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Tristan Homewood waved a Biden campaign flag as he stood on a street-lamp at the corner of Boylston and Charles Streets to celebrate Joe Biden's presidential victory last Saturday. This week, Gov. Baker slammed President Trump and Congressional Republicans for their refusal - so far - to accept defeat and to begin an orderly transition of power. "The administration needs to move forward to cooperate with the president-elect's transition team immediately," said the governor. Page 2.

Jesse Costa/WBUR photo

Next year's mayoral race is sort of moving into focus

By BILL FORRY AND KATIE TROJANO REPORTER STAFF

After a weekend of celebrations following President-elect Joe Biden and VP-elect Kamala Harris's victory in the 2020 election, attention should soon begin to shift to next year's most important political contest on the local front: Mayor of

A key dynamic in the race remains whether or not Mayor Martin J. Walsh will run again or accept a position in the Biden-Harris administration, still very much a theoretical question that is not likely to be resolved in the coming days or even weeks.

With the transition period in Washington, D.C. in a strange limbo caused by the unwillingness of the Trump administration and key allies in Congress to accept his defeat, the city's political class will likely remain frozen in place and wait for events to

Walsh, now serving out his second term, has not yet said definitively that he will seek another four years. However, his campaign's fundraising and spending in recent weeks suggest that he is preparing to launch a re-election bid. Notably, his campaign is planning a "Women for Walsh" fundraiser next week, an event that includes a committee packed with notable female business and political luminaries.

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MBTA planning for widespread cuts in service next spring

By Chris Lisinski STATE HOUSE News Service

Starting next spring and summer, the MBTA would eliminate commuter rail service on weekends and after 9 p.m. on weeknights, cease running all ferries, scrap 25 bus routes, including one that runs along Dorchester Avenue, halt subways and buses at midnight, and scale back more transit options under a package of service cuts officials unveiled on Monday.

The proposal, which will be the subject of a month-long public comment period ahead of a final vote in December, would shave more than \$130 million from what the T spends on running buses, trains, and ferries.

While the T has faced financial pressures for years, it was pushed into an unprecedented crisis by evaporating ridership and fare revenue amid the COVID-19 pandemic. The slide in T revenues commenced in March, just as the House was passing new transportation revenues, a push that has so far drawn no response from the

The plan unveiled Monday puts clear contours on how MBTA and Department of Transportation officials plan to cope with a \$579 million shortfall, and could reshape transit in eastern and central Massachusetts for years.

T officials aimed the steepest (Continued on page 14)

Covid is revving up, Walsh and Baker warn

By State House **News Service**

Mayor Walsh is urging Bostonians to get tested for the disease that remains a major public health danger, particularly in Dorchester and Mattapan, and Gov. Baker is warning of an ominous surge in cases to come, even as hope emerged this week in the form of a potential vaccine that could be ready to administer widely next year.

The encouraging news about a vaccine breakthrough was checked some by the realities

of a second surge of Covid-19 infections under way in Massachusetts. Baker and hospital officials on Tuesday outlined the steps they are planning to treat the growing number of people with the disease, including plans for the re-establishment of emergency field hospitals.

Since Labor Day, coronavirus cases are up nearly 300 percent and hospitalizations are up about 200 percent, Baker said, which has driven occupancy at Massachusetts hospitals to 67 (Continued on page 12)

Quietly, boldly, colorfully, a call for justice

Mural in Fields Corner salutes Black lives lost

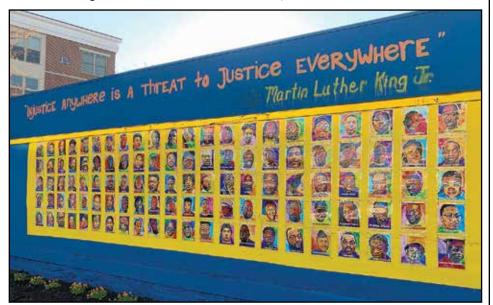
By Daniel Sheehan REPORTER STAFF

A new mural in Fields Corner bearing the names and faces of more than 100 individuals said to be victims of police violence across the country serves as a temporary memorial while promoting justice and declaring "Black Lives Matter" in large bold lettering.

The bright, colorful artwork that has caught the eye of passersby on Dorchester Ave. adorns

three sides of the building that once housed the John Gallagher Insurance Agency and is now operated as a mixed-use space and community fridge by Fields Corner Main Street.

The artist, Savin Hill resident Jorge Morfin, told the Reporter that he conceived of the memorial earlier this summer in the wake of several high-profile killings as a way to "ensure that the victims aren't forgotten." (Continued on page 10)



The faces and names of more than 100 victims of police violence from across the country are the focus of a new mural in Fields Corner. Daniel Sheehan photo

Dorchester residents air OpEd viewpoints

- BPS plan for exam school admissions is both immoral and just plain wrong, says Darragh Murphy
- Invest in the MBTA and don't cut its budget in these perilous times, says Jarred Johnson.

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Police, Courts & Fire

Young man charged with killing neighbor last July

A 22-year-old man from Dorchester was ordered to be held without bail on Monday for the murder of a Dorchester woman last summer. Kristian Maraj is alleged to have fired the gun that killed Felicity Coleman, 34, as she and others watched fireworks on Norton Street on the early morning of July 5.

Maraj's sister, Bianca Balkishun, was also charged this week with witness intimidation, according to Suffolk County District Attorney Rachael Rollins.

Assistant DA David Bradley told Suffolk Superior Court Judge Jeffrey Locke on Monday that the crime happened as a group of people had gathered around Stonehurst and Norton streets to watch individuals set off fire-

According to Bradley, Maraj fired into a group of people after he was involved in a fight in which his father tried to intercede and was stabbed. "Maraj retrieved a gun and ran back toward Norton Street shooting at a group of people and fatally wounding Ms. Coleman," said Bradley. "Ms. Coleman was outside watching fireworks when she was shot and murdered. Residents of our community deserve to be able to walk outside with fear of violence and harm."

Rollins added: "The Boston Police did an exceptional job in this case and their work should be commended."

The murder suspect's sister is being charged in the case because prosecutors allege she told a witness: "You are ratting my brother out...there's a bullet with your name on it... watch out, you're next."

The case will continue in court on Dec. 15.

Boston Police say they recovered a fully-loaded gun from the backyard of a home on Lyford Street in Dorchester on Sunday afternoon after a resident said he spotted the discarded firearm in his yard.

"The BPD thanks the caller for saying something when he saw something," police said in a statement.

A 14-year-old teenager was arrested after Boston Police say they found him carrying a BB gun in his backpack near the South Bay Mall. Police were called to the scene around 6 p.m. that evening for a report of a "person with a gun." A victim told police that the suspect who won't be named due to his age—pointed a gun at his head. Police say they spotted the suspect discarding a backpack behind the mall and found a loaded .177 bb gun inside.

'Dismayed' Baker slams Trump, GOP leaders for blocking transition

By Colin A. Young STATE HOUSE **News Service**

President Donald Trump's repeated attempts to sow doubt about the results of last week's presidential election are bad for the country and distract from efforts to wrestle the COVID-19 pandemic under control, Gov. Charlie Baker said Tuesday.

The Republican governor said he is "dismayed" to see Trump and other Republicans present "baseless claims" of widespread voter fraud, and said he has seen no credible evidence of impropriety that would change the outcome of the election, which Democrat

Joe Biden is projected to have won. Baker said the Trump administration's move to have federal prosecutors under the Department of Justice review election results "is so wildly inappropriate."

"Stalling an orderly transition process, especially at a time like this, is equally unacceptable. I can't think of a worse time to stall a transition than amid a deadly pandemic that the federal government continues to own primary responsibility for responding to," Baker said.

He added, "Orderly transitions of power are good for the country, they're good for and there's simply no question on this. And every campaign season, we hear a lot about doing what's best for the country. And what this president is doing at this point in time is not in the best interest of this country. The administration needs to move forward to cooperate with the president-elect's transition team immediately."

Baker has said he did not vote for president in 2016 or 2020 and often appears out of step with national Republicans. On Tuesday, he recalled knocking on doors, making phone calls, donating money to, raising money for and voting the American people for Republicans for the

last 40 years. But he also acknowledged that he disagrees with the direction of some in his Grand Old Party.

"I believe in many of the things that the Republican Party I support stands for, which is why I've been one for 40 years. One of the things I don't believe people should stand for, if you're any place in elective office, is this idea somehow that elections are only legit if you win." the governor said. "And more and more of what I hear coming out of this conversation implies to me that some of this is just raw double standard and nothing

Pressley and Rollins call for covid-driven prisoner release

Congresswoman Ayanna Pressley and Suffolk County District Attorney Rachael Rollins joined a chorus of advocates calling for the Baker administration to reduce prison populations amid a surge in COVID-19 cases in the state's correctional facilities.

Citing media reports and Department of Correction data, Pressley and Rollins said confirmed positive tests at the MCI-Norfolk facility exploded from just two on Oct. 28 to 140 as of Nov. 7. Other parts of the state's correctional system have also shown upticks, they

said, describing October outbreaks in at least two facilities and dozens of positive cases among those involuntarily committed in the Massachusetts Alcohol and Substance Abuse Center.

The two women urged Baker in a letter on Tuesday to use clemency

and emergency powers to release those who do not pose threats to the community as a means of lowering the public health risks that inmates as well as staff and visitors who cycle in and out of facilities face.

– CHRIS LISINSKI

MBTA: We'll enforce mask mandate

The MBTA told its users last Friday that its policy that almost all passengers wear face coverings while riding public transit will be enforced going forward, with fines being levied on anyone on trains, buses, and ferries who does not follow Gov. Baker's updated executive order.

This is a reversal from

the agency's position earlier this year that a previous mask order could not be firmly enforced.

Under Baker's new approach, all residents over the age of 5 are required to wear a mask or cloth face-covering over both their mouth and nose when in public, including on public transit. Indimedical conditions are exempt, but all others are required to comply.

Transit Police are now authorized to enforce the order on MBTA vehicles and in stations, empowered to issue civil fines up to \$300 per violation, T officials said.

The agency told employees to inform any viduals with relevant commuters not wearing masks of the updated order. If riders do not comply at that point, employees will inform the T's Operations Control Center, "who will report $and \, coordinate \, next \, steps \,$ with Transit Police," the MBTA said.

- CHRIS LISINSKI SHNS

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New restaurant rules allow diners to finish after closing

By MATT MURPHY STATE HOUSE News Service

With the governor's mandatory early closing hours for some businesses now in place, the administration updated its rules for restaurants last week making clear that diners served before 9:30 p.m. can finish their food and drinks, but must be off the premises by

The new guidance stems from the executive order Gov. Baker signed on Nov. 2 requiring certain businesses to close between the hours of 9:30 p.m. and 5 a.m. as part of a strategy to blunt the rise in COVID-19 cases. The order was designed to work hand-in-hand that explicit. No food or

with a stay-at-home advisory instructing people to stay home between 10 p.m. and 5 a.m.

Both new guidelines took effect last Friday.

Baker said that restaurants would be allowed to continue offering food for take-out service, and the updated guidance for restaurants make

beverages can be served to a table after 9:30 p.m., but restaurants can keep employees on premises during the mandatory closing period to provide food and non-alcoholic beverage to take-out or delivery. No alcohol can be served in any capacity during the mandatory closing period, the administration said.

UPCOMING CIVIC MEETINGS AND COMMUNITY EVENTS

The City of Boston will host a virtual public meeting on Thurs.. Nov. 19 to discuss the Uphams Corner Arts and Innovation district process and Requests for Proposals. The meeting will be held from 6-7:45 p.m. See page 7 of today's edition for Zoom and call-in instructions. The contact at the BPDA is Morgan McDaniel. 617-918-6250 or morgan.e.mcdaniel@boston.gov.

Hidden Heroes/Sheroes celebration in Codman Square — Codman Square Neighborhood Council hosts its annual Hidden Heroes & Sheroes Celebration virtually on Fri., Nov. 20 from 6-8 p.m. See codmansquarecouncil.org for more info.

Hancock Street project subject of BPDA meeting — A virtual public meeting will be held on Thurs., Nov. 19 to review a proposed mixed-income, 15-unit residential building at 120-122 Hancock St., Dorchester. For

more information, contact Aisling Kerr at 617-918-4212 or aisling.kerr@boston. gov. See bostonplans.org/projects/development-projects/120-122-hancock-street for more details.

780 Morrissey project meeting — The BPDA will host a virtual meeting on Thurs., Nov. 19 at 6 p.m. to discuss a proposed five-story building with 219 residential units at 780 Morrissey Blvd., Dorchester. See page 11 for more info. The contact is Stephen Harvey, 617-918-4418 or Stephen.j.harvey@boston.gov.

Moakley Park planning — The Boston Parks & Recreation launched a series of virtual discussions called "Moakley Talks" which will focus on key aspects of the city's planning process for Moakley Park in South Boston. The remaining series dates include subjects like Community and Play on Tues., Nov. 17, 6-7:30 p.m.; Public Health and Environment on Tues., Nov. 24, 6-7:30 p.m. All virtual events and materials will be available through the project website at boston.gov/parks/moakleypark.

Wales Street development proposal — The BPDA will host a virtual public meeting on Mon., Nov. 16 at 6 p.m. to discuss a proposal by Heading Home, Inc. and E3 Development to develop 23 units of permanent supportive housing on its property at 37 Wales St. in Dorchester. The project will serve formerly homeless families with incomes at or below 30 percent AMI by providing stable housing and on-site support services. Heading Home is a Boston-based nonprofit organization with a mission to end homelessness in Greater Boston by providing a supported pathway to self-sufficiency that begins with accessing permanent housing,

together with critical services such as life skills, financial literacy, and job training. For more information see bostonplans. org. Or contact project manager Michael Sinatra at 617-918-4280.

Apply now for School Committee vacancy— A nominating panel is now accepting applications for an upcoming vacancy on the Boston School Committee. The position comes with a four-year term. Applications can be found online at bostonpublicschools.org. The deadline is Nov. 16.

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Neponset River fans get caught up on clean-up prospects

By Katie Trojano Reporter Staff

Neighbors received an update on efforts to clean up the Neponset River on Monday night at a virtual meeting that focused on water quality, sediment pollution, and dams that block fish from their habitats.

The online discussion was convened by the Neponset River Watershed Association (NepRWA), a non-profit group that has led efforts to protect the river from dumping and other harm for decades.

Ian Cooke, the group's executive director, said that water quality in the river remains a top concern, particularly in the lower Neponset segment from Hyde Park to Lower Mills and through to Dorchester Bay where the river is a mix of fresh and salt water.

Water quality, which is monitored by testing at three locations six times a year, is also affected by how the city and state manage stormwater. Water tested from 2018-2020 at Blue Hills Parkway, Ryan Playground, and Adams Street was swimmable based on bacteria levels just 63, 39, and 56 percent of the time, respectively, Cooke said.

Runoff from storms is often the biggest problem, Cooke said, due to Boston's old plumbing infrastructure. Sewage often manages to get into the river even when it's not raining through "illicit discharge" pipes. "Any sort of material left on the street is going to end up in either the Charles or Neponset river, or



Volunteers cleaned up the Neponset River during an event organized by the Neponset River Watershed Association in September.

*Photo courtesy NepRWA**

the harbor," he said. "So we're trying to deal with that from an educational standpoint and also to work with the city to retrofit infrastructure."

The organization has mounted a 20-year-long effort to bring herring and shad fish, once abundant in the river, back. The state-owned Baker Dam in Lower Mills and the Tileston-Hollingworth Dam off of River Street in Hyde Park effectively block the fish from accessing 17 miles of their former habitat.

Although past studies have found relatively low levels of lead in the sediment, they show that the Lower Neponset has a specific problem: elevated levels of a synthetic chemical called polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs), which are hazardous to human health, fish life, and the environment.

The PCBs in the sediment are a grim reminder of the Neponset's polluted past, when factories along its shore used the river to dump chemical waste into the water.

Cooke explained that the issue over what could be done to address issues with the dams cannot be explored until the elevated PCB levels are tackled. Officials from the US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) last discussed the issue in public last February, when they briefed a group of about 70 people at a community meeting at Mattapan's Mildred Avenue Community Center. Although the EPA is gearing up to put the Neponset on the National Priorities List,

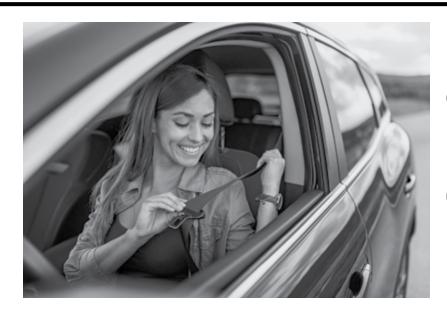
maybe sometime next year, the subsequent process would "likely be long—and probably take years or decades," Cooke said.

PCBs pose relatively low risk to humans, but threaten the health of the fish and birds who live there. People are advised not to eat fish caught in the river.

Cooke also highlighted the partnership between the NepRWA and the Neponset Greenway Council and their progress in removing trash from the river, including a massive clean-up on Sept. 30. The Neponset River Festival was cancelled this year due to the coronavirus and will likely be on pause this coming spring, he expects.

Cooke also highlighted the city's newly released "Coastal Resilience Solutions for Dorchester," a culmination of the Climate Ready Dorchester initiative to protect the neighborhoods from sea-level rise 50 years from now. The plan could cost as much as \$215 million to execute.

"It's a very thoughtful approach, but it's also ambitious," Cooke said. "We need to keep in mind that it's a plan laid out by the city without any consultation with the state. It will be a tremendous challenge for the city, the residents, and for all of our institutions. I definitely encourage everyone to check out the plan and advocate for the city to continue being proactive about these issues."



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City council hopefuls begin lining up

A number of potential candidates have announced bids to run for a seat on the City Council next year, a tantalizing target now that two sitting councillors— At-large Councillor Michelle Wu and District 4 Councillor Andrea Campbell - have announced mayoral campaigns. Both women will leave openings on the 13-member body and room for a competitive field of newcomers to grow.

Other at-large incumbent councillors — Annissa Essaibi George, Michael Flaherty, and Julia Mejia, who was elected in 2019 with a margin of and take action," Gray one vote— are expected to seek re-election.

The first newcomer to declare his intent to run for citywide council is Alex Gray, currently a policy analyst at City Hall. The 36-year-old Democrat from Jamaica Plain hopes to become Boston's first blind elected official.

"For me I think a lot about the fact that there's a lot of people locally and nationally that feel unheard and that's a hard feeling, and one that I know. The story of my life is about the power of what happens when people listen to you told the Reporter in a phone call.

He began to lose his eyesight just before high school. "There was some pushback about whether a blind student could be in a traditional public school, and my family fought back against that and really changed my life and that's really the motivating factor."

Gray previously served as an adviser to former Gov. Deval Patrick.

Another likely contender in the at-large field is Nick Vance, a Hyde Park resident who grew up in Dorchester and Mattapan. Vance served as the former political action co-chair for the Boston NAACP and is a former member of the Mayor's Millennial Council (SPARK).

'My lifelong home base in low-income communities now besieged by COVID-19 and longtime health and economic disparities inspires me to work with civic and community leaders to bring needed change to these neighborhoods," Vance said in a statement. "While living in these communities and working downtown I've noticed that the economic growth and wealth hasn't been distributed throughout the different communities of Boston and I'm really committed on ensuring true equity in all of the commutes that are struggling with this pandemic'

He added: "There is no Black male leadership on the committee. I think that is also another angle that should be addressed."

Jacob Ureña, a Mattapan resident and Cristo Rey Boston graduate, plans to run for Campbell's open seat in Dis-

"I'm running because of my mother," he said in a campaign video he released in October. "As

a product of a single parent immigrant household, I was instilled with strong family values that stressed the importance of empathy, hard work, education, and civic duty."

Another potential candidate is Ashawn Dabney-Small, an 18 year old who has said he plans to challenge incumbent Councillor Frank Baker. Dabney-Small, a member of the Massachusetts Young Dems and Democratic Socialists groups, worked on the Mayor's Youth Council as the Youth Arts and Culture

- KATIE TROJANO

'21 mayoral race moves into focus—but it's early

(Continued from page 1)

In a press conference on Sunday, Walsh took questions about whether he might fill a cabinet post or take some other role in a Biden-Harris administration.

There's speculation about a lot of things. He can't take everyone from Massachusetts with him," said Walsh.

Walsh has known Biden since 1997 and the President-elect personally presided over the mayor's second inauguration, swearing him into office.

If Walsh were to agree to take a job in the new national administration, that would set up a sequence of city election year events that has attained precedence in recent years. When President Bill Clinton reached into Boston City Hall to appoint Mayor Ray Flynn ambassador to the Vatican in 1993, City Council President Thomas Menino became acting mayor, a post he used as a springboard to an elected mayorship over the following two decades that made him the city's longest serving

Were Walsh to leave for Washington, Council President Kim Janey would be elevated to acting mayor, making her the first woman of color to lead the city.



Mayor Walsh

She'd also have an incumbency advantage if she chose to enter the 2021 mayoral election, shaking up a field that so far includes city councillors Michelle Wu and Andrea Campbell.

Janey, asked by the Reporter to comment about her plan for next year, said: "Well, right now, I think we have to get through the next 8 or 9 weeks of the current administration in the White House. I was confident Biden would win, but I'm not so confident in this transition of power. Those are where my initial thoughts are right now. As for what happens in 2021, we'll

t h e n Walsh, a state representative, was elected mayor in 2013, when Menino's decision not to run for re-election set off the city's first mayoral race without an incumbent in decades.

"Some time in the new year we'll be talking substantial fundraising



Andrea Campbell

about what my plans are," Walsh told WGBH last Friday.

Asked if he'd be interested in running for US Sen. Elizabeth Warren's seat if she does join the Biden administration, he said, "I'm focused on being the mayor of Boston right now."

While Walsh hasn't made an announcement about his own plans, he played a role in making news of Councillor Wu's candidacy public, confirming to the Boston Globe in September that she had let him know of her intention to run. A week later, Wu formally announced her candidacy in a campaign video. Two weeks later, she was joined in the race by Campbell, who represents parts of Dorchester and Mattapan in District 4.

According to reports filed with the Office of Campaign and Political Finance (OCPF) as of October 31, both Wu and Campbell have made



Michelle Wu

gains since announcing their mayoral bids. Wu now has \$475,435 cash on hand, and Campbell is not far behind with \$441,831.

Walsh, meanwhile, has also been vigorously adding to his campaign account. The incumbent mayor now has more than \$5.7 million in his war chest, a notable increase from his \$5.5 million just a few months ago. This week, Wu earned an endorsement from Jay Gonzalez, a former gubernatorial candidate who lost to Gov. Charlie Baker in 2018.

"She won't be a waitand-see mayor and she won't make decisions at the behest of the same old people the same old way and behind closed doors, Gonzalez said. "She will swing the doors of city government wide open where everyone can see how decisions are made and participate in making sure their interests are served."

rounding the national election still looming large, all three likely candidates this week spent time addressing issues related to the presidency. The prospect of a constitutional crisis, coupled with the menace of a still-potent pandemic. could chill interest in a relatively far-off mayor's race— at least for now.

"Everything is up in the air," said former Boston City Councillor Larry DiCara, an astute observer and sometime practitioner of city politics since the 1970s. "If the pandemic continues as most predict it willinto the spring— I'm not sure people are going to be tuned in yet.

DiCara, a native of Dorchester, ran for mayor in 1983 after a stint on the council. He noted that in that year, it was not known that Mayor Kevin White would not seek another term until Memorial Day. A decade later, Mayor Raymond L. Flynn's decision to leave the mayor's job to become Ambassador to the Vatican in 1993 was not known until July of that year.

DiCara's take: Walsh is most likely running and would remain the heavy favorite. "It's very hard to dislodge an incumbent mayor of Boston. It hasn't happened since 1949 and that was James Michael Curley, who was 75 years old, and who had just spent five months in jail," said DiCara, who added: "The mayor is acting as though he is running. Nobody has ever had the kind of a war chest he has.'

State Rep. Russell Holmes, who represents parts of Dorchester and Mattapan, agrees that the current mayor would hold a distinct advan-

"I think the mayor is significantly advantaged with \$5.5 million in funds," Holmes said. "But quite honestly, all three are friends of mine and I look forward to a conversation that puts all of the ideas side by

"I think [Campbell] is more advantaged than [Wu]because I just think that at-large councillors never feel that they are attached to a certain district because they have the whole city," Holmes added.

Another fact to consider, said DiCara: The potential for Council President Janey to consolidate power as acting mayor and launch her own campaign to retain the job, following Tom Menino's path to power.

"She could be underestimated, like Tom Menino was," said DiCara.

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Update on plans for Uphams Corner art district set to be aired next week

By DANIEL SHEEHAN REPORTER STAFF

A virtual BPDA meeting slated for next Thursday (Nov. 19) at 6 p.m. will discuss the latest plans for the Uphams Corner Arts & Innovation District, a stretch of properties along Columbia Road that has been eyed by the city for several years as an "Enhanced Neighborhood Pilot" area ripe for rejuvenation.

Preliminary plans made in 2017 as part of Mayor Martin Walsh's "Imagine Boston 2030" program envisioned a revitalized Strand Theatre and a brand new Uphams Corner branch of the Boston Public Library as two key anchors of the project, which would help reestablish the neighborhood as an arts hub and spur "development without displacement."

After the city conducted a community engagement process in 2017 and 2018, legal is-



A BPDA graphic denotes key parcels along Columbia Road that would anchor the Uphams Corner Arts & Innovation District.

of the project's Request for Proposals (RFPs), which had been expected in 2019, and then the coronavirus pandemic further delayed planning operations this year.

An outline of the agenda for next week's meet-

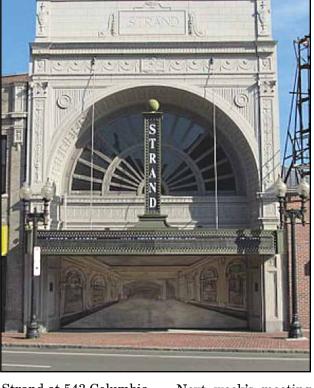
sues delayed the release ing indicates the BPDA will provide updates on the status of those RFP's, which solicited proposals from development teams for a revitalized Strand Theatre with a long-term operating partner and expanded programming, an \$18 million, 15,000-squarefoot redesigned public library, and affordable housing and commercial space that would be accessible to local residents and artists.

> Calls to restore the area's cultural staples have reverberated around the neighborhood for a number of years, and

with good reason: The once-iconic Strand lies unused for much of the year apart from the occasional concert or ballet show, and the library has been in need of a facelift since it moved to its current location at Columbia Road and Bird Street in 1904.

A new organization would operate the Strand and expand its current arts and education programming, while potentially also collaborating or sharing space with the new library, slated to occupy adjacent space on Columbia Road.

In addition to the



Strand at 543 Columbia Rd., and the library, which would occupy the city-owned property at No. 555 that formerly housed Bank of America, other parcels involved in the plan include the Citizens Bank building across the street (formerly Dorchester Savings Bank), the Citizens Bank parking lot, and a municipal parking lot on Hamlet Street.

These parcels, acquired by the city in 2017 or prior through a partnership with Dudley Street Neighborhood Initiative (DSNI), total nearly 100,000 square feet of property.

Next week's meeting will also divulge any additional parcels that may have entered the fold, as planners indicated was a possibility considering certain community partners who were "game" to work with the city.

Initial implementation plan materials identified other key Uphams Corner sites for "potential redevelopment," including the Santander location, the Maxwell property on East Cottage Street, ATCO Supply parcels on Columbia Road, retail parcels on Hancock Street, and the Leon Electric Building, a longtime neighborhood frustration abutting the Uphams Corner commuter rail station.

The meeting will conclude with a BPDA Demonstration Project Plan, which will shed light on the future of those parcels, and an outline of the city's next steps.

Construction on the project was initially scheduled to begin by last fall, but will now likely get under way in 2021.

The session will be accessible virtually through Zoom. Translation services will be provided upon request. You can register for the meeting here: http://bit. ly/uphams1119.



Harvard Street Neighborhood Health Center



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will be notified by Wednesday, December 16, 2020. Winners do not need to be present. Ask a representative for details.

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Reporter's People

News about people in and around our Neighborhoods

NE Press Association cites Reporter founder Forry

'An exceptional record of commitment to community journalism'

 $The \, New \, England \, New spaper \, \& \, Press \, Association \, (NEN-$ PA) has selected Edward W. Forry, who, with his wife, the late Mary Casey Forry, founded the Dorchester Reporter in 1983 and the Boston Irish Reporter ten years later, as its 2020 honoree in the field of community journalism.

Named after Bob Wallack, a longtime New England journalist and former New England Press Association executive director, the award annually recognizes an individual who has displayed an exceptional record of commitment to community journalism. Past award recipients faithfully served the community for which they are responsible and played an active, constructive role in contributing to its quality of life.

The selectors took notice of Ed Forry's active and meaningful work over the last 37 years doing street-level, urban newspapering in Dorchester, Boston's largest and most diverse neighborhood in giving him the award. For many who know him and his work, the honoree is a latterday equivalent of the small-town newspaper editor memorialized in so many movies and histories:

He knows personally many of the *Reporter's* readers, he knows personally and appreciates many of its advertisers, he knows personally many of those the Reporter has covered since the Reagan years, and for over three decades he has never held back when he believed critical issues – local, state, and national – deserved attention in his editorials.

In announcing his selection, NENPA said, "We are looking forward to recognizing Mr. Forry at the New England Newspaper Conference, which will take place (virtually) on Nov. 17, 18 and 19.



Ed Forry of Dorchester will be honored by the New England Newspaper & Press Association later this month.

Dot's Bodden awarded \$30k college scholarship

Nellcie Bodden, a student at City on a Hill, has won a scholarship worth \$30,000 funded by ALKU, a specialized consulting services firm based in Andover. The company partnered with non-profit Mass Mentoring Partnership to select Bodden for the prize, given each year to an outstanding high school senior who plans to pursue a bachelor's degree at a four-year institution. This is the sixth year that ALKU has awarded a scholarship, and this year, they increased the amount from \$20,000 to \$30,000 in light of the



Nellcie Bodden

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addedhardships brought ALKU presented the scholarship to Bodden at the recent Cheers Representatives from for Champions Virtual

Event. The scholarship was created by ALKU founder and CEO Mark Eldridge who is also a member of MMP's Governing Board.

According to Eldridge, selecting the winner is both the most rewarding and most difficult job he faces each year.

"Every year, it gives me such pride and joy to see so many worthy candidates," Eldridge said. "In the end, one application always rises to the top. This year was no different. The employees at ALKU are so passionate about this scholarship because we

get to see the impact of our efforts in action."

Bodden was matched with two mentors from the Minds Matter Boston program, both attorneys who encouraged Bodden's interest in social justice. Bodden stated "Today's society is not structured to benefit everyone equally. That is why I want to be a voice advocating for those who do not have a chance to speak up.' Bodden intends to use the scholarship to pursue a degree in psychology or political science.

"We are very grateful to Mark and the team at

ALKU for their deep and heartfelt commitment to supporting young people across the state," said Lily Mendez, Mass Mentoring Partnership's President and CEO. "ALKU understands how having a caring, supportive, and consistent mentor can make all the difference to a young person. In her application, Nellcie wrote that her mentors had motivated her to be the best version of herself. That is what mentoring is all about, and ALKU has demonstrated over and over that they fundamentally understand that."

Nov. 21st Grand Drawing gala benefits BGCD

On Saturday, November 21st,

will tune in to "A Night of Giving Gala" Grand Drawing event in support of Boys & Girls Clubs of Dorchester (BGCD).

"We are so grateful to the many sponsors and families that continue to support the work of the club. During these times, our young people need us more than ever," said

BGCD President & CEO Bob Scannell. "Our hope is that everyone has a great time this year from the safety of their home and wins big during our Grand Prize Drawing, all with a bigger mission in mind to support our kids. We look forward to 'seeing' you there."

The Grand Drawing Gala is the only one of its kind, giving away (10) Grand Prizes each valued between \$1,500 and \$5,000. Each sponsorship and ticket sold to the event allows each guest to be entered into the drawing, with higher giving levels receiving bonus entries. A sample of this year's prizes includes a Peloton Bike with all the essentials,

a two-bedroom Villa at Ocean Edge Resort in Brewster with golf for four and dinner; a Hilton Getaway; an under-counter wine fridge stocked with a nice selection of wine; a private cooking class for 15 with Christopher Kimball's Milk Street and much more. As an added bonus this year, the event will

include a special "Party Box" which will be delivered to your home. Included are special party favors and a gift certificate to a favorite restaurant you would like to support that has been impacted by the pandemic.

Boys & Girls Club of Dorchester serves over 4,000 children between

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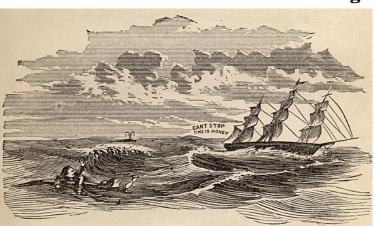
DORCHESTER HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Peter Strickland, of Dorchester: First US Consul to Senegal

The following is excerpted from Stephen Grant's website (stephenhgrant.com) where his book, "Peter Strickland. New London Shipmaster; Boston Merchant; First Consul to Senegal," and others are available.

"Two repositories in the eastern US house important collections of Peter Strickland's papers: Mystic Seaport Library, Mystic, Connecticut ,and University of Delaware Library, Newark, Delaware. Papers contain ship logs, business ledgers, 2,000 business and personal letters from 1876 to 1921. Of paramount interest is a personal journal started in 1857 on a journey to Europe at the age of 19. The last entry was in 1921 at the age of 83, where the pen fell from his hand in mid-sentence. ... Strickland also authored a book, "A Voice from the Deep," published in Boston in 1873. In it, he recounts details of





Capt. Peter Strickland, a Neponset Avenue resident when he was in the United States, included this illustration in his book, "A Voice from the Deep."

the sailor's five malefactors: shipping agents, ship owners, boarding masters, ship officers, and . . . consuls.

Strickland claimed he knew more about West African trade than any other American at that time. He made over 40 voyages during the Age of Sail from New England to West Africa, carrying in the holds of his schooners, brigs, and brigantines cargoes of leaf tobacco from Kentucky and Tennessee and blocks of ice wrapped up in sawdust from the Kennebec River for refrigeration. The return voyage brought rubber, peanuts, animal hides to be made into shoes and boots, palm oil for cooking, and gum from the

acacia tree for pharmaceuticals, inks, and adhesives.

Because Strickland knew West Africa so well, the administration of President Chester Arthur appointed him consul for French West Africa with domicile on Gorée Island in Senegal, and covering Cape Verde Is., Liberia, The Gambia, Guinea, Bissau, and Sierra Leone. ... In the 19th century, prime [consular] responsibilities were to further American shipping, record shipwrecks and accidents, offer protection to American travelers, report deaths of mariners, including loss overboard.

Strickland also reported on rowdy, insolent, and intoxicated sailors. On Feb. 7, 1888, his only surviving son George drowned off the coast of Senegal at night. He was in command of the schooner M. E. Higgins on official mission sailing to the coastal town of Saint Louis. He reportedly fell from the rails where he was sitting. The body was never found and the circumstances of his death were considered mysterious. He was 24 years old, a sea captain, and his father's vice-consul.

The archive of these historical posts can be viewed on the blog at dorchesterhistoricalsociety.org.

Editorial

A new low for Trumpists

Sedition. That is the legal word for the crime against democracy that Donald Trump and his knock-kneed co-conspirators in Congress appear to be staging in a desperate grasp at control of the White House.

Joe Biden and Kamala Harris were duly elected last week, as were most Republicans who sought re-election to Congress. But, Trump insists — with no evidence— that the presidential balloting was a fraud and that "illegal" votes must be discarded. The president is engaged in behavior that is beyond reckless and preposterous. It's dangerous and - if it persists— it is treasonous.

Some—but not enough—high-profile Republicans understand the gravity of this situation. Mitt Romney, the Utah Senator who once governed our state, said on Monday that Trump "is wrong to say the election was rigged, corrupt and stolen." Persisting in such misinformation, Romney said, "damages the cause of freedom here and around the world ... and recklessly inflames destructive and dangerous passions.

On Tuesday, we were pleased to see our current governor, Charlie Baker, make it clear that he, too, is "disgusted" by the president and his cronies' "baseless claims" of voter fraud. Baker called Trump's obstinance "wildly inappropriate."

"I can't think of a worse time to stall a transition than amid a deadly pandemic that the federal government continues to own primary responsibility for responding to," Baker said. "Orderly transitions of power are good for the country, they're good for the American people and there's simply no question on this. And every campaign season, we hear a lot about doing what's best for the country. And what this president is doing at this point in time is not in the best interest of this country.

Even Christie, the former New Jersey governor who caught COVID-19 at the White House while running Trump through debate prep last month, chimed in. "He's been a friend of mine for 20 years — but friendship doesn't mean that you're blind," said Christie. "Friendship means that you'll listen to somebody, give them their opportunity, and if they don't come forward with the proof, then it's time to move on."

It would all be a fitting coda to this farce of a presidency if these Republican leaders were in command of their own party apparatus. Far from it. With precious few exceptions, there is now nothing left of the so-called GOP, the party of Lincoln. It's gone. They have been taken down, choked out, disembodied and re-animated in a familiar, but very different form. The "party" is now nothing more than a subsidiary of Trump, Inc. If by some miracle, the country avoids further harm in the coming weeks, it will be in spite of the majority of Republican leaders, who either cower, or worse, amplify the ravings of Trump and his family. Witness Mike Pompeo, our nation's top diplomat, sneering at the voters of America as he pledged on Tuesday that "there will be a smooth transition to a second Trump administration."

Count us among those who genuinely want the nation to come together and heal— to "see each other again" as President-elect Biden said in his magnanimous speech to the nation on Saturday. But Trump and his extremist allies have shown us who they truly are too many times for us not to believe their intent. It would be folly to dismiss their public statements and actions since Saturday as anything other than a concerted effort to dismantle our republic's foundational stone: the will of the electorate.

This is not mere denial by a pack of sore losers. It represents a revolt, that if it persists, is the gravest threat to our democracy since secessionist slavers attempted to destroy the Union—and nearly did—in 1861. We must be prepared to confront it for what it is: a criminal conspiracy. -Bill Forry

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Invest in, don't cut, the MBTA budget

By Jarred Johnson SPECIAL TO THE REPORTER

Before the pandemic hit, more than one-third of Dorchester residents used the T to get to work. The number is likely considerably higher among low-income families.

The T keeps thousands of cars off the highways and is a huge part of making Boston's air quality better. We saw drastic improvements in our air quality during the pandemic and bus commutes had never been quicker.

We risk losing all that progress as traffic returns. Apple Mobility data suggest that traffic is now close to 90 percent of pre-pandemic levels. The burden of this worsening air quality and traffic congestion falls squarely on the residents of communities like

As folks are working from home, they may ask, "Why should we keep running the Tifno one's riding?" Well, routes like the 28 and 23 have retained 45-51 percent of their pre-pandemic ridership. And it's not just about how many the T is transporting, but who.

The folks who are keeping this region running medical professionals, grocery store workers, food service workers, and other essential workers— are still riding the T. They deserve more than our gratitude and clapping. They deserve our help in fighting for the T.

Even more puzzling is this: The T is not talking about immediate steps to save money; it is voting next month on devastating cuts that will have a permanent impact, but that won't take effect until July when we're likely to have the worst of COVID

There's a great deal of talk about the future of work, but many Dorchester residents don't have the luxury of working from home. Cities like Boston have staked the future of our neighborhoods on transit-oriented development; we've built denser buildings with less parking to encourage transit usage. These moves would have a chilling effect on housing production across the region, leading to higher housing prices.

Covid has exacerbated existing problems. The T was already underfunded. Its service was less frequent this January than it was in January 2007. Couple that with a failure to act faster on bus lanes and you have a recipe for slow, crowded buses. That's why bus ridership had been slipping even before the

We have the chance to do things differently now. We should invest so that when some riders return next summer they will have more service, not less. They'll return to buses that run more frequently and feature real-time info on crowding. And in a few more years when I expect the T will return to pre-pandemic levels or higher, they can look forward to a network of bus lanes that dramatically cut trip times, riding on clean zero-emission electric buses. They can look forward to a Fairmount Line that operates like a subway with fast-accelerating, electric trains departing every seven minutes during rush hour.

This can only happen if we stop the cuts and actually invest in the system that keeps Boston running. If we push the T and the city of Boston to implement bus lanes and other bus priority treatments, buses will run faster, allowing for more trips with less crowding. This is essential during Covid and will attract riders once we recover.

We must also push the MBTA's bus electrification team to put equity first. This means starting with communities like Dorchester, Roxbury, and Mattapan who've asked for clean zero-emission buses (not simply rebranded diesel spewing hybrids)

It also means fulfilling the promise to the Fairmount Corridor. The eight new trips per day are great. Even though the pilot program started in the middle of the pandemic, the Fairmount's ridership has proved to be the most durable of any commuter rail line.

We need the T to commit to starting the purchase of new electric multiple units by the end of the spring. The agency must also start the design process for the electrification and accessible stations at Readville and Fairmount.

Finally, the T must work with area workforce development organizations to make sure Fairmount Corridors are the ones to reap the economic benefits of building this line.

A better future is possible if we just invest in it. Jarred Johnson is executive director of Transit Matters, a non-profit advocacy group. He lives in

Thoughts about a still-divided America

By BILL WALCZAK REPORTER COLUMNIST

Back in 1997, I was on a trip to promote peace in the former Yugoslavia and war broke out while I was in Pristina, the capital city of the Republic of Kosovo. We heard machine guns firing at night and learned about massacres the next morning, and we were quickly ushered out of Kosovo. Back in Belgrade, Yugoslavia's capital, we passed the American embassy, which had an American flag flying in front of it. It was a wonderful and comforting sight to see.

De Tocqueville talked about Americans' tendency toward very passionate elections, but noted that they usually come together afterward. The Civil War notwithstanding, Americans have had more years of unity than not. In driving to the Cape on weekends over the last few months, I found the Trump black and blue flag rallies at the Bourne Bridge astonishing in their exuberance, as were the anti-Trump middle finger salutes from those driving by. Will Americans continue to be passionately divided, or will we come together?

Last week, Donald Trump received the second highest total number of votes for the presidency in the history of our country, with the highest number going to the man who defeated him in the election, Joe Biden, who earned, as of this writing, four-anda-half million more votes.

Republicans did well nationally. While the majority of voters decided for Biden as president, the electorate also voted to retain most of the Republican senators while dismissing some Democrats in the House of Representatives. I'd say that in the end, the majority decided that they didn't want the new normal to be non-stop Trumpian chaos, but that only extended to the presidency.

So where does the down-ballot election leave us? Barring an electoral miracle in Georgia, where there will be two Senate races in January, we'll continue to have stultifying divided government for at least the next two years along with a Supreme Court that will likely stop Biden from implementing new progressive legislation, even if the bills are somehow approved by the Senate.

But Biden, as with Trump and Obama, will govern via executive order and regulatory changes to reverse many of the execrable policies implemented by Trump: the separating of immigrant children from their parents; the supporting of policies that increase global warming; damaging Americans' ability to get access to health care; building relationships with authoritarians and dictators, to name a few.

Regarding the US Senate, it's hard to imagine Mitch McConnell becoming bipartisan. He saw his role following the Obama election in 2008 as making sure Obama would be a one-term president. He'll probably see the same role for himself for the Biden presidency. We're likely to have a Congress unable to agree on anything of importance, with never-ending brinksmanship and vituperation. We can look forward to continued voter suppression by Republican states, efforts that resulted in voters having a difficult time doing so by mail and forced them to stand in long lines to cast theirballots. And there will be more gerrymandering as a result of the 2020 census.

Will Trump succeed with the courts in overturning the election? The Supreme Court will likely not take a stand; the justices don't have to. Any such decision would require them to overrule a number of states, which control their elections. And in the process, the Court would delegitimize itself in the eyes of most Americans. Trump's goal at this point seems to be to delegitimize Biden and keep his own options open for 2024.

While Trumpism will still control the Republican Party, Donald Trump will likely be beset with tax iraud prosecution and the need to pay back nundreds of millions of dollars in debt for his failing businesses. Will he leave the White House? I enjoyed the Biden campaign's response: "The United States government is perfectly capable of removing trespassers from the White House."

The election means that the country will finally have strong leadership to deal with the pandemic, and the Trump noise will be lessened in our faces and in our ears. The man who on a daily basis exacerbated our divisions, enhanced bigots and despots, and made the world less safe for ourselves and our progeny, will have no official power. We'll have a president who is back on track to try to deal with global warming, immigration, systemic racism, health care, international relations, and the virus.

Following this contentious election, my daughter asked me to mount a flag holder on our house, and we pulled our American flag out of storage in our basement. My four-year-old granddaughter, wearing a blue and white shift with red stars, announced "This is my Kamala Harris dress." As I walked around Savin Hill, seeing the American flag produced a warm feeling that reminded me of encountering it in Belgrade almost a quarter century agio Perhaps de Tocqueville's observation of Americans will hold going forward. I hope so.

BPS exam school plan is both immoral and just plain wrong

By Darragh Murphy SPECIAL TO THE REPORTER

In its attempt to increase diversity at Boston Latin School, the new BPS admission policy that cancels an exam school entrance test in favor of awarding seats based on winner and loser zip codes sails dangerously close to constitutionally prohibited racial discrimination.

The city almost certainly will find itself defending this disastrous policy in court if it persists in denying seats at exam schools to qualified sixth and eighth graders from Boston because of their race or ZIP code.

The new policy is both blatantly unfair to all academically accomplished children in Boston, of every race and background, and specifically discriminatory to Asian students. But the constitutional vulnerability of this racial-proxy scheme is not the only serious problem with the new policy.

There is a fundamental fairness issue that will have a political impact on our blissfully disengaged mayor and city councillors. Mayor Walsh and our district and at-large councillors simply cannot continue to act as if Charlestown and Chinatown and West Roxbury are dirty words, as if each and every child and family in those neighborhoods is not as important and valuable to our city as the children and families from every other neighborhood.

And, as always, the real tragedy is that all this disruption imposed on our sixth and eighth grade families and schools by our mayor and city council is designed to hide the real crisis that we

the Boston Public Schools have been



Protesters gathered with signs outside Boston Latin School on Oct. 18 in opposition to a BPS policy-since accepted by the School Committee-that will change the admission policy for the city's three exam schools.

breaking and inexcusable.

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Eighty-three percent of the sixth graders at the Sarah Greenwood School in Dorchester failed the English and Math portions of the MCAS last year. Nearly 70 percent of the kids at the Umana in Eastie did not pass MCAS math or English last year. At the Martin Luther King School, 93 percent of sixth graders failed Math and 71 percent failed English. Dearborn: 93 percent failed Math

and 67 percent failed English. It goes on and on and on. A litany of failure that becomes numbing when looked at in spreadsheets as percentages, but that must always be understood as snapshots of real, live, individual children who are being passed along, ignored, through a public school system that will deliver them to the adult world in six short years almost completely unprepared to compete or succeed in any career, from retail store manager to brain surgeon.

We are telling them, silently but clearly: Kids, you might as well throw

in the towel right now and just forget about it. You're going to be poor forever.

And now, with this race-proxy ZIP code policy, the mayor has given non-profit social justice organizations that answer to their donors - not our city's voters - free rein to paper over the city's own educational failures by devising a racist admission policy that puts a W next to Black and Latinx zip codes and an L on Asian and white ZIP codes. This is the case because it makes the leaders look good, not because any academic progress has been achieved, and not because these children being pushed into exam schools they are mostly not prepared for will have a chance to excel. They won't. The city has put zero academic support systems in place at the exam schools for academically under-prepared new students.

All of this upheaval and disruption to families of every race and background is being imposed by the mayor and city council for the simple, ugly, and venal reason of political expediency. Michelle Wu and Andrea Campbell want to be mayor. Marty Walsh wants to be mayor again or, if the rumors are true, he wants the NAACP's stamp of approval to advance to the political big leagues at the national level in the Biden administration. And our district and at-large councillors just want to be left alone to run for re-election with zero friction and fuss.

It is immoral and just plain wrong to force the daughters and sons of West Roxbury and Chinatown to pay the debt owed by the city to the daughters and sons of Mattapan and East Boston. To have children pay for the city's failures with something as precious as their educations makes it that much worse. This is not a thorny moral question with no simple answers. The answer is easy and clear: This race-proxy ZIP code policy is wrong.

Darragh Murphy is a Dorchester resident.

slightest commitment to high educahave allowed to grow more dire with evtional standards. ery passing year-that the mostly Black The Boston Public School system has and Latinx kids in our Boston public been in crisis for decades. Forty-seven elementary schools are being failed by sixth graders at the Young Achievers our leaders and administrators. School of Science and Math applied to Since the days of the slow-motion an exam school last year, and fewer busing catastrophe began in the 1970s, than five were admitted. That is heart-

Biden is right: Let's listen to each other in a spirit of healing

By Frank Baker SPECIAL TO THE REPORTER

On Saturday night, President-elect Joe Biden said something profound as he addressed the nation after being declared the winner of the election. "It's time to put away the harsh rhetoric, lower the $temperature, see \, each \, other \, again, listen$ to each other again," he said. "And to make progress, we have to stop treating our opponents as enemies." Alluding to Scripture, he added: "This is the time to heal in America.

And I say "amen" to that.

We need to re-calibrate. We need to take a breath and find solutions together. Together means Ds and Rs collaborating, compromising, listening. Progressives and conservatives. Atheists and religious. People of all colors and distinctions. To loosely quote John Lennon, we need "a brotherhood of man."

We run into this philosophical wall all the time. We implore people to be bipartisan. We beg for a move to the middle. But we can't get there. People are polarized.

As we reflect on Biden's win and observe the current administration's stubborn refusal to concede or meet in the middle, it is quite obvious we have a long way to go.

You have all heard from me on a lot of these issues. Yes, I support our police, but Ibelieve Black Lives Matter. I want to find a unique and forceful cure for addiction and clean up our streets, particularly along the Methadone Mile. But I also believe that addiction and crime cannot be solved by counseling and soft power alone. We need good order and discipline.

Like life in general, political debates don't have easy "you're right and you're wrong" answers. In the end, I am looking in the mirror as an individual politician and as a Democrat. I know my party needs to change. We all do.

I want a movement of people who don't believe in a D or an R. They believe in the B, for Boston, on the front of Red Sox caps. That's *our* letter. And it is a sign of who we are.

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years between 1975 and 1990, more

than 55,000 children left our public

school system, with thousands of Black

families streaming through the exits

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Ann's School in Dorchester in the '70s

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nun presiding). The Charter School

explosion of the 90's sealed the deal:

BPS became the school choice of last

resort for almost every family, Black/

white/Asian/Latinx, without even the

Randolph public schools.

Whether you are a Republican or Democrat or otherwise, we need to get behind our new leadership and take the next steps forward. Joe Biden can't do everything for us. Neither can Donald Trump.

The historian and TV pundit Doris Kearns Goodwin wrote a great book about Abraham Lincoln's presidency called, "Team of Rivals." In 1860, William H. Seward, Salmon P. Chase, Edward Bates, and Abraham Lincoln waited for the results from the Republican National Convention in Chicago. When Lincoln emerged as the victor, his rivals were upset. They wanted to be president. Lincoln brought these rivals together and established a cabinet of different beliefs, world views, and political leanings. His goal? Find common ground and preserve our Union.

At the risk of sounding melodramatic, our Union is in trouble again. We need a movement to unite us.

I hope President-elect Biden pursues a similar path of inclusion and bipartisan togetherness as Lincoln did.

We need to understand we're all different. And it is our differences and diversity that make us a nation. We are not uniform. We are a melting pot. in Boston, Iowa, Alaska, Maryland, and everywhere around this great nation so desperate for some common ground and calm.

We don't need uneducated attacks, vicious tweets, and diatribes from the far left and far right. We don't need the 'us vs them." We need "us for all of us. Let's get together and do this. Not for Ds and Rs. For the B. For the USA.

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Quietly, boldly, colorfully, a call for justice

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He added: "It was around the time the George Floyd video had come out, and everybody was hitting the pave $ment\,and\,protesting.\,I'm$ not a protestor. I like to speak through my work. I'm not somebody to go out there and march and scream. But when I saw the Floyd video, I broke down and realized I had to do something."

As an alternative to full-voiced protest, Morfin wanted the memorial to be in a "serene" place of reverence and quiet reflection. He found an ideal spot outside of the Black-owned Ripple Cafe in Ashmont, where, drawing on his background in floral design, he constructed a memorial "garden" of sorts by mounting on dowels the names and faces of victims like Floyd, Ahmaud Arbery, Sandra Bland, and dozens more.

"I thought the city would take it down within one or two days," said Morfin. "But it really made an impact with people. I witnessed one woman break down and start crying as she was reading the names."

Then, sparking what Morfin called a "Ripple effect," another observer suggested that he share the memorial with other parts of the city as a trav-



A new mural by Dorchester artist Jorge Morfin near the Fields Corner T station proclaims 'Black Lives Matter' and memorializes victims of police violence. Daniel Sheehan photos

eling art installation. He I even had some people reached out to the owner of the Fields Corner property, local developer Travis Lee, who said he was fully on board with the idea. A partnership between Morfin, Lee, and Fields Corner Main Street took form, setting the wheels in motion for the project.

Morfin finished the mural on Monday, but noted that as he was working on it during the last few weeks, the unfinished product drew emotional reactions from community members.

"People were driving by honking their horns, shouting thank you, and

coming up and sharing their lives with us and what it meant to them, telling us about victims they remember. It was pretty special," he said.

The vibrant colors used in each portrait-as wellas the bright pink that highlights the Black Lives Matter letteringmake the mural hard to miss. Morfin hopes to attract young people to the exhibit and create space for conversations with their families.

The bright hues are also meant to imbue the victims themselves with love and life. In combing through each victim's story for the project, Morfin noticed that some were portrayed to the public in unflattering or misrepresentative ways.

"While researching, I discovered a lot of these victims had one single photo that people saw, and at times it was a mugshot, and others were just bad photos," he said. "I wanted this to be a celebration of them and of their lives...I digitally colored all the photos and erased the background, so in a sense humanizing them a bit more, and taking away any sort of stigma."

And while some of the higher profile victims of



police violence are likely to be known nationally, Morfin is hopeful that pedestrians studying the wall will see names they don't recognize and learn more about the stories and lives of those people.

In the coming weeks, Morfin plans to reinstall the exhibit in Ashmont, where it was on display for only a week this summer. The Fields Corner mural is on borrowed time, as the property is expected to be razed to make way for an income-restricted apartment building sometime next year.

But the mural, and its message, will survive by changing locations yet again at the end of the year, potentially moving to somewhere in Roxbury.

"I hope it touches the community of color the most," he said. "I wanted to ensure it was speaking directly to that community, so that people walking by felt that, you know, this was done for me. So far people have been really responsive... it's amazing to have an idea and then see it have true impact."

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Five Dot building projects set for public hearings next week

By Katie Trojano Reporter Staff

Community members will have the chance next week to hear the latest updates, voice comments, and ask questions at several virtual public comment sessions concerning development and planning projects in Dorchester.

Dorchester Bay City: Mon. Nov. 16, 6 p.m. – Planning sessions continue next week for the 34-acre waterfront site on Columbia Point that will be transformed by Accordia Partners into a new community with a mix of housing, retail and public spaces. The sessions have been separated by topic.

The BPDA held a virtual kick-off public meeting on Oct. 19, which was followed by an urban design-focused public session on Oct. 28, and an open space, public realm and resiliency meeting on Nov. 4.

The next remote meetings are scheduled for Mon., Nov. 16, at 6 p.m. on the topics of transportation and infrastructure and on Wed., Dec. 2, at 6 p.m. with the topic yet to be determined.

Register to attend at: bit. ly/DBCNov4; Call-in at: 833-568-8864. Webinar ID is 160 760 2881.

780 Morrissey Blvd.: Thurs., Nov. 19, 6 p.m. to **7:30 p.m.** – An update on plans to transform a landmark Morrissey Boulevard dining and function facility that shut its doors in 2017 into a 206unit apartment complex with a roof deck, dog spa, and 136 parking spaces will be heard that evening. The acre-anda-half site, once home to the popular Phillips Old Colony House and Freeport Tavern, is now being used by a neighboring car dealership as a



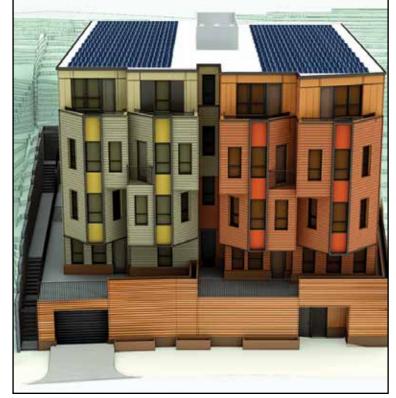
Artist renderings show potential designs for housing projects proposed at 780 Morrissey Blvd., above, and 120-122 Hancock St., at right.

storage area for its vehicles. The parcel is owned by Phillips Family Properties, which also controls Boston Bowl, Phillips Candy House, Ramada Inn, and Comfort Inn among its Dorchester holdings.

As now planned, the complex will include two segmented residential buildings—one four stories tall and the other five—connected by a glass corridor and built over ground-level garages of 130 parking spaces with 6 additional spaces available outside.

The proposal, last aired during a virtual community meeting in late August, also includes plans for a roof deck, a leasing office, dog spa, and bike storage areas inside the building, as well as a designated short-term shuttle and drop-off area accessible from Freeport Street, an outdoor dog park, and patios.

The Zoom link: bit.ly/3kH-



3Fkz or call in 833-568-8864. The meeting ID is 161 514 1312.

120-122 Hancock St.: Thurs., Nov. 19, 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. – The proponent,

Urbanica, proposes construction of a new, four-story residential building on a parcel designated to the organization for redevelopment by the city's Department of Neighborhood Development (DND.) The plans include 15 residential homeownership units, 9 onsite parking spaces, community spaces, and an accessory bike room.

Registration information: Zoom Link: bit.ly/37ctzbL; call Toll Free: 833-568 - 8864.

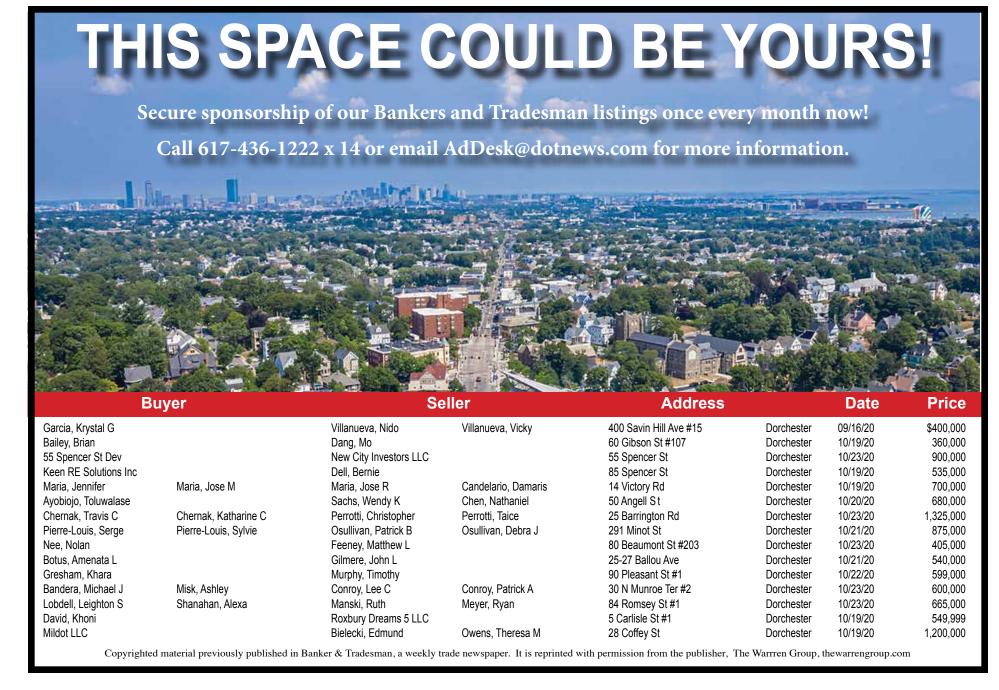
"Moakley Talks" series — Tues., Nov. 17, 6 p.m. — Boston Parks & Recreation will continue its remote discussions, which focus on key aspects of the city's plans for adding climate resilience and new programs to Moakley Park in South Boston:

• Community and Play: Tues., Nov.17,6 p.m. to 7 p.m.; Public Health and Environment: Tues., Nov. 24, 6 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Access to all virtual events and materials will be available through the project website at boston.gov/parks/moakleypark.

37 Wales St.— Mon., Nov. 16, 6 p.m.—This meeting concerns a proposal by Heading Home, Inc. and E3 Development to develop 23 units of permanent supportive housing on this property serving formerly homeless families with incomes at or below 30 percent AMI by providing stable housing and on-site support services.

Heading Home is a Boston-based nonprofit organization with a mission to end homelessness in Greater Boston by providing a supported pathway to self-sufficiency that begins with accessing permanent housing, together with critical services such as life skills, financial literacy, and job training. For more information see bostonplans. org. Or contact project manager Michael Sinatra at 617-918-4280.



Help us all by getting tested for COVID-19

By Mayor Martin J. Walsh

The COVID-19 pandemic has challenged us in profound ways and has impacted nearly every aspect of city life. Although we have made great progress since the spring in controlling the spread of the virus, we have seen an increase in COVID-19 positive rates for the last few weeks.

Currently, 7.1 percent of people who get tested are testing positive. Since anyone can be infected and spread the virus even if they don't show symptoms, testing is a key part of stopping the spread.

I recently announced a new

campaign called "Get The Test, Boston" that encourages all Boston residents to make testing a regular part of their routine. It also encourages employers to let their employees know about testing resources available to them.

 $The\,City\,of\,Boston\,is\,offering$ benefit-eligible city employees one paid hour every 14 days to get tested during their normal work hours. Several local businesses have also pledged to ensure their employees know how and when to get tested for COVID-19.

I encourage everyone in our city to look at the testing resources we have worked so hard to make available, and seriously consider getting tested to protect themselves and their communities as we work to stop this increase in cases. Here are some reasons why you should get tested:

If you are experiencing fever, cough, or shortness of breath; if you are at high risk for complications from thue coronavirus; if you have been in contact with someone who was infected with the virus; if you have traveled or have been in large gatherings.

The city is offering free testing for residents with or

without symptoms through our mobile testing teams currently in East Boston's Central Square and at Jubilee Christian Church in Mattapan through this Saturday. The teams change locations every couple of weeks to increase testing accessibility and availability, prioritizing neighborhoods that need dedicated testing efforts.

For locations and hours of the more than 30 testing sites please visit boston.gov/ covid19-testing.

We are entering a critical time in this pandemic and everyone who does his or

her part will help save lives and make a real difference. In addition to getting tested, residents should continue to wear a face covering or mask, stay six feet apart from others, wash your hands often with soap and warm water, and avoid crowds and gatherings.

Together, we will continue to keep our city and our communities safe.

Individuals and businesses that would like more information or to sign the pledge can visit boston.gov/testing-pledge.

Corona virus is revving up, Walsh and Baker warn

(Continued from page 1) about how to address creating enough space percent overall and 50 percent at the intensive care unit level. The state's trends are headed in the "wrong direction and show no signs of changing," he said.

"Covid-19 has now been with us for the better part of a year and we've learned a lot

Zoom link will be provided via email.

this terrible virus. In addition to building a massive testing and tracing infrastructure, we've also executed on plans to better manage our health care systems during a pandemic," Baker said, adding:

"Our experience from last spring shows that

to safely treat Covid patients and other patients throughout our health $care\ system\ is\ the\ single$ most important aspect we have in navigating the pandemic as safely as possible, and being prepared for every scenario is critical."

Baker was joined Tues-

day by Jody White, CEO of Lowell General Hospital, and Kate Walsh, president and CEO of Boston Medical Center, in outlining steps the health care world is preparing to take as more coronavirus patients are admitted. Baker said his administration is planning for the return of field hospitals like the ones established this spring in Worcester, Boston, on Cape Cod,

and elsewhere. More details on the location of the new hospitals will come later this week, the governor said. He also noted that Massachusetts hospitals will be able to convert 400 acute care beds into ICU beds if needed.

Health and Human Services Secretary Marylou Sudders said the administration and the hospital community are trying to avoid having to cancel elective proce $dures\, and\, want\, people\, to$ feel comfortable getting care for something other than Covid at a hospital. There were fewer than 3,500 people treated for

something other than the virus at Massachusetts hospitals in the third week of April and that today the hospitals are treating 7,000 people for something other than that, she said.

According to data tracked by the Boston Public Health Commission (BPHC) for the weekof Oct. 25-31, Dorchester is still leading the city with the highest positive rates. Zip codes 02122 and 02124 have a 12 percent positive rate; and 02121 and 02125 are at 11.6 percent positivity. Mattapan and East Boston posted positive rates of 10.1 and 10 percent, respectively. The city's overall positive rate is at 7.2 percent, down from 8 percent in the previous week.

Walsh said on Friday that an increase in testing will help city officials determine exactly where infections are happening and guide the response.

"We've increased testing and at the same time we saw fewer positive tests. We want to be able to get a more accurate number of where Covid-19 is in the city," said Walsh. "There was an 8 percent increase in the number of people being tested last week. I want to continue to urge everyone to get tested."

When asked about the potential for a multiweek pause on indoor dining, Walsh replied: "Everything is on the table but we're hoping that we are able to get the numbers down... if we don't, then we might have to take further action.'

Marty Martinez, chief of Health and Human Services for the city, said that case investigations and contact tracing show that the infection is spreading in several

different ways. "Infections are not coming from just one place or scenario," he said. "There are a lot of scenarios which include people still going to work and coming back to their multi-generation homes; we see folks having small gatherings in their homes; and we see folks getting it from being out and about. The message is we need everyone to



Dr. Albert Bourla, Pfizer chairman and CEO

continue to think about face coverings, social distancing, and not being around a lot of people at one time."

The news of the Pfizer study was announced Monday after the company and its partner, BioNTech, accumulated the necessary median of two months of safety data following the second and final dose of the vaccine candidate.

"We are reaching this critical milestone in our vaccine development program at a time when the world needs it most, with infection rates setting new records, hospitals nearing over-capacity and economies struggling to reopen," said Dr. Albert Bourla, Pfizer chairman and CEO.

The clinical trial, which began July 27 and has enrolled 43,538 participants to date, is continuing. Based on current projections, the companies said they expect to produce up to 50 million vaccine doses globally in 2020 and up to 1.3 billion doses in 2021.

"The first interim analysis of our global Phase 3 study provides evidence that a vaccine may effectively prevent Covid-19. This is a victory for innovation, science, and a global collaborative effort," said Ugur Sahin, CEO of BioNTech. "We will continue to collect further data as the trial continues to enroll for a final analysis planned when a total of 164 confirmed cases have accrued. I would like to thank everyone who has contributed to make this important achievement possible."



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Codman launches a residency for nurse practitioners

By Daniel Sheehan Reporter Staff

The Codman Square Health Center last week announced the opening of the inaugural year of its Family Nurse Practitioner (FNP) Residency program, welcoming two newly graduated FNPs: Nnemdi Azubuko, a Dorchester native, and Spanish-born Marta Escriu-Suñé.

After a 12-month residency, Nnemdi and Marta will be at Codman as family medicine providers for at least a one-year post-residency.

Codman has long been an organization that embraces training and education, hosting medical interns, nursing students, and a robust Family Medicine Residency through the Boston University School of Medicine.

CSHC also hosts residencies in internal medicine, pediatrics, optometry, and dental, and has hired and trained many newly graduated nurse practitioners.

This FNP residency will formalize and expand on that training, preparing a cohort of high functioning, diverse nurse practitioners who will become leaders in community health.

"Codman does an excellent job pairing high quality training with



Dr. Stephen Tringale, Kyla Beguin, Rebecca Hooper, Nnemdi Azubuko, Marta Escriu-Suñé.

excellent patient care," said Kyla Biegun, FNP at Codman for eight years and the center's Interim Residency director.

Nurse practitioners have been part of providing community care at Codman since the mid-1970s, when Massachusetts passed legislation allowing advanced practice nurses to evaluate, diagnose, and treat patients.

"Nurse practitioners play an important role at Codman," Biegun continued, "and this residency will elevate the NP here and in the fields of Family Medicine and Community Health."

Residencies are a relatively new part of an NP education; Codman's pioneering program is among the first in the

country. The residents in the inaugural program were selected out of many candidates who were considered for their language skills and connection to the community.

Nnemdi Azubuko is a native of Dorchester and completed her undergraduate degree at Bridgewater State University. She earned



Codman FNP Nnemdi Azubuko and a patient.

her masters in science at Yale School of Nursing, where she developed an interest in providing care for marginalized communities. She completed additional course work in gender and health justice to learn about providing care to individuals living with HIV/AIDS, substance use disorder, and members of the LGBTQIA communities. Nnemdi enjoys spending time with her family and friends, and cooking.

Marta Escriu-Suñé was born and raised in Catalonia, Spain. She completed her undergraduate degree in Biology at UMass Boston and earned her PhD from UMass Worchester Graduate School of Nursing. While in school, she volunteered with a global health group, training community health workers in the Dominican Republic to manage hypertension among Haitian migrant workers. She also has experience working with homeless families in Boston.

She has worked as a case manager and nurse at two community health centers in Boston and is especially interested in women's health, immigrant health, and addiction medicine. Outside of the clinic she enjoys hiking, reading, art, and dancing.

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MBTA planning for widespread cuts in service next spring

(Continued from page 1) cuts at routes where ridership has declined the most during pandemic and in areas where commuters have access to alternatives, but the vast majority of the system which hosted upwards of 1.2 million rides a day before Covid struck — will be affected in some way.

Layoffs are almost certain, though the timing and number are not clear. Fare hikes are not currently under consideration, as the T evaluates a future in which many of its former users may continue working from

"Using limited resources to operate nearly empty trains, ferries, and buses is not a responsible use of the funding provided by riders, communities, and taxpayers, and it does not help support the transportation needs of our region," MBTA General Manager Steve Poftak wrote in an open letter to riders. "Saving resources now will help the MBTA to bring back service when it is needed after the pandemic has faded."

Lawmakers, transportation justice activists, and organized labor leaders responded with quick and pointed criticism, many describing the potential slashes as "austerity" imposed by the Baker administration.

Opponents argued that the cuts would make commuting more difficult for riders who rely on public transit to get to essential jobs, a large portion of whom are low-income or people of color, despite the T's best efforts to limit the brunt of the changes to routes where they will have the smallest

They also warned that making transit less accessible could push more workers onto roadways, exacerbating traffic that had been among the worst in the nation before the pandemic hit and stalling the state's efforts to rein in greenhouse gas emissions.

"It is the same old song of MBTA officials pushing austerity, rather than daring to ask the wealthy to pay their fair share, despite the strong public support for new revenues that will ensure high quality, affordable, safe public transportation," said Jim Evers, president of the Boston Carmen's Union, which represents thousands of T employees, in a statement.

The union will push for a moratorium, he said, on any additional cuts that would affect essential workers in jobs critical to the state's fight against

Under the plan outlined on Monday, service levels would drop an average of about 15 percent on buses, 30 percent on subways, and 35 percent on commuter rail.

The changes are likely to remain in place for years, although MBTA officials said they will monitor trends and respond accordingly if they notice increasing demand or crowding.

T staff will host a series of public meetings over the next month, focusing both on specific regions with T service and on the system as a whole, to solicit feedback about the plans before the Fiscal and Management Control Board votes on the final package on Dec. 7.

The T also has published an interactive map on its website laying out the line-by-line and route-by-route cuts on the table.

All of the T's core subway lines would run 20 percent less frequently under the proposal, saving tens of millions of dollars in operational costs. (T officials initially described off-peak changes as an "additional 20 percent," but later clarified that there is no planned difference between peak and off-peak subway service changes.)

The Green Line's E Branch would also stop running trolleys at the Brigham Circle stop in the Mission Hill neighborhood, replacing the final five stops with bus service for the fewer than 1,000 commuters who use

Both subway and bus service would stop at midnight, no longer running

beyond that point until the start of service the next day, affecting more than 2,000 riders based on September figures.

The proposed changes to the bus network, which had the highest level of pre-pandemic ridership and serves a significant portion of commuters deemed "essential workers," vary significantly by route. Essential bus routes would see an average reduction in frequency of about 5 percent, while non-essential routes would cut trips by an average of 20 percent.

The T would eliminate 25 of its 169 bus routes, 7 of which are within a quarter-mile of another route or subway, 6 of which have transit-critical riders but low ridership, and 12 of which have exhibited low demand and serve less dependent populations, officials said.

In Dorchester, the 18 bus line, which runs between Ashmont and Andrew stations on a route that mainly parallels the Red Line— would be discontinued.

Another 14 routes would be consolidated and 5 would be shortened. Officials also proposed eliminating the suburban subsidy program partly funding additional service in Bedford, Beverly, Burlington, Lexington, and Mission Hill, plus hiking fares on about 1 percent of trips using the RIDE paratransit service.

On the commuter rail network, T leaders will suggest cutting more than a third of pre-Covid service, largely by shutting the system down on weekends and after 9 p.m. on weekdays. The exception would be the Fairmount Line, which would be replaced by buses on the weekend and close up to an hour later than other lines during the week.

Weekday service at both the peak and midday would be trimmed, too, with the T cutting the number of trains per day from 505 to 430.

All MBTA ferries, including the Charlestown, Hingham, and Hull routes, would cease operations indefinitely if the plan is implemented.

Several capital projects could wind up paused indefinitely to redirect tens or hundreds of millions of dollars in funding, such as purchase of new commuter rail cars or improving signage across the system.

The T says it is now only transporting 330,000 trips on an average weekday, but is running the same levels of service it ran to serve 1.26 million daily trips prior to the pandemic.

T staff had previously said that the changes are likely to be permanent, but Pollack and Poftak clarified Monday that they are not seeking immutable cuts to the agency's spending on service. They said they hope to use the changes as an opportunity to build back a more equitable system than existed before the pandemic.

Evers said the FMCB would be failing riders and the public yet again" if the board approves cuts before President-elect Joe Biden takes office, hinting that he believes a Biden administration would authorize additional stimulus or infrastructure funding.

However, several officials said on Monday that they do not intend on reversing course even if a new batch of federal aid arrives, cautioning that it would be foolish to close next year's budget gap with one-time funding only to face a new process of planning cuts the following year if fare revenue remains severely diminished.

The T has already exhausted about \$827 million from the CARES Act to close gaps in fiscal years 2020 and 2021, and Poftak said he wants to wait until revenues are "durable" before officials begin to think about selecting which services to restore or which new options to embrace.

"Even if we were to get an infusion of money from a third party, it's important not to just react and say, 'Okay, let's put the old schedules back together and let's call it a day," Joseph Aiello, chair of the FMCB, said at Monday's meeting. "There's certainly going to be some elements of the system that are going to take much longer to recover than others, and I don't think any of us are interested in not being efficient with the use of taxpayer money."

Boston City Councillor and mayoral candidate Michelle Wu called the plans to cut service "short-sighted and dangerous." The council unanimously opposed the cuts in a resolution last week.

"These cuts will impact the very essential workers – many from low-income communities and communities of color who have been the heroes of this pandemic and who rely on the MBTA daily," Wu said. "Longer waits, loss of weekend service, and eliminated stops means more risk to public health, more traffic, and more burden on the very communities devastated by the pandemic."

Matt Murphy and Bill Forry contributed to this article.



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Push on to add Aid in Dying bill to lame-duck agenda

By Colin A. Young STATE HOUSE News Service

With about two months of a lame-duck session remaining for the Legislature, supporters said on Monday that this may be their best chance yet to pass legislation that would allow terminally-ill patients to get a prescription for a substance that would end their lives.

In late May, bills (H 4782/S 2745) that would legalize medical aid in dying – sometimes referred to as doctor-assisted suicide or death with dignity filed by Rep. Louis Kafka and Sen. Will Brownsberger were redrafted and reported out favorably by the Committee on

Public Health. The committee said the House and Senate versions were each redrafted with the same language and referred back to their respective chambers.

 $The \, legislation \, is \, now \, before \,$ the Committee on Health Care Financing with a deadline of Dec. 31 for that panel to act.

"The opportunity to talk to you and to encourage everybody to contact their own legislators, whether it be in the House or the Senate, and ask them to work toward getting this bill passed into law and hopefully signed by the governor is important to me as I end my career," said Kafka, who did not seek reelection this year after serving in the House for nearly 30 years, during the virtual rally of nearly 200 people.

"I will always be involved with this bill," he said, "and should we not have the opportunity to get it passed this session, I certainly am committed to working with everybody in the next session to get the bill on the governor's desk relatively quickly."

Under the bill, patients must have a terminal illness reasonably judged to result in death in six months and must make the request themselves, first orally and again in writing at least 15 days later. The patients must also have two people, including one non-relative who does not

work for the health care facility involved, witness the written request. The bill also requires patients to meet with a counselor to determine if they are suffering from psychiatric or psychological conditions that may affect their judgment.

"I desperately want to live, but I'm dying," Gloucester resident Lee Marshall, a retired nurse who has metastatic breast cancer, said. "Massachusetts's medical aidin-dying bill is my hope for a peaceful death. I'm terrified of lingering pain. I am imploring Massachusetts lawmakers to listen to their terminally ill constituents, to their constituents who have seen a loved one die

needlessly painful deaths, full of suffering, and to have the compassion to pass the End of Life Options Act."

Massachusetts voters spoke directly to the issue in 2012, when they rejected a ballot question similar to the bill filed by Kafka and Brownsberger with 51 percent opposed and 49 percent in favor, a margin of 67,891 votes. Nine states have authorized some form of medical aid in dying: California, Colorado, Hawaii, Maine, Montana, New Jersey, Oregon, Vermont, and Washington, along with the District of Columbia.

Abortion measure is seen as likely add-on to House budget

BY MATT MURPHY STATE HOUSE **News Service**

Despite Speaker Robert DeLeo warning House lawmakers off trying to use the annual budget to advance major policy changes, the top Democrat blessed a vote this week on an amendment that would codify abortion rights into state law and make abortions legal after 24 weeks if a doctor has diagnosed a fatal fetal abnormality.

The amendment to the annual budget bill was filed by Rep. Claire Cronin, an Easton Democrat and the co-chair of the Joint Committee on the Judiciary, which faces its own deadline of Thursday to make a recommendation on a bill known as the "ROE Act."

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Felix D. Arroyo Register of Probate Published: November 12, 2020

has picked up steam on Beacon Hill in recent weeks over concerns that $the \, stronger \, conservative$ majority on the US Supreme Court could jeopardize abortion rights across the country. In a statement on Monday, DeLeo said, "Following last week's joint statement with Senate President Spilka, in which we expressed concern over the threat to women's reproductive rights on the national level, it is urgent that the House take up an immediate measure to

remove barriers to wom-

en's reproductive health

options and protect the

concepts enshrined in

The abortion debate Roe v. Wade."

Cronin filed a version of the ROE Act as Amendment 759. It would strengthen abortion access laws in Massachusetts by making abortion explicitly legal in state law, and allowing for abortions after 24 weeks in more than just cases where the life of the mother is in jeopardy.

The amendment also spells out a legal process for young women under the age of 16 who can't or do not want to get the consent of a parent or guardian to petition a judge for an abortion.

"I'm grateful to Chair Cronin for filing a thoughtful amendment

that would accomplish DeLeo said the fiscal year those goals in an expeditious manner, and I look forward to bringing it before the House this week," DeLeo said.

The legislation has been under consideration since the session started in 2019, but gained momentum following the confirmation of Justice Amy Coney Barrett to the Supreme Court last month to replace the late Ruth Bader Ginsburg.

DeLeo and Senate President Karen Spilka promised after Barrett's confirmation that the Legislature would debate abortion rights before the end of the session in early January, but last week

2021 budget, which is already four months late, is "not an appropriate place for major policy reform."

The House and Senate are attempting to get an annual state budget bill to Gov. Baker's desk by the end of the month, but tacking on such a controversial policy proposal during the lame-duck portion of the session the House could complicate that timeline.

Access to abortion in Massachusetts is currently protected by both the Roe v. Wade decision in the Supreme Court, as well as a separate statebased decision by the Supreme Judicial Court.

Neither House Minority Leader Brad Jones nor Senate Minority Leader Bruce Tarr could be reached for comment.

If the Legislature were to include a version of the ROE Act in the budget, it's unclear if Democratic leaders would need to muster a veto-proof majority. One hundred fourteen legislators co-sponsored the original bill, including 22 in the Senate and 92 in the House.

Baker has said he supports a woman's right to choose to have an abortion, but doesn't necessarily see a need to change the current abortion laws in Massachusetts.

HELP WANTED



Codman Square NDC Director of Economic Development October 2020

Codman Square NDC seeks an entrepreneurial, self-directed management professional to manage its Economic Development department, which has a focus on building assets and wealth within the com-

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Virtual Public Meeting

Dorchester Bay City

Thursday, November 4

6:00 PM

6:00 PM

Monday, November 16 6:00 PM

Wednesday, December 2

Register: bit.ly/DBCNov4 Call-in: 833-568-8864 Webinar ID: 161 909 0401 Register: bit.ly/DBCNov16

Call-in: 833-568-8864 Webinar ID: 160 760 2881

Register: bit.ly/DBCDec2 Call-in: 833-568-8864 Webinar ID: 160 776 4081

The Boston Planning & Development Agency will be hosting a series of Virtual Community Advisory Committee ("CAC") and Public Meetings in connection with the proposed Dorchester Bay City project. A Virtual Kick-Off Public Meeting was held on October 19th, which was followed by an Urban Design focused Virtual Public Meeting on October 28th.

The next topic-specific Virtual Public Meetings are as follows:

- Wednesday, November 4th: Open Space, Public Realm & Resiliency
- Monday, November 16th: Transportation & Infrastructure
- Wednesday, December 2nd: Topic TBD

mail to: Aisling Kerr

Boston Planning & Development Agency One City Hall Square, 9th Floor

Boston, MA 02201

phone: 617.918.4212 email: Aisling.Kerr@Boston.gov

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Under siege from pandemic, many are finding distractions that ease the sense of isolation

THE REPORTER

By Erin D. Caldwell Reporter Contributor

Low interest rates, the inability to leave our homes, and the desire for larger and more comfortable space has led to a home renovation boom in the US. Since last March, the demand on building materials has gone up by 16.8 percent, according to a Census Bureau estimate, with home contractors booked solid

Last May, I moved to the Ashmont-Adams neighborhood, leaving the comfort of familiar Jamaica Plain for my own single family on the relatively unfamiliar Carruth Hill. Having never set foot in this particular section of Boston prior to my soonto-be home's open house, taking the leap during a global pandemic added another layer of isolation and uncertainty to the already fraught process of moving.

Luckily, the house I bought had been neglected for many years and required substantial cosmetic upgrades. With no restaurants or bars to frequent, friends unable to visit with any regularity, and travel off the

table (I postponed, then canceled my planned trip to London and Southern England), I threw myself into renovations.

While the project is far from finished, the results explain why so many people around the country have embraced renovations during the pandemic slog. I have a freshly painted personal retreat with new floors, a veritable jungle of recently acquired houseplants and the space to entertain if the world ever again permits such frivolity.

And I'm not alone in finding new ways to while away the hours as the world remains in a perpetual pause.

Savin Hill resident Kirill Shklovsky, who works for Twitter, has been working from home since March. In his free time, he took up playing the ukulele and singing, taking one-on-one lessons via YouTube. He finds the music to be a welcome outlet for his emotions during all of the uncertainty, and he leans on ballads like Leonard Cohen's Hallelujah, Ripple by the Grateful Dead, and Boston standby Sweet

table (I postponed, then canceled my planned trip mond, to express himself.

"I like playing sad songs, and when the whole SCOTUS thing was happening, it was nice to feel sad and be able to express that sadness through music," said Shklovsky. "If I can cry a little, it helps me get through this a bit."

Shklovsky plans to continue his music lessons beyond the coronavirus phase, saying that it's creative and challenging and gives him something to work on. And he recognizes that he is one of the lucky ones who has the agency to do something of this nature.

"I'm super lucky to be able to pay for this because I still have a job, and I don't have to worry about losing my job or getting sick at work," said Shklovsky. "I appreciate that not everyone has this option."

Johanna Keough, who lives in Lower Mills, took her coronavirus hobby even further: She has begun selling handmade candles in local stores and via Instagram. She always has a candle burning at the end of the day, and it has become



Joanna Keough makes and sells candles from her home in Lower Mills.

a signal to her that it's time to chill.

"When dinner is made and the dishes are done, I light a candle and begin to relax," said Keough. "But I started doing more research and realized that a burning candle could be dangerous for my family."

During the early days of quarantine, Keough started researching candles from big box stores and found that they could contain dangerous toxins. Keough decided to make her own candles for the family using all-natural suppliers for 100 percent soy and beeswax options, and scents that are 100 percent phthalate-free, including popular choices like white tea, hazelnut coffee, bamboo, and coAt the beginning of the lockdown, she made them for herself and friends, but in June, she began to sell them through her Instagram page, @TripleDecker-CandleCo.

In addition to Instagram, Keough sells at two area shops: Minter & Richter Designs in Port Norfolk and Denise Hajjar Boutique in Marina Bay in Quincy. She has moved Triple Decker Candle Company from her kitchen to her basement and hopes to continue with an office or storefront after the pandemic is over.

Keough works in the MIT alumni office and makes candles every night after dinner until about 10 p.m. She finds the creative process relaxing and looks for-

ward to expanding her business in the coming years.

In May, the Mayo Clinic noted that "a distraction can get you away from the cycle of negative thoughts that feed anxiety and depression," and "doing something positive to manage anxiety is a healthy coping strategy." With the coronavirus rearing its ugly head again as we head into New England winter, finding a positive way to occupy yourself can help keep Dorchester both mentally and physically healthy.

Erin Čaldwell lives in Dorchester and is a regular contributor to the Reporter. Follow her and send her ideas — on Twitter: @ErinDCald-

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PROPERTIES

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*One unit built out for persons with mobility imagirments				

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

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 Household size
 70% AMI

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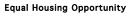
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Alleged Incapacitated Person
To the named Respondent and all other
interested persons, a petition has been filled
by Brigham & W Hospital of Boston, MA in
the above captioned matter alleging that
Walter Attis is in need of a Guardian and
requesting that Bob A. Francois of Roslindale, MA (or some other suitable person)
be appointed as Guardian to serve Without
Surety on the bond

Surety on the bond.

The petition asks the Court to determine 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 11/27/2020. This day is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline date by which

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IMPORTANT NOTICE

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

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Felix D. Arroyo
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BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS OF DORCHESTER

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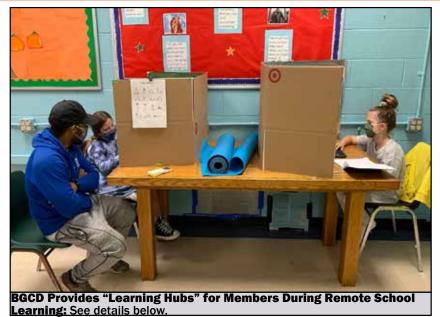
BGCD College Fellows and Career Prep Programming: See details below.

CONNECT THE DOT: BGCD College Fellows and Career

Prep Programming: Boys & Girls Clubs of Dorchester's College Fellows and Career Prep programming has kicked off for the Fall. We're calling all high school students to join us in our upcoming events to help navigate this process and help with their journeys to college. Join BGCD on November 17th at 6pm to meet fellow seniors at our Class of 2021 meeting. On November 24th, our College Fellows program will be meeting at 5pm to continue best practices on how to get ready for college. Please note our College Fellows session is open to all high school students.

Keep an eye out for more upcoming Virtual College Tours and workshops coming soon! For more information or to register for either of these programs, please contact Tricia Chapple at pchapple@ bgcdorchester.org.

FIND OUT WHAT'S INSIDE: BGCD Provides "Learning Hubs" for Members During Remote **School Learning:** Boys & Girls Clubs of Dorchester is providing a vital, safe and supportive space to assist families in our community during out of school learning. Our Learning Hubs are supervised by Club staff who help provide a safe and structured work space, as well as provide them with social-emotional support. Our Hubs have a focus on supporting social emotional wellbeing as they continue virtual learning outside of school. Additional activities are woven into the day including arts & crafts, STEM, fitness, outdoor play, and more. A special thank you to the Rockland Trust Foundation for their generous grant funding our Education programming. We appreciate your continued support with helping BGCD fulfill our mission to assist our members and families.



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UPCOMING EVENTS

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Hiking Club November 21

A Night of Giving Gala" Grand Drawing 2020 November 21

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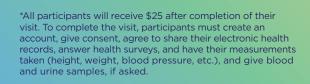


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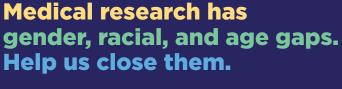
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RECENT OBITUARIES



CALLAHAN, Katherine "Kathie" J. (Inglis),

80, of Quincy. Born and raised in Neponset to the late Edward Dale and Katherine Rita (Kilroy) Inglis along with her sisters, Jeanne Inglis of FL and Joan Meade of MA. She was a schoolteacher her entire career with over 20 years in the Boston Public School system. She retired from Madison Park High School. She

was a graduate of St. Ann's School in Neponset. Wife of the late Robert J. Callahan. Mother of Robert J. Callahan and spouse Kim, Carol Feindel and spouse David of CT, Kathie Malefatto and spouse Marc, Debbie Brown and spouse Sheridan of NH and the late Patricia Dale Callahan. Grandmother of 6. Aunt of many nieces, nephews and Godchildren. Contributions may be made in memory of Patricia Dale Callahan at Fontbonne, The Early College of Boston, in support of The Fund for Fontbonne, proving critically needed student financial aid. Advancement Office, Fontbonne, The Early College of Boston, 930 Brook Street, Milton, MA 02186.

FINN, Claire M. (Fernands) of Dedham, formerly of Mattapan. Wife of the late Laurence V. Finn. Mother of Laurence, Jr. of Dedham,



Richard E. and his wife Christine of Norwood, and Kerry M. and his wife Charlotte of Norwood. Grandmother of 5. She was also survived by many nieces, nephews, and grandnieces and nephews along with her longtime friend Eleanor Podolski. Donations may be made in Claire's memory to St. Denis Church, 157 Washington St., Westwood, MA 02090.

FOLEY, Mary G. (Gil**lis**) of Rockland, formerly of Dorchester. Mary was born and raised in Inverness, Cape Breton, Nova Scotia. Wife of the late John G. "Jack" Foley. Sister of Ivan Gillis and his



wife Elizabeth Anne of Canada. Sister-in-law of Mary Rochon. Cousin of Elaine Carr and her husband Jake of Plymouth. Aunt of Steven Foley and his wife Inger of Quincy. Also survived by many nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends. Donations in memory of Mary may be made to the American Heart Association.

GARDNER, Marie Helena (Mackin) of Quincy formerly of Dorchester. Mother of Gregory Carabitses and his wife Sarah of Stoneham, Emily Carabitses and Michael Gillis of Dorchester, Abigail Gardner and Patrick Doyle, Jeshurun Gardner, Benjamin Gardner and Jade Juliano and Rebecca Gardner all of Quincy. Sister of Louise Mackin, John Mackin, David Mackin, Joseph Mackin, Frances Lawlor, Joanne Mackin, Jane Mengesha, Paul Mackin, Virginia O'Brien, Robert Mackin, Elizabeth Garvey and the late James Mackin. Daughter of the late John E. Mackin Jr. and Emily (Eastman) Mackin of Dorchester. "Gram" to5 and the late Eva Gillis. Marie was born, raised and educated in St. Gregory Parish in Dorchester. She worked as a dedicated nurse for many years, most recently employed at Brookdale Assisted Living in

JAČKSON, Letita, of Dorchester. Daughter

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PURSUANT TO G.L. c. 190B, §5-304
Docket No. SU20P1908GD
IN THE MATTER OF:
KATHERINE GREER
of DORCHESTER, MA
RESPONDENT
Alleged Incapacitated Person

Alleged Incapacitated Person he named Respondent and all other interested persons, a petition has been filed by Boston M Center of Boston, MA in the above captioned matter alleging that Katherine Greer is in need of a Guardian and requesting that Public Gaurdian Services, LLC of Braintree, MA (or some other suitable person) be appointed as Guardian to serve Without Surely on the bond.

The petition asks the Court to determine that the Bespondent is incrancitated 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.

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

Felix D. Arroyo

Felix D. Arroyo Register of Probate Date: October 14, 2020

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of John and Willie Mae Jackson of Dorchester. Mother of Tyhann Rhem of Roxbury and Alvin Rhem, Jr. of South Boston. Sister of Kerry, Dwayne, John D., Pernell, Bernard and Rosemary Jackson. Grandmother of 3; she was eagerly awaiting her 4th grandchild later this month. She was a dedicated employee and friend to all at 1-800 Junk.

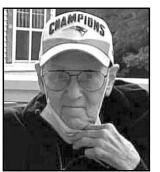


MANGANESE, Emilio M. in Dorchester.Son of the late Constantino and Arcangela (Lepore) Manganese. Loving brother of Joseph and his wife Catherine Manganese of Quincy, and Michael Manganese of Peabody. Uncle of Angelina Manganese. Survived by many cousins and dear friends.



MUISE, Beatrice F. (Lynskey) of Dorchester. Wife of the late Kenneth L. Muise. Sister of the late William E. Lynskey, Mary L. McCormack, and Joseph H. Lynskey. Aunt of Patricia McKay, Theresa Lynskey, Edward Lynskey, and Joseph Lynskey. Great-aunt of 2. Also survived by many friends in Dorchester Center. Donations in memory of Beatrice may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

REAVEY, Mildred (Collins). Wife of the late Mark Reavey. Aunt of Richard and Albert Reavey. Also survived by several cousins.



STEVENS, Carleton C. of Dorchester. Husband of the late Marie (Bertino) Stevens. Father of Mark Stevens and his wife Rhonda, Michael Stevens and Diane Mc-Clean, David Stevens and his wife Kelli, Kimberly Stevens and Eric Fultz, and the late Debra Paige. Also survived by many grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Donations may be made in memory of Carleton to The Jimmy Fund.

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BOSTON, MA 02114 617-788-8300
CITATION ON PETITION FOR ALLOWANCE OF ACCOUNT Docket No. SU16P2711EA In the matter of: LOIS WILLLIAMS-BLADES
Date of Death: 07/30/2015

To all interested persons: A Petition has been filed by: James Stokes of Mattapan, MA and Betty Adams of Mcdonough, GA requesting allowance of the 1st and Final account(s) as Trustee and any other relief as requested in the Petition.

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 12/03/2020.

This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an Affidavit of Objections within thirty (30) days of the return date, action may be taken without further notice to you Witness, HON. BRIAN J. DUNN, First

Date: November 03, 2020 Felix D. Arroyo

Register of Probate

TRUST CITATION
Docket No. SU16P2711EA
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MASSACHUSETTS THE TRIAL COURT
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SUFFOLK PROBATE & FAMILY COURT
24 NEW CHARDON STREET BOSTON, MA 02114 617-788-8300 IN THE MATTER OF: LOIS WILLLIAMS-BLADES

To all interested persons: A Petition has been filed by: James Stokes of Mattapan, MA and Betty Adams of McDonough, GA requesting that the Trustee created under Article Fourth of the Will of Lois Williams-Blades dated September 13, 2012 is terminated.

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 12/03/2020.

This is NOT a hearing date, but a eadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to his 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 date, action may be taken without further notice to you

Esquire, First Judge of this Court. Date: November 03, 2020 Felix D. Arroyo

Witness, HON. BRIAN J. DUNN,

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COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS THE TRIAL COURT **PROBATE & FAMILY COURT** SLIFFOLK PROBATE AND FAMILY COLIRT 24 NEW CHARDON STREET BOSTON, MA 02114 617-788-8300 CITATION ON PETITION TO CHANGE NAME Docket No. SU18C0297CA IN THE MATTER OF:

NAVI M. MILLER A Change of Name has been iled by Navi M. Miller of Boston MA requesting that the court enter a Decree changing their name to

Navi Minnette Edwards **IMPORTANT NOTICE**

Any person may appear for pur oses of objecting to the petition by filing an appearance at: Suffolk robate and Family Court before 10:00 a.m. on the return day of **11/27/2020**. This is not a hearing date. but a deadline by which voi must file a written appearance i you object to this proceeding.

Witness, HON. BRIAN J DUNN, First Justice of this Court Date: October 21, 2020 Felix D. Arrovo Register of Probate

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS THE TRIAL COURT PROBATE & FAMILY COURT SUFFOLK DIVISION 24 NEW CHARDON STREET BOSTON, MA 02114 Docket No. SU20D1326DR DIVORCE SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION and MAILING RICHARD GREY

vs. GINA JORDAN To the Defendant:

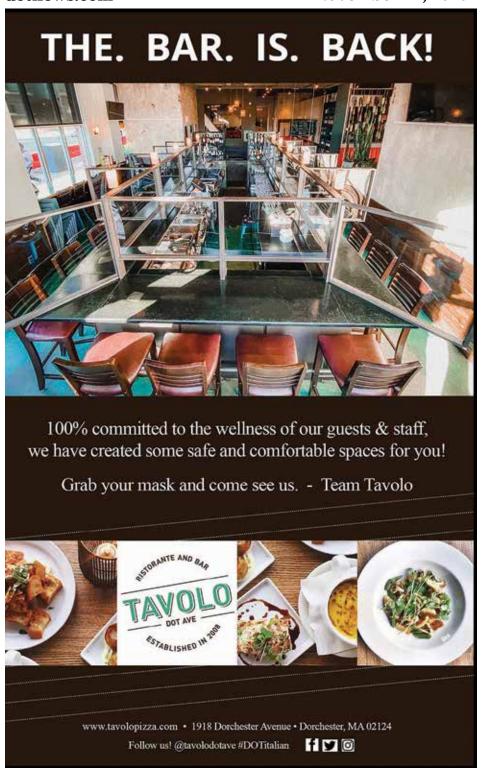
The Plaintiff has filed a Complaint for Divorce requesting that the Court grant a divorce for Complaint for Divorce ursuant. The Complaint is on file a the Court. An Automatic Restraining Order has been entered in this matte preventing you from taking any action which would negatively impact the cur rent financial status of either party. SEE Supplemental Probate Court Rule 411

You are hereby summoned and equired to serve upon: Richard Grey Bowdoin St., Apt. 3, Dorchester, MA 02124 your answer, if any, on or before 12/24/2020. If you fail to do so, the court will proceed to the hearing and adjudica tion of this action. You are also required to file a copy of your answer, if any, in the office of the Register of this Court. Witness, HON. BRIAN J. DUNN, First

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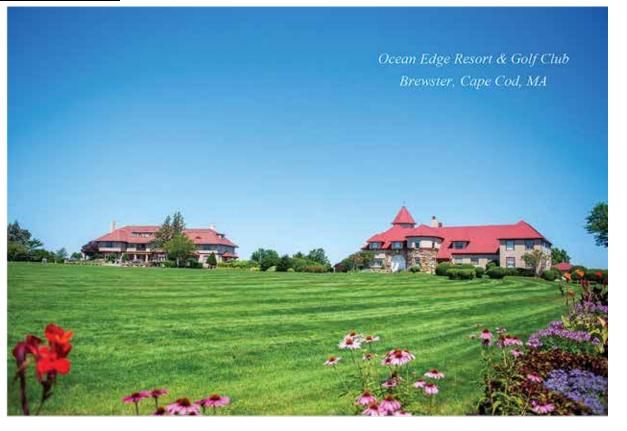
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