area vocational high schools on Wed., Sept. 20, from 10 a.m. to noon at 1010 Harrison Ave., Boston.

Neponset River Fall Cleanup, is set for Sat., Sept. 23, from 9 a.m. to **noon** at various cleanup sites, including Dorchester. Volunteers of all ages and skill levels sought. Pre-registration is

appreciated at Neponset.org/cleanup. Essential equipment on-site, including trash bags, gloves, tools, and waders will be provided. Call 781-575-0354 x313 for more info.

First Baptist Church Dorchester hosts its annual Flea Market on Sat., Sept. 23 and Sat., Sept. 30, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Vendors wanted. For more info, contact 617-282-1391 or fbcd@fbcdorchester. com.

The Martin Richard Foundation, in partnership with the Boston Bruins Foundation, New Balance. WS Development, Amazon, and DMSE Sports, will host the sixth annual MR8K, a 5-mile race in Boston's Seaport District on Sun., October 15. Registration is now open at mr8k.org.

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Longtime family-run Baby Nat's is sold to Brother's Supermarket

By Seth Daniel News Editor

Anytime you entered Baby Nat's Fruitland on American Legion Highway, at the nexus of Mattapan and Roslindale, you knew you would be getting multiple bargains. Now, after one family's almost 50 years in business, the popular fruit and vegetable store will soon have a new owner for those deals: Brother's Supermarket is in the process of making Baby Nat's its fourth neighborhood location.

Darlene (Natorelli) Etienne, 66, told the *Reporter* that her late father, Argentine "Archie" Natorelli, founded the business in the 1970s, and now it was time for her to sell and retire.

"It was a family business: My father, my mom, my brothers and sisters and my kids. But you have to retire sometime," Etienne said in a phone interview. "It happened very fast, and I didn't even put the business on the market. I had associates I do business with who had people who were interested, and I got an offer. It worked out. I hope they do as good a business as we did. It's time for new eyes."

Ambiris Fernandez, of Brother's Supermarket, said they have bought the business and will be leasing the property from Etienne. With locations already on Geneva Avenue, Washington Street (Grove Hall), and Dudley Street (Uphams Corner), he said, this "location was good for us and a lot of people in the Roslindale, Hyde Park and



The landmark Baby Nat's Fruitland on American Legion Highway at the Roslindale/Mattapan line was recently sold to Brother's Supermarket by the family of the late Archie Natorelli of Medford, who is pictured above.

Photo courtesy Natorelli Family



The former Baby Nat's Fruitland has now been purchased and is being operated by Brother's Supermarket, giving the Dorchester company its fourth location in the area. The Natorelli family operated Baby Nat's for 50 years on the site, transforming it from a sleepy seasonal fruit stand to a yearround mecca for great deals on fruits and vegetables.

Mattapan who were coming to our locations on Dudley Street or Washington Street.

"Our plan right now is to make it like the store on Dudley Street and bring in fresh meats, a deli, a kitchen, and fresh vegetables," he said. "We want to keep it nice and updated. We're also working with the city on a new storefront and sign project for that location. We're just super excited to come to this new community and be part of Roslindale, Hyde Park, and Seth Daniel photo Mattapan...We hope to really do something great there."

Baby Nat's Fruitland became a landmark in its nearly 50 years on American Legion with its "FRUITLAND" sign drawing customers from Dorchester, Mattapan, Roslindale, and beyond, to get deals on fresh fruits and vegetables that seemed sometimes as too good to be true. The end of a family run has turned some eyes to the history of the business. Etienne said her fathergrew up in the West End and had a very hard upbringing-he could not read or write. He operated an outdoor fruit stand in the North End for some time and was offered the property on American Legion Highway in the early 1970s.

In the beginning, it was just an outdoor stand. "The first year," said Etienne, "my dad put heavy plastic over the fence and had those blow heaters. He wanted to see how it would work that winter before he decided to do any construction. Then it went well, and he put the building up. As we got busier, he put on another addition. Then we bought the home next to us and knocked it down. That was our parking lot."

Etienne, her late mother Carmela, her three sisters, and her late brother, Kenneth, all worked in the business and, later, when their children came along, working there became almost a rite of passage in the family.

And the name? The family – hailing from Medford - went by the nickname "Nat" and each member had his or her nickname on a license plate, such as Dad Nat and Momma Nat. "There were four of us and I was the baby," said Etienne. "I was Baby Nat, and the store was named after me. My brother and I fought over it, and my mom made the decision – and so it was Baby Nat's. Everyone thought it was a baby store at first."

In addition to the usual fruits and vegetables, Baby Nat's was famous for collard greens and yams – attractive catering to those who had migrated from the South.

"At the beginning it was all people from down South, and they were great customers," Etienne said. "They still come back on holidays and one holiday we sold 475 cases of yams and a lot of collard greens. We were known for collard greens and chitlins. Then when things changed and different people moved in, you just go with the cultures...We had all nationalities."

It was the deals, however, that set apart Baby Nat's, whether 99 cents for a huge bag of salad or limes that were 10 for \$1. Etienne said it all came back to her brother, Kenneth, who did the buying from the New England Produce Market in Chelsea.

"We had so many good deals and we were known for that," she said. "We got pallets and pallets and pallets every day. We did a lot of business up there and sometimes there would be a pallet come in and it would be rejected by an inspector for whatever reason. They would sell it cheap to us and we could turn it over fast."

Etienne gives her father a lot of credit for building up the business after coming from such humble circumstances.

"He came a long way," she said. "He couldn't read or write, but my mom taught him what she could. I give him so much credit for the businessman he became."



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Page 4THE REPORTERSeptember 14, 2023dotnews.comFitzGerald tops ticket in District 3 race; Richards takes second spot

(Continued from page 1) became clear on Wednesday morning after Ann M. Walsh, a former nonprofit leader, called Richards to concede.

As the results came in, FitzGerald was posting lopsided wins in key precincts in Ward 16, while Walsh and Richards notched wins in their home precincts in Lower Mills and Fields Corner, respectively.

But in parts of Neponset—like the vote-heavy double-precinct polling station at the Adams Street Library— Fitz-Gerald was already building a sizable lead. In Ward 16-Precinct 9, he posted a landslide with 381 votes out of a total 432 cast. Walsh came in second in that precinct with 23 votes.

FitzGerald, who has the support of Baker and former mayor Marty Walsh, was also very strong in the other Adams St. Library precinct 16-8, which covers much of the Ashmont-Adams section. There, he captured 237 votes to Walsh's 87 and Richards's 53.

In Savin Hill's 13-10, FitzGerald won 221 votes, with Richards picking up 82 votes and Walsh receiving 62 votes. FitzGerald and Jennifer Johnson, a Meetinghouse Hill activist also on the District 3 ballot, were both at the polling location, Cristo Rey High School, until the balloting closed at 8 p.m.

Overall, FitzGerald won with 43 percent of the vote, according to the unofficial City Hall tally. Richards received 19 percent, and Walsh came in with roughly 18 percent.

Richards, who ran for City Council in neighboring District 4 in 2021 before the Council's redistricting process flipped him into District 3 this year, declared victory in a phone call Tuesday night with the Reporter. He credited his message focused on the need for affordable housing and neighborhood schools that people can walk their children to. "I have the same desires other people have," he said. As votes were still being counted around 9 p.m., FitzGerald swung by Walsh's election party at the Bowery in Lower Mills before heading to his own at the Landmark in Adams Village. He briefly spoke with several Walsh supporters. About a half hour later, Walsh arrived and addressed her supporters. "Wasn't this a fun summer project?" she quipped. She relayed that her campaign was "unlikely" to make it. "But it is so close we will wait," she said. "It's under 100 votes so we're waiting.' Inside the crowded Landmark restaurant in Adams Village, Fitz-Gerald was exultant.



District 3 council candidate John FitzGerald (center)celebrated his preliminary victory at Landmark Pub in Adams Village with supporters, including (l-r) former Councillor and City Clerk Maureen Feeney, Supreme Judicial Court Clerk Maura Doyle, Council President Ed Flynn, John FitzGerald, Councillor Frank Baker, and Councillor-at-Large Erin Murphy. *Seth Daniel photo*

"Tonight was a big night for the city," he said. "Feel that? The city's alive tonight, guys. The city's alive."

While his name was on the ballot, FitzGerald said the campaign wasn'tabouthim. "It's all about the folks who said, they've never met me before, and said, 'Billy's with you, Jackie's with you. If they love you, I love you,' and it spread like that. Let's keep it going."

The full list of District 3 candidates included Fitz-Gerald, Walsh, Johnson, and Richards, as well as Savin Hill labor lawyer Matt Patton, Barry Lawton, a former schoolteacher who lives in the Uphams Corner/Savin Hill area, and housing activist Rosalind Wornum, who lives in Ashmont. **VOTERS OUST ARROYO**

In the other races, incumbents who have faced scandals over the last year were contending with challengers for their seats.

Arroyo, who was first elected in 2019, had challengers in former police officer Jose Ruiz, former Wu administration aide Enrique Pepen, and Mattapan activist Jean-Claude Sanon. Arrovo conceded while addressing supporters in Roslindale. His father, the former Suffolk register of probate, and city councillor at-large Felix D. Arroyo, stood with him. Pepen and Ruiz are the two moving onto the Nov. 7 final, with Pepen as the preliminary's ticket-topper. Arroyo garnered under 20 percent of the vote. Arroyo's loss came after several self-inflicted scandals, including an ethics fine for representing his brother Felix G. Arroyo, a former city councillor at-large who once worked in Mayor Walsh's administration, as part of a civil lawsuit involving City Hall. Arroyo was also



Joel Richards, who earned a spot on the November ballot for District 3 council with a second-place finish in Tuesday's election, is shown with supporters at his Election night party at the Blarney Stone in Fields Corner. Seth Daniel photo

prominently featured in two federal investigatory reports that led to the resignation of US Attorney Rachael Rollins. Text messages released as part of the investigations showed Arroyo urging Rollins to help him beat Kevin Hayden in the 2022 Suffolk DA race to succeed her.

Before the election and the scandals, he also lost Mayor Wu as an ally. She backed Pepen, knocking



on doors in Hyde Park and Roslindale as City Hall employees flooded parts of the district. Former District 7 Councillor Tito Jackson and ex-Rep. Joe Kennedy III, who both count Pepen as a former aide, joined Wu and Pepen at a Roslindale rally last weekend.

Pepen's best precinct, in terms of raw numbers, was Ward 18-Precinct 10, Wu's home precinct, where he racked up over 300 votes while the other candidates stayed in double digits.

UNITE HERE Local 26, the hotel workers union, also supported Pepen, who until earlier this year served as Wu's executive director of the Office of Neighborhood Services.

Ann Walsh, who finished third in the District 3 contest, addressed supporters on the patio of The Bowery in Lower Mills on Tuesday night. *Gintautas Dumcius photo*

Meanwhile, Ruiz had the support of Walsh, the former mayor, as well as Firefighters Local 718, the Boston Carmens Union, and IBEW Local 2222. He was just several hundred votes behind Pepen, and ahead of Arroyo by nearly 1,000 votes, according to unofficial results posted on the city's website. Sanon, who has previously run

for District 5, came in fourth with 751 votes. In District 6, Lara also lost to challengers: Attorney Ben Weber and IT director William King are moving onto the final election.

District 7 Councillor Tania Fernandes Anderson, who is running for a second term and represents Roxbury and part of Dorchester, will face perennial candidate Althea Garrison in November. They both beat out Roy Owens, another perennial candidate, Dorchester resident Jerome Scott, and anti-vaccine protester Padma Scott.

The Reporter's Bill Forry, Gintautas Dumcius, and Seth Daniel contributed to this report.

New Balance chairman turns attention to Council races

By GINTAUTAS DUMCIUS MANAGING EDITOR

Jim Davis, the New Balance chairman who spent more than \$1 million toward an outside group seeking to defeat then-Councillor Michelle Wu in the 2021 mayoral contest, is now hotfooting his efforts into City Council races, where candidates are saying they aren't interested in the help.

Davis, a Republican donor at the federal level, last week donated \$150,000 to an outside group, or super PAC, calling itself "Forward Boston," according to publicly available campaign finance records. The super PAC has also received a donation, totaling \$10,000, from Charles M. Talanian, the owner of C. Talanian Realty Co. who also was listed as an event chair for a Trump fundraiser on Cape Cod in 2016.

The super PAC has spent some of the money on ads in the Boston Herald and texts and follow-up calls to voters for door-knocking, per campaign finance records.

Super PACs can raise and spend unlimited amounts of money, but they are prohibited from coordinating their actions with the candidates, who cannot control what the groups do. In Massachusetts, Super PACS are primarily funded by two types: Wealthy individuals and unions.

In this year's municipal election cycle, which has only city councillors on the ballot, "Forward Boston" is supporting John FitzGerald, a Boston Planning and Development official running in District 3 (Dorchester and the South End); former Boston Police officer Jose Ruiz in District 5 (Hyde Park, Mattapan and Roslindale): and two candidates in District 6, attorney Ben Weber and William King, who works for a nonprofit.

FitzGerald, Ruiz, King, and Weber all said in separate statements last Wednesday night they were not interested in the super PAC's support. All are Democrats.

"We did not ask for support from this PAC nor do we need support from this PAC," FitzGerald said. "We believe that our campaign is more than capable of running our own race without any outside assistance, as is evident when you look at the coalition of support we have earned from dozens of labor unions, local leaders, and hundreds of District 3 residents."

Ruiz said that "in no way did our campaign solicit the support of this PAC nor do we want or need it," while King said he is focused on a "grassroots cam-paign." King added, "I am not looking for and do not welcome outside support from this or any other PAC."

In an emailed statement, Weber also knocked the super PAC.

When Davis pumped money into the 2021 mayoral race, funding efforts to boost then-Councillor Annissa Essaibi George and defeat Wu, Essaibi George asked the multiple super PACs to stay out of the race. For her part, Wu asked

that the super PACs stay positive. The anti-Wu super PACs ignored both requests, while the pro-Wu super PACs, funded by environmental advocacy groups and attorneys, did not go negative.

Former police commissioner Willie Gross and public relations magnate George Regan also participated in he super PAC, with Gross as its chair and public face.

Regan's firm did not respond to an email seeking comment on Davis's latest move. Earlier this year, the firm sent out a pitch that said a Cape Cod fundraiser for City Council President Ed Flynn and a birthday party for his father, former mayor Ray Flynn, would also serve as a launchpad for a group called "Save Our City." Regan later disavowed the emailed pitch and blamed his secretary, while Flynn said the event was only a birthday party and a fundraiser.

At-large race is next up on voters' dance card

(Continued from page 1) at the Boston Housing to pass rent control and reforms of the Boston Planning and Development Agency, two of Mayor Wu's legislative priorities.

Five challengers, nearly all of them first time candidates, are hoping to snagone of the four slots. Henry Santana, a former Wu administration aide, is among them, and has garnered the support of his former City Hall bosses. Santana worked for Wu and former District 8 Councillor Kenzie Bok, who left for the top job

Authority.

The other candidates are Bridget Nee-Walsh, a South Boston ironworker who, when she's not on the campaign trail, can be seen helping build the tower rising above South Station, and Mattapan activist Clifton Braithwaite. The other two candidates, Catherine Vitale and Shawn Nelson, are anti-vaccine protesters known for their harassment of Mayor Wu.

Louijeune, an attorney who grew up in the Hyde Park/Mattapan area and was first elected in 2021, raised the most money out of all states' City Council candidates, not just in Boston, in August. She raised \$28,448 and had \$190,537 as of the end of that month.

Dorchester's Murphy was close behind, with \$21,936 raised and \$121,730 in cash on hand, while Julia Mejia, who also lives in Dorchester. raised \$4,217 and has \$37,341 on hand.

Among the at-large challengers, Nee-Walsh had the biggest haul, with \$16,282 raised and nearly \$12,700 on hand. Santana pulled in \$6,411 and has \$20,197.

Vitale raised nearly \$3,200 and has \$2,500, while Braithwaite raised \$500. He had \$66.50 in his account, as of the end of August. Nelson didn't raise any money in August and has \$60.

Over the past two years, the Council has been divided along racial, generational, and political lines. Flaherty and Murphy have represented the moderate and conservative wing,

while Louijeune and Mejia were part of the progressive wing.

But even among the progressives, factions have emerged. Louijeune and Mejia were on opposite sides of the final map in the City Council's redistricting process, which redrew the boundaries of the nine district seats. Louijeune steered the map to the mayor's desk, and it passed legal muster, even as Mejia floated a conspiracy theory, without evidence, that the Wu administration and the attorneys defending an



Ruthzee Louijeune earlier iteration of the map in federal court had purposely fallen short in their efforts.

Over the summer, some coalition-building took place, with Wu and labor unions joining to support or endorse several progressive candidates, including Santana and Louijeune.

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Page 8THE REPORTERSeptember 14, 2023dotnews.comBoston Collegiate celebrates new outdoor space on Mayhew Street

By Seth Daniel News Editor

The Boston Collegiate Charter School celebrated the completion of a \$1.3 million expansion project during a ceremony on Tuesday of this week at its Mayhew Street campus. The lottery-based public charter serves grades 5-12 on two campuses, including the old St. Margaret school and convent.

The school acquired a property next door at 21 Mayhew St., which now boasts new outdoor classrooms, quiet study spaces, and a parking lot for staff.

"We really did want to acquire this, and it really made so much sense," said Charlie Cassidy, president of the school's foundation. "Finally, we were fortunate enough to have the opportunity to acquire it. The reality is that 15 years ago we probably wouldn't have had the resources to have consummated the transaction. We really appreciate the support of the neighbors over a long period of time." Peter Skipper, a neigh-

Peter Skipper, a neighbor, said the school has done a good job in communicating with abutters, including his wife, Boston Public School Supt. Mary Skipper, about all aspects of the project.



Collegiate Executive Director Jenna Ogundipe, Board Chair Nicole Chang, neighbor Peter Skipper, and Foundation President Charlie Cassidy gathered in front of the new open space classrooms on Mayhew Street.



Beth Newhall of Boston Collegiate; Bethany Franz, a former staffer; Trustee Bill Heiden; and Collegiate co-founder Susan Fortin. Seth Daniel photos

"It's much easier to get upset when little things happen if you don't think people on the project care about you as a neighbor,

but when you communicate and are open, it's easier to avoid that," he said. "The end result here was great for everybody. It was a great marriage of a lot of different parts that ended up with a great outcome." Nicole Chang, the school's board chair, said charter schools don't qualify for state funding to build out campus amenities, even though



Collegiate's Jan Saglio explains the project and how the new space will be used during the celebration on Tuesday.

they are public schools. Construction took place during the summer, and the result includes a hardscape area for science and art classes, a parking lot for about 15 cars, a quiet study space next to the school, and an activity area at the rear of the site with two storage sheds.

In a nod to the former pear orchard that existed on the site in colonial times, the project included three pear trees within the new open space. Mayhew Street is named after a type of pear that once flourished in the orchards that dotted the neighborhood.

School leaders said the parking lot includes two electric vehicle (EV) charging stations that accommodate four cars, and added that neighbors are welcome to park and charge in the lot during non-school hours.









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Please join the Coalition of community-based organizations led by Boston Medical Center for an open house where the Coalition will share information and gain more community feedback on their proposal and redevelopment vision for the Shattuck Hospital Campus, now the Morton Street Campus.

In addition to the in-person Open House, the Coalition will host a series of (virtual) topic-specific community meetings this fall; topics include Clinical and Supportive Housing Services, Health and Safety, Open Space, and more. To learn more, visit www.mortonstreetredevelopment.org_



Uphams Community Care welcomes new CMO Janvier

Community health physician Dr. Marjorie Janvier has been appointed chief medical officer (CMO) at Uphams Community Care (UCC) after eight years at the Dimock Community Health Center.



Marjorie Janvier, MD, chief medical officer at Uphams Community Care.

Janvier, who lives in Roxbury with her family, says she is looking forward to working closely with the leadership team to advance UCC to the next phase of providing quality care. "As a physician you take care of your patients one on one," she said. "You ensure that each patient you come into contact with has a good experience and receives quality care. As a CMO, it's your responsibility to take care of a larger group of patients by creating policies and

Shayla Mombeleur, a Dorchester native, has been elected secretary of the Massachusetts Bar Association for the 2023-24 membership year, which began on Sept. 1.

A 2017 graduate of the University of Massachusetts School of Law, Mombeleur is an associate attorney at Todd & Weld LLP and concentrates her practice on government investigasystems to maintain the quality of care and by supervising the health center's clinical leaders.

"I grew up in a neighborhood that looks just like this in New York. When I see patients walk through the door, I see my mother, I see my sister, and I see my family members," she added. Janvier attended the

University of Pennsylvania, where she earned two bachelor's degrees in science-healthcare management and policy and applied science in bioengineering. She obtained her MD and master's in public health degrees from Tufts University School of Medicine, and completed her internal medicine residency and chief residency at Caritas St. Elizabeth's Hospital. She also held an Infectious Diseases Fellowship at The Miriam Hospital/ Brown University.

In recognition of her community dedication and leadership at the Dimock Center, where as a staff physician and leader she worked at providing primary and HIV specialty care for more than 800 patients. For her efforts there, she was named a Roxbury Hometown Hero in 2021.





Boston University welcomed a new class of Boston students as Thomas M. Menino Scholarship winners at a ceremony on Aug. 31. The program awards four-year, full-tuition scholarships to graduating seniors from Boston's public high schools. The group's Dorchester scholars include Ana Bodre, Cynthia Dang, Ivana Fernandes, Eamonn Foley, Fiona McCleary, David Nguyen, Jessica Nguyen, Robin Pena, Leo Phung, Kurtis Sequeira, Anh Tieu, Katherine Arauz, Jabes DeJesus, Hoang An Khang Le, Kenny Phan, and Jennifer Voltaire. *Image courtesy Boston University*

Dot's Omoregie plays Opal role in Huntington 'Fat Ham' production

A onetime student in the Huntington Theatre's education programming will be marking her debut at her old classroom when the production of "Fat Ham," the acclaimed new play written by James Ijames and directed by Tony Awardnominated Stevie Walker-Webb opens its month-long (Fri., Sept. 22-Sun., Oct 22) at the Calderwood Pavilion at the Boston Center for the Arts on Tremont Street.

Victoria Omoregie will be playing the part of Opal in the play, which won the 2022 Pulitzer Prize for Drama. Last year, the Public Theater transferred their production to Broadway where it received five Tony Award



Dorchester native Victoria Omoregie will return to the Huntington this month in her first acting role at the theater, where she was part of the education department programming as a student. *Photo courtesy the Huntington Theater*

sensitive Juicy wants to make his own way as a queer Black man growing up in a Southern family, until his father's ghost turns up at a backyard barbecue and insists that

Juicy avenge his murder. Says Huntington Artistic Director Loretta Greco: "This is the beginning of our rigorous exploration of the classics – powerful stories that continue to speak to us – as re-dreamt for our time. In Ijames's deft hands this exploration of masculinity, queerness, and familial acceptance boasts of muscular language, emotional truth, and the wildly entertaining foibles of family."

The play is being produced in association with Alliance TheatreandFrontPorchArts Collective.

Omoregie has been busy in making her way back to the Huntington stage. She participated in the August Wilson compete in the nationals. She credits that experience with her decision to pursue her goals. She graduated from Boston University last year with a degree in acting and has performed with SpeakEasyStage, Actors' Shakespeare Project, and Front Porch Arts Collective, among others.

The Huntington's Education department serves more than 30,000 students, teachers, and community organizations each year with student matinees, Poetry Out Loud Massachusetts, the August Wilson New Voices Competition, True Colors' Next Narrative Monologue Competition, and others. Collaborators in this work include Boston Public Schools and

defense, with a focus on federal and health care cases.



nominations and even more critical acclaim. In "Fat Ham," sweet and monologue competition while in high school and went on to New York to Codman Academy Charter Public School. – REPORTER STAFF

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DORCHESTER HISTORICAL SOCIETY Robert Barnet as Queen Isabella

This scan of a photograph was published in *"The Extravaganza King"* by Anne Alison Barnet, who tells the story of her ancestor, Robert Barnet. The following is from the book jacket:

"This is the entertaining tale of Robert Barnet (1853-1933), a prosperous Boston sugar merchant, and



the enormously popular musical theatricals he wrote and produced for the First Corps of Cadets, a volunteer militia of young upper-class Boston businessmen. He and his family lived at 27 Carruth St. for a number of years.

"Barnet had already made a name for himself in local amateur theater circles when the Corps hired the middle-aged father of five to stage fund-raisers to erect the armory, known today as the Park Plaza Castle. Barnet himself starred as Queen Isabella of Spainin "1492," his most famous work. Donning dresses and wigs for the female parts, the hefty, muscular leading ladies raised laugher rather than eyebrows from the audiences of prominent Bostonians who attended the shows."

These posts can be viewed on the blog at dorchesterhistoricalsociety. org. The Society's William Clapp and James Blake Houses are open to the public on the third Sunday of the month from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

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Editorial

Reporter family mourns a tough loss

Even as we prepare to celebrate a milestone moment in this newspaper's history, the Reporter family is mourning a sudden loss this week. Richardson Innocent died last Friday, Sept. 8, after suffering a massive stroke on Sept. 1. He was just 50 years old.

Rich played a key role here at the Reporter in years past, pitching in to market and promote the Haitian Reporter, a companion paper published from 2001-2016. Ours is a family business and that much included Rich, whose son Jonathan interned with the Dorchester Reporter in 2019.

I first met Rich when we were teenagers. He was a recent arrival from New Jersey by way of Guadeloupe and, before that, his native Cabaret, a town in Haiti. We had mutual friends in common, but little else— at least by the conventional wisdom of that time, the late 1980s. But we became fast and lifelong confidantes.

Rich was a native Kreyol-and-French speaker with a booming voice and raucous laugh who was still learning a new language and adjusting to the sights and sounds and smells of a new neighborhood. He



and his four siblings lived with their mom and dad in a three-decker on Edwin Street near the corner of Florida Street. He went to Dorchester High and, later, Oakwood University in Alabama, where his accent— a stew of Haiti, the West Indies, Elizabeth, NJ, and Dorchester — received an infusion of Deep South drawl to make things all the more interesting.

A union carpenter by trade, he started a family including his brilliant son Jonathan, my godson, and later, Natalie, now 10— and settled in a rougharound-the-edges two-story, brick home in Roxbury, near Warren Street. It was a deliberate act to invest in a Black neighborhood— and he constantly sought out new ways to uplift and empower Black enterprises and candidates. He also was a trusted volunteer for my wife, Linda Dorcena Forry.

Rich's roots in Haiti were a powerful magnet that brought him back there frequently, as he dearly hoped to make his homeland more prosperous and self-sufficient. In January 2010, he was visiting Port-au-Prince when the earthquake struck. Spared in a disaster that claimed 250,000 or more souls, he did what most survivors of that catastrophe did: He became a first responder, digging with whatever tools he could find to free the trapped, the dying, the dead. When we finally spoke days afterwards, he told me: "I feel like God sent me here for a purpose. Nothing's happened to me, not a scrape. I'm doing all these things. I'm pulling people out with my own hands...I've done things I never thought I'd have to do.' Five years later, Rich was my companion when I visited Haiti for the first time. It was a magical journey, made extra special because my lifelong friend was the guide, showing me the Haiti that most will never see or believe. Waterfalls and lush mountains, fresh produce and pristine beaches, and people eager to welcome strangers. Losing Rich has brought great heartache to his extended family, particularly in the tight-knit Haitian community. In a cruel twist, his funeral service next Friday at Temple Salem on Woodrow Avenue will be a dual farewell, as his younger brother, Jean-Charles Innocent, died the day that Rich suffered his stroke. It'll be a tough goodbye, singed with sadness. But we'll be buoyed by fond memories of Rich's infectious laugh, his love for music and parties, and his kindness and affection for people— no matter their station in life. Safe journey, my friend. Na wè pita. - Bill Forry



Students riding the bus to South Boston High School on September 11, 1975. At right, White protestors shout at Black students as they arrive at South Boston High School on the first day of busing. Associated Press, Boston Globe /Getty photo

Documentary revisits busing 'trauma'

(Continued from page 1)

ent motivations and different reasons. And Black parents would have preferred not to have to have busing if they had quality schools. We did not slow down, take a deep breath, take a step back, and ask ourselves what's possible together. That's a tragedy. Everybody has lost."

Despite the documentary's title, much of its first hour shows the desegregation effort was not just about busing or the ruling of a federal judge who lived in Wellesley, W. Arthur Garrity. If there's a central figure in the documentary's first half, it's Ruth Batson, a Roxbury mother of three who would become the chair of the education committee for the Boston NAACP and the Black community's pre-eminent champion of educational justice. As historians have noted, champions of educational rights in Boston's Black community go back as far as the 18th century. Likewise, as Ronald C. Formisano relates in "Boston Against Busing," the white resistance to aims of the 1974 court order goes back at least a full decade. And historians have also placed the conflict over schools in a wider and longer struggle over access to housing and jobs. The demands that Batson and other Black parents presented to the Boston School Committee in 1963 did not list busing. They did call for changes in enrollment policies that, in some cases, resulted in White students being bused to more distant White schools, which only made predominantly Black schools that were closer more racially imbalanced. As Black plaintiffs later argued in their federal lawsuit, and as Judge Garrity ruled, the Boston School Committee was practicing de jure segregation, operating a "dual system" of education, with different levels of quality for students of different races. Added to the mix, as a sign of the members' intentions, were their own comments as preserved by the committee's stenographer.

Boston's elected School Committee - all White in ${\it the\, decades\, up\, to\, 1974-staunchly\, denied\, it\, was\, prac-}$ ticing segregation, blaming differences in assignment and achievement on residential housing patterns or what its members described as deficiencies of Black families-especially "immigrants" more recently arrived in Boston as part of the post-war "Great Migration." But Garrity's decision withstood appeals, and later debates have been less about the determination of a problem than the ensuing attempts to remedy it. After the concerns of the Black community had been affirmed by a state commission and passage of the Racial Imbalance Act in 1965, the School Committee continued to oppose even modest remedies for segregation. As detailed in Formisano's history, committee members such as Louise Day Hicks and John Kerrigan, along with combative political figures like Albert L. "Dapper" O'Neil, equated the demands of Black parents with the specter of demographic change. With long odds against winning elective office, the Black community in Boston was forced to pursue its agenda mainly through activism and litigation-at a time when unrest in many American cities made White populations more and more fearful of change. By August of 1974, just a few weeks before the opening of school, Hicks, then a member of the City Council, warned Judge Garrity about the potential dangers that would be faced by students. She put more emphasis on predominantly Black areas, flagged by her as "spawning grounds for crime,' but she also dared the judge to assure all Boston parents that "no harm to their children will take place." Years after the fact, it takes little imagination to read the letter as a veiled threat about the violence that would erupt in South Boston. As is made clear in the second half of "The Busing Battleground," there was plenty of harm to students of different races in different areas, but the intensity and organized character of violence was more pronounced in South Boston. Speakers in the documentary, like Formisano, depict the White resistance as an organized mix of terror and disruption, even if experienced by some as an aggrieved community's way of belonging: the chants that pumped up acts of violence were the same that could have been heard at a high school football game. If there had been more peaceful cooperation with busing, it's possible that many White families would still have left the city or the school system. Fears of street violence outside one's own neighborhood had long been a way of life in Boston, even among different White communities. But, starting in 1974, with the spike in chaos and the escalating cycle of retaliatory violence in parts of the city, the urge to bail out would have been even stronger. Faced with breaking news coverage in 1974, people in Boston might have viewed White resistance as a spontaneous fury enacted mainly by teenagers and raucous adults. Under that surface, Formisano found what he called a "scorched earth" policy directed by leaders and marshalled through phone trees. As a longtime Boston educator, Al Holland, recalled about South Boston's resistance in the documentary, "The community outside was controlling the kids. If the nature of organization was unique to South Boston, there was violence in other neighborhoods, Black and White. One White parent in the documentary, Joe Burnieika, described his decision to send one of his children to a school in Roxbury. He said the bus that picked up his son was stoned in his Savin Hill neighborhood for having Black students, only to be stoned in Roxbury for having White students. For all the focus on violence, the documentary airs questions about the wisdom of assigning Black students to what had been predominantly White high schools in South Boston and Charlestown. Michael Patrick MacDonald, who lived through the South Boston turbulence described in his memoir, "All Souls," argues that the neighborhood's high school was not the right place to seek educational equity. If,

as Formisano explained, the school was compatible with aspirations for the surrounding neighborhood,

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it was hardly the educational model pursued by Ruth Batson.

"The Busing Battleground" also applies the lens of class. Many of the supporters of desegregation outside of Boston were from the suburbs, which the US Supreme Court would exempt from measures such as busing. And, if the Boston School Committee sought political gain by tightening the boundaries of an educational ghetto, the regional pattern of discrimination in housing depended on racial covenants, redlining, and federal support for mortgages and highways.

For some viewers old enough to remember, this week's screening was like a reunion and a throwback to the days of the Grover Cleveland Middle School, where racially mixed community meetings were at least a voluntary step toward change in Dorchester. But the harnessing of political discourse to threats of violence that became real could have made some viewers think of more recent events. When the documentary shows US Senator Ted Kennedy in 1974 being swarmed and attacked by antibusing protesters on City Hall Plaza, he flees to an adjacent federal building, where the torrent of rage swells to a shattering of glass. In 2023, it's hard to watch the scene without thinking of what happened at the nation's Capitol with a politically mobilized crowd and multiple senators in flight on January 6, 2021.

For some older viewers, the sight of a Black attorney, Theodore C. Landsmark, being speared with an American flag by an anti-busing protester on City Hall Plaza in 1976 would have just been a repetition of the indelibly familiar photo by Stanley Forman. But the documentary showed other images from the scene, with Landsmark almost prostrate and protesters lining up to land kicks. What many had instantly perceived and remembered as a sadistic violation of a national symbol looked, if less worthy of a Pulitzer Prize, all the more crude.

On Monday night, Landsmark was among the viewers in the auditorium. On his way out, he stopped to talk with several people he knew from organizations he worked with in Boston over the past fifty years.

"It's great to see the mix of people who experienced these events directly with the generation of emergent social justice activists," he said. "The film should inspire a lot of dialogue across the country about where we have and have not progressed racially."

As Mayor Michelle Wu and Boston School Superintendent Mary Skipper announced before the screening, the lessons from desegregation and busing would be used to generate dialogue with students in the Boston Public Schools. "We need to do better for them," said Skipper. "We need to learn from the past."

But there were also times when dialogue in the film was halted by the long reach of trauma. That was the case when a South Boston resident who was opposed to busing, Bob Monahan, was shown talking about a White mother from the neighborhood who was terrorized by anti-busing militants after she joined a biracial school council. His flow of words broke down in mid-sentence, the silence punctuated by a fitful movement of hands and a discernible hush in the auditorium, like a deep breath.

One of the Initiative's co-chairs, Karilyn Crockett, described the film as "very emotional." Her grandmother, Mary Crockett, had been one of the plaintiffs in the desegregation lawsuit and active in earlier efforts to sway elected officials. Their goal, she said, was to "stare down the School Committee and stare down City Hall and wish for something else, wish for something more, which remains unfulfilled."

One of the of the last comments at the premiere was from a viewer too young to have experienced the worst years of busing directly, Akiba Abaka, director of Good Trouble for the Boston Children's Chorus, who expressed gratitude for the meeting space and the cross-section of viewers. "We haven't had time at all to be in this space about this topic," she said. "And we are, to be honest—I'm going to say what is—there were moments that were extremely traumatizing to watch, and not because we've never seen it before—it's because we've seen it before."

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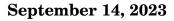
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Car show draws hundreds to Dot Park 'Bowl'

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Hundreds of friends, neighbors and families came out to enjoy the day in the park's "bowl," complete with horse carriage rides, prior to a rainstorm coming through and putting a damper on things.

The Car Show had its beginnings in 2009 in the parking lot of the former Meetinghouse Hill Bank (now Rockland Trust) in Lower Mills. It expanded into the current location in 2011. The celebration is organized by the Dorchester Park Association and several local sponsors.



Dorchester's Ronan Driscoll takes a turn behind the wheel of a 1956 Ford Thunderbird.



Dressed to match this 1946 Chevy truck were Jillian and Zoe Donovan.



Jeremy and Alyssa Shepard, with Ernie Q, helped to judge the cars on Sunday



Robert Delbove, Betty O'Gara, and Jim O'Brien, volunteers at the Car Show.



Chris DiZinno puts the shine on his 2012 Boss 302, which he said is deceptively fast.

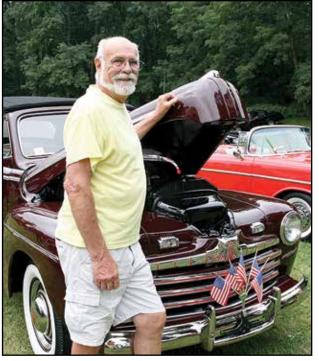


John Yetman with his

1956 Ford Thunderbird

Amanda Jianniney and Lilly had a great time at the Car Show on Sunday.

Idella Carter looks over some of the cars as she helped vote for the best entries. She said the older car makers weren't afraid to use bold colors, something she misses in today's modern car color palette.



Paul Bates, of Quincy, had his maroon 1946 Ford convertible on hand, shiny and clean and ready for admirers.



Lower Mills Children's' Librarian Ritse Adefolalu had several books and gadgets available for young people, such as Jayden Dunn, right, to use.



District 3 Council candidate Ann M. Walsh with Marchelle Watson. Seth Daniel photos

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Labor leaders discuss recovery methods at Ironworkers 7 huddle



Policy at the US Labor Department, spoke at the Iron workers 7 hall.

Representatives from the US Department of Labor and the Occupational Safety and Health Administration joined members of the Massachusetts Building Trades Recovery Council at the Ironworkers Local 7 hall in South Boston recently to discuss innovative methods to create supportive work environments for people in the trades with substance use disorder and mental health conditions.

The Council has been a leader in the effort to support recovery efforts by promoting the benefits and programs within each affiliate trade. Members of the 62 local unions and district councils in MBTU and the dependents of union members have access to recovery support 24/7.

Attendees included John Towle: deputy chief of staff, US Department of Labor; Doug Parker, assistant secretary, Occupational Safety and Health Administration; Taryn Williams: assistant secretary, Office of **Disability Employment** Policy; Frank Callahan, president, Massachusetts Building Trades Unions; and Vincent Coyle, president of Ironworkers Local 7, which has 3,600+ members.





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2nd place: Blair Campbell.

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T chief, top aide tour JFK/UMass Station as Oct. shutdown looms



MBTA General Manager Phillip Eng and his chief of stations, checking out JFK/UMass Station last week.

By GINTAUTAS DUMCIUS MANAGING EDITOR

With the shutdown of the Red Line's Ashmont and Mattapan branches a month away, top MBTA officials last Wednesday toured the JFK/UMass transit hub, which is slated to receive a coat of paint and other upgrades during the closure, which is scheduled to start Sat., Oct. 14, and last until Sunday, Oct. 29.

The result, T officials have said, will be faster trains, at least on the Ashmont stretch of the Red Line, which includes the Shawmut, Fields Corner, and Savin Hill train stations between Ashmont and JFK/UMass. The Mattapan trolley line runs from Ashmont to Mattapan Square, with stops in Lower Mills and Milton.

Free shuttle buses will be available to customers during the shutdown.

The MBTA's general manager, Phillip Eng, was joined on the tour by Dennis Varley, the new "chief of stations," who started his job two weeks ago. Varley, like Eng, comes from the Long Island Rail Road (LIRR), which is part of New York's Metropolitan Transit Authority (MTA).

While the main focus of the October shutdown is "critical" replacement work on the tracks, T officials also see it as an opportunity to improve the stations, since they'll be closed to customers, who will get herded onto free shuttle buses instead. JFK/UMass will get a fresh coat of paint, fixed stair treads and light fixtures, and better signage. The benches will be sanded down and resealed, and there will be a new layer added to the patchy floor to cut down on slipping.

The work will focus on the Red Line platforms, which head to Ashmont and Andrew and Braintree, and not on the rest of the station, which has a busway that serves several lines and shuttles to UMass Boston and the JFK Presidential Library. There is also a separate platform for the commuter rail.

"We want it to be safe and welcoming," Varley told reporters who joined the tour. "You come down and see peeling paint, it gives the impression that the system's not well-maintained. If I didn't paint the foyer of my house, people would assume I wasn't maintaining my oil burner either," added Varley, who, like Eng, has moved to Cambridge and rides the Green Line. "We don't want to give that impression. It's not what the people deserve."

The MBTA can also step up its maintenance



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A view of some of the rot that infects the station. Gintautas Dumcius photos

to get "more life out of our structures," he said. During the shutdown,

temporary stairs will be installed at Savin Hill Station, as the MBTA works to replace them. A MBTA spokesperson said the agency's goal is to replace at least two of the three stairwells, all three if time and materials allow.

"One stairwell has been demolished at Savin Hill that leads from the lobby to the platform. Crews are measuring, ordering materials, and fabricating the new aluminum stairway," spokesperson Lisa Battiston said in an email. "Once this new stairway is in place, crews will work to demolish and replace a second stairway using the same process. Following the replacement of these two stairways and if time allows during the 16-day diversion, crews will also use the same process to demolish the third stairway."

But the main goal of the 16-day shutdown of the Ashmont and Mattapan lines is to work on the tracks. The MBTA has been wracked by "slow zones," with speed restrictions causing trains to move ever so slowly, frustrating riders and transit advocates.

MBTA officials say the half-month shutdown is preferable to the alternative of track work taking six months of nights and weekends, "if not longer," according to Eng. "It's just too long for everybody. There's no really good time to be doing this."

Ashmont and Mattapan line riders, who at times have waited on platforms for 20 minutes for a train, will "feel a difference" after the shutdown, Eng pledged.

While the trains on Ashmont and Mattapan will be running faster, they'll still likely be running into speed restrictions elsewhere in the system. The trip between Ashmont and JFK/UMass will be quicker, MBTA officials say, but the times between JFK/UMass and their destination remain unclear.



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We look forward to sharing these items with our members as they head back to school this month. A special thanks to the teams at Planet Fitness, Members Plus Credit Union, Nike, Reignite Global and Cambridge Savings Bank, T-Mobile and to Sinead M. for their ongoing support of BGCD! For more information on partnering with BGCD, please contact Mike Joyce at mjoyce@bgcdorchester.org.



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More BPS buildings have started the year with air conditioning

By CARRIE JUNG WBUR REPORTER For the first time in its 146-year history, the Sumner Elementary

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School in Roslindale ference to teachers. Square has begun the school year with air conditioning. The addition has already made a difbe so hot and humid with-

"In the past I would have to bring so much water because it would

out the air conditioner," said Meghan Welch, the school's principal.

The Sumner building is one of dozens of system



structures that BPS officials have been working to retrofit with window air conditioning units over the last two years, according to a back-toschool memo released on Aug. 30.

The Sumner received classroom units in June, and as the first day of school neared, Welch was glad that students will be able to learn in a more comfortable setting, especially since temperatures in Boston can remain hot and sticky in early fall and soar by late spring.

BPS is in the last stage of a \$7 million effort boosted by pandemic relief funding to cool classrooms in some of its oldest buildings. The project is part of a larger plan called the Green New Deal for Boston Public Schools, aimed at improving the guality and sustainability of school facilities.

Nine buildings are still undergoing the air conditioning installation process and ten more are waiting their turns, including the Mozart Elementary School in Roslindale, the Mather Elementary in Dorchester and the James Otis Elementary in East Boston.

"This is a big deal," said Brian Forde, the executive director of the BPS facilities department. "Some of our buildings are more than 100 years old."

Old buildings are a concern due to poor indoor air quality, which can affect the ability of students and staff to focus when temperatures climb. According to a 2021 study published in the scientific journal Nature, students exposed to hot temperatures "exhibit reduced learning." The study's authors reported measurable negative impacts on student achievement for each additional school day when temperatures rose above 80 degrees Fahrenheit.

Teacher advocates say the effort has been a long time coming. "This is something that teachers, students and parents have been advocating for many, many years, said Jessica Tang, the president of the Boston Teachers Union. "The heat becomes a huge distraction from learning.'

The progress was especially helpful for students and staff attending summer school, she added. This was the first summer that all 63 city buildings hosting summer learning programming were equipped with air conditioning.

According to the BPS back-to-school memo, officials successfully installed more than 3,800 air conditioning units at 78 schools whereas last year, only 20 schools held a total of 916 AC units.

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Pressley keeping a close eye on banks amid branch pullbacks

By GINTAUTAS DUMCIUS **MANAGING EDITOR**

Since the start of the pandemic, banks have closed more than three dozen branches in Boston and two hundred more across Massachusetts.

WBUR reported last year that in Dorchester, closures included the Bank of America branch at 740 Gallivan Boulevard, the Rockland Trust site at 960 Morrissey Boulevard, and Santander at 2 Morrissey. According to WBUR's analysis, Mattapan didn't see any closures.

The closings, some of them in low to moderate-income areas, have caught the eye of US Rep. Ayanna Pressley, a Hyde Park Democrat who represents parts of Dorchester and Mattapan. She is a member of the House Financial Services Committee, which handles oversight of the banking system.

In Boston, 10 percent of households are "unbanked," meaning people who don't use or have access to financial services, and 20 percent are "underbanked," meaning people who may have a bank account but also draw on payday loans, according to Pressley.

"If you're shutting down branches, it just limits how they use those services," she told the Reporter in a recent interview. "When you find people in a period of financial strain, like student loan payments resuming, they resort to predatory lenders who offer payday loans."

Pressley spoke to the *Reporter* after sending letters to the CEOs of the five largest banks in America, JP Morgan Chase, Bank of America, U.S. Bank, Wells Fargo, and Citi, that were keyed to the 60th anniversary of the March on Washington for Jobs and Freedom, which occurred on Aug. 28. It was at the Lincoln Memorial that day 60 years ago that Martin Luther King Jr. delivered his "I Have a Dream" speech.

Pressley's letters asked for updates on "racial equity commitments" that the banks made after the 2020 murder of George Floyd, whose death by police sparked protests across the country. The initial pledge that many of the institutions made was an "encouraging first step," she said, when the historical role they played in creating racial injustice is considered, including the denial of credit for Black homebuyers and entrepreneurs.

The banking system has "historically entrenched disparities in our country, denying Black people opportunities to grow our wealth and achieve financial prosperity," Pressley wrote in the letters. "As one of the five largest banks in the United States, it is critical your financial power is used to rectify the wrongdoing and heal the very communities harmed by the historical and contemporary role that institutions such as yours have played and continue to play in perpetuating racial inequities."

Pressley is seeking financial reports from the banks by Oct. 23 on demographic and geographic details, policy matters and future plans. "I believe

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ceased by her brothers Hubert G., William P., John (Jack), Leo F. Cunniffe and sister, Claire M. Paschal. Eileen was a former member of the Sisters of Notre Dame. Eileen leaves behind many nieces and nephews and great nieces and nephews DONOVAN, Do-

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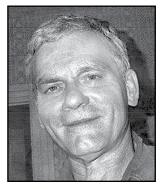
her surviving husband William Parsons of Norwell, William C. and his wife Anne of Bedford, NH, Thomas and his wife Paula of Holbrook, Michael and his wife Beth of Dorchester and Richard of Dorchester. Doris is survived by 11 grandchildren and 6 great-grandchildren. She was the daughter of the late Thomas and Mary (Cleary) Sullivan. Dear sister of William Sullivan and his wife Joan of Hanson. She was pre-deceased by 3 brothers and 3 sisters. Also survived by many nieces and nephews. Remembrances in her memory may be made to the National Ovarian Cancer Coalition, 4950 York Road. #431, Holicong, PA18928 or at ovarian.org.



FLAHERTY, MI-CHAEL J., 88, of Dorchester. Son of the late Patrick Flaherty of Inis Mor, Co. Galway, Ireland, and Mary (Athy) Flaherty of Co. Mayo, Ireland. Brother of Margaret T. and her late husband Armando Serino of Dorchester and the late Thomas Flaherty. Brother-in-law of Sandra Flaherty of California.vSurvived by

LEGAL NOTICE COMMONWEALTH OF COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS THE TRIAL COURT PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT INFORMAL PROBATE PUBLICATION NOTICE Docket No. 23P1835 ESTATE OF: ADAM TYLER WHITE DATE OF DEATH: May 30, 2023 SUFFOLK DIVISION

several nieces, nephews grandnieces and grandnephews. Retired employee of Walsh Movers, and a former member of the Columbia Yacht Club in South Boston.



GLEASON, William Michael, 77, of Dorchester. Son of the late Richard Gleason and Helen (Blake) Murray. He was married to Mary Alana (McColgan) and was the father of Christopher Gillis of Florida, Martin Ryan of Randolph, Rose Preziosi Johnson and her husband Peter Johnson of Jefferson, Adam Gleason and his wife Sidney Lyon of Dedham, and Brenna Nardin and her husband Justin Nardin of Jefferson. He is survived by nine grandchildren. He was the brother of Helen LaMonica, Barbara Gleason, the late Margaret Banks, Christine Gleason and the late Patricia Gleason. Donations in his memory may be made to the Jimmy Fund.



KIRBY, Richard A. Jr. of Dorchester, formerly of South Yarmouth and Brookline. Husband of the late Christine (Seibolt). Father of Shannon of Provincetown and Michaela of Haverhill. Papa of 1. Son of the late Elizabeth "Betty" (McQueeney) and Richard A. Kirby. Brother of Karolyn M. Kirby of Temecula, CA., Elizabeth A. "Beth" Rathbone and her husband, Jason of West Roxbury and the late Paul F. Kirby and his surviving wife, Lynda of Dedham. Also survived by his nieces and nephews. Donations in Richard's memory may be made to Middlesex Human Service Agency, 50 Prospect Street, Waltham, MA 02453.



MULREAN, SHER-YL ANN (O'BRIEN), in Dorchester, formerly of South Boston. Wife of Scott Mulrean. Sister of William O'Brien, Sharon Keeley, Paula Ferris, Margie Narcum, Gary O'Brien, and Kerri Nee. Also survived by many nieces and nephews.



MURRAY, ARTHUR J. "ARCHIE", 93, Of Norwood, Companion and best friend of the late Eleanor M. Mahoney. Father of Robert A. Murray and his wife Patricia of FT My-ers, FL, Paul Murray of Hull, the late Joanne Skinner, the late Nancy E. Mullaney and her surviving husband Paul of Bourne. Grandfather of 12l. Great-grandfa-ther of 7. US Army Veteran, former member of the Boston Lodge of Elks #10, VFW #2017, and American Legion Post #18. SARTORI, Michael

Joseph "Satch", 64, of Dorchester. Husband of Caren (Wieners) Sartori. Father of Michael J. Sar-



tori, Jr., Nicholas R. Sartori and Olivia C. Sartori. Papa to 1. Brother of Gail A. Stapleton of Weymouth, Linda S. Lacivita of Fall River and the late Paul R. Sartori. Son of the late Anne M. (Robertson) and Kevin Grasselli. Also survived by many loving nieces, nephews and dear friends. Late member of Carpenters Union 327-Dorchester. Donations in Michael's memory may be made to American Association for the Study of Liver Disease, 1001 North Fairfax Street, 4th Floor, Alexandria, VA 22314 or at aasldfoundation.org.



SWENSON, Diana M. (MacDonald), 84, of Stoughton, formerly of Dorchester. Wife of the late Roy M. Swenson, Jr. Mother of Scott M. Swenson of Wrentham, Thomas J. Swenson and his wife, Pamela of Pembroke, Julie A. Giroux and her husband, Richard of Stoughton and Karen M. Swenson of Stoughton. Also survived by eight grandchildren, five great-grandchildren and four siblings. Preceded in death by four siblings. Donations in Diana's memory may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105.

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To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner Carol J. Campos of Sherborn, MA. Carol J. Campos of Sherborn, 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 nformal procedure. A copy of the Petition and Will, if any, can be obtained from the Petitioner. Published: September 14, 2023

COMMONWEA MASSACHUSETTS THE TRIAL COURT **PROBATE & FAMILY COURT** SUFFOLK PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT 24 NEW CHARDON STREET BOSTON, MA 02114 517,798,9200 CITATION ON PETITION TO CHANGE NAME Docket No. SU23C0427CA IN THE MATTER OF MICAH QAERE ANGLIN A Petition to Change Name of Vinor has been filed by Mical Qaere Anglin of Boston, MA requesting that the court enter a Decree changing their name to Micah *Ŏ***aere** Peters IMPORTANT NOTICE Any person may appear fo purposes of objecting to the pe ition by filing an appearance at Suffolk Probate and Family Cour before 10:00 a.m. on the return day of 10/05/2023. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a writter appearance if you object to this proceeding. Witness, HON. BRIAN J DUNN, First Justice of this Court Date: August 31, 2023 Vincent Procopio Register of Probate Published: Ser nber 14, 2023

THE TRIAL COURT **PROBATE & FAMILY COURT** Norfolk Probate and Family Court 35 SHAWMUT ROAD CANTON, MA 02021 (781)-830-1200 (781)-830-1200 Docket No. NO23D0802DR DIVORCE SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION, MAILING, TEXT, E-MAIL, and SOCIAL MEDIA ERNEST ELABOR UWAIYE OSAZUWA To the above named defendant: The Plaintiff has filed a complaint for Divorce Requesting that the court Gran 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 re-quired to serve upon: Ernest Elabor, 53 Summit Road, Holbrook, MA 02043 you answer, if any, on or before 10/04/2023 f 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. Patricia Gorman, First Justice of this Court. Date: August 30, 2023

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MASSACHUSETTS THE TRIAL COURT **PROBATE & FAMILY COURT** SUFFOLK PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT 24 NEW CHARDON STREET BOSTON, MA 02114 Docket No. SU23D1134DR DIVORCE SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION AND MAILING JEAN CLAUDE LOUICAR MARIE MAUDE ELIE To the above named 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 Supplemen-tal Probate Court Rule 411.

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You are hereby summoned and required to serve upon: Jean Claude Louicar, 92 Colonel Bell Dr., Apt. 6, Brockton, MA 02301 your answer, if any, on or before 10/27/2023. 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.

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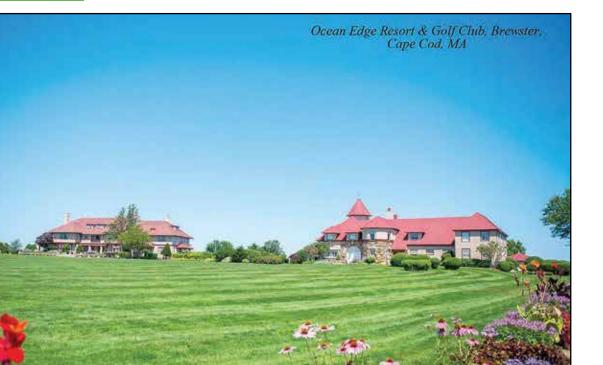


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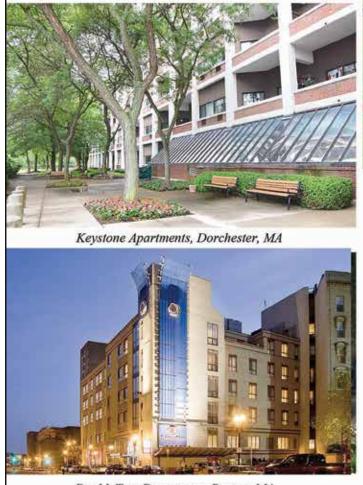
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