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## Frank Baker, running again, has much to pay attention to

By Jennifer Smith News Editor

Development and investment came to City Councillor Frank Baker's district in Dorchester in a trickle, then a flood. Now planning to run for another term in District 3, the seat he has held since

being elected in 2011, Baker wants to be mindful of the interactions between forthcoming major projects and the neighborhood.

"I went into that 2011race just as someone who thought that maybe I could be a good voice on the council, not

totally understanding the job," Baker told the Reporter during a wideranging conversation at McKenna's Cafe in Savin Hill. "I had for forever advocated for my neighborhood and for different programs that I like. And that's basically what you are

in the city council. You're an advocate."

Looking back on the hard-fought contest seven years ago for an open seat, Baker said he was focused on the odds and ends of the council duties once he made it into office. It was street signs, problem landlords,

and local schools.

"We still do all of that, but it's morphed into so much more," he said. "All my communities, it's just changing so rapidly and we try to do our best to make sure that people are listened to going forward, because this (Continued on page 21)





New stores and restaurants are set to open this month at South Bay. Bruce Martin photo

## From 'blank canvas' to 'walkable' status: South Bay Center opening up new vistas

By Daniel Sheehan REPORTER STAFF

As South Bay Center enters the next phase of its expansion plan, the coming weeks will bring logistical changes to the center and the surrounding neighborhood, as new throughways open and the project's "urban grid" layout begins to take shape.

The newest district of the shopping center, which is in the midst of a facelift led by the real estate developer EDENS, will soon be several steps closer to its

#### New entryway options set to open this week

final status as a walkable retail destination.

In a tour of the site given to the Reporter last week by Brad Dumont, managing director of the company's northeast division, he detailed the company's vision for the 11-acre site that, he said, provided the opportunity for a "blank canvas" when EDENS acquired it in 2014.

Along with pedestrian-centric

streets and lush landscaping, the blueprint also envisioned a South Bay more integrated with the adjacent residential community known as the Polish Triangle.

"We're really focused on working with the city on creating this urban grid, whereas the existing South Bay was completely cut off from the neighborhood from a pedestrian and vehicular standpoint," said Dumont. "So, by doing this project, there's this new connection where there's now

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## Heeding pushback, BPS changes its post-closure plans for McCormack School

By Kathleen McNerney WBUR REPORTER

Following criticism from teachers and students, Boston Public Schools is making changes to its initial plans for the shuttering of a Dorchester middle  $school\,as\,part\,of\,its\,larger$ goal to get rid of middle schools.

Under the original proposal presented last month, the McCormack would have closed its doors at the end of next school year. The building would have been torn down, and a new 7-12 school built in its place. That plan also called for former McCormack students to enroll in Excel High School in South Boston, which the state has identified as underperforming.

And, in a first for the

district, the occupants of the new building on Columbia Point would have been selected through a bidding process.

But now, interim Superintendent Laura Perille told WBUR in an interview that the Mc-Cormack will no longer necessarily be coupled with Excel High School.

Instead, she said, Mc-Cormack teachers will help select a high school to partner with and create a new 7-12 school to move into the newly constructed building on the McCormack site. The  $shift\,essentially\,reopens$ the decision-making process for the McCormack community.

"It puts educators from the McCormack right at the table around meeting the needs of (Continued on page 5)

Work is underway in Uphams Corner to convert an longempty Comfort Station, circa 1912, into a bike repair and coffee shop in time for spring 2019. Take a look inside, Page 3. Image courtesy Historic Boston,





Kathleen Joyce Oversees city licenses

## Licensing chair eyes issues in a booming city

By BILL FORRY **E**DITOR

In October, Mayor Martin Walsh swore in Kathleen Joyce as the new chairwoman of the Boston Licensing Board. A lifelong Dorchester resident, she most recently worked as senior counsel at the Boston

Planning & Development Agency (BPDA) where she provided legal support and advice on real estate, government, and policy matters.

Her new duties as the chair of the Licensing Board puts her in a powerful position to regulate various types of food and alcohol licenses for restaurants and other establishments in Boston— and to enforce city ordinances when businesses run afoul of the strict rules governing them.

A graduate of Mount Alvernia High School, the College of the Holy

Cross, and Suffolk University Law School, Joyce is also a past member of the editorial board of Massachusetts Lawyers Weekly and serves as a committee member of The Friends of the Mass General Cancer Center.

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#### DOT BY THE DAY

Nov. 29 - Dec. 10, 2018

 $A \ snapshot \ look \ at \ key \ upcoming \ events \ in \ and \ around \ the \ neighborhood \ for \ your \ weekly \ planner.$ 

Thursday (29th) - 77th annual Tree Lighting on Boston Common from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. The holiday lights throughout both parks will light up in sequence shortly before 8 p.m. when Mayor Walsh is joined onstage by Deputy Premier Casey, members of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, and Santa Claus. The show will close with a pyrotechnic display by Atlas PyroVision.

Friday (30th) – More tree lightings planned on 'Enchanted' tour. The Mayor's Enchanted Trolley Tour starts today with a stop at Mattapan Square

Saturday (1st) – Enchanted Trolley Tour visits Codman Square at 1 p.m.

• The Polish American Citizens Club is hosting its annual Kids Christmas Party and Potluck on Sat., Dec.1 from 1-4 p.m. in their upstairs hall. Santa will make an appearance at 2 p.m. Parents can sign up to bring a dish and should also bring a wrapped gift for Santa to give out to their child. More info: facebook.com/events/1730807790378023/

Sunday (2nd) - Final stop in the Mayor's Enchanted Trolley Tour visits Adams Corner at 7 p.m. Wednesday (5th) – "She-Merchants" of Boston

at Adams Street BPL, 6:30 p.m., 690 Adams St., Dorchester.

Saturday (8th) - Halfway to Dot Day 5k at DCR Pope John Paul II Park, 9 a.m. See halfwaytoDOTday5k.racewire.com.

Sunday (9th) - St. John Paul II Catholic Academy Lower Mills winter fest in the St. Gregory gymnasium, 2222 Dorchester Ave., follows 10 a.m. Mass from 11 a.m.- 4 p.m. Vendors should contact lwarshafsky@sjp2ca.org for more info on reserving a spot (\$60.)



Monday (10th) – A program at the Adams Street BPL branch on  $Mon., Dec.\,10\,at\,6:30\,p.m.\,explores$ the lifelong fight of Massachusetts' own Lucy Stone, left, to win equal voting rights for women and African Americans. Despite leading both the women's rights and abolitionist movements,

Stone's name is often absent from the history. The library is at 690 Adams St., Dorchester.

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Former First Lady Michelle Obama spoke to a group of young women at the Berkshire Partners Blue Hill Club on Talbot Avenue in Dorchester last Sat-Quincy Walters/WBUR photo

### Michelle Obama stopped by club on Talbot Avenue on Saturday

Former First Lady Michelle Obama was in Dorchester on Saturday encouraging young women of color at the Berkshire Partners Blue Hill Club to dream big. Obama made the stop before heading to the TD Garden arena to promote her new memoir, "Becoming," as part of her 10-city tour. The book mostly focuses on her life — from growing up on Chicago's South Side, to her time in the White House.

At the clubhouse on Talbot Avenue, Obama spoke with young woman involved with the Black Girls Rock, a women's empowerment and mentorship organization. While the round table discussion focused on goals and dreams, the former first lady told the college-aged women that it is also necessary to explore.

"I didn't realize that life would take so many zigs and zags and turns. And that's the journey. I had to grow up and learn not to be afraid of those swerves, as I call them," Obama said.

During the discussion, young women, like 17-year-old Nalany Guerrier, asked questions about success.

"I think that it's important that young women of color realize that their voices are important and gain a little bit more inspiration," Guerrier said.

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## **Police** Courts & Fire

NH teenager charged with phoning in threats to dbar

A 16-year-old teenager from Hampton, New Hampshire was arrested last weekend for allegedly calling in violent threats to two Boston bars, including Dorchester's dbar. The unnamed male teenager also made telephoned threats to the Alley Bar in downtown Boston earlier this month.

Boston Police obtained warrants charging the teen, not named because of his age, for being delinquent for making threats with serious public alarm and for civil rights violations. Both bars have a large LGBTQ clientele.

Police had earlier said he had "made threats to kill" at both bars. WBZ reports he specifically threatened gun violence against the Alley Bar. Boston Police say he is also wanted on warrants in other communities. The teen will first be arraigned in New Hampshire as a fugitive for justice, before being extradited here for arraignment, police say. – REPORTER STAFF

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## 'Dragging' victim dies; 2 face murder charges

A Dorchester teen who police say was dragged for a half mile on Gallivan Boulevard died last Wednesday morning (Nov. 21), after four days on life support, State Police and the Suffolk County District Attorney's office report.

The DA's office filed murder charges against the two people accused of dragging Kemoni Miller, 18, after they allegedly robbed him of a phone. Kenneth Ford, 23, of Roxbury, and Dejon Barnes, 18, of Worcester had initially been charged with unarmed robbery.

In a statement, State Police and the DA's office said: "The investigation, led by State Police assigned to the Suffolk County Detective Unit with the assistance of Troop H detectives and Boston Police, suggests that Miller had negotiated the sale of an iPhone XS to Barnes online. On Friday night (Nov. 16), the evidence suggests, he met with Barnes and Ford on Gallivan Boulevard. The defendants allegedly travelled to the scene in a vehicle rented by Ford's friend. From the passenger's seat, Barnes allegedly took

the phone and closed his window on Miller's arm as Ford accelerated at a high rate of speed.

"Miller was dragged about half a mile and suffered a life-threatening head injury when he fell from the car. He was transported to **Boston Medical Center** but never regained consciousness."

- REPORTER STAFF

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PLAN: Mattapan meeting on Dec. 10 – Join the Boston Kennedy Library program on 'Religion and Politics' – Planning & Development Agency, other City officials, Washington Post columnist E.J. Dionne examines the and neighbors for the second workshop for the PLAN: role of religion in American politics with Margery Eagan, Mattapan planning initiative on Mon., Dec. 10 at 6:30 co-host of WGBH's Boston Public Radio on Thurs., Nov. Bowen, host of WGBH'sOpen Studio. The program p.m. at the Mildred Avenue Community Center, 5 29 from 6-7:30 p.m. Free. Register by calling 617-514- begins at 6 p.m. Mildred Ave. Contact Muge Undemir at BPDA at mugzy. 1643 or ifklibrary.org/forums. undemir@boston.gov or 617-918-4488.

John Kerry to speak at EMK Institute on Dec. 6 – Former and Hammerstein – In commemoration of the 50th

will host a community meeting on Thurs., Dec. 6 at 6 United States Senate on Thurs., Dec. 6 at 6:30 p.m. for of George Washington and the Victoryat Yorktown, p.m. to discuss Street and Blocks: Emerging Mobility a special Getting to the Point forum. Register for the and other panelists explore key events at historic

will happen at VietAID, 42 Charles St., Dorchester. See meets on Tuesday, Dec. 6, 7-8:30 p.m. at the community room of 530 Columbia Rd, Dorchester.

JFK Forums: Tales of the National Trails and Rodgers US Secretary of State and US Senator John Kerry will be anniversary of the National Trails Act, Nathaniel

BPDA meeting on PLAN: Glover's Corner – The BPDA the guest at the Edward M. Kennedy Institute for the Philbrick, author of In the Hurricane's Eye: The Genius sites featured in National Historic Trails and National ongoing PLAN: Glover's Corner initiative. The meeting Hancock Street Civic Association – Hancock Street Civic Recreation Trails at the Kennedy Library on Tues., Dec. 4 at 6 p.m. Free. See ifklibrary.org. The next evening — Dec. 5— the JFK Library hosts Todd S. Purdum, contributing editor at Vanity Fair and senior writer at Politico. as he discusses his new book, Something Wonderful: Rodgers and Hammerstein's Broadway Revolution with Jared

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## Work begins to convert old Comfort Station in Uphams Corner

By Daniel Sheehan REPORTER STAFF

Construction on the building that formerly housed the Upham's Corner Comfort Station is finally underway, signaling that the end of a five year-long effort to convert the neglected and long-vacant structure into a cafe/bike repair shop is near.

Rehabilitation efforts have been led by a partnership between Historic Boston Inc. (HBI) and The American City Coalition. The groups were awarded a joint bid to work on the Columbia Road site — a former lavatory and rest stop from circa 1912 that served the city's streetcar system until it closed in 1977— by the Boston Department of Neighborhood Development in 2015.

Since then, the project has languished in its early stages due to a lack of funding. But now, with the help of crowdsourced fundraising totaling \$450,000 and \$365,000 in Community Preservation Funds, HBI finally has the financial wherewithal to begin the \$1.4 million renovation process.

"It really has been a collaborative effort," said Lisa Lewis, senior project manager at HBI.



Construction is under way at the former Columbia Road Comfort Station. The hope is for an opening for the sip-n-spoke venture in the spring. Dan Sheehan photo

"We're all so excited it's finally happening."

When completed, the comfort station will house the Sip-n-Spoke, a cafe and bicycle repair shop to be owned and operated by Noah de Amor, founder of the

An annotated site plan shows the layout of the 940 square foot multipurpose space, the left side of which will become a bike repair shop. On the right, a cafe with a kitchen and a small seating area will be built. This Bowdoin Bike School. square footage includes a basement space roughly equivalent to the one on the ground floor, which developers expect will be used for storage and for de Amor's bike repair training workshops.

So far, the interior partitions that divided the bathrooms have been

demolished, clearing the way for the cafe's open floor plan. The slate from these partitions will be repurposed as kitchen counters, and the structure's latticed window panes will also be preserved.

Alot of work remains to

be done inside the small stucco structure, including re-tiling the terra cotta roof, installing steel support reinforcements, retooling the space for plumbing and electricity, building a new stairway to the basement, and making the structure handicap-accessible. But if everything goes according to plan, HBI representatives expect the building to be completed in roughly six months— just in time for spring.

Community partners expect the final product will fill a need in the neighborhood for a gathering space, while at the same time preserving an important part of history.

"Rehabilitation of the Comfort Station helps tell the story of the City of Boston's 19th century expansion and the Dorchester neighborhood's urbanization and related transportation growth into the 20th century," said Kathy Kottaridis, HBI Executive Director, in a press release. "The Comfort Station is a remnant of a time of growth and transportation innovation, and its rehabilitation and reuse — particularly for a transportationrelated purpose - will help to preserve and express that story."





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## City's Licensing Board chair eyes pressures of a booming city

(Continued from page 1) The Reporter caught up with Joyce last week for a brief interview about her new role:

 ${f Q}$ . You are a Dorchester resident. Can you tell us  $more\ about\ your\ roots\ in$ the neighborhood?

**A.** My grandparents were both from Ireland and moved to Dorchester in 1939. My grandfather owned a grocery store on Savin Hill Ave. for many years and the family moved to North Monroe Terrace in 1941 where my grandparents raised their seven kids. When my grandmother passed away I had the opportunity to purchase the family home and I'm proud to say I'm the third generation of Joyces that has lived in the same house on North Monroe.

**Q.** Dorchester, which is Boston's largest neighborhood, has a growing number of licensed establishments. There will likely be more to come. How do you see the neighborhood absorbing the proliferation of new licenses?

**A.** It's exciting to see the growing number of licensed establishments in Dorchester. I believe our neighborhood is well positioned to absorb additional licenses, especially as development continues to take shape. Walking around



Mayor Walsh reads the oath of office to Kathleen Joyce last month. City of Boston photo

my own neighborhood, I see that the restaurants are packed! While some might think that the increase in the number of licenses dilutes and decreases the value of their licenses (which can cost hundreds of thousands of dollars), we saw no evidence of that dilution with the most recent legislation that was passed in 2014.

I'm especially looking forward to seeing the new licenses get issued in South Bay. South Bay was the beneficiary of legislation that resulted in 15 non-transferable licenses specific to that development. We've already issued four of those licenses, and in the few weeks that I've been here, the board granted a license to a new and unique restaurant concept that should be opening soon.

sider that additional licenses are being issued for neighborhoods all across the city - not just Dorchester. With the legislation enacted in 2014, the city of Boston was granted 25 additional liquor licenses per year for 3 years, for a total of 75 new liquor licenses. Of the 75, 60 liquor licenses were designated for traditionally underserved communities. Mayor Walsh is continuing to advocate for additional liquor licenses with the goal of bringing additional wealth-building tools to neighborhoods across the city, particularly in

Q. Is the Licensing Board as it is currently constituted equipped to handle the growth of the city's licensed It's important to con- infrastructure? How

areas that need greater

commercial activity and

investment.

might the board and city government adapt, if necessary?

**A.** I believe we are. The mayor has asked me to take some time to assess what is working and areas where we can improve. He has encouraged me to think of ways to make the public's experience with the office more efficient. We have three experienced police officers that work in the licensed premise unit that focuses on public safety first and foremost, and they do an outstanding job working with our licensed establishments and responding to public  $% \label{eq:conding} % \label{eq:conding}%$ complaints.

**Q**. A common issue in the neighborhood has to do with hour restrictions for specific businesses. How do you view that situation?

**A.** You have to look at the specific businesses on a case-by-case basis, taking into consideration the nature of what's being proposed, as well as feedback from the neighborhood. Helping commerce go forward is important. At the same time, there are rules that must be followed and enforced consistently, and the community needs an opportunity to voice their opinions.

**Q.** What should the public expect in the coming months in terms of the volume of new licenses or  $transfers-do\ you\ expect$ a busy winter season for the board?

**A.** It is a busy season for the board and the staff and in the Mayor's Office of Consumer Affairs and Licensing, which oversees all entertainment licenses. We are in the middle of renewal season and each licensee must complete an annual renewal for the board to obtain their 2019 license. This requires submission of their applications and supporting documentation. Each renewal package needs to be approved and processed by the staff on the licensing side or the entertainment side before final approval by the board, or by me.

**Q.** Do you find yourself checking in on establishments yourself in this new role?

**A.** The three Boston Police officers from the Licensed Premise Unit respond to specific complaints and they focus on ensuring the public is safe. They also spend time with business owners, educating them on how to best comply with the terms of their license, and any additional rules and regulations. Personally, I'm very active in my community and I enjoy going to the local restaurants in my neighborhood.

Q. How have you enjoyed the role to date?

A. The staff works very hard and has been extremely supportive of me. The Licenses Premise Unit is top notch and does a great job in ensuring public safety and the community's quality of life. What we do on a daily basis promotes Boston's economic growth, new jobs, and the development of small businesses in Boston.

**Q.** What do you feel prepared you for the duties? Any surprises?

A. I feel I was ready for this role. I spent several years working in the General Counsel's Office at the BPDA where I drafted the Article 80 legal documents that memorialized public benefits and mitigation commitments developers were giving the community. These final agreements came after lots of communication with the project management staff whose job it is to help developers navigate the process while making sure that the community's voice was heard.

It's gratifying for me to see how much of what we do affects the quality of life in Boston's neighborhoods. You walk down the street and you see many more options than you saw five years ago.



### **Community Meeting**

**PLAN: Glover's Corner, Dorchester** 

### **Street & Blocks Workshop: Emerging Mobility & Transportation Recommendations**

Thursday, December 6 6:00 PM- 7:30 PM

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#### **Event Description**

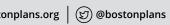
Please join your neighbors to discuss current and future transportation needs in Glover's Corner, and the proposed infrastructure to support it.

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### Heeding pushback, BPS changes its post-closure plans for McCormack School

the students they know well," Perille said, "but also challenges them and all of us to ensure that the ultimate plan of this 7-12 meets the needs of many students citywide.'

Perille noted that the intent of the BuildBPS process has always been to solicit feedback from stakeholders before moving forward, so it makes sense. The district has held 11 hearings so far on the most recent proposal, which also includes the closing of two high schools in West Roxbury, as well as renovations and new construction.

The closing of the McCormack fits into the to a 7-12 school rather

(Continued from page 1) district's long-term goal of eliminating standalone middle schools. District officials said enrollment in the city's six middle schools has dropped by 1,800 over the last six years.

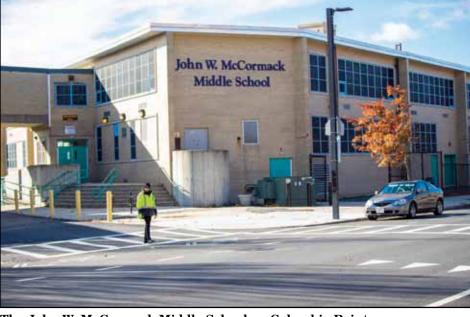
Perille said when she stepped into the superintendent's role over the summer, she kept hearing people asking, " 'Please put out a plan that we can respond to. Give us something concrete to respond to.

And they did. Several teachers at the McCormack said they were surprised by the plan, because over the last two years they had been talking to district officials about expanding than closing.

"It feels like a betraval," Meliza Prieto, who teaches English as a Second Language, said. She participated in those meetings and said it was a "big shock" when she heard the McCormack was slated for closure.

Said Perille: "We were aware that conversations had been under way at different levels and over an extended period of time" with district officials. Many of those conversations would have predated Perille's tenure.

"The sort of specificity and depth that the Mc-Cormack teachers had engaged in this work amongst themselves and on their own time be-



The John W. McCormack Middle School on Columbia Point. Jesse Costa/WBUR photo

came even more visible after we put the initial proposal out there," she added.

District officials said they will still enroll sixth-graders at the McCormack for next originally published by

school year, which will be its last as the McCormack. The new building in Columbia Point is expected to open by the fall of 2022.

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## State audit finds ongoing problems at Dot charter school

By Carrie Jung WBUR REPORTER

State Auditor Suzanne Bump says the Helen Y. Davis Leadership Academy Charter School in Dorchester needs to improve its financial oversight policies. The agency found in an audit released last Monday (Nov. 19) several instances of questionable spending at the school.

"Our audit found nu-

merous instances where funds that should have been used to support the education of students were not properly safeguarded," said Bump in a written statement.

According to the report, the school paid for \$126.333 of poorly documented or unallowable credit card transactions between 2014 and 2017. The audit also cited an incident in which the

school's former executive director, Karmala Sherwood, used school funds to make a personal mortgage payment. Sherwood told state officials that happened by accident, but, the report said, she did not reimburse the state until the summer of 2017.

The agency also called Sherwood's salary and health benefits package "excessive." The report says the school's board of trustees also improperly gave her a roughly \$100,000 payout of unused sick time when she retired last year.

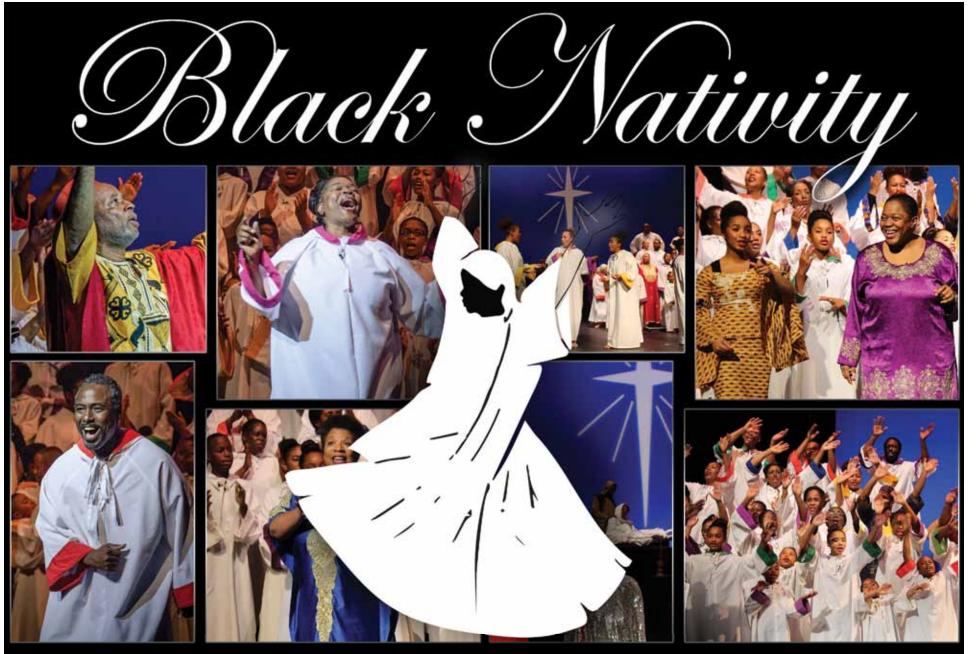
Auditors said the school should develop and implement monitoring controls for credit card usage and improve training on state financial reporting requirements, among other recommendations.

Officials with the school did not return a request for comment Monday.

The Helen Y. Davis Leadership Academy opened in Dorchester in 2003. The Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education renewed the school's charter in February, but the department placed it under probation due

to issues with financial oversight and poor academic performance.

This audit is the latest state probe into the school's finances. The Massachusetts Office of the Inspector General recently wrapped up a separate investigation into the former executive director's compensation package and sick leave payout.



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## 'Christmas Now' puts city duo in brighter, wider spotlight

By Madeleine D'Angelo Reporter Correspondent

A pair of 17-year-old singers – Laren England of Dorchester and Danny Rivera of Mattapan – will get a star turn at Thursday night's Christmas Tree Lighting on the Boston Common, a televised event on WCVB-Channel 5. The singers, both seniors at Boston Arts Academy (BAA), will perform their new single "Christmas Now," which will debut on Amazon Prime on Dec. 5.

England, who performs as Laren Taylor, grew up in Dorchester. Her performance career began after her mom, Jen England, hearing her singing along to the car stereo, was shocked by the power of her daughter's voice.

"I wasn't really the type of person that put myself out there and showed people that I could actually sing," Laren says. "But then I started doing vocal lessons, and I really enjoyed performing in front of other people once I got myself out there."

She transferred to BAA for her junior year in 2017, and began her lessons through her participation in choirs and ensembles. While writing her own songs, she received support and guidance from faculty, and made friends like Rivera in her small classes.

Last fall, England made her way to Los Angeles where she walked the red carpet at the American Music Awards. She spent a couple of months in



## Christmas Now

Laren Taylor ft. Danny Rivera

LA, writing new music and gaining a better understanding of the industry.

Rivera has been singing since the age of five, first with his local church and then in various school ensembles. From a young age, his talent was obvious, and in 2011 he was selected to perform—and sing a solo—at an event

hosted by President Barack Obama. At BAA, Rivera has had "the chance to really nurture my gift in multiple ways," so he didn't hesitate before agreeing to collaborate with England.

The pair wrote "Christmas Now" last month and sent it to Amazon, where they got approval from producers. In a whirlwind couple of days, they recorded the song, which Amazon has submitted for Emmy consideration. Hoping to get it out and into the world, England contacted Mayor Martin Walsh who enthusiastically agreed to let Rivera and England preform "Christmas Now" at the Annual Tree Lighting Ceremony.

"We want more people to hear this new sound because it's not your typical Christmas song," England said. "It sounds more this generation's Christmas song instead of older, traditional songs. And we think that it's just different, and it shows our generation more."

On Monday, England and Rivera learned that "Christmas Now" had already made it on to the radio with the TJ Show on 103.3 FM.

"A lot has happened in such a little bit amount of time, and we're so grateful for the support of the community really helping push this," Rivera said. "It's encouraging to both of us to continue what we're doing in terms of our musicianship and our artwork."

Although both England and Rivera are "shocked" at the success of "Christmas Now," they are embracing the moment and enjoying the support of the community.

"I have everyone rooting me on, and it just feels really amazing to have a group of people, have a community, really pushing me towards greatness, pushing me towards the door of opportunity," Rivera said. "I'm speechless."

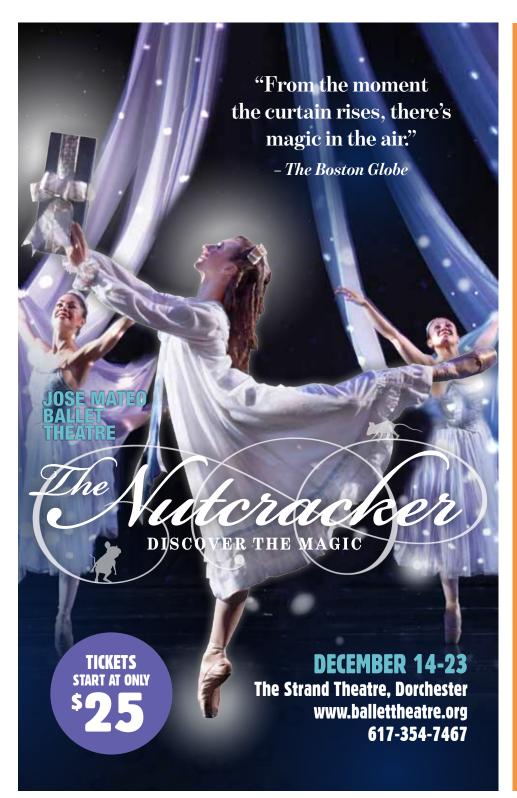
## Nova Scotia's 47th gift tree will be lighted on Common Nov. 29

The 77th annual Tree Lighting on Boston Common will be held Thursday, Nov. 29, from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. WCVB's Anthony Everett and Shayna Seymour will once again host Channel 5's live broadcast of the event beginning at 7 p.m. featuring multi-platinum pop star Andy Grammer.

Other performances include Nova Scotia's Hillsburn and Makayla Lynn, local recording artist Phaedra, Willy Wonka from "Charlie and the Chocolate Factory,"

the cast of North Shore Music Theater's "A Christmas Carol," and the Morning Star Baptist Church Gospel Choir.

This is the 47th year that Nova Scotia has given a tree to the people of Boston as thanks for relief efforts following the Dec. 6, 1917, explosion of a munitions ship in Halifax Harbor. Within 24 hours of the disaster a train loaded with supplies and emergency personnel was making its way from Boston to Nova Scotia.



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## Hip-hop history served up baseline for Dot trivia night

By Daniel Sheehan REPORTER STAFF

"Recite the first four bars of Biggie's 1994 hit

This was among the first questions posed to contestants in the openinground of Jeopar DMC, a hip-hop trivia game held last Sunday night at the Dorchester Brewing Company.

Bakari JB, a Roxburybased artist and one of three contestants chosen to compete in the game, buzzed in.

"It was all a dream," he began confidently. "I used to read Word Up! magazines..."

He hesitated. For a moment, silence filled the packed room. Then, the crowd erupted in incredulous laughter, prompting Bakari to hide his face in feigned

Moments later, the audience filled in the missing lyrics themselves, chanting in unison: "Salt-n-Pepa and Heavy D up in the limousine...

The faux-pas was one of several gaffes prompted by the event, which was organized by Jelani Haynes and Bernard Johnson--founding members of Dot-based rap duo The Hangaz to celebrate the release of their latest EP, "The Homage Project," an ode



Sunday's JeoparDMC contestants were a trio of Boston artists active in the city's hip-hop scene: from left, Bakari JB, Yemi Osinubi, and winner Mark Merren.

to 90s rap music and hip hop culture

"We chose to recreate and honor some obscure and some wellknown 90s records that helped to shape our upbringing and artistry," explained Haynes, the self-proclaimed "button masher" of the duo who produced every track on the project from scratch.

Sunday night's event

marked the second iteration of JeoparDMC, a game invented by Haynes and Johnson, who debuted it earlier

this year at the Boston Public Library in Copley with the help of a grant from the Mass Hip Hop

The duo hopes to make the game a regular, rotating event at different BPL branches around the city. No dates have been set yet, but Johnson says potential locations could include the Codman Square Library and the Grove Hall Library.

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"Wherever people will pick us up to do it, I'm down to do it," said Johnson, who built the wooden set and also served as host of the game show.

Clue categories included "Rap-cronyms," "Beat-capella," "Hip-hop scotch," and "Hip the Script." Correct answers received a Lil Jon "Yeah!" from the DJ, while incorrect responses were hit with a James Brown "That ain't right!" With these DJ-cued sound bites and song sample clues, Haynes and Johnson aim to make the game fun and interactive for those watching. And if the shouts and laughter were any indication, fun was indeed had by all.

"It seemed like people were really interested in it, you know, I think they really enjoyed themselves," said Johnson.

## Larget-Caplan performs on Dec. 1

Dorchester-based classical guitarist Aaron Larget-Caplan will perform works from his latest album, a collection of guitar arrangements

of works by famed com- He will be joined by guest poser John Cage, in a concert on Sat., Dec. 1 at 7:30 p.m. at the Arlington Street Church near Boston Common.

artists violinist Sharan Leventhal (Boston Conservatory) and guitarist Adam Levin (UMB, and University of Rhode

Island), both of whom are featured on the album. Tickets for the concert can be purchased online atjohncageguitar.eventbrite.com or at the door.



## Dot native helps Boston sports teams 'Take the Lead' in tackling race issues

By Daniel Sheehan REPORTER STAFF

As a kid growing up in Fields Corner, Olivia Irving says her dreams were a lot like those of other children her age. "Like most kids, I wanted to be a professional athlete when I grew up," she said. "Unfortunately, I've been the same height since I was in sixth grade."

But even with her dreams of sports stardom dashed, the 25-year-old Dorchester native still wanted to be involved in sports in some capacity. Thanks to a post-grad internship with Blue Sky Sports and Entertainment, a Norwell-based sports marketing firm, she found a new calling off the field.

"That experience made me realize that community engagement on the team side was something I wanted to do," Irving said in an interview with the Reporter.

Her experience at Blue Sky led to an opportunity working with Boston's professional sports organizations as the firstever fellow for the city's Take the Lead Initiative, an anti-racism campaign aimed at making Boston sporting events more inclusive.

Since the start of her fellowship in April, Irving has spent the most time with the Red Sox' marketing and community relations departments, but she has also worked twoweek rotating stints with the Patriots, Bruins, and the New England Revolution. Next up: a brief assignment with the Celtics.

Irving described the

fellowship so far as "amazing and a once in a lifetime experience. It's been great seeing behind the scenes in the front office and learning about what happens there to make everything on the field happen," she said.

One of the challenges she is tasked with as a Take the Lead fellow involves addressing Boston's reputation as an unwelcoming sports town, a reputation with roots in decades of racist Red Sox ownership that has been enhanced by events in recent memory like Baltimore Orioles outfielder Adam Jones saying he had been called a racial epithet at Fenway Park just last year.

The Take the Lead campaign is a chance to directly address that checkered history and write a new one instead, Irving said. "It's kind of a way to say regardless of what's happened in the past, this is the stance that we're taking going forward," she added.

For her part, Irving is reluctant to paint entire fan bases with a broad brush: "You can't let one bad apple ruin it for everyone else," she said.

But news stories tell us there a lot of bad apples and not a few racist ones— in the stands at sporting events, not just in Boston but in cities across the country. During her time with the Red Sox, Irving has seen the organization take several steps to promote inclusivity in a campaign that could serve as an example for other sports organizations.

"We organized a town hall where people could



Olivia Irving with eight-year-old Hailey Dawson who with her prosthetic hand threw out the first pitch at Fenway Park in July. Olivia Irving photo

share their experiences, and we've hosted small group discussions talking about race and diversity," she said. "So, it works as sort of a launching point for people to start these conversations and feel a little more comfortable bringing them up."

The initiative also hosted the first Take the Lead Sports Career Summit last April at TD Garden, where more than 150 youths attended panels and seminars about working in the front office of sports organizations. A second summit is planned for early next year. For Irving, providing front office access for students of color is a way to ensure that in the future all types of fans are represented in the

organization from the ground up.
"With teams here

in Boston, everyone is definitely dedicated and committed to helping increase that diversity, she said.

While far-reaching, meaningful change no doubt will require some patience, Irving says she's already seen impacts on people's thinking through feedback from a PSA in which Boston sports stars advocate inclusivity and denounce hateful acts.

"People are starting to be more encouraged to stand up against racism, hate speech, all those types of things," she said.
"Initiatives like Take the Lead can do a lot to help create a positive reputation."

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Sing; 3:30 p.m. – Drop-In Homework Help; 4:30 p.m. - LEGO Builders Club. Fri., Nov. 30, 9:30 a.m. – Baby & Toddler Playgroup; 3:30 p.m. – Kids' Ukulele Classes. **Sat., Dec. 1**, 11 a.m. – Drag Queen Story Hour. Mon., Dec. 3, 3:30 p.m. – Drop-In Homework Help. Tues., Dec. 4, 10:30 a.m. – Preschool Story Time; 3:30 p.m. – Drop-In Homework Help; 4:30 p.m. – Kids' Art Club. **Wed., Dec. 5**, 3:30 p.m. – Drop-In Homework Help. Thurs., Dec. **6**, 3:30 p.m. – Drop-In Homework Help; 4:30 p.m. – LEGO Builders Club.

**CODMAN SQUARE BRANCH** 

Thurs., Nov. 29, 2 p.m. – Dorchester Career Access Points Library Hours; 3:30 p.m. - Drop-In Homework Help; 6 p.m. – SAT Prep Workshop. **Fri., Nov. 30**, 10:30 a.m. – Stories, Stories; 2 p.m. - Drop-in Tech Help. Sat., Dec. 1, 9 a.m. -USCIS Information Desk at Boston Public Library. Mon., Dec. 3, 3:30 p.m. – Drop-In Homework Help. Tues., Dec. 4, 10:30 a.m. – Free Quilting Classes; 11 a.m. – Stories, Stories, Stories; 3:30 p.m. – Drop-In Homework Help. Wed., Dec. 5, 10:30 a.m. -Computer Classes: Basics and More; 2 p.m. – Dropin Tech Help; 3:30 p.m. – Drop-In Homework Help. **Thurs., Dec. 6**, 2 p.m. – Dorchester Career Access Points Library Hours; 3:30 p.m. – Drop-In Homework Help

FIELDS CORNER BRANCH

**Thurs., Nov. 29**, 3:30 p.m. – Drop-In Homework Help. **Fri., Nov. 30**, 10:30 a.m. – Lapsit Story Time; 10:30 a.m. – Reading Readiness. **Mon., Dec. 3**, 3:30 p.m. - Drop-In Homework Help. Tues., Dec. 4, Drop-In Homework Help. **Wed., Dec. 5**, 10:30 a.m. – Preschool Films and Fun; Drop-In Homework Help. Thurs., Dec. 6, Drop-In Homework Help.

**GROVE HALL BRANCH Thurs., Nov. 29**, 3:30 p.m. – Drop-In Homework Help.Fri., Nov. 30, 10:30 a.m. – Short Preschool Movie; 3:30 p.m. - Drop-In Homework Help. Sat., **Dec. 1**, 1 p.m. – Girls Who Code; 3:30 p.m. – Drop-In Homework Help. Mon., Dec. 3, 3:30 p.m. – Drop-In Homework Help. Tues., Dec. 4, 3:30 p.m. – Drop-In Homework Help. Wed., Dec. 5, 10 a.m. – Drop-In Career Assistance with Project Place; 11 a.m. -Toddler Time; 3:30 p.m. – Drop-In Homework Help. **Thurs., Dec. 6**, 12:30 p.m. – Drop-In Tech Thursdays; 3 p.m. – USCIS Information Desk; 3:30 p.m. – Drop-In Homework Help; 6 p.m. – Holiday Sparc!.

LOWER MILLS BRANCH

Thurs., Nov. 29, 1 p.m. – Holiday Mosaic Workshop; 3:30 p.m. - Drop-In Homework Help. Fri., Nov. 30, 10 a.m. – Little Wigglers; 1 p.m. – Humphrey Bogart Film Series. **Mon., Dec. 3**, 3:30 p.m. - Drop-In Homework Help. 4 p.m. - LEGO Club. Tues., Dec. 4, 11 a.m. – Computer Basics; 3:30 p.m. - Drop-In Homework Help. **Wed., Dec. 5**, 10:30 a.m. - Preschool Storytime; 3:30 p.m. - Drop-In Homework Help. **Thurs., Dec. 6**, 1 p.m. - Holiday Mosaic Workshop: 3:30 p.m. – Drop-In Homework Help.

**MATTAPAN BRANCH** 

**Thurs., Nov. 29**, 12:30 p.m. – Pop-Up Crafts, 7yo+; 3:30 p.m. – Drop- In Homework Help; 6:30 p.m. - Yoga. Fri., Nov. 30, 10:30 a.m. - Smart From the Start Story Hour. Mon., Dec. 3, 10:30 a.m. - Hugs & Play; Mattapan HiSET/GED Prep Class; 3:30 p.m. – Drop-In Homework Help. Tues., Dec. 4, 3:30 p.m. – Drop-In Homework Help. Wed., Dec. 5, 10:30 a.m. - Toddler Time; Mattapan Hi-SET/GED Prep Class; 3:30 p.m. – Drop-In Homework Help. **Thurs., Dec. 6**, 12:30 p.m. – Pop-Up Crafts, 7yo+; 3:30 p.m. – Drop-In Homework Help; 6:30 p.m. - Yoga.

**UPHAMS CORNER BRANCH** 

**Thurs., Nov. 29**, 3:30 p.m. – Drop-In Homework Help. **Fri., Nov. 30**, 3:30 p.m. – Drop-In Homework Help. Sat., Dec. 2, 3:30 p.m. – Drop-In Homework Help. Mon., Dec. 3, 10:30 a.m. – Baby and Toddler Lapsit; 2:30 p.m. – Kidz Cooking with Miss Debbie; 3:30 p.m. – Drop-In Homework Help; 4:30 p.m. – Make It Mondays: Craft: Weaving a Wall Hanging. Tues., Dec. 4, 3:30 p.m. – Drop-In Homework Help. Wed., Dec. 5, 11 a.m. - Preschool Story Craft Program; 3:30 p.m. - Drop-In Homework Help. Thurs., Dec. 6, 3:30 p.m. – Drop-In Homework Help; 5 p.m. - Holiday Open House.



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#### News about people in & around our Neighborhoods

Shumeane L. Ben**ford** of Dorchester has been named as Boston's new chief of the Office



Shumeane L. Benford

of Emergency Management (OEM) by Mayor Martin Walsh. As Chief, Benford will have have direct oversight of the office's emergency planning, training, and exercise programs and manage relationships with regional, state, and federal homeland security partners.

Benford is a veteran Boston Police officer. He most recently served as Deputy Chief of the Boston Public Health Commission police, where he led the design and creation of a new Public Safety Operations

"Shumeane has proven over his career that he is a leader who develops a strategic plan, works with the community, and delivers positive results," said Mayor Walsh. "I am proud he will be leading Boston's Office of Emergency Management, an office that helps keeps our city safe. I look forward to Shumeane beginning his new role, and leading this important department."

Benford, a lifelong Bostonian, received his Masters Degree from Suffolk University, and his BA from Curry College. He is ab adjunct professor at Roxbury Community College and lives in Dorchester with his family.



Jose Antonio Vargas, who wrote Dear America: Notes from an Undocumented Citizen, spoke to students at Boston Collegiate Charter School in Dorchester last week about his experiences growing up as an illegal immigrant in America. Vargas was born in the Philippines, and was sent to America when he was 12 years

old by his mother to live with his grandparents. He later discovered his immigration papers were fake. Now in his 30's, he is still living here illegally.

Vargas engaged in a conversation with students who are part of a class at Boston Collegiate that specifically deals with issues related to immigration policy.

Vargas is a Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist, Emmy-nominated filmmaker, and a leading voice for the human rights of immigrants. He is the founder and CEO of Define American, the nation's leading non-profit media and culture organization that fights injustice and anti-immigrant hate through the power of storytelling.

## Vance named CEO of Central Boston **Elder Services**

Elder Services Board of Directors has announced the appointment of Dorchester resident Michael A. Vance as its new Chief Executive Officer. A Mattapan native, Vance joined ABCD as an Assistant Director at the Mattapan Family Service Center in 1993. He was soon promoted to **ABCD Director of Field** Operations. In 1999, he became Vice President of Field Operations, responsible for 14-17 Boston neighborhood sites, supervising directors and operations managers.

"Mike is a highly respected community leader, a person of conscience and integrity, who meets every challenge with strength and intelligence," said ABCD

The Central Boston President/CEO John J. Drew. "He will be greatly missed at ABCD. Central Boston Elder Services is fortunate to have him and I know he will continue to make important contributions to our people and neighborhoods in Boston and beyond."

"I am deeply honored by this outstanding opportunity to make a difference in the lives of our older residents and those with disabilities who deserve a helping hand to live with dignity and function at their full potential," said Vance. "Central Boston Elder Services stands ready to work with families, caregivers and community and corporate partners to reduce social, economic and health disparities



Michael A. Vance

for those we serve. In this critical time, as our huge wave of baby boomers age, we need to work together to ensure that needed programs and services are in place."

A graduate of Noble & Greenough School in Dedham, Vance earned a bachelor's degree in psychology at Tufts University and a master's in management at Lesley University. He serves on more than a dozen community and corporate boards.

Girl Scout Nikayla Martin of Dorchester was selected to help open the Michelle Obama Becoming book tour at the TD Garden in Boston on Sat., Nov. 25. What did she say to a crowd of 20,000?"I am becoming a young, strong educated woman who loves science. I believe that I can make a difference in the world today." Nikayla is pictured with Sharon Curry of Dorchester, president of the Theroch Tenants Association.



#### 27 from Dot make BC High Honor Roll

Twenty-seven honors; Syrus Richter Dorchester students made the Honor Roll this fall at Boston College High School. From the class of 2019: Paul Alexis, William Cole-French and Dennis Dang achieved High Honors; Shane Donovan, Nolan Mahoney and William Penella received honors; juniors Berenger Dufresne, Aaron Le and Roman Natale notched high honors and classmate Nelson Pires earned

and Richard Tiernev from the class of 2021 earned High Honors; Dyllan Bui, Brian Nguyen, Korey Sam, Shamari Skelly, John Studley and Timmy Tran made Honors.

Among the freshman class, Timothy Cole-French, Donald Le, Zachary Melo and James O'Connell achieved High Honors; Jack Burke, Niall Dalton, Zachory Durham, **Huy Giang and Niall**  Ryan made Honors.

For High Honors an upperclassman must have at least a 3.80 quality point average and all grades "C+" or higher. A freshman needs a 3.6 QPA and all grades "C+" or higher. For Honors a Soph., Jr., Sr. must have at least a 3.20 quality point average and all grades "C-" or higher. Freshmen need a 3.165 quality point average and all grades "C-" or higher.

#### YESTERYEAR ARCHIVE

DORCHESTER HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Continuing the Society's exhibit honoring the Dorchester residents who served our country during World War I, with this report we honor:

Charles Bertram (or Bertrand) McDonald, who was born July 18. 1897, to Frank Hubert and Clara Edna (Willard) McDonald of 1066 Washington Street, Dorchester, The Boston-born Frank was a builder, and Clara, a native of Maine, was a waitress born in Maine. They had an older son, George, and by 1900, they were a family of 5 as there was now a daughter, Marjorie. They were living at 2157 Dorchester Avenue, and Frank was listed as a carpenter.

On May 29, 1917, the 19-year-old Charles enlisted in the Navy at the Boston Navy Yard as an apprentice seaman. He served on the USS



Charles B. McDonald

Virginia, and sailed to Hampton Roads on Aug. 27. The ship returned to Boston for repairs in February 1918. Shortly after, Charles sailed overseas and was stationed at Brest, France, until he returned to Newport News a month after the armistice. After external repairs to his ship in the Boston yard in July 1919, he was transferred to the USS Idaho. which sailed for Rio Janeiro later that month. He later moved through the Panama Canal for ports on the West Coast, including San Francisco, before he was transferred to the East Coast for his honorable discharge in October in Hingham, Mass., as a Fireman 1st Class.

In 1920, the family was reunited at 2157R Dorchester Avenue. Charles was a fireman for the railroad and George was a mill

hand at the chocolate mill. In 1921, Charles married Beatrice Hickey, a 22-year-old native of PEI who was living at 160 Brookline Street. The ceremony was officiated over by A.A. Rideout, at the Blaney Memorial Baptist Church, 69 Richmond St., Dorchester.

In 1930, the couple, with their son, Roy, was renting at 44 Sexton Street and they had a radio set. Charles was listed as an engineer in the electric light industry.

Charles died of heart disease at age 56 on June 22, 1953. He was survived by Beatrice, Roy, and his sister Marjorie and buried in Cedar Grove Cemetery.

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

#### Editorial

### Holiday postcard gaffe should not define work of Historical Society

The Dorchester Historical Society — one of the neighborhood's oldest and most respected organizations— this week found itself in the very awkward position of apologizing for a holiday postcard that was widely ridiculed online and in news reports.

The card's winter-themed message—"I'm dreaming of a white... Dorchester" - was poorly-conceived, easily misinterpreted, and never should have been created or sent out.

When it began making the rounds on social media with the obvious critiques of racial insensitivity, the Society quickly removed the image of the postcard from its social media platforms, then issued a statement that explained, in part:

Unfortunately, though this postcard was designed with the Bing Crosby song in mind, it should never have gone out. We are very truly sorry ... and we want to apologize for its unintended consequence; to say we are horrified is an understatement."

Those who aren't familiar with the DHS may be forgiven for thinking the worst. But we have been covering this neighborhood and the DHS since our inception in 1983. For what it's worth, we take the officers at their word and accept their apology.

The Historical Society has been a force for good in Dorchester and Mattapan. Its work keeps us connected to our past in all of its complexities. It has been the key agent in protecting endangered properties and in restoring important historic treasures, including the James Blake house, the oldest in the city.

In its earliest days, the DHS launched Dorchester Day, which remains a great celebration. In its modern incarnation, the Society runs monthly programs that illuminate Dorchester's history in diverse and meaningful ways. It has opened up its impressive collection of artifacts and images to the world through an indispensable website, the Dorchester Atheneum (dorchesteratheneum.org).

We were saddened to see that many online comments made a presumption that there must be a sinister motive behind the postcard. And certainly, in light of the public embarrassment, we're certain the Society will pause to reflect on how it can do better.

Readers of this space know that we don't tolerate racists or their enablers. In our decades of writing about the DHS and its key people, we've never had any reason to believe they harbor anything but the best intentions for all of Dorchester's people. That won't change due to one ill-conceived postcard.

Bill Forry

#### You can support BPD, and civil liberties

Another flap that made headlines this week involves our city's police commissioner— William Gross— and his critique of the American Civil Liberties Union(ACLU). Gross wrote and posted a scathing rebuke of the organization on his Facebook page— and later doubled-down on his remarks, which dismissed the group as "paper warriors" who are absent from the larger effort to make Boston safe.

Gross' comments came in response to an ACLU lawsuit that seeks to make public elements of how the BPD tracks city teens and young adults who are allegedly affiliated with gangs. Gross's rebuke of the group was cheered by many, including many Boston police officers.

Gross may have cause to feel aggravated by lawsuits that seek to probe and check his police tactics; and he would not be alone in those feelings. The ACLU frequently finds itself at odds with all sides of the political spectrum in defending unpopular speech, for example.

But, for our city's top law enforcement leader to so roundly denounce the efforts of the ACLU or similar organizations that seek to bring a measure of scrutiny to police actions sends the wrong message.

Police officers are not infallible. Internal mechanisms for policing law enforcement agencies are not always a sufficient check and balance. However unpleasant, the tool of external inquiry can be -and should remain- a tool to help the public better understand how law enforcement is deployed and how public policies must adapt to a changing environment, both nationally and in our own backyard.

Gross and his fellow officers should know that Bostonians appreciate their daily efforts to keep us safe. But this community also understands that sometimes the police department—like all public agencies - bears scrutiny. Those two sentiments are not contradictory. We hope that the commissioner and City Hall in general will acknowledge that dynamic moving forward.

**Off the Bench** 

## I have to believe that there's a reality beyond 'breaking news'

By James W. Dolan SPECIAL TO THE REPORTER

I'm tired of "breaking news." In an effort to gin up interest, the networks exaggerate the importance of almost every news broadcast, no matter how routine. What used to be "news bulletins" or just "reports," are now promoted as seismic events as they compete for audience share. It's the equivalent of pushing reporters out into hurricanes or snow storms to dramatize their impact.



James W. Dolan

Television news in particular has become entertainment. The cable networks and their collection of experts clog up the airwaves day after day with the same thing. How many times and how many different ways can you analyze the same thing? Has politics in the age of Trump become entertainment or have the networks discovered entertainment is more popular and thus more profitable than news?

I write this as a political junkie who for too long has been addicted to cable news. But I'm ready to kick the habit. I'm tired of listening to politicians describe even the most dreadful actions as "unacceptable" or "inappropriate." Wearing a tank top to a wedding is unacceptable. Smoking in a restaurant is inappropriate. The murder of a respected journalist is outrageous. The insulting of a woman by the president is despicable.

I'm tired of listening to reporters ask a guest to "unpack" a subject so the panel can "drill down" on what it means - the so-called "takeaways." I'm tired of listening to Chris Matthews ask a guest for his opinion and then spend the next three minutes giving his own before saying "your thoughts." I'm tired of Joe Scarborough's ranting and raving. But I suppose you can't expect them to be on day after day, year after year without losing it.

We are captured in a whirlpool of blather pulling us under to where reason, reflection, and peace can no longer penetrate. Lost in today, we ignore the spiritual. It's time to turn inward, to search for meaning elsewhere. It will not be found in the daily din that draws us ever closer to the absurd. There must be something more important, more substantial, more uplifting out there to which we can turn for inspiration, comfort, and direction.

Mankind as manifest daily in the news is a huge disappointment. I pray there is a reality beyond the news, a place of refuge where we can truly explore who we are and why we exist. Thankfully, there are thinkers who probe these issues who, too often, are overlooked in the welter of what today passes for analysis. Among the philosophers, theologians, artists, poets, authors, historians, and (some) columnists of today and times past, one can find searchers for a deeper truth. They're out there, but they're just a little harder to find.

In order to understand, we must venture beyond the everyday, break loose from the oppressive bonds of today's distractions. I cling to faith. For me, it is an affirmation of hope, a belief in design and purpose and, ultimately, in God for several reasons.

First, because I need to. Otherwise, I could be overwhelmed by mankind's inhumanity. Second, because of the goodness that exists and is manifested in so many ways. Third, because of the beauty, immensity, and order of the universe. Fourth, because I accept love, truth, and justice as objective reality, ultimate virtues reflecting a higher power rather than by-products of evolution.

I don't have the answers, but I believe I'm dealing with the right questions. In a world where so much time is wasted, that should pass for progress.

James W. Dolan is a retired Dorchester District Court judge who now practices law.

## We need more near-term solutions for Boston's public school students

By Wendy Foster SPECIAL TO THE REPORTER

Education is the most effective tool to provide students with upward mobility, yet according to data from Boston Public Schools and The Boston Foundation, a ninth grader in the system today has less than a 20 percent chance of graduating from a four-year college. The challenge is even greater for students who will be the first in their family to go to college and have to navigate the process with little help.

There is a tremendous opportunity to improve how we, as a society, are helping Massachusetts students succeed in their academic careers. With hundreds of students now facing displacement in our Dorchester and Roxbury communities as a result of the closings of the John W. McCormack Middle School, Roxbury's Urban Science Academy, and West Roxbury Academy, there is worry of overcrowding and under-staffing, which will only exacerbate the issue. And while BuildPBS shows hopeful signs of creating long-term success for the school system through investments in new buildings, renovating facilities, and implementing technology, we need to be doing more now.

Local initiatives specifically designed to better our students' chances of succeeding in school and accessing higher education are rising, such as the recently launched SeedMA Baby program. The initiative – which will begin in January 2020 – has promised that every baby born to, or adopted by, a Massachusetts resident will be eligible for a free \$50 seed deposit into a U.Fund 529 college savings account

While financial planning to pay for college is a crucial step, developing the foundational social and emotional skills critical to student success in high school and college, and having real knowledge about how to prepare for, apply to and select the best post-secondary education option, are just as important – and these steps can be executed almost immediately. Early intervention and individualized support are proven building blocks that can empower students to fulfill their academic potential, yet the average guidance counselor to student ratio is 1 to 450 students. Our students need more mentors and role models who have completed post-secondary education and can uniquely deliver resources beyond classroom learning to provide more customized support.

To address this, Big Brothers Big Sisters of Massachusetts Bay-in collaboration with Boston Public Schools and iMentor-has partnered with two Boston high schools: the Boston Green Academy and the

Edward M. Kennedy Academy for Health Careers. Working together, we established Mentor 2.0 – an innovative, technology-enhanced program that will match every student in these schools with a dedicated, college-educated mentor for all four years of high school. So far, 97 percent of Mentor 2.0 students completed their college applications and 88 percent expect to earn a college degree. Furthermore, students who participate in this program are 59 percent more likely to graduate from college than the national average (26 percent) of youth from low-income communities. None of this would be possible without the commitment of the program's adult mentors who are volunteering their time and changing the trajectory of our students' academic careers, one weekly interaction at a time.

While there are many programs and initiatives in place to help address the challenges that students in Dorchester, Roxbury, and beyond are facing, none of them is prepared to address the issue immediately. It is critical that our community join together now to defend the potential of our students by providing them with the dedicated support and resources required for them to succeed academically and professionally. Whether it's through mentoring, volunteering, advocating or donating, consider how to get involved in our city's schools and create a prighter future for Boston's students.

Wendy Foster is the president & CEO of Big Brothers Big Sisters of Massachusetts Bay.

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## BPS has ended suspensions for youngest students

### By Max Larkin WBUR Reporter

After a legal threat and a prolonged negotiation, Boston Public Schools officials this month committed to a new regime of student discipline: The district will no longer suspend students in kindergarten, first, and second grades.

WBUR reporting found that more than 600 kindergartners were suspended in Massachusetts in 2014-15.

Under the agreement, the city schools will also block suspensions for third to fifth graders starting next school year except in cases where those students have committed misconduct such as "serious physical harm," bringing a weapon to school, or repeated bullying.

The district also pledged to train all educational staff on the negative effects suspensions have on student learning and on alternative "nonexclusionary" approaches to discipline.

In a statement, interim superintendent Laura Perille thanked Greater Boston Legal Services (GBLS) for working with the district on the new policies, and promised to follow through on "full implementation of disciplinary protocols" with staff.

The changes were in was "very impressed" response to a threatened challenge from GBLS, which represents lowincome clients.

The official rate of suspensions at Boston Public Schools has been dropping in recent years: from 6.2 percent of students in the 2012-13 school year to 3.8 percent in 2016-17.

But a complaint finalized by GBLS in early 2017 alleged that that was only half the story. "All levels of BPS educational staff ... routinely call parents and instruct them to pick students up early," the complaint alleged. "If parents refuse, school leaders attempt to persuade, intimidate, or bully parents into compliance."

Elizabeth McIntyre led this effort as part of GBLS's School To Prison Pipeline Intervention Project. She said it sometimes took the form of escalating threats to parents: "You have to come pick them up, or I'm gonna call the police.' 'You have to come pick them up, or I'm gonna call an ambulance.

Because this off-thebooks process occurs without a suspension hearing or written notice of the action, GBLS argued that it is in violation of state law.

McIntyre said that she

with the way the district handled their complaint: agreeing to change its processes and guidance before the matter went to court. They negotiated for a year and a half over 16 settlement.

McIntyre, who observed "unlawful suspensions" at more than 40 of Boston's 125 public schools, said she hopes this agreement can be reproduced

the provisions in a Nov. in other districts relying on this practice.

As it pressed its complaint, GBLS represented 283 students who had been unlawfully suspended since 2014. All were students of color and all were low-income.

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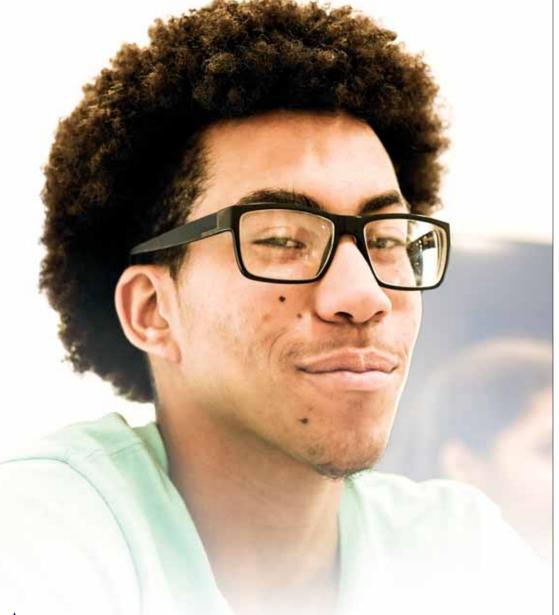


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## Reporter's Neighborhood Notables

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Governor Charlie Baker and Mayor Martin J. Walsh were among the guests on hand last Monday (Nov. 19) as the Epiphany School celebrated the opening of its new Early Learning Center (ELC) for infants, toddlers, and families. The 17,000 square foot, \$25 million facility was completed earlier this year at 230 Centre St. Epiphany welcomed its first class of 16 infants and 4 preschoolers in



September. The Center is licensed by the Department of Early Education and Care and will serve 64 children and their entire families at full capacity. Shown inset: Michelle Sanchez, Director of Epiphany School Early Learning Center.

Mayor's Office Photo by Isabel Leon

### MORE TREE LIGHTINGS PLANNED ON 'ENCHANTED' TOUR

The Mayor's Enchanted Trolley Tour starts on Friday, November 30 with a stop at Mattapan Square at 5:30 p.m. and ends in Adams Corner, Dorchester on Sunday, December 2 at 7 p.m. On Sat., Dec. 1 the tour will make a stop in Codman Sq. at 1 p.m.

The event is sponsored by Bank of America, and includes visits with Santa, holiday performances, tree lightings, and more.

#### KENNEDY LIBRARY PROGRAM ON 'RELIGION AND POLITICS'

Washington Post columnist E.J. Dionne examines the role of religion in American politics with Margery Eagan, co-host of WGBH's Boston Public Radio on Thurs., Nov. 29 from 6-7:30 p.m. Free. Register by calling 617-514-1643 or jfklibrary.org/forums.

#### JOHN KERRY SPEAKS AT EMK INSTITUTE ON DEC. 6

The Edward M. Kennedy Institute for the US Senate hosts former Secretary of State and US Senator John Kerry for a wide-ranging, moderated conversation on



Thurs., Dec. 6 at 6:30 p.m. Register at emkinstitute. org/programs.

#### **BPDA MEETING ON PLAN: GLOVER'S CORNER**

The BPDA will host a community meeting on Thurs., Dec. 6 at 6 p.m. to discuss Street and Blocks: Emerging Mobility and Transportation Recommendations as part of the ongoing PLAN: Glover's Corner initiative. The meeting will happen at VietAID, 42 Charles St., Dorchester. See bit.ly/PlanGlovers for more info. **PLAN: MATTAPAN MEETING ON DEC. 10** 

Join the Boston Planning & Development Agency, other City officials, and neighbors for the second workshop for the PLAN: Mattapan planning initiative on Mon., Dec. 10 at 6:30 p.m. at the Mildred Avenue Community Center, 5 Mildred Ave. Contact Muge Undemir at BPDA at mugzy.undemir@boston.gov

### or 617-918-4488. BOSTON COMMON TREE LIGHTING ON NOV. 29

Mayor Martin J. Walsh and The Honourable Karen

Casey, Deputy Premier of Nova Scotia, will celebrate the 77th annual Tree Lighting on Boston Common on Thurs., Nov.29, from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. The holiday lights throughout both parks will light up in sequence shortly before 8 p.m. when Mayor Walsh is joined onstage by Deputy Premier Casey, members of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, and Santa Claus. The show will close with a pyrotechnic display by Atlas PyroVision.

WCVB's Anthony Everett and Shayna Seymour will once again host Channel 5's live broadcast of the event beginning at 7 p.m. featuring multi-platinum pop star Andy Grammer, music from Nova Scotia's Hillsburn and

Makayla Lynn, local recording artist Phaedra, Willy Wonka from "Charlie and the Chocolate Factory," the cast of North Shore Music Theater's "A Christmas Carol," and the Morning Star Baptist Church Gospel Choir.

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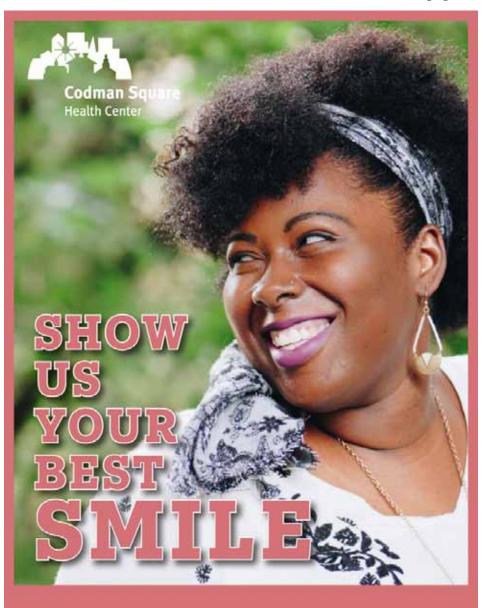
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### UMass reviews master plan; Science Center launch on tap

#### By Jennifer Smith **News Editor**

UMass Boston is nearing completion on its utility corridor and expects to begin construction on its new Science Center this winter, according to a presentation shown during a Nov. 8 meeting on the campus. The meeting was intended to update the public on the 25-Year Campus Master Plan, which began in

"The first phase is now near completion and has been the driver of much of the campus construction over the past ten years," said DeWayne Lehman, a UMass Boston spokesperson. "Throughout this phase of construction there has been regular engagement with elected officials, the surrounding Boston communities, the city, and campus stakeholders... We will continue this open and inclusive process going forward."

An ongoing Utility Corridor and Roadway Relocation project, meant to address the university's perimeter landscape and transportation plan, with multi-modal pathways and green space, should wrap up before the year's end. Given the coastal campus's vulnerability to weather and flooding, a presentation slide noted, "stormwater management will include bioretention areas that become part of the campus landscape and include native plantings."

Other ongoing projects on



A slide from a UMass Boston presentation shows details of work expected to begin soon.

the campus include elevator replacements, repairs to the outside of existing buildings and loading docks, and interim substructure stabilization. Critical repair and deferred maintenance projects like doors, HVAC, plumbing, and electrical work will take place over the next five years.

After a Boston Globe report found numerous instances of problems with the recently completed dormitories, interim chancellor Katherine Newman released a statement decrying the "unacceptable conditions related to security, construction problems, and food service quality in the new residence halls."

Increased security was implemented at the halls in mid-November, and residents were reminded of policies forbidding substances like drugs and alcohol on the premises. Newman said Capstone, the building owner, is reviewing and addressing problems regarding elevators, utilities, and other infrastructure issues.

"Big building complexes develop problems," Newman said. "We have to expect them from time to time, but we also have to be assured they will be resolved."

Former interim chancellor Barry Mills announced in early 2018 that a new plan for repairing the substructure would still involve demolishing the original Science Center, plaza, and pool, "creating an elaborately landscaped, four-acre campus quad," but

with adjustments to save on costs.

The Columbia Point campus expects to vacate the old Science Center by this coming summer, university officials said. Construction on the replacement project is slated to begin next month and will likely be a three-year project.

"A number of departments, programs, faculty, and staff currently remain in the Science Center," according to the presentation, which noted that "the university is designing renovations in original campus buildings, to relocate the occupants and functions to enable the Science Center's demolition."

The final part of the presentation focused on the former Bayside Expo site, a 20-acre

UMass-owned property that was fully demolished in 2016 and is now serving as a swing space for parking. It was briefly considered as the potential site of a Robert Kraft-controlled sports stadium, until talks between Kraft and UMass ended in April 2017.

"When UMass was being talked about as a stadium and I don't know how real that was. That seemed like a balloon that was just floated out there," City Councillor Frank Baker said in an interview last week. "But now, because of that we're actually at point where they have educated themselves on the Master Plan. They know about how neighborhoods around UMass are stuck where they are. We live closer than anybody to the water and can't get to the water."

The master plan itself, Baker notes, "is a good jumping off point" for the village that did envision some height and density. While UMass "wasn't in the mix" at the time, he said, the connections the plan called for are still relevant.

Sixteen potential developers responded to a university call for offers in April 2018, and the campus still expects an announcement of their selected development partner before the year's end. "Development concepts will include community input through a separate process," the presentation noted.

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## From Boston to Yorktown: Tales of the **National Trails**

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The Genius of George Washington and the Victory at Yorktown, and other panelists explore key events at historic sites featured in National Historic Trails and National Recreation Trails.



## Something Wonderful: Rodgers and Hammerstein's **Broadway Revolution**

Wednesday, December 5, 6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m

**Todd S. Purdum**, contributing editor at *Vanity Fair* and senior writer

at *Politico*, discusses his new book, Something Wonderful: Rodgers and Hammerstein's Broadway Revolution with Jared Bowen, host of WGBH's Open Studio





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## Pressley backs Pelosi for US House speaker post By Jennifer Smith setts Congresswoman Moulton and Stephen on significant leadership Congress will be defined

News Editor

City Councillor and Congresswoman-elect Ayanna Pressley has thrown her support to US. Rep. Nancy Pelosi whose bid to retake the speaker's chair in the next Congress has met with opposition from some in the Democratic caucus on Capitol Hill.

In a statement issued on Monday, Pressley said that she would be supporting Pelosi for speaker, US Rep. Barbara Lee of California for the Democratic Caucus chair, and Massachu-

Katherine Clark as vice chair.

"There is tremendous energy and focus within the Democratic caucus not only to resist Donald Trump and his cruel, draconian policies but also to tackle a bold, progressive agenda that will generate real progress for the communities we represent,"Pressleysaid in the statement.

With this move, Pressley has joined the majority in a clear divide over Pelosi's candidacy in the state's Washington delegation. US Reps. Seth Lynch have said they are opposed to reseating her as speaker while Clark, Bill Keating, Jim Mc-Govern, Richard Neal, Joe Kennedy III, and now incoming congresswomen Lori Trahan and Pressley support her.

In a dramatic primary election, Pressley unseated current Congressman Michael Capuano, whose 10-term incumbency and associated seniority perks were campaign points. On the whole, members of the Massachusetts delegation are poised to take

roles in the soon-to-be Democratic-controlled House.

Neal, of Springfield, is expected to become chairman of the Ways and Means Committee; McGovern, representing the 2nd Congressional District, is likely to chair the Rules Committee; and Clark will be seeking the Democratic caucus's vice chair position. Pressley told CNN she has been promised appointment to the gun violence task force.

"Who is in a formal leadership role matters, and these women have a strong progressive track record, but this 116th by more than who holds a title," Pressley said.

The councillor at-large was still considering her options in a conversation with the Reporter before the Thanksgiving weekend.

"I have tremendous respect for the role that [Nancy Pelosi] played in getting the Affordable Care Act passed, the role that she has played in this last election cycle for many candidates, "Pressley said in that interview. "I know she was traversing the country expending a lot of sweat equity and raising a lot of money, and I do think that many



AYANNA PRESSLEY Cites "tremendous energy" among democrats.

of the attacks against her have been sexist, to be candid...What I'm focused on as I'm making my final deliberations is how to best position me to represent the needs of this district."

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## Community Health News

## Pot regulators eye new stores "every couple of weeks"

By Colin A. Young State House News Service

While hundreds braved the cold rain and snow last Tuesday for the chance to legally buy marijuana, the Cannabis Control Commission was back to work processing more than a dozen additional cannabis business applications as it continues to ramp up the industry.

Though only two retail stores began selling non-medical marijuana on Nov. 20, the CCC has given at least initial approval to almost two dozen more retailers and expects that they will come online on a rolling basis.

The CCC marked the first legal marijuana sale with a small ceremony in its offices Tuesday morning, but by afternoon it was back to

combing through license applications to put more growers and sellers in the queue.

"This is obviously a major milestone for the commission and, more importantly, for the state. It is something that we have been working, as a commission, extraordinarily hard on for slightly over fourteen months," CCC Chairman Steven Hoffman said. "It's only two stores but it represents, I think, a formidable accomplishment from a standing start fourteen months ago where we not only developed regulations, issued licenses ... but built an agency to enforce those regulations going forward."

Hoffman said no hiccups had been reported to the CCC from either retailer that launched recreational sales Tuesday -- New England Treatment Access in Northampton and Cultivate in Leicester -- and said all indications were that things were moving along smoothly.

"Ithink the crowds are orderly, I think they're being taken well care of and, most importantly, patients are being granted immediate access to the facility so there is no disruption to the patients," he said.

Though he took a few minutes at the start of Tuesday's commission meeting to mark the milestone of opening retail stores, Hoffman quoted Sir Winston Churchill as he reminded the commission that its work is really only getting started.

"Now this is not the end. It is not even the beginning of the end. But it is, perhaps, the

end of the beginning," Hoffman said.

On Tuesday, the CCC approved so-called final licenses for two more retailers -- Alternative Therapies Group, Inc. at 50 Grove St. in Salem and I.N.S.A., Inc. at 122 Pleasant St. in Easthampton. Another retailer, Pharmacannis Massachusetts in Wareham, has already been given a final license.

After being given a final license, a business must satisfy the CCC's conditions and then wait for the CCC's notice to commence full operations before beginning sales.

Hoffman said he thinks more retail stores will open to recreational customers "quickly," but said the ball is in the businesses' court now.

"We have now three final retail licenses that

have been issued on top of the two that opened today," the chairman said. "They've got to get their inventory into METRC [the seed-to-sale tracking system] and they've got to let us come out and do a physical inventory inspection. Those three stores will be open as quickly as that happens. That's at the control of

the licensees."

He added, "I think you're going to see, every couple of weeks, a couple of new stores and not just stores, but cultivation sites and manufacturing facilities."

Until more stores open, the stores in Leicester and Northampton must try to satisfy the demand for legal pot. Hoffman said he does not anticipate any issues with supply of marijuana

while just two stores are open.

"We've worked with both of the existing licensees that opened today and they've assured us that they feel they have adequate supply, so I hope they're right," he said. "There's going to be a lot of demand, there's no question about it."

Also Tuesday, the CCC approved provisional licenses for three more retailers -- Atlantic Medicinal Partners, Inc. at 774 Crawford St. in Fitchburg, Good Chemistry of Massachusetts, Inc. at 9 Harrison St. in Worcester and Sanctuary Medicinals, Inc. at 16 Pearson Blvd., Gardner -- four provisional cultivation licenses and five provisional product manufacturer licenses.

## Baker urges police chiefs to adopt new Hate Crimes protocols

As a group he reestablished last year amid reports of a rise in anti-Semitic incidents across New England continues its work, Gov. Charlie Baker last week sent four recommendations from the group to police chiefs and encouraged law enforcement to adopt them immediately.

Based on a recommendation of his Hate Crimes Task Force, Baker suggested that all law enforcement agencies designate at least one officer to serve as the department's point person on all hate crimes and that all agencies should require that officer to report

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any criminal act that appears to be motivated by bias to a new website the Executive Office of Public Safety is developing

"The relationship between local law enforcement agencies and the communities they serve is a key component to the effective prevention, investigation and prosecution of hate crimes and, most importantly, to supporting and aiding a victim's recovery," Baker wrote in a letter to police chiefs on Nov. 19.

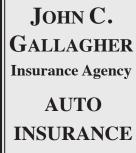
The governor said the role of the suggested "civil rights officers" would be to "serve as a community liaison and to participate in appropriate community outreach, to review incident reports for potential hate crimes, and to serve as a resource for your agency on any issues related to hate crimes."

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Baker also encouraged police chiefs to utilize the National Incident Based Reporting System as their department's primary mechanism for reporting hate crimes to state

and federal authorities and to consider adopting the International Association of Chiefs of Police Model Policy as their agency's official policy with respect to hate crimes.

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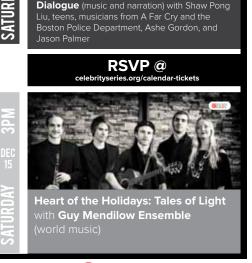
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p.m. Free. See jfklibrary.org.

The next evening— Dec. 5— the JFK Library hosts Todd S. Purdum, contributing editor at Vanity Fair and senior writer at Politico, as he discusses his new book, Something Wonderful:Rodgers and Hammerstein's Broadway Revolution with Jared Bowen, host of WGBH's Open Studio. The program begins at 6 p.m.

WINTER FEST AT ST. GREGORY'S GYM ON DEC. 9

St. John Paul II Catholic Academy Lower Mills winter fest on Sun., Dec. 9 in the St. Gregory gymnasium, 2222 Dorchester Ave., follows 10 a.m. Mass from 11 a.m.- 4 p.m. Vendors, raffles, crafts and a visit from Santa. Vendors should contact lwarshafsky@sjp2ca. org for more info on reserving a spot (\$60.)

**JFK CELEBRATE SERIES CONTINUES** 

Kicking off in October, the John F. Kennedy's Celebrate! series offers attendees months of activities and performances run through the fall of 2018 and the spring of 2019. Designed to expose young audiences to the strong diversity of cultures embedded in American communities, the arts-focused programming revolves around everything from difference forms of dance and music to marionette puppetry. All of the performances will take place from 10:30-11:30 a.m. On Thurs., Dec. 27, the JFK Library will turn to the National Marionette Theater performance of "Peter and the Wolf." Played out on a handcrafted stage alongside the original score of the famed composer, Prokofiev, these carefully manipulated puppets will introduce the audience to the Russian tale of young boy. See jfklibrary.org for more info.

"SHE-MERCHANTS" OF BOSTON AT ADAMS STREET BPL

Meet two sisters, entrepreneurs of the 1760s,

Elizabeth and Ame Cuming, who came to Boston from Concord to launch a fashionable shop for women during a special program at the Adams Street branch of the BPL, 690 Adams St., Dorchester on Wed., Dec. 5 at 6:30 p.m. What happens when the Cuming sisters find themselves in the midst of Boston's politics of rebellion against British authority? As we enter into a decade-long celebration of the 250th anniversary of the coming of the American Revolution to Boston, step into the very real, very complicated world of choices faced by Elizabeth and Ame Cuming. This program is part of the National Parks of Boston outreach presentations. To learn more, visit nps.gov/ bost/index.htm.

**LUCY STONE PROGRAM AT ADAMS STREET BPL** 

A program at the Adams Street BPL branch on Mon., Dec. 10 at 6:30 p.m. explores the lifelong fight of Massachusetts' own Lucy Stone to win equal voting rights for women and African Americans. Despite leading both the women's rights and abolitionist movements, Stone's name is often absent from the history. This program is part of the National Parks of Boston outreach presentations. To learn more, visit nps.gov/bost/index.htm. The library is at 690 Adams St., Dorchester.

#### **AUTHOR TOM MACDONALD** AT ADAMS STREET BPL

On Mon., Dec. 17 at 6:30p.m., Dot-born author

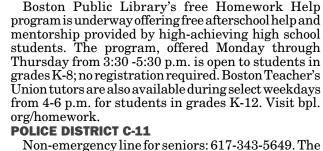
Tom MacDonald will discuss his book "Murder in the Charlestown Bricks" at the Adams Street branch of the BPL, 690 Adams St. Dorchester. MacDonald was raised in Braintree and now works in Charlestown for St. Mary–St. Catherine of Siena Parish as Director of Social Ministries and Director of Harvest on Vine Food Pantry. He teaches creative writing at Boston College.

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## **#WeAreDorchester**

## Page 18 THE REPORTER November 29, 2018 South Bay Center touts its 'walkability' approach

(Continued from page 1) tree-lined pedestrian walkways that lead into the neighborhood and there's now an actual road that connects you to the neighborhood.

This bypass road, Jan Karski Way, was set to open this week, along with the newly redesigned West Howell Street, which will provide a much-needed connector from the retail district to both the I-93 frontage road and the Andrew Square and its MBTA station.

Dumont says the developers worked with the Polish-American Club of Boston to name the route after Karski, a hero of the domestic Polish resistance during World War II and later a professor at Georgetown University. The bypass will offer another entryway option for drivers and especially T-riding pedestrians, who in the past were forced to travel a hazardous walkway along Southampton Street traversing busy on-ramps to the interstate along the way.

With these new entry points, the project's developers are aiming to ease access to the shopping center, while at the same time reducing the traffic impact on the adjacent neighborhood.

What was really important to the community when we got this approved was that they didn't want people coming off and congesting Boston Street," said Dumont. "So, we worked with the state and the city to get a MassWorks infrastructure grant to build a bypass road so that now you can connect all the way to Enterprise Street. If you come off the interstate, you can come into the project or connect to Enterprise without ever having to go on Boston Street.

"Additionally, we completely revamped West Howell street with new pedestrian walkways and really cleaned up this entire area, so that if you're coming from Andrew Square, we have a shuttle that can take



Grid above shows new entry ways for South Bay Center customers. Below, Josh Luke and Meredith Kasabian of Best Dressed Signs. They created the "Made in Dorchester" mural that welcomes visitors Graphic and photo, courtesy of EDENS. to the Center.

you to the property. Also, if you're walking across Boston Street, now you have a clear-set pedestrian pathway into the project."

Jan Karski Way will also provide access to a 65-space parking lot that will include a playground and a dog park. Across the street is the eastern end of District Avenue, which was until recently blocked off for construction and is lined with the next block of incoming restaurants and retail shops.

The next business set to open its doors in South Bay Center is Wahlburgers, which will have a grand opening sometime in December. Japanese BBQ joint Gyu-Kaku will open in late January, with Totto Ramen and 110 Grill, a  $contemporary\,American$ eatery, slated to launch in the spring and sum-

mer, respectively. The rest of the block will be rounded out by MidiCi pizza, Hanscom bank, a nail salon, a European wax center, a Red Wing Shoes outlet,

and a pet store. All businesses are expected to be ready to open by the summer.

The only spaces yet to be leased are expected to become a cocktail bar and another locally owned restaurant, according to Dumont. Along with Wahlburgers and MidiCi, they'll form what Dumont calls "the heart of the project," where curb-less streets will allow the entire plaza to be cordoned off for events and community programming.

The variety of regional food options are in tandem with EDENS' localized approach, which informed their decision to employ local artisans and craftspeople to design accents and murals that give the center a decidedly Dorchester

"Our philosophy," said Dumont, "is that in order to really be longterm owners and operate these places the right way, you have to have boots on the ground. You have to have people in

the areas in which you own the properties.'

Josh Luke and Meredith Kasabian of Uphams Corner-based Best Dressed Signs are among those who have enlisted in this locally based creative team. They created the alluring "Made in Dorchester" mural that welcomes visitors to the center.

Elsewhere, the Dotbased duo of blacksmith Roger Chudzik of Iron Bear Forge and carpenter Frank Criscione collaborated to fill the center property with benches, bicycle racks, stroller parking stalls, Beergarden tables, and decorative steel and mahogany latticework.

Near the entrance at the corner of Allstate Road and Mass Ave, Cedric Douglas and Julia Roth of The UP Truck, an Uphams-based mobile arts lab, repurposed the side of corrugated metal warehouse for a mural accompanied by a Margaret Mead quote: "Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world."

And on the face of the new Starbucks, Matt Koestner of Bob's Welding and Fabrication designed a pair of bronze sconces and two bronze seals adorned with inscriptions noting Dorchester's founding year, 1630, and its official Latin motto "Pietate, Literis, Industria."

According to the Dorchester Historical Society, housed a stone's throw away from South Bay Center on Boston Street, "the motto signifies that piety, learning, and industry were the prominent virtues which the early settlers coveted, and  $which \, their \, descendants$ unanimously accord to them."

Other local contributors include Maria Molteni, who painted a decorative crosswalk mural, and carpenter Phil Bucci, who crafted the wooden planter boxes that accent the front of the Nike store.

With this communityinspired approach, the developers hope to make the shopping center "a gathering place," as opposed to the purely transactional, in-andout mall experience. In describing his vision for the rest of South Bay, Dumont indicated that EDENS is dedicated to the project for the long haul, and hinted that the rest of the shopping complex could look more like the new "Town Center" district in a matter of 10 or 15 years.





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## **BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS OF DORCHESTER**

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**BGCD** members learned about weight distribution in education classes this week.

## CONNECT THE DOT: Upcoming Winter Registration: Registration for the after school drop in program is currently ongoing. Parents

program is currently ongoing. Parents must register and attend an orientation session prior to their child attending programming that runs from 2:00 - 6:00 PM Monday through Friday.

Enrichment program registration will take place on Monday, December 17th from 6:30 - 8PM at the Marr clubhouse This will be for winter programs running January through March. There will also be registration for the February school vacation week. Program registrations will be accepted for all core program areas including athletics, aquatics, education, and more. Please note that some programs may have a small additional registration fee. Please be sure your child's membership is up to date. For any questions regarding registration please contact Brendan McDonald at bmacdonald@ bgcdorchester.org.

## FIND OUT WHAT'S INSIDE: BGCD Continues Career Speaker Series: The College Fellows program

at BGCD hosted Radiologic Instructor, Stacy Gosselin, to continue their career speaker series. Members were able to learn about Stacy's career path and the kind of work that she does. The College Fellows program will host monthly workshops in December with a career speaker on December 3rd, a session for senior class members on December 4th, Junior class members on December 11th and Freshman/ Sophomores on December 18th. We also offer a Middle School Group which will meet on December 4th and 11th from 4:30-5:30 p.m. as well as drop-in **Financial Aid Application Assistance** on December 4th and December 11th from 5:00-7:00 p.m.

For more information on the College Fellows program please contact Tricia Chapple at pchapple@bgcdorchester. org.



## DID YOU KNOW BGCD Members Attend Premier of New Mark Wahlberg Movie,

"Instant Family": Last week Club members were invited to the premier of the new movie "Instant Family" starring former BGCD member, Mark Walhberg. The movie is about a couple who find themselves in over their heads after stumbling into the world of foster care adoption and end up adopting three children.

Our Club members had a fantastic time at the movie premier and had some great reviews of the movie! Many thanks to Mark Wahlberg and the Mark Walhberg Youth Foundation for making this amazing opportunity available to our members.

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Jr, former Board Chair, Board of Directors, Whittier Street Health Center; Ms. Eva Clark, Vice Chair, Board of
Directors, Whittier Street Health Center; Pastor Gerald Bell, Board Chairman, Whittier Street Health Center

## Frank Baker, running again, has much to pay attention to

whole wave is coming and it's here."

#### The epidemic at home

An overriding priority ahead of Baker — one that briefly makes the 50-year-old Dorchester native well up over his breakfast — is addressing the scourge of opioids.

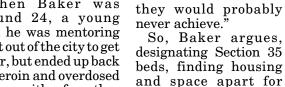
Of the multiple people whom Baker has seen die from the epidemic, the first was his older brother, who got hooked in the Vietnam era and died more than two decades ago.

When Baker was around 24, a young man he was mentoring went out of the city to get sober, but ended up back on heroin and overdosed in a car with a few other people. They pushed the 19 year old out the door onto the side of the street.

Baker credits people like Mayor Martin Walsh with policies that do not penalize those with a person doing drugs for seeking help for them. First responders carrying Narcan, he said, are keeping the already horrifying numbers of overdose deaths down.

Safe injection sites, which Baker saw on a council visit to Vancouver, are "a scary idea," he said. There is a value to Section 35, he said, which is a Massachusetts law that allows a judge to "involuntarily commit someone whose alcohol or drug use puts themselves, or others, at risk."

On the city level, he and the mayor and other officials are starting to work "on a concentrated effort to use this as a tool.... To someone who's been shooting heroin for 5 years, 30 days sobriety is something they never



beds, finding housing and space apart for recovering addicts to heal is critical. It is not about keeping them out of sight, he emphasized, but allowing them a recovery space away from the bustle until they have a better shot at not falling back in.

thought they would ever

achieve. And if they were

left to their own devices

#### **Boom times**

Baker's district is a busy one, stretching from the tip of the Polish Triangle, through Savin Hill and Columbia Point, then along the coastline down to Neponset.

"It's my job here to just pay attention to it, make sure that it's all able to mesh together," he said. "For me, these next 10 years are all going to be about transportation, all be about how are we moving people through our choke points."

Keeping an eye on the sheer number of projects means watching everything from the high-tech redevelopment of the former Boston Globe site, neighboring projects on Morrissey Boulevard

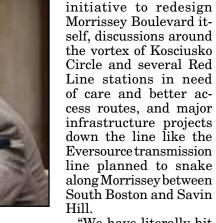
that could involve a pair of 20-plus-story towers, a debate over how to use prime, privately owned waterfront land in Port Norfolk, the massive Mary Ellen McCormack project where Dorchester meets South Boston, and the future Bayside Expo site redevelopment, for starters.

And add in the city planning project under way in Glover's Corner, where billionaire Gerald Chan is the owner of the Dot Block land and two large parcels nearby.

"I think that even when the economy turns, when it turns, I think we're still going to be in Dorchester, positioned where it will hurt, but it's not like all these big projects are just going to turn and walk away," Baker said. "The type of investment that's here now is long-term investment."

In Glover's Corner, the mixed-used Dot Block project is expected to come back to the community in December with new designs, which Baker said he likes, noting that they include changes to parking and green space.

"Gerald Chan, I think, places a value on educa-



"We have literally hit a point where a lot of these developments have all converged," Baker said. "Glover's Corner down on this end, which is along the highway, which is along the Red Line. We have the Globe site, which is along the highway right at the Red Line. We have Center Court, which now has control from Star Market all the way up to the Globe. We have UMass that is very real, and very, very exciting."

Then there is the state

Like many, Baker is waiting for UMass to announce a private development partner to transform the 20-acre Bayside site into a new harbor front community. Baker said a previous stadium proposal came with a push for a massive state investment in changes to Kosciusko Circle, which he ballparked at \$100 million.

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"It's going to be incumbent on myself and our state partners to make sure that that commitment is still in," he said of current Bayside planning. "Because without that commitment, we're stuck on the other side of Kosciusko Circle.'

#### **Future calling**

Baker's district is full of community groups and civic networks keeping an eye on their individual territories, although they do join together on neighborhood bugaboos like billboards. In looking ahead, if he gains another term on the council, Baker thinks his role will be managing a holistic vision for this swath of Dorchester.

"I think the transparency level now is much better than it used to be," he said. "With that being said, my office -little play on the words - is almost a catch basin, because we're involved in whatever the jurisdiction is, all of District 3.

"Having the foresight to see as a community where we should be going is less about me and more about the city. And in District 3, what's going to be good for them in 20 years, when I'm out of this role for multiple years? But I think right now it's critical that someone's paying attention to all of it together."



Nordblom Co., the developers of the former Boston Globe site, are envisioning an innovation campus which, Baker said, will include a training facility inside their building for the new technology jobs planned for the site. On top of taking on the maintenance of neighboring Patten's Cove, Nordblom is dedicating half a million dollars to local groups and an access study around JFK/ UMass station.

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### RECENT OBITUARIES

CONNOR, Dianne (**Diggins**) age 71, of Dorchester, MA, formerly of Arlington, and Florida. Dianne is survived by her two children: Colleen Connor of Arlington, and Cadence Chiasson and her husband Christopher of Morrison, CO. Sister of Dana Diggins and his wife Harriet, Debora Diggins, Doreen Johnson and her husband Thomas, Darryln Leikauskas and her husband Richard, Dennis Diggins and his wife Elizabeth, and the late Dorothy and David Diggins as well as 8 nieces and nephews. Expressions of sympathy may be made in Dianne's name to The Boston

Home, at 2049 Dorchester Ave., Dorchester, MA 02124 or at www. TheBostonHome.org

HELLER, Selma "Sally" W. at the age of 97. Sally was the wife of the late Frank P. Heller, with whom she shared 61 years of marriage until his passing in 2003. Born in Dorchester, she was the daughter of the late John and Hulda Williamson. Selma is survived by her son Frank S. Heller and his wife Carolyn, her daughter Linda Apte, and her son-in-law, Steven Strong. She is also survived by her five grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. She is predeceased by her daughter Marilyn Strong and her son-inlaw Wylie Apte. Mecontributions morial can be made in Selma's memory to the Alzheimer's Association

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HUOT, Elaine M. (Goddette-Olmstead) of Hyde Park at the age of 82. Wife of Herman R. of 58 years. Daughter of the late Agnes Goddette and foster of the late Joseph and Dorothy Ulrich. Mother of Agnes D. Huot of Roslindale, Kurt H. Huot of Hyde Park and Katherine M. Princiotta of Dorchester, step sister of Robert Olmstead, Jr. of California. "Memere" of  $5\,and\,great\,grand mother$ of 2, and also survived by many loving relatives and friends. Donations can be made to: "Comprehensive Breast Care Center" giving.brigha-

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LEONARD, Mary E. of Abington, formerly of Dorchester. Wife of the late Patrick Leonard. Mother of Sean Leonard and his wife Christine

of Woburn, Julie Dwyer and her husband Mark of Abington, Mary Golden and her husband Wayne of Abington and Anne McDonough and her husband John of Dorchester. Grandmother of 7. Donations can be made in memory of Mary to: St. Bridget Church, 455 Plymouth St., Abington, MA 02351.

MASSA, Flora M. (Castello) of Brewster, formerly of Milton, at 109. Wife of the late Charles A. Massa. Mother of Louise Massa of Harwich and the late Charles A. Massa, Jr. Born in Boston to Italian immigrant parents, Josephine and Giulio Castello. Predeceased by siblings Mary, Louis, Frances and Francesca. Flora grew up in Dorchester, and, before her marriage in 1944, was employed as an executive secretary at Jordan Marsh Co. She raised her family in Milton, where she lived for 50 years, then moved to Cape Cod in 2000 to be close to her daughter and son-in-law, Tom Von der Linden. Donations in Flora's memory may be sent to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, P.O. Box 50, Memphis, TN 38101-9929.

McBRIDE, Shawn

Patrick 58, Dorchester, unexpectedly from cardiac arrest. He is survived by his husband, Daron Manoogian; Johaun Bennette, who was like a son to him; his siblings Michael McBride, Tammy Byrne, Patti Young, Gayle Young, and Joni Young; an extended family; and many friends.

McKEON, Clarus E. (Kenny) Of Quincy. Mrs. McKeon worked as a secretary for 15 years in UMass/Boston Department of Public Safety, retiring in 1995. Mrs. McKeon also worked for 10 years as a Teacher's Aid at Atlantic Jr. H.S. in Quincy. She was a member of the Quincy Medical Center Auxiliary and was a hospital volunteer there for several years. Wife of the late Martin P. McKeon. Mother of William P. McKeon and his wife Beckie of Anchorage Alaska, daughter Mary Anne McKeon and her husband Nathan Johnson of Marshfield and the late Annette McKeon. Mrs. McKeon leaves five grandchildren and one great-grandson and many nieces, nephews and cousins. Donations in memory of Mrs. McKeon may be made to St. Francis House, PO Box 120499, Boston,

MA 02112 McMAHON, John T. "Jack" age 77, of Pompano Beach FL, formerly of Dorchester. He was the son of the late John E. and Elizabeth (Treacy) McMahon of Marshfield. He was predeceased by his Sister, Elizabeth R. Donovan of Scituate. He is survived by several nieces and nephews and his dear friend Robert of Pompano Beach, Florida. Jack was born in Quincy, MA and attended Quincy Public Schools. He was a Meat Cutter for the Colonial Provision Company for many years before retiring in 1986. He then worked as a courier in the Boston area before retiring to Broward County, Florida. Please consider making a gift in Jack's memory to the Alzheimer's Association, 309 Waverlev Oaks Road, Waltham, MA 02452

PAROLIN, John J. of Quincy formerly of South Boston. Husband of the late Ann (Manning). Father of Maureen Parolin of Boston, Barbara Parolin of Quincy, Mark Parolin and his husband Patrick Pound of Dorchester, Ann and her husband Robert Morley of Quincy and the late Sean Parolin of South Boston. Brother of Mary Gava of Dedham and Richard Parolin of Stoughton. Remembrances may be made to the VNA Hospice & Palliative Care, Fund Development Office, 199 Rosewood Dr., Suite 180, Danvers, MA 01923. Veteran Korean War, U.S. Army.

WEIDMANN, Marie

E. (Ibach) 94, of Quincy. Born and raised in Dorchester, Marie was the daughter of the late Albert and Mary (Gorvette) Ibach. She graduated from St. Gregory High School and lived in Wollaston for 66 years. Wife of the late Gerard F. Weidmann. She is survived by her children Paula Coughlin and her husband Alan of Franklin, Jeanne Evans of Duxbury, and Richard Weidmann and his wife Carol Lydon of Boston. Grandmother of Jennie Coughlin of New Jersey, Meghan and Tom Remmers of Bourne, Matthew Coughlin and Rachel Federman of Franklin, Marissa Evans of New York, Nicholas Evans of Cambridge, and Katie Weidmann of Boston. Great-grandmother of 2. She is also survived by her sister Sr. Jeanne Ibach CSJ of Framingham. Also survived by many nieces and nephews. She was the sisterin-law of the late Edward and Mary Croke Lowell.Donations may be made in Marie's name to the Sisters of Saint Joseph, 637 Cambridge Street, Brighton, MA 02135.

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DATE OF DEATH: 6/16/2018
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To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner Robert K. Loesch of Springfield, MA, a Will has been admitted to informal probate. Robert K. Loesch of Springfield, MA has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve withou surety on the bond.

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PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT INFORMAL PROBATE
PUBLICATION NOTICE
Docket No. SUISP2369EA
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DATE OF DEATH: 9/27/2018

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VS. KELVIN E. CEPEDA ARIAS

To the Defendant:
The Plaintiff has filed a Complain for Divorce requesting that the Court grant him/her custody of the child(ren). The Complaint is on file at the Court. An Automatic Restraining Order has been entered in this matter preventing you from taking any action which would negatively impact the current financial status of either party. SEE Supplemental Probate Court Rule 411.

You are hereby summoned and required to serve upon: Beatrice Hiraldo Cepeda, 1916 Dorchester Ave., #316, Dorchester, MA 02124 your answer, if any, on or before **12/27/2018**. If you fail to do so, the court will proceed to the hearing and adjudication of this action You are also required to file a copy of your answer, if any, in the office of the Register of this Court

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

Date: October 29, 2018

Felix D. Arroyo Register of Probate Published: November 29, 2018

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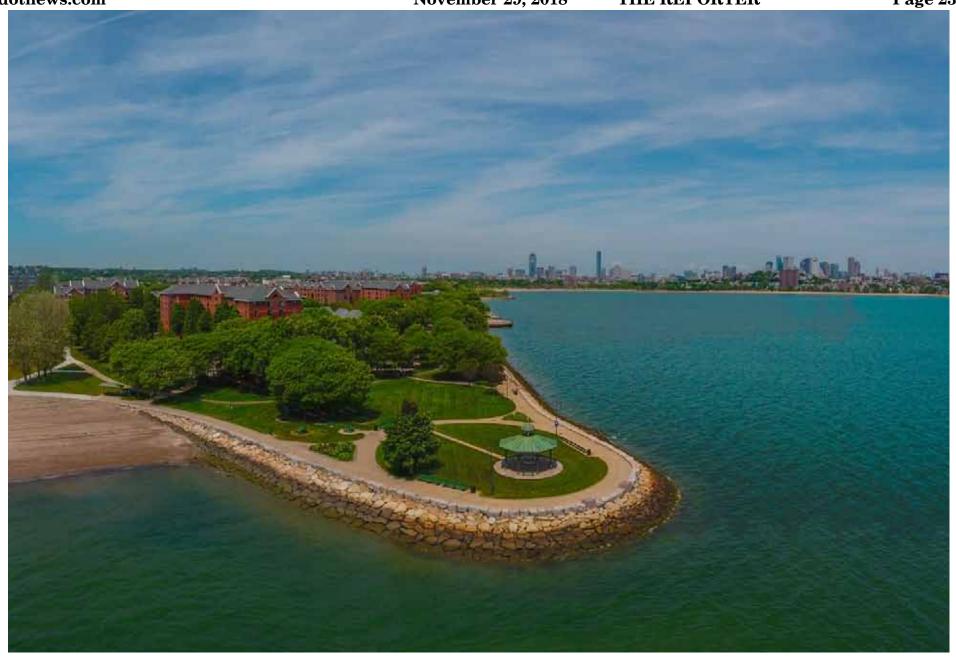
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The Plaintiff has filed a Complaint for Divorce requesting that the Court grant a divorce for irretrievable breakdown. The Complaint is on file at the Court. An Automatic Restraining Order has been entered in this matter preventing you from taking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

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