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A NEW LIFE FOR HER OLD HOUSE

Fix-up show is restoring fire-damaged three-decker

By DANIEL SHEEHAN
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On July 4, 2019, the three-decker on Mt. Everett Street that Carol Wideman had lived in for 40 years was badly damaged by a fire caused by fireworks that destroyed the house next door. Now, the circa-1905 house is being restored for an upcoming season of This Old House, the popular home renovation series that launched in 1979 by spotlighting another Dorchester residence located just blocks away, near St. Peter's Church.

That old house, at the corner of Bowdoin and Percival Streets, became the focus of the first season of the WGBH series after the station acquired it from owner Earl Perkins, a longtime resident and active leader of the Meetinghouse Hill Civic Association.

At the time, "DIY culture" was still nascent and the now-common practice of scooping up three-deckers to renovate and convert them into condos was practically unheard of, recalled *Reporter* co-founder Ed Forry.

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Carol Wideman in front of her longtime home on Mt. Everett St. The fire-damaged three-decker will be featured on This Old House.

Photo courtesy This Old House

Exam schools test timeout plan stirs questions about the long term situation

By KATIE TROJANO
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A controversial proposal to discontinue the exam used to place students into Boston Latin School, Boston Latin Academy, and the John D. O'Bryant School of Mathematics and Science for the upcoming academic year was scheduled to be voted on by the School Committee on Wednesday after the *Reporter's* deadlines.

The plan, developed by BPS Superintendent Brenda Cassellius and a working group commissioned by the district earlier this year, has drawn both support and a backlash over the past week.



Opponents to a plan to cancel the exam for BPS school placements this year protested outside of Boston Latin School on Oct. 17. Adam Gaffin/Universal Hub photo

Instead of using exam results, the district wants instead to draw up a pool of eligible students who

either maintained a B average this academic year or who "met or exceeded expectations" on the 2019 MCAS test. The district would then distribute invitations to students based on prior report card grades and zip codes.

Up to 20 percent of the seats available next year would be reserved for students with the top grades in the city. The remaining 80 percent would be admitted to the schools based on their GPA ranking within their home ZIP code, with eligible students from the lowest-income ZIP codes given first choice.

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With Covid rates in slow rise, city mulls enforcing limits on behavior

By KATIE TROJANO
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The second highest Covid-19 test rates recorded in the city last week came from two Dorchester zip codes, the same ones that led the city with the highest rate, at 9.7 percent, the week before.

Data collected from October 6-12 show that the city's positive rate has increased to 4.5 percent, up from 4.3 during the previous week. The second highest positive rate in the city—8.9 percent—was recorded in Dorchester zip codes 02121 and 02125, following Hyde Park's 10.5 percent and trailed by Mattapan's 7.3 percent.

Mayor Martin Walsh said that city officials will seek to enforce gathering limits in response to the gradual increase in cases. "Overall we're seeing that positive tests and hospital admission numbers are going up slightly," Walsh said last Thursday. "We haven't seen the same numbers that we saw in June, but these numbers are going up ever so slightly across the city."

Walsh said that a team that includes officials from the Boston Public Health Commission, Health and Human Services, Inspectional Services, Boston Parks & Recreation Department, Neighborhood Services, and the Boston Police Department are working on

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Accordia goes into detail on its Bay City plans

By KATIE TROJANO
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Roughly 150 people logged on to a virtual meeting on Monday as the principals from Accordia Partners LLC laid out the plans for their massive Dorchester Bay City development along the Columbia Point waterfront.

Hosted by the Boston Planning & Development Agency (BPDA), the session was the first in a series planned for the coming weeks that will review elements of the plan to transform the 34-acre waterfront site into a new community with a mix of housing,

retail, and public space.

The Accordia team signed a 99-year lease with UMass Boston last year and will manage the build out of the former Bayside Expo Center land in a deal that could net the university up to \$235 million over the coming years. Accordia also controls the land at 2 Morrissey Blvd, now home to Santander Bank, across Mount Vernon Street from the Bayside site.

"We're excited to kick off a process that for us began about three years ago," said Kirk Sykes, co-owner of Accordia

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Police, Courts & Fire

Fatal shooting near Franklin Field last Tuesday under probe

An 18-year-old Randolph man was gunned down last Tuesday (Oct. 13) near the intersection of Blue Hill Avenue and Talbot Avenue. The victim, identified by Boston Police as Isaiah Pires Andrade, was found suffering from a gunshot wound around 9:30 p.m. Police say they were initially called to the scene for a report of a motor vehicle accident. They were also responding to the activation of a ShotSpotter on Kingsdale Street, not far from the scene of the accident. Anyone with information is asked to contact BPD homicide detectives at 617-343-4470.

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A 27-year-old Mattapan man has been charged with the murder of a Quincy man who was found shot to death at the corner of Hazelton Street and Blue Hill Avenue in August. Jason Woods, who police say was already being held on unrelated charges at Nashua Street jail, was charged with the murder on Oct. 13. He is alleged to have shot Lovenson Pierre, 26, on the morning of Aug. 6 just after 9 a.m.

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A teenager who al-

legedly stabbed a worker inside a store across the street from the B-3 police station last Friday afternoon was arrested about a block away that same afternoon. Boston Police say the suspect—named as Davon Hussey, 18—used a box cutter to threaten and demand money inside the Fernandez Cousin’s Grocery store at 1150 Blue Hill Ave. The victim was transported to a local hospital with non-life-threatening injuries, according to BPD. Hussey was arraigned on charges that include armed robbery, resisting arrest, and assault and battery with a knife.

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Three Dorchester men were arrested last Tuesday (Oct. 13) after Boston Police stopped their Jeep near Codman Square following a report of shots fired in the area. After a search of the vehicle, police say, they found a loaded .380 semi-automatic gun concealed in a sock tucked between the Jeep’s hardtop and frame. The three men in the vehicle—Kaeson Fernandes, 27; Abdul Jame Al Raquib Morris, 26; and Kevon Young, 28, each will face illegal gun charges.

It’s a boy for Kiki at Franklin Park Zoo



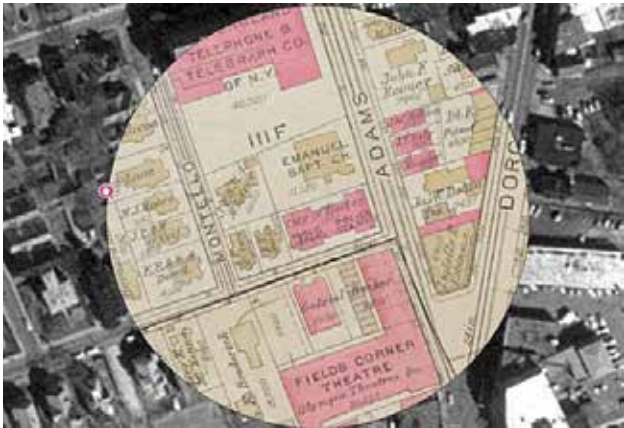
A baby gorilla, a male, was born via C-section at the Franklin Park Zoo last week. Kiki, a 39-year-old western lowland gorilla, birthed the 6-pound, 3-ounce baby—not yet named—on Oct. 14 with expert help from the Zoo New England veterinary team, along with specialists from Brigham and Women’s Hospital and Cummings School of Veterinary Medicine at Tufts University. The infant is the first male gorilla ever born at the Franklin Park Zoo. The pair were successfully reunited the following afternoon, and Kiki has been very attentive, holding the baby close. They have bonded well and continue to be closely monitored and cared for behind the scenes. For news on when they will make their exhibit debut, please check franklinparkzoo.org.

Explore Dot history through BPL maps

The Uphams Corner and Fields Corner branches of the Boston Public Library will each host virtual events in the coming weeks exploring the history of those Dorchester neighborhoods through the lens of Atlascope, a historical map tool developed earlier this year by staff at the Leventhal Map and Education Center.

Uphams Corner By Map will take place on

Wed., Oct. 28 from 7-8:15 p.m., while Fields Corner By Map will take place the following Wed., Nov. 4, from 7-8:15 p.m. During each virtual event, Leventhal Center staff will guide participants in an interactive tour of the neighborhood as it was in the 19th and 20th centuries, diving into the changing historical geography of the area and teaching viewers how to research the his-



tory of their own houses and neighborhoods. The events will be broadcast live at the Leventhal Map Center’s Youtube Live and Face-

book Live channels, and are free and open to the public. To receive links for the events, register at leventhalmap.org. —DANIEL SHEEHAN

Bridge repair will close Granite Ave., X-way exits for upcoming weekend

The drawbridge at Granite Avenue near Exit 11B will be closed this weekend from 8 p.m. on Friday (Oct. 23) until Monday morning (Oct. 26) as workers replace a steel beam on the span over the Neponset River. The emergency project will result in detours and the closure of expressway on-and-off-ramps at Exit 11. “All lanes will be open to traffic by Mon., Oct. 26, at 5 a.m.,” a statement from the Massachusetts



Department of Transportation (MassDOT) said. Digital signboards on roadways near the bridge

warned motorists of the impending plan this week. The bridge was last closed for repairs in August 2018, causing overnight detours and necessitating the closure of the expressway off-ramp as well. At that time, a MassDOT spokesperson said crews were “carrying out minor structural repairs and doing steelwork on the moveable span of the bridge.”

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UPCOMING CIVIC MEETINGS AND COMMUNITY EVENTS

The early voting scene: an update

Drop boxes are now available around the city for Boston residents to vote by mail in the Nov. 3 election. Registered voters can put their completed ballots in one of the 17 drop boxes, which will be available 24 hours a day through 8 p.m. on Election Day. Voters may also return their completed ballots at any early voting location during the scheduled voting hours. If residents choose to return their ballots by mail, they must be postmarked by Nov. 3 and received by the Election Department by Nov. 6 to be counted. As a reminder, the last day to register to vote in the November 3 State Election is October 24.



Drop box locations in downtown Boston and Dorchester:

- Boston City Hall, 1 City Hall Square, Boston (City Hall Plaza entrance, third floor)
- Fields Corner Branch of the Boston Public Library, 1520 Dorchester Ave, Dorchester
- Mattapan Branch of the Boston Public Library, 1350 Blue Hill Ave, Mattapan
- Grove Hall Branch of the Boston Public Library, 41 Geneva Ave, Dorchester

Polling locations will be open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Tues., Nov. 3. For more information on how to participate in this year’s elections, please visit boston.gov/election.

Virtual meeting on Willow Baker project next to South Bay— the BPDA will host a virtual public meeting on Thurs., Oct. 22 from 6-8 p.m. on a proposal to build three new residential buildings at Willow, Baker and Fields Court in Dorchester, next to South Bay Mall. The

buildings would include approximately 236 units of housing, commercial space (office and retail) and 59 garage and on-street parking spaces for vehicles. See page XX for info on joining the Zoom or phone call.

A proposal by Shipway Development, LLC to build two, four-story buildings at 1700-1710 Dorchester Ave. will be the subject of a virtual public meeting convened by the BPDA on Monday, Oct. 26 at 6 p.m. The proposal includes 36 units of housing and about 1,500 sq. ft. of commercial space. The project is under review and can be viewed in more detail online at bostonplans.org. The Zoom link for the meeting is bit.ly/3db1eDH or dial in: 833-568-8864 with a meeting ID of 160 519 5561.

The Men of Boston Cook for Women’s Health gala to benefit the Codman Square Health Center will be held virtually on Thurs., Oct. 29 from 6-7 p.m. Anyone can attend the virtual event free

of charge—or you can purchase a dinner ticket and have a special event meal delivered. You may also make a donation to support the event. See codman.org for more info.

DotHouse Health offers “community” COVID-19 testing at no cost at its headquarters, 1353 Dorchester Ave. Please bring your insurance card and photo ID, if available. No one will be turned away and there is no appointment necessary. The testing is conducted from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. on Monday, Wednesday and Friday; and from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. on Tuesday and Thursday. Call ahead to the COVID Triage Line: 617-740-2292.

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Study: Morning rush-hour traffic patterns won't soon be back to pre-Covid levels

By Chris Lisinski
State House News Service

The morning rush hour on Massachusetts highways is unlikely to return to pre-COVID levels until at least 2024, and even more drivers may not return to the fray if economic recovery drags or if working from home remains common, according to new Department of Transportation projections.

That might come as good news to commuters who are enjoying this pandemic-inflicted stretch with fewer cars on the road, but it's bad news for the MBTA, which attracts a significant chunk of its riders by offering an alternative to grinding congestion.

The new multi-year traffic and ridership models MassDOT developed and presented Monday prompted the MBTA to downgrade its already-strained financial outlook, placing even more pressure on decision-makers as they prepare to implement a package of service cuts almost guaranteed to be unpopular.

The new models, built using Moody's Analytics economic forecasts, Bureau of Labor Statistics surveys, and travel data, outline three potential scenarios for transportation trends in Massachusetts:

One in which public behaviors gradually return to pre-COVID conditions; a second in which telecommuting remains common even as more businesses resume physical operations; and a third in which the pandemic's economic damage lingers.

Under all three forecasts, the total vehicle miles traveled during the 6 a.m. to 9 a.m. peak — a way of counting

how many cars are on the road for the morning rush — will remain below projections for a hypothetical non-COVID world through the end of 2023.

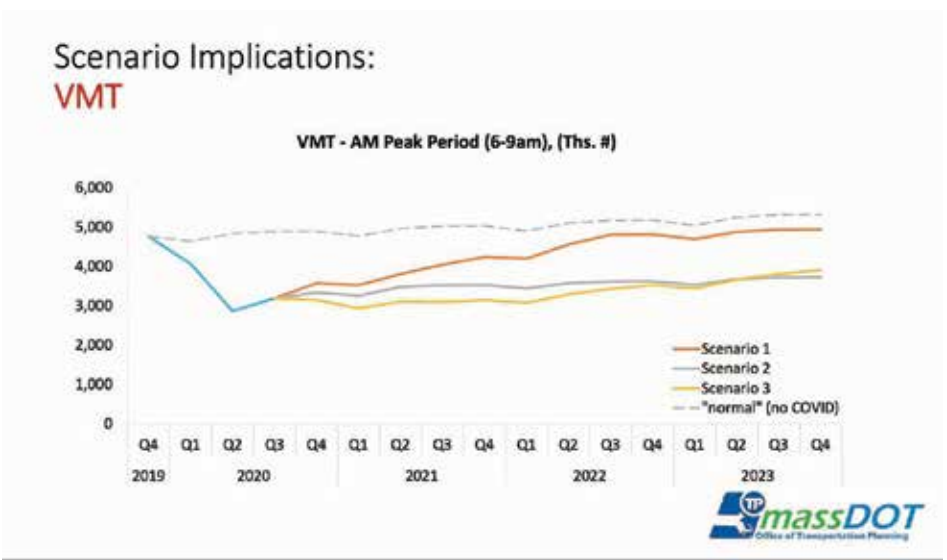
"This is not saying that [the situation] will never get back to where it was in terms of total, but we're saying in all of these scenarios, we don't have the same kind of morning congestion that we used to have because of the combination of economic changes and travel changes," Transportation Secretary Stephanie Pollack said at a Monday board meeting.

Wherever the trend lands, its divergence from pre-pandemic expectations carries implications for the state's attempts to rein in congestion dubbed worst in the nation, greenhouse gas emissions, and public transit.

"Let's be honest: One of the factors that attracts people to transit is that they are trying to avoid morning rush-hour traffic," Pollack said. "If morning rush-hour traffic is substantially lower than it was in 2019, that could have knock-on effects in terms of how quickly transit ridership comes back."

Seven-plus months into the public health crisis, MBTA use — and with it, fare revenue — is at a fraction of its earlier levels. Bus ridership is at about 40 percent of pre-pandemic levels, while the subways have seen about 25 percent of former crowds and commuter rail remains the lowest at around 12 percent.

None of the three scenarios developed by MassDOT expect full crowds to return to public transit for at least several years. Depending on commuter behaviors and health trends, they instead project crowds peaking by June



2022, the end of fiscal year 2023, at 60 percent to 80 percent of past averages.

T officials have been hopeful that ridership patterns will start trending upward next year, but at Monday's meeting, the agency's chief financial officer, Mary Ann O'Hara, said fare revenue assumptions built into the FY21 budget adopted in May were "too optimistic."

Instead of ending the current spending year about \$2 million in the black, the MBTA now expects it will wrap up FY21 between \$18 million and \$46 million in the red — a figure that would have been worse if the budget had not run \$36 million better than projections through August.

The longer-term outlook is also declining. Based on the ridership models MassDOT produced, O'Hara told the T's oversight board that fare revenues could drop another \$114 million to \$271 million below the existing expectations for fiscal year 2022, amounts that could increase the agency's deficit by half or more.

"In the past, the T has weathered significant challenges to its operating and capital budgets, but never one of this magnitude," MBTA General Manager Steve Poftak said in a video to riders the T tweeted on Monday.

Gov. Baker's revised FY21 state budget would direct about \$59 million more to the T than transit officials expected, so that could help solve this year's shortfall. O'Hara said the organization can also address the gap by reallocating about \$80 million in federal formula funding.

Both solutions, though, cut into the resources available for the next fiscal year, when the T expects it could face a massive deficit of anywhere from \$308 million to \$577 million, leaving more of a gap that will need to be filled with outside aid, service cuts, or fare hikes.

Local elected officials have been vocal about the damage that MBTA service cuts would inflict, and a coalition wants state lawmakers to step in and revive transportation-related taxes to help stave off the damage.

Despite those pleas, Beacon Hill has been virtually silent since legislative leaders agreed nearly three months ago to extend formal lawmaking sessions beyond their traditional July 31 expiration.

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Dot's ADSL team excels in Charles River softball play

BY NEIL JANULEWICZ
SPECIAL TO THE REPORTER

Girls from Dorchester's ADSL Softball League have continued their softball season in the highly competitive Charles River Fall Softball League this fall, playing double-headers every Sunday morning. With one weekend left in the fall season, the Dot girls have a 7-3 record, playing some of the strongest teams in the area from Parkway, Westwood, Norwood, Newton, and Watertown.

Dorchester will close out the fall season with a doubleheader in Newton next Sunday.

This past Sunday, the Dot team swept a tough Watertown Raider team— which includes players from Waltham as well— taking the first game, 8-0, and the second, 12-10. The later game saw ADSL turn back a late-inning Watertown surge to hold onto the victory.

In the first game, Christina George hurled a complete game shut-out, striking out nine batters over five innings.

Addie Willet and Kelly McKenna started the scoring for Dorchester in the first inning, each drawing walks and stealing second, third, and home. Audrey Kelley tried to follow suit, reaching base with a single and stealing second and third before being called out for batter interference on a delayed steal of home.

In the third and fourth innings, Dorchester scratched out only single runs with Molly Hearon scoring on a single by McKenna in the third and Christina George, who had a hit, an RBI, or a walk in each of her plate appearances in both games, scored on a single from Mickayla Miller in the fourth.

The high-scoring Dorchester offense took off in the top of the fifth when the girls plated four runs. Maggie Janulewicz led off with a walk and immediately swiped second base. Rory Shields smashed a single to right center to drive in Janulewicz and then stole second herself. Emma Allen followed with a sharp, seeing-eye-single through the infield to score Shields. Molly Hearon singled and scored when McKenna was hit by a pitch with the bases loaded.

After just a fifteen-minute rest, Addie Willet took the hill for the second game. She pitched well, striking out four over three and two-thirds. But the Dorchester offense was the story of the game, scoring four runs in each of the first three innings.

Willet and McKenna started the game with back-to-back walks. Wil-



Emma Allen runs the bases in Dorchester's win over the Watertown Raiders on Sunday.

All photos by Erin Kelly



Addie Willet winds up a strike for the Dot ADSL girls.



Katie Kelley on the mound for Dot.



Mikayla Miller readies a pitch for the Dot defense.

let scored on a single ripped to center by Audrey Kelley, and McKenna scored on a big hit from Katie Kelly. Shields then drove in Kelley and McKenna with a double she crushed into center-field.

The second inning was highlighted by some of the most aggressive baserunning of the fall

season. Mickayla Miller led off with a sharp single up the middle. She then stole second and third with such great jumps that the Watertown catcher never had a chance to throw her out. Miller then came home on a passed ball.

Rookie nine-year-olds Nina Kelley and Maggie Janulewicz followed suit.



Lilah Curley takes a swing.

Kelley walked and stole second cleanly, then took third after an incredible jump on a pitch that barely strayed from the Westwood catcher, then scored home on close play at the plate after a passed ball.

Like Kelley, Janulewicz walked, swiped second, and then took third on a passed ball. She

scored on an overthrow of Watertown's attempt to catch her at third.

Dorchester closed the scoring in the second with another single from Emma Allen, her second of the day, and a double that Julia Studley hammered into right-center to drive in Allen.

In the third, Dorchester ran its two-game

total to 20 runs. Molly Hearon walked. Nieve Tobin drove in Hearon on a hard-hit single. After Tobin swiped second, Willet walked. McKenna followed with a single of her own to drive in Hearon and Tobin. Katie Kelly then came up big once again with her second hit to the outfield to drive in Willet and McKenna.

Dorchester needed some well-timed defense and strong pitching to close out the 12-10 victory. After playing strong defense behind the plate during the first two games, Lila Curly took the mound to close out the two-run game. She coaxed a pop-up to second that Rosa McLaughlin calmly collected for the first out. The next Watertown batter cracked a single to right center, but Mickayla Miller fired the ball to first base, catching the runner trying to round first for the second out of the inning. After a walk, the tying run came to the plate. But, Curly was unfazed. She fired a tough strike on the next pitch, coaxing a harmless bloop to end the Watertown rally and save the win for Dorchester.

Dorchester has seen contributions from several other players throughout the fall season. Alannah Tankle has been sharp at shortstop and centerfield and is very speedy on the bases. Ava and Riley Porter have stepped up nicely. Lila Orfaly arguably had the best at-bat of the season last week with two outs and bases loaded in the last inning, working a full count against the Parkway pitcher and then fouling off four in a row before drawing the walk that let in the tying run.

ADSL went on to win the game, 13-12, after winning the earlier game that morning, 6-2.

Izzy McQuaid has contributed strong catching throughout the fall. Power hitter Colleen Sansone has provided some great hits and aggressive, speedy baserunning.

Coaches Kevin George, Jason Willet, and Neil Janulewicz really appreciate the girls' enthusiastic spirit as well as the parents for getting the girls to away games.

The coaches are impressed with the top-notch Charles River softball organization and talent and sportsmanship of our opponents.

Dan Clark and Bob Dillon as well as Ann Walsh entered teams in the older division and are competing well. The players and coaches are very grateful to generous sponsors: City of Boston Credit Union, Mass Fallen Heroes, and the Boston Firefighters Local 718.

Put this on your Boston bucket list: Stepping into The Ether Dome at MGH

By BILL WALZAK
REPORTER COLUMNIST

In 2000, the Vietnamese government added Family Medicine as part of its primary care system, which is provided at several thousand communal health centers where the vast majority of Vietnamese get their medical care. As part of that development, the leadership sent professors from Hanoi Medical University to Boston Medical Center to learn how to develop and teach Family Medicine.

Because Codman Square Health Center, which I then directed, was the first primary care site for the BMC Family Medicine program, I was actively involved in facilitating this international exchange. The Vietnamese professors were mostly medical specialists who were tasked with creating a department to carry out this initiative, under the direction of BMC's Family Medicine group. The program they par-

ticipated in was several months long, involving a few professors at a time, over a period of several years, and one of my roles was to introduce the visitors to Boston, a city most of them were seeing for the first time. I had the privilege of being a host, and we arranged for them to stay with others in Dorchester so that they would have the convenience of being able to shop at our many Vietnamese markets.

Dr. Pham Nhat An, who stayed with me and my family for a year, was the first professor to arrive, and the head of the Vietnamese delegation. He also became an avid New England Patriots fan during his year in the city.

I took the professors to the typical sites, showing and telling them about Boston's role in the founding of America, introducing them to the tourist areas, and taking them around to Boston's hospitals and community health cen-

ters. They found the Mapparium, the MIT Museum, Haymarket, and the Waterfront areas to be of particular interest. But there was one stop where every one of the professors expressed reverence – the Ether Dome at Mass General Hospital, a place most Bostonians don't know exists, but about which our Vietnamese guests were knowledgeable and eager to see.

The Ether Dome is one of the most important places in the history of medicine. It is where, on Oct. 16, 1846, ether as an anesthetic was demonstrated for the first time. Dr. William Morton, a dentist, used ether to anesthetize a patient so that Dr. John Warren, the first dean of Harvard Medical School, could painlessly remove a tumor from his neck. The patient, when asked how he felt, said, "Feels as if my neck's been scratched," which prompted Warren to announce: "Gentlemen,



Dr. Hung, a medical specialist visiting from Vietnam, is shown during a visit to the Ether Dome at Mass General Hospital. Bill Walczak photo

this is no humbug." News of this operation, called "medicine's greatest single gift to suffering humanity," spread around the world quickly.

When people had operations before 1846, they were always conscious. This grim reality hit me when I was reading David McCullough's book, "John Adams," nearly 20 years ago. In a section about John and Abigail's daughter Nabby, McCullough writes about her breast cancer treatment in 1811: "A mastectomy was performed on Nabby in the bedroom beside that of her mother and father on October 8.... The operation took

twenty-five minutes, the dressing an hour longer. The agony she endured in that day before anesthetics is unimaginable."

The Ether Dome is a small amphitheater located in the Bulfinch Building of Massachusetts General Hospital. It has steep wooden stadium-style seating for about 100 people. The windows in the ceiling are surrounded by copper plating, which allowed extra light to be focused on the stage below where operations were performed. The Vietnamese professors always entered in silence as though approaching a sacred space. They

expressed joy at having been able to see the place where surgical pain was conquered 174 years ago this month.

Today, a large painting across from the seating area shows that first operation, and there is an Egyptian mummy, a skeleton, and old surgical instruments, which appear today like instruments of torture. There has never been anyone in the Ether Dome on any of my visits, which required me to pick up the phone outside the Dome and ask the operator to buzz me in. Put it on your list of places to visit when the pandemic is over. Admission is free.

DAP's store in Fields Corner is open, and it's fully stocked with homegrown artists' works

By DANIEL SHEEHAN
ARTS & FEATURES EDITOR

The Dorchester Art Project store is officially open at 1490 Dorchester Ave. in Fields Corner, meaning residents now have a new place to shop for artwork, music, clothes, and other products created by Dorchester artists.

The two-level storefront space, which adjoins DAP's upstairs gallery and music venue, gives the organization added visibility and a larger, handicap-accessible, street-level footprint in the neighborhood. It also figures to play a key role in developing DAP's sustainability by supplementing artist in-

come and organizational overhead costs.

Store/gallery manager Emma Leavitt explained that the shop's base revenue model, a 30-70 split to the artists, aims to give tenants and community artists a brick and mortar platform to sell their wares.

"We want to create revenue streams that put money back in the pockets of Dorchester artists," said Leavitt, who added that an online store is in the works and should be up and running soon.

After being acquired in early September, the more than 6,000 square-foot space was transformed in a matter of weeks, thanks to an

army of DAP volunteers, who cleaned the former market space and made it new with some decorations and a fresh coat of paint. Another week was spent acquiring store furnishings and moving inventory into the shop, said Leavitt.

The local flavor of the shop is noticeable upon entry: music by Dorchester artists like Brandie Blaze and Cliff Notez bleeds from the speakers and adorns shelves in both CD and cassette forms, while a quick spin of the clothing racks reveals pieces from local brands like Our 20s.

Large canvas paintings hang for sale in the window, while smaller



The new DAP store in Fields Corner stocks artwork, apparel, music, and other products made by local artists. Dan Sheehan photo

prints, posters, stickers, and other memorabilia are stocked in a check-out display case. In addition to apparel – both thrifted and locally consigned – the shop offers an assortment of accessories, health products, art supplies, media, and even refurbished musical instruments. Through it all, the guiding tenet of Dorchester Art Project to "support local artists" remains front and center, or, in the case of DAP's branded hoodies and t-shirts, hand-screen-printed in white lettering on the back.

The shop is only one feature of the versatile Dorchester Ave. space,

which will eventually be home to a dance floor/stage area and additional art and music studios in the basement. For now, a workshop space on the ground floor is open to anyone in the neighborhood who wants to stop by and create some art.

Leavitt explained that a drop-in day rate for the workshop will operate on a sliding scale: \$5 for kids, \$10 for teens, and \$20 for adults to use the creative space for the day. Additional art classes and programming will likely be added in the coming months.

Dorchester Art Project will continue accepting donations of art supplies

as well as consigned items. Any neighborhood vendors interested in selling their products at the store are encouraged to reach out to DAP.

In a neighborhood as multicultural as Dorchester, even a locally sourced store is bound to feature some far-flung goods. One such featured product? St. Lucian sea moss, a form of natural aquatic plant growth with a wide range of touted health benefits that made its way to DAP store shelves, thanks to an assist from an artist-tenant at the organization.

Said Leavitt: "We're trying to become Dorchester's source for sea moss."



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Three-decker lullabies from an Uphams Corner guitarist

By DANIEL SHEEHAN
ARTS & FEATURES EDITOR

For the last several months, Uphams Corner-based guitarist Aaron Larget-Caplan has grappled with the new reality facing classical and chamber musicians who saw their lifestyles and performance schedules disintegrate before their eyes as the pandemic eliminated most live music opportunities across the region. “I teach at UMass Boston, so I’m still teaching online, but as a performer, like every other performer of any style, everything just disappeared,” explained Larget-Caplan. “We’re all trying to stay relevant.” Still, Larget-Caplan said, he has found a “silver lining” to the Covid outbreak, which has given him ample time to work on his “New Lullaby Project,” an endeavor that began back in 2007 and has since commissioned 56 lullaby compositions for solo



Aaron Larget-Caplan “Trying to stay relevant”
Kelly Davidson photo

guitar from composers around the globe. Larget-Caplan recorded 14 of the compositions for the first album in the anthology back in 2010, and the submissions have kept on coming.

Over the summer, after setting up a “small but functional” studio in his three-decker, he recorded 28 more tracks, which will be on a new album to be released in the coming weeks along with the anthology of scores. He said he began the project in an effort to make contemporary classical music more accessible for people of all ages, using the universality of the lullaby as a foundation. “Lullabies are thought of as children’s music, but they’re really much more than that,” he said. “They’re for parents around the world to put their kids to sleep, to soothe their worries, to teach an important lesson...even cultures that don’t allow music have lullabies.” While some people can be intimidated by con-

temporary music, Larget-Caplan reasoned, nobody would be afraid of a lullaby. Sure enough, the project has been well-received; in past years, he has performed concerts in Boston, New Hampshire, Oregon, even Moscow, complete with pajamas, hot chocolate, and pillows for kids. The widespread popularity of the format is also visible in the submissions he has received over the years, from local composers as well as those based abroad in France, Japan, Russian, Norway, Poland, Spain, Afghanistan, and Australia. Having found his footing in recent months, Larget-Caplan said he has embraced a new type of “weird busy” in the form of virtual events, a few of which are on tap in the

coming weeks as part of the Boston New Music Festival. On Sun., Nov. 1 from 1:30-2:30 p.m., he will host a Zoom roundtable with a group of composers who will discuss the challenges of composing for solo guitar. The free and open-to-the-public event will be streamed live from Larget-Caplan’s Facebook page (facebook.com/alcguitar). Larget-Caplan will then debut several lullaby pieces from the project at two virtual concerts during the second week of the festival: Tues., Nov. 10, at 8 p.m., and Sun., Nov. 15, at 1 p.m. Attendees can register online for those events at alcguitar.com/calendar, where they can make tax-deductible donations in lieu of tickets.

\$500k for Farming Institute

The Urban Farming Institute (UFI) is one of 30 local nonprofits to share in \$10 million in funding from the Cummings Foundation. The organization, which serves Dorchester, Mattapan, and Roxbury, will receive

\$500,000 over 10 years. UFI converts neglected urban lots into productive green space and trains city residents to become urban agriculture entrepreneurs. The nonprofit offers educational program-

ming to neighborhood residents through workshops such as “Food as Medicine” and “Growing Food Without a Garden,” as well as school partnerships and the much-loved Fit Around the Farm for Seniors.

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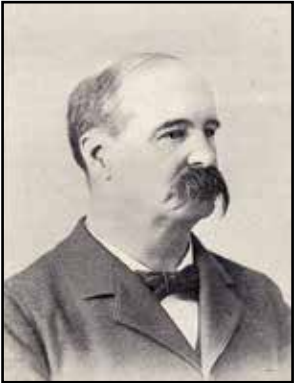
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Henry W. Hunt: A Dorchester entrepreneur

In his later years, Henry Warren Hunt (1841-1915?), who had his early education in his native town of Dorchester, had a real estate office on Neponset Avenue not far from Neponset Circle. He had an interesting life before then. The following is excerpted from “American Series of Popular Biographies. Massachusetts Edition.” Boston: Graves & Steinbarger, 1891.

“Desiring to enter the navy, he studied at the Nautical School in Boston, and graduated in 1862 at the head of his class. When the Civil War broke out, he was too young for a commission, although successfully passing examination; and, accordingly, he volunteered, and served on land and sea. He participated in a number of spirited naval and land operations. ...

“Meanwhile, his father had established stores in various parts of the interior of the South; and after the close of the war he went there to manage a number of these enterprises, penetrating into some of the roughest sections of the Southern country, then in an unsettled and turbulent condition. After remaining South about two years, he returned to Massachusetts, and became interested in large business enterprises in company



with prominent men of affairs, among them General Benjamin F. Butler, in which he was engaged for the next twenty years. “In 1875-76, when plans were forming for the Centennial Exhibition at Philadelphia, he was selected by the Massachusetts State Commissioners to arrange an exhibit representing the great marine interests of the State. ... While in Philadelphia he became especially acquainted with the Russian and Brazilian commissioners. ... Subsequently the Emperor Dom Pedro offered him a position in the Brazilian navy, and shortly after he received a similar offer from the Russian government. Accepting the latter, he went to Russia towards the close of 1876, and, in recognition of the civilities he had shown the Russian commissioners in America, and services rendered by him, was decorated there by the czar with a gold medal represent-

ing the Order of Saint Stanislaus. ... During the Russian-Turkish War, Captain Hunt was chief of staff to the Russian admiral L.P. Semetschine. ... **Back in Dorchester** “During the period between 1890 and 1895, Capt. Hunt’s real estate conveyances included nearly a hundred valuable pieces of property in Norfolk County alone. In 1895, having acquired the interests of various owners of a tract of land in Squantum, with a deep-water front of two and a half miles and an area of over seven hundred and seventy acres, he carried through a deal with the New York, New Haven & Hartford Railroad Company, by which this tract became a freight terminal for the system. ... He is a member of the Massachusetts Yacht Club, vice-president of the Hyannis Yacht Club, member of the Forty-fourth Regiment Association, of the Quincy Historical Society, of the Barnstable County Agricultural Society, and of the Society of Colonial Wars. He also expects soon to become a member of the Sons of the Revolution. In politics he is a Democrat. He is unmarried.” *The archive of these historical posts can be viewed on the blog at dorchesterhistoricalociety.org.*

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Editorial

Trumpism: An existential threat to our republic

“Is the American experiment in democracy equipped to survive a Trump presidency?”

The question, posed as the opening sentence in an editorial published in this space four years ago, on Nov. 9, 2016, was followed with an optimistic “Of course it will.”

There are now less than two weeks to go before the final day of balloting in 2020, and that answer must be amended to read: “It can, but only with an extended struggle that will test our resolve and our courage in unprecedented and frightening ways.”

Trump’s narrow victory in 2016 was greased by a form of ignorance far more insidious than a mere “not-knowing.” Aside from someone casting an actual vote for him, the candidate counted on the sins of omission by millions of others who did not actively seek to block his victory by voting. They were animated, in turn, by an aversion to an accomplished woman who would have been the first to hold the highest office; the churlishness of those disaffected by a primary loss of a preferred progressive; and the sophomoric simple-mindedness of those amused by the rants of a reality TV con man.

Whether they sat on their hands or actually filled in an oval for Trump, many did so with the full expectation that he would lose. These were acts of political vandalism, like throwing an orange brick through the republic’s front window for the thrill of it.

This time around, there’s no excuse. The impossible is not only possible. He can win. There is no rational alternative other than to vote for those who would unseat him: Joe Biden and Kamala Harris.

Also evident: Even if Trump loses, he intends to dispute the results and wage a third campaign to retain the power of the Oval Office. His allies — most of them his vanquished Republican foes— are so complicit and cowardly that they can be counted on to aid and abet the crime.

There will be no gracious concession speech, no heartfelt note left behind on the Resolute Desk. Quite the opposite: The interregnum is likely to be fraught with danger to the republic unlike any seen since the 1860s.

President Barack Obama had this to say on the day after Trump’s 2016 triumph: “That’s the way politics works sometimes. If we lose, we learn from our mistakes, we do some reflections, we lick our wounds, we get back in the arena.” He advised those demoralized by Hillary Clinton’s loss to adhere to the “presumption of good faith in our fellow citizens...a respect for our institutions, our way of life, of the rule of law.”

It is nearly impossible to conjure a scenario in which this president, if defeated, will offer anything close to this wise counsel to his cult-like followers.

In 2016, I wrote in this space: “Our republic has weathered numerous constitutional crises, including a secessionist movement leading to a four-year-long armed conflict to restore the Union; invasion by a foreign army; obscene acts of terrorism both homegrown and imported, including chattel slavery; and economic depressions so grave that they many times threatened to engulf much of the nation in abject poverty.”

Four years on, we can now write-thru our national narrative to include the twin terrors of a deadly pandemic and a brazen assault on our democracy mounted from within. Not just an insurgency from fringe fanatics, but a betrayal from the top down: the threat of outright treason from a commander-in-chief.

Electing and seating Joe Biden and Kamala Harris must be viewed as just the start of unraveling the outrages of the last four years. Trumpism will not slink quietly back into the swamp from which it emerged five years ago to choke out the once Grand Old Party. It will need to be confronted at all turns.

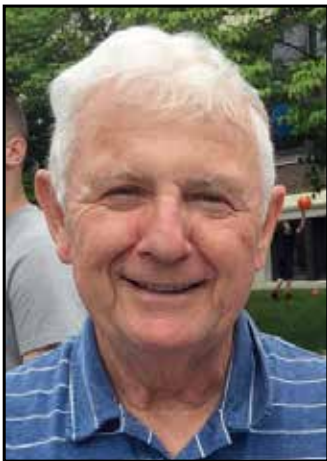
– Bill Forry

Off the Bench

When we needed firm leadership, we got a clown; time for him to go

By JAMES W. DOLAN
REPORTER COLUMNIST

Abraham Lincoln reportedly said: “You can fool all of the people some of the time, and some of the people all of the time, but you can’t fool all of the people all of the time.” This phrase may explain why President Trump is likely to fail in his re-election bid. There comes a time when too many people will no longer tolerate the flim-flam of a man so utterly unqualified for the job.



James W. Dolan

If for no other reason other than exhaustion, the country appears ready to reject the second act of a production that no longer provides enough entertainment to mask the damage done to our democracy. While many remain enthralled by the antics of a showman, there are enough who now see him for what he is — an immature narcissist more interested in promoting himself than in governance.

Some saw him as an antidote to a hyper-partisan and often dysfunctional federal government, but he turned out to be toxic, exacerbating what was bad and making it far worse. At a time when we needed wisdom, we got a clown. I view wisdom as the prudent application of knowledge to reality. It

requires humility, discipline, and insight, qualities clearly absent in our president.

But how was he able to achieve the presidency? Despite his lack of character, he did possess certain “gifts” that had appeal in a culture more often interested in entertainment, saturated with often distorted information, and seeking simple answers to complex problems. He was the salesman “extraordinaire,” confident, high-powered, glib, better able to sell himself than any product. So that’s what he did, and “Trump” was the product. He came in the form of buildings, hotels, casinos, golf courses, airlines, wines, a university, a television show, and, finally, the presidency. His ego grew with each new enterprise.

This time, he overreached. The presidency is too big for his skills, which tend to be more form than substance. He now is desperately trying to preserve his achievement. For his gigantic ego, the only thing that matters is himself. Preserving the “Trump” brand is paramount. It will be irreparably damaged should he not be re-elected.

Too many people now see him for what he is. The act has become stale; chaos reigns as he stumbles from one crisis to another. At a time when we need calm, steady, prudent leadership, he offers conflict, division, anger, insults, and desperation. In a sense, the nation as a whole has the virus. It needs to lower its temperature, catch its breath, gather itself, and reflect on what is important.

In so doing, I hope most voters will opt for a return to normalcy. It’s far from perfect, but better than what we have now.

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Disabled community deserves to play a key role in any debate about equity

By ALEXANDER GRAY
SPECIAL TO THE REPORTER

October marks the 75th celebration of Disability Employment Awareness Month (DEAM), a time set aside to honor the contributions that people with disabilities make to our workforce while also recognizing the employment challenges that the disability community still faces.



Alexander Gray

Before I had a disability, I would have struggled to identify the ways in which having a disability would make someone a stronger employee. But I now realize that, like any other demographic minority, the disability community is both sadly challenged by their identity, and also made stronger by it.

In a time when society is fixated on innovation, I know of no more innovative group of people than those of us with disabilities. We have lost the ability to hear with our ears, but then learned to sign with our fingers, or interpret words on others’ lips. We have lost the ability to see print, but learned to read Braille with our fingers. We have lost the ability to walk with our legs, but we now roll in our wheelchairs. We have lost the ability to speak, but can use our eyes to enable technology to speak our words.

And in a time when COVID-19 is making previously unimaginable impacts on our world, the ability to adapt will be incredibly valuable moving forward. And people with disabilities adapt to both physical, technological, and interpersonal environments every day.

As someone who is blind, I know that my ability to listen has become far greater because of losing my vision. And that same ability to listen has, time after time, made me a better student, employee, and friend. I have also become a more patient person because I have to find creative and alternative ways to complete everyday tasks. And this patience has contributed to me having a better work ethic and ability to collaborate with others in the workplace.

But even though the disability community has so much to contribute to our workforce, sadly, more than eight out of every ten people with disabilities were out of work in 2019. And an even higher per-

centage of the disability community was underemployed in terms of the number of hours worked or in terms of their qualifications for their specific job.

These stark statistics point to the real barriers to employment that face the disability community and underscore the need for tangible ways to reduce them. First, people with disabilities can still legally be paid sub-minimum wages through provisions allowable under federal law, the so-called 14C exceptions. Vice President Biden has pledged to phase out this exception, so a vote for the Biden-Harris ticket is a vote for better wages for people with disabilities.

There are also many states in America, including Massachusetts, that have not passed laws requiring employers to make their worksite accessible to people with disabilities. Without such legal requirements for accessibility, many qualified individuals within the disability community forego job opportunities because of inaccessible office environments. Laws that require that employers make worksites accessible to employees are yet another way to reduce employment barriers for the disability community.

Finally, in a time when much-needed conversations around equity are starting to bear fruit, we must ensure that the disability community is included in these important conversations and that policy solutions that come from them. Our workforce must be as reflective of our world as possible, and it must do so at all levels. Including the voices and experiences of women, racial and ethnic minorities, and our LGBTQ+ populations ensures that conversations and solutions reflect the world we live in today and I applaud efforts to make workforces and boards of directors more reflective of our world.

And I believe strongly that it is equally important that we include people with disabilities in these efforts. The disability community experiences so many of the disparities in health, education, employment, and degree of involvement in the criminal justice system that affect other marginalized groups.

Including our voices can only make conversations and the resulting solutions stronger. And I pledge to bring my experience as someone with the lived experience of having a disability to these conversations and to my campaign for Boston At-Large City Councillor in 2021.

COVID-19 has forced all of us to stop and reflect on the world we have now and the one we want in the future. It is my hope that the future world will be one where people with disabilities play a larger and larger role in shaping things. If we do this, future DEAMs will be a source of greater and greater celebration.

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Accordia goes into detail on its Bay City plans

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Partners, which filed a Project Notification Form (PNF) with the BPDA in late September. It showed that the project would include 1,740 units of residential housing, along with retail shops, restaurants, and public space next to the Dorchester Harborwalk.

Sykes said that the team has focused on what he called a “three-legged stool of public benefits” that would include job training and economic development, a comprehensive affordable housing model, and critical on and off site infrastructure improvements.

“This would unlock the potential of the site for all of you and the surrounding communities, and we hope you’ll help us define further how we can make this project benefit the community,” said Skyes.

Richard Galvin, Sykes’s partner at Accordia, added that economic development would “start with” providing 25,000 construction jobs and 15,000 permanent jobs. All told, their plan covers approximately 5.9 million square feet of gross floor area containing a mix of uses in buildings that would include housing and 155,000 square feet of retail space laid out over 17 city blocks.

Galvin said that usage would be split between residential, commercial, retail and civic space, and multimodal streets would be created to include bike lanes and the “broadest possible pedestrian experience” possible.



A slide used during an online presentation by the Accordia Partners team to illustrate plans for Dorchester Bay City. Image courtesy Stantec

“I think we’ve heard consistently from folks about whether this can be the project that can help get [Kosciuszko] Circle and [JFK-UMass station] fixed and our goal is to be part of that solution,” said Galvin.

“Another is protecting Dorchester from sea level rise. That’s a tall order, but it’s extremely important and we’ve been working collaboratively with the City of Boston, the Parks Department, and various state agencies to come up with a game plan.”

Added Sykes: “One of the big ideas that Dick and I and the team wanted to see come to fruition in this project is the idea of the T to the sea and this is generated by the fact that there is nowhere that we’re aware of that has mass transit access to such an amazing open spaces,” said Sykes. “So everything we’ve done is built

around this concept.”

Said Galvin: “We hope many if not all will come here by virtue of a mode other than a vehicle,” adding that the project will include a long “boardwalk” leading through the land to the water’s edge, and “facilities of public accommodation” at each block, which could be occupied by restaurants or coffee shops, in addition to areas designed for publicly accessible open space.

The team plans to deliver affordable housing— both on site and off site— at a rate equivalent to 20 percent of the overall number of units.

A few attendees spoke up in full support of the project, emphasizing the affordable units of housing it would bring to Dorchester.

“I want to commend Accordia for going above and beyond the minimum requirement for

affordable housing and off-site homeownership,” said Eileen Hutchins. “For me that will go some measure to stabilize the community and offset some of the problems and issues with building such a large development. There’s going to be a substantial amount of affordable housing so we have to celebrate that aspect of this project and I do hope that there can be lots of diversity in every aspect so that we can celebrate the roots of Dorchester.”

Jared Hicks, a Dorchester resident, cautioned against creating “another Seaport situation” that he said mainly catered to “white, wealthier people from the suburbs.” He asked the Accordia team to commit to anti-racism by reaching out to organizations like the Black Economic Council of Massachusetts (BECMA).

His comments prompted District 3 Councillor Frank Baker, who introduced himself earlier on the call, to challenge Hicks. Baker asked: “Where is this kid from? I want to know where this kid is from. He’s going to say this project isn’t welcoming to white people. That’s irresponsible. How is he able to say that?”

Hicks told Baker: “Good luck in a couple of years,” seemingly referring to future election cycles.

Sykes explained that he had spoken to Segun Idowu, executive Director at BECMA, and that the team has commissioned “three masters in business students who are

working with three diverse businesses on our project. They’re helping them build capacity and working on capitalization so that they will succeed.”

Added Skyes: “And we imagine doing that even more for local and diverse businesses as we prepare for this site. We are very happy to work with anyone to make this the most inclusive it can be locally and ethnically and that is really the cornerstone of the project. So always open to any suggestions.”

The BPDA has scheduled a series of community engagement virtual events on specific topics during DBC’s review process. The following are listed:

- Oct. 28: Public Meeting (Urban Design);
- Nov. 4: Public Meeting (Open Space, Public Realm & Resiliency
- Nov. 16: Public Meeting (Transportation & Infrastructure)
- Dec. 2: Public Meeting (Topic TBD)

Next steps after that will include a scoping determination from the BPDA and the project team’s filing of a Draft Project Impact Report.

“There will be plenty of opportunity going forward to dive into all of these topics at a deeper level,” said Aisling Kerr, BPDA project manager. “The purpose of tonight’s conversation was to provide a project overview and begin to address some of the biggest areas of discussion and concern.”

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Three affordable housing starts in Dorchester get BPDA okays

By KATIE TROJANO
REPORTER STAFF

The Boston Planning and Development Agency (BPDA) last week approved three fully-affordable housing projects in Dorchester and authorized the creation and installation of a new mural at the Mattapan Teen Center.

Two of the projects were Codman Square Neighborhood Development proposals. The first is a four-story residential building with 19 units— 4 of which will be made available to formerly homeless individuals— at 151 Spencer St. The second is for a complex at 25 New England Avenue that will include a four-story building with 23 income-restricted residential units. Of the total units, five will be made available to formally homeless



A rendering of Codman Square Neighborhood Development Corporation’s proposal at 151 Spencer Street. Courtesy of Studio Luz Architects

households and three will be handicap accessible.

The third okay advanced TLee

Development’s Travis Lee’s plans for a four-story mixed-use, 100 percent income-restricted building at 270

Talbot Ave. with 21 rental units and three handicap accessible units. The ground floor will include retail space for two businesses.

This month, over 61 percent of new units approved by the BPDA board are income-restricted. In September, 271 new units, representing 90 percent of all new housing units permitted, were income-restricted, the most in any month since 2014.

The approval of a new mural at the Boys and Girls Clubs of Boston’s Mattapan Teen Center is part of the PLAN: Mattapan Public Art Project. The BPDA expects to issue a call of artists for murals at three other locations later in the neighborhood this year followed by a public selection process.



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In-person teaching should go forward in Boston, judge rules

**By MAX LARKIN
WBUR REPORTER**

A Superior Court judge ruled last week that Boston Public Schools can continue in-person teaching despite rising rates of coronavirus in the city. Earlier in the month, Boston Teachers Union asked for an injunction, noting that the positivity rate on all of the city's coronavirus tests was then above the agreed-upon weekly threshold of 4 percent.

At the moment, only about 1,300 students — less than 2.5 percent of the district's overall enrollment — are enter-

ing buildings each day. The eligible students are those who would suffer most from missing in-person instruction, including those with severe medical and emotional disabilities, those experiencing homelessness, and those at the earliest stages of learning English.

The union argued even that limited in-person instruction — serving only the highest-needs students, comprising about 5 percent of overall enrollment — violated a memorandum of agreement both parties signed on Sep. 9.

But in a 21-page decision after a hearing held over Zoom on Oct. 14, Judge Robert Gordon declined.

"The Court sees no material breach of contract in the actions taken by Boston Public Schools," Gordon wrote.

The controversy — and the ruling — turned on the interpretation of two sentences in the Sept. 9 agreement between the union and the district.

The first states that, if the citywide COVID-19 positivity rate rises above 4 percent, "BPS will transition to full remote learning for all

students and BTU bargaining unit members will have the option to be remote as well." But the next sentence says BTU educators "will be expected to return" to buildings once the Boston Public Health Commission deems it safe.

On Oct. 7, the commission reported that the citywide rate crossed that threshold — if only slightly — to 4.1 percent. It has since climbed further to 4.4 percent citywide. But within hours, city health officials also told district officials that it was safe to continue operating under the

limited in-person model, according to a Boston Public Health Commission spokesperson.

On the evening of Sept. 7, Superintendent Brenda Cassellius invoked that agreement's second sentence — and the health commission's advice — in an email to staff, saying that schools would be open and teachers would be expected.

In their complaint, the teachers union's attorneys described the argument that schools closed and reopened over the course of an afternoon as "too clever." Meanwhile, district officials

argued that — however hurriedly — the Boston Public Health Commission played its specified role as "referee" on Oct. 7.

Gordon agreed, saying the agreement as signed specifically "assigned the judgment of whether and when teaching could safely occur within BPS facilities to independent health care professionals" at the health commission.

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Exam schools test timeout plan stirs queries about the long term

(Continued from page 1)

The students' schools would need to certify that they are learning at grade level under the state's curriculum frameworks to be judged eligible. If the committee okays the proposal, there will be a 15 percent increase in the number of seats apportioned to Black and Latinx students, the plan projects.

The district would then begin identifying qualified students for the applicant pool in November and December.

Reaction to the proposition was both swift and direct.

Last Saturday, a group of about 70 parents gathered outside of The Latin School to rally in favor of keeping the exam, while those in opposition to that approach held a counter-protest across the street.

Exam proponents pressed for a public hear-

ing on the issue before the School Committee took a vote. On the other side of the street, people holding signs pointed to the fact that Boston Latin School in particular has demographics nowhere near those of the rest of the BPS district.

District 3 Councillor Frank Baker said cancelling the exam this year makes sense given the pandemic, but, he added, "I'm in the camp of thinking we should be having some sort of test, maybe the hybrid between going to different zip codes but making sure that they're still having a test. I think it should be an exam paired with other things."

District 4 Councillor Andrea Campbell, who is running for mayor in 2021, said it would be "irresponsible" to hold the exam this year. "This plan doesn't change the

admissions process permanently, but it has the potential to create more equity in the admissions process next year, which we should all welcome," she said, adding, "As a Latin School graduate, I know personally how important this process is to students and families, and they deserve clarity."

"It's a failure of the mayor and the district not to have created a process around this decision where parents, students, and families feel included and could make their voices heard," Campbell said in a statement.

At-Large Councillor Anissa Essaibi George thinks there should have been a public comment period included in the process to create a new plan. "I am disappointed that the School Committee vote is taking place before an opportunity for public comment from

parents and school communities," she said in a statement.

"As chair of Education," she added, "my top priority is making sure the process is fair and that every child has an equal shot at being admitted to an exam school from the moment they enter our school system. And the unfortunate reality is that we cannot provide an equal and fair process until we have high quality schools in every neighborhood."

At-large Councillor Julia Mejia said that she "didn't even know exam schools existed" when she graduated from Dorchester High School and that she fa-

vors "reimagining" the exam school selection process.

"If Covid is presenting itself as an opportunity for us to reimagine what this process looks like, then I welcome that opportunity to dive into that conversation and utilize this moment to figure out how we can make it more equitable," she told the *Reporter* in a phone call.

Data show that 72.4 percent of BPS students were Black or Latino last year, compared to just 21 percent at Boston Latin Academy.

Quality Education for Every Student (QUEST), a grassroots organization of BPS parents,

announced its support of the working group's recommendation this week.

"Schools and universities around the country have recognized that basing admissions on tests is neither safe nor equitable during the COVID-19 pandemic," the group stated. "While we are pleased with the intent and projected outcome of this proposed temporary change, we cannot escape the reality that a small number of selective admissions high schools still offer the promise of more opportunity and resources in comparison to our open-enrollment schools."

Looks like a remote spring on UMass Boston campus

A planning committee held listening sessions this week at UMass Boston to gather thoughts from students, faculty, staff, and others as the school prepares for what will likely be another semester of mostly remote learning in the spring.

"The committee will consider student well-being, health and mental health wellness, and best ways to mitigate the pandemic's impact on students

learning, faculty teaching, and staff well-being," Chancellor Marcelo Suárez-Orozco wrote in an Oct. 13 email to the campus community.

He added: "Given the current expectations about the impact of winter weather, the normal cold & flu season, and anticipated timing for a vaccine that will be broadly available, it is likely that the committee's findings will not deviate widely from the

current status quo. That is, the University is likely to continue largely in remote modality for the spring semester."

The committee, Suárez-Orozco said, will aim to look for areas where experiences can be improved for students, faculty, and staff, and "conduct rigorous scenario planning."

— KATIE LANNAN
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Eligible tenants can get up to \$4k in rent help from city fund

By Reporter Staff
Qualified households in Boston can get up to \$4,000 in rental relief through a city of Boston fund that re-opened for applicants on Tuesday. Created last spring, the fund distributed more than \$3 million to eligible Bostonians over six months.

Now, with a state moratorium on evictions lifted as of Monday, Mayor Walsh says he is making \$5 million in new funds available to those most vulnerable to losing their rental units to eviction.

"As we continue to face the COVID-19 pandemic, it's vital that we provide residents with the resources and supports they need to stay housed, especially with the statewide moratorium on evictions lifted," said Walsh.

To qualify for assistance, tenants must:

Earn less than 80 percent Area Median Income (AMI) or \$90,650 for a family of four;

Be financially impacted by COVID-19;

Be renters in Boston as of March 1, 2020;

Certify they do not receive a rental subsidy or have funds to meet their needs, and;

Not be a full-time student.

The Rental Relief Funds may be used for short-term rental assistance for up to three months and to supplement partial payments of rent. After verifying initial eligibility, the City of Boston will refer tenants to partner

non-profit agencies to finalize eligibility. Once materials are verified and the calculation of assistance is determined, the landlord receives payment directly.

A person's immigration status is not asked during the Rental Relief Fund application process and receiving funds does not impact other financial assistance that a person may be already receiving.

Qualified residents interested in applying to this round of funding can submit their application online at boston.gov/departments/neighborhood-development/

office-housing-stability/rental-relief-fund.

Although the state moratorium on evictions and foreclosures ended on Oct. 17, a federal ban through the CDC remains in effect until Dec. 31, but tenants are required to sign and submit a declaration to their landlord stating that they qualify for protection under the moratorium. The City of Boston has translated this declaration into 11 languages and posted it on the Office of Housing Stability website so eligible tenants can sign it and send it to their landlord.

NOTICE

The Dorchester Historical Society is always looking for photographs and high school yearbooks from Dorchester's past.

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Early voting under way at select sites through Oct. 30

By Reporter Staff
Roughly 18,400 Bostonians visited polling stations in the first three days of early voting in the city, which began last Saturday morning at select locations, including the Richard J. Murphy School on Worrell Street in Dorchester. Early voting will continue through Friday, Oct. 30.

City election officials say they have already mailed more than 110,000 ballots to voters in Boston. Through last Thursday, 7,500 people had returned completed ballots, said Mayor Walsh, who encouraged voters to take advantage

of drop boxes and early voting hours to avoid crowds and potential COVID-19 risks.

The city has deployed 17 drop box sites where residents can submit their ballots, including in the Fields Corner and Grove Hall branch libraries in Dorchester.

Walsh said at a Oct. 15 press conference that more than 130,000 Bostonians submitted applications for mail-in ballots, 84 percent of which have been fulfilled.

“Every location will be prepared with spacing guidelines, cleaning protocols, and PPE,” he said. “The more people



Boston voters gathered at the entrance of the Richard J. Murphy School in Dorchester last Saturday, Oct. 17 for the first opportunity to cast an in-person vote for the state general election. *Ed Forry photo*

that early vote, the more people that do mail-in ballots, the fewer people we’ll have in-person voting on Election Day, which will cut down the lines that will be at the voting locations.”

The city announced its drop box locations were available for voters to deposit their ballots rather than return them through the mail. Boxes are open 24/7 at Boston City Hall and more than a dozen Boston Public Library branches across the city.

Drop boxes will also be

placed at each early voting location while those operate through Oct. 30.

Upcoming early voting locations and times locally include:

- On Thurs., Oct. 22, early voting will be held at the Strand Theatre in Uphams Corner from 12-8 p.m.
- On Sat., Oct. 24, and Sun., Oct. 25, from 11 a.m.-7 p.m. at the BCYF Perkins Gym, 155 Talbot Ave., Dorchester; the Mildred Avenue K-8 School, 5 Mildred Ave., Mattapan; and the Kroc Center, 650 Dudley St., Dorchester.
- On Thurs., Oct. 29, from noon to 8 p.m. at Florian Hall, 55 Hallett St., Dorchester; and the Mattapan Teen Center, 10 Hazelton St., Mattapan.
- Boston City Hall, through Oct. 30. Mon., Wed., Fri., 9 a.m.-5 p.m.; Tues. and Thurs., 9 a.m.-8 p.m.

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A petition for Formal Adjudication of Intestacy and Appointment of Personal Representative has been filed by Charmaine Barrett of Norwood, MA requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.

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Fix-up show is restoring fire-damaged three-decker



Above: the largely untouched front side. At right: Wideman poses with her sister, Winnie Ann, who lives on the first floor. Below: much of the house's interior had to be gutted due to water damage. Photos courtesy This Old House



wrote a letter to the producers of This Old House asking them to consider her home for a renovation project. Excited that her request has been granted, Wideman is eager to see her home restored to its former glory.

"I'm looking to get it back to what it was. I don't know what their vision is, but my vision is just to restore it. I love the three-deckers, I love the architecture."

While Wideman loves the structures, she knows that Dorchester's signature housing stock and fireworks aren't always a safe combination. She's hoping to use the project to advocate for fire safety and against the improper use of fireworks in a neighborhood with cramped backyards and closely bordering homes.

"I want to help do something about the fireworks," she said. "I would not want anybody else to go through this."

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"In the 70s through redlining and similar practices, there was very little lending going on, and the result was that it depressed the market, and all of a sudden a lot of people were fleeing the city," he said.

Now, 40 seasons later, This Old House is an established national program looking to come full circle with its restoration of Wideman's home, which began recently and is expected to be completed by next spring.

The Mt. Everett Street home has been a part of Wideman's life for the last four decades. She raised her daughter in the second-floor apartment, completed some small renovation projects to fix the place up, and eventually moved in with family members so her sisters and nephews could grow up on the first and third levels of the multifamily home.

But the structure, and all the history it contained, was nearly destroyed by an Independence Day celebration last year.

Wideman recalled standing outside her house on a notably hot and dry day, watching in horror as an inferno caused by fireworks engulfed the house next door before the flames leapt to the rear of her home.

"You can't imagine what it's like being outside and seeing your house catch fire," she said.

While the front of the house was largely spared, the back sustained significant damage: flames melted the exterior siding, fire hoses caused water damage to interior walls, and the heating system in the basement, and all three kitchens and most bathrooms were rendered unusable.

Wideman, a fan of the television show with a penchant for small DIY upkeep projects herself,



Floor & Décor's Morrissey store gets ZBA's okay

The city's Zoning Board of Appeal on Tuesday approved plans by Floor & Decor to renovate and move into the now-shuttered National Wholesale Liquidators building at 729 Morrissey Blvd.

Floor & Decor, based in Atlanta, will use the roughly 83,000-square-foot building for a flooring superstore.

As part of its proposal, the chain says it will add more trees and shrubs around the property, put in an MBTA bus shelter, and rebuild the drainage system under what will become a 118-lot parking lot.

The company will also repave the parking lot at the adjacent CVS, which both a company architect and zoning board members agreed currently approximates the surface of the moon.

The BPDA board ap-



A rendering of the forthcoming Floor & Décor store, at top, and the now shuttered National Wholesale Liquidators. proved the project in March. Floor & Decor did not say at the hearing

when it hopes to open the store. — REPORTER STAFF

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With rates in slow rise, city mulls enforcing Covid limits

(Continued from page 1) new enforcement measures.

“We are discussing efforts to tighten enforcement on gathering limits and restrictions on unpermitted public events and unsanctioned events in our public parks,” he said.

City officials are particularly worried about large gatherings and house parties. Roughly half of new Covid cases in Boston are among people under the age of 30, Walsh said last week.

“We continue to get reports of house parties at South Boston as well as other neighborhoods,” the mayor said. “This is a trend that’s happening nationally. I don’t think I have to explain to anyone the implications of having to shut down the city of Boston again... Not going to a party is a small sacrifice. Time will pass, we will have parties and games, but right now we are at a very critical place with coronavirus.”

He added: “We’re working right now with the agencies probably on some type of fine that we’re going to be imposing. We’re looking at how we’ll do it, but this hasn’t stopped, so we’re at the next step now.”

The city is also aiming to help restaurants follow restrictions on table sizes, distancing, and providing PPE. Walsh said that agencies “will be conducting spot checks and visits with businesses to make sure regulations are being followed.”

As far as education is concerned, last Thursday was to have marked the start of the Boston Public Schools phase three return to in-person learning for families that opted in for a hybrid, phased-in return in August.

On Friday, BPS Superintendent Brenda Cassellius announced that students in pre-K through grade three will now start classroom learning no sooner than Oct. 29, with no changes to the rest of the calendar.

District officials said the one-week delay would allow the city “to continue implementing safety protocols to slow the spread of COVID-19 and to continue reviewing data to make informed decisions about offering in-person learning.”

High-needs students who have already been in classrooms two days each week “can begin four days a week of instruction and support services in schools” this week, the district said.

Marty Martinez, chief of Health and Human Services for the city, said that an increase in hospitalizations “will be an indication that Covid is getting greater than we’ve been able to contain.”

Tom Sands, president of Carney Hospital, said this week that the Dorchester Avenue facility was caring for nine patients who were admitted with Covid-19 illness on Monday. That is less than 10 percent of the hospital’s capacity, he said.

“We’re nowhere near where we were in the spring, when it was all Covid, all the time,” said Sands, who added that the hospital was prepared to handle far more if there is a need.

“If it gets to the numbers it was back in the spring, and hopefully we can avoid that, he said, we have created dedicated units in the hospital where we can see Covid patients for care in the ICU.

The Growing Demand for Diverse Cybersecurity Talent


According to the Internet Crime Center, Massachusetts suffered more than \$68 million in cybercrime losses in 2018, ranking top ten in the country amongst states losing the most money due to cyber-attacks. At the same time, Massachusetts is experiencing a statewide cybersecurity talent shortage. In response to this issue, Governor Charlie Baker has officially declared the month of October “Cybersecurity Awareness Month.”

While the rising demand for cyber protection and advances in the tech sector have exponentially expanded opportunities for meaningful careers, there haven’t always been opportunities for women and individuals of color to enter the field. Despite being the fastest growing sector worldwide, the industry has garnered a reputation for lacking diversity. The growing number of unfilled positions, and lack of available talent for the industry, has been further exacerbated by the omission of women and people of color with women representing 25%, African Americans representing 7.9%, and Hispanics only 6.8% of the talent field.

Cybersecurity is a field of significant growth potential with starting salaries for some entry level positions averaging between \$80,000 and \$100,000, and Cambridge College is expanding the opportunity for all who are ready to enter this highly lucrative career path. Committed to providing a diverse talent pipeline for this sector, Cambridge College recently launched two certificate programs, Information Security and Risk Management and Network Security, and a Bachelor’s of Science in Cybersecurity. Cambridge College’s Cybersecurity programs are affordable and are currently available in remote format.

As part of the school’s effort to support “Cybersecurity Awareness Month,” on Thursday, October 29th, Cambridge College will host a live virtual event as part of their Cybersecurity Distinguished Speakers Series titled “Can There Be Resiliency in Cybersecurity Without Diversity?”. The great lineup notably includes Industry and several members from the National Security Institute. The event will examine the opportunities and obstacles linked to advancing diversity, equity and inclusion in the cybersecurity industry from the perspective of women and professionals of color. RSVP today: <https://www.cambridgecollege.edu/cybersecurity-month>.

To learn more about Cambridge College’s Cyber programs, visit: <https://www.cambridgecollege.edu/school-undergraduate-studies/new-cyber-programs-cambridge-college>.





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BGCD Hiking Club Members Learn Orienteering with Elevate Youth: BGCD's Hiking Club returned to the Blue Hills to learn about Orienteering. Orienteering is a group of sports that require navigational skills using a map and compass to navigate from point to point in diverse terrain. Participants were given a topographical map specially prepared for them to use to find control points. The outing was led by our friends at Elevate Youth and Cambridge based Navigation Games. The group will be meeting every other Saturday morning for a different hike experience until the weather permits. Thanks to our friends and program partner Elevate Youth for providing these fun, outdoor opportunities. We are so grateful to be able to continue offering such an important program for our members. For more information please contact Brendan McDonald at bmcdonald@bgcdorchester.org.

FIND OUT WHAT'S INSIDE:
Bunzl Distribution Donates 80,000 Face Masks to BGCD: Last week, our friends at Bunzl Distribution (New England) generously donated 80,000 face masks valued at over \$35,000 to Boys & Girls Clubs of Dorchester.

This donation is a huge savings for the Club, as it will allow us to reallocate the money that we would have needed to spend for our PPE supplies. To be able to run onsite activities, the Club needs hundreds of masks a week, along with other PPE, in order to continue operating and keeping our members safe. We can now spend that money saved on our programming and Learning Hubs at BGCD.

A huge thank you to Bunzl Distribution (New England) for their generosity and for thinking of Boys & Girls Clubs of Dorchester during these times.



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DID YOU KNOW:
Calling all High School Students for BGCD College Fellows and Career Prep Programming: BGCD partnered with our friends at Boston Cares to host a group of volunteers from Akamai Technologies to take part in a Mock Interview workshop for members of the College Fellows program. The volunteer led workshop included best practices, sample interview questions and group feedback. Thanks to Boston Cares, who assists groups and individuals find volunteer opportunities and to all of the volunteers from Akamai Technologies for spending the evening with our teens. Next up for our College Fellows will be our Virtual College Tours of Massachusetts Maritime Academy (10/20), Wentworth Institute of Technology (10/27) and Framingham State University (11/9). For more information, or to register, please contact Tricia Chapple at pchapple@bgcdorchester.org.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Hiking Club
October 24

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October 25

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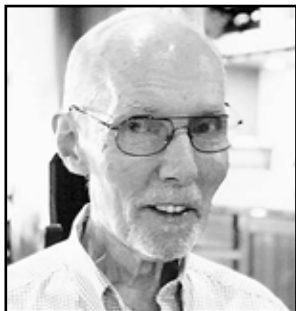


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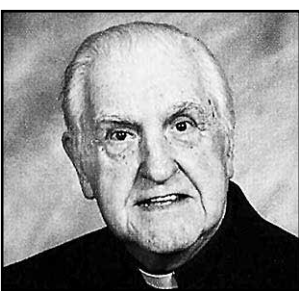
BAYER, William “Bill”, 87. Son of the late Jacob and Angela and brother of Helen (who predeceased him). While working in the insurance industry in Jacksonville, Florida, he met the love of his life Eileen, to whom he was a dedicated and caring husband for 45 years. Soon after, daughter Angela and son Liam were born. They ended up in Boston where an extended Irish American family was delighted by his tenor that won him acclaim in danny boy contests, his photography sessions and his dedication to doing the dishes, which was how he stayed out of the way at family gatherings hosted in their home in Dorchester. Grandfather of Liam, Andrej, and Dylan. He is also survived by many nieces and nephews. If you wish to remember Bill, please donate in his name to doctors without borders, at [https://donate.Doctorswith-](https://donate.Doctorswithoutborders.org/)

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BOUDREAU, Mary D. (Mangiaratti), wife of the late Camille J. “Carl” (Retired BPD). Mother of John Boudreau and his wife Lil of Bridgewater, Ronald Boudreau and his wife Eleanor of Canton, Brian Boudreau and his wife Sally of Park City, UT, and the late Carl J. Boudreau. Sister of the late Concetta Sciaraffa and John Mangiaratti. Also survived by 4 grandchildren and 7 great-grandchildren.

CURRAN, Rev. Paul E., 92, of Dorchester. Son of the late Michael J. and Mary A. (Foley) Curran. Brother of the late James of Dorchester, John F. Curran of Weymouth, and Margaret Foley of Readville. Also survived by 11 nieces and nephews, and several grandnieces and grandnephews, as well as



great-grandnieces and nephews. He was a graduate of St. Mark’s Grammar School and BC High School. He was a US Army Veteran serving during the Korean War. He entered St. John’s Seminary in 1954 and ordained a priest in February 1959. Over his 61 years as a priest, he served at many parishes in the Archdiocese of Boston, including St. Jerome’s Parish in Weymouth, St. Mary’s in Beverly, St. Michaels’s in Lowell, St. Jude’s in Norfolk and served as Chaplin for MCI Norfolk, St. Bridget’s in Framingham, St. Catherine’s in Norwood, Blessed Sacrament in Walpole, former Pastor of St. Michael’s in Avon, and Holy Ghost Parish in Whitman.

DOWDEN, Poldina, 69, of Dorchester Mother of Vanessa LaRocque, Coretta White, and Isaac Dowden.

NALLY, SNDdeN, Sister Margaret (Sister Mary St. Patrick), daughter of the late Patrick J. and Mary A. (Walsh) Nally. She was the



sister of the late Mary Conway, Helena Nally, Thomas Nally and Rosemarie Nally, and survived by her sister, Patricia Tangney of Needham, nieces, nephews, grandnieces and grandnephews, extended family and the community of the Sisters of Notre Dame. Sister Margaret entered the Sisters of Notre Dame de Namur in 1948. She attended Emmanuel College, Salem State and the Archdiocese of Boston earning degrees in English, Elementary Education and Religion. She taught in several Notre Dame Schools in Massachusetts and Rhode Island, her latest mission at St. Jude, in Waltham. Sister Margaret spent her last years at the St. Julie Billiart Residential Care in Ipswich. In her memory, donations may be made to the East/West Unit of the Sisters of Notre Dame de Namur, 30 Jeffreys Neck Road, Ipswich, MA 01938.

his brother Steve Anthony Ridley; his nieces Shelby Larena Ridley and Regina Ridley; his great-nephew June Anthony Ridley, his aunt Norma Bynoe of Boston; his sister-in-law Wanda Ridley; God son Marlon Regis Jr.

TEAGUE, Gus, of Lynn, formerly of Dorchester. Father of Mannix Lewis and Patrice Bryant. Sister of Phyllis Parham.



for providing research results to the National Institutes of Health (NIH), the FDA and the CDC. On December 15, 2010 Amber’s son and only child, Tristan Asereth was born prematurely. On January 5, 2011 his mother held him until he was embraced by God. Amber carried Tristan in her heart every day. She leaves to celebrate her life her parents, Linda and Joseph Hamilton and Stepfather Dennis Phillips, Sisters Cecelia, Nichole, Lynette and Stacey, her Brothers Joseph, Kevin and Russell. Also mourning her are three aunts, three uncles, thirteen nieces and nephews, three great-nephews, one great-niece and a gazillion cousins and friends.



TUCKER, Cassandra, 61, of Mattapan. Born in Maryland and raised in Somerville, Mass. She worked at Mattapan Head Start as a Daycare Provider. She was also a Resident Assistant at the Place of Promise, a Christian non profit organization that helps addicts with recovery. She had a special bond with her daughter’s father and life long friend Gaylord Gales. She was referred to as “Mima” by her granddaughter Nye and a host of daycare children that attended her daughter Inge’s Family Home Daycare. Cassandra was preceded by her father James E. Tucker, grandparents, uncles, aunts and cousins. Cassandra is survived by her daughter Inge Tucker, granddaughter Nye Tucker, mother, Bertha Newsome Tucker, brother Derek Tucker, Aunt Betty Newsome, Uncle Johnnie Lee Newsome and a host of nieces, nephew, cousins, family and friends.



WEDGEWORTH, John A., Jr., 81, of South Boston. Born and raised in Dorchester to the late J. Arthur and Katherine (Kiernan) Wedgeworth. John graduated from BC High, Class of ‘56. He earned his undergraduate degree from Georgetown University in 1960 and completed his graduate studies from Columbia University majoring in Philosophy. He continued his education attending B. C. Law School. John taught for several years in the Boston and Milton School systems. He worked for the Commonwealth of MA for the Department of Mental Health and for the Maurice H. Saval Insurance Co. as a credit manager. Late member of the Wychmere Harbor Brother of Martha W. Shields and her husband John of West Harwich. Uncle of John, Katherine, Sarah and Julie.

WALKER, Amber Marie, 43, of Dorchester. She was the youngest daughter of Linda and Joseph Hamilton. She attended Massachusetts public schools and completed her secondary education at Fenway High School at Bunker Hill Community College and earned both a High School Diploma and an Associate Degree. In 2005 she earned a Bachelor of Science Degree with a major in Biotechnology from Northeastern University. After graduation she accepted a position at Harvard Research with responsibility



RIDLEY, Lawrence Downey Jr. 61, of Dorchester. Son of the late Lawrence Downey Ridley and Shirley Ann (Martin) Ridley. He was the first of their two children, Lawrence and Steve. Lawrence, better known as Lonnie, grew up on Warren Street in Dorchester. He worked at Deer Island prison as a Correctional Officer for several years. He also did security for the Washington Park Mall in Roxbury for a few years until getting his job at Boston Edison, currently known as EverSource. He worked at Edison for 20 years until he was injured on the job. Lonnie leaves



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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 11/13/2020.

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.

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Witness, HON. BRIAN J. DUNN, First Justice of this Court.

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YARDE, Meredith G., 95, of Mattapan. Born from two loving parents, Edward and Elmira Nelson in 1924 in Barbados. She was one of ten children, four girls and six boys. Meredith worked at the Hebrew Center as a Nurse’s Assistant until retiring. She is survived by two daughters, three sons in order: Jessica, Alison, Coraline, Granville and Wingrove; eleven grandchildren, twelve great grandchildren and one great-great child.



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