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### Final appeal time in the mayor's race

### Essaibi George: Happy warrior keeps fighting

By Gintautas Dumcius Managing Editor

On a sunny Saturday morning last weekend, Annissa Essaibi George stepped out of her SUV and made her way toward her Grove Hall office. The Blue Hill Avenue space, a dollar store in a previous life, now had tables with campaign literature. Kevin Peterson, the founder of the New Democracy Coalition, unlocked the door and guided her to a table stacked with packets for canvassing voters as volunteers trickled in behind them. That day, the volunteers planned to focus on Roxbury's Ward 12 and the areas of Ward 14 in Dorchester before shifting down to Mattapan.

Early voting was already underway,



Annissa Essaibi George chatted with a volunteer outside of a Grove Hall storefront that serves as one of her campaign headquarters last weekend.

and both Essaibi George, a councillor at-large from Dorchester, and her opponent, City Councillor At-Large Michelle Wu of Roslindale, are focusing on communities of color.

"It's a lot of work to get through the (Continued on page 4)

### It's 'basically survival at this point,' says Wu

By Gintautas Dumcius Managing Editor

Michelle Wu's first year on the City Council was consumed, in part, by a sewer in the South End.

Thanks to the city's ancient history and properties changing hands over nearly 200 years, the neighborhood that she called home in 2014 had a mix of public and private sewers, which meant that when a sewer overflowed, homeowners could be on the hook for the repairs, and city agency officials weren't inclined to get their hands dirty.

When raw sewage leaked into Alleyway No. 521 during that year, neighborhood advocates reached out to the new councillor at-large and pressed



Michelle Wu greeted supporter Darrin Howell along with other volunteers at her campaign's Blue Hill Avenue headquarters. *Gintautas Dumcius photos* 

for a possible solution: The city would take over a private sewer and split the cleanup costs with abutters over time, if the private alley was considered publicly accessible.

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### 'IT HAD TO BE US'

## Fast-acting brothers pull a disabled man out of his burning car

By SETH DANIEL
REPORTER CORRESPONDENT

When it comes to saving lives, waiting around for someone else to take action isn't in the playbook. It certainly wasn't an option for Mohawk Insurance owners Scott and Mike Collins—and their customer, Eric Lawrence of Dorchester—last Friday after-



Scott and Mike Collins in front of the scene where they saved a man's life last Friday afternoon. Seth Daniel photo

st Friday afternoon as they
watched a car
begin to burn in
a garage under
the Peabody
Englewood
housing tower in Peabody
Square.

With a handicapped man trapped in the burning car, and several

onlookers unable to get inside, the three men took action—and rescued the unconscious man moments before the car erupted into flames.

At their insurance office across from the Englewood apartments on Monday, Scott and Mike, both still contemplating the idea of having saved a man's life, said they were still in a bit of shock about what



This Boston Fire Department photo shows the vehicle from which a handicapped man was pulled last Friday just before it burst into flames in a garage under the Englewood Elderly Housing complex on Dorchester Avenue.

happened just before closing time on Friday

"You kind of wait for someone else to do something in those situations, to take charge or wait for the first responders," said Scott. "The second time we looked out there, there was no one around and the car was on fire, and we knew it had to be us."

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### Coming soon to the Strand: An opera keyed to Malcolm X

By Grace Mayer Reporter Correspondent

A new Boston-based theatre collaborative is aiming to raise the curtain on Black-themed operas and elevate Black composers, starting with a new production at the Strand Theatre next June. The opera, based on the life of Malcolm X, will be the first in a five-year-long series planned by the Boston Modern Orchestra Project (BMOP) and Odyssey Opera.

The series is entitled "As Told By: History, Race, and Justice on the Opera Stage".

The goal of the series launch "is to seed the ground so that the history and the realization of Black composers in the opera house is expanded and can take on new life," said Gil Rose, founder and artistic director of BMOP and Odyssey Opera.

Taken as a whole, the operas' subject matter will trace the history of liberation in America and the rise of prominent leaders in civil rights activism, a listing that includes Harriet Tubman, Frederick Douglass, Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr., Malcolm X and Dessaline, a hero of the Haitian Revolution.

"These operas all have great, fertile soil for connecting with people, exploring different aspects of

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### Weighing the pros and cons of rent control

By Chris Lovett Special to the Reporter

When the Morton Village apartment complex was put up for sale last year, during the first months of the Covid-19 pandemic, Kwesi Matthew found out about it by word of mouth – from a UPS deliveryman.

A native of Trinidad and Tobago, Matthew has lived in the Mattapan development for about 15 years, and her mother has lived there for more than 20 years. Fearing that their current rent of less than \$1,700 a month would spike under new ownership, Matthew was quick to join the tenant mobilization organized by City Life/Vida Urbana.

"We were able to collect a vast amount of signatures to move forward, to show them that we would not be moved, or that we are not going to be displaced," she said, "but we are also not going to see high rents at this time." The organizing paid off. In October of 2020—after being managed by the same family since the 1960s—the development, with its 207 units of workforce housing, was sold for \$41.1 million to Avanath Capital Management, a socially conscious investment firm with plans for what its legal representatives called "a mixed-income, deed-restricted affordable housing community." Thanks to the additional

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### Police, Courts & Fire

### Pedestrian killed by school bus in Mattapan

A school bus struck and killed a pedestrian Tuesday morning on Walk Hill Street in Mattapan. The bus in question was not part of the Boston Public School fleet, according to NBC10Boston, which cited police sources. The incident happened just before 7 a.m. near Walk Hill's intersection with Blue Hill Avenue. Detectives from the homicide unit are investigating the incident.

#### Fields Corner storefront raided; owner is arrested

A storefront business at 485 Geneva Ave. near the Fields Corner MBTA station was raided, and its owner taken into custody, by Boston Police detectives last Friday afternoon. Juan Marte-Nunez, 35, of Roxbury is alleged to have received stolen property with a total value "greater than half a million dollars," according to a Boston Police statement.

The seizure and arrest followed what police called a "lengthy investigation in relation to several incidents of shoplifting, larceny and

residential break-ins which later resulted in stolen items being resold at the address above."

Marte-Nunez was due to appear in Dorchester District Court on multiple counts of conspiracy, receiving stolen property and "aggravated shoplifting."

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Boston Police arrested a 29-year-old man early Sunday morning after he allegedly fired a gun into the air on Bird Street near Uphams Corner. Andrew Crenshaw was taken into custody as a larger group of police arrived to "restore order" when a group of people surrounded arresting officers on the scene, according to a BPD account. Police say they recovered a 9mm Taurus handgun on the suspect.

Security workers have caught firearms at Logan Airport checkpoints this year at more than twice the rate they did in 2019, part of what Massachusetts Port Authority CEO Lisa Wieland last week called a "pretty alarming trend" across the country. (SHNS)

**Correction**: Due to an editing error, an article in last week's Reporter about the contest for at-large city council incorrectly stated that Sen. Nick Collins endorsed candidate David Halbert. He has not. The Reporter regrets the error. - Bill Forry, Editor

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### Kids' Covid shots expected to arrive for use in the state by November 5

By Colin A. Young STATE HOUSE NEWS SERVICE

The fine details are still being worked out, but the Baker administration expects there will be about 700 locations across the state where children as young as 5 will be able to get vaccinated against Covid-19 if federal agencies approve the expansion of vaccine eligibility as expected in the coming weeks.

About 515,000 children between the ages of 5 and 11 in Massachusetts could become eligible for shots by early November with 360,000 doses of the pediatric vaccine expected to arrive in the Bay State between Oct. 28 and no later than Nov. 5, Health and Human Services Secretary Marylou Sudders said last Thursday during a legislative oversight hearing.

The state has been planning since the spring to make the vaccine and information about it available through parents' most trusted sources of information, like schools and pediatricians.

"Our partnerships with the schools and our relationship with critical partners are more important now than ever, Acting Public Health Commissioner Margret Cooke said. "We will be relying on these many, many partner-ships that we've already established - schools, pharmacies, community health centers, and, most importantly, pediatricians and parents - to get children the vaccines that they need and to make sure that everyone in Massachusetts is vaccinated because that is our strongest way out of this pandemic."

Health care providers will get half of the state's initial allotment of pediatric doses and pharmacies that are part of the federal program will get the other half. Going forward, providers will order additional doses directly from the federal government and report their deliveries to

the state, Sudders said.

Though she said she would like to see 90 percent of the initial doses put to use within 30 days, the secretary also said the state's primary goal is ensuring there is equal access to the vaccine for kids.

"So we've mapped out where we have locations and [are] finalizing with our federal retail pharmacy partners where they will have locations," she said.

Asked Thursday morning how parents could sign their children up to get the vaccine when it becomes available, Sudders told Sen. Becca Rausch that families should "stay tuned until, like, next week" and that more information will become available on the Mass.gov website.

"There will be a mix of, as there has been, appointment basis and walk-ins, and which primary care practices have signed up, and how local boards of health who've signed up how they want to manage it," the secre-

tary said. "Now that we know who, it's how."

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration's independent advisory committee met on Oct. 26 to consider approval of the Pfizer vaccine for children as young as 5 and the US Centers for Disease Control's advisory group will do the same on Nov. 2 and 3.

In the last two weeks, 1,578 or 8.7 percent of the state's total confirmed new Covid-19 cases were identified in children between the ages of 5 and 9. Kids aged 10 through 14 - some of whom are already eligible to get vaccinated – accounted for 1,671 new cases or 9.2 percent of the total. If children ages 5 through 14 were counted in the state's daily report as a single 10-year age group, it would have the greatest number of new cases -3,249 – over the last two weeks.

Sudders said that 73-74 percent of kids 12 or older in Massachusetts have been vaccinated.

### Studio apartments pitched for Magnolia St.

A developer has proposed replacing a small parking structure at 226 Magnolia St. with a \$4 million, four-story building with 28 small studio apartments and a roof topped with solar panels.

Shanti Acquisition of Dorchester filed its plans with the BPDA under Boston's "compact living" pilot, which allows units smaller than normally required as one way to lower the prices of the units.

In this case, most of the units would range from 356 to 398 square feet, rather than the minimum 450 square feet the city normally would require for new studios (three units would be 471 square feet). Four of the apartments would be rented as affordable.

Shanti is owned by Solmon and Rokeya Chowdhury, who both develop small residential projects and run the Shanti Indian restaurants in Dorchester and Roslindale. The building, which



An architect's view of 226 Magnolia St. after a \$4 million, four-story building is installed there. Sketch courtesy Shanti Acquisition

would back up against Ceylon Park, has no parking but would have storage for up to 50 bicycles.

In addition to the BPDA approval, the project will need a number of variances from the zoning

board, including ones sue to the lot's small size - 5,772 square feet - the building's height and density on the lot, and its closeness to lot lines and the lack of parking.

– REPORTER STAFF

### **UPCOMING CIVIC MEETINGS AND COMMUNITY EVENTS**

Men of Boston Cook for Women's Health, a virtual event to support the Codman Square Health Center, will be held on Thurs., Oct. 28 from 6-7 p.m. For ticket and donation info, see Codman. org/menofbostoncook.

Early voting for the 2021 municipal election ends Fri., Oct. 29) at 5 p.m. at City Hall. The ballot will feature mayoral and City Council candidates, as well as questions that ask whether the City Council should have expanded budgetary powers, on par with the mayor; whether Boston should bring back an elected School Committee instead of members through mayoral appointments; and whether an electric substation should be built in East Boston. The election ends Tuesday, Nov. 2 at 8 p.m.

Boston City Hall is the main early voting location, with the site open on Friday between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. Early voting is available Thur., Oct. 28, from noon to 8 p.m. at the following locations: St. Nectarios Greek Orthodox Church, 39 Belgrade Avenue, Roslindale. District Hall,

75 Northern Ave., Seaport. BCYF Perkins, 155 Talbot Ave., Dorchester. Kroc Center, 650 Dudley St., Dorchester.

The BPDA will host a Virtual Public Meeting for the Herb Chambers Honda of Boston project located in Dorchester on Thurs., Nov. 4 at 6 p.m. The purpose of the meeting is to review the updates to the project. The Herb Chambers Companies proposes to develop a new Honda Brand auto dealership at the location previously occupied by the J.D. Byrider and Westminster Dodge auto dealerships at 710-720 Morrissey Blvd. in Dorchester. The proponent's intent is to develop a "category-leading, firstclass new facility that will contribute meaningfully to the Morrissey Boulevard streetscape." See page XX of this week's Reporter for more meeting info.

A virtual public meeting to discuss the proposed Dorchester Bay City proposal will be convened by the BPDA on Wed., Nov. 10 at 6 p.m. via Zoom. This meeting will focus on how the Columbia Point Master Plan and other City plans guide

the BPDA's review of the proposal. The planning department will provide a brief presentation followed by an opportunity for questions from attendees. Attendees can expect to learn what guiding questions the Agency has in reviewing the project. No decisions related to the proposed project will be made at this meeting. See page XX of this week's Reporter for link info.

Ashmont Hill Chamber Music concert features cellist Sterling Elliot and pianist Wynona Yinuo Wang on Sun., Nov. 14, 4 p.m. at Peabody Hall, 209 Ashmont St., Dorchester. See ahchambermusic.org for more info.

The Martin Richard Foundation, in partnership with the Boston Bruins Foundation, New Balance and DMSE Sports will host the fourth annual MR8K at Boston Landing on Sat., Dec. 4. Registration is now open at mr8k.org. The Martin Richard Foundation established the MR8K in 2019 as its signature annual fundraising event, giving more people an opportunity to run for Team MR8.

All funds raised will benefit the Martin Richard Foundation's work to support community organizations that advance its values of inclusion, kindness, justice and peace. The 5-mile course will take place at Warrior Ice Arena at Boston Landing. More than 2,000 people participated in 2019 event at Boston landing and the inaugural event at TD Garden, which resulted in a \$100,000 donation to McLean Hospital's LEADER program to support first responders. Registration is \$45. The event is open to runners, walkers and para-athletes of all abilities, as well as families with small children.

Franklin Park Turkey Trot will be held Thurs., Nov. 25 Thanksgiving morning at 9 a.m. We're back running (or walking) in person with safety measures in place to protect your health. Participate in this timed 5k and support programs in Franklin Park. All ages, strollers, and race-friendly dogs on leash are welcome. Prizes for best costumes and by agegroup. Sign up your running group, a family team, or just yourself: fpc5k.com.

### Dot woman wins Shattuck Award for work on school transportation Nine others also honored

By KATIE PEDERSEN REPORTER CORRESPONDENT

Delavern 'Del' Stanislaus, the director of Transportation for Boston Public Schools, was one of 10 people honored with the Henry L. Shattuck Public Service Award earlier this month. The awards, sponsored by the Boston Municipal Research Bureau, are given out to exemplary city workers.

Stanislaus, who lives in Dorchester, was shocked but grateful for the recognition. "It's still sinking in a little bit," she told the Reporter this week. "The Shattuck Award is a reflection not only of myself but also of the work the team in Transportation is doing. I know that I represent the whole team, so there are some positives coming out of the team's work. Oftentimes, we get all of the negatives."

Elaine Beattie, a senior advisor at the Bureau, said that Stanislaus is highly respected across city government. "She's a fantastic person," said Beattie. "What impressed me so much about her was her comment, 'I am here for the students of Boston.

Every day, all day long.' And she is, when you listen to what people say about her."

Last year, Stanislaus developed a plan to get food and laptops distributed to homebound students and their families.

"She really was the problem solver, on the front lines during Covid trying to make this work," said Beattie, who also pointed to improved on-time performance metrics for school buses on her watch. She added: "She has brought new life into the department. "That's a huge task, and also a very thankless task, because you only hear about the complaints and not the success stories.'

Stanislaus describes herself as "the kid who grew up in Transportation." She began her career in the city department almost ten years ago and has led it for three years.

"A lot of the work that our team has been doing is turnaround and implementation of sustainable changes to improve transportation for the long-term," she told the *Reporter*. "Areas where we've seen

drastic improvement is contractor accountability. We've seen a drastic improvement in the customer service our team provides to parents and families, to schools, and to our constituents in general. The data has been showing that families are a lot happier with our communication even when there's bad news."

Stanislaus listed safety and timeliness remain major ongoing areas of improvement for the department.

"Despite the shortage ofdriversthisyear, which really put a wrench in a lot of our plans for the start of the school year, we were able to pull off a better on-time performance than we have ever done over the past four years," she said.

A proud native of Trinidad, Stanislaus says she is driven daily by a commitment to equitable access to learning for all Boston kids.

"Coming from an island where the expectation was walking miles a day to school, I see my work as making sure students, especially students in underserved neighborhoods, get access to quality



**Delavern Stanislaus** "on time " is the goal.

education," she said. "It starts the minute they get on the bus and stops the minute they get off the bus. Ensuring that they're getting to school safely and on-time is my main priority."

Other award winners include Manny Lopes, president and CEO of the East Boston Neighborhood Health Center; Colette Phillips, president and CEO of Colette Phillips Communications, Inc.; Boston Police Detective Marivelle Crespo; Richard Depiano, second assistant collection treasurer for the city of Boston; Shekeima Dockery, operations manager for the Mayor's Office of Economic Development; Patricia Finnigan, senior administrative assistant in the City Clerk's office; Stephanie Haynes, administrative secretary, Zoning Board of Appeal, Inspectional Services; Rebecca Phu, director of Operations and Licensing; and Bradford Swing, director of Energy Policy and Programs.

### Six at-large hopefuls make pitch at Cedar Grove forum

Six of the eight candidates for City Council At-Large appeared together for an in-person forum last week. Up on the stage in the lower hall of St. Brendan's church, the six candidates included incumbents Michael Flaherty and Julia Mejia, as well as newcomers Ruthzee Louijeune and Bridget Nee-Walsh, and two making their second City Council run, David Halbert and Erin Murphy. Two candidates, Carla Monteiro and Althea Garrison, were unable to make the forum. The candidates were asked questions about new developments that could overwhelm the neighborhood and supporting opposition to new electronic billboards along the expressway. They were also asked about Acting Mayor Kim Janey's executive order banning tents and temporary shelters in the area of Massachusetts Avenue and Melnea Cass Boulevard. "She should've done it months ago," Flaherty said.

Halbert said the executive order shows "how desperate the situation has become." More clinicians. social workers and beds are needed, he added, as well as "out of the box thinking," such as supervised drug consumption sites.

Louijeune called for a "housing first" model to be implemented, as well as a "Mass and Cass czar" who would work with state officials. City officials should not be opening new criminal records in attempts to clear out the people at the site, she added.

Mejia said she had been to the site earlier in the week and spoken with employees of companies in the area who don't feel safe. But, she added, "We have to address this with compassion. We can't arrest ourselves out of this situation."

Murphy said she had loved ones at the Long Island recovery center before the bridge and the road to the center were closed due to safety concerns. Boston has been locked in a legal battle over Quincy, which opposes reconstruction of the bridge. "We need to stop talking about it and roll up our sleeves," she said, and "untie" the hands of the police, who say they need warrants before they go in.

Nee-Walsh called the closing of the recovery center a "travesty" and criticized Janey for not going far enough. "She's still wearing little kid gloves," she said. "The first tent that went up should've been - REPORTER STAFF taken down."



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### Essaibi George: Happy warrior keeps fighting

(Continued from page 1) next nine days, but I'm confident we'll do it," Essaibi George told the volunteers.

The 47-year-old Essaibi George is a happy warrior on the trail these days despite public polls showing her down by a wide margin and her opponent racking up endorsements on a near-daily basis. Just that morning, the Boston Globe, whose editorial board had backed City Councillor Andrea Campbell in the September preliminary, ran an editorial endorsing Wu for mayor. Then, just before an afternoon mayoral forum at Morning Star Baptist Church, Wu's camp released a list of clergy throwing their support behind her campaign.

For Essaibi George and Wu, the Saturday was packed with forums in Roxbury and Mattapan, adding to a grueling schedule as they launched themselves across the city searching for votes. The day ended for both with a debate on Black men and youth issues at the Museum of African American History on Beacon Hill.

Hours earlier and 18 miles away in Grove Hall, Essaibi George took questions from the



Annissa Essaibi George greeted supporters gathered outside Le Foyer, a popular Haitian American bakery in Mattapan Square on Sat., Oct. 23.

Gintautas Dumcius photo

crowd of volunteers as staffers laid out a spread of Dunkin' coffee and doughnuts behind her. She ticked through her biography: Former East Boston High School teacher. Owner of the Stitch House yarn shop in Dorchester. City coun-

cillor since 2016.

She then turned to her \$100 million plan "to dismantle racism," with some of the money going toward down payment assistance for families. "We know racism exists in all of our systems," she said.

She took several more questions from supporters, talked to a TV cameraman looking for a soundbite, and then headed back to the SUV and off to the African and Muslim community forum in Roxbury.

About two dozen people had filtered into the Residence Inn conference room as Said Abdikarim, a former City Council candidate who organized the forum, fiddled with a TV screen next to the moderators, a Globe reporter and editor. Essaibi George took her seat next to the screen, which featured a photo of Wu before switching to a livestream of Wu in the passenger seat of her campaign car on her way to a kick-off of the first day of early voting in Copley Square with US Sen. Elizabeth Warren, her former Harvard law teacher. Wu apologized for the scheduling conflict, then answered several questions before taking her virtual leave.

Essaibi George stayed. She pitched bringing back "little City Halls," a feature of Kevin White's time as mayor of Boston as part of an effort to provide easier access to government services. "You shouldn't have to go downtown," she said.

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While taking audience questions, she was asked whether parking spaces could be reserved around mosques to make it easier for Muslims to attend prayer gatherings. "We've got to figure that out," she said, suggesting the transportation department as the city agency that could help.

"I'm not sure why city government gets in the way of these easy fixes," she added.

Cambridge schools

close for a Muslim holiday, another person in the crowd said. Would Essaibi George consider doing the same for Boston Public Schools students? "Yes," she said.

Another questioner said some women would feel more comfortable if city-owned pools set women-only times. The candidate nodded in agreement with that as well.

well.
What about giving non-US citizens the right to vote? Noting that she is a daughter of immigrants — a Tunisian father and a Polish mother who was born in a German work camp — Essaibi George answered no. "We need to speed up the pathways and streamline the immigration process," she said.

As the forum wrapped up and candidates for the CIty Council's atlarge slots waited in the hallway, Essaibi George warned the crowd against politicians promising too much.

"It's harder sometimes to say no," she said, before making her way through the crowd and providing a card with her cell phone number on it.

On the way to Le Foyer Bakery in Mattapan, the Essaibi George SUV went by the planters lining Blue Hill Avenue that had Essaibi George signs placed in them, displaying their signature hot pink above the mums. By early afternoon, the Wu signs were there, too, in a demonstration of how little goes unanswered amid the steady volley between campaigns.

Outside the Mattapan Community Health Center, the two camps had dueling standouts. Essaibi George sign-holders migrated over to Le Foyer's parking lot as the SUV pulled in, and she danced and posed for photos with them. Their shirts said "Akiki" — a nod to the auto repair and towing company in Hyde Park.

The man behind the business, Elias "Leo" Akiki, was with them. He first met Essaibi George at a community meeting when she was already a city councillor and quickly became a supporter. After she jumped into the mayor's race, he sent thousands of dollars to one  $of the \,two\,outside\,groups$ backing her campaign, "Bostonians for Real Progress." (Wu has her own super PACs, which are being funded by attorneys and environmental groups.)

"Iwish I could do more," Akiki said to the *Reporter* as Essaibi George and the sign-holders milled around outside the bakery. "We've got to fix the roads; we've got to put kids in good schools."

Noted that one of his properties had been vandalized the previous week, Akiki said, "I can't imagine a situation with less police."

He added, "I don't want this city to be an experiment. "I just want to fix the potholes," his remarks a reference to Wu, who has suggested converting school buses from diesel to electric.

Essaibi George has been thinking about a run for mayor since she was about 15 years old. She grew up on the same street as Marty Walsh, who left the mayor's office for the Biden administration in March.

She remembers she was on a Zoom call at her Dorchester home when she received a text message from a friend on Jan. 7 of this year. "Told ya, he's going." Twenty days later, she launched her campaign for mayor.

Essaibi George first ran for City Council in 2013 and came in fifth place, before running again in 2015 and knocking out veteran councillor Stephen Murphy.

Sitting in the front passenger seat of her campaign SUV six years later, about to head into Morning Star Baptist Church for another forum, she was asked what she learned between 2013 and 2015. Boston's a big city, she said, and it takes time to cover that much ground and build relationships.

She paused briefly, lost in the memories of the early days of her first campaigns for City Hall. "You've got to meet voters very directly," she said. With that, she stepped out and made her way toward Morning Star.

# FIGHTING FOR A BETTER BOSTON FOR EVERYONE

Ruthzee Louijeune is the daughter of Haitian immigrants, born and raised in Boston, and a proud graduate of our public schools. She has fought for families like hers to keep their homes and access better schools. She is running to make Boston affordable for all working class families.



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### It's 'basically survival at this point,' says Wu

(Continued from page 1) the council, Wu, working with the Pilot Block Neighborhood Association's Etta Rosen, and the city's legal and sewer departments, successfully petitioned to convert the alleyway to a public way.

Now a 36-year-old Roslindale homeowner and a mayoral finalist, Wu recently pointed back to that endeavor while standing outside the Villa Victoria housing development, blocks from where she used to rent, and close to Alleyway No. 521. Four days earlier, she had topped the Sept. 14 preliminary, coming in ahead of fellow Councillor At-Large Annissa Essaibi George while running on a platform that includes a focus on addressing climate change. Environmental groups have flocked to Wu's campaign, and flushed cash into super political action committees (PACs) backing her candidacy.

The case of the leaking sewer presented an opportunity "not just to solve constituent issues and make sure we are responding to the immediate needs, but to change the way this infrastructure fits together across our entire city," Wu argued.

"We can change our water and sewer infrastructure to absorb the floods, the waters, storms, the rain," she said.

Earlier this month, Wu started the day at Taste of Eden, a Caribbean cafe in Codman Square. About a dozen people joined her for a "community coffee hour" as she talked about retrofitting publicly owned vacant buildings for housing and getting funding out to community organizations to help Haitian

stability of their country. The supporters and campaign staffers posed for a photo with her outside, and then she was off to a canvassing kickoff at her office on Blue Hill Avenue. Members of SEIU 1199, the health-care workers union, led by longtime political organizer Darrin Howell,

refugees fleeing the in-

were ready to hit the doors for Wu, who checked in with Howell and then headed back to her car.

The day's schedule would take her to the dedication of a West Roxbury street corner named for the late civic leader



State Rep. Ed Coppinger, City Councillor Matt O'Malley, state Sen. Mike Rush and City Councillor Michelle Wu at the dedication of a West Roxbury street corner as Mary Mulvey Jacobson Square earlier this month.

Photo courtesy Wu campaign

Mary Mulvey Jacobson, to Roxbury's Marcella Playground for a meet and greet, and to a house party in Charlestown. The day would end at a party in Jamaica Plain on Montebello Road, celebrating Hispanic Heritage Month. Between the stops, Wu grabbed BBQ pork at Bánh Mì and walked across West Roxbury's Millennium Park to catch, for a few moments, her son Blaise playing goal in a soccer

In the passenger seat throughout the day, Wu kept her phone in hand, directing resources such as lawn signs that were high in demand, talking to people interested in endorsing her, discussing with her spokesperson Sarah Anders whether to appear on MSNBC's "Morning Joe" show on Monday, and reviewing the Spanish language version of a TV ad. She teasingly noted to her driver, Mario George, that in the ad she had finally used the term "el futuro," the future, after incorrectly saying "la futura."

Wu's first year on the City Council, raw sewage in the South End aside, started with a controversy. She agreed to support South Boston's Bill Linehan for the City Council presidency. She said she didn't always agree with Linehan, but cited his plan to "decen-

Jacobson, tralize power" on the Marcella 13-member council and "empower" individual councillors.

Her progressive supporters recoiled, citing Linehan's conservative leanings. On a Tuesday evening in February, the move earned her a rare formal reprimand from the left-leaning Ward 5 Democratic Committee.

Wu was in attendance, and in a shaky voice, she defended her vote. "That may not bode well for me in 2015, but that's the kind of elected official I want to be," she said.

She finished in second place in 2015 — 2,875 votes behind future Congresswoman Ayanna Pressley — who has endorsed her run for mayor — by doing well in downtown Boston, Roslindale, West Roxbury, and Allston-Brighton.

Days after that election, Wu announced she had the votes to succeed Linehan as president, with the bloc who backed him now supporting her effort to become the first woman of color to serve as City Council president.

In the 2017 and 2019 elections, she topped the at-large ticket both times.

The house party in Charlestown was hosted by Helen Chin Schlichte, a retired public administrator whose career spanned 12 Massachusetts governors. James McHugh, a former state judge who also served on the state's gambling commission, and Scott Holmes, a local attorney, were in attendance among the two-dozen people.

The daughter of Chinese immigrants, Chin Schlichte said she first

met the mayoral candidate when Wu was a Harvard University undergraduate. Eight years ago, she held a similar house party for Wu's City Council run.

"I can't count myself as a townie like Auntie Hel-

en here," Wu quipped, a reference to the decades Chin Schlichte and her siblings have spent in Charlestown.

Wu, herself the daughter of Taiwanese immigrants, noted that Charlestown is the oldest

neighborhood in the city, which had the first public school, park and library. There is also the MBTA, the nation's first subway, "that we have yet to really improve," she said, drawing laughs from the small crowd.

Turning to the internal workings of City Hall, she noted it was a multi-billion-dollar organization with 18,000 people. "We need to smooth out some of the red tape" that accompanies permits, said Wu, who worked under the late Mayor Thomas Menino as a special assistant and helped bring food trucks to the city.

She zeroed in on building inspectors, who have a backlog and often respond to the most persistent people. Hiring five to ten administrators as support staff could quadruple productivity, she said.

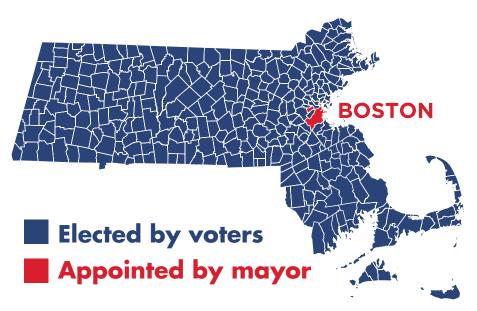
As for the election, with early voting a week from starting, she said to the gathering, "I'm asking for your help. We need turnout to be high."

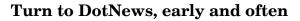
From the back of the living room, someone asked how she was holding up. "It's basically survival at this point," the candidate said.

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### He said he would, but Gross didn't vote in Sept. election

By GINTAUTAS DUMCIUS MANAGING EDITOR

William Gross, the former Boston police commissioner who is backing Annissa Essaibi George's mayoral campaign with an endorsement and his own super PAC,



took to television in the days leading up to the September preliminary. Wearing a light hat, a dark suit, and a smile, he looked into the camera and said, "On Tuesday, Sept. 14, I'm voting for Annissa Essaibi George for mayor of Boston."

The *Reporter* reviewed the city's voter file, which is a public document, and records show that he didn't vote in the preliminary.

George Regan, the founder of Regan Communications Group who has been working with Gross's super PAC, confirmed that he didn't vote on Sept. 14. In an emailed statement, Regan said that Gross went to a polling station in Roslindale that day to vote for Essaibi George. He showed his driver's license but he was told he could not vote because the Registry of Motor Vehicles had made a change in his address.

"Commissioner Gross appealed the mistake on the spot," Regan added, "and he has received a letter from the city stating that the mistake has been corrected and he will be voting for Annissa Essaibi George for mayor of Boston."

Gross, who has previously listed a Milton address, is now registered in the city of Boston. He has listed his party affiliation as unenrolled, according to the elections department.

At the end of August, Gross filed paperwork forming a super PAC called "Real Progress Boston" that listed a Roslindale address. Super PACs can raise and spend unlimited amounts of



State Rep. Nika Elugardo spoke at an Oct. 20 event in Four Corners to announce her support for Evandro Carvalho—shown at far left—in his candidacy for District 4 city council. *Photo by Seth Daniel* 

money, but they cannot coordinate with candidates. In Massachusetts, the outside groups typically draw their funding from unions and wealthy donors.

In the closing days of the five-way mayoral preliminary, New Balance chairman Jim Davis, a top GOP donor, joined police unions in pouring money into "Real Progress Boston," which spent more than \$550,000 on television, radio, and newspaper advertisements, which featured Gross touting Essaibi George's candidacy.

For her part, she has called on outside groups to stay out of the race, while mayoral rival Michelle Wu has asked them to stay positive. The Essaibi George outside groups — the other super PAC, "Bostonians for Real Progress," is operating separately from "Real Progress Boston" — have ignored the requests, with radio and TV ads taking aim at Wu's plans for police funding.

Wu's super PACs, who receive much of their funding from attorneys and environmental groups, have focused on promoting the city councillor at-large, who lives in Roslindale.

Details on the spending behind the newest advertisements from "Real Progress Boston" were not available this week. Last week, the *Reporter* obtained a copy of the "Real Progress Boston" TV ad, which focused on Essaibi George, and received the text of the radio ad, which targeted Wu.

In the Gross super PAC's TV ad, a narrator says, "Sure, our town is not perfect. That's why we need people who aren't afraid to roll up their sleeves. Annissa Essaibi George is from Boston, and more importantly, she is for Boston."

The Gross radio ad claims Wu supports "defunding the police. We must have the backs of our first responders and their families like they have hours," Gross asserts.

Outside Boston City Halllast week, Wu called the radio ad inaccurate. "I've stated frequently at candidate forums and in many conversations that we need to invest more in public safety and health, but make sure we are using those resources in a way that is meeting residents where they are at with the services that they need," she said. "That means allocating funding for a public health-led response to crisis calls for mental illness and issues related to homelessness and substance use."

She continued: "That means getting accountability for misconduct and, particularly, how our overtime dollars are spent, cutting that wasteful and fraudulent overtime spending, and using those resources to help stabilize our communities."

Earlier this week, the super PAC "Bostonians for Real Progress" said it was spending \$125,000 on a combined digital and TV ad buy for a 30-second ad called "How to Defund," which claims that Wu wants to "defund" the police. The super PAC listed its top donors in the ad as the IBEW electrical worker and firefighter unions, Cargo Ventures LLC, Marquis Management and Rowlandstown Plastering, Inc.

#### Endorsement Corner: Dot wards split on mayoral race

Two of Dorchester's top Democratic groups have gone different routes with their mayoral endorsements. Ward 15 Democrats announced over the weekend that they had endorsed Michelle Wu, while next door, Ward 16 Democrats backed Essaibi George.

Ward 16 last week also endorsed incumbent atlarge Councillor Michael Flaherty and at-large candidate Erin Murphy, a former teacher who received the two-thirds required for an endorsement, according to chairman Dan Hunt.

Flaherty continues to pick up support from labor organizations and other local Democratic committees. His campaign on Monday announced endorsements from SEIU 1199, the Greater Boston Labor Council, and New England Joint Board UNITE HERE. He also earned the backing of the Democratic groups in Wards 5, 6, 7, and 12.

"This is a continued demonstration of the broad level of support I continue to receive from every corner of the city," Flaherty said in a statement. "That support was shown in my first-place finish at the polls in September, shown through the 70 total endorsements I have received to date, and I believe it will continue to prominently show in the results of the upcoming general election."

#### Carvalho counters Worrell with flurry of endorsements

District 4 Council candidate Evandro Carvalho hosted a campaign stop at the heart of Four Corners last Wednesday morning (Oct. 20), unveiling the new endorsement of state Rep. Nika Elugardo, whose district overlaps with part of District 4. Elugardo highlighted the economic empowerment plan that Carvalho rolled out at the campaign stop.

She said they are on the same page with that plan, particularly with city contracts going more often to minority-owned businesses.

"I'm an MIT girl and I have not actually studied it officially, but I've seen rocket science and making sure Black and brown business owners get city contracts is not rocket science. We agree on that...It's my great honor to be here with Evandro and announce my full-fledged endorsement for this young man."

Also in attendance were several trade union representatives, District 5 Councillor Ricardo Arroyo, Register of Probate Felix Arroyo, and Suffolk Sheriff Steve Tompkins, among others.

More good news on the endorsement front for Carvalho came this week as Acting Mayor Kim Janey came out for his campaign, followed by former District 4 councillor Charles Yancey, who held the seat from 1983 to 2015, when he was defeated by Andrea Campbell, the current District 4 office holder. Campbell threw her support behind Carvalho's opponent Brian Worrell last week.

Reporter correspondent Seth Daniel contributed to this report.

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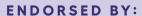
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### Reporter's People

### News about people in and around our Neighborhoods

### Two staff members take on lead roles at the Louis D. Brown Peace Institute

By Katie Pedersen REPORTER CORRESPONDENT

Two long-time staff members at the Louis D. Brown Peace Institute — Alexandra Chéry Dorrelus and Rachel Rodrigues— have taken charge as co-directors of the Fields Corner-based organization that works to change society's response to homicide and promote healing for homicide survivors and perpetrators and their families.

The institute was founded by Joseph and Clementina 'Tina' Chéry in 1994 to memorialize their late son, Louis D. Brown, who was killed in a shooting on Geneva Avenue in December 1993. Chéry Dorrelus, Louis's younger sister, and Rodrigues have both been with the organization for more than fifteen years. They join Clementina 'Tina' Chéry, the group's president and CEO, in the leadership roles.

"My parents always said that I could have been a kindergarten dropout, because at the time there was no real

response to anyone, but especially children, dealing with the homicide of a loved one," said Chéry Dorrelus. "It was through my experiences in kindergarten, elementary school, and middle school that I started to get connected to the idea that there are two different types of pain. There's physical pain, and then there's that pain that you can't access when somebody hurts or takes away somebody that you love.'

She adds: "Everything that we do here has been grounded in our personal experiences. The growth of the organization and what we're offering today has been grounded in all of the staff's experiences, because a good number of us are survivors ourselves. In listening to the survivor community and in listening to each other, [we've] built a foundation on serving others."

Rodrigues first came to the Peace Institute as a college intern. She found that the organization's mission resonated with her, so she stayed.

about [human rights] in college, it was always something happening in another country," said Rodrigues. "For me, it was really important to be grounded in whatever the biggest human rights issues were in my own country, and that had a lot to do with racism and oppression and how it impacted some communities differently when it came to issues like homicide and incarceration."

Rodrigues has experienced her own loss. Her cousin was killed in a drunk-driving crash that was caused by a law enforcement officer.

"Over the course of the last fifteen years, I have been able to grow, listen to survivors, listen to Tina and Alexandra's vision, and do whatever was in my power to make that happen, whether that was applying for grants or assisting the team with creating workshops or curriculum," she said.

Rodrigues added: "One thing Tina's always said is that it was Louis's "Whenever we learned vision for his generation to be in a leadership position. Me and Alexandra are Louis's generation, had he lived. I think it's important that we're starting this shared leadership structure, so that our staff can see that it's not always up to one person to do things.

"It really is a shared effort, not just with us, but across the whole organization. We want to change the way that typical non-profits are run. It's always dependent on the founder to do everything. Tina has worked so hard, put so much in all these years. She deserves the time and space to do whatever else she wants to do."

When asked about their goals for the institute, Chéry Dorrelus and Rodrigues stressed that they hope to continue offering the same level of support to families impacted by homicide while expanding their operations and best practices.

Chéry Dorrelus noted the Peace Institute's many achievements, including the development of neighborhood trauma



Alexandra Chéry **Dorrelus** 

teams in collaboration with the city of Boston and a statewide survivor network. She also pointed to its work in engaging people from other parts of Boston in issues related to survivorship and incarceration through the Mother's Day Walk for Peace and workshops related to allyship, root causes of violence, and racism.

Ultimately, she said, the institute hopes to construct a Center of Healing and Teaching and Learning to permanently house its programming, staff, and providers.

"If you respond to people in their hardest moments and make them feel valuable, that's going to prevent further traumatization and break cycles of violence," said Chéry Dorrelus.

Rodrigues sees their



**Rachel Rodrigues** 

role as needing to "continue to break down the stigmatization, especially if the homicide happens in Dorchester or Roxbury as opposed to Newtown, Connecticut. We have the tools in place so that we don't have to treat people differently. We're willing to facilitate that and have that conversation.

"Once it came out that Louis was a straight-A student, loved by his teachers and his peers, honor roll, the response shifted. Tina's question always was, 'What if that wasn't who he was? What if he was somehow involved in what happened? Would my family have been treated differently?' It's still our mission to push back on that and make sure that everyone gets effective and equitable treatment."

### Onetime BGCD volunteer returns to head up the club's teen program

By Grace Mayer REPORTER CORRESPONDENT

Evelyn Nuñez has taken on a new role as teen director at the Boys and Girls Clubs of Dorchester where she volunteered to help out as a teenager.

Now 22, and with a full-time role there, she will work with around 30 club members ages 13 to 18.

Nuñez's key focus will be on rebuilding the community that many of the teens lost during the months they were stuck on Zoom screens during the Covid-19 pandemic.

"We were affected heavily, because we are their emotional support," she said. "We couldn't really be there for them."



Evelyn Nuñez, left with fellow staff BGCD member Jocelyn Sammy. Photo courtesy BGCD

like she's "starting from scratch" with the club's after school teen center-picking up a program that lost touch with many young members during the height of the pandemic.

The Dorchester native ith roots in the Domini-Nuñez said she feels can Republic spent seven

years as a volunteer at the club's facilities. At age 15, she found it a place where she could have an impact in her own neighborhood, and she began spending her evenings at the club, playing with the 5, 6, and

7-year-olds until 8 p.m.

volunteer work evolved into a part-time job. After she graduated from high school, Nuñez didn't leave the Boys and Girls Club behind. During her summer breaks from Suffolk University, where she studied sociology with a focus on youth and community, she worked at the club over summer breaks.

Now, teens are looking up to Nuñez like she's their older sister.

"A lot of teens in the community need a positive place to go every day after school," said Brendan McDonald, the club's vice president of programming, in an interview. "And I think What started out as Evelyn's the perfect per- summer break in the

son for teens to connect with."

Between breaks playing games or completing homework while at the center, teens confide in her about issues at home and also delve into details about what they did at school that day. For those members who are planning on attending college next year, she listens to their concerns and signs them up for the upcoming campus trips the club has planned.

For Nuñez, it's the stories she hears from the kids every day that keep her coming back to the club. She also talks to them about her own experiences. When she was 15, she spent her

Dominican Republic.

That's when I saw a lot of kids in need," she said. "And when I landed in the US, I was like, 'Okay, so what can I do to help kids in my own neighborhood'?"

When she first joined the club, Nuñez said she was struck by the way the staff fostered relationships with the kids and families involved. They welcomed every family with open armsincluding Nuñez-an attitude that she has embraced as teen director.

"We're all one at the end of the day, so just building those relationships with each other, that can go a long way," she said.

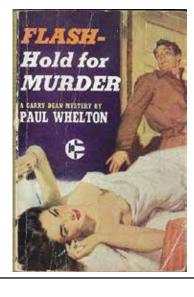
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**DORCHESTER HISTORICAL SOCIETY** 

The Mystery writer Paul Whelton

When discussing local authors, it is always interesting to speculate how spending part of one's life in Dorchester may have influenced their published works

Take Paul Whelton, who was born in Dorchester in 1895. The family homes were first on Holiday Street and later on Westville Street, and he lived in them with his family into the 1920s. His father. John, was a driver of horse-drawn cars for the Boston Police Department. Paul indicated on his draft registration card for World



War I that he was working as a reporter for the *Boston* Journal newspaper. He served in the war and came back a disabled veteran, although the disability was never specified publicly.

By the time he died in 1953, he had worked for the Boston American, Boston Traveler, New York Daily News, the New York Daily Mirror, and the Los Angeles Examiner. His brother, Alfred, who was two years younger, was at one time political editor of the Boston American. In the 1940s, when Paul was living in East Braintree, he began to write crime novels with a main character who was a newspaper reporter named Garry Dean. The books were published as part of the Lippincott Main Line Mysteries. The first in the Garry Dean series was titled "Death and the Devil," later published as Flashhold for Murder. The book was called by one reviewer "a hair-curling thriller about wise-cracking newspaper Garry Dean, who walked out of his job into a stew—ingredients a millionaire, a dead

gangster and a dancer of parts, named Renee."

 $The \, archive \, of \, these \, histori$ cal posts can be viewed on the blog at dorchesterhistoricalsociety.org.

Reminder: A house history from the Dorchester **Historical Society would** make a great gift to a homeowner in Dorchester or Mattapan. Take a look at some of the completed histories on the Dorchester Historical Society website

### **Editorial**

### Finally, some action at Mass & Cass

There is finally some official action happening this week to address the public health and safety disaster that's been worsening in the Newmarket-Melnea Cass area of the city, which has been tagged "Mass and Cass.'

Last week, acting Mayor Janey ordered that a tent encampment that has been radiating out along Southampton Street be removed, with alternate shelter and storage bins on offer to the men and women living in them. By some counts, more than 150 tents were staked out in recent weeks and days. And without some form of action to disrupt its proliferation, Janey and others rightfully fear a spiraling problem that will be even more perilous as winter weather takes hold in a few scarce weeks.

"She should've done it months ago," City Councillor Michael Flaherty said when asked about Janey's order in a forum last Thursday in Cedar Grove.

When it comes to the tragic circumstances that have proliferated in this section of the city for several years now, it's hard to disagree with the sentiment that official action has been far too slow- and that's not just one individual's fault. There seems to have been a general sense of paralysis among officials when confronted with how to approach

> this crisis, which is far more than just a routine public health matter. It's a humanitarian disaster on our front door.

> It's been refreshing, then, to see a plan advanced by Sherriff Steve Tompkins advancing with more political backing in recent days. Frustrated by a lack of action from other quarters, Tompkins has



**Sheriff Steve Tompkins** 

ordered that a section of the South Bay facility he controls be converted into a space that can temporarily house as many as 100 people displaced from Mass & Cass. It will include a courtroom and addiction treatment facility, but Tompkins insists it's not a jail. "It's more like a college dorm with a breakout room for programming and smaller rooms where people can have individualized counseling," Tompkins told WBUR this week. "We have no choice. I refuse to walk out of here and see somebody dead, and I don't want that on our doorstop. I'm not having it."

Tompkins says he hopes to have the facility ready to accept people voluntarily by Thanksgiving. This week, the plan got some positive reinforcement from Gov. Baker, who told 'GBH radio that his administration has been working with Tompkins to support the project, while stressing that it's just one tool for addressing the wider problem. Suffolk County DA Rachael Rollins is also backing Tompkins plan publicly, telling WBUR's Radio Boston that while she doesn't love the location, she sees it as the only viable alternative right now. "We are dealing with the most medically compromised population that you can imagine and we need specialists," Rollins said. "We have been in meetings about this for weeks and we are going to make sure that whatever is proposed is lawful."

In a few weeks time—by Nov. 16, in fact—there will be a new mayor in place in Boston City Hall. She will need to take on Mass & Cass with the sort of urgency that befits a crisis of this magnitude. And, she'll need to make the case — as both mayoral  $candidates\ have\ stated\ on\ the\ campaign\ trail-that$ our neighbors throughout the region must step up as well. Boston will not be able to permanently "fix" the problem without a regional approach. In the meantime, we salute Sheriff Tompkins for stepping up to the plate. -Bill Forry

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### **Commentary**

### 'No' on Question 1 City budget process works well; don't change it

#### By Pam Kocher

Hiding underneath the spotlighted races for mayor and city council on the Nov. 2 ballot is Question 1, a binding initiative that will change the City Charter and allow for a budgeting power grab by the City Council. We believe this change will bring chaos to a strong budgeting system that currently works well.

The mission of the Boston Municipal Research Bureau (BMRB) is to be the city's fiscal watchdog, and on Question 1, the BMRB wants to get the facts to voters. In the past, we have sounded the alarm many times on what we believed were unwise fiscal measures, and now we are doing that on Question 1 and asking that residents make sure to vote 'No on 1' after they cast their votes for mayor and city

Question 1 looks to shift some budgeting powers away from the mayor and allow 13 city councillors to write and override the mayor's budget. Question 1 will also introduce more meetings, resources going to the loudest constituents, and it could damage the city's pristine credit rating.

A few facts need to be put on the record:

 Question 1 is unnecessary as the Council already has tools and powers that they can use to influence the City Budget – tools and powers they rarely use now. In fact, with just one memorandum, the City Council could call for very specific revisions and additions that the mayor could incorporate into any budget and do so publicly.

•The question is binding, meaning that it's not

an opinion poll. If this passes, it would result in a change to the City Charter that would be permanent.

•The big issue in Question 1 is not participatory budgeting. In fact, Boston already has that. It was introduced many years ago under the Menino Administration.

• Finally, the measure is unfair to our new female leader, whoever she may be. No matter which of the candidates wins on Nov. 2, she will be the first elected female mayor of Boston, but she will also be walking into a job stripped of important budgeting powers if Question 1 passes.

Where is the fairness in taking away powers from the first female mayor, powers that male mayors have enjoyed for generations?

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Vote 'No' on 1 to make sure we continue making prudent financial decisions in our city. For more detailed information, log on to No1boston.com and make sure to get the facts on Question 1.

Pam Kocher, a Boston resident, is president of the Boston Municipal Research Bureau and a Boston

### 'Yes' on Question 1 Let's have more say in how our money is spent

#### By Andres Del Castillo

This year, there will be a question on the November ballot that would change how the city budget is created. It would allow the city council to change budget items by a majority vote, and create an Office of Participatory Budgeting to allow people to vote on certain budget items. More of us would get a say in how we spend our city's money.

Currently, councillors can only vote yes or no on the entire budget; they have no power to shift funds within it. Also, there is currently no process for voters in Boston to have direct input on the budget through participatory budgeting, a democratic process in which community members directly decide how to spend a portion of a public budget. This project exists in many other major cities like our neighbors next door in Cambridge, as well as in New York, Seattle, Oakland, and Chicago.

By voting yes on Question 1 this November, voters will have a chance to amend the City of Boston's Charter to allow far more voices to influence the budget process, including communities who have historically been excluded from influencing the budget.

This effort-"Yes on 1 for a Better Budget"-is led

by a coalition of community organizations, teachers, nurses, faith leaders, environmental groups, small businesses, elected officials, and voters across

The changes were approved by every member of the city council, including the two mayoral candidates, so all the people most involved in the budget process agree that these are good changes for Boston. Allowing legislative budget changes is very common, and government bodies from the federal and state governments down to cities and towns work this way, and it works very well.

Having more leaders who are closer to the needs of the communities in the city will ensure that community needs are better met in the budget than by allowing only the mayor to set the priorities. Why vote Yes on 1? Boston needs more affordability, stronger schools, thriving local businesses, and good youth jobs. Yes on 1 would allow us to better achieve these goals by giving local city councillors more input so that every Boston neighborhood is fully included.

Andres Del Castillo is co-director of the group Right to the City Boston.

### Vote 'no' on Question 2

### By JOHN WALKEY

For most Boston residents, Question 2 on this year's ballot will be a bit of a head scratcher: an electrical substation in East Boston? What's it to me? The project is very site specific: Eversource is proposing to build a high voltage electrical substation on a parcel that sits on the banks of the Chelsea Creek, wedged in between the new A-7 Boston Police Station, the American Legion Playground, and a field of multi-million-gallon tanks of jet fuel. "Sounds pretty bad, but it's not my neighborhood, so it doesn't affect me."

Actually, it does affect you, or, more accurately, your electrical bill. Eastern Massachusetts rate payers will be footing 100 percent of the \$50 million-plus that it will cost to build this thing, including Eversource's guaranteed profit margin. But if it's needed to keep the lights on, we should build it, right?

Interestingly, data on electricity demand from ISO-New England, the entity that manages our electrical grid, show declining demand for the whole region, the state, and this particular area. But Eversource justifies this project's need based on its own data, which just happens to be proprietary and they won't share it with the public. In other words, 'trust us, you need to pay for this.'

And you will most likely be paying for this "white elephant" more than once. The street that this thing will sit on has been closed multiple times in the past few years due to flooding issues as it's right

on the banks of the Chelsea Creek. The shoreline of the property is eroding away with successive storms and projections of climate change impacts such as sea level rise, increased storm surges, and more intense and frequent extreme rain events, all of which conspire to make this locale sub-optimal for something you want to keep dry, like an electrical substation, which tend to explode when flooded, as was the case in New York City during Hurricane Sandy. Did we mention the millions of gallons of jet fuel storage next door?

Still, even if the disaster movie scenario doesn't come to pass, flooding damage to this infrastructure will require costly repairs, and guess who'll be on the hook to pay for it – you again. But at least those repairs will still provide Eversource with that guaranteed profit margin on their capital investments (you did buy Eversource stock, right?).

Snark aside, this project is bad planning and bad policy. Aside from the East Bostonians who already have to deal with the airport, oil tanks, tunnel traffic, and other environmental burdens, this project has been opposed by both our senators, our congresswoman, the district's state senator and state representative, the ward councillor, at-large councillors and the current mayor.

Next week's election provides the opportunity for the people of Boston to add their voices to the call for "No Eastie Substation." Please vote "No" on Ballot Question 2.

John Walkey is an East Boston resident.

### Weighing the pros and cons of rent control

(Continued from page 1)

help of \$4 million from the city, residents would also have rent increases capped for at least three years. Though limited by time and place, the agreement was a form of rent stabilization. City officials and activists claimed a victory, but the agreement was also one more signal that the surge in housing production under former Boston Mayor Marty Walsh wasn't enough to stop displacement—or rebuff efforts to bring back rent regulation throughout the city.

According to the 2021 Housing Report Card, the share of renters in Boston paying more than 30 percent of their income for housing between 2000 and 2019 had increased from 40 to 48 percent.

The report was produced by The Boston Foundation, the Massachusetts Housing Partnership Center for Housing Data, and the Donahue Institute for Economic and Public Policy Research at UMass Amherst. Authors of the report found that, before the pandemic, there was a higher rent burden among Black and Latinx households, with stagnant wages and high costs adding up overall to a "chronic housing affordability crisis." Researchers also found that, through 2020 and early 2021, Roxbury, Dorchester, Mattapan, and Hyde Park had some of the region's highest eviction filing rates.

"We need controls in the market," said Kathy Brown, the executive director of the Boston Tenant Coalition. "Supply-side is not working."

### Public investment and market gains

By October 2019, the city reported that the surge in housing production had created more than 30,000 new units, 6,000 of them income-restricted, partly due to linkage payments from developers. Many of the units were near public transportation, in Jamaica Plain, Roxbury, South Boston, Dorchester, and East Boston. If the locations appealed to renters and buyers, they also appealed to developers hoping to build with more density and less square footage for off-street parking. But, as policy experts noted, the "transit-rich neighborhoods" were also hot spots for gentrification.

That concern was raised as early as 2010, in a report by the Dukakis Center for Urban and Regional Policy on the connection between transit investment and neighborhood change. "While patterns of neighborhood change vary," the researchers wrote, "the most predominant pattern is one in which housing becomes more expensive, neighborhood residents become wealthier, and vehicle ownership becomes more common."

For Morton Village, the connection to transportation went back even further. More than fifty years ago, access to bus routes and transit lines was among the attractions listed for the complex in real estate ads, which also touted "luxury living" with a swimming pool, saunas, gymnasium, tennis tables, and a balcony for every unit.

By the 1990s, after a leading supermarket chain closed an adjacent store, a development once promoted as "magnificent" was being shopped as "modern." Instead of amenities and access to transportation, the ads highlighted security, in a "gated facility with around the clock guard service."

In 2021, Morton Village still has a gated entrance and guard post that are surrounded by a chain link fence with barbed wire. But even neighbors beyond the development are noticing more recent changes, including the fresh layer of pavement in the outside parking area.

Matthew could point to improvements that came earlier, such as the new Dunkin' replacing a vacant lot just outside the development, on Morton Street. In addition to a litany of bus routes she knew by heart, there was the rebuilt platform for the improved



The Morton Village apartment complex in Mattapan, where tenants have successfully organized to prevent wide-spread displacement through a form of rent stabilization.  $Chris\ Lovett\ photo$ 

- and more affordable -rail service on the Fairmount Line, only a short walk from her unit. The rail improvements came after a long campaign by grassroots organizations that led to new public investment.

"We lobbied for the transition that's here," she said. "And this company comes in and tries to sell it back to us."

Improvements funded by the public sector and nonprofits are also in play in East Boston, including the rebuilt public housing development near Maverick Station and, within walking distance, the conversion of a former industrial pier into a waterfront park with a picturesque view of the city's downtown skyline. Less than three blocks from the station, there's access to recreation and commuting along the East Boston Greenway.

And just a few blocks from the station is a four-unit property on Gove Street, where residents organized by City Life/Vida Urbana have been trying to limit rent increases under a new owner. The previous owners were members of a family that bought the units in 1976 for \$6,000, with mortgages soon after totaling \$40,000. In January of 2020, they sold the property for \$1.3 million, with the new owner—a limited liability corporation headed by the developer Fernando Dalfior—securing a bank mortgage for slightly more than \$1 million.

"It's usually at the point of sale that the things take a sudden turn for the worst," said City Life/Vida Urbana organizing coordinator Steve Meacham. "Many of the organizing efforts that we have supported follow a sale to a flipper or real estate corporation seeking to extract more profits from a property."

Frances Amador has been a resident of the Gove Street building for 23 years. A graduate of East Boston High School who grew up in the neighborhood, she lives with two daughters, her husband, who works at two full-time restaurant jobs in the city, and her mother, an immigrant from Honduras needing access to medical appointments at Mass General Hospital — with translation help from family members. Amador says rents under the previous owner were close to \$1,100 a month, but acknowledges that monthly rents close by are higher and, elsewhere in East Boston, up to as much as \$3,000.

Residents and the new owner have yet to reach agreement on any limits on rent increases. Between the uncertainty and fears that the beginning of a new month will mark a turn for the worse, Amador says she worries that the family might have to move sooner or later. "If I have to move out of here," she said, "it would be out of East Boston, for sure, because the rent is so high."

According to the East Boston Times-Free Press, Dalfior recently tried unsuccessfully to get a zoning variance that would have allowed an increase in the building's occupancy to eight units, with a vertical addition and roof deck. The article described the property as "dilapidated," but a real estate listing shortly after sale described it as "well maintained," along with mentioning its proximity to transportation "and some of THE best restaurants in Boston."

### Pros and cons on rent regulation

When properties change hands after a long period without a substantial change in ownership, there are also risks for buyers. According to Douglas Quattrochi, executive director of Mass-Landlords.net, if the same property were under rent control, it would be "undesirable."

"So, if the rents haven't been going up in thirty years," he reasoned, "and if the landlord hasn't been doing repairs for thirty years, you're out of luck."

Policy experts have argued that some forms of rent regulation can shrink the supply of affordable units while benefitting even renters who can afford higher costs. Opponents of regulation also note that a tighter supply might leave renters in other units with even higher prices.

With more transit-oriented development expected along the Red Line and Fairmount Corridor, housing activists from the advocacy group Dorchester Not for Sale raised concerns about the lack of regulation, especially for multi-family houses acquired by investors operating as limited liability corporations. The use of LLCs allows buyers to have more privacy, but also less exposure to lawsuits and taxes. An organizer with the group, Lori Hurlebaus, likens the acquisitions to "a corporate takeover of our neighborhoods" that drives up prices.

Another organizer, Carolyn Chou, says the change in the market puts a squeeze on potential owner-occupants trying to take advantage of programs offered by the city and nonprofits.

"I can say that just on my own block, and across the neighborhood, we've seen everyday people can't compete with the offers and the prices," said Chou.

Michael Stella, president of Star Contracting, has been working with properties in Dorchester since the 1970s, when disinvestment and mortgage discrimination resulted in many houses being abandoned or destroyed by fire. He says some of the more recent investors might be aiming for higher returns, with a willingness to spend boosted by cash, a line of credit, or a tax incentive available for a limited time.

In his own experience with rent regulation in Boston, Stella recalled some "cumbersome" bureaucratic snafus. But he also said Boston's later version of regulation—allowing for annual rent increases up to ten percent and exempting smaller own-

er-occupied properties—to be "pretty straightforward."

"Any landlord saying, 'I'm not satisfied trying to raise the rent nine-and-a-half percent annually," said Stella, "just gives landlords a bad name, in my mind."

Supporters of rent regulation say it should be combined with other remedies, whether to boost supply and affordability, or to steer properties up for sale away from speculative buyers. When the properties are bought by a community land trust, that could allow purchase by a nonprofit or deed restrictions to lock in affordability. The city has a similar goal for the Acquisition Opportunity Program, created in 2016 and tapped for affordability at Morton Village.

The recommendations in the 2021 Housing Report Card include steps to increase supply and improve transportation. The report warned against disincentives for investment or new construction, but it also said, "Market-wide rent increase limitations recently adopted in Oregon and California (which impose a simple annual percentage cap on rent increases in excess of inflation) may be worthy of further consideration in Greater Boston."

### Waking up from a time of slumber

Despite signs of support in Boston, rent control or stabilization is expected to meet continued resistance at the State House from legislators and Gov. Baker. In recent months, activists have been more focused on state approval of emergency housing relief, but they say rent regulation—a hot topic in a recent Boston mayoral debate—is still worth pursuing.

"We know that when we stake ground on the needs of the community and fight together for those solutions," said Chou, "then a lot more is possible than what people imagine."

Until Morton Village was on the market, Kwesi Matthew hadn't imagined herself reviewing a contract with property owners and organizing her neighbors by remote connection during a pandemic.

"We were in slumber," she said.
"We were made to accept our lot because we were immigrants." But that changed when residents organized and sought a commitment from the development's owners. "They may own the property, but this is actually your home," said Matthew. "You have lived here, you have contributed to their well-being or their business, or their practice or whatever, but this is also your home."

Amador said she felt proud of her organizing work at Gove Street while admitting that she always tended to take the lead. "But," she added, "I never thought that also I could be helping others to organize."

### Getting the message: Clam Point neighbors have fun with old-timey communication mode

BY SETH DANIEL
REPORTER CORRESPONDENT

In a neighborhood like Dorchester that increasingly relies on e-mail, texting, and social media direct messaging, the Clam Point enclave in Dorchester has taken a more traditional way to get their messages across – the old-fashioned community message board, and it has been a hit for everyone.

The Clam Point message board is at the corner of Mill and Everett Streets in Byrne Playground, and is a highlight for those in the neighborhood and those from other neighborhoods who might be passing through gathering neighborhood news or occasional funny quips.

"We've had one or two kids invited to the prom – one of the boys in the neighborhood asking a girl to the prom – all of them saying 'yes," said Paul Doherty, a Clam Point neighbor and builder of the message board. "That was nice. We did have one marriage proposal, but I don't know what became of it. I don't know, that's maybe not as nice as going out to a restaurant and getting down on one knee, so I'm not sure how



Forget e-mails and texts, Paul Doherty (left) and Gregg Sullivan of Clam Point have had a lot of success and fun getting the word out the old-fashioned way – with a marker and a message board.

Seth Daniel photo

that went. There was one put up there that came from an aggravated neighbor. It said, 'If you like windchimes so well, why not bring them inside your house and turn on a fan?' Obviously, that neighbor didn't like windchimes very much and wanted to make

sure to get the message out there."

For the most part, though, the message board has been a fun way to get the word out about what's happening in Clam Point, and to celebrate occasions, post sympathy messages, announce graduations, mark the change in seasons or even cheer the achievements by the Red Sox, Patriots, Celtics, and Bruins.

Doherty, a retired carpenter from the city's Parks and Recreation Department, got the idea for such a board about nine years ago when he was asked to build one for a spot in Brighton next to Boston College. He thought it would be a good idea for the corner of Byrne Playground, and so he built one on his own soon after. The board is two-sided, so there are messages for those in the park, and those driving or walking on the street. The white boards are protected inside and slide in and out with no trouble - making them very easy to update and very environmentally friendly since the board uses marker and not paper.

"I always saw over the years the signs made out of 8-by-11 paper and stapled to poles or trees and they just sit there in the weather and become a problem," he said. "Over the years, this has worked very well for us."

For the first six years, Doherty operated the message board using the tried-and-true word of mouth method – meaning that someone would tell him something to put up, and he would walk across the street and put it up.

A few years ago, he passed the duties on to neighbor Gregg Sullivan, who now takes submissions by email, text, and face-to-face.

The message board has also gotten a good deal of use for neighborhood events and meetings – especially in the Covid-19 era when it has been hard to get the word out. This past weekend, Doherty and Sullivan said they were able to utilize the board to get people to sign up for the annual Fall Yard Sale. They had 12 homes sign up to attend.

Then there is the function of getting people rallied against a neighborhood concern or a development issue.

Over the last year, a major issue emerged when the Floor & Décor store going into the old Bradlees location closed off access to Clam Point for construction. Fences had gone up that prevented people from being able to walk safely by the site, and also prevented neighbors from being able to drive back to

Clam Point if they went to the area around Lamberts. You could get there okay, but getting back required going all the way around to Neponset Avenue.

The neighborhood used the message board to publicize the numbers to call to get some action.

"It's become a great way to get the troops together," said Doherty. "That situation very quickly became a topic of conversation over the past year because people were driving the wrong way on the access road. There was also nowhere to walk because of the construction, and it was becoming dangerous. We posted some stuff on the board. The company doing the work was pretty understanding once everyone contacted them."

As for the curious commuters passing through, who often slow down to see what's written on the board, it's a mixed bag, said Doherty.

"One of the good side effects is that it slows down some of the traffic coming through the intersection when people try to read it," he said. "One of the bad side effects is it distracts people while they drive through the intersection."



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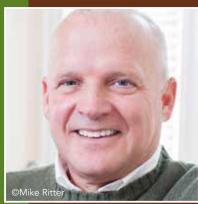
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### 226 Magnolia St.

**Tuesday, November 9** 

6:00 PM - 7:30 PM

Zoom Link: bit.ly/226-Magnolia Toll Free: (833) 568 - 8864 Meeting ID: 160 175 0062

**Project Proponent:** 

Shanti Acquisition LLC

#### **Project Description:**

The BPDA is hosting a Public Meeting for the 226 Magnolia St project located in Dorchester. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss the Small Project Review Application proposal. The meeting will include a presentation followed by Q&A and comments from the general public. The proposed project consists of the development of 5,772 square feet of land, with a new four-story building containing 28 residential units served by bike parking with a capacity of 50 total bikes.



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### Bipartisan support for House plan to boost candidates of color

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House Democrats and Republicans came together last Thursday to approve a plan that would recast the boundaries for all 160 House districts, strengthening opportunities in places like Worcester, Lawrence, Brockton, and Chelsea for candidates of color to win seats over the next decade.

The new districts reflect the changes in population across the state since 2010 during which time Massachusetts not only grew, but also became more diverse.

Assistant Majority Leader Michael Moran, a Boston Democrat who led the redistricting process for the second straight cycle, said the new map reflects those demographic shifts.

The House voted 158-1 in support of the new district configuration, with Georgetown Republican Rep. Lenny Mirra, whose district would be significantly altered, casting the lone no vote.

Tradition dictates that the Senate will not interfere with the House's proposal for its own members when the bill comes up for a vote next week in that chamber, and House leaders appear to have sufficient

votes to reject any gubernecessary, or override a potential veto.

Gov. Baker has not expressed any concerns about the House and Senate maps, which were released last week, and Baker's office said last Thursday it would review the House map once it reaches the governor's desk.

The House plan would

see the number of disnatorial amendments, if tricts where minorities make up the majority of the population climb from 20 to 33, including in two districts in Worcester and new incumbent-free districts in Lawrence, Chelsea, Framingham, and Brockton where advocates believe a person of color could be elected as soon as next year.

> Eight of those 30 districts are majority His

panic and two are ma- Those voting rights jority Black.

"It is not possible to do any more than that," Moran said.

"No plan is perfect and no plan will ever be perfect, but I think this is a darn good plan," House Minority Leader Brad Jones said on the floor.

The increase in socalled majority-minority seats surpassed what advocates had proposed.

groups united during the process to form the Drawing Democracy Coalition, and Moran said he tried to not only listen but also incorporate their suggestions.

"Mike Moran left no stone unturned," said Beth Huang, executive director of the Massachusetts Voter Table and a member of the coalition.

The "ideal" district

size in the House is now 43,937, up 3,014 people from 10 years ago, and no district deviates more than 5 percent in size.

In addition to racial and ethnic voting bloc considerations, Moran said the committee also took into account communities and neighborhoods with similar interests, compactness, and contiguity when drawing the district lines.



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### **Virtual Public Meeting**

### **Herb Chambers Honda of Boston**

Thursday, November 4 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM

Zoom Link: bit.ly/3jztFzU Toll Free: (833) 568 - 8864 Meeting ID: 161 948 6571

### **Project Proponent:**

The Herb Chambers Companies

### Project Description:

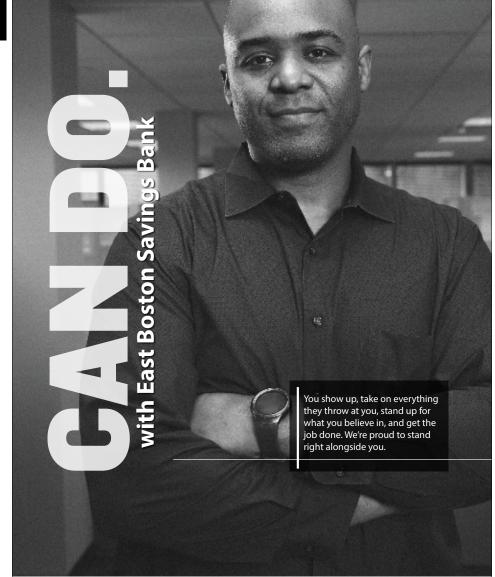
The BPDA is hosting a Virtual Public Meeting for the Herb Chambers Honda of Boston project located in Dorchester. The purpose of the meeting is to review the updates to the project. The Herb Chambers Companies (the "Proponent") proposes to develop a new Honda Brand auto dealership (the "Project") at the location previously occupied by the J.D. Byrider and Westminster Dodge auto dealerships at 710-720 Morrissey Boulevard in Dorchester. The proponent's intent is to develop a category-leading, first-class new facility that will contribute meaningfully to the Morrissey Boulevard streetscape.

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### Coming to the Strand: An opera about Malcolm X

the principal characters, and their relationships to Boston," Rose said.

Each opera selected has a tie-in to Boston. Malcolm X spent his teenage years living in Roxbury, not far from the Strand's location in Uphams Corner. Rose considers the opera based on his life — "X: The Life and Times of Malcolm X'' — to be "the great American opera."

A later production, "The Bridge," which is now



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being composed by Jonathan Bailey Howard, will detail how Martin Luther King Jr.'s time spent in Boston shaped his beliefs around civil rights. When King came to Boston in 1951, he studied philosophy and ethics at Boston University and eventually met his wife Coretta Scott here. This will be Howard's first time composing a complete opera.

"I wanted the opportunity to take on this iconic figure but to shine the light on the moments that led up to him becoming who we know him as," Howard said.

The title references the Edmund Pettus Bridge, where in the spring of 1965, King, John Lewis, and other civil rights protestors marching for voting rights were met with tear gas and beaten back by law enforcement officers. The title also encases a metaphor: the bridge that connects past, present, and future fights for civil rights.

The project, Rose said, has been in the works for nearly a decade. "I know that this is not a project that is trying to capitalize on the moment, but rather something that Gil has actually committed to artistically," Howard said.

Rose started to stitch the pieces of the project together after exploring William Grant Still's opera "Troubled Island"—a work set in Haiti in 1791 when Haitians revolted against white slavers and eventually defeated two French armies to secure their independence.

'Troubed Island" debuted at the New York City Opera House in 1949. It was the first opera written by a Black composer to be performed by a major

opera company in the US. But it vanished from the opera scene shortly after its initial run and has not been performed in its entirety since. In addition to the performances themselves, the

project will be developing educational materials to accompany each production, said Ashleigh Gordon, the artistic and executive director of Castle of Our Skins, a Boston-based, Black-led chamber music ensemble.

Gordon's group, for example, will work with students at the Boston Arts Academy to create music and performances inspired by the story of Malcolm

Historically, Black opera has been overshadowed by "European stories and powdered wigs," Gordon said. But as the project's educational materials are developed and dispersed, Gordon said, she hopes that the students involved in the programs will be inspired by the historical figures' legacies.

"If we can embolden them to find connections and hope, then I feel that much more confident about the world of tomorrow and tomorrow's leaders, she added.

An advisory council made up of 16 members of Black communities across Boston will also offer input on the project as it develops over the five-year period.

"Classical music has been behind the curve compared to other art forms—visual arts, theater, almost all in fact," Rose said. "Classical music is sort of bringing up the rear, and I hope that this project can help in its own small way to accelerate that process forward."



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### Fast-acting brothers pull a disabled man out of his burning car

The situation unfolded on an unseasonably warm fall afternoon at just about closing time for the Mohawk Insurance office at 1872 Dorchester Ave. Around 4:40 p.m., as they helped Lawrence solidify an insurance issue before the weekend, the three of them noticed a commotion across the street. A car in the garage under the tower seemed to have had an accident, and people were trying to get

(Continued from page 1) into the car—apparently to free the driver.

Scott, Mike, and Eric went outside and saw a man hitting the vehicle's window with a 2 x 4 while another man, who uses canes to walk, was swinging away at the other window with the canes. Neither was having any success.

While another onlooker went to get help at the fire station across the street, the Collins brothers went looking for some better tools.



The vehicle from which a handicapped man was pulled last Friday just before it burst into flames in a garage under the Englewood Elderly Housing complex on Dorchester Avenue. Seth Daniel photo

to find something to hit the window and I couldn't find anything," said Scott. "I looked out the window again and no one was around the car anymore. I saw the whole engine block engulfed in flames. I ran across

"I ran into the office

the street and Mike was right behind me. I told him to be careful because I thought the car might explode."

The handicapped gentleman in the car had fortunately been able to push open the side door, but he had gotten no farther. Scott said he observed the now-unconscious man on the seat, and the fire spreading rapidly throughout the vehicle.

"When I got to the car, he was lying across the seat, but he was non-responsive," said Scott. "I grabbed onto him, and at first I thought he was stuck on the seatbelt, but I gave him a good pull and he came out of the car."

Added Mike, "I was with Scott and I grabbed the man's other arm and we kind of dragged him across the parking lot away from the fire. Eric came over and helped us pick him up and we took him farther away from the car and laid him on the sidewalk."

The rescuers did their

job just in time, because less than a minute later, the car was fully engulfed in flames. Had they waited for the fire department or someone else to get to the scene, it's very likely the man would have been fatally consumed by the flames.

"If we waited, it was going to be too late," said

Once firefighters arrived and took charge of the situation, the man was treated and taken from the scene by Boston EMS. A report on his condition was not available from Boston EMS, but Scott told the Reporter that they had heard he was recovering.

Boston Fire Department responders reported that when they arrived on the scene, they found that the fire was spreading from the car to the underside of a community storage area in the building above. Fire Department command quickly struck a second alarm for the situation, bringing companies from all over the neighborhood over a concern that the flames would spread upward. However, firefighters made quick work of the blaze, and put it out before it could spread any farther. Residents were allowed to return to their homes later in the evening.



The Collins brothers have experienced extraordinary events related to vehicles. This photo taken from the company website shows what happened to their former insurance office up Dorchester Avenue when a wayward car plowed into the front of the building several years back. It is still in repair mode.

After things had died down, Scott and Mike and Eric walked back across the avenue to the insurance office, where Eric wrapped up his paperwork and Scott and Mike closed up for the weekend.

"It was amazing," said Scott. "You come to work every day and do insurance and you don't expect anything like that...I just think about what a gruesome death that

would have been - for him to burn alive right there. I texted Mike afterward about it and just told him I felt good about us getting the guy out. It's a good feeling.'

No details have been released to dates from an investigation into what happened to cause the car to catch on fire, but it appeared to be the result of a single-vehicle collision in the garage.

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BGCD is excited for upcoming college tours for our teen members including Northeastern University on October 30th and University of New Hampshire on November 13th.

questions. Many thanks to all that

attended.

For more information on our College Fellows, please contact Education Strategist Tricia Chapple at pchapple@ bgcdorchester.org. FIND OUT WHAT'S INSIDE:
Boston Police Department Visits
BGCD for Halloween Safety & Story

Time: Last week, the members of our Early Education & Care program at the Marr Clubhouse enjoyed a visit from our friends at the Boston Police Department. Officer's Woods and Officer Wilson stopped by to talk about Halloween safety and read to all the preschool students.

Pictured above is BGCD alumni, Officer Wilson. BGCD is so grateful for Officer Wilson and Officer Woods taking the time to stay connected with us and truly appreciate our close partnership with the Boston Police Department.

Many thanks to our friends at the Boston Police Department for their support. For more information on our partnerships, please contact Vice President of Operations Mike Joyce at mjoyce@bgcdorchester.org.



Boston Police Department Visits BGCD for Halloween Safety & Story Time: See details below.

DID YOU KNOW:

BGCD Welcomes Edens Volunteers for Day of Service: Boys & Girls Clubs of Dorchester was pleased to host an amazing group of volunteers from Edens who spent the recent Holiday sprucing up our outdoor play space. The volunteers spent the day power washing the equipment, planting new mulch and flowers and repurposing some of the space at our Marr Clubhouse.

BGCD would like to say a special thanks to all of the Edens volunteers for choosing us as a partner for their day of service. We appreciate your hard work and look forward to continuing our partnership in the future.

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### Baker: "No one thing" will fix Mass. and Cass

#### By Katie Lannan STATE HOUSE News Service

With Boston officials set to begin clearing tents in the area known as Mass. and Cass this week, Gov. Baker said on Monday that no single solution exists for the homelessness and addiction crises behind the encampments.

'The main thing we've tried to do, working with the attorney general and others over the course of the past six or seven weeks, is to create capacity to serve folks who are in the midst of what's obviously a terrible situation for themselves, and that's a whole combination of treatment capacity, shelter beds, outreach, and support," Baker told reporters. "And I think the endgame here should be to

do all we possibly can to find those folks the level of support and treatment and housing that makes sense for them. It's no one thing that's going to work here."

After weeks of escalating concerns around the intersection of Massachusetts Avenue and Melnea Cass Boulevard, Boston Mayor Kim Janey last week issued an executive order declaring tents would no longer be allowed on public ways.

Fliers posted in the area advised of a "general cleanup" start-ing Monday morning, NBC10 Boston reported. Earlier this month, medical professionals and other advocates wrote to elected officials, asking them to focus on "proven public health, treatment, and harm reduction strategies to address the



Several people struggling with homelessness and living around the "Mass. and Cass" area line up on Southampton Street for food supplies distributed by Support the Soupman. Jesse Costa/WBUR

current suffering on our streets."

Some signatories issued statements Monday opposing "mass displacements" at Mass. and Cass and calling for the city to meet basic needs until people in the encampments can access

"At this moment, we should invest in a sustained public health response to the developments in and around Massachusetts Avenue and Melnea Cass Boulevard," said Dr. Todd Kerensky, president of the Massachusetts Society of Addiction Medicine. "The solutions should include expanded access to low-barrier treatment options and more robust harm reduction services flanked by access to shelter."

The governor said there are "a lot of opportunities associated with housing, and they're not all in Boston. He added: "We have options that we've  $made\,available\,to\,the\,city$ that meet the so-called regional requirement, but I think the most important thing everybody needs to understand here is a lot of these folks are dealing with some pretty significant issues and it's going to be important that they be dealt with in what I would describe as a humane and appropriate way with the lead on the public health side of this, and that's exactly what the city's talking about," Baker said.



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The Boston Planning & Development Agency (BPDA) will host a meeting to discuss the planning considerations that the Agency uses in reviewing the proposed Dorchester Bay City proposal. This meeting will focus on how the Columbia Point Master Plan and other City plans guide the Agency's review of the proposal. The planning department will provide a brief presentation followed by an opportunity for questions from attendees. Attendees can expect to learn what guiding questions the Agency has in reviewing the project.

No decisions related to the proposed project will be made at this meeting. This project is still undergoing review by the BPDA; comments regarding the project should be made via the project webpage.

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### Report: 'Free' transit is popular, but idea may not be sustainable

By Darryl C. Murphy WBUR REPORTER

A new report from the Central Massachusetts Regional Planning Commission revealed that the Worcester Regional Transit Authority outperformed most of its peer agencies in the state when it came to recovering ridership lost during the pandemic. The finding comes after the agency offered fare-free service starting last spring and is now considering other options as the policy is set to end in December.

The commission looked at bus ridership between April 2020 and June 2021 for 12 regional transit agencies in the state and found the WRTA averaged 67 percent of pre-pandemic ridership during that time, topping the other agencies — including the MBTA.

"I can't speak to being fare-free for the entirety of that period had an effect on that, but it is an interesting correlation," said Jack Narron, an associate planner at the commission.

The report also found that free fares offered benefits such as more equity, since there is no barrier to entry for riders, and faster boarding. However, one of the downsides the commission found is that mayoral race. forgoing fares long term could lead to big financial losses.

WRTA administrator Dennis Lipka estimates the loss in fares will cost the agency nearly \$6 million by the time the policy ends in December. The agency has been relying on federal pandemic assistance to fund the program but would need additional help to continue it. When the free fare policy sunsets, Lipka hopes to reinstate fares and move the agency to a new fare payment system

"I think a new system would allow us to lower fares and make fares easier to pay and at the same time replace the revenue," Lipka said.

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Mayoral candidates Michelle Wu and Annissa Essaibi George went head-to-head on the issue during a debate co-sponsored by NBC10 Boston and the Dorchester Reporter on Oct. 19.

'Certainly we should look at several bus lines that connect some of our city's residents to the core, to opportunity,' said Essaibi George, who has opposed the idea of broadly free public transit. "But to make the MBTA free, who is going to pay for that? That's a \$2.3 billion

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In a rebuttal, Wu, who has made free public

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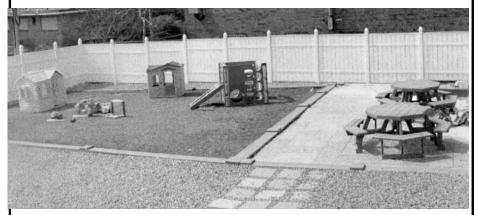
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### RECENT OBITUARIES

BAGGS, Henry J., 95, of Natick. Henry was born in Canada to William and Kathleen Larkin Baggs and raised in Dorchester. US Army veteran. He was also the State Commander of the AMVETS Post 79 in Natick. Father of Donna Stockrige and her husband Wallace of Natick, Scott Baggs and his wife Judith of NC, and Henry Baggs and his wife Tina of FL; brother of Eleanor Campanale of Braintree and Joanne Hannaford of Taunton. Henry is predeceased by his wife, Margaret Key Baggs; his children, William Baggs and Margaret Laing and his siblings; Margaret Baggs, Stella O'Neill and Catherine Wahlberg.

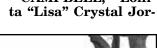
BISHOP, Mary E. (McGilvery), 97, of Peabody, formerly of Dorchester and Jamaica Plain. Wife of the late George W. Bishop, Sr., mother of George W. Bishop and his wife, Sharon of Peabody, John J. Bishop and his wife, Marie of Peabody, Paul V. Bishop and his wife, Patricia of South Yarmouth and Steven E. Bishop and his wife, Louise of Hanover, grandmother of 11, great-grandmother of 16. She was also the sister of the late John, Edward and George McGilvery. Contributions may be made in her memory



CAMPBELL, Lolli-







Daughter of the late Shirley D. Campbell and Wilbert Kinnitt Campbell. Lollita leaves her stepmother Donna Lambert, of Cambridge, her siblings: Darnell A. Campbell, Bryan Campbell (deceased), Douglas Lambert, Rev. Stephanie Castro, (Rev. Pedro), Brandy Lambert, Tieya Lambert and Tiana Lambert. Her daughters Kennia Lollita Čampbell and Jennay Tina Campbell; her 3 grandchildren, and a host of aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, and cousins.

dan, 56, of Dorchester.

CATON, Mary (Rantuccio), 99, Braintree, formerly of Dorchester. For over 43 years, she was an Executive Secretary for the Boston Public Schools, working for 13 different Superintendents. Mary was the wife of the late Edward Caton; mother of Geraldine Milgroom and her husband James of Weymouth and the late Mary Lou Corbett and her husband Paul Corbett of TN; sister of the late Frances Russo, Catherine Gugliotta, Anthony Rantuccio, Joan Rudinsky and Dominic Rantuccio; "Nina" to 4 and the late Andrew Corbett. Also survived by 18 great-grandchildren, 2 great-great-grandchildren and many nieces and nephews. Memorial contributions may be made to a charity of one's choice.

HARRINGTON, Paul B., of El Cahon, CA, originally from Dorchester, died suddenly. He was the fifth of six children of the late John and Edna (Sheehan) Harrington of Dorchester. He leaves behind his longtime friend, Norma Armstrong, his brothers John, Richard, Robert, and Mark Har-



Cheryl McCarren, eleven nieces and nephews, eleven great-nieces and great-nephews and numerous cousins.



JOHNSON, Jane A. (Coffey) of Dedham. Wife of the late Frank S. Johnson. Mother of Janet J. Whelton and her husband William of Dedham. Grandmother of Laura Toney of Dorchester, Joseph Whelton of Dedham, Amanda Whelton of Attleboro. Great-grandmother of 4.

KING, Jean Ella, 79, of Dorchester. Born to the late Curtis Fisher and Hattie Lee Dudley in Fayetteville, NC, she was number 5 of 7 children. She was a loved and respected employee of the City of Boston Public School department for over 20 years. Jean was preceded in death by her husband James A King, her brother John Charles McDonald, and her sisters, Arza Golson, and Marquerite Gillespie. She is survived by her brothers, Charles "June" Brady, and Louis Mc-Donald, her baby sister, Betty Ann Hankerson, her 3 children, Earl King (m. Stacey), Jimmy King (m. Mikkayla), and Janice Ledan (m. Charles), 18 grandchildren, and many great-grandchildren.



LABBE, Daniel R.,

76, of Holbrook, former-

ly of Dorchester. Hus-

band of Karen (Fitzger-

ald) Labbe, son of the late Anthony "Red" and Emilienne (Nee LaC-

asse) Labbe. Father of

Cindy and her husband

Doug Thompson of Anna

Maria, FL, Lisa and her

husband Charlie Semerly of Okemo, MI, John

Fitzgerald and his part-

ner Kara Ota of Sacra-

mento, CA, and Kiley

Fitzgerald and her hus-

band Steven Mach of

Chicago, Il. Grandfather

of 7. Great-Grandfather

of 2. Brother of Paul

Labbe of Dorchester,

and many nieces and nephews. Danny was predeceased by three sisters, Rita Gaston

and her husband Danny

Gaston, Irene Murphy

and her husband Lefty

and Lillian "Babe Lab-

be; three brothers, Geno

Labbe and his wife Mar-

gie, Robert Labbe and

Anthony Labbe Jr.; his niece, Georgette Droz

and his two nephews,

Billy Murphy and Dan-

ny Gaston Jr.

LEVINE, Myron, 86, originally from Dorchester, formerly of Newton and Natick. Husband of Sandra (Cohen) Levine. Father of David Levine and his wife Terry of Framingham and Steven Levine and his wife Sara of Acton. Grandfather of 4. Brother of the late Rhoda Kassed. He was theowner of Central Square Florist.



LYNCH, James M., 41, of Milton, suddenly. He worked as a cook in the restaurant industry for many years. He was the son of James P. and Catherine (Finn) Lynch of Milton and the brother of Catherine "Katie" Lynch and Johanna Ozcivi and her husband Ulgen of West Roxbury. Also survived by many aunts, uncles and cousins here and in Ireland.

McDEVITT, (**Heafey**) of Medford. Wife of James "Jack" McDevitt. Mother of Michael J. McDevitt of Medford, Mark McDevitt and Suzanne of Milton, and Christopher P. McDevitt and his wife Katharine of Milton. Grandmother of 4. Sister of Maureen Carew, Patricia Rotondi and the late Paul Heafey. Contributions may be made in Jane's name to Massachusetts General Hospital c/o the Development Office, 125 Nashua Street, Suite 540, Boston, MA 02114-1101.



ROSS, Michael J. of Mattapan in a tragic car accident. He died with his wife Colleen (Fadden) Ross of 35 years. Father of Michaela Rice and her husband Eric Rice, and Collin Ross and his fiance Rachel Dziedzic; grandfather of 3; brother of Carla Coombs and her husband Richie of Holbrook, Maribeth MacAskill and her husband Peter of Marshfield, Nora Hixon and her husband Steve of Rhode Island, Paul Ross Jr. and his long-time girlfriend Michelle Coates of Florida, the late Stephen Ross and his wife Karen Ross of Stoughton and the late Deborah Swift and her husband Joseph Swift of Plymouth. He also leaves many nieces, nephews, and close friends who were like family.



ZALESKI, Stanley, 82. of Carver. formerly o Dorchester. Husband of Mary (Grzesik) Zaleski. Father of five sons Richard and his wife Karen of Avon, the late John and his wife Jean of Wevmouth, Henry of Carver, Peter and his wife Jennifer of Westfield, and the late Christopher and his late wife Tracy of Plymouth. Grandfather of 10. Great-grandfather of 3. He is also survived by his brother Benedyt of Dunedin, FL, sister Stephanie and her husband Ted Rydzewski of Walpole, and brother Walenty and his wife Ann of Columbia, SC, and his brother-in-law Vincent Grzesik and his wife Mary of Bradenton, FL. Son of the late Pelagia and Walenty Zaleski. US Army veteran.

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COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS MASSACHUSETTS
THE TRIAL COURT
PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT
Suffolk Probate & Family Court
24 New Chardon Street
Boston, MA 02114 (617) 788-8300
CITATION ON PETITION FOR
FORMAL ADJUDICATION
Docket No. SU21P2180EA
ESTATE OF: RASHONN K. WILSON DATE OF DEATH: 07/13/2021

and Appointment of Personal Representativ andAppointmentof Personal Hepresentative has been filed by Kecia Simmons of Randolph, MA requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition. The Petitioner requests that: Kecia Simmons of Randolph, MA be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve on the bond in a unsupervised administration. the bond in an unsupervised administration IMPORTANT NOTICE

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Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court.
You have a right to object to this proceeding.
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written appearance and objection at this
Court before: 10:00 a.m. on the return day
of 1200/2014

of **12/02/2021**. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance by winch you must ine 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 o objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without the profile to be used.

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Date: October 21, 2021

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COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS THE TRIAL COURT
PROBATE & FAMILY COURT SUFFOLK DIVISION 24 NEW CHARDON STREET BOSTON, MA 02114 Docket No. SU20D1277DR DIVORCE SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION and MAILING ATHENA HOWELL-RASCOE

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vs. MATTHEW RASCOE

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You are hereby summoned and required to serve upon: Athena How ell-Rascoe, 7 Peacevale Road, Dorchester, MA 02124 your answer, if any, on or before 12/30/2021. If you fail to do so, the court will proceed to the hearing and adjudication of this action. You are also required to file a copy of your answer any, in the office of the Register of

this Court.
Witness, HON. BRIANJ. DUNN, First Justice of this Court. Date: October 22, 2021

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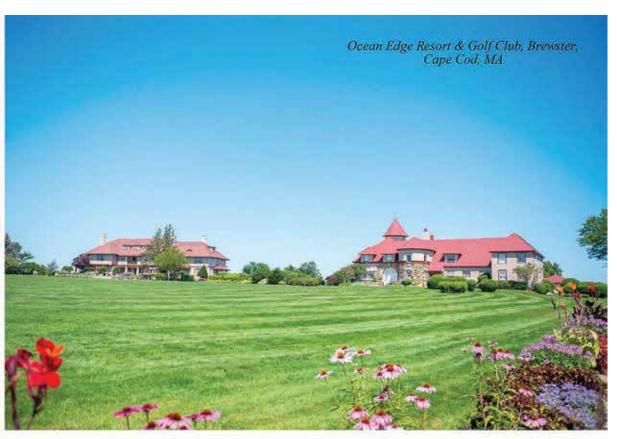
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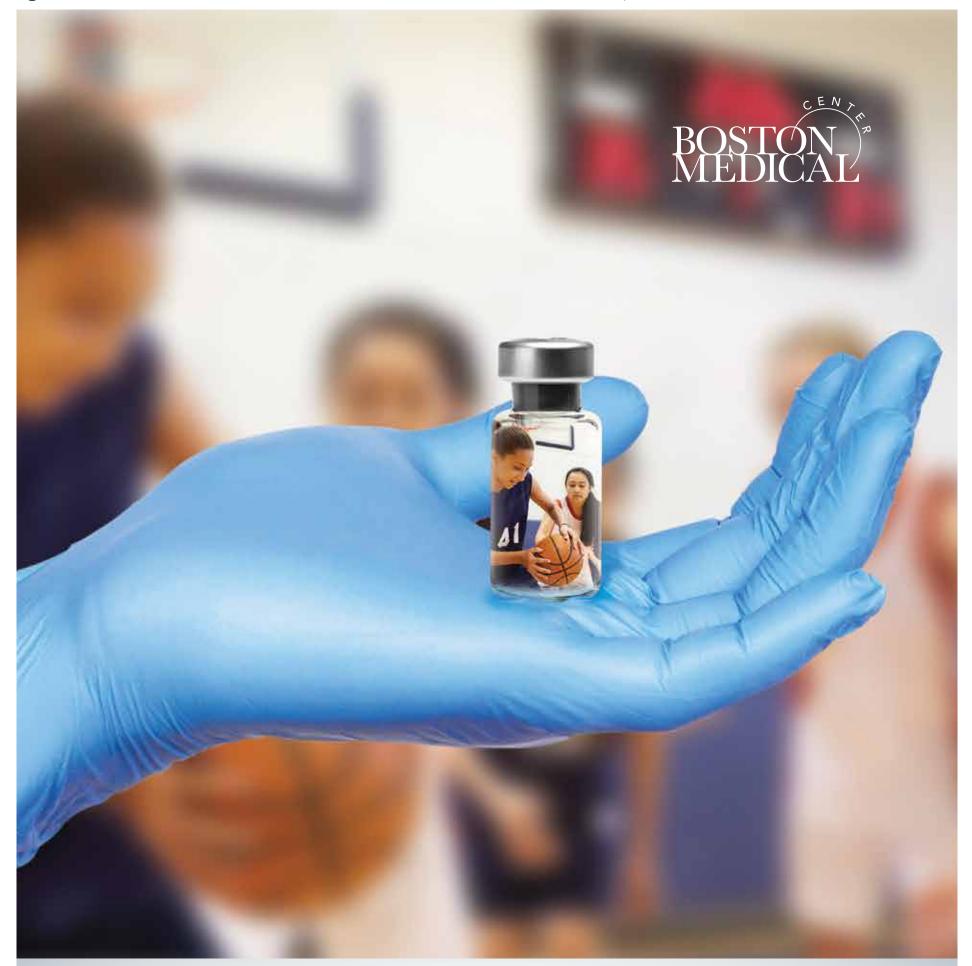




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