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OUR HOBBOLED RED LINE



At left, a passenger enters Savin Hill MBTA Station, which is having its sidewalk repaired. Above, broken steps have been patched up at Fields Corner Station.



The Radford Lane entrance on the inbound side of Ashmont Station has a plywood panel by the window, while the exit to Sydney Street at JFK/UMass Station has been closed off for months.

Gintautas Dumcius photos

‘Bailing wire, duct tape’ keep things running

BY GINTAUTAS DUMCIUS
MANAGING EDITOR

When the architect Chris Stanley and his family moved to Dorchester nearly 23 years ago, the Red Line was a key factor in their decision. The Ashmont MBTA station was a “pigeon barn,” he quipped, but they didn’t want to own two cars.

He recalls that in his first ten years in the neighborhood, he worked with other neighbors, city officials, and state lawmakers on upgrading and reconstructing the old public transit station, which was built in 1927. The project, with a cost pegged

at \$44 million, was part of a modernization of the Red Line’s Dorchester leg that was coupled with new retail space and mixed-income apartments.

Ashmont station still retains some of its shine from the upgrades, but plywood panels cover some of the windows, including one on the inbound platform, and another right by the Radford Lane entrance.

Up the tracks and inside the Fields Corner MBTA Station, the steps on the inbound side are patchy with gray splotches meant to repair cracks and breaks. Farther up the line, just outside Savin

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BPS enrollment keeps dropping; parochials, charters pick up numbers

BY SETH DANIEL
NEWS EDITOR

Enrollment in the city’s public schools and its six in-district charter schools declined again this year, according to state numbers released late last week. Other charter schools saw an increase while parochial schools seemed to receive major outflows of Boston students.

State numbers from the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) pegged Boston Public Schools (BPS) overall enrollment as of Oct. 1 at 46,001, down 168 students from last year, and 9,026 from 10 years ago. The numbers at the district’s charter schools – Boston Day and Evening Academy, Green Academy, Dudley Street Charter, Edward M. Kennedy Academy, UP Boston Middle School, and UP Dorchester Pre-K-8 – added up to 2,267 students, a drop of 438 students since the 2019-20 school year.

“Our goal is to create a district where all families and students feel excited and confident to enroll in BPS and stay here,” said Supt. Mary Skipper this week in a statement to the *Reporter*. “Black and

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Councillors keeping eyes on contract talks with city, police union

BY GINTAUTAS DUMCIUS
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Calls in some activist circles to “defund the police” haven’t gained much purchase with lawmakers and budget-writers, including in Massachusetts. But calls to “reform the police” still resonate with some.

The latter sentiment was on display during a recent City Council hearing on the contract talks between members of the Wu administration and the Dorchester-based Boston Police Patrolmen’s Association (BPPA).

Called by Councillors Ricardo Arroyo of Hyde Park and Kendra Lara of Jamaica Plain, the Dec. 1 hearing sought to put a spotlight on the timeline of contract talks, community involvement in them, and priorities for inclusion in the agreement.

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City is ready to name the developers for 12 of 18 vacant lots in Grove Hall

BY SETH DANIEL
NEWS EDITOR

In the second phase of a larger plan that will fundamentally change the use of several blocks along the corridor, five candidates are being considered for designations as developers of 12 of the 18 vacant lots put out to bid last summer in the Grove Hall section of Blue Hill Avenue.

City officials are re-

viewing proposals and expect to make decisions by mid-December, according to officials at the Mayor’s Office of Housing (MOH).

Of the five candidates, four have plans to build mixed-use buildings that would remake the 300 block of Blue Hill Avenue – a bustling part of Grove Hall that has lively businesses, but still bears the scars, or

empty lots, from unrest and disinvestment in the 1960s and 1970s.

The fifth developer, Mass Liberation, is a non-profit looking to have a smaller lot at 190 Blue Hill Ave. that the company already cares for designated for development as programmed open space.

City officials convened a meeting earlier this fall in which each developer

revealed its plans publicly, with vacant lots in the 300 block as the focus. The companies included Codman Square Neighborhood Development Corporation (CSNDC), Habitat for Humanity Greater Boston, MTK Development, and NS Partners. Each had its own program for the various lots, with some submitting plans for

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MTK’s proposal for 376 Blue Hill Ave. Rendering courtesy Mayor’s Office of Housing

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Police, Courts & Fire

Two men in afternoon
shootout near Lee School

More than 25 shots rang out at a Talbot Avenue tire shop just after school let out at the nearby Lee K-8 school on Monday afternoon, sending two men to the hospital with non-life-threatening injuries.

Dozens of yellow cones marking spent shell casings dotted the street and the tire shop parking lot as police investigated the shooting, which took place around 3 p.m. as kids were in the after-school program at the BCYF Perkins community center across the street.

Police could be seen escorting students to their parents or caregivers in the aftermath of the incident. The school has a general dismissal at 2:10 p.m., so most students had left already.

Indications were that two parties encountered one another on Helen Street and Talbot Avenue and began shooting. Preliminary reports from sources close to the matter were that a city employee from a nearby facility had been shot while waiting for his vehicle at the tire shop. City officials would neither confirm nor deny the reports.

The identity of the other victim could not be confirmed either, but was said by sources to be an employee of the shop. The long-time business was recently part of a new collaboration between a local developer and the ownership – providing upgrades and improvements to the site.

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Boston Police arrested a 27-year-old Mattapan man last Thursday (Dec. 1) on firearm charges following a traffic stop on Orlando Street. Police say that the suspect— Ricardo Hamilton— was pulled over because his vehicle’s windows had excessive tint and he failed to signal. Once stopped, police say they observed a 9mm Glock in the vehicle. Hamilton was arrested without incident and will face charges for the unregistered weapon and ammunition, which included 17 rounds in a partly inserted magazine.

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Boston Police officers attached to the Drug Control units in four districts combined forces last Thursday to execute a search warrant at a Roxbury residence that led to the arrest of a 41-year-old Dorchester man on drug trafficking charges. Police say that the target of their investigation— Eric Salazar— was using the home at Stanwood Street and Weaver Way to distribute illicit drugs, including heroin, cocaine, crack, oxycodone and marijuana. The suspect was taken into custody in the area of Blue Hill Avenue and Irwin Avenue, according to a police account of the raid, which took place around 10:20 a.m. Police say he was carrying a plastic bag of heroin along with \$906 in cash.

City board okays development
across Columbia from Strand

The former Dorchester Savings Bank building in Uphams Corner will become home to roughly 86,000 square feet of mixed-used, residential, commercial, and retail space under a plan approved by city officials.

The Boston Planning and Development Agency board on Nov. 17 approved the proposal, which calls for a six-story addition at the back of the existing bank building. The total package will have 48 units of rental housing, 2,000 square feet of arts amenity space, and 4,500 square feet of below-market rate space for civic, arts and commercial entities.

The developers’ first letter of intent was filed with city officials in September 2021.

Twenty percent of the units will be reserved for



The proposal for the Dorchester Savings Bank development in Uphams Corner. Rendering by Stull & Lee Architects

artists and all residential units will be income-restricted to households that earn up to eighty percent of the area median income.

The project, located at 568-574 Columbia Rd., consists of three parcels overall, including the bank building, which will be preserved under the plan, and a surface parking lot.

The development team includes two nonprofits, the Dorchester Bay Economic Development Corporation and Preservation of Affordable Housing (POAH). The site is owned by an affiliate of the Dudley Square Neighborhood Association, which remains the landlord.

The project is a short walk from the MBTA’s Fairmount Line and boasts a proximity to several MBTA bus lines.

— REPORTER STAFF

City adds additional sewage testing
sites amidst report of Covid spike

The city has hired the company that has been sampling sewage at Deer Island for the presence of Covid-19 viral particles to perform similar tests at 11 sites across Boston, Boston Public Health Commission Executive Director Bisola Ojikutu told a City Council committee on Monday.

The latest numbers from Deer Island show a spike in recent days in the MWRA’s sewer system roughly north of Route 9, Ojikutu said.

Samples from the local sewer sites will allow the city to better target particular areas for inter-

vention should those particular areas’ numbers spike, Ojikutu said, adding that most of the sites are now operational and that she hopes to begin publishing the data publicly.

The samples will be tested by Biobot Analytics, an MIT-spawned company in Cambridge that has been doing the same work at the MWRA’s Deer Island treatment plant since early in the pandemic. The numbers have proven to be a predictor of Covid-19 cases a week to ten days out, based on the fact that people begin excreting the virus before they even think to get

tested themselves for infection, if they do so at all.

Ojikutu said the spike emphasizes the importance for residents to get Covid-19 booster shots. She said 11 percent of Bostonians have yet to get the bivalent shots, which provide stronger protection against the omicron variants. She also noted that the city currently runs walk-in vaccination and testing clinics and that a sixth will open soon at City Hall, possibly next week. A number of private groups and pharmacies also provide vaccinations.

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By 9-4, Council backs 16 as voting age

If you’re old enough to drive, you’re old enough to vote, the majority of Boston city councillors decided last Wednesday, bringing 16- and 17-year-olds one step closer to enfranchisement in the city. By a 9-4 vote, councillors passed a petition to allow Boston residents aged 16 and 17 to vote in municipal elections, as long as they meet all other legal qualifications.

“We have a lot of young people who are working—

oftentimes two jobs—just to help support their families, paying taxes and on the front lines protesting and trying to find ways to have their voices heard. And every day we make decisions on their behalf,” said Councillor Julia Mejia, who co-sponsored the petition.

Mostly supported by the council’s growing number of progressive members, the legislation now goes to Mayor Wu’s desk. If she signs off on

the home rule petition, it gets passed along to the Legislature.

The councillors at-large were split, with Michael Flaherty and Erin Murphy voting against the petition, and Mejia and Ruthzee Louijeune voting in favor. Other yes votes included Gabriela Coletta, Brian Worrell, Ricardo Arroyo, Kendra Lara, Tania Fernandes Anderson, Bok and Breadon. City Council President Ed Flynn and

Councillor Frank Baker voted no.

Mejia expressed some concern about the petition gaining state approval, saying “We know what happens at the State House — most things go there to die. I believe that this is an opportunity for us to organize other municipalities across the state and then create the groundswell of support that this initiative deserves and that is led by young people.”

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UPCOMING CIVIC MEETINGS AND COMMUNITY EVENTS

The Boston City Council’s Committee on Public Safety and Criminal Justice will hold a hearing on Thurs., Dec. 8 at 5 p.m. to address gun violence. The hearing, sponsored by District 4 Councillor Brian Worrell, will be held at Lilla G. Frederick Pilot Middle School, 270 Columbia Rd., Dorchester.

Virtual tree removal hearing for Mattapan on Thurs., Dec. 8 at 10 a.m. Boston Parks and Recreation Department holds hearing on request to remove four public shade trees along Cummins Highway due to conflicts with proposed pedestrian sidewalk and bike path locations as part of the Cummins Highway reconstruction project being undertaken by the Boston Public Works Department between Fairway and Harvard Streets in Mattapan.

The Halfway to Dot Day 5k will take place on Sat., Dec. 10 along the paths

of Pope John Paul II Park in Dorchester starting at 9 a.m. from Florian Hall. The 7th annual event is a family-friendly run for all ages and abilities and is certified and sanctioned by USA Track and Field- New England. Register online at halfwaytodotday5k.racewire.com. Adults \$25, kids \$5 donation (all of which goes to local sports organizations.) First responders \$20. Sponsored by the Dorchester Running Club.

City Council’s Education Committee holds a hearing on Tues., Dec. 13 at 3 p.m. on “Green New Deal” for Boston Public Schools amid talk of merging six schools into three. Councillor Julia Mejia is the sponsor and the chair.

METCO hosts a free event for Boston families on Sat., Dec. 10, 12-4 p.m. at the Boys and Girls Club, 15 Talbot Ave., Dorchester. Learn about opportunities to apply for public education in suburban

communities and meet current METCO families and learn about after-school activities and support services in the community.

BPDA hosts a virtual public meeting on Tues., Dec. 13 to discuss a proposal by 1334 Dot, LLC (the “Proponent”) for the proposed redevelopment of four (4) parcels of land at 1320 Dorchester Ave. which together totals approximately 19,021 square feet (the “Project Site”). A portion of the Project Site is presently occupied by a two (2)-story residential/commercial building, while the remainder of the site is utilized as surface parking. The proposal calls for the construction of a six (6)-story, approximately 46,411 gross square foot residential building consisting of approximately seventy (70) residential rental units, which have been designed in accordance with the City of Boston’s Compact Living Policy. The

meeting will be held from 6-7:30 p.m. via Zoom.

Hearts, Hugs & Hope: A Virtual Alzheimer’s support group offered by Standish Village Assisted Living and Memory support community meets on Thurs., Dec. 15 at 6 p.m. Dealing with Alzheimer’s disease and related dementia isn’t easy, so it is helpful to share your concerns and personal experiences with others who completely understand what you’re going through. You will also learn about proven strategies to help you better care for your family member. Email Director of Compass Programming Joe Cawley at jcawley@standishvillage.com for the virtual meeting information.

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By GINTAUTAS DUMCIUS
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When William Mountbatten-Windsor, better known as “the Prince of Wales,” stepped into the hallway outside the mayor of Boston’s office last Wednesday, he was greeted by black-and-white pictures of his late grandmother, who made her own visit here nearly 50 years ago.

Despite the beaming local officials who joined her then in the pictures that were put up on the walls ahead of his visit, it was a different Boston back in 1976. “Royal respite for beleaguered Boston,” said the July headline in *The Phoenix*, an alternative weekly.

Underneath, the article continued in the same vein: “For Bostonians who had spent many an anxious month waiting for something good to happen here, it came with the concert on the Esplanade, the arrival of the Tall Ships, and the visit by Queen Elizabeth. The sun, literally and figuratively, shone on this city for two successive weekends.”

At the time of her visit, Elizabeth II, who passed away this past September, was a year out from her Silver Jubilee celebration, commemorating 25 years on the throne and she drew large crowds nearly everywhere she went.

Coupled with the US Bicentennial and the Tall Ships, her presence provided a psychological uplift to the ailing city. Kevin White, the mayor at the time, faced a grand jury looking into his admin-



The Prince of Wales, his wife Kate, Mayor Wu, Gov.-elect Maura Healey, and Conor Wu and one of his and the mayor’s sons study a photograph of Queen Elizabeth II and Mayor Kevin White taken when she visited Boston in 1976.
Photo courtesy Mayor’s press office

istration. Property values were lower. The parks were unkempt and grimy. And city officials, a federal judge, and residents were bitterly at odds over court-ordered school desegregation.

Forty-six years later, the situation has been reversed: Over the course of three days, Mountbatten-Windsor and his wife Kate Middleton basked in the green light of a Boston on an upswing. The city that was the birthplace of successful efforts to overthrow a royal ancestor of theirs is now home to innovations in climate technology, life sciences, and education.

For the royals, the trip was

a respite from the tensions at a beleaguered Buckingham Palace, which has been dealing with a family rift between brothers, and more recently, with a close family friend insistently questioning the Black British leader of a charity about where she was “really” from. While the number of monarchies has fallen dramatically across Europe since World War I, England has soldiered on with, as the *Wall Street Journal* recently put it, “an institution that — despite being undemocratic by definition — depends on support from the British public for its survival.” Much like Tinker Bell, the pixie in “Peter

Pan,” the royals need people to keep clapping.

The visit to Boston, marked by rain and gusting winds, did well on that score. Two years ago, Mountbatten-Windsor launched the Earthshot Prize, which funnels money toward “ground-breaking eco-solutions to repair and regenerate the planet.” He says its inspiration was President John F. Kennedy’s 1962 “Moonshot” speech and the ensuing space race. Dorchester’s Marty Walsh, the former mayor turned US labor secretary, was part of the group lobbying for Boston as the host city for the prize announcement.

The royals picked Boston

last July, and they spent last week here lashing themselves to green technology and a young Boston mayor, Michelle Wu, the first woman of color elected to the job. They visited a climate tech incubator in Somerville and appeared with Wu, who won the 2021 mayoral election with a platform promising to mitigate climate change through a “Green New Deal.”

Wearing an emerald tie, Mountbatten-Windsor joined Wu and Gov.-elect Maura Healey under a tent outside City Hall, hitting a button that bathed the Brutalist structure in green. Applause followed.

Before Friday’s “Earthshot” awards ceremony in the concert hall next to Fenway, Mountbatten-Windsor ducked into Dorchester, where, on Columbia Point, he received a tour of the JFK Presidential Library and met for 30 minutes with President Biden, who was in town on democratic matters, including a phone bank inside the IBEW Local 103 union hall aimed at keeping a Georgia Senate seat in his party’s hands.

As they met, the *New York Times* take on the royal visit circulated online. The article featured interviews with customers of one of the neighborhood’s many Dunkin’ locations and at the bar in the Eire Pub in Adams Village. “Don’t care,” one person told the reporter, after learning the topic of the story.

In Dorchester, at least, the applause was muted.

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Nearly killed by a stroke, ‘Lucky’ Tom Tinlin is spreading the gospel of aneurysm prevention

By BILL FORRY
EXECUTIVE EDITOR

Now that many families are once again celebrating the holidays together in person, there’s an opportunity to swap stories, meet new arrivals, and share happy memories of those we’ve lost over the years.

It might seem morbid to some, but there’s a topic that should be raised with loved ones when the time is right. What is our family history of sudden deaths caused by aneurysms?

Tom Tinlin had no idea that his mother’s side of the family lost people to fatal ruptures that went undetected in his childhood years. So, when his own hidden “time bomb” exploded in April 2017, it came as a total shock.

Tinlin, who was the state’s highway commissioner at the time, is one of the fortunate ones. About half of people who suffer the same sort of hemorrhagic stroke that he experienced will die in the first 24 hours. Thirty percent will die instantly.

Tommy— as his friends call him— was lucky. The persistent, painful headache that had beset him for about a week was initially misdiagnosed. As he soldiered through his role as the emcee of a benefit for a South Boston charity, he stepped off stage and told his wife Heather that he needed to get to a hospital – and fast.

Heather made it happen, and she and the doctors who treated him at Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center saved his life.

Tinlin spent nearly two weeks in the hospital and then had to retire



“People who know they have loved ones who’ve been stricken in the past should, with the doctor’s guidance, get scanned with common methods like an MRI. I look at it like this: All aneurysms are treatable. But by not knowing, the decisions are taken away from you. You may very well be walking around with this time bomb. Then all of a sudden it pops and consider the devastation of that sudden death or the dramatic change in life.”

– TOM TINLIN

from his demanding job in state government. But he wasn’t sidelined for long. Within a few months, he started a new job as an associate principal at Howard Stein Hudson, a Boston-based transportation consulting firm.

In his personal time, he has

dedicated himself to raising awareness about the risks of brain aneurysm— and the urgent need to get more research done on how to save those in danger of strokes.

“I couldn’t just lie around like ‘woe is me,’” he said. “It makes me feel good to do something, so I decided to really get involved in fundraising with the Brain Aneurysm Foundation, which is the largest private funder of brain aneurysm research in the world.”

What he learned in the process are facts that everyone should know and keep in mind.

“The best science available for brain aneurysms tells us that one out of fifty people on the face of the planet have one. In fact, it’s one of the most prevalent diseases out there.”

And for those who suffer a hemorrhagic stroke – like the one that almost killed him – “the vast majority die.” That somber fact, Tom argues, is partly to blame for the relative lack of federal funding that gets devoted to research on brain aneurysms.

“It’s been very difficult to get the federal government’s attention on this at the NIH level, because most victims of the hemorrhagic event will die and can’t advocate for themselves,” he said. The other most common form of blood clot— an ischemic stroke— has a far higher rate of survival. Tinlin refers to those sorts of events as “Tedy Bruschi strokes,” a reference to the former New England Patriot who survived a serious rupture.

“The ischemic is more like a blood clot and can create havoc for sure, but most people are survivors. It sucks a lot of the funding away from the hemorrhagic research.”

Tinlin and his family, which includes his two children, Grace and Thomas, have thrown themselves into the cause of changing that dynamic. They’ve mounted an annual golf tournament that has grown by leaps and bounds.

The one this past September drew hundreds of golfers and required three different courses, in Braintree, Dorchester, and Hyde Park— to accommodate the demand. Over its four years, the Tinlin Family Golf Tournament has raised some \$800,000.

“Last year we raised more than

\$235,000 and next year we hope to top out at a million. People have really rallied around me and the cause. Secretary Marty Walsh, Gov. Charlie Baker are there each year. And Mayor Wu came to the tourney this year and shared her personal story of someone she lost. The more you talk to people, everybody has a story.”

Tinlin is frequently called upon for advice and counsel to people who suddenly find themselves impacted by an aneurysm crisis, says Secretary Walsh.

“Watching him turn that fright for him and his family into the work he does has really been inspiring to see,” says Walsh. “Tommy helped so many people in his personal and professional life. It’s more common than you realize.”

Tinlin is also a fierce advocate for federal legislation that would require the National Institute of Health to spend \$10 million a year over five years to study the cause and the treatment of brain aneurysms. The bill— known as Ellie’s Law— has been introduced several times without success. But Tinlin is determined to help get it through Congress and on the president’s desk in the new session.

“Among the brain aneurysm demographic, the majority- female and women of color demographics are the most at risk,” he says. “It’s not much of an exaggeration to talk about equity here. If I were the prevailing demographic, I would feel that if it was affecting members [of Congress] who look like me, the bill might have a better chance.”

If it becomes law, the funding requirement would have a sunset clause in five years, but Tinlin says that modest spending in the NIH budget “is what they need to make a difference.”

In the meantime, he is urging people of all backgrounds to become familiar with their own risk factors, particularly the family history, which he only learned about after his near-death experience.

“I had an aunt and uncle on my mother’s side who passed from aneurysms,” says Tinlin. “Researchers strongly believe that there is a family history.”

Tinlin says that people who know they have loved ones who’ve been stricken in the past should, with the doctor’s guidance, get scanned with common methods like an MRI.


“I look at it like this: All aneurysms are treatable. But by not knowing, the decisions are taken away from you. You may very well be walking around with this time bomb. Then all of a sudden it pops and consider the devastation of that sudden death or the dramatic change in life.”

On Nov. 1, Tinlin returned to the hospital for a procedure to deal with a second aneurysm in his brain that doctors found while treating his initial rupture in 2017. They had been monitoring it in the intervening years, but this summer his medical team decided it was time to intervene.

The minimally invasive angio procedure only required a single overnight stay, and Tinlin was back to work the next week.

“As people do get together for holidays, they should have these conversations,” he says. “When I was growing up, no one was connecting the dots. You still have folks who don’t know.”

For more information on how you can assist in the cause of preventing death from a brain aneurysm – or to support lobbying efforts for federally-funded research – visit bafound.org.



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Revere's Clark nabs No. 2 post among US House Democrats

By CHRIS LISINSKI
STATE HOUSE
NEWS SERVICE

Congresswoman Katherine Clark secured a new role as the whip, or second-highest leader among US House Democrats, last week, elevating the Revere resident amid a historic changing of the guard.

After winning the support of her colleagues behind closed doors, Clark, a Revere resident who is currently assistant speaker, will join Congressman Hakeem Jeffries of New York and Congressman Peter Aguilar of California in the House's leadership ranks next session when Democrats will shift to the minority party.

Jeffries will serve as the top House Democrat and Aguilar will be caucus chairman, the role Jeffries holds now.

During an appearance last week on GBH's "Greater Boston," host Jim Braude asked Clark why she was not the top House Democrat, with Jeffries second. "Well, first of all, it is about team," Clark replied. "I have never cared about titles. It's about the work. And what I see in the whip position is continuing the work I've done, putting people together with solutions,



US Rep. Katherine Clark will serve as whip, or second-highest leader among US House Democrats.

SHNS photo

building consensus, and driving us forward."

Braude also asked Clark whether House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, who will step down from leadership but remain in the House, had "picked the three of you" — Jeffries, Clark and Aguilar — as the next group of leading House Democrats. Clark didn't say yes or no.

"You know, we really came together as a partnership that has worked over the years," she

said. "Hakeem Jeffries and I started working together in 2018. He was working on messaging. I was working on recruiting candidates."

The trio of new House Democrat leaders addressed reporters following their election, where Clark called her victory as party whip "truly humbling."

Said Clark: "We as a team and as a caucus reflect the diversity and the strength of the American people. That

is where we are able to come together around shared values and reflect back to American families that they are the priority, they are who we will bring to the leadership table with us — their stories, their challenges, their victories and solutions for what they are facing."

Clark did not face any opponent in her bid for party whip.

Her national profile has been growing in recent years while she

served as assistant speaker, a top deputy to Pelosi. As whip, Clark will now hold the second-highest post among House Democrats as Jeffries becomes the first Black person to lead a party's caucus in either the US House or Senate.

After the mid-term voting was completed, Pelosi and Majority Leader Steny Hoyer announced that they would step down from leadership in the wake of the Republicans' nar-

row takeover, which left Clark and fellow members of the Massachusetts delegation that have enjoyed high-ranking posts — such as House Ways and Means Committee Chair Richard Neal and House Rules Committee Chair James McGovern — to adjust to a new dynamic.

Bigger leadership questions for the House appear to be still unanswered. Current Minority Leader Kevin McCarthy secured his colleagues' approval to continue serving as the top Republican, but it's not clear yet if he will be able to win enough votes to become speaker.

The incoming Democratic leadership team on Wednesday mostly stayed out of the speakership debate, instead pledging to focus on an approach Jeffries described as "get stuff done, make life better for everyday Americans."

"We look forward to finding opportunities to partner with the other side of the aisle and work with them whenever possible, but we will also push back against extremism whenever necessary," he said.

Michael P. Norton contributed reporting to this article.

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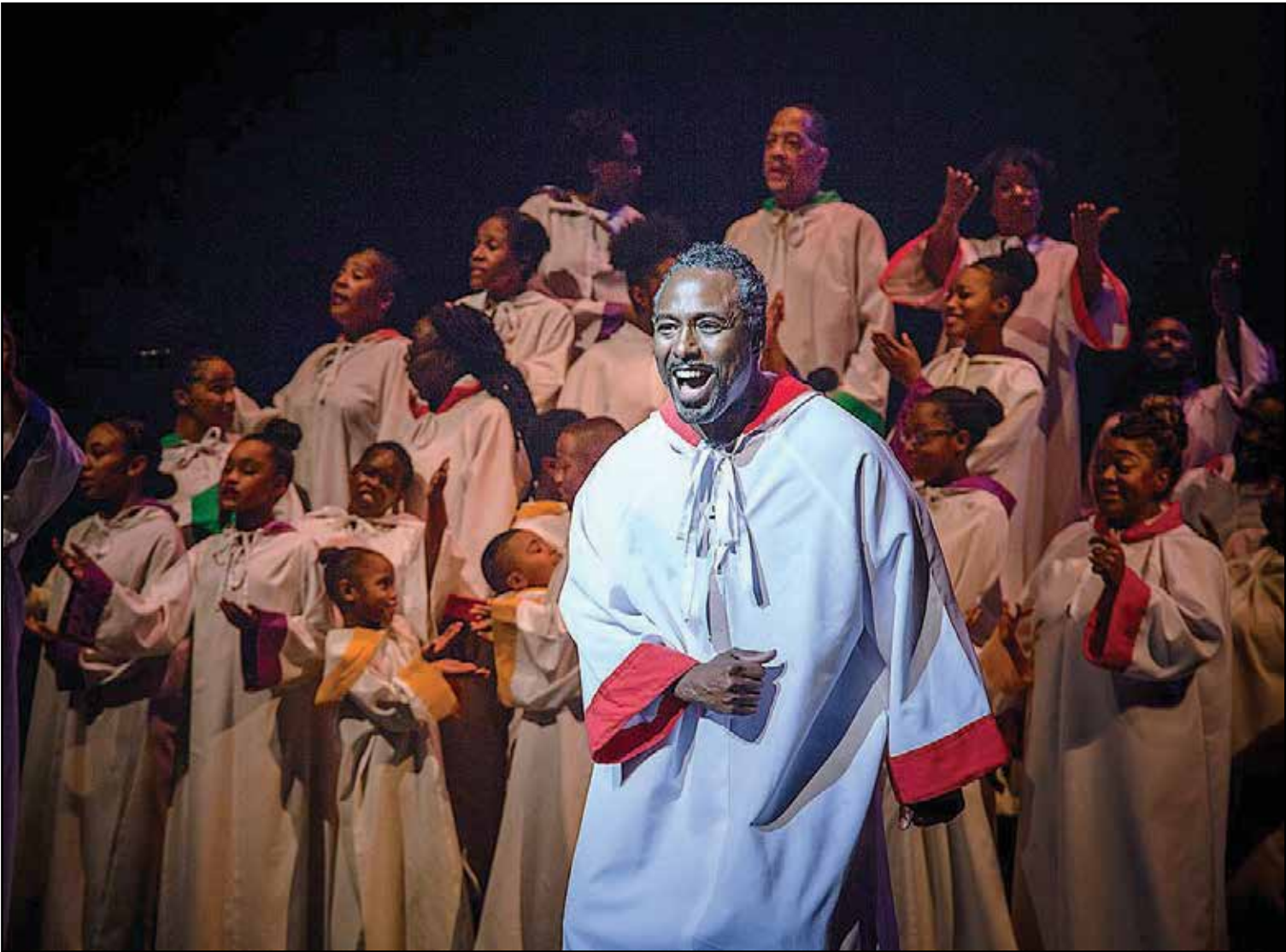
Courtesy of The National Center of Afro-American Artists, the song-play “Black Nativity” by Langston Hughes will be performed at the Paramount Center, 559 Washington Street, Boston, this weekend and next at 8 p.m. on Friday and Saturday, with matinees at 3:30 p.m. each day.

Characterized by the Center as a “gift from the Black community to people of good will from all traditions, the delightful show has since 1970 become a cherished tradition in Greater Boston as well as across much of New England.

With a cast of nearly 75 youth and adults, the Nativity story is retold in the language of ordinary Black people as imagined by Hughes, a Harlem Renaissance poet. While African drums propel the dramatic evocation of the blessed child’s birth, gospel music—intermixed with well-known carols—lifts the spirit of all and excites anticipation for the promise of 2023.

This season’s performances are partially underwritten by the Eastern Bank Charitable Foundation, Museum of Fine Arts, and ArtsEmerson at Emerson College.

Tickets are available through the ArtsEmerson Box Office in person or online. For additional information, visit blacknativity.org.



Sidrit Veselaj joins East West Mortgage as sales manager



Sidrit Veselaj

East West Mortgage, the only mortgage company headquartered in Boston, has hired Sidrit Veselaj as sales manager and senior loan officer. Veselaj has spent the last 2 years with Guaranteed Rate. Prior to that, he

worked at a number of local banking institutions, including Santander, Bank of America, Citizens, Cambridge Trust Company, and South Shore Bank.

Originally from Albania, Veselaj now lives in Sharon with his wife and three children.

A 2013 graduate of Suffolk University with a BSBA in Finance in 2013, he was recently voted one of Massachusetts’s “Top Mortgage Professionals” by Boston Magazine (2022).

Veselaj will be based in the company’s Dorchester headquarters at 100 Hallett St.



The Irish Pastoral Centre hosted its first annual Christmas Fair last Saturday (Dec 3) at its new location in the ground level space at the rear of 540 Gallivans Blvd. A raffle for a wide range of gift certificates donated by local merchants helped raise funds to support IPC programs.

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Archibald T. Davison, Jr.

Archibald Thompson Davison (1883-1961) was an American musicologist, conductor, composer, and educator who lived with his parents and siblings at 394 Washington Street, Dorchester. His father was a doctor as was one of his brothers. He completed his studies in music at Harvard University, where he was awarded a PhD in 1908 and later taught for 41 years.



Archibald T. Davison, Jr.

As an adult, Dr. Davison left his position as organist and choirmaster at All Saints, Ashmont, to take the post of University Organist and Choirmaster at Harvard. He also coached the Harvard Glee Club and became its first conductor. Under his direction (1920 to 1933), the club came to be regarded as the best amateur chorus in the United States.

He is best remembered

for his work as co-editor of the two volumes of “The Historical Anthology of Music,” along with Willi Appel. His compositions were completed early in life, and none of them are part of the standard repertoire. His musicology writings include:

The Harmonic Contributions of Claude Debussy, 1908; Choral Conducting, 1940; The Technique of Choral

Composition, 1945; The Historical Anthology of Music Volume I: Oriental, Medieval and Renaissance Music, 1949; The Historical Anthology of Music Volume II: Baroque, Rococo and Pre-Classical Music, 1950.

For a much longer description of Davison’s life, check out his obituary in the Harvard Crimson dated 2/17/61.

The archive of these

historical posts can be viewed on the blog at dorchestehistoricalsociety.org.

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The Society’s historic houses are closed at this time due to the pandemic. For now, our in-person programming has been suspended, and we are using Zoom instead. Watch for announcements.

Editorial

RIP Bob Haas, a gentle giant in Uphams Corner

Bob Haas, a passionate advocate for Dorchester who lived in Uphams Corner for much of his life, died last Friday after a long illness. He was 76 years old. A legendary civic leader and organizer in the Dudley Street and Uphams Corner section of our neighborhood, Bob also gathered a diverse community of friends from around the world, many of whom lived in his grand Victorian home at 29 Monadnock St., which he cared for meticulously.



Bob Haas: Man of grit and vision.

He was also an accomplished, classically trained pianist and organist, who performed two full-length concerts at the Strand Theatre. A longtime member of the Back Bay Chorale, Bob was a regular presence at several local congregations, including Holy Family parish.

New Jersey-born, Bob moved to Dorchester in 1971 and immediately set to work helping to improve conditions in and around

his home. He was a founding member of the Dudley Street Neighborhood Initiative (DSNI) and the Dorchester Bay Economic Development Corporation, the two most important engines of economic renewal and civic life in his part of Boston. He was also on the staff of DSNI for many years.

In his retirement, Bob wrote a memoir of his experiences titled “Monadnock: A Street in a Neighborhood That Almost Died.” In 2018-2019, the Reporter ran two lengthy excerpts from the still-unpublished book, which chronicled the history of the Uphams Corner neighborhood and documented his efforts— alongside other dedicated residents— to counter crime, blight, and disinvestment.

“Bob was a tall, big teddy bear,” said John Barros, a close friend and former colleague at DSNI. “He was a committed community builder who organized in Roxbury and Dorchester for decades and was a true giant in the community with a big heart and consistent dedication to his neighbors.”

Bob traveled the world throughout his life and many of his favorite destinations were the result of his keen interest in the people he befriended in Uphams Corner, including Haitians, Cape Verdeans, and Puerto Ricans.

In his memoir, Bob writes candidly about the challenges that confronted Uphams Corner and the Dudley Triangle in an era fraught with arson, abandonment, and violence. The book, which his friends intend to publish posthumously, is a granular account of the slow, but steady progress that has been made thanks to the persistent work of Bob and his peers.

In one section, Bob wrote: “By 1970, Uphams Corner was in free-fall. The turnover of houses and apartments was accelerating like a train. Stories about the grand days of the past sounded like wild hallucinations. Store owners became hardened cynics. They locked their doors. The neighborhood had nothing going for it. Opinion leaders downtown said it was ‘gone.’”

Bob was one of the key people who stopped that “free-fall.” Right up until his last weeks, he continued to work hard and care passionately about the future of his beloved neighborhood.

Barros, who lives a block away from Bob’s home, is one of several close friends who will work to keep Bob’s legacy alive through his home on Monadnock Street. For decades, the house was a gathering place and a guest house for men and women from all walks of life, most of whom were focused on urban planning and community service projects, who would live at 29 Monadnock while studying or working locally,

“He provided a way for people to come here and be part of people staying there who participate in the community,” said Barros. “Bob was very clear in his desire and vision for his house to continue to be a place where people could live affordably. He has tasked a number of his friends to realize his vision.”

Bob’s funeral will take place this Saturday (Dec. 10) at St. Cecelia’s Church in the Back Bay. Friends and family may attend a gathering at the church at 9 a.m. in lieu of a wake. The Mass will be celebrated at 10 a.m. followed by burial at Cedar Grove Cemetery. A repast will follow at DSNI on Dudley Street.

More details on arrangements and Bob’s death notice will be available later this week through Murphy’s Funeral Home on Dorchester Avenue.

– Bill Forry

Commentary

A report on my eye-opening visit to Hungary and Romania

By LEW FINFER
SPECIAL TO THE REPORTER

Two weeks ago, on Nov. 22, I found myself at a border crossing checkpoint in the small Romanian city of Radauti, where some 800,000 refugees from nearby Ukraine, mainly women and children, have sought refuge from Vladimir Putin’s onslaught. There were already several inches of snow on the ground as winter took hold.

Why was I there? For the last eight years, our Dorchester-based organization, MA Communities Action Network, has participated in the US State Department-sponsored Professional Fellows program, which brings Eastern Europeans from Romania, Hungary, Slovakia, Bulgaria, and Albania to the United States for one-month internships in partnership American community organizing groups.

My family and several other Dorchester residents have hosted 16 fellows over the years. My neighbors — including Beverly Rock, Betsy Drinan, Don and Holly Walsh, Doreen Treacy, Nancy Anderson, Sydney Hanlon, Diane Gantman and Bob Weiss, Judith and Brook Baker, and Joyce Linehan — have also hosted the Europeans. The program also allows someone from the hosting organizations to visit the Fellows in their country to give them additional support and learn more about their organizations. So that’s why I was in Romania and Hungary.

In Romania, I was on the ground seeing the work of Civic Radauti, an organization that has stepped up to help Ukraine in remarkable ways. They have rented a warehouse and arranged for donations of food and supplies from different parts of Europe. They have shipped 800 tons of supplies to Ukraine on 157 different transports helping 45,000 people over the last 7 months. They also have had people at the border since the second day of the war to greet the refugees and connect them to food, transportation, and housing.

Tens of thousands of Ukrainians are housed in homes in Romania, and millions more all have found refuge across Europe. There was no housing available for about 100 women and children at the border near Radauti, so they are in a refugee camp, living in trailers and eating in big tents. Melting snow has caused deep mud outside the trailers, so the Civic Radauti volunteers brought over 15 wooden pallets to create paths from their trailers over the mud.

Luca Ciubotaru, who was one of those Fellows who came to Dorchester, is one of the organizers. Right now, they are renovating a vacant building as a community center for the displaced Ukrainians. In the neighboring village of Bilka, they’ve built a Friendship Park with a soccer field, volleyball court, children’s playground, and barbecue. They also campaigned and got their City Council to put their meetings on Zoom to increase transparency and accountability. And they have plans to expand their work to other villages.

In Hungary, I met with another Fellow who had been in Dorchester, Vivien Brasso. She is director of Litigation for the European Roma Rights Center. There are about 12 million Roma in European countries living in poverty and suffering intense discrimination in education, employment, housing, and health care. Roma children are in separate classrooms in schools they go to; separate and not equal.

Vivien’s group sues governments in 23 European countries for different discriminatory practices against Roma people. They often lose in court and have to appeal to the European Court of Human Rights. Said Vivien’s boyfriend Andris: “Whenever Vivien leaves for the Post Office with a big set of parcels, I wonder which country she is suing now.”

Many of the “Dorchester Fellows” are doing important work. There’s Sylvia Vrinceanu Nichita, who bring books to poor children in isolated rural villages in Romania. Madalina Marcu has organized a set of local foundations across Romania and just recently formed a coalition of Romanian civil society groups. Zsuzsanna Gutjahr helps manage 5,000 public housing units and commercial spaces in her neighborhood of Budapest. Szabrina Abdullah Magdi is organizing a civil platform with chapters on social issues across Hungary.

Hungary is led by Victor Orban, an autocrat whose Fidesz Party, aided by gerrymandering, holds a super majority in Parliament. They control government TV stations that put out propaganda continually. They have pressured other TV stations and media to sell to Orban supporters. His party plastered Hungary with posters accusing Hungarian philanthropist and businessman George Soros of trying to run the country and open the borders to tens of thousands of non-Christian immigrants. They doctor photos of Soros to give him a big hooked nose: a clear anti-Semitic smear.



Above, the author at Radauti in Romania near the Ukrainian border. Below, with state adviser Catalina Galer in the Romanian president’s office. Photos supplied by Lew Finfer



Orban is the only European Union member country giving support to Putin. Hungary gets massive aid annually from the European Union. For years, Orban’s regime hasn’t lived up to EU standards for democracy. It is finally withholding some of this aid, and Orban has retaliated by holding up a European Union multi-billion dollar aid package to Ukraine. He is the darling of the US Republican Party and of Fox News commentator Tucker Carlson.

While visiting, we attended a rally of 3,000 in the small city of Pecs that was involved in a nationwide teachers strike (Hungary’s teachers are the lowest paid in Europe). I also attended a Reunion Conference of people who have been in this Professional Fellows program. There are more than 300 people from the 5 countries working to build a stronger civil society in their communities. In my first visit 8 years ago, I was told, “you can make a revolution to overthrow communism in 3 days, change your economy in 6 months, but it takes a generation to build a civil society.” One, that is, featuring social service agencies, community groups, independent labor unions, and a democratic government.

Thanks to the people in this program, I was able to find my relative Gyorgi Florek in Budapest. Almost all Jews in Hungary were killed in the Holocaust of World War II by the Nazis, who were aided by Hungarian collaborators. That multitude included some of my relatives, so it was a miracle to be reunited with Gyorgi and his family. I also visited my great uncle and great aunt’s grave in a greatly overgrown cemetery and cleared the brush around it. I also placed a plant above the grave.

I’m grateful to have had this chance to meet dedicated people from these countries and learn about their culture, politics, and challenges.

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Thelma Burns leaves enduring, rich legacy

By Sharon Scott-Chandler
SPECIAL TO THE REPORTER

It was with deep sadness and a heavy heart that I learned the news of the passing of a beloved friend Thelma Burns, an active ABCD board member for more than 35 years. She served as the chair and as a long-time executive committee member.



Thelma Burns

Representing the Dorchester neighborhood, she took on various responsibilities through the years, including as the leader of the ABCD Dorchester Neighborhood Service Center Advisory Board. In 2016, ABCD honored her extensive contributions to the Boston community by renovating and naming

a stunning building after her.

An educator, community activist, advocate, and volunteer, Thelma was always at the forefront of social justice initiatives. She was the recipient of a Robert F. Kennedy Fellowship and chaired or served on several other community boards, including Central Boston Elder Services, the Mayor’s Senior Advisory Council, and the Roxbury YMCA.

Thelma was a parent at the Christopher Gibson Elementary School in Dorchester in 1965 when a young teacher named Jonathan Kozol was fired for reading Langston Hughes poetry to his 4th graders. With other parents, she protested the firing and boycotted the school. Kozol wrote the book “Death at an Early Age” from the experience, winning the 1968 National Book Award. Thelma and Jonathan remained lifelong friends.

Having earned a bachelor of Science degree in education from Boston University and a master’s in Education from Harvard University, Thelma served as METCO director for the Belmont Public Schools for 28 years.

A two-time cancer survivor, she was a fierce advocate for health equity and dedicated a great deal of time and energy to the Dana-Farber Cancer Institute and the faith-based Cancer Disparities Network.

Thelma’s many accomplishments enriched the ABCD community and beyond, and her generous spirit and moral leadership leave us all an enduring legacy.

Words alone cannot express how much we will miss her.

Sharon Scott-Chandler, Esq., is the president and CEO of ABCD.

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City is ready to name the developers for 12 of 18 vacant lots in Grove Hall

(Continued from page 1) multiple buildings, but all four zeroing in on the largest vacant lot, at 376 Blue Hill Ave.

The proposals came from an RFP released last summer after an expanded community process, said MOH’s Julio Pilier. That process defined what the community wanted on the sites, such as a greater diversity of businesses and homeownership opportunities.

At the outset of the

fall meeting, state Senator-elect Liz Miranda said, “One thing I notice about Blue Hill Avenue is that sometimes the materials used are not of the highest quality,” she said. “Though we want to focus on affordability and addressing the high cost of building in a post-Covid world, we don’t want to see wood or brick falling off. I want every project to address the high-quality materials in any projects because we deserve to live in high-quality units

as well.”

For the lot at No. 376, which sits in front of the Masjid Al-Qur’an Mosque, the MTK Development team – led by Wadi Muhammad – received the best feedback. By naming the building after his brother, the late Marzuq Muhammad, the team stressed their connections to the community in growing up in Grove Hall and attending the mosque.

“We believe the people who lived through the disinvestment should

be able to live through the investment,” said Muhammad. “Our principals have roots in the Grove Hall community, and we want to make sure Marzuq Plaza is a model for community engagement and sustainable development for years to come...Our project doesn’t just aim to build buildings, but to also build the capacity of the people that live in them.”

The MTK project, which focuses on one lot, would include 15 units of affordable homeownership and larger units for families in transition, and would likely be connected to a private rehabilitation project in a building owned by the mosque. There would be three retail spaces, and, the team said, they already have Letters of Interest from Sweet Teez Bakery of Codman Square and Shea Butter Café, which operates a smoothie store at Lambert’s Plaza.

“This area where this has been proposed had years of gangs and things on Intervale Street and Brunswick Street and many of our youth have died, particularly our Black males,” said resident Grace Richardson. “It’s just wonderful to see this presentation by



The residential and retail building proposed by CSNDC at 328 Blue Hill Ave.



The CSNDC rental building at 376 Blue Hill Ave.



NS Partners proposes an artist live work building with seven homeownership units at the corner of Blue Hill and Brunswick Streets.

this group of young Black men and the females that presented, too.”

Other proposals for No. 376 included Codman Square NDC’s 24-unit

rental building with 14 parking spaces, a community room, and two ground floor retail spaces. Executive Director Gail Latimore stressed



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NS Partners proposed this seven-unit homeownership building at 353 Blue Hill Ave.



As part of a three-building plan, NS Partners would use the building at 376 Blue Hill Ave. as an anchor for workforce homeownership and a training/workforce development program running throughout their buildings.



Habitat for Humanity Greater Boston has proposed a two-building homeownership program, including at 376 Blue Hill Ave., left, and 328 Blue Hill Ave., right.
Renderings courtesy Mayor’s Office of Housing

City ready to name developers for 12 of 18 lots on Blue Hill Ave.

the organization’s “long track record” of doing such projects and supporting minority-owned businesses. Codman Square’s proposal also includes grand plans for a 25-unit rental building on a vacant lot

at 328 Blue Hill Ave., which is now unofficial open space adjacent to the ‘Breathe Life II’ mural by Rob “Problak” Gibbs. That building would include one retail space and five parking spots.

NS Parters, a combination of Norfolk Construction and SMJ Development, presented the most comprehensive plan, looking to put up three buildings with homeownership opportunities on vacant lots in the 300 block with all connected by a workforce development and training program. NS Partners’s proposal for No. 376 also received high praise at the meeting, especially for the homeownership aspects and the training programs. That plan includes 19 units of workforce homeownership and a large training/maker space at ground level. Norfolk’s Adler Bernadin suggested the possibility of a partnership there with Benjamin Franklin Institute of Technology in Roxbury. The other two buildings in their plan include seven units of artist live work homeownership at 391 Blue Hill Ave. – NS Partners is the only company to propose something for that lot – and seven units of workforce homeownership in a building at 353 Blue Hill Ave., where, again, they were the only company to promote a plan for that lot. Habitat for Humanity also proposed homeownership in a two-building plan for 376 and 328 Blue Hill Ave. Its plan for 376 includes six units of homeownership in a U-shaped building that would have a large retail

component. The plan for 328 would see 10 units of homeownership in an L-shaped building with a courtyard. Both buildings would have two to four commercial units in total that would be for sale to businesses, rather than for leases. While there was a great deal of interest and excitement in this second group of vacant Blue Hill Avenue parcels (the first group was between Morton Street and Franklin Field), there were five lots that didn’t receive proposals. All on Blue Hill Avenue, they included No. 343 (5,234 sq. ft.), No. 63. (2,442 sq. ft.), No. 230 (3,613 sq. ft.), No. 235 (5,779 sq. ft.), and No. 238 (2,750 sq. ft.). City officials said they would brainstorm what to do with the smaller lots, but they intend to regroup with the community after they designate developers. “Our plan going forward is to assess the proposals we received that are eligible, but we also plan to continue working on these other parcels,” said Pilier during the meeting last fall. “Whether it’s a site we didn’t designate or didn’t receive a proposal for, what we plan to do is to continue to work with these and engage the community and take all of the parcels that were unassigned or had no proposals in a forthcoming RFP after we refine what we’re looking for.”

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Councillors keep eyes on contract talks

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Public safety unions have typically resisted reforms, and contract discussions historically have played out behind closed doors. Some councillors, including President Ed Flynn, voiced some discomfort with the hearing, saying the 13-member body cannot be involved in talks between the union and mayoral administrations. He added that the city should focus on hiring more police officers.

While noting that councillors are prohibited from working on the contract, Kenzie Bok, the chair of the Committee on City Services that held the hearing, noted that they are able to hold hearings to foster transparency amid an opaque process.

Once a contract is finalized, it goes before the City Council for a vote, since it requires an appropriation.

City Hall observers widely expect talks between City Hall and BPPA to end up in arbitration. The City Council would also vote on any deal that emerges from arbitration, and several councillors appeared to indicate during the Dec. 1 hearing that reform is a key consideration for them if the process gets to that point.

The Council previously threatened to reject a past award that emerged from arbitration. In 2010, a state arbitrator handed down a 19.2 percent salary increase for the firefighters' union Local 718, spanning four years, costing \$74

million, and containing random drug and alcohol testing. The award drew criticism for its cost, and for including a reward for sobriety at the firehouse, amid an economic environment that had the city facing the prospect of layoffs and neighborhood groups were fighting against proposed library closures.

Councillors later signed off on a reworked deal that called for a 17.5 percent

salary increase over five years. Last week's hearing, which lasted four hours, featured testimony from Lou Mandarinini, a longtime attorney hired by Mayor Wu earlier this year as a top adviser on labor policy, and Brianna Millor, chief of community engagement. Mandarinini said he could not discuss proposals that have gone back and forth across the table, but he did say discussions are "proceeding in earnest" and in "full swing."

With 1,600 members, the BPPA is the largest police union out of a total of four. The BPD has faced multiple scandals in recent years, from the former head of the BPPA pleading guilty to child rape charges to another former union head pleading guilty to overtime theft.

Mandinini said that one of the administration's priorities as they negotiate is the city's approach to overtime. Not necessarily cutting spending, he said, but pursuing underlying drivers, such as police appearing in court. Re-

forming the detail system, which currently has only police monitoring areas such as construction sites, is another key issue, he said.

Councillors and administration officials have expressed an interest in opening up such lucrative jobs to civilians since there are more police detail slots than there are available officers.

Police reform was part of Wu's platform when she ran for mayor last year. Her campaign's blueprint was explicit: "It's time to get serious about structural changes to the BPD with a contract that gets to the root of the cultural and systemic reforms we need — full transparency and true accountability for misconduct, reducing wasteful overtime spending to reinvest those funds in neighborhood-level services, and removing the functions of traffic enforcement and social services from the department's purview."

But the prospect of detail reform has drawn intense pushback from the police union, which argues that such a change will endanger public safety.

Larry Calderone, the current BPPA head, told councillors that he has been attempting to negotiate a contract for the union over two years and three different mayors. He said he was not invited as a panelist, and offered comments as a member of the public, claiming that some councillors don't want to hear

what he has to say.

He took aim at officials who blame police for every "woe" in society. "It's because it's easier to blame the police rather than look in the mirror and accept some of the responsibility yourself," he said. "You claim to want to work together but your actions speak very loud." Councillors recently gave themselves a 20 percent raise, he said, and not because they were working harder, he added.

Police are working double and triple shifts, generating overtime, because there aren't enough of them, he noted, echoing Flynn's call for hiring more police.

Boston is one of the safest cities in America, because of the BPPA, Calderone said, as the union enters its third year without a contract or thanks from some elected officials. "Now is the time to thank and reward your Boston police officers," he said.

He recently told the *Boston Globe* that talks with the administration were at an "impasse," and Councillor Lara asked Mandarinini if that were so. He answered that negotiations are ongoing.

Every city union contract had expired by the time Wu assumed the mayorship a year ago, Mandarinini noted, so they are now negotiating contracts that reach back years. The major talks are between the city and the firefighters and police unions, he said.

Residents hail student designs to unite Milton and Mattapan

By SETH DANIEL
NEWS EDITOR

A group of Wentworth Institute of Technology students received rave reviews from the Greater Mattapan Neighborhood Council (GMNC) on Monday night for their ideas about how to better connect Mattapan and Milton using the Mattapan trolley line and the Neponset River.

The effort was a project from Professor Ryan Thomas's Architecture and Design studio class. By no means was theirs an official undertaking, but many neighbors said they hoped that city and state decision-makers were paying attention.

Students Taylor Blaney, Ryan Tupper, Nate Kalityak, and Rex Jing focused on stations and saw riverfront amenities like boat launches at those sites.

At Valley Station, they would add amenities like a tennis court and a boat launch to tie a renewed connection to the Neponset Greenway. "It's just reconnecting to the river again or providing amenities so it's not a place to get off the train and go home, but to get off the train and spend time with friends," said Blaney.

The group looked intensively at Mattapan Station, re-naming it Mattapan Grove Station. There, they suggested changes like a boat launch, a T museum centered on the old trolleys, and the idea of "having a single train going up and down Blue Hill Avenue in the center lane from Mattapan Station," said Tupper.

"Right now, there isn't much connection between the square and the commuter rail." That would be augmented by a new bus line that would run from Milton and connect residents there to the commuter rail station.

Before putting their pens to paper, students said they spent September going out to the various stations and gathering data and demographics about the riders they observed getting off. That information was valuable in setting out ideas for amenities, which in many cases included terracing down to the river for better access.

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BPS enrollment drops; parochials, charters pick up numbers

(Continued from page 1) Brown students make up a vast majority of our students and we, as a district, need to do everything possible to ensure that we are fully supporting them. ...While it is true that the Black population is declining, as is our enrollment rate, that does not change our core focus.”

The losses in the BPS system’s public and charter schools have been a gain for area and regional parochial schools. Braintree’s 700-student student, grades 7 to 12 Archbishop Williams High School (AWHS) has broadened its reach into Dorchester and Mattapan, with its leaders noting that more parents turned to them when they stayed open in the pandemic.

“We’re surrounded by great public-school districts,” said Dennis Duggan, president of Archbishop Williams. “But they were not able to handle the pandemic the way we were. The good news is the students who came here stayed with us and I think that good news has spread throughout Dorchester and Mattapan. We have a bus that comes from Dorchester, with a sec-

Enrollments in BPS and select Charter Schools: 2022-23		
Boston (PreK-12)		46,001
Boston Collegiate Charter (5-12)		698
Boston Prep Charter (6-12)		695
Boston Renaissance Charter (PreK-6)		922
Brooke Charter (K-12)		2,223
NHCS Charter (PreK-12)		766
Roxbury Prep Charter (5-12)		1,295
Codman Academy Charter (PreK-12)		336
2019-20		
Boston (PreK-12)		50,480
Boston Collegiate Charter (5-12)		693
Boston Prep Charter (6-12)		581
Boston Renaissance Charter (PreK-6)		930
Brooke Charter (K-12)		1,969
NHCS Charter (PreK-12)		703
Roxbury Prep Charter (5-12)		1,568
Codman Academy Charter (PreK-12)		339

ond one added this year.”

Duggan said that Williams was online-only from May to June 2020, but then spent more than \$1 million to prepare for in-person classes by September of that year. That led to more and more parents from Dorchester and Mattapan choosing the school over online public schooling.

The same telling came from St. Brendan’s Pre-K-6 Catholic School in Neponset, where enrollments have been are steady and strong, said Maura Burke, its principal. “We got about 20 new students during

the heart of the pandemic because we were open,” she said. “Only one of them has left and everyone else has stayed. I think it was a silver lining to the horror of the pandemic because we were open from September 2020 while BPS was remote. We now have a waiting list for our early childhood program, and we’re doing great.”

Other outflows include the METCO program, which partners with more than 30 suburban school districts for placement of Boston students. While no recent data were posted on the program’s website, enrollment figures for 2019-20 indicated that 3,205 Boston students had been placed in 33 suburban districts.

Evidence for the popularity of both options can be found early in the morning in parking lots around Dorchester – including the Florian Hall lot where the Archbishop Williams buses leave from and the Franklin Park Zoo parking lot where scores of buses

leave at the break of dawn for suburban districts in the METCO program.

“It is a huge sacrifice to send kids to a school like Archbishop Williams, widely called “Archie’s,” and it’s on the lower end of the cost spectrum,” said Dorchester parent Carol Gracia, who has two kids on campus there. She said that she and her husband, Ed, did not make the decisions lightly.

Their son had been at Boston Collegiate Charter School in Dorchester, but the online schooling there during the pandemic wasn’t for him, she said, so “we pulled [him out] and had him repeat ninth grade at Archie’s,” she said. “We had never been through anything like the pandemic, and he had essentially missed a year of school and we didn’t know how it would affect him or others.”

Meanwhile, their daughter and her friends who were attending St. Brendan’s School had their sights set on the BPS exam schools. But the entrance requirements changed, and a new point system designed to increase diversity in the exam schools gave parochial students no extra points, in most cases, Gracia said, making it impossible to gain entry.

“We didn’t even apply her to exam school,” said Gracia. “She just went out with her entire class to Archie’s... With the parochial students getting zero extra points, that factored into a lot of decisions at St. Brendan’s.”

Their third child attends the Henderson School, a BPS full-inclu-

sion school in Dorchester, and she said that has been an up-and-down experience. Gracia said things have improved this year after a difficult 2021.

Other non-BPS charter school options in Boston are on the west side of Dorchester and in Mattapan. State enrollment data, though, showed that several of those charter schools also declined in enrollment this year. They included Match Charter (down 39 students) and Roxbury Prep Charter (down 226 students), though other places, like the Edward Brooke Charter in Mattapan and Neighborhood House Charter School (NHCS) in Dorchester grew due to expansions into high school grades.

The Brooke Charter has gone from barely existing 10 years ago to hitting its maximum allowed enrollment this year at 2,223 students, with long waiting lists for entry. Charter schools are limited in their enrollment by state regulation.

Jon Clark, co-director of Brooke Charter, said the growth has really been about an expansion for their high school on American Legion Highway. They have also had enhanced enrollment in their middle school grades, but he said they believe they are done growing. That said, the school still has waiting lists and parents hoping for seats.

“I think families everywhere want really good schools for their kids,” he said. “From parent surveys, we know they want kids to be physically and emotionally safe and want them to

advance and learn at a high level.”

Schools like Boston Collegiate have stayed relatively stable, at around 700 students. But the non-BPS charter schools in Boston appear to have absorbed a good deal of the Dorchester and Mattapan student population over the last 10 years. In the interim, The Brooke opened a high school and a middle school in Mattapan, Codman Academy Charter expanded from 9-12 to a K-12, Boston Prep Charter nearly doubled enrollment to almost 700 students, and Boston Collegiate increased by more than 100 students over the decade.

The story is more complex, of course, than just students and families choosing different school options. Part of the equation is an overall decline of children living in the city, as is evidenced from Census 2020 data. The Reporter previously analyzed Census data and found the youth population steadily declined from 1970, when young people made up 41 percent of the neighborhood population, to 2020, when they made up 22 percent – a difference of almost 32,000 young people. Dorchester is a neighborhood with a large youth population in the city which has others, like South Boston, with just 11 percent.

All of which is part of a nationwide trend of families having fewer children in urban centers. BPS officials point especially to the citywide loss of Black children in the under 18 Black population in Boston. The system puts the number at 16,433.



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Operators see Strand as anchor in a new-look Uphams Corner

By SETH DANIEL
NEWS EDITOR

The question has come up again and again over the last 50 years: Can the Strand Theatre function as an anchor in Uphams Corner? It is being raised anew in the midst of a wave of new construction in the neighborhood and its designation by city officials as an arts and innovation district.

Despite all the activity – a significant investment in repairing the city-owned venue is on target for January – the Strand’s viability remains doubtful to some, but not, when they are asked, to artists and entertainers who have performed there.

Closed during the height of the pandemic, the theatre re-emerged with the regionally popular Van Gogh interactive exhibit, which evoked new optimism but also exposed holes in the city’s script for showplace and its surroundings, issues like cosmetic appearances, antiquated utility systems, and the constant refrain, “Where do people go when they want to have a drink and a sit-down meal?”

Since last winter, several operators have produced shows at the Strand and those who were interviewed by the Reporter said they believed it could be re-

Doubts are aired in some quarters

stored as a pillar of the community.

Few were as enthusiastic as Company One, which produced “can I touch it?” last summer. The show operated on a “pay what you want” model, and had 1,600 people attend their performances, with 1,300 tickets sold. Statistics revealed that among attendees, 65 percent identified as BIPOC (Black, Indigenous and people of color) and 51 percent were under the age of 35. In addition, 70 percent were first-time Strand attendees.

Summer L. Williams, creative director at Company One, said that while the theatre can be a big draw, any improvements need to coexist with current people, businesses, and institutions.

“The Strand can and should be a hub and I think there are some great creature comforts that can come into the neighborhood and coincide,” said Williams. “With the Boston Center for the Arts and the Huntington Theatre, the South End became a completely different place. There is a real opportunity to have that sort of vibrancy that



The exterior of the Strand Theatre in Uphams Corner this week. Seth Daniel photo

could align with what the Strand can be. I hope the first move is to make sure what’s coming is scaffolding and supporting the sum of what’s already there.”

The Boston Modern Orchestra Project (BMOP) used the Strand this summer for the first time, performing Anthony Davis’s opera, “X: The Life and Times of Malcolm X.” The run was a success, according to Chuck Furlong of BMOP, both during the performance and during a recording session. ACD of the recording made

in the Strand, without an audience, has been nominated for a Grammy in the “Best Opera Recording Category.”

Chalk one up for fantastic acoustics, said Furlong. “The sound is great, and we have plans to work with them for future productions. We’re excited to be in the venue,” he said.

That run also used the “pay what you want” model and the company was able to fill 90 percent of the theatre with an enthusiastic audience. Parking was an early concern that BMOP had as a first-time show operator, but those worries were unfounded. That said, Furlong added, there were some “cosmetic” fixes that need to be addressed, and the old electrical system could use updating.

Add to those practical matters, said Furlong, the fact that there aren’t enough nearby places for people to have a sit-down meal, which was an issue with the Van Gogh exhibit. “As to going out for an evening,” he said, “the feedback we got was it was hard to find a restaurant one would want to sit down at. There are a lot of things great for a quick bite, but no sit-downs.”

Williams countered that there are good dining places, but they need to have the opportunity to expand beyond take-out. “I’d like to see the Strand be successful and that would spark some liquor licenses to flow in and benefit the expansion of an existing business,” she said. “There are plenty of options and places that often get ignored because they are not mainstream or white, but they are there.”

At least one longtime user, the Jose Mateo Ballet Theatre, questions whether the business model can support a theatre this size. “The Strand is a drain on financial assets and it’s also a huge community asset,” said Scott Fraser, the ballet group’s executive director. “But can a community – any community – support a theatre that big? On a programmatic level, are people going to go there that many times a year? It needs one of every three nights to be brightly lit.”

Despite recent investments, he said, “It’s not clear to me that a sustainable business model has been developed and presented to maintain that kind of civic investment without an ongoing plan looking 25 years down the line and not being in the same predicament.”

For all that, he said he is optimistic that an solution will be found to preserve a “much-needed” venue in Boston.

Kara Elliott-Ortega, City Hall’s arts and cultural chief, said that the theatre is a cultural mainstay in their plans for Uphams Corner, a showplace that will foster economic development and the neighborhood’s sense of place.

Officials are committed to a grant program with local operators like Company One, and they are conducting a “capital assessment” beginning next month with plans to shut down the theatre for several months to complete some capital upgrades.

“The city has made significant investments in the theater over the years to improve accessibility and safety and has supported many local producers in bringing their work to the theatre,” she said.

Williams added that, to her, the Strand is still trying to find its place in a city attempting to find its place in the world. “One thing that gets me about the Strand is it is a little scrappy and a work in progress and working through its identity even after 100 years,” she said. “That speaks to what the city of Boston is, too.”



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"Investing in a robust and accessible childcare system is an investment in our collective future," said Wu. "With this grant, we can support childcare centers to expand their services for our essential workers and provide better opportunities for childcare

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As essential workers, childcare workers have been on the front lines of balancing health and safety with the needs of families for childcare during the pandemic. Due to these additional stressors, the sector has faced extensive retirements and staff loss to other jobs with higher wages in the retail sector.
The 21 grantees rep-

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‘Bailing wire, duct tape’ keep things running

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Hill Station, part of the sidewalk is fenced off, and cars are no longer allowed on the bridge next door, which spans the Red Line tracks and I-93.

At JFK/UMass, a major hub that also serves several bus lines and the commuter rail, the Columbia Road entrance down to the Red Line was abruptly closed on a recent Sunday night. Staircases leading to Sydney Street on the station’s southern end have been closed for months.

The Red Line train cars themselves look worn, as the line awaits an influx of new ones built by a Chinese-owned company and assembled in Springfield. Wait times on the platform can reach 20 minutes, as the T struggles with staffing levels and federal scrutiny that came after numerous safety lapses.

“Between 2012 and 2022, I don’t think the Red Line has advanced,” Stanley said. “It has taken a couple of steps backwards.”

To be sure, the MBTA is working on improvements, as well as fixes. There are upgrades to the signal system underway, aimed at providing more frequent and reliable service. At Codman Yard, beyond Ashmont Station, the agency is spending \$86 million to create additional storage to support the new Red Line cars, as well as adding snow melters for the third rail and new fencing.

For all that, when Maura Healey enters the governor’s office in January, she’ll immediately be faced with choosing a new MBTA leader and righting a public transit agency that has fallen onto the wrong side of the tracks due to a variety of reasons, including aging equipment that hasn’t been replaced fast enough.

“There are cities all over the world that in 30 years have created whole new lines and whole new systems,” Stanley said. “We’re just working with bailing wire and duct tape to keep ours running. It’s disheartening and it should be embarrassing.”

JFK/UMass Station, which in 2019 saw a derailment of a southbound Braintree train that crashed into signal structures, is particular-



At top, another view of the entrance at the MBTA’s Savin Hill stop. A spokesperson told the Reporter on Nov. 22, that during an inspection, “critical structural findings were also discovered on the Savin Hill Avenue bridge, in the framing directly below the sidewalk areas.” Cars are blocked from parking on the bridge, which is above the downtown-bound tracks and I-93.

Below: A passenger waits for an inbound train. Wait times for the Red Line have reached up to 20 minutes, the result of federal scrutiny after several safety incidents. A plywood panel is seen a few feet away.

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which will have to handle all the new passengers, Doyle said.

State Rep. Dan Hunt said he recently met with MBTA officials over communications issues and saw the meeting as productive. But he acknowledged the Red Line’s poor condition from JFK/UMass to Ashmont.

“Our hope under this MBTA management and the next governor is for the complete reconstruction of all of the Ashmont spur stations,” he said. He added that the focus should be on fixing all of the MBTA’s current problems from the revenue the public transit agency has now before discussing additional influxes of cash.

“I’m much more interested in shoring up existing infrastructure than opening new stations or new lines or commuter rails stations,” he said. “We need to work on the urban core first and go from there.”

ly hobbled. On Sunday, Nov. 20, MBTA officials fenced off the Columbia Road entrance, citing an inspection that found “critical structural” issues. The latest problem with JFK/UMass came after steps by the busway were closed off for four months, and after a jogger fell to his death through a dilapidated stairway, since demolished, steps from the station and close to the commuter rail platform.

After a Reporter inquiry, the MBTA acknowledged that a recent inspection at the Savin Hill MBTA station found issues with a beam under the bridge over the tracks and I-93. With part of the sidewalk now blocked off, orange barrels line the bridge where cars once were

allowed to park.

Elizabeth Doyle, the president of the Columbia Savin Hill Civic Association, said they often hear about such issues at the “last minute.” She is hoping for better communication from the future leaders at the MBTA. “The sad reality is that it took someone’s death for someone to pay attention to JFK,” she said of the various issues at the station.

Doyle has lived in Dorchester since 1997 and she recalls when the T overhauled the Savin Hill stop. “It’s

crumbling again,” she said. “It leaks.” She also noted the 10,000 new housing units likely coming to Dorchester, many of them slated for developments along the Morrissey Boulevard corridor. A state commission, facing a deadline of this June, has been tasked with figuring out how that development, transportation issues, and rising sea levels threatening Dorchester’s coast tie together.

“The frustration is it’s Boomtown, in terms of development, but there doesn’t seem to be any

long-term plan of what that’s going to look like,” including for the MBTA,

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Witness, HON. BRIAN J. DUNN, First Justice of this Court.
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MANUEL PINA MENDES
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BROWN, Richard J. formerly of Dorchester and Quincy. Husband of the late Joan T. (Sullivan) Brown. Father of Richard J. Brown, Jr. and his wife Carole of Harwich and Stephanie A. DeSisto and her husband Anthony of Watertown. Grandfather of 1. Brother of the late Mary Brady and Edmund “Ned” Brown and Margaret “Peggy” Willis. Army Veteran WWII. Donations in memory of Richard may be made to Fisher House Foundation, PO Box 791598,

Baltimore, MD 21279, or fisherhouse.org.



BROWN, Rose M. (Swartz), 103, of Revere, formerly of Winthrop, born and raised in Dorchester. Wife of the late Edmund “Eddie” J. Brown. Mother of Eileen and Edward Wickham and Andrea and Nate Lincoff. Grandmother of 4. Great-grandmother of 2. Sister of the late Max Swartz; sister-in-law of the late Shepard Brown; and great-grandmother of the late Landon Lincoff. Expressions of sym-

pathy may be made to Congregation 420 c/o Jack Satter House, 420 Revere Beach Blvd., Revere, MA 02151, Boston Children’s Hospital, 401 Park Drive, Suite 602, Boston, MA 02215-9911, Temple Tifereth Israel, 93 Veterans Road, Winthrop, MA 02152, or a charity of one’s choice.

CLARKSON, Robert E., 74, of Peabody, formerly of Everett and Dorchester. Husband of Patricia A (Lacey) Clarkson; son of the late Harold and Dorothy (Sutherland) Clarkson; brother of Donald Clarkson of Abington, Marjorie Jordan of Newton, Ruth Keenan of Bellingham, and Laura Cleary of Abington. He was predeceased by his siblings, Harold and William Clarkson and Roberta Kolz. He served for two years in the US Army veteran, Vietnam War.



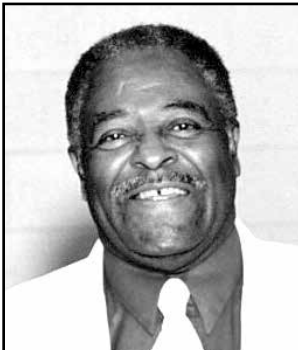
D’AMELIO, Claire L. (Hicks), 78, of Woburn. Wife of the late Anthony L. D’Amelio. Mother of Paul R. D’Amelio, his wife Sara of Woburn, Paula Flaherty, her husband William of FL, William Friar of AZ, Rev. Phillip D’Amelio, his wife Diana of NC, Jean Marie Connolly, her late husband Damien of Dorchester, Jane D’Amelio of AZ, James D’Amelio, his wife Sara of Medford, Peter D’Amelio of Arlington, Toni Marie D’Amelio of Boston, and the late Mark J. D’Amelio. Sister of June DePrimeo, and the late Roberta Bailey, Alan Hicks, Richard Hicks, Ruth Jundzil, and Frances Miller. “Nana” of thirty-three grandchildren and eighteen great-grandchildren. Donations may be made in Claire’s memory to: The Joey Domenici Foundation, 13 Richard Circle, Woburn, MA, 01801.

by a host of other relatives and friends.



DRATCH, Helayne, 91, of Boynton Beach, Florida, formerly of Westwood, Needham, and Dorchester. Wife of the late Nathan. Mother of Lisa Raffio, Lori Minsky (Gary), Elke Egbert (Bill), Douglas Dratch (Jill) and Dana Dratch (Esther). Sister to the late Herbert Bornstein, and the late Ruth Glassman. Grandmother to 11 grandchildren and 4 great-grandchildren. Daughter to the late Louis and Ethel Bornstein. Please send a donation to the charity of your choice.

Diane’s memory may be sent to the Pat Roache Hospice House nvna.org.



HARRINGTON, Edgar Jr., 90, of Dorchester, also known as “Eddie” and “Ivory.” Son of Edgar Harrington. US Army veteran. Edgar leaves wife Eartha Harrington, his children Angie, Earnest, and Elaine Harrington, of Florida; his niece Eloise Adams of Florida; his step children Katherine Lois Baker (David) of Cambridge, MA, Dorothy G. Marshall of Revere MA, and Patricia Johnson of Atlanta, GA, along with grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and many other friends and relatives.



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CITATION GIVING NOTICE
OF PETITION FOR
APPOINTMENT OF GUARDIAN
FOR INCAPACITATED PERSON
PURSUANT TO G.L. c. 190B, §5-304
Docket No. SU22P2551GD
IN THE MATTER OF:
CURTIS KAREEN LITTLE
of BOSTON, MA
RESPONDENT
Alleged Incapacitated Person
To the named Respondent and all other interested persons, a petition has been filed by Vernell E. Ryland of Boston, MA in the above captioned matter alleging that Curtis Kareen Little is in need of a Guardian and requesting that Vernell E. Ryland of Boston, MA (or some other suitable person) be appointed as Guardian to serve Without Surety on the bond.
The petition asks the Court to determine that the Respondent is incapacitated, that the appointment of a Guardian is necessary, and that the proposed Guardian is appropriate. The petition is on file with this court and may contain a request for certain specific authority.
You have the right to object to this proceeding. If you wish to do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance at this court on or before 10:00 A.M. on the return date of 01/17/2023. This day is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline date by which you have to file the written appearance if you object to the petition. If you fail to file the written appearance by the return date, action may be taken in this matter without further notice to you. In addition to filing the written appearance, you or your attorney must file a written affidavit stating the specific facts and grounds of your objection within 30 days after the return date.
IMPORTANT NOTICE
The outcome of this proceeding may limit or completely take away the above-named person’s right to make decisions about personal affairs or financial affairs or both. The above-named person has the right to ask for a lawyer. Anyone may make this request on behalf of the above-named person. If the above-named person cannot afford a lawyer, one may be appointed at State expense.
Witness, Hon. Brian J. Dunn, First Justice of this Court.
Felix D. Arroyo
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Date: November 22, 2022
Published: December 8, 2022



DEAN, Hardy Mae, 88, of Dorchester. Godmother of Brenda DeVaughn of Dorchester. She is also survived



ELIA-MAHONEY, Diane C. “Di”, 74, of Bridgewater, formerly of Dorchester. Daughter of the late Alexander and Angelina (Zona) Elia. Diane is survived by her twin brother, Dennis Elia and his wife Stephanie of Easton; her brother, Richard Elia of Quincy; and sister, Anastasia Sunnerberg and her husband Ken of Weymouth. Also survived by many nieces and nephews and their families. She was also the sister of the late John Elia. Donations in



ROLLO, William Thomas, Jr., 87, of Dorchester. Son of the late William T. Rollo, and the late Julia Rollo. Husband to the late Rose Rollo, and father to Diane Rollo of Dorchester and the late Paul Rollo. Brother of Joan Smith of Bridgewater, the late Susan Cormican, and the late Sister Judith Marie Rollo SC. He is also survived by many nieces and nephews. Korean War veteran. Please donate to the Cure Alzheimer’s Fund <https://curealz.org>

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CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION
Docket No. SU22P2684EA
ESTATE OF:
HELEN P. DANILECKI
DATE OF DEATH: 06/19/2022
To all interested persons:
A Petition for Formal Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative has been filed by Brian Danilecki of Quincy, MA requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition. The Petitioner requests that: Brian Danilecki of Quincy, MA be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve Without Surety on the bond in unsupervised administration.
IMPORTANT NOTICE
You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: 10:00 a.m. on the return day of 01/13/2023.
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Witness, HON. BRIAN J. DUNN, First Justice of this Court.
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THE TRIAL COURT
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NOTICE AND ORDER:
PETITION FOR APPOINTMENT
OF GUARDIAN OF A MINOR
SUFFOLK PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT
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Docket No. SU22P0942GD
IN THE INTERESTS OF
EMALEE CHANELK MILCET
OF Dorchester, MA
MINOR
Notice to all Interested Parties
1. Hearing Date/Time: A hearing on a Petition for Appointment of Guardian of a Minor filed on 05/06/2022 by Jeannette Milcette of Dorchester, MA and Emmanuella Severe of Dorchester, MA will be held 02/09/2023 09:00 AM Guardianship of Minor Hearing, Located 24 New Chardon Street, Boston, MA 02114, 3rd Floor Probation.
2. Response to Petition: You may respond by filing a written response to the Petition or by appearing in person at the hearing. If you choose to file a written response, you need to:
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Mail a copy to all interested parties at least five (5) business days before the hearing.
3. Counsel for the Minor: The Minor (or an adult on behalf of the minor) has the right to request that counsel be appointed for the minor.
4. Counsel for Parents: If you are a parent of the minor child who is the subject of this proceeding you have a right to be represented by an attorney. If you want an attorney and cannot afford to pay for one and if you give proof that you are indigent, an attorney will be assigned to you. Your request for an attorney should be made immediately by filling out the Application of Appointment of Counsel form. Submit the application form in person or by mail at the court location where your case is going to be heard.
5. Presence of the Minor at hearing: A minor over age 14 has the right to be present at any hearing, unless the Court finds that it is not in the minor’s best interest.
THIS IS A LEGAL NOTICE: An important court proceeding that may affect your rights has been scheduled. If you do not understand this notice or other court papers, please contact an attorney for legal advice.
Date: November 15, 2022
Felix D. Arroyo
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VARDARO, Francis “Fitter”, 90, of Dorchester formerly of South Boston. Husband of the late Barbara A. (Dagle). Father of Linda Cooper of Dorchester, Francis J. Vardaro and his wife Alison of Hingham, Barbara Campbell of Braintree, John Vardaro of Danvers, Michael J. Vardaro and his wife Christine of Dorchester, and Joanne Naughton and her husband Sean of Hanover. Also survived by 20 grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren.



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