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Ava Mendes, Saniyah Vick, and Autumn Wilson of the Boston Raiders display their second-place trophy from their division. Plenty of excitement was on hand at Madison Park gym on Saturday as several city based programs came together for the first cheer competition under the newly formed Metropolitan Pop Warner league. The league formed almost out of necessity, and contains mostly city-based programs from Boston, Brockton, and Providence.

## City ballplayers, cheerleaders thrive in unified Pop Warner league

**News Editor** 

It was impossible to bury the jubilation brought to the table by hundreds of little girls and young ladies on cheer teams from Boston, Brockton, and Providence who packed into the Madison Park gymnasium on Saturday for their Pop Warner league's first-ever meet in the intense, growing world of youth cheerleading.

As the announcer read off the winners by age group, several times the Dorchester Eagles or Dorchester-based Boston Raiders were called, prompting deafening roars from the various teams sitting in wait for their trophies and their tickets to the New England regional competition later this month.

For the adults, particularly the board members for the new Metropolitan Pop Warner League - a league founded out of necessity for several city programs left out of the mix when the former Eastern Massachusetts league dissolved - there was nervousness combined with hope. Their new league has been through ups and downs this year, and they say they've

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## Local builders look to rewrite affordability on city-owned vacant lots

#### By SETH DANIEL **News Editor**

Answers to the neighborhood's housing shortage for existing residents may be hiding in long-vacant lots strewn throughout the western side of Dorchester, and one local development group believes they can rewrite the rules of affordable housing on three of those lots.

While filling cityowned vacant lots with



Milo Stella and Jennifer Hawere recently designated to construct three, new, multi-family buildings Seth Daniel photo on Norwell St.

housing has been underway for years, the newest iteration of that program, known as Welcome Home Boston, was unveiled by Mayor Wu during her January State of the City Address to speed up that process and bring in new developers.

That caught the eyes of Dorchester's Milo Stella of Star Contracting and Jennifer Ha of Hue Architecture, who have (Continued on page 12)

## City election will bring new faces to council

Polls open on Tuesday, 7 a.m. - 8 p.m.

#### By Chris Lovett REPORTER CORRESPONDENT

Boston's local election cycle toggles between higher turnout years, with campaigns for City Council and Mayor, and "off years," with only a race for the council. But 2023 is shaping up to be one of the "way off" years, when a dearth of expected at-large vacancies and candidates can flatten the curve on voter turnout.

As late as July 4, all four at-large incumbents had to be counted as possibly running for re-election. That changed on July 5, when Michael F. Flaherty, the top at-large vote-getter two years ago, announced that he would not seek another term.

The opening left by Flaherty created more opportunity for the sole remaining candidate from South Boston, Bridget Nee-Walsh, and for Henry Santana, a former aide to Mayor Michelle Wu who announced his campaign in April. But, with only eight candidates still running at-large, a citywide preliminary election

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### Speeds up on Red Line as October 'surge' ends

By BILL FORRY **EXECUTIVE EDITOR** 

Train service on the Ashmont branch of the Red Line resumed on Monday morning to positive

reviews from passengers and T officials, who hailed a 16-day October "surge" to make track and station improvements as a success.

The MBTA is proud to have successfully completed this critical work on an expedited timeline. As a result, Red Line and Mattapan Line riders are now experiencing safer, faster, and more reliable service,' said Phillip Eng, the MBTA general manager. "I want to thank the public for their patience as we completed critical infrastructure work



Workers cleaned the platform at JFK-UMass last week

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along the Ashmont Branch and Mattapan Line over the last 16 days."

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#### Police, Courts & Fire

A 29-year-old man has been charged in the stabbing death of a 78-year-old Mattapan man last week. Marc Scutt was arrested on Sunday afternoon near Downtown Crossing, according to Boston Police. He will be charged in the death of Jean Casseus, who was found murdered on Rugby Road on Oct. 19. At the time of the stabbing, police say Scutt and Casseus may have known each other.

Federal prosecutors say a person living in Dorchester has been indicted for identity theft and fraud after they allegedly used a victim's name and vital statistics to obtain a passport and steal unemployment funds totaling \$6,000. The real identity of the man—called John Doe by the US Attorney's Office— is still not known.

According to charging documents, Doe –also successfully applied for a Massachusetts driver's license and then used the victim's identity to apply for Pandemic Unemployment Assistance (PUA). The victim "has suffered garnishment of his wages for child support costs that John Doe has failed to pay," the federal authorities say.

If convicted, the person faces "up to five years in prison, three years of supervised release and a fine of up to \$250,000." A federal district court judge will hear the case. Assistant U.S. Attorney Brian J. Sullivan of the Major Crimes Unit is prosecuting the case.

Boston Police arrested a 15-year-old male juvenile on Saturday night after they responded to a shots fired report on Topliff Street around 9 p.m. Police say that a moped in the vicinity of the shooting first failed to stop for officers and then the two occupants—including the 15-year-old who they eventually arrested—fled on foot. According to the BPD account, the teenager was carrying a firearm in his waistband.... On Friday evening (Oct. 27), officers arrested a 17-year-old teen for allegedly carrying a handgun loaded with one round in the chamber and nine more in a clip, in the area of 77 Hancock St., which police say is a "no trespassing zone." In both instances, police characterized the seized weapons as "ghost guns," which are homemade weapons that do not have serial numbers.

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The city's newest police officers were sworn-in by Mayor Wu and Commissioner Michael Cox on Friday, Oct. 27 at the Boston Convention and Exhibition Center. The graduating class is one of the most diverse in the city's history as over 60 percent of the graduates are people of color. Out of the 134 recruits who took the oath last week, 57 speak one or more languages other than English with 16 total languages represented. The BPD's first Somalian officer and first Moroccan officer are among the ranks. The class spent 29 weeks training in physical, tactical, and classroom activities, including— for the first time—language access training.

Photo courtesy Mayor's Office/Isabel Leon

### Postman robbed at gunpoint; reward offered

The United State Postal Inspection Service is offering reward worth up to \$150,000 for information that leads to the arrest of a suspect who robbed a letter carrier at gunpoint in Mattapan on Oct. 18. It was the latest in a series of incidents targeting either letter carriers or mailboxes in recent months.

The most recent incident happened around 2:30 p.m. on a Wednesday afternoon on Stonecrest Road. Video surveillance shows an assailant approach a mail carrier from behind and hold a gun to the back of his head. According to a report by Boston25 News, the gunman grabbed the back of the victim's neck, and demanded: "Just give me the... key."

Letter carriers have been targeted before for so-called "master keys," which are universal and open every blue box, as well as all green relay boxes and the privately locked mailboxes found in multi-family or multi-business build-





Images released by USPIS show an armed robbery of a letter carrier on Stonecrest Road in Mattapan on Oct. 18.

ings. In August, a mail carrier was robbed at gunpoint, allegedly for his keys and the mail he was carrying, on Whitfield Street near Codman Square. That incident is also under investigation by Boston Police and the US Postal Inspection Service.

The suspect in the Stonecrest Road incident is described as a Black male, around 6'2" tall and 220 pounds, in a dark-colored hooded sweatshirt and pants, and white sneakers. If you have any information that might assist the investigation, please call

1-877-876-2455 and ask for "law enforcement." The USPIS says all information will be kept "strictly confidential."

The ongoing pattern of mail thefts - which are federal crimes – was discussed at last month's meeting of the Columbia-Savin Hill Civic Association, which has been tracking the problem for months. A USPS spokesperson told The Reporter that people take their mail – especially checks or payments or greeting cards - directly into a postal branch or give them directly to a mail carrier. Blue box use is

particularly discouraged on weekends and at other times when the mail will sit for long periods of time without a collection.

"We're doubling down on our efforts to protect our Postal employees and the security of the mail. We are hardening targets – both physical and digital – to make them less desirable to thieves and working with our law enforcement partners to bring perpetrators to justice," said Postal Inspection Service Chief Gary Barksdale in a May press release.

Incidents of letter carrier robberies are on the rise across the nation, according to USPS. In FY22, 412 letter carriers were robbed on the job, and 305 incidents were reported in the first half of FY23. Additionally, USPS reported an increase in high volume mail theft incidents from mail receptacles like blue boxes: 38,500 in FY22 and more than 25,000 in the first half of FY23.

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Boston's Municipal Election will be held on Tuesday, Nov. 7. Polls are open from 7 a.m.- 8 p.m. See boston.gov/elections for updated list of polling locations. Watch DotNews.com for election results.

Dorchester native Lawrence O'Donnell, host of MSNBC's The Last Word, and Tennessee State Representative Justin J. Pearson of the "Tennessee Three" will engage in a keynote conversation during ABCD's Community Heroes celebration on Friday, Nov. 3 at the Boston Marriott Copley Place, where four Dorchester residents will be among 18 people who have been nominated from across the region by ABCD neighborhood centers and programs. For more information about the event, see bostonabcd.org.

UMass Boston plans a community meeting to share campus and community updates on Monday, Nov. 13, 7-9 p.m. at the Intergrated Science Complex, 100 Morrissey Blvd., Dorchester. Refreshments and parking will be provided. See ad on page 19 to register.

Boston Centers for Youth & Families, the City of Boston's Public Facilities Department and the Mayor's Office of Neighborhood Services host a virtual meeting to explore options for the design of a new community center in the Grove Hall section of Dorchester. The meeting will be held via Zoom on Wed., Nov. 8 at 6 p.m. To learn more about this project, how the location was selected, and review the final presentation from the first phase of this

process, visit Boston.gov/BCYF-Grove-Hall. BPDA hosts a virtual public meeting to discuss a proposed project at 376-384A Blue Hill Ave. in Dorchester. MTK Development wants to build a 4-story building with units, and rooftop green space and Solar PV. The 18 residential units are comprised of 1BD, 2BD, and 3BD units that will be targeting households between 80%-100% AMI. Currently, all of the units and commercial space will be for sale, however, the programming can change depending on community feedback and feasibility. The meeting is set for Thurs., Nov. 9, 6-7:30 p.m. See bostonplans.org for link details.

The annual Hidden Heroes and Sheroes dinner and awards ceremony hosted

by the Codman Square Neighborhood Council and the Greater Four Corners Action Coalition will take place on Friday, Nov. 17, 6-8:30 p.m. at the Great Hall, 6 Norfolk St., Dorchester. Tickets are \$45. Go to codmansquarecouncil.org to purchase or sponsor.

The 4th annual 3 Point Foundation gala and awards ceremony will be held on Friday, Nov. 17, 6-9 p.m. at the Fairmount Copley Hotel. Awardees include Alfreda Harris, Joe Cooper, Susan Levine and Bain Capital. Tickets at 3pointfoundationgala. org.

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### Gov. Healey, Rooney clan, and 'arts-power-couple' lauded at 'Irish Honors'

By Reporter Staff More than 300 guests packed the Boston Seaport Hotel's ballroom last Friday (Oct. 27) for the 13th annual Boston Irish Honors luncheon, which highlights men, women, and families of Irish ancestry who "embody the best qualities of the Irish." The event is organized by Boston Irish, a publication that is owned by the Forry family of Dorchester, who also

Gov. Maura Healey became the first sitting chief executive of the Commonwealth to accept the award, which was presented to her by past recipient and honorary

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co-chair of the event, US Sen. Edward Markey. Gov. Healey was joined at the luncheon by her mother Catherine Tracy Healey, who is the daughter of Irish immigrants. Gov. Healey has visited Ireland several times, including a trip as governor earlier this year to mark the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of President Kennedy's 1963 visit to his family's ancestral home.

The Rooney family, rooted in South Boston but with members living in Dorchester— including Jim and Millie Rooney—were honored for their family's many contributions to the city and region over multiple generations. Tom Tinlin, who co-hosted Friday's luncheon with former Sen. Linda Dorcena Forry, presented the award to Jim Rooney and his ten brothers. Jim Rooney, who leads the Greater Boston Chamber of Commerce, offered moving remarks about his family's experience, with a particular focus on his mom, Margaret Peggy "Hon" Rooney, who is the daughter of Irish immigrants from Co. Mayo.

The husband-and-wife duo Vincent Crotty and Kieran Jordan, accepted the Boston Irish Honor for their contributions to arts and culture in the community. The couple live in Dorchester. Crotty,

born in Co. Cok, Ireland, is a highly-regarded portrait and landscape painter who emigrated to Boston in the 1980s. His wife, Kieran, is a Philadelphia native who has devoted her life's work to teaching Irish dance, particularly the traditional sean nos style. They each offered poignant remarks about their close friend and mentor, the late Brian O'Donovan, a Bosotn Irish leader who died on Oct. 6.

Other local names who played a role in Friday's events include Rev. Jack Ahern of St. Gregory's parish, who offered a closing prayer; William Kennedy of Lower Mills, a past honoree



Sen. Ed Markey, Gov. Healey, and Linda Dorcena

who served as the event's co-chair, along with longtime Dorchester business leader and past honoree Brendan Feeney; Maureen Forry-Sorrell, who leads the Boston Irish effort with her father, Ed Forry; Hon. James

T. Brett, a past honoree and committee member; and Councillor Frank Baker, who attended the luncheon with his chief of staff, Amanda Curley, and was saluted from the stage for his career in public service.



Gov. Maura Healey, center, with the Rooney family, including Jim and Millie Rooney.



Maureen Forry-Sorrell, Paula Plum, Kieran Jordan, Vincent Crotty, and co-host Linda Dorcena Forry. Photos by Margaret Brett-Hastings

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## City election will bring new faces to council

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That also happened in 2007, when a local measure made it possible to skip the preliminary vote for a field of nine at-large candidates. In 2015, with a field of eight at-large candidates, the preliminary round was skipped automatically. In both years, voter turnout for the final election was about 13.6 percent. That was at least three percentage points below the figures for "off-year" elections in 2011 and 2019, when a bigger field running at-large resulted in a citywide preliminary election. Even in those years, the turnout was down from where it had been in 2003 and 1999, when turnouts slightly exceeded 24 percent.

In line with population growth, the number of Boston's registered voters has been climbing, with more than 442,000 in the last city election in 2021. If that were multiplied by the same turnout percentage as in the lower "off years" in 2007 and 2015, the result would be about 60,000 voters—well below the number in years with presidential elections. A former city councillor and longtime election observer, Larry DiCara, predicts this year's turnout will run between 75,000 and 80,000.

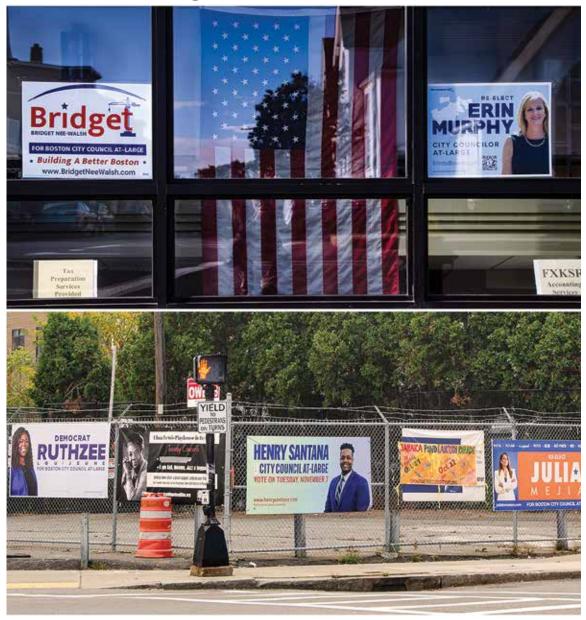
According to DiCara, "realistically, only five people are campaigning" for the four at-large seats. In addition to Santana and Nee-Walsh are the three incumbents: a second term councillor, Julia Mejia, and two first-term members, Ruthzee Louijeune and Erin Murphy.

Campaign finance reports show a yawning gap between figures for the top five candidates and the rest of the field. The top fund-raiser between May and the end of September this year was Murphy, followed by Louijeune, Mejia, Santana and Nee-Walsh, who raised the bulk of her recent money after Flaherty's announcement.

A native of the Dominican Republic who currently lives in Dorchester, Santana has endorsements from Wu and Councillor Louijeune, along with some state legislators and district councilors, past and present. He's also backed by the Boston Teachers Union, Right to the City, and Dorchester's Ward 15 Democratic Committee. Like all three at-large incumbents, he lists multiple labor endorsements. including those from service workers, Unite Here Local 26, the Boston Teachers Union and the Greater Boston Labor Council.

A Local 7 Ironworker and owner of a South Boston business, Nee-Walsh has endorsements from several unions in the building trades, as well as unions representing Boston police and firefighters. In her first try for the council, in 2021, she finished in 7<sup>th</sup> place.

The only at-large candidate endorsed by both of Boston's daily newspapers, Murphy highlights her support of recovery programs by listing an endorsement from the President of the Gavin Foundation, John McGahan. Her campaign contributors include former Boston mayor Marty Walsh (\$1,000) and the former speaker of the Mass. House of



A view of some of the political signage promoting candidates in the Nov. 7 municipal election as seen in Dorchester last week.

\*\*Chris Lovett photos\*\*

Representatives, Tom Finneran. But she also has support from the building trades and unions representing Boston police, firefighters and emergency medical responders.

Julia Mejia, who finished in second place in 2021, has endorsements from the Boston Teachers Union (BTU), Right to the City, Ward 15 Democratic Committee. In line with the tone of her pre-election appearances, her campaign website showcases endorsements from activists and nonprofit leaders.

Louijeune's website also lists endorsements from unions representing service workers, nurses, hotel and restaurant workers, Boston teachers, trade unions, the Mass. Nurses Assn. and Right to the City. In addition to the recent endorsement by Ward 15 Democrats in Dorchester, her website lists support from four other Democratic ward committees. Her PAC contributors include labor unions and the Mass. Women's Political Caucus.

The other at-large candidates, running for the first time, are Clifton Braithwaite, Shawn Nelson and Catherine Vitale.

Nelson and Vitale, who both live in Dorchester, have both made news in recent years for a series of protests against vaccination mandates, often making their point with bullhorns. Last year, Nelson was arrested during one protest that disrupted a mayoral coffee hour at Ronan Park. Of the two protest candidates, Vitale has raised more money, including a donation from another anti-vaccination candidate who ran for state representative and received 6.4 percent of the vote. Her largest reported donations, \$1,000 in cash and another by check, were from Louis Murray, a 2016 delegate for President-elect Donald Trump and a member of the National Catholic Advisory Committee for Trump/Pence.

In his campaign finance reports, the other at-large candidate, Clifton Braithwaite of Mattapan, itemized only \$350 in donations from four individuals.

Voters will also choose new councillors this year in two districts covering parts of Dorchester and Mattapan.

In District 3, covering the South Bay area and the eastern side of Dorchester from the Polish Triangle to Lower Mills, six-term councillor Frank Baker announced earlier this year that he would not run for re-election. In the preliminary round, seven candidates ran for the seat, with John M. Fitz-Gerald and Joel G. Richards emerging as finalists.

FitzGerald received 43.07 percent of the vote, more than double the share captured by Richards.

The son of Kevin Fitzgerald, who was a longtime state representative originally from Mission Hill, FitzGerald has worked at different positions for the city over the past 17 years, most recently overseeing management of property owned by the Boston Planning and Development Authority (BPDA). He has also served as the president of the community center in Mission Hill and raised money for the Dana Farber Cancer Institute.

Richards has been a teacher in the Boston Public schools for 15 years, along with being a pastor. The founder of Dorchester's Juneteenth celebration, he serves on the board for Little Saigon and has served as president of Fields Corner Main Street. His supporters include the Boston Teachers Union, SEIU Local 1199, Right to the City and the Ward 15 Democratic Committee.

FitzGerald has an even larger advantage in funding, by a ratio of more than three-to-one. Since May, his campaign has raised almost \$203,000, more than any other candidate for the council over the same period, including those running at-large. Donors who previously held office include former Boston mayor Marty Walsh, former councillors Mark Ciommo, William Linehan and John Tobin, and former Suffolk County Sheriff Richard Rouse. Along with money from contractors, developers and trade unions, the campaign has contributions from police and firefighter unions, Unite Here Local 26, the Boston Carmen's Union, as well as an endorsement from the Greater Boston Labor Council

Part of Mattapan lies in District 5, where Enrique Pepén and Jose Ruiz are competing to replace Ricardo N. Arroyo, the incumbent councillor who was eliminated in the preliminary election. Most of the district consists of precincts in Hyde Park, Readville and Roslindale. The race is also the closest thing on this year's ballot to a head-on proxy war between two Boston mayors.

In September, Pepén received more than 40 percent of the vote, with Ruiz getting almost 31 percent. After starting as an intern for former city councillor Tito Jackson, Pepén went on to work for former US Rep. Joe Kennedy III, and later as head of Mayor Wu's Office of Neighborhood Services. Currently a Roslindale resident, he's endorsed

by Wu, Kennedy, Louijeune, Jackson and State Rep. Russell Holmes. The labor support listed on his campaign's website includes trade unions, Unite Here Local 26, BTU, and three SEIU locals.

A native of Puerto Rico who lives in Readville, Ruiz is a retired police officer who also partnered with the Boston Red Sox Foundation to run youth baseball and softball programs. His backers include former mayor Marty Walsh, former Boston Police Commissioner William G. Gross, City Councilors Ed Flynn, Frank Baker and Erin Murphy. He's also supported by Boston police and firefighter unions, and the gun control and gun safety advocates Moms Demand Action.

Through September 30, Ruiz has been the district's leader in campaign fundraising, with \$68,870.46. Pepén has raised \$50,800.70.

In recent months, none of this year's candidates for City Council can match the \$320,000 reported since August 28 by the Forward Boston Independent Expenditure PAC, most of whose money comes from Jim Davis, the chairman of New Balance and a longtime Republican donor who lives in Newton. In 2021, his PAC committed an even larger amount in support of the runner-up for mayor, Annissa Essaibi George.

In this year's election, Forward Boston has spent money in support of Murphy, Nee-Walsh, FitzGerald and Ruiz. In the preliminary election the PAC supported both challengers to Councilor Kendra Lara in District 6 (West Roxbury and Jamaica Plain). Through October 23, Forward Boston has spent more than \$102,000—almost nine times the \$12,000 spent this year through the month of September by the BTU PAC. In a year without a glut of campaign signs in most of the city, Forward Boston has been reaching voters in other ways, whether in polling, text messages, phone calls, or on social media. If the trawl for voter engagement is less widely cast and less outwardly visible, it can sometimes be more precisely targeted. Regardless which candidates win on November 7, the preliminary election has already brought change with the defeat of two incumbents-Arroyo and Lara. Combined with the departures of Baker and Flaherty, the stage is set for a change of tone, if not a dramatic shift of balance between the political left and right. DiCara says he hopes for a turn from "the unpleasantness," marked by friction between councilors, to an "aggiornamento," a term associated with the spirit of renewal ushered into the Catholic Church more than sixty years ago by Pope John XXIII. DiCara predicts the voters in the final round will be less driven by ideology than the character of an individual campaign—and that new faces on the council will, for the most part, be "team players." That could mean changing the curve in a different way: "The middle," he says, "will expand."

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## Hero Square for WWII's William G. Walsh re-dedicated in Saturday ceremony

By SETH DANIEL News Editor

City officials and veterans groups joined the late William G. Walsh's family Saturday to recognize a new biography plaque on the hero square dedicated to the late World War II veteran, and announce the square's relocation to the memorial placed in the park that also bears his name.

Veterans agent Robert Santiago told those gathered at the corner of Gallivan Boulevard and Washington Street that he had been to a small ceremony in the park on Memorial Day hosted by the last-remaining members of the William G. Walsh Post. At the time, they were looking for Walsh relatives to advocate for the fallen Marine gunnery sergeant.

Santiago noticed there was no biography of Walsh, and few knew much about him, and so the wheels were set in motion.

"He was not only a hero, he was a friend, a husband, a neighbor and ason," said Santiago, noting that Walsh jumped on top of a grenade thrown at his unit on Iwo Jima, and saved all his fellow soldiers while sacrificing himself.

"This biography plaque is a way to remember him and educate our community about what he did and what he sacrificed and why we remember him," said Santiago.

Santiago said the city has plans to move the Hero Square from the island in the middle of Gallivan Boulevard, which is



Veterans Agent Robert Santiago.

now quite isolated, and place it in front of Walsh Park, which is also named after him. That will be done perhaps as soon as Memorial Day 2024.

"Over here (on Gallivan), it's a little lost and we should give him the respect of putting it where it's most important to the community – especially for a Medal of Honor recipient, which he was," said Santiago.

Family members, including Rich Gormley of West Roxbury and Mark Smith of Stoughton, filled in the details of Walsh - which have largely been lost. The family immigrated from Ireland to East Boston, then later to Roxbury and on to Dorchester. In 1946, one year after Walsh was killed, the Hero Square was dedicated. Parts of the family moved on to Milton and others to West Roxbury, eventually spreading as far as Worcester.

Family members said during Walsh's life, his parents lived at 842 Washington St., but later moved down Washington Street closer to the city park that now bears his

"William G. Walsh was



Family, friends, and city leaders gathered Saturday on Gallivan Boulevard to re-dedicate the Hero Square to late Marine Gunnery Sgt. William G. Walsh, who died in World War II when he jumped on a grenade to save the men under his command.

Seth Daniel photo

on a baseball team and the whole team went and signed up together," said family member Mark Smith. "They went the day after Pearl Harbor, and they all waited outside of the office until it opened up so they could sign up."

Walsh was 18 when he signed up for the Marines, starting duty on Jan. 6, 1942. He was killed on Feb. 27, 1945, while serving in the Pacific Theatre in a famed battalion known as "Carlson's Raiders." He left behind his wife, Mary Louise. The Neponset River Bridge from Dorchester  $to \, North \, Quincy \, is \, named \,$ after another Walsh, the Rev. Cormac Walsh - the most decorated chaplain during the Korean War.



Marine Gunnery Sergeant William G. Walsh was killed in combat during the Battle of Iwo Jima in Feb. 1945.

## State observing Veterans Day holiday in uneven way

With Veterans Day falling on a Saturday this year, branches of government are again diverging on how they handle weekand helidays

end holidays.

On Beacon Hill, House and Senate offices will be closed Friday, Nov. 10 to observe the holiday, according to spokespeople for the House speaker and Senate president. The Legislature is following the same general policy as the federal government, which for employment purposes observes weekend holidays on the closest weekday.

All Executive Branch agencies will be open for business Nov. 10, according to a memo from the Human Resources Division, and the state court system will also be open as usual that day, a court spokeswoman said.

Agencies should give a day off to "[a]s many employees as possible" on Nov. 10 while remaining open, under the state's human resources guidance, with Monday marked as an "alternative day off." State employees who work both that Friday and Monday are entitled to compensatory holiday time that they can use within 60 days.

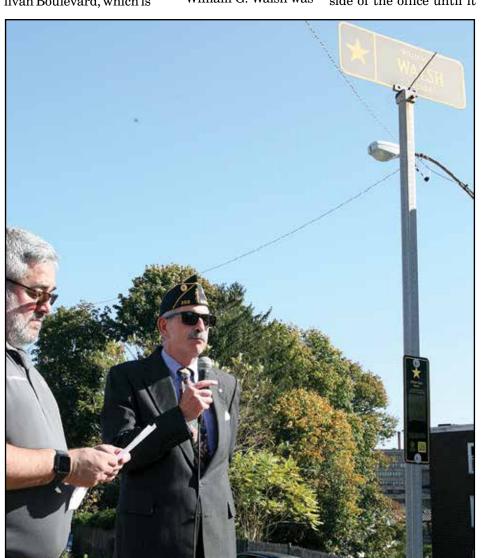
Secretary William Galvin's holiday calendar states that "Saturday holidays are observed on

Saturday." Most of state government follows that approach, but it's different for holidays falling on a Sunday -- like New Year's Day earlier this year -- which trigger a three-day weekend.

The State House will be open to the public on Nov. 10, and any tourists who stop by can still hop on a tour. Galvin's "Doric Docent" tour guides will be on the clock.

Many local school districts, including Boston, Worcester, and Springfield, have no classes Nov. 10 in observance of Veterans Day.

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William G. Walsh Post Commander Dan McGuire speaks about the dedication and the upcoming move of the square in front of Walsh Park, one block away.

Seth Daniel photo



## City Council supports move to change Faneuil Hall's name

The Boston City Council last week approved a resolution that calls on the city to change the name of Faneuil Hall because Peter Fanueil was a slave owner.

The measure does not force the Wu administration to do anything, but calls on her to establish a commission or other process to come up with another name for the city-owned historic building - and the mall behind it.

Councillor Tania Fernandes Anderson, who proposed the resolution, said it was long past time for the city to reject the name of a man who enslaved and tortured Blacks.

The District 7 incumbent councillor rejected the argument this would ignore a part of Boston history. She said the city could put up a plaque or a kiosk explaining the building's history, "without celebrating a rapist or a white supremacist or a slave owner or, you know, someone who was killing Black people and torturing Black people and purchasing and kidnapping Black people and supporting payments for a ship to enslave Black people."

She said that even aside



**Peter Faneuil** 

from the systemic racism she said Black in Boston continue to experience, "symbols are important" and that too often, they simply tell white people, even "victims of violence in European countries," that they are welcome in Boston, that "they can be here and be free and then accomplish here," in a way that Black people simply are not told.

She said the building and marketplace's new name would be best left to whatever commission the city sets up, but she suggested either renaming it after a person who fought for freedom, such as Crispus Attucks or Frederick Douglass or after an ideal, such as

Liberty or Freedom.

City councillors Frank Baker, Ed Flynn and Michael Flaherty voted against the resolution. Councillor Erin Murphy, who votes with those councilors on divisive issues, broke with them and voted for the measure. Also voting for it: Councillors Arroyo, Breadon, Coletta, Durkan, Fernandes Anderson, Lara, Louijeune, Mejia and Worrell.

Baker said that while he could disagree with some of what Fernandes Anderson said, he was not necessarily opposed to the idea, but rather that the resolution was simply too vague. For example, it left out the issue of naming - and deserved the sort of detailed discussion that could only happen in a council committee session, where frank and open exchanges are encouraged. Flynn and Flaherty did not discuss their reasons for voting no.

Arroyo said he would like to go even further than downtown, that it's equally past time to rename Maverick Square and Maverick station on the Blue Line because Samuel Maverick was as reprehensible as Faneuil.

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**REP. JUSTIN J. PEARSON** 

Tennessee House of Representatives

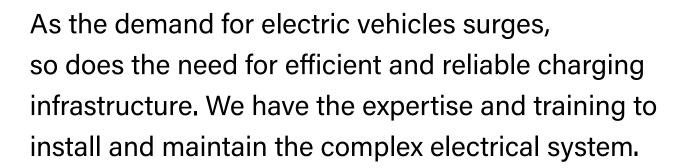
JUSTIN J. PEARSON is a member of the Tennessee House of Representatives. When a mass shooter took the lives of six persons – three of them 9-year-olds – at The Covenant School in Nashville last March, Pearson, along with fellow state representatives Justin Jones and Gloria Johnson, staged a protest for common sense gun legislation on the Tennessee House floor.



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## Through dance, a choreographer with disabilities changes the narrative

By Vanessa Lee Special to the Reporter

Prancing gracefully across the dance floor with her striking red crutches, Ellice Patterson performs a modern dance on stage. Elegantly lifting her legs one at a time, she balances her body on her crutches, with each limb moving delicately and her facial expressions rich with emotion.

As a dancer with disabilities, Patterson moves in beautiful, unique ways.

She is the founder and choreographer of Abilities Dance Boston, a professional dance company consisting of dancers with and without disabilities. She will be leading and choreographing the team's show next month in Dorchester, The Banned Ballet.

"I want to be able to create space in dance for everyone," she said.

The story of this ballet consists of fictional characters, but the underlying message is relevant: a response to recent book bans, controversial acts of censorship, happening around the United States. Many US public institutions are restricting books deemed inappropriate or offensive in certain states. Patterson said the fairytale highlights themes of queerness and disabilities, as the current book bans affect marginalized communities specifically.

"It is a fairytale that I wrote about a librarian being frustrated about the book bans that have hit her community and her being swept into this fairytale book," Patterson said.

Patterson said The Banned Ballet consists of themes related to her identities as a disabled, Black and queer woman.

"It's just a ballet about resistance," Kate O'Day said, a dancer with Patterson's company. "It's told through storytelling, which is like an accessible form of digestion of information."

The Banned Ballet will be premiering in-person and livestream on Nov. 3 and 4 at 8 p.m. The in-person show will take place at Dorchester's Strand Theatre.

Patterson, 29, has been dancing since the age of 4. Her love for dance began back home in rural Mississippi. But when she came to Boston for college, she wasn't able to get space to perform professionally. Patterson said there was no professional dance company that accepted her, for a variety of reasons, whether there were not any spaces for disabled dancers or whether choreographers were unwilling to accommodate



Ellice Patterson speaking about Abilities Dance Boston at an event at Boston University on October 14, 2023. Vanessa Lee photo

their dance companies' performances.

This drove her to start her own company to "create work that not only considers different accommodations in the process, but also highlights the intersectionality [of] disability cultural stories within the work itself," she said.

Starting her business was rocky at first, but Patterson saved money from tips she earned bartending to fund her first show. Patterson believes barriers she faced in her career were not because of her disability, but due societal limitations that imposed barriers.

"Every day is a different battle," Patterson said, noting the challenges of being Black, queer

and a woman. "And that is the unfortunate reality that a lot of my colleagues don't have to face."

Her company raises funds to cover ticket prices for people who cannot afford to pay to see their performances.

O'Day said fundraising from donors is "a great way to support" the company's goal in increasing inclusivity for participants and audience members.

The dance company also receives funding from the Mass. Cultural Council, including \$36,100 in various grants programs, said council senior director of public affairs Bethann Steiner.

"[Abilities Dance Bostonis] truly a leader when it comes to access to the

arts and culture here in Massachusetts," Steiner said.

Patterson said besides the council's donations, her company also raises funds that make up a large portion of the company.

Lizbeth Romero, programming coordinator at the dance company, said Patterson is trying to "de-stigmatize dance" and change the narrative around what people with disabilities are "supposed to do."

Romero, who is not disabled, said the dance company helped her learn more about her own biases, and she praised the dancers for passionately showcasing all that they can do, saying she could "just tell by the way their

bodies move," she said.

During Patterson's dance on stage, she lets go of her crutches mid-performance. She is on the ground and on her knees, performing movements with her upper body. The stage was captured on video and shared with supporters.

As she dances, Patterson changes the narrative around movement for all bodies.

She also is working to change minds.

Patterson, in an interview, encouraged people of all abilities to not restrict themselves when it comes to dance.

"Don't hesitate to figure out ways to make current spaces you might be in, to work for you," Patterson said.

## Local poet takes library board seat

By Cassidy McNeeley Reporter Correspondent

The Boston Public Library last week announced three new appointees to its board of trustees, including Dorchester resident Porsha Olayiwola, an accomplished writer, performer, educator, and curator.

Olayiwola is one of

three new board members, along with Jim Canales and Raymond Liu, the trio replacing outgoing trustees Jabari Asim, Ben Bradlee Jr, and Linda Dorcena Forry, who were recognized for their service on Sept. 26. Officially sworn in two weeks ago, the new trustees yet to complete

their orientation.

"I'm thrilled to appoint Porsha, Jim, and Ray to the Boston Public Library Board, bringing their expertise and love for Boston to one of the most historic and impactful institutions in our city," said Mayor Michelle Wu.

The BPL Board of Trustees was established in 1878 and is composed of 15 members, all of whom are residents of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. During the five years that trustees hold their term, they set the policies and goals of the library, oversee the general operating and administrative policies, and govern the library as agents of public trust.



Porsha Olayiwola

The trustees' mission is "to preserve and provide access to historical records of our society, and to serve cultural, educational, and informational needs of the city of Boston and the Commonwealth of Massachusetts," according to a recent press release.

A former high school English teacher who has worked for more than two decades in philanthropy, Canales is the current President and trustee of the Barr Foundation. He is also the vice chair of the Kaiser Family Foundation and trustee of both the Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum and

Eastern Bank Foundation.

Liu has over a decade of leadership experience in clinical and hospital operations and currently serves as vice president of Mass General Brigham Global Advisory.

While Liu brings medical expertise to the board, Olayiwola comes with a creative mindset and an accomplished poetry background. Olayiwola began taking poetry seriously in high school and has continued writing since. In 2014 she became an individual Poetry Slam Champion and was named the National Poetry Slam Champion the following year.

In 2019, Olayiwola was appointed Boston's poet laureate and released her first poetry collection, "i shimmer sometimes too" that same year.

"I'm naturally a huge fan of the library - that's my office as a freelance artist, thinker, reader, writer, educator," said Olayiwola who grew up spending her weekends at the downtown Chicago Library.

"I think the library is one of the most free spaces in this country where anybody can go any time, regardless of class affiliation, race affiliation all of those things just to simply exist and indulge knowledge," Olayiwola explained in an interview with the Reporter. "I don't think there are many spaces like that in the city, but also just in the country in general and so I'm interested in making that the best space it could possibly be."

The writer, who uses Afrofuturism and surrealism to explore current and past issues in the Black, woman, and queer diaspora, teaches at Brandeis University as the school's Jacob Ziskind Poet-In-Residence. In addition to teaching, Olayiwola is the co-founder of a new bookstore that

plans to open in Fields Corner in 2024.

She said she is especially excited about her new role with BPL.

"I'm just really open and want to be considerate and a steward for the people and the citizens and residents of Boston in regards to their library. My main focus is really to serve but also to listen and be in the space with the people who are doing the direct service as well as the people who are utilizing the library every day in terms of what they need," said Olayiwola.

BPL trustees chair Priscilla H. Douglas said she was happy to welcome Olayiwola, Canales, and Liu to the board.

"Their unique talents, expertise, and community connections will ensure that the Boston Public Library continues to be a welcoming and equitable institution, even better positioned to offer enrichment and education—free to all," said Douglas.



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## Reporter's People in and around our Neighborhoods

### Bikes Not Bombs returns to shipping bikes to El Salvador

By SETH DANIEL NEWS EDITOR

The Bikes Not Bombs organization filled yet another shipping container with bicycles, bike parts, and apparel late last week at its Harvard Street warehouse – this time destined for El Salvador – and celebrated a return to the organization's original mission of shipping bikes around the world after such activities were shut down during the pandemic.

While Bike Not Bombs has long been headquartered in Jamaica Plain, they have also held a shared warehouse space on Harvard Street in Four Corners for more than a decade. On Harvard Street, they have conducted the organization's root mission, shipping donated bikes to developing nations via long-time partners.

"This is a great moment for a lot of reasons, but it is symbolic of the re-opening of the shipping routes and the rekindling of the partnerships we have around the world," said

deputy director Mike Arkin. "You also can't ignore the effect this has on sustainability and climate change. All this aluminum and rubber and metal in these bikes is being diverted from landfills ...They all still have life and still have a use."

Donation coordinator Sara Gonzalez said volunteers were at work all last Thursday, Friday, and Saturday to get the bikes ready at the warehouse, and then load them in the shipping container to be sent to their El Salvadoran partner, CESTA. Approximately 200 to 400 bicycles, parts and apparel were loaded into the container by volunteers. It is the third container they've been able to ship in the last four months, when shipping routes re-opened. Last summer, they filled a container that was shipped to Kenya.

"Our roots are in shipping bikes across the world, our first partner being Nicaragua," said Gonzalez. "As we've evolved, some of our



Bikes Not Bombs Deputy Director Mike Arkin and Bike Donation Coordinator Sara Gonzalez on Friday, Oct. 13, at the organization's Four Corners warehouse – where volunteers helped to fill a shipping container with more than 200 bikes bound for El Salvador. Arkin said it marks the re-opening of shipping routes after the pandemic, and they've filled four containers over the last four months.

Seth Daniel photo

members say the 'Not Bombs' aspect has given way to become a tool of cultivating opportunities. Bikes can be a tool of prosperity in developing areas."

The warehouse is not open to the public but

does take donations of bicycles that are in good shape, and does welcome volunteers to help fill containers when such efforts are announced. For more information, go online to bikesnotbombs. org.

### Healey appoints IBEW's Dozier to Examiners board

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Gov. Maura Healey has appointed Renee Dozier, an accomplished journeyperson electrician and Business Agent at the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Local 103 in Dorchester, to the position of Master Seat on the Massachusetts Board of State Examiners of Electricians.

The board plays a crucial role in ensuring public safety and maintaining standards of electrical workmanship.

"I am deeply honored to be appointed by Governor Maura Healey to the Master Seat on the Massachusetts Electrical Licensing Board," said Dozier. "This appointment is a personal achievement, as well as a significant step forward in fostering diversity and promoting excellence in the electrical industry. I'm looking forward to working together with my fellow board members in upholding the highest industry standards and ensuring the safety of Massachusetts residents."

In her role at Local 103



Renee Dozier.

Courtesy Photo

IBEW, Dozier has consistently demonstrated her commitment to advancing the interests of electrical workers, promoting the highest standards of professionalism, and paving the way for other women and people of color to access financial freedom through family-sustaining careers in the electrical trades.

"Renee's appointment to the Master Seat reaffirms her invaluable contributions to the electrical industry and her ongoing dedication to encouraging more skilled professionals who prioritize safety, innovation, and integrity," said Lou Antonellis, Local 103 IBEW business manager.

## Ashmont Hill Chamber concert set for Nov. 12

Ashmont Hill Chamber Music will stage a concert featuring Jordan Bak on the viola and pianist



Jamaican-American viola player Jordan Bak.

Courtesy Photo

JiYung Lee on Sun., Nov. 12, at 4 p.m., in Peabody Hall, 209 Ashmont St., Dorchester.

Bak is an award-winning Jamaican-American Tickets a violist of international the door.

acclaim as a trailblazing artist, praised for his radiant stage presence, dynamic interpretations, and fearless power. Critics have described him as "an exciting new voice in Classical performance", "a powerhouse musician. with a strong voice and compelling sound" and lauded his "haunting lyrical grace" (*Gramophone*).

Tickets for the event are \$25 for adults; \$18 for students; \$3 for EBT, WIC & ConnectorCare card-holders. Children under 18 admitted free. Tickets are available at



Over the weekend of Oct. 21-22, Humphreys Street Studios artist Franklin Marval hosted Dorchester photographer Noe Barrera at his studio during Dorchester Open Studios. The photographs behind the group were taken by Barrera, a student of Marval's at Boston Day & Evening Academy. Marval is pictured at left, with Barrera second from right, with family members.

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Boston Insulated Wire and Cable Company

Harry Benjamin Burley founded Boston Insulated Wire and Cable Company in 1906 on Freeport Street in Dorchester. The next year, he acquired several parcels of land south of Bay Street in Savin Hill, stretching from Dorchester Avenue eastward to the railroad line. In 1909, he built a manufacturing plant at 65 Bay St. Two years later, he established a branch in Hamilton,



Harry Benjamin Burley 1867-1954

Ontario, to take care of business in Canada.

The business grew by supplying wire to automobile companies. In the 1930s and 1940s, BIWC produced braided metal hose for aircraft engines. In 1938, the company began making cables for television cameras and was the leader in supplying them to the TV industry into the 1970s. In the late 1950s, Otis Elevator began ordering cables for tall buildings where other manufacturers'

cables had failed.

The company went public at mid-century, and in the 1980s, it closed the Dorchester plant and was subsumed by Draka Industries (the Netherlands).

In 1994, the Dorchester Bay Economic Development Corp. bought the property and cleaned up the site., and in 2001, Spire, an international digital and graphics print company, broke ground on the site for

a 78,000-square-foot office building.

Harry Benjamin Burley was born on May 26, 1867, in Epping, NH. He married Louise Adelaide Wells in 1901, and they lived in Brookline, MA for about 30 years. He died on Aug. 22, 1954, at the age of 87, and was buried in Epping.

Harry and Louise had three sons, Harry Benjamin Burley, Robert Maxwell Burley, and Joseph Cilley Burley. After Harry's death, Harry Junior and Joseph took over management of the company. Robert served as a director for many years.

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

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#### **Editorial**

## Finding courage in the American center

The JFK Profiles in Courage award ceremony was held on Sunday evening in front of an audience of 500 people. The event, which has been held at the Kennedy Library on Columbia Point since 1989, salutes officials who take courageous positions "in the public interest without regard for the personal or professional consequences." The event often features global figures—and this year was no exception: South Korean President Yoon Suk Yeol and Japan's Prime Minister Fumio Kishida were two of the honorees. They sent designated ambassadors to accept and offered remarks via recorded video messages.

The five honorees who did travel to accept their awards were all women from South Carolina who serve in their state's Senate: Katrina Shealy, Margie Bright Matthews, Mia McLeod, Sandy Senn, and Penry Gustafson. They've become known as the "Sister Senators." The three white women are Republicans— Shealy, Senn, and Gustafson. The two Black lawmakers— Matthews and McLeod— are Democrats.

They're pretty far apart on most issues. But when their male colleagues began pushing to reverse reproductive freedoms last year in the wake of the Supreme Court's Dobbs decision, they found themselves suddenly aligned. They were unable to halt most of the draconian roll-backs, but succeeded in preventing a total ban.

The Republican women, in particular, did so at great peril to their own seats in the Palmetto State's legislature. They will all face opposition next year.

Senator Senn is one of them. In her remarks, she said that she and her "sister senators...came together easily on the issue by first casting aside extreme positions."

"Zero abortions with zero exceptions is extreme," she said. "Allowing an abortion after viability is certainly extreme. We knew that the correct answer was somewhere in the reasonable middle which is where I think the overwhelming majority of Americans are today—not just on the abortion issue —but on most issues."

Senator Senn and her colleagues seem to grasp what a lot of Americans like her—people in the center—seem to grasp increasingly. "Figuring out a solution by casting out the extremes," she said, "will help. Electing more women will help."

She continued:... "If there is not room for centrist thinking in the Republican party then my party is doomed. Any party will be doomed if they reject those of us who agree with them 80 percent of the time but reject the extreme positions. Why? Because winning elections is about addition, not subtraction. Because most Americans are not extremists leaning far left or far right. Most Americans sit in the reasonable middle with me where we are tired of hyper-partisanship. We are tired of the hatred and vitriol being played out on political stages today."

And, she added, in a deep Dixie accent: "Most of us want our leaders to please mind their manners."

Amen to all of that.

- Bill Forry

Editor's Note: CommonWealth Magazine has hired Gintautas Dumcius, who most recently served as the Dorchester Reporter's managing editor, as a reporter. Dumcius ended his reporting and editing duties at The Reporter on Sept. 29. Chris Lovett, a veteran journalist who formerly served as the news director and anchor of BNN-TV's Neighborhood Network News, will be covering City Hall, elections, and development issues for The Reporter more frequently. Lovett is a longtime contributor to The Reporter and has been covering news events in Dorchester since the 1970s. Readers and sources are invited to contact The Reporter with any news items, tips, or questions by e-mailing newseditor@dotnews.com.

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Five "sister" Senators from South Carolina-Katrina Shealy, Margie Bright Matthews, Mia McLeod, Sandy Senn, and Penry Gustafson –received the John F. Kennedy Profile in Courage Award on Sunday night (Oct. 29) in the JFK Library's Stephen E. Smith hall. The state senators formed a bipartisan coalition to filibuster a near-total abortion ban in their state last year. Also honored on Sunday were South Korean President Yoon Suk Yeol and Japan's Prime Minister Fumio Kishida. Past honorees have included US Presidents Barack Obama and George H.W. Bush, and former US Rep. Liz Cheney. Pictured from left: Jack Schlossberg, US Ambassador Caroline Kennedy, Sen. Matthews, Sen. Shealy, Sen. McLeod, Sen. Senn, Sen. Gustafson, Tatiana Schlossberg, Ed Schlossberg.

#### Commentary

## A visit to our economic rivals in the Tar Heel State

#### By BILL WALCZAK REPORTER COLUMNIST

Sixtyyears ago, North Carolina (NC) was the second poorest state in the United States, with its economy built on tobacco, textiles, and furniture making. Today, North Carolina's economy is ranked as high as first, and always near the top, from organizations that rank state economies. Its economy is built on health care, technology, and manufacturing, and North Carolina competes with Massachusetts for venture capital, jobs and economic growth.

The new North Carolina brand is best captured by the state's Research Triangle— a geographic area anchored by the state capital Raleigh, Chapel Hill (where the University of North Carolina is located) and Durham. It contains a nonprofit industrial park of 7,000 acres (about a quarter of the land area of the city of Boston) called the Research Triangle Park (RTP), which has recruited dozens of large companies which together employ 55,000 people. Fidelity alone has 10,000 workers there, about twice the number of employees they have in Boston, its headquarters. Apple is in the process of moving there from Austin.

Last week, the Boston Chamber of Commerce decided to bring 70 people to the Triangle via one of its programs, City to City, to visit, learn how the area works, and perhaps bring ideas for improvement back to Boston. I was one of the people on that trip.

More than a dozen years ago, I attended a forum at the Boston Federal Reserve Bank that had a presentation by the then head of the North Carolina Department of Education, who explained how their government and academic institutions decided to change their system of education to support what they believed their future economy and jobs could be. At the time, furniture making was one of the largest employers, but the speaker pointed out that it was cheaper to harvest hardwood in Siberia, transport it to China, make the furniture there, and ship it by boat to the US, which resulted in the collapse of that North Carolina industry. By focusing on, and investing heavily in the state's system of education, especially their community colleges and state universities, they prepared their population for what they hoped their future economy would be.

The Boston Chamber group heard from the Raleigh chamber, the mayor of Raleigh (Mary-Ann Baldwin, originally from Rhode Island), and representatives of academia, business, and government.

The key ingredient to their success, they stressed, was the ability of government, academe from the several colleges and universities in the Triangle, and the business community to collaborate. Together, they have reengineered education to be the economic development tool for the region, by making workforce development the primary purpose of education. Speaker after speaker discussed how academe and business leadership work together to ensure that there are trained workers for the industries they want to move to the triangle. Government plays a major role in keeping the cost of public higher education

low (overall cost is significantly lower than public higher education in Massachusetts), connecting K-12 education to higher education via early college programs, and recruiting businesses by incentivizing moves into the area. In addition to a 50 percent cut in property taxes from the local government, Apple received \$846 million in tax credits over 39 years from the state to move into the RTP so long as they maintain 3,000 employees there.

You'd have to say that it has been a winning strategy, but is it what Massachusetts needs?

The North Carolina focus was seen to imply that Boston didn't collaborate well. An often-cited 2004 report on Boston called "Boston Unbound" described Boston as "lacking the collaborative gene." There is certainly value in getting government, academe and business working together, but it would be hard to make the case that our systems do not currently collaborate. It's not at the level of North Carolina, but we seem to have sufficient collaboration to ensure a robust economy. Companies relocate to Massachusetts because we have a very educated population, especially from the great number of colleges and universities in our midst. And though we do not have a 7,000 acre RTP, we have nearly as many jobs as the RTP in the few blocks of Longwood Avenue.

But we have other issues which demand attention. As North Carolina gains population, Massachusetts is losing population, not because we don't have jobs, but because our cost of living is very high, and similar jobs can be had in lower cost places like the Research Triangle of North Carolina. In fact, the RTP has a website workinthetriangle.com with a map indicating how relatively close the RTP is to Boston and a "cost of living calculator" to show you how much further your money will go in the Triangle. A quick click results in "Your salary will go 34% further in the Triangle than Boston, MA."

The loss of population, combined with our state having a decrease in our birth rate, has resulted in government focusing much more attention on ensuring that more of our local population succeeds in our system of education, with increased support of K-12 via the Student Opportunity Act, programs such as Early College, which allows high school students to get community college credits while in high school, and plans to make Community College free. There is a recognition that we don't have a burgeoning population, so we need to make sure every child can succeed.

But if we don't deal with the cost of living issue, we may be enhancing education for the benefit of our competitors with a lower cost of living. The major issue is the cost of housing, which is the largest factor in our high cost of living. The fact that the suburbs around Boston fight the law that requires them to build apartment buildings near public transit is hugely detrimental to the future of our Commonwealth. This is an area of collaboration which must improve.

Bill Walczak lives in Dorchester. His column appears regularly in The Reporter.

### 70 years later, survivor recalls Boston ship blast that killed 37

#### By Lisa Mullins **WBUR**

This month marks 70 years since a horrific event on the Boston waterfront.

The explosion aboard the USS Leyte happened on Oct. 16, 1953 at the Boston Naval Shipyard in South Boston, which no longer exists. It killed 37 people, including five civilians. It was the largest loss of life ever on the Boston waterfront, according to the U.S. Naval Institute.

And it's largely forgotten.

The USS Leyte was an aircraft carrier that won two battle stars for its distinguished service in the Korean War. The 27,000-ton vessel could hold 1,400 sailors and 100 aircraft.

Three months after the truce in Korea, the Leyte was in Boston for modernizing. Workers were converting it from an aircraft carrier to an antisubmarine carrier, better to fend off Soviet subs.

Jim Tsihlis, 92, of Arlington still remembers those days well. In 1953, he was a petty officer third class, and he had been assigned to the USS Leyte just one week before the explosion happened.

The mid-afternoon blast was thunderous. All the clocks on board stopped.

"I was on the dock, taking supplies from the dock, bringing [them] aboard the ship," Tsihlis said. "And there was a commotion aboard the ship, when ev-

erybody said, 'Fire! Fire!' And when that happened, I dropped everything, and I helped the sailors with water hoses. So I did the best to help, as much as

Billows of black smoke spewed from the ship and filled the air across the navy yard.

"Flames mushroomed through the forward part of the ship, [and] belched into the air about 25 feet above the hangar deck," said David Hannigan, a park guide with the Boston National Historical Park. That's a collection of National Park Service sites including the Charlestown Navy Yard, where a plaque memorializing the USS Leyte disaster stands. "An oil line was ruptured [and] that began to fuel the fire. You just would see burning and scorching. Men were hurled across the flight deck."

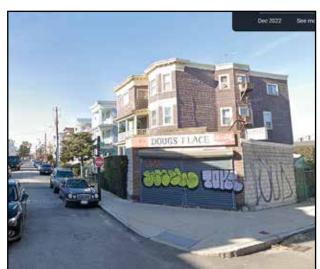
Witnesses said the blast started four levels below the flight deck in a catapult room. The catapult is the sling-shot-like technology that helps propel planes during takeoff from the short runway of a ship. Some people suspected sabotage. But the Navy said a valve leaked flammable hydraulic fluid, and the spark ignited the fire. It might have happened when someone flipped on a light switch.

According to newspaper reports from the time, firefighters said temperatures on board the vessel hit 200 degrees. They felt the heat from the steel decks through their boots. Rescuers poured water into the smoldering hatches as Navy men on board pulled everyone out of the brig. Some braved the black smoke and found the bodies of trapped sailors lying in water and oil. They dragged them up escape hatches to safety.

"After the fire, they called everybody aboard to get onto the hangar deck so they could count who was alive and who was not alive. And after they did that,

#### **Letter to the Editor**

### Seeking clues to old Savin Hill corner store



#### To the Editor:

I am seeking any information about Gerry's Variety store that existed in the 1930s at corner of Sydney & Sudan Streets in Dorchester. My family owned the store and dad would ride his bike to work there.

If by any chance anyone knows of it from family stories, photos, or other info I would be most happy to hear.

Ann O'Donnell

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Jim Tsihlis saved a copy of the Oct. 17, 1953 issue of the Daily Record, which reported the previous day's explosion on the USS Leyte. Jesse Costa/WBUR photo

they furnished us with coins to call our families," Tsihlis recalled.

He said it saddens him that the tragedy is not remembered and recognized.

"It's strange. It really is. And you don't hear anything. I have spoken to people my age, and they've never heard of it," Tsihlis said.

Selby Herald, a civilian machinist, was killed in the blast. His son, who was named after him, turned 9

years old the day of the explosion.

"I remember that before [my father] went to work, he said, 'I'll see you when I get home,' " said the younger Herald, who lives in Falmouth.

The family had been planning to celebrate his birthday with cake that evening. Instead, two Navy officials came to the house to tell the family there'd been an accident.

When the anniversary of the blast comes around, Herald's brother mentions it. But Herald said he himself doesn't dwell on it.

Losing his father as a young child left his mother to support the family, he said, and that taught him how to fend for himself.

"I guess you become stronger, and we grew up pretty much on our own," he said. "My mother [would tell us], you know, 'Just stay out of trouble,' which we did. So I'm doing OK in life.'

The site of the former Boston Naval Shipyard is now called the Raymond L. Flynn Marine Park. David Hannigan, of the National Park Service, is likely one of the few Bostonians who, when near the site, reflect on the catastrophe.

"You can't help but think about an event like this, because prior to the Leyte disaster, they had gone 19 years without a single fatality at the Navy yard which is remarkable, especially considering that during the Second World War, the peak labor force was in excess of 51,000 men and women," Hannigan said. "And in all the years that America was fighting the war, there wasn't a single life lost at Boston Naval Shipyard."

The USS Leyte returned to sea three months after the tragedy. She was decommissioned in 1959 and sold for scrap in 1970.

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### Builders look to rewrite affordability on city-owned vacant lots

(Continued from page 1) deep roots in the neighborhood. Both pursued the program separately without success, then decided to combine efforts, forming the Dorchester Design Collaborative (DDC) based on Harvard Street. Their combined effort recently secured designation to develop three buildings at 104-108 Norwell St. - just steps from their newly constructed office.

They said in an interview they intend to build some of the most innovative housing in the city.

"This project we're developing is not a cheap project by any means," said Stella. "It wouldn't even be affordable housing were it not for the subsidies per unit coming from the city... The market rate developments we see going up are pretty hastily developed and constructed by and large. We think there's an opportunity to show we can do better."



White fences mark the city-owned parcels at 104-108 Norwell St. where one local developer hopes to re-write the rules of affordable housing.

Seth Daniel photos

Ha, who runs the architecture firm with said the design, efficiency,

and performance of the three homes are intended to provide a model for future development.

"I don't like the status quo and what Dorchester is used to seeing," she said. "These are definitely going to be better than market rate buildings around here. They just will happen to be affordable."

The DDC project includes building three new multi-family homes on lots that have been vacant more than 40 years. Each of the three buildings includes a four-bedroom unit, two one-bedroom units, and a three-bedroom unit all built with attention to sustainability (using a standard known as 'passive house") and solar panels on the roofs. DDC claims they will be so energy-efficient that residents will not have electric bills.

The DDC proposal is one of several announced last month and approved at a public meeting on Oct 12

Oct. 12. A press conference featuring Mayor Michelle Wu at a lot on the corner of Glenway and Erie Street rolled out the plans of four developers including DDC - for lots on Glenway, Norfolk Street, Harvard Street, and Geneva Avenue. all lots that have been vacant since the 1970s and will produce more than 60 new affordable homeownership units. It represented the first phase of the Welcome Home Boston program, with the other developers being Norfolk Design and Construction, Boston Communities, and African Community Economic Development of New England (ACEDONE).

The city and the Mayor's Office of Housing (MOH) previously designated some of the vacant lots for housing but accelerated the program this year with Welcome Home

Boston. The program identified approximately 150 vacant, city-owned parcels ripe for development, and reserved them to create opportunities for developers of color, local developers, and those breaking into the industry.

Wu said they were only getting started.

"We're not going to rest and today we're getting started on Phase 2 of the program," she said at the Oct. 18 press conference. "We have put out an RFP just now for the next 26 parcels. This is a program we will perfect as we go and learn from. The second round is going to be even bigger."

Industry leaders said Welcome Home Boston is exciting in that it can serve as an innovation lab for developers like Stella and Ha who can combine efforts and produce stronger results.

Ha and her husband started their company in China, but she was born here and her father, Forming Ha, was a long-time contractor in Dorchester with deep roots in the neighborhood. She returned from China a few years ago to run her father's kitchen supply company, Hastone on Humphreys Street. But giving up architecture wasn't in the cards, and she and Mueller set up shop in a family warehouse on Bowdoin Street. Last year, they designed and built a new three-decker on Harvard Street, with their offices on the first floor.

Stella is a second-generation owner of Star Contracting. His father, Michael Stella, well known in the neighborhood for the many construction projects he did and the real estate portfolio he put together after starting the company as a UMass Boston student. Milo Stella grew up and attended schools in Dorchester



Mayor Michelle Wu announced on Oct. 18 the release of the second phase of Welcome Home Boston, just as the first phase was designated.

– at one time attending the Holmes Elementary School across from the new DDC offices – and took an interest in carpentry in his late teens. He buttressed that with a degree from UMass Boston in Environmental Sciences, and in 2020 took over the company and steered it into the winds of sustainability.

"I knew I was interested in marrying my two interests in construction and sustainability and that led me to pursue passive house and net zero construction," he said, his first passive house project built in 2020 with TLee Development further down Norwell Street.

Yet, like many developers and architects, breaking into the industry and the city processes proved difficult for the younger Stella. Collaboration with Ha led to a natural chemistry, which led to the successful designation for 104-108 Norwell St.

"We want to do everything to the best of our ability to make it a successful proposed development," said Ha. "That's why I think you can visually see our proposal is more thought out than others might be. We are the architect, and we are the builder. If we lose an RFP, we only lost our time."

Added Stella, "We can kick around ideas about architectural details, and then we can talk about how to build it."

The success they hope to find on Norwell Street vacant lots are energy-efficient homes Ha and Stella hope people want to own – in a neighborhood they've known for most of their lives.

"I'm motivated in this opportunity to make sure that these aren't just affordable units getting slapped together fast and upholding housing inequities in the built environment," said Stella. "I see this is an opportunity for affordability and infill housing and I want to be able to do work in my backyard and not just in MetroWest, where most of my clients for this kind of housing are located."



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### Speeds up on Red Line as October 'surge' ends; stations get spruced-up

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According to Eng, work crews replaced 5,000 of rail on the subway line between Ashmont and JFK-UMass while the train service was suspended between Oct. 14-29. Another 4,700 feet of rail was replaced along the Mattapan Hi-Speed trolley line right-of-way. Thousands of wooden ties that serve as the railway foundations were also replaced. The improvements were aimed at eliminating 38 "slow-zones" on the Ashmont branch— which were in place due to safety concerns related to the aging infrastructure. Eng had promised that the surge would address that speed  $is sue{--}resulting in commutes\\$ that could be up to 10 minutes faster for the 40,000-plus people who rely on the branch on a typical weekday. On Monday, commuters and operators along the line signaled that, in fact, they did benefit from faster, smoother rides on the trolleys and train cars.

Eng himself took a ride on Monday from Mattapan Square to Ashmont and on



Workers repaired a stairway inside JFK-UMass station last week during a "surge" to make improvements to the Ashmont branch of the Red Line.

MBTA photo

to South Station. In a video released by T officials, Eng engaged with customers, one of whom agreed that the Red Line service had noticeably improved. "Yes, this reminds me of the old Boston," the man observed. "The old Boston is the new Boston now," Eng replied.

"Hopefully it stays like this," the passenger replied.

Enganswered: "It will. We're going to keep improving."

There were also improvements made inside stations during the shut-down. At JFK-UMass, workers installed new floor tiling, repaired stairways, changed LED lightbulbs, added new paint, and power washed platforms. Other work was completed at Shawmut, Fields Corner, Ashmont, and Savin Hill stations, along with Mattapan. The result, said Dennis Varley, the MBTA's chief of stations, are stations that are noticeably brighter and cleaner.

"We only had the 16 days, but when there's diversions we're going to jump on them. In a perfect world, we want to have everything in a state of good repair so that you don't need a surge . But, right now, we have to catch up."

Although the heavy-duty disruption is over for Ashmont and Mattapan riders, there are other diversions and weekend work coming up on the Red Line in November. Last week, the T announced that shuttle bus service will replace Red Line trains between Alewife and Kendall-MIT stations this coming weekend, Nov. 4-5, to focus on track improvements there, also with an eye towards alleviating speed restrictions.

And, there will be two targeted diversions this month between JFK-UMass and Park Street to make fixes between Broadway and South Station, which is another slow zone that Eng and his team want to speed up. Buses will replace trains between Tues., Nov. 14 and Thurs., Nov. 16 between 8:45p.m. and end of service; another diversion will take place for the entire weekend on Nov. 18-19 between JFK-UMass and Park Street.



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## Ballplayers, cheerleaders thrive in unified Pop Warner league

(Continued from page 1) learned, but successes like this cheer meet help everyone catch the vision.

"We were kind of forced to do this because if we're not going to take care of ourselves, we can't expect anyone else to," said Arkey Taylor, vice president of the Raiders and a Metro board member. "We decided to put egos aside and do what was best for the kids. We're just the audience. This is their show."

Metro President Dameain Mims said they've had growing pains this year, including a lot more travel than they expected, but successful events like Saturday's cheer meet in the heart of the city help the momentum.

"We're doing what we have to do to keep it going," he said. "We're all here for the kids. Things could be better but we're making the most of the situation. It's not the ideal, but we have to do what we have to do, and a lot of programs are starting to see the vision now.'

Mims said when the former Eastern Mass league dissolved and teams went to different north and south divisions, the city teams had to organize and do so quickly. The teams that came along with football and cheer were Boston Raiders, Dorchester Eagles, East Boston Jets, Roxbury Titans, Brockton Jr. Boxers, and Mt. Hope (RI) Cowboys. Those with only football this year were the Boston Chargers (Roslindale), Providence Hawks, Mission Hill/Fenway Buccaneers, Boston Bengals, Cambridge Warriors, Quincy 94 Elite, and the Boston Chiefs. There are 1,445 total participants, Mims said, including 967 ballplayers and 478 cheerleaders.

While some programs have struggled to keep up, many of those in the new Metro league are heavy-hitting national contenders in cheer and football, like the Eagles, the Raiders, and Mt.

Mt. Hope President Demetrius Perry noted they have seven national and 12 regional championships in cheer, and 12 regional football titles, but they wanted to stay with Metro for its vision.

"We decided to stay with Metro because there's a brotherhood here," he said on Saturday. "We had opportunities to go other places, and we could have been successful anywhere, but I saw the vision here and I wanted to put my guys and girls where they could be loved, accepted, and respected. This is the first competition, and they did it well. They've started to offer opportunities now for programs that didn't have cheer before."



The Dorchester Eagles cheer team celebrated a first-place finish in its the age group, advancing the squad to the New England Regionals. The Eagles have been dominant on the football field but had dropped their cheer program years ago until joining the new Metro league.



Board members of the new Metro Pop Warner, including Aundria Burcy, Tenita Perry, Secretary Gelisa Brown, Lena Fields, President Dameain Mims, and Arkey Taylor.



An overall shot at the first-ever Metro Pop Warner cheer meet at Madison Park.

Enter the Dorchester Eagles, who had dropped cheer years ago but continued to compete for national titles in football. With football remaining

at a high level, the Eagles decided to revive their cheer program as they headed into the new league. On Saturday, they had several cheerleading winners announced alongside storied programs like Mt. Hope and the Raiders – who have three national cheer championships under

their belts.

Gelisa Brown, vice president of the Eagles and the secretary of the Metro board, said they are very excited to be in

a league with common interests among kids and adults.

We've all played each other so many times and built friendships outside of football and cheer as well," she said. "We're able now to do things that are more under our control and it's easier to communicate with each other. All of our programs are inner-city programs now and the challenges facing our kids in Boston are likely the same ones kids in Rhode Island or Brockton are facing. We all face the same things and football [and cheer] are just the vehicles to help these kids."

She noted that cheer can often get "overshadowed" by football, but Metro in its first year has done a good job of bringing the cheer programs off the sidelines and sharing the spotlight with football.

"I think everyone buying in and putting forth their best effort helped the league to take off," said Lena Fields, of the Raiders. "We have so many volunteers helping and the cheer is really taking off with football. The girls are working just as hard as the boys are on the football field and competing at the highest levels."

Mims and others said they are trying to capitalize on the growth nationally in Pop Warner cheer programs. Hundreds of girls attracted to the sport who are new to cheer – starting at age 5 and going until the early teen years. For those in city programs, it's also a way to build sisterhood and keep girls focused on positive activities.

"It's giving the kids something to do and keeps them busy," said Tenita Perry, the cheer coordinator for Metro and a leader in the Mt. Hope program. "These are all inner-city teams, and we need to give them something to do that's productive."

While the football side of Metro Pop Warner squared off last Sunday at White Stadium for the ability to move on to the New England Regionals, cheer programs qualified on Saturday and await competition in Springfield on Nov. 11 and 12 with a trip to the national competition on the line.

On Saturday, as the event wrapped up, adult volunteers helped to pull up the competition mats and fold the judges' tables – putting it all away. Outside the gym, an adult cheer volunteer from the Raiders was emptying out water from a cooler long after everyone else had left.

"This is what is going to keep us going," Mims said, thanking the cheer mom. "This is the vision we have for supporting our kids in this league.

## Hundreds enjoy Deatrich Wise Block Party in Mattapan

The annual Deatrich Wise Block Party at the Mattapan Teen Center on Hazelton Street went forward despite heavy rains last Saturday (Oct. 21), attracting numerous community members for an afternoon of festivities.

The event is sponsored by Patriots defensive lineman Deatrich Wise and his family every year, with the popular player visiting with families and friends from around Mattapan.

This year three food trucks served free food, Baldour Foods set up a free food pantry, and numerous performers took to the main stage from the MTC's talented group of teens.

Community leaders, elected officials, and Boys and Girls Clubs of Boston representatives were also in attendance.



Lemuel Mills and his son, the younger Lemuel Mills.



MTC members Indigo Pierre Louis and Cisco Fernandes.



Shakir King was one of several youngsters and teens who got their hair cut or their hair braided during the event on Saturday. Here, Ian Lawrence of Starlines Hair Salon trims King's hair.



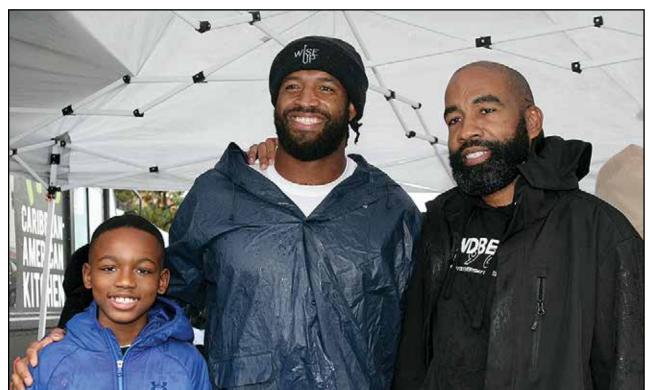
Staying dry at the Block Party were BGCB President Robert Lewis, District 5 Council candidate Jose Ruiz, Robyn Glaser, Josh Kraft, Karen Glaser, and Howard Glaser.



Dayane, MTC Director Rick Aggeler, Solomon Wise, and Robin Cohen. Solomon played football at University of Texas-San Antonio and will be on the roster of the Frisco Fighters of the Indoor Football League (IFL) this spring.



MTC members Warren Sol, Euriel Mercedes, headlining performer King David Sibley, and Jordan Sumpter.



Patriots defensive lineman Deatrich Wise (center) with Preston and Gary Lywood on Saturday.



Award winning filmmaker and MTC member Moses Sibley was on hand to capture all the key moments on Saturday. Seth Daniel photos

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Dr. Edward Schettino is the president and CEO of the Animal Rescue League of Boston. He holds a doctorate of Veterinary Medicine from the Cummings School of Veterinary Medicine at Tufts University.





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Rodman Theatre for Kids Takes 50 BGCD Members to See Frozen the Musical: See details below.

children.

**CONNECT THE DOT: Rodman Theatre for Kids Takes 50 BGCD Members to See Frozen** the Musical: Boys & Girls Clubs of Dorchester was excited to partner with our friends at Rodman for Kids to take a group of 50 members and chaperones on an outing to see "Frozen the Musical" at the Opera House last week. Our members and chaperones loved the show and participated by singing along to the songs and seeing their favorite characters come to life on stage. Theatre for Kids distributes tickets to youth-focused non-profit organizations, as well as public and private schools, in Greater Boston and the Gateway Cities. Each group commits to filling their seats with kids who would otherwise not have the opportunity to go to the theatre and create these unforgettable memories. Many thanks to our friends at Rodman for Kids for making this special opportunity available to our members.

FIND OUT WHAT'S INSIDE:
BGCD Family Engagement Program
Holds Harvest Fest for Families:
This past weekend, Boys & Girls Clubs
of Dorchester's Family Engagement
program and our Licensed School Age
Childcare program teamed up to host a
Fall Festival event for our parents and

The festival was filled with pumpkin decorating, arts & crafts, and a variety of other fun activities for families to engage in with their children throughout the day.

The Family Engagement Network hosts weekly playgroups, parent education, developmental screenings, special event celebrations and program themed events throughout the year. For more information on our Family Engagement activities please contact Huong Vu at hvu@bgcdorchester.org.



**BGCD Family Engagement Program Holds Harvest Fest for Families:** See details below.

**DID YOU KNOW: BGCD Thanks Berkshire Hathaway** Specialty Insurance for Volunteer Day: Boys & Girls Clubs of Dorchester welcomed back volunteers from **Berkshire Hathaway Specialty** Insurance as part of the Insurance Industry Charitable Foundation's Week of Giving. Returning for a second consecutive year, the volunteers put a fresh coat of paint on the foyer of our 3rd floor space and helped us organize a large storage space for the upcoming season. A huge thank you to the team at Berkshire Hathaway Specialty Insurance for their time and generosity and for joining us again this

For more information on volunteering please contact the Club's Volunteer Coordinator, Macy Piece to mpierce@bgcdorchester.org.

year! The Club relies on Volunteers to

help make a difference in the lives of

our members.

#### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

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Veteran's Day & Home Depot Volunteer Day - BGCD Closed November 10

> Grand Drawing Gala November 18

Thanksgiving Break - BGCD Closed November 23 - 24

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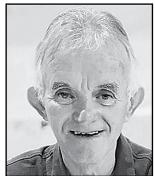


ALLEN, Joanne M. (Cogliano), 88, of Hull, formerly of Dorchester. She was the daughter of the late Vincent and Evelyn Cogliano. Wife to the late Thomas H. Allen. Mother to Thomas Allen and his wife Helen of Naples, FL, Katherine Clancy of Quincy, MA, Mark Allen and his wife Glenda of Chickamauga, GA, and Shawn Allen and his wife Patricia of Pembroke, Also survived by 7 grandchildren and 12 and friends. US Army and great grandchildren.



BROWN, Robert A., 77, of Spring Hill, FL, formerly of Dorchester. Husband of the late Patricia (Kelly). Father of Debra Jock, and Paula Louise Brown. Cherished grandfather of Matthew Jock, and Zachary Jock. Brother of Alexander "Eck" Brown, and Richard Brown. Also survived by many nieces, nephews,

US Navy veteran.



CONROY, Patrick J. "Paddy", 76, of Braintree. Husband of Donna Conroy (Palmisano) of Braintree. Father of Patrick J. Conroy, Jr. and his wife Emily of Duxbury and Sean M. Conroy and his wife Allison of Duxbury. Grandfather to 4. Brother to Bridget Quirk of England, Nancy Feeney and her husband Paul of Dorchester, Mau-

#### **LEGAL NOTICE**

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BOSTON, MA 02114
CITATION GIVING NOTICE
OF PETITION FOR
APPOINTMENT OF GUARDIAN
FOR INCAPACITATED PERSON
PURSUANT TO G.L. c. 190B, §5-304
Docket No. SU23P2301GD
IN THE MATTER OF:
ANTHONY TOMPKINS
of BOSTON, MA
RESPONDENT
Alleged Incapacitated Person
To the named Respondent and all othe
nterested persons, a petition has been filed

nterested persons, a petition has been filed by Boston Medical Center of Boston, MA in he above captioned matter alleging tha Anthony Tompkins is in need of a Guardian and requesting that Boston Medical Cente of Boston, MA (or some other suitabl person) be appointed as Guardian to serv on the bond.

The petition asks the Court to determine hat the Respondent is incapacitated, that

that the Respondent is incapacitated, that the appointment of a Guardian is necessary, and that the proposed Guardian is appropriate. The petition is on file with this court and may contain a request for certain specific authority.

You have the right to object to this proceeding. If you wish to do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance at this court on or before 10:00 A.M. on the return date of 11/28/2023. This day is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline date by which a hearing date, but a deadline date by which you have to file the written appearance it you object to the petition. If you fail to file the written appearance by the return date action may be taken in this matter withou further notice to you. In addition to filing the written appearance you addition to filing the written appearance you create attorney. written appearance, you or your attorned must file a written affidavit stating the specific acts and grounds of your objection within

IMPORTANT NOTICE The outcome of this proceeding may limi or completely take away the above-named person's right to make decisions abou personal affairs or financial affairs or both The above-named person has the right to asl or a lawyer. Anyone may make this request on behalf of the above-named person. If the above-named person cannot afford a lawyer one may be appointed at State expense. Witness, Hon. Brian J. Dunn, First Justice of this Court.

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Catherine Conroy of Gorey, Ireland, Nora Coyne and her husband Martin of Dedham, Eileen Lee of Dorchester, Michael Conroy of Holbrook, Martin Conroy and his wife Maureen of Quincy; and brothers-in-law, Reno Vecchio and Paddy Lee. Paddy will also be remembered by many nieces, nephews, relatives, Local 223 brothers, and countless friends. Son to the late Patrick and Kate (Grealish) Conroy. Dona-

reen Lewis of Dublin.



tions in memory of Paddy

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Children's Hospital, 300

Longwood Ave., Boston,

KELLEY, Mary, 88, of Dorchester. She was born to the late John and Mary (Murray) Kelley. Mary was very close to her Aunt "Bridie" Bridget Murray and her cousins Mary (Neville), Margaret (Judy Collins), and Henry Hunter, all born and raised in Dorchester. Mary working in the Admitting Office at Carney Hospital. She is survived by several cousins and close friends.

LITTLE, John R. of North Easton, formerly of Dorchester. Husband of Elizabeth "Bette" (Brophy) Little. Son of the late Bert and Sheila (O'Malley). Brother of Mary

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS THE TRIAL COURT PROBATE & FAMILY COURT

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BOSTON, MA 02114
CITATION GIVING NOTICE
OF PETITION FOR
APPOINTMENT OF GUARDIAN
FOR INCAPACITATED PERSON
PURSUANT TO G.L. c. 190B, §5-304
Docket No. SU23P1841GD
IN THE MATTER OF:
FITZROY WRIGHT
OF DORCHESTER, MA
RESPONDENT
Alleged Incapacitated Person
To the named Respondent and all other
Interested persons, a petition has been filed

interested persons, a petition has been filed by Department of Mental Health of West-

porougn, MA in the above captioned matter alleging that Fitzroy Wright is in need of a Guardian and requesting that (or some other suitable person) be appointed as Guardian to serve Without Surety on the bond. The petition asks the Court to determine that the Respondent is increasified.

that the Respondent is incapacitated, that the appointment of a Guardian is neces-

the appointment of a Guardian is neces-sary, and that the proposed Guardian is appropriate. The petition is on file with this court and may contain a request for certain specific authority.

You have the right to object to this proceeding. If you wish to do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance at this court on or before 10:00 A.M. on the

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written appearance, you or your attorney must file a written affidavit stating the specific

facts and grounds of your objection within 30 days after the return date.

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above-named person cannot afford a lawye

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Witness, Hon. Brian J. Dunn, First Justice

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Stokes and husband, Brian of Weymouth, Marguerite Stella and husband, Vern of Virginia Beach, Fran Zaremba and husband, Joe of Stoughton and Joe Little of Canton. Also survived by many nieces and nephews.



MARSHALL, Cheryl, 66, of Dorchester. Mother of Clinton Hurtt, Crystal Leach and Tristian Leach. Grandmother of Taylor Hurtt, Clayton Hurtt and Leighem Lee. Sister of Auturo Marshall. Anna Marshall. Lorraine Marshall, Lisa Marshall and Vincent Canty.

McDONOUGH, Dennis "Deacon" of South Boston and Dorchester. Son of the late Coleman and Dorothy (Holland) McDonough. Preceded in death by three of his sisters, Dolly Stangel, Joanne Joyce and Mary McDonough. Survived by his sister, Betty Durant of Orange City, FL, his

brothers, Joe McDonough of Dorchester and Dave McDonough of Humarock and Ft. Pierce, FL. Also survived by many nieces, nephews, relatives and friends. Donations may be made in his memory to How House, 41 Van Winkle St., Dorchester, MA 02124.



MENEELY, Luella

A., of Milton, formerly of Dorchester, Luella was the wife of the late Harold E. Meneely. Mother to Paul Meneely and his wife Theresa of Dorchester, and the late Linda G. Mc-Lean and Carol Meneely. Grandmother of 7, and the late Carolyn McLean. Sister to Dorothy Garrity of Quincy and the late Robert Ranton. She was also survived by several great grandchildren.



WILSON, Brendan Michael, 42 of Dorchester.Brendan is survived by his mother Patricia, his brother Michael and his wife Joanna, his daughter Emma, his nephew, niece and cousins.

#### **LEGAL NOTICES**

COMMONWEALTH OF 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. SU23P2267EA ESTATE OF: MARY ELEANOR GOODRIDGE a/k/a: MARY ELEANORA MACK GOODRIDGE, MARY ELEANORA GOODRIDGE DATE OF DEATH: 08/02/2023

To all interested persons:
A Petition for Formal Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative been by Katherine A. Goodridg of Haverhill, MA requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for enter a formal betree and order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition. The Petitioner requests that: Katherine A. Goodridge of Haverhill, MA and Oliver D. Goodridge of Fayetteville, GA be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve Without Surety on the bond in Insuranciased administration.

IMPORTANT NOTICE You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at his Court before: 10:00 a.m. on the return day of 12/06/2023.

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This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by vhich you must file a written appearance an which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objection within thirty (30) days of the returnday, action may be taken without further notice to you. UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION UNDER THE MASSACHUSETTS UNIFORM PROBATE CODE (MUPC) A Personal Bepresentative appointed under

Nersonal Representative appointed unde the MUPC in an unsupervised administration s not required to file an inventory or annua accounts with the Court. Persons interested in the estate are entitled to notice regarding the administration directly from the Personal Representative and may petition the Cour n any matter relating to the estate, including he distribution of assets and expenses of

administration. Witness, HON. BRIAN J. DUNN, First Justice of this Court. Date: October 25, 2023

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THE TRIAL COURT
PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT Suffolk Probate & Family Court
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CITATION ON PETITION FOR
FORMAL ADJUDICATION
DOCKET NO. SU2392190FA Docket No. SU23P2190EA ESTATE OF: PASCUAL ENCARNACION DATE OF DEATH: 06/20/2015

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You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: 10:00 a.m. on the return day of 11/14/2023.

of 11/14/2023.
This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION

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administration.
Witness, HON. BRIAN J. DUNN, First Justice of this Court. Date: October 6, 2023

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## Legislators visit early education sites in Dot

Three lawmakers, all members of the House Education Committee, toured early childhood education sites throughout Dorchester and Roxbury last month to learn more about early childhood education in the government-funded Head Start program.

Rep. Denise Garlick of Needham, the committee's chairperson, joined host state Rep. Chris Worrell and Rep. Kate Donaghue of Worcester  $in\, stopping\, by\, the\, ABCD$ Head Start facility on Geneva Avenue and in a panel discussion at Cesaria Restaurant on Bowdoin Street.

ABCD President and CEO Sharon Scott-Chandler led lawmakers through the Geneva Avenue facility to show them the daily ins and outs of the place.

We are so pleased that Rep. Worrell brought the chairwoman and other members of the education committee to our center to see and engage



Josh Young of ABCD, Flossy Calderon of ABCD, state Reps. Kate Donoghue, Denise Garlick, Chris Worrell, ABCD CEO Sharon Scott-Chandler, Site Directors Danielle Grow and Catherine Moran, and ABCD's Aiesha Washington, at the ABCD Geneva Avenue Head Start facility. Seth Daniel photo

in dialogue around the impactful work we do and the challenges that we face," Scott-Chandler said. "We look forward to working together as they

develop policy for the future of early childhood education."

Of particular interest were the numbers of full-day Head Start seats, as opposed to the shorter day. The facility has three short-day classrooms and four extended day classrooms. The shorter day runs

from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. with a break in the summer. The extended day is 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. year-round.

"I think parents need

[the extended day] because they're all trying to work within the sixhour day here because Head Start is the free program," said Danielle Grow, the director of the Geneva Ave. site. "It's hard for them to be able to work a full shift. They are piecing together the childcare part as best they can."

"It was a pleasure bringing my colleagues on the Education Committee to Dorchester and Roxbury to see some of the incredible work happening in our communities to give our youth access to high quality education and opportunity," said Worrell.

The hope was that the representatives, the committee's research team, and staff members would be able to take what they learned on the ground from the tour and use it to advocate for expanded programs.

- SETH DANIEL

## State offers briefing on 'open meeting law' at Kennedy Institute forum

By Cassidy McNeeley

REPORTER CORRESPONDENT State officials last week used Dorchester's replica of the world's greatest deliberative chamber to clarify the Massachusetts "open meeting law" and offer training for those interested in navigating the oft-opaque world of government deliberations.

The Edward M. Kennedy Institute for the United States Senate, the Columbia Point non-profit boasting a restaged Senate floor, hosted the Legislature's Joint Committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight, and a top law enforcement official who previewed statutory changes that may occur in 2025.

Modest in-person turnout but heavier participation online for the Oct. 11 meeting may have previewed how government transparency will work in the future, said state Sen. Nick Collins, who co-chairs the panel.

"We are very happy with the turnout and with 80 percent of participants doing so remotely, it really highlights that the hybrid option will be key to ensuring the broadest access to public meetings going forward," the senator said.

Collins and state Rep. Antonio F.D. Cabral welcomed community members, elected officials, including District 3 City Councillor Frank Baker, and civic leaders, who settled in seats identical to those in the US Senate Chamber. Then the elected officials turned the session over to Carrie Benedon, assistant state attorney general, who conducted the training

The state's open meeting law, which requires that many deliberations of public bodies be held



Sen. Nick Collins, Carrie Benedon of the Attorney Generals' office, and state Rep. Antonio F.D. Cabral at the EMK Institute event last month. Cassidy McNeeley photo

in public, has undergone modifications since the outbreak of Covid-19. Governor Healey in March signed into law extensions, until 2025, of Covid-era loopholes that permit public entities to hold meetings remotely.

"I hope people know how important it is for members of the public to be informed because they really are often the ones who can flag concerns as they are arising and can help to promote transparency," said Benedon, who, during the hour-long presentation, explained that the law's purpose is to ensure public bodies take transparent measures through the requirement of notice, open deliberations, and public access.

Benedon also discussed the process of how meeting notices must be posted, and how minutes must be kept. She concluded the presentation with a discussion on the complaint process and then opened the floor to questions.

"A tool like this [the training session] is for the public to have the ability to hold their public bodies accountable," said Baker. "It's there to make sure that people like myself are being upfront and straight and doing what I say I'm doing at all times.'

Collins agreed that the training session was helpful for the public. "I hope those who participated - members of the public and public officials across the state-are able to exercise their rights and perform their duties with more precision and a better understanding of

the Open Meeting Law," he said.

Between the online and in-person audience, an estimated 100 people attended the session. While the next in-person meeting has not been scheduled, live webinar training occurs twice a month online at Mass.

## EPA plans \$1M to improve air quality in Dot homes

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) last week announced nearly \$4.2 million to fund seven projects across Massachusetts, including a \$1 million grant to help indoor air quality in Dorchester homes.

The EPA's Environmental Justice Government to Government grant (EJG2G) will provide \$1 million to the City of Boston for improving indoor air quality and electric infra-

structure of properties in Dorchester, replacing gas stoves with electric coil ranges and induction stoves, promoting environmental benefits, green job opportunities, and addressing public health concerns such as asthma in the community.

This funding comes from the Inflation Reduction Act and is a part of the largest investment ever announced under two longstanding EPA programs. It is the first in a series of grant announcements the agency will announce before the end of the year.

"No president has invested more in environmental justice than President Biden, and under his leadership we're removing longstanding barriers and meaningfully collaborating with communities to build a healthier future for all," said EPA Administrator Michael S. Regan. "Together, these community-driven projects will improve the health, equity, and resilience of communities while setting a blueprint for local solutions that can be applied across the nation.

Said Sen. Ed Markey, "The climate crisis isn't just on our doorsteps, it is in our classrooms and our homes, and it doesn't hit our communities equally from Boston to Springfield."

Additionally, Dorchester's Massachusetts Coalition  $\mathbf{for}$ Occu-Safety pational and Health (MassCOSH) has been selected to receive \$150,000 for engaging, educating, and organizing Boston Public School (BPS) students through youthled workshops held in classrooms, clubs, and after-school programs. Those funds will help influence repairs, renovations, and new construction in the school district by conducting a Health Impact Assessment based on project recommendations.

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vs. REMUS ROBERSON

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## Festive crowd attends Halloween Pumpkin Parade at Pope Park

More than 500 children and families gathered at Pope John Paul II Park in Neponset on Oct. 26 for the annual Halloween Pumpkin Parade, formerly the Pumpkin Float, for a night of music, games, costumes, and – of course – candy by the handful.

The event had been cancelled due to the pandemic for a couple of years but returned last year with good results. This year the feeling was one of celebration and hundreds returned at pre-pandemic levels – to the delight of organizers like the Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR), the Neponset Greenway Council, and the Neponset River Watershed Association.

After enjoying cider, games, and a photo booth, children in costume marched around the park's trail and hit up several candy stations as they went.

Lead organizer Maria Lyons, of the Greenway Council and Port Norfolk, said participants trickled in, but by 6 p.m. they had more than 500 people in the park.

The event is one of the major highlights of the Halloween season in Dorchester.



Penelope Roberts, dressed as Batgirl, gets some help choosing stickers from her dad, Brian Roberts, dressed as Superman.



Catherine and Emma Le enjoy posing as a mummy and a wizard.



Ichabod Crane eat your heart out. This DCR Ranger and horse made a great showing of the famed Headless Horseman.



Julia Lyons leads the way on the Pumpkin Parade once again this year, with hundreds of costumed kids following behind.



The best penguin of the day was Yuvaan Shukla.



Little pumpkin Noah Jacobs dances to the Halloween music played by DJ DCR.



Israel Putnam might be dressed as Spiderman, but he's named after the Continental Army's hero of the Battle of Bunker



Ayla Kenney, as a vampire, poses in front of the pumpkin patch.



Owen Arroyo, Malik DaSilva, and Major DaSilva couldn't wait for the Pumpkin Parade.



State Rep. Dan Hunt and his son, Daniel, age 3, enjoyed the Pumpkin Parade on Thursday night.



Members of the Neponset River Greenway Council, and organizers of the Pumpkin Parade, pose for a photo before the event.



Revelers at the Halloween Parade gathered and took photos under the moonlit sky. Seth Daniel photos

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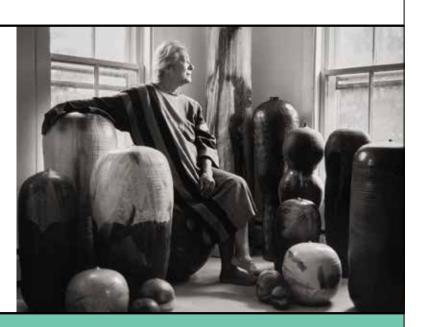
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