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HALLWAY HURDLES FOR BPS RUNNERS



Kalvin Johnson turns a corner in a hallway at TechBoston Academy (the former Dorchester High School) during track practice last Friday afternoon, passing by a tribute to former President Barack Obama who visited the school in 2011 and cited its "world-class education" program. Inset: Yevegueny Glemaud bursts through a doorway en route to the finish line by the principal's office. *Seth Daniel photos*

Practice times at Lewis Center frustrates city school athletes

BY SETH DANIEL
NEWS EDITOR

Dorchester's TechBoston Academy indoor track team began rigorous practices last week, but the athletes won't set foot on a real track until their first winter meet, this despite the

existence of a world-class indoor track in the Reggie Lewis Center in Roxbury that is supposed to have practice periods set aside for Boston Public School (BPS) student-athletes that are not available at times that work for them.

In the meantime, team

members and their coaches are making do until the formal competition by using their 99-year-old Codman Square school's hallways and stairs as their practice facility, sprinting at full speed down corridors, bursting through doorway separa-

tions, and, sometimes, running into custodians or other students. It's risky all around.

When the Lewis Center, built on land sold to the state by the City of Boston during the Flynn Administration, opened in 1995, officials said there was an understanding that it would benefit the community of Boston first, which the

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City's request for a 'future-decker' draws bidders to a Geneva Ave. lot

BY CHRIS LOVETT
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Like its surrounding neighborhood, the vacant lot at 379 Geneva Ave. stands at a crossroads. Located at the corner of Corona Street and fringed with a white picket fence, the lot's 7,647 square feet have been—apart from a handful of trees—vacant since at least the 1970s.

On city atlases from a few decades earlier, the parcel shows up as a plus-sized yard wrapped around the outline of a three-family house, or "three-decker." Under a project of the Mayor's Office of Housing and the Boston Society for Architecture (BSA), the city will attempt to reconfigure that familiar imprint of Dorchester's past as a prototype for infill housing of the future.

The city moved to foreclose on the property for unpaid taxes in 1977, finally took possession in 1989, and added it to a current inventory of more than 1,000 vacant parcels owned by the Mayor's Office of Housing and the Boston Planning and Development Agency (BPDA).

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New center to celebrate the Haitian experience set for site in West End

BY SETH DANIEL
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For years, Haitian American activists have sought a space in the city to serve as a hub to celebrate the achievements, history, and rich culture of one Boston's largest immigrant populations. Now, they've found it along Boston's waterfront, in a 2,000-square-foot storefront space in a new building on Lovejoy Wharf, near North Station and the TD Garden.

The Toussaint L'Ouverture Cultural Center has recently secured a 25-year-lease on the ground-level space through a competitive Request for Proposals (RFP) process organized through City Hall and the

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Baker offers his thanks, takes bow at Florian Hall

BY SETH DANIEL
NEWS EDITOR

District 3 Councillor Frank Baker offered a litany of "thank yous" during a crowded event hosted by his committee at Florian Hall last Thursday (Nov. 30) that included salutes from his colleagues in public service, including Mayor Wu.

First elected in 2011 after a long working career in the city's Printing Department, Baker recalled how a decision by the late Mayor Tom Menino to close the print office led him to seek office.

"Some of you may be surprised by this, but... if that never closed, I would have never become a city

councillor, so I have to thank Tom Menino also," he said with a laugh.

In his 15-minute address, Baker traced his journey from Don Bosco Technical High School, where he studied printing, and using that craft to get a job with the city and forgoing college.

"We should have been

electricians," he mused to several high school friends gathered at the event.

"Dorchester is what made me," he said. "The way we all grew up, the way we reached back and helped each other, I am so grateful to be able to have had the opportunity

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Man gets federal term for drug dealing, conspiracy

A federal judge last week sentenced 43-year-old Fermin Castillo to 25 years in federal prison following his conviction on charges of conspiracies to distribute over 400 grams of fentanyl and commit money laundering.

Castillo, who grew up in the Dominican Republic and lived for a time in Dorchester, helped orchestrate the shipment of fentanyl supplied by the Sinaloa cartel in Mexico and the laundering of money via Chinese criminals in the New York and Boston areas, according to court records. A federal jury convicted him in May along with another ring member, Andre Heraux Martinez, who is scheduled for sentencing on Dec. 11.

Prosecutors say Castillo turned a condo at the Canterbury Village Condominiums at Hyde Park Avenue and American Legion Highway into a stash house for the drugs being shipped up here from Mexico, where Castillo had spent much of his time in recent years organizing the Boston-area drug operation. Court records show that Castillo handed over \$616,000 in cash to either money launderers or undercover agents posing as money launderers outside La Bamba Market, at Lorne and Harvard streets in Dorchester, where he once worked for his parents, who opened the store after moving to Boston from Queens when Castillo was 14.

A Boston Police officer working a detail in Codman Square was pepper sprayed last Friday morning during an incident that police say involved two women fighting in the middle of the Washington Street intersection at Talbot Avenue around 11:15 a.m. According to a BPD account, the officer was sprayed in the face by one of the two female suspects, who then tried to flee in a car. Other officers stopped her nearby and took her into custody, despite her attempts to resist. Two women— Skyla Malave, 18, and Priscilla Malave were charged with assault and battery on a police officer and resisting arrest.

A burst of gunfire sent bullet bullets crashing into homes on Norfolk Street near Codman Square on Sunday night. A ShotSpotter activation recorded 13 rounds fired in the vicinity of Ferndale Street and Woodrow Avenue around 11:20 p.m. Police say that bullets entered into first and second-floor apartments, hitting a mirror and TV. Car windows were also damaged outside. No one was hurt in the incident, which remains under investigation.

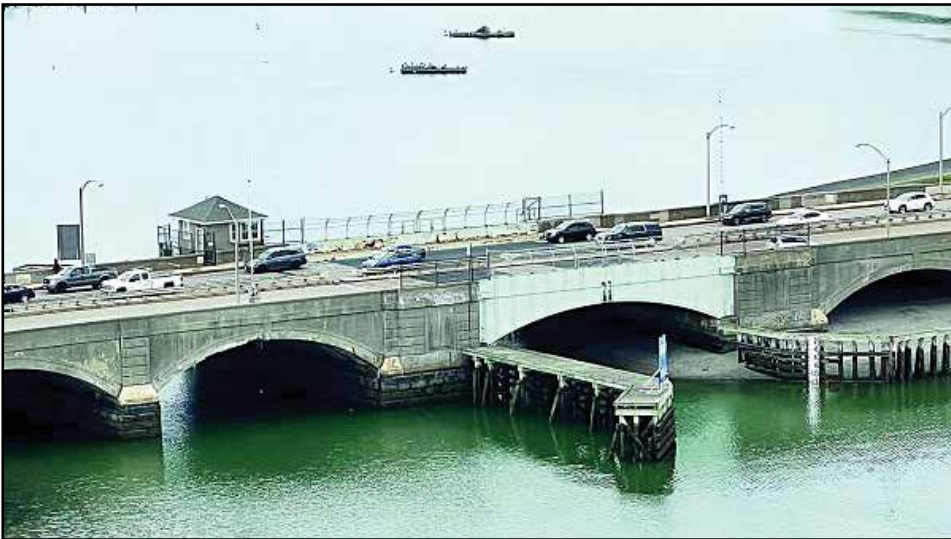
Boston Police will host a “no questions asked” gun buyback day on Sat., Dec. 16 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at various locations, including two in Dorchester. The sites include Prince Hall, 24 Washington St. and New Life Restoration Temple, 38-40 Centre St., both in Dorchester. Each gun turned in will be exchanged for a \$100 gift card. Call 617-343-4827 for more info.

Morrissey drawbridge ‘malfunctioned’ on Sunday night; more repairs needed

The Beades Bridge on Morrissey Boulevard got stuck in the upright position on Sunday evening (Dec. 3) at 4:15 p.m. and stayed stuck until around midnight, causing detours and back-ups in the neighborhood for hours. The drawbridge remained closed overnight as work crews made emergency repairs to the structure’s heel plates and joint areas, according to a spokesperson for MassDOT.

The span re-opened to traffic on Monday morning at 5:45. Officials say that it is safe for use, but will require more permanent repairs.

Built in 1923, the bridge is already being re-designed with an eye toward a complete replacement by 2028, according to a story in the *Reporter* earlier this year. The bridge has been modernized several times over the decades, with the



The Beades Bridge as seen from the National Grid rainbow tank in Sept. 2022. The bridge, which was originally built in 1928, is also known as the Dorchester Bay Bridge. It was named for John J. Beades, a former state senator from Dorchester, in 1978.

most recent major overhaul happening in 2001. Morrissey Boulevard will see more disruption this week, as pre-scheduled repairs are made to manhole covers and drain basins, which will prompt “rolling lane closures” starting today through Friday this week (Dec. 8). The lane closures are scheduled between 9 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. daily. The road will remain open.

A commission charged with making recommendations on how to plan and fund improvements to the Morrissey Boulevard corridor – including the Beades Bridge – held its first public meeting last week. The commission is supposed to get a final report by next June 2023 and then submit recommendations to the Legislature.

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Wu, police union reach contract agreement

The Boston Police Department’s largest union reached agreement last Friday (Dec. 1) with Mayor Wu on the framework for a new five-year contract that will see a 21 percent increase in labor cost over that period. The Boston Police Patrolmen’s Association (BPPA) ratified the deal on Monday.

“This groundbreaking contract is a major step forward in how Boston continues to set the highest standards for community policing and ensure resources for the health and well-being of our officers and their families,” Wu said. “I’m thankful to Commissioner [Michael] Cox for his clear vision and strong leadership for our department, and

to President [Larry] Calderone and the BPPA for their partnership and shared commitment to our city.”

The union had been working without a contract since 2020. Wu made police reform a primary focus of her 2021 campaign for mayor, promising not to sign any new contract that did not include “significant” reforms to the disciplinary process and overtime pay. The new contract will allow paid details that are unfilled by Boston Police officers to be offered to other certified officers, including Boston Police Department retirees, Boston Housing Authority Police officers, and college/university police officers.

The BPPA’s Calderone thanked Wu “for bargaining in good faith and for reaching an agreement that acknowledges the needs of the police officers who make Boston one of the safest cities in the country through their

hard work and selfless service.”

Wu said she planned to file an appropriation order with the Boston City Council to fund the contract this week.

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The BPDA will host a virtual IAG meeting on Wed., Dec. 6, at 6:30 p.m. to discuss the 135 Morrissey Blvd. project, including the construction of an additional six-story wing connected to the former Boston Globe building by an elevated pedestrian walkway, with associated below-grade parking. Go to bit.ly/135Morrissey-Boulevard for more info. BPDA Planning Team hosts a conversation on Wed., Dec. 6, at 6 p.m. on important updates to Mattapan’s zoning code. See bostonplans.org for log-in. The second annual Dorchester Bowls for Equity bowl-a-thon event will take place on Wed., Dec. 6 at 6 p.m. at Boston Bowl, 820 Morrissey Blvd., Dorchester to benefit the Dorchester YMCA.

The BPDA will host a virtual public meeting on Wed., Dec. 6 to discuss a change to a project planned for 554-562 Columbia Rd., Dorchester. The senior-focused rental complex calls for a two-phase construction, including the renovation of the existing Fox Hall building in Uphams Corner. See bostonplans.org for more info.

The BPDA hosts a virtual public meeting on Tues., Dec. 19, at 6 p.m. to discuss

Article 33 Open Space Zoning “to create a new stadium and public amphitheatre zoning district. See ad on page 17.

The Nutcracker, staged by the Jose Mateo Ballet Theatre company, returns to the Strand Theatre in Uphams Corner from Sat., Dec. 9 and running to Christmas Eve. Ticket prices for public shows run anywhere from \$25 to \$90. Those interested in attending the show can ballettheatre.org/tickets. Use discount code DOTNEWS for 20 percent off tickets prices.

Coming up at the BPL: The Adams Street

branch of the BPL hosts Ezekiel’s Wheels Klezmer Band on Sat., Dec. 9, 2-3 p.m.... The staff of the Uphams Corner Branch of the and Friends of Uphams Corner Branch hosts their annual holiday party on Thurs., Dec. 14, 3-7 p.m. Food will be available as take-home packets.... Author Leah Freeman-Haskin reads from her debut 2023 picture book, “The Last Two Crayons,” and leads an art activity on Sat., Dec. 9, at the Mattapan branch.

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ZBA approves new building for Harvard Street Health

The Zoning Board of Appeal on Tuesday approved plans for a new three-story home

for the Harvard Street Neighborhood Health Center on Old Road between Ellington Street and Michigan Avenue in Dorchester.

The new building will consolidate all of the health center's medical and dental offices and exam rooms in roughly 42,300 square feet of space to the rear of its existing facilities on Blue Hill Avenue. The ground floor will include a community room that the center hopes to use partly for such things as vaccination clinics, but which will also be open for meetings by community groups.

David Valecillos of the Community Builders, which is working with Harvard Street on the project, said the need to move across the street is due to the current location being "in very poor condition." The new site consists of two vacant lots and a building owned by the health center.



A rendering of the proposed new Harvard Street Neighborhood Health Center building that would rise from what are now vacant lots on Old Road between Ellington Street and Michigan Avenue in Dorchester. The new, three-story facility will replace what has long been underutilized, city-owned space. "It's absolutely a transformational project for the neighborhood and the corridor of Blue Hill Avenue," said Harvard Street's CEO Charley Murphy.

Image courtesy Isgenuity

Like the current main building on Blue Hill Avenue, the building will not have any dedicated parking for patients. However, unlike the current location, it will have dedicated space

for patient drop offs and pickups.

Valecillos said many of the health center's clients arrive by public transportation. He noted that there is a bus stop right in front of the new

location and that there are additional bus routes along Blue Hill Avenue. Nobody spoke against the proposal.

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New center to celebrate the Haitian experience set for site in West End

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Boston Planning and Development Agency (BPDA).

The site—officially 131 Beverly St.—is located in a new storefront on the water with dock access and neighboring tenants Night Shift Brewery, Alcove Restaurant, and Converse’s world headquarters. It is also a short walk from the TD Garden, the Orange Line, and the Freedom Trail.

The site will serve as a year-round Visitor’s Center and as a venue with programming, exhibitions, a library, a gift shop, and other amenities celebrating the Haitian experience. Greater Boston boasts the third largest Haitian community in the United States.

Marvin Dee Mathelier, who chairs the cultural center’s executive committee, calls Lovejoy Wharf “an interesting and strategic location,” adding, “It’s not just going to be for Haitians; it’s for everyone because Haiti has done so much on the global scale, and we need to tell that story to everyone.”

The center is named for one of the heroes of the Haitian Revolution, the first successful slave-led rebellion, which resulted in the creation of the Republic of Haiti in 1804. Wilner Auguste, who leads Mattapan-based Haitian Americans United, Inc. – which helped to create the center – says that the agreement comes with a one-time, \$50,000 build-out stipend and a rent-free lease.

“If you see something like that and you don’t have anything and you’ve been talking about it a long time and we still had a long way to go, then you have to take action on what you have,” Auguste said. “In the future, maybe we find a place in Dorchester or Mattapan and then maybe we would move. In the meantime, this is what we found and what we got. It’s a great start and an interesting location.”

City Councillor Ruthzee Louijeune, the first Haitian American city councillor elected in Boston, cheered the news.

“I am thrilled that, after years of dedicated organizing and advocacy, the TLCC has finally found a home in the thriving West End, at Lovejoy Wharf,” Louijeune said. “This is a fantastic opportunity not only to support Boston’s Haitian community but also to ensure that the West End continues to embrace the rich diversity we see across the city.”

“We can’t wait for TLCC to breathe new life into this space and be a new focal point for the area,” said Arthur Jemison, Boston’s chief of Planning. “I want to thank our partners in the Mayor’s Office of Arts and



Members of the TLCC Executive Committee celebrate recently inside the space that will be built out for the new cultural center. The group is aiming to have a soft opening or grand opening by May 25, 2024. *Courtesy photo*

Culture for their collaboration on finding the right tenant for this space, and

I look forward to seeing the end result.”

Mathelier said it was

a surprise when they were named because the Haitian proposal was up

against applications from more established organizations. But the proposal for the first cultural center in L’Ouverture’s name resonated. “I believe Haitians will come and everyone else too,” he said.

Now, he said, the community must come together to assist their architect, Killion Mokwete, of Social Impact Collective, with preferred amenities and design for the space. Supporters are raising funds for overall construction so that it can open by May 25, the Saturday before L’Ouverture’s birthday in Haitian Heritage Month.

Part of the business plan is to operate the visitor’s center, and to have a place in conjunction with the Haitian Artists Assembly for art, poetry,

and dance exhibitions – which are now, Mathelier said, often placed in odd locations like Logan Airport, and to have private rentals in the evening to assist the revenue stream.

Success will also be found in hiring an executive director who can excel at private fundraising. Already, he said, they have launched the ‘Road to TLCC’ campaign that will kick off on Dec. 13 in Jamaica Plain’s Ula Café (6-9 p.m.). Beyond that, the annual Haitian Independence Day Gala on Sat., Jan. 6, will feature the cultural center as a focal point for fundraising. That event will be held at Dorchester IBEW Local 103 union hall on Freeport Street. See tlcculturalcenter.org for more information.

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Survivors of Homicide Victims launch awareness month at State House session

On Mon., Nov. 20, the Louis D. Brown Peace Institute hosted an opening ceremony at the State House in honor of Survivors of Homicide Victims with state Sen. Nick Collins and state Rep. Chris Worrell. Speakers included US Rep. Ayanna Pressley, Gov. Maura Healey, Lt. Gov. Kim Driscoll, and Chaplain Clementina M. Chéry, president and CEO of the LDBPI.

The event marked the beginning of Survivors of Homicide Victims Awareness Month (SHVAM), which was enacted in 2000 to educate the public and policymakers about the impact of murder on families and communities.

Speakers at the event discussed the broad impact that murder has on survivors across the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, and uplifted survivors of homicide victims as leaders and peacemakers in their communities.



Elected officials, distinguished guests, and survivors of homicide victims rallied at the State House on Nov. 20 to kick off Survivors of Homicide Victims Awareness Month. *Courtesy photo*

“As we transform our pain into power, we can discover our inner strength we may have never known we had. A strength that allows us not only to survive, but to thrive,” said Celeste Wright, Survivors of Homicide Victims Network

Ambassador. Collins uplifted the impact that losing a loved one to homicide can have on a family, speaking from his own experience, and praised survivor-led organizations like the LDBPI for curating spaces where survivors can

heal together, and transform society’s response to homicide.

Rep. Worrell “[acknowledged] the power of community-led solutions and the efforts of survivors.”

Throughout the month-long observance,

which concludes Dec. 20, survivors and providers will hold various events to remember those whose lives have been taken and cherish memories of their loved ones. The month will feature a series of events, support groups,

educational seminars, and focus on providing guidance, comfort, and resources to survivors navigating the intricate journey of healing and recovery this holiday season.

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Wu names nine members to ‘participatory budget’ board

Mayor Wu appointed nine individuals to the city’s Participatory Budgeting External Oversight Board last month. The members—made up of public finance experts, community leaders, and current and former public sector employees, all of whom are Boston residents — will serve two-year terms.

Appointees with neigh-



Carla Stovell



Khalid Mustafa



Marilyn Forman

borhood ties include Carla Stovell, of EXIT Bayside Realty; Khalid Mustafa, coaching supervisor, Fathers’ Uplift; and Marilyn Forman, director of Community Organizing and Resident Engagement, Codman Square Neighborhood Development Corporation.

The panelists will assist in the creation of policies and procedures for par-

ticipatory budgeting that will ensure an inclusive process. The board will also support and oversee the implementation of each participatory budgeting cycle, submitting selected project proposals to Mayor Wu consistent with the legal authority of the city for public spending.

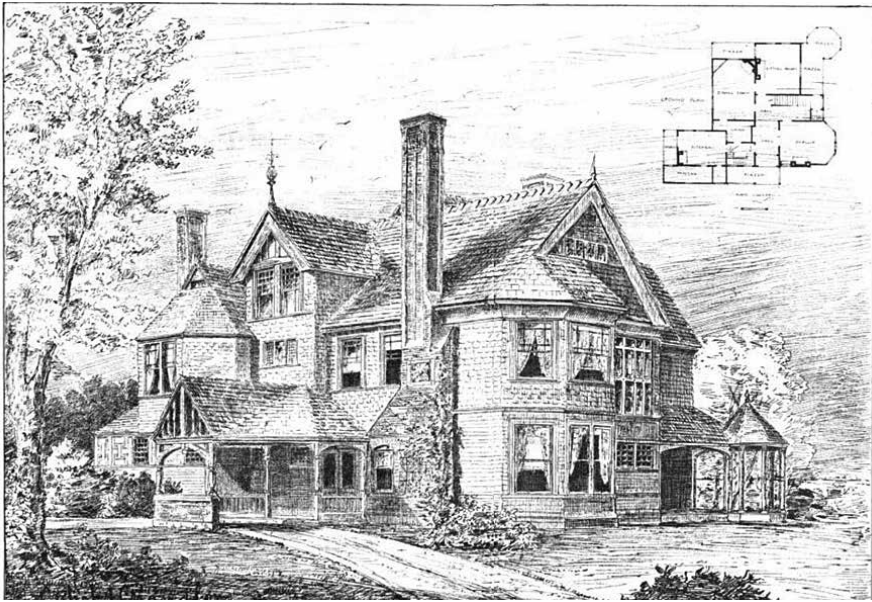
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3 from Dot graduate from Life Sciences apprenticeship course – Dorchester residents Sashelle Wilson, left, and Noailles Rodriguez graduated from MassBioEd’s Life Sciences Apprenticeship course last month in Cambridge. Wilson completed her apprenticeship at Thermo Fisher Scientifics and Rodriguez completed hers at Vertex Pharmaceuticals. Dorchester’s Mikey Pham, who is not pictured, completed his apprenticeship at Alnylam. The event celebrated 47 graduating Biomanufacturing Technician and Clinical Trial associate apprentices who completed MassBioEd’s apprenticeship program. The program has had 135 graduates since its launch in 2021, and 97 percent of graduated apprentices have been offered full-time permanent employment at a life sciences company. Some 40 percent of apprentices were unemployed prior to enrollment, and 66 percent are BIPOC individuals. Wages have more than doubled for apprentices who have graduated from the program, according to MassBioEd.

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The Laban Pratt House



The Laban Pratt house on Pope’s Hill as it appeared in *American Architect and Building News* on March 11, 1882.

Laban Pratt (1829-1923) was a lumber merchant in 1875 when he was living on Walnut Street in the Port Norfolk section of Dorchester. His company was located where the Old Colony Railroad tracks crossed from Dorches-

ter over the Neponset River to Quincy. Pratt was also an investor in real estate, as confirmed by the numerous pages of his transactions in the Suffolk Registry of Deeds. He moved to the house pictured in today’s illustration in 1883.

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

Editorial

A decisive push on Morrissey? We'll see

Can city and state officials finally get coordinated — and stay focused— on finalizing and funding the improvements needed to modernize Morrissey Boulevard? Can they deliver a budget-ready package on deadline? Those are the key questions that a newly formed commission, which assembled for the first time in a public setting last Tuesday evening, seems poised to answer with an optimistic, and resounding, “Yes, we can.”

Given the well-documented pattern of false starts and unfunded mandates that stretch back roughly four decades, the public is well within its right to counter with a skeptical “We’ll see.”

In the 1990s, the now-defunct Metropolitan District Commission spent two-plus years engaging Dorchester stakeholders in a planning effort that produced a \$35 million proposal to restore the boulevard to its original “parkway” feel. The plan, which included a full replacement of the Beades drawbridge, was shelved under a Republican administration that was loathe to invest that sum in a city neighborhood. Instead, they agreed to spend a far smaller amount – roughly \$9.1 million – to make repairs to keep the circa 1923 bridge in working order.

More recently, the state’s Dept. of Conservation and Recreation embarked on another design project – and a fresh regimen of public meetings in 2016 and 2017 – aimed at reconfiguring lanes, elevating the flood-prone roadway, and improving safety for cyclists and pedestrians.

That effort stalled out, in part, because of controversy involving the idea of dropping a vehicular travel lane in each direction to make way for dedicated bike lanes. The Baker administration, faced with unwelcome push-back, essentially decided to punt on the idea.

Which brings us to the present day and what many of us hope will be an end to decades of dithering and inertia. The new approach – advanced mainly by state Sen. Nick Collins – is a legislative commission that brings together the distinct agencies that all have some authority over the roadway itself or attendant uses. Critically, it’s chaired by Monica Tibbits-Nutt, Gov. Healey’s choice to oversee the state’s Transportation policies. Tibbits-Nutt and her fellow commissioners – Collins and state Reps. Dan Hunt and David Biele – are joined by officials representing key city and state agencies who’ll be tasked with reviewing a report that’s due in June.

The state has assembled a group of consultants and engineers to assemble that report after which the commission will make its own recommendations to state lawmakers and the governor on what to do next.

What those action steps will actually entail is where the rubber meets the saltwater-swamped road. The legislation that authorized the commission instructs members to evaluate and recommend transportation and infrastructure improvements, strengthen climate resiliency at Kosciuszko Circle, and develop a comprehensive plan for the Morrissey boulevard corridor. It also calls on the commission to “identify short-term investments to improve mobility for pedestrians, transit users, cyclists, and motorists along the Morrissey Boulevard corridor.”

Under an ideal scenario, whatever recommendations are made in June will include dollar figures that can be secured in the next budget season. This week, Secretary Tibbits-Nutt was hesitant to put any number behind what the state might commit to— calling it premature. That’s fair enough one week after the group’s first meeting.

It’s hard to envision an outcome in which the Healey administration and its legislative allies don’t produce some sort of substantive path forward. But, we will all be best served if this effort is regarded not as a tentative first step, but rather as a final act in a long-delayed saga that requires diligence and urgent action in the weeks and months to come.

–Bill Forry

Globe review of Stuart case delivers a history lesson without bombshells

By Thomas F. Mulvoy Jr.
Associate Editor

Boston Globe columnist and associate editor Adrian Walker has spent the last two years revisiting the 34-year-old Stuart family murder case that exploded out of Boston’s newsrooms late in the evening of Oct. 23, 1989 and kept many among the region’s populace intrigued until its dramatic denouement two months later atop a bridge over the Mystic River and in the waters below.

This week, the *Globe* is giving Walker, who covered the story as a reporter, and his team the space in print and online for an eight-part series on this mind-warping crime, one he describes as “a cataclysmic event when it happened,” and adds, “yet three quarters of people in Boston probably weren’t here in 1989 and, for a lot of people, the story is new.”

The expansive presentation is impressive. The writing is felicitous, the design is fetching and augmented by crisp audio readings, the of-the-time photos and newspaper pages jar the memories of those who followed the story from beginning to end as it happened, and an accompanying podcast fills out the bill.

There is no mistaking that the *Globe* thinks that this recasting is a very big deal. It made that clear with a subtly patronizing statement up high in its promotion of the series: “You may have heard the story, you may think you know what happened, but you don’t.”

Maybe, maybe not, but a reasonable inference from that assertion is that the newspaper was going to rewrite, or maybe fill in dramatically, a narrative from 34 years ago that a large number of regional residents have locked in their memories in this more or less straightforward manner:

A man named Charles Stuart, or someone close to him, shot and killed his pregnant wife and the child they were expecting, and injured Stuart himself in their car just after they had left a birthing class at a Boston hospital. When Boston police dispatchers were able to talk to the barely coherent Stuart, he told them from the driver’s seat in the car that a Black man had done the shootings and described him and the way he was dressed. The police, or some of them, went out of their minds during their subsequent searches for a person looking like the one Stuart had described, rousting Mission Hill residents in their homes and on the streets of the neighborhood, finally arresting a guy named Willie Bennett. A few months later, Stuart jumped off the Tobin Bridge, a suicide after he had heard that police were looking to arrest him for his role in the murders.

In discussions as the series moves toward deadline, Walker indicated that he was driven to tell this story in updated fashion because those who were violently hassled by police in the heat of the night of the killings and thereafter still have not, after three decades and more, healed from the assaults and need



Carol and Charles Stuart on their wedding day.

help in doing so.

“That was always the missing part of the story. Those voices have just not been heard to the degree that they needed to be,” Walker told an interviewer. His comment about the number of people living in 2023 Boston who know nothing about the chaos, racial and otherwise, surrounding the Stuart case speaks to his desire to clue them in.

The promotion of the series suggested that bombshells of new information would be dropped on the citizenry with each installment but that doesn’t seem to be the case. Yes, there are additional facts and insights in the text that surprise, one in particular: Readers and viewers are told that 33 people, mostly Stuart relatives and friends, had solid information about who the killer might be in the days and weeks after the crime and yet looked on in associated silence for more than two months as the big city’s leaders and police physically and emotionally abused its own innocent citizens.

For all that, questions remain, one in particular that the *Globe* team took up extensively: Did Charles have help in the car that night via a third person? The discussion in the series involves witnesses, all deceased, who said they saw a third person in the Stuarts’ car; three doctors who said that the tracing of the three bullets fired in the car showed that Charles couldn’t have shot himself; a consultant who came down on both sides of the question. In the end, the authors concede that with the passage of time, there may be no way to know for sure.

Still, taken as a whole, The *Globe*’s extensive re-reckoning with a horrific crime that rocked this old city to its core for a while in the long ago gives those who are coming to the story with no personal recollections or expectations insights into how 1989 Boston grappled with old ghosts of race and class as its law enforcement arm aggressively pursued a murderer whose targeted deceit had set off a powder keg stocked with recrimination, bad faith, and ill will.

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Letters to the Editor

A demand for a cease-fire in Gaza

To the Editor:

The Boston Human Rights Commission condemns in the strongest possible terms the brutal attacks conducted by Hamas on Israeli citizens on Oct. 7 and the subsequent brutal, indiscriminate bombing resulting in the killing of Palestinian civilians in Gaza by Israeli troops.

We stand with our fellow Israeli and Palestinian neighbors who continue to mourn the tragic loss of family, friends, neighbors, colleagues, and fellow citizens each and every day. We feel their suffering, and we grieve with them.

We are horrified by the depth of cruelty and suffering surrounding the Israeli-Palestinian conflict and dismayed by the apparent inability of the most powerful international leaders and

organizations to put an end to this tragedy.

We join the millions of world citizens in urging those who represent the power of the people to stop the war and to seek peace.

We demand the immediate and permanent cease-fire in Gaza, and the urgent deployment of humanitarian assistance into the region.

We appeal to Boston’s neighbors, community leaders, and political representatives to be courageous, compassionate, and constructive in peacefully defending the inalienable human rights of all Palestinian and Israeli people.

Dr. Reyes Coll-Tellechea
The writer is a Dorchester resident and the chair of Boston Human Rights Commission.

Say no again to developers’ proposal for 1813 Dot Ave.

To the Editor:

It’s very depressing that the same developers who were denied permission for their construction of 1813 Dorchester Ave. by the Boston Zoning Board of Appeal a couple of years ago have resubmitted essentially the same plan again. Not a single thing that the community wanted is being offered.

So, no surprise then, that this proposal is still objectionable to us - for the same reasons as before. At 4 floors, the building will be taller than the code allows; the proposed 26 units, plus a commercial space, are way too dense for the size of the lot; only 4 units out of 26 are affordable; and, our biggest concern has not been addressed, as there is no provision for parking in the plan!

This is a neighborhood where most homes do not have driveways, so all of us have to fight for parking on the street, and each year there are increasing

numbers of cars on the streets. This already poses an extraordinary hardship for people, especially for the elderly and those with reduced mobility.

In the winter, many people don’t dare to leave their homes out of fear they will lose their parking spot. I am 77 years old and am speaking from experience. In such a neighborhood, constructing a building with 26 units, plus a retail space on the ground floor, without supplying any parking, is unacceptable planning. It goes against the whole principle of proper zoning. The problem can be easily solved by providing ground floor parking for cars in the building.

Zero parking is an important reason why this planned development needs to be denied again by the Zoning Board of Appeal. Otherwise, residents of an abutter street will all suffer greatly.

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Practice times at Lewis Center frustrates city school athletes

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public took to mean that indoor track athletes from Boston would be training and competing in one of the premier such facilities in the nation situated in their backyard.

Slowly, those precious practice and competitive times have evaporated. Demand for meet times at the center by suburban schools has increased greatly as participation in track has tripled with no accompanying growth in facilities state-wide. Athletes from city schools like TechBoston Academy are told they have to begin packing up by 3:30 and be out of the center by 4 p.m. so that suburban schools can start their meets by 4:15 or 4:30 p.m.

Even with that, one suburban coach notes that the lack of a sufficient number of adequate facilities across the state means that his students and those of other schools outside Boston are also running along the corridors of their schools for practice. Their times at the Lewis Center are limited to competitive events.

“As a BPS kid, we never had what we needed, so I understand what situation we’re in,” said TechBoston’s Coach Jallissa Ross, a former Division 1 basketball player who starred at Fenway High School and the University of Rhode Island.

“We’re doing the best we can, but it’s not great for the kids because they can suffer injuries,” said Coach Ross. “Going up and down stairs isn’t good on a child’s body when they do that consistently. Having the Reggie Lewis would mitigate injuries and help our students understand track and not be at a disadvantage when they show up for a meet and have never run on a real track.”

TechBoston had a break-out season last year coming from nowhere and seizing second place in the City Championship meet while also scoring impressive finishes at the statewide meet. The prep work for that success was done in school hallways amidst lockers, classrooms, and the cafeteria.

Courtney Leonard, TechBoston’s athletic director, and Coach Ross say it is enormously frustrating for their athletes not to be able to use the Lewis at times that suit them. They say it’s a fool’s errand to attempt to train there when school lets out in Dorchester at 2:30 p.m.

“It’s not right that this continues to exist,” said Leonard. “There’s no way the Reggie Lewis should have 30 team buses outside, all from



With ‘Bear Pride’ in the background, TechBoston Academy indoor track athletes practice on a dilapidated oval track above the old gym in their building – the former Dorchester High School.

Seth Daniel photos

outside the city. If that’s not a reflection of the situation, I don’t know what is...It’s quintessential Boston. We have kids running laps up and down stairs and in school hallways and there’s a world-class facility close by that’s supposed to be for them where we’re fighting against others for time.”

The student-athletes at TechBoston say they don’t feel safe with the situation as it is. “It would be a lot safer for us to be at the Reggie Lewis because when you run up the stairs and hallways of the school, it’s not like the school is empty,” said Junior Calvin Johnson. “On occasions we bump into other students while we’re running and get hurt or hurt another student. That’s already happened this year. The stairs are also not safe because you can trip and fall. One teammate this year fell on the stairs and injured his ankle.” As a hurdler, Johnson isn’t able to practice at school. It’s right into competition for him.

Last Friday, the TechBoston team warmed up above the old basketball gym on a dilapidated elevated oval track that is also a hazard. In the cafeteria, they carved out space to do strengthening exercises, and then they hit the halls.

Looking to finish their runs in under two minutes, they race up the stairwells to the third floor, sprint through open hallways, head back down the stairwells to the first floor, charging through doorways to the final stretch, where they sprint past the principal’s office to the finish, avoiding teachers along the way.

“One of the things for the new track athletes is that this is their first taste of what the track team is, and this is how they are introduced to track,” said Ross as she worked a stopwatch and encouraged the athletes. “When they actually get to a real meet with a real track they are often in



A TechBoston runner comes full speed down the corridor during indoor track practice at TechBoston Academy in Dorchester

shock and aren’t prepared to compete.”

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Running through school hallways isn’t limited to Boston athletes, noted Norwell High Coach Chuck Martin, who helps to run the Lewis Center through the Massachusetts State Track Coaches Association (MSTCA), an organization that he said has fought “tooth and nail” since the 1950s to get an indoor facility built.

He pointed out that his students don’t have a field house and train outside or in the hallways as well. There are few 165-yard indoor tracks available – with places like Revere, Everett, Andover, Lexington, Medford, and Lowell being among those who have them.

He said he respects the problem Boston is having with times at the Lewis facility, but noted that “as much as this is the local community center, the track itself is a state facility, and although it is a small window for the BPS athletes because of travel, they are the only school district that gets practice time at Reggie. The majority of the schools across the state either train outside all winter, or in the hallways. I coach at Norwell and the closest indoor

fieldhouse is actually the Reggie Lewis Center.”

He said he has a ton of respect for BPS students having watched their commitment to track and cross country by traveling from far reaches of the city by the T to get to meets. “That’s a different level of commitment for both the parents and athletes, something we take for granted every day in the suburbs,” he said.

Michael Turner, the executive director of the Lewis Center who took his position two months ago, said he is trying to unravel a lot of unwritten rules and policies. He

said he has a draft policy paper on usage that is nearly 65 pages long right now, and part of that is figuring out better access for BPS teams. He hopes that there can be a resolution, with policies and rules posted online for everyone to see by the start of next year’s season.

Next year may be the goal, but it can’t come soon enough for the city’s student-athletes, their coaches, and elected officials. City Council President Ed Flynn, whose father, Ray Flynn, shepherded the creation of the Reggie Lewis facility when he was mayor,

said the current state of athletics in BPS is just not up to par, and that includes the matter of access to the Lewis.

The school district “is lacking a comprehensive plan to address inequities in the system’s interscholastic sports programs,” Councillor Flynn said. “It must be a top priority to invest in subpar facilities, insufficient equipment, and a lack of opportunity to compete in organized sports and athletics. As a city, we must also support student athletes through academic support services. The status quo is no longer an option.”

TechBoston’s Leonard said making plans for future access – which may or may not include BPS students – isn’t enough for the kids right now.

“They wonder why BPS sports are the way they are, and this is why we lose kids to the ISL (Independent Schools League teams), to the charter schools,” she said. “It’s tough for us to get access to these amenities that are supposed to be for city kids first...Sports are one of the things that can make a kid give a damn. We should want our kids especially to find success. Our kids want to compete.”

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Baker offers his thanks, takes bow at Florian Hall

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to have served you and for you to have put your faith in me, trusted me, and helped me to be able to, I think, make District 3 a bit of a better place.

"In Dorchester I think we do it right. In Boston, I think we do it right. We put others first. I'm proud to be that kid from St. Margaret's. I'm proud to be my mother's youngest son. My mother was the toughest in the family...That's where I got my fight from, and I got my work ethic from my father."

Baker thanked his chief of staff, Amanda Curley, other staff members, and his close supporters. He pointed to city-funded improvements to Garvey Park and Ryan Playground, the construction of a new Adams Street Library, and the clean-up of Dorchester Avenue as some of the things he has gotten done.

"Most recent of difficult times was the redistricting process," he said. "Though a long arduous road with incredible pain points, we got to share one of the many wins we have seen come to fruition throughout our time together. That was a big one."

Those words were fol-



Baker said he got his fighting spirit from his mother, and his work ethic from his father.

Seth Daniel photo

lowed by loud applause throughout the room.

Baker listed his political mentors as his father, and former Mayor Marty Walsh, and the mayor presented him with a commemorative street sign reading, Frank Baker Way.

"I know some people don't realize it, but we go back a long way," Wu said. "Frank, as my former vice president on the Council, I have seen you in just about any setting a colleague could be in; in tough times when there's a public eye on you and lights flashing, and in moments when there are no cameras in the room. You are always the same exact person in any setting. You're willing to throw it all down to get whatever your community needs you to get done."

State Sen. Nick Collins,

who served as emcee for the evening, called Baker "the best friend in the fight you could ask for."

Councillor Erin Murphy and State Rep. Dan Hunt also offered praise for Baker. Murphy recalled how Baker missed his sons' high school prom festivities to be present for the redistricting hearings, which proved crucial in keeping District 3 from being broken up. "You knew you couldn't leave because the city needed you," she said.

Others who attended included former Council President Bill Linehan, former Speaker Tom Finneran, state Reps. David Biele and Chris Worrell, Councillors Brian Worrell and Michael Flaherty, Norfolk County Sheriff Michael Bellotti, Suffolk County DA Kevin Hayden, state Sen. Lydia Edwards, and former councillors Annissa Essaibi George, Paul Scapicchio, Sal LaMattina, and Tim McCarthy.

The Caribbean Carnival Association of Boston, led by Shirley Shillingford, also presented Baker with a commemorative clock for his "above and beyond" support of their organization over the years.

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Hiep Chu of the Fields Corner Civic Association and Frank Baker.

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Council Staffer Joe MacEachern and Councillor Erin Murphy.



In an emotional moment, Mayor Wu reminded everyone that she and Frank Baker served many years on the Council before she became mayor and that she appreciated everything he has done in his time in office.



Paulo Debarros, of the Cape Verdean Association of Boston, and state Rep. Dan Hunt.



Humayun Morshed, of the Boston Convenience Store Owner Association, Steve Tankle, Carla Tankle, Frank Baker, state Rep. Rob Consalvo, and Andy Brand.



Councillor Brian Worrell, Kristen Flynn, Council President Ed Flynn, and state Rep. Chris Worrell.



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City’s request for a ‘future-decker’ draws bidders to a Geneva Ave. lot

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Last month, the Mayor’s Housing Innovation Lab issued a request for proposals (RFP) for the lot and another vacant parcel on River Street and Marcy Road, near Mattapan Square. The aim is for developers to partner with the city in “co-creating Boston’s Future-Decker,” with new possibilities for design, materials, and construction.

More than a century after the emergence of the “three-decker” as the city’s main source of working-class housing, the city’s RFP envisions a new version for the “forgotten middle,” defined as “those who don’t qualify for subsidized housing but are unable to afford market-rate prices.” As to annual household income, their range would be from \$110,650 to \$138,300.

The RFP is aiming for 6-15 units at both locations, with a preference for home ownership, whether of individual units or multiple units in a building. Developers who place a lower cap on household income could be eligible for subsidies from the city.

In line with “community vision,” the RFP calls for proposals that honor the context of both locations, while promoting mixed-income housing. Other goals are to curb carbon emissions, and to increase safety and vibrancy, by promoting travel by foot, bike, and transit.

Unlike the earlier three-deckers that featured uniform floor plans on each level, the “future-deckers” could have layouts with more diversity and flexibility. Like the needs of its households, the building could change over time.

“We want to follow the context, but imagine an alternative to that,” said Wandy Pascoal, a housing innovation designer for the BSA, during a networking session and site visit on Geneva Avenue last Friday.

Pascoal said conversations with neighbors helped envision housing not just as a building, but as an experience: living with families, building wealth, the sense of the neighborhood as a home.



This lot at 379 Geneva Ave. has been vacant since at least the 1970s. *Chris Lovett photo*

“There’s a lot we can learn from what’s been done before,” she added, “and what we can do.”

Proposals have to be filed with the city by next Feb. 14. According to a count from the Housing Innovation Lab, last week’s site visits drew 31 people, mostly architects and developers. Among those looking on was James Sullivan, who runs a firm based in West Roxbury.

“This project is an opportunity to develop my own housing design skill to the next level,” he said in an interview later, “given the limitations of the lot, the sizes, the neighborhood as well.”

As outlined in the RFP, use of the new housing prototype could extend to locations beyond the city’s inventory: “While development proposals created as a result of this RFP will be constructed on city-owned land, our intention is to spur creative thinking to develop a housing model that can be constructed efficiently and cost effectively on privately owned sites across the city.”

“If you can invent a constructability or a profitable way for contractors to build these things within these sites,” said Sullivan, “I think we have to look at that.”

The Geneva Avenue lot is five blocks from the Fields Corner MBTA station. Over the last 15 years, the nonprofit developer VietAID has added transit-oriented housing in the same area, including Bloomfield Gardens, a four-story building with 27 apartments at the corner of Geneva Avenue and Tonawanda

Street — the former site of Bloomfield Hall, which was destroyed by a fire in 1972. Built in 2012, Bloomfield Gardens is listed as a project by Davis Square Architects, and as “a perfect smart growth development for the City of Boston.”

Along the Geneva Avenue corridor between Park Street and Bowdoin Street, the visual context is characterized by mixed use, but still dominated by three-deckers, as well as chain-link fences through which a passerby can be tracked by the wary eyes of a pit bull. The area has long been shadowed by gun violence, most recently with a fatal shooting on Corona Street that happened at around two o’clock in the afternoon on Friday, Oct. 13.

On Corona Street, cars parked on both sides often straddle the sidewalk, barely leaving enough space for one-way traffic. But the RFP calls for “only using the minimum parking necessary to allow new uses to flourish and calm existing traffic.” On the Geneva Avenue parcel, room for off-street parking could be further limited by a need to preserve mature trees, which can enhance curb appeal and reduce the “heat island” effect.

The RFP includes one more parking caveat: “Many homes surrounding these sites have limited access to off-street parking, so there is greater demand for on-street parking in these areas. Applicants

must take these factors into consideration in determining the amount of open space and parking ratios associated with each building.” And neighborhood concerns about parking go back at least as far as 2008, at meetings on the plans for Bloomfield Gardens, just three blocks away.

A 39-year-old lifelong neighborhood resident, Leroy Wallace, calls the parking on Corona Street “horrible.” Wallace maps the neighborhood by pointing at the houses, identifying them by people he knows, or by communities outside Boston that are home to investor landlords. Currently renovating his property on the other side of Corona Street, Wallace said the vacant parcel should be developed with no more than 9 units in order to

leave enough room for trash containers and a driveway for off-street parking.

A neighbor of the vacant parcel who also lives on the other side of Corona Street, Marlene Aleyne, complained about people using the space for cookouts and drinking, as well as for a dumping ground for empty bottles and dog waste.

A 70-year-old native of Barbados who has lived next to the lot for almost 36 years, Aleyne told city officials and participants at the site visit: “I’m pleading with you, kindly: please put a house here.”

According to a commercial website, rents in the same area near Fields Corner spread across a wide range, with some exceeding the fair market

price covered by Section 8 subsidies—slightly more than \$3,000 a month for three bedrooms. And, as Sullivan acknowledged, the current market for the three-decker is not far removed from the last century’s, dominated as it is by working-class families, many of them recent immigrants

“I’ve grown to love them because they make a lot of sense,” said Sullivan. “And they provided a solution to housing for people that were new to this country, that were up and coming in this country—and they could afford it. But I don’t know about now. I mean, it’s just crazy. That kind of opportunity, that American ideal of working hard and owning a house, it doesn’t seem to be attainable anymore.”

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CLOONEY, Patricia, 68, of Dorchester. Daughter of the late Arthur J. and Teresa J. (Skehan) Clooney. Moth-

er of Katelyn E. Clooney of North Chelmsford and the late Courtney E. Clooney. Sister of Marie Connell of Quincy, Dorothy Ryan of Braintree, Robert Clooney and John Clooney, both of Weymouth, and the late Kathleen Dewitt, Arthur Clooney, and Michael Clooney. Patricia is also survived by many nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews, and godchildren. Donations in Patricia's memory may be made to the Inclusion Program at the Boys and Girls Club of Dorchester,

1135 Dorchester Avenue, Dorchester, MA 02125.



CUSHING, Evelyn L., 96 of Dorchester. Predeceased by her husband Robert I. Cushing and her son Michael. She leaves her son Robert of Dorchester; daughter Marie and wife Sybil of Phoenix, daughter Evelyn (Thomas) and husband Cletus of Pembroke, son Paul of Somerville, son Christopher and wife Ginny of Plymouth and daughter Regina (Loschi-

avo) and husband Rob of Marshfield. Also survived by her 8 grandchildren and 9 great grandchildren, along with many nieces and nephews. Donations can be made in her memory to Boston Senior Home Care at bshcinfo.org.



DILLON, Monica (O'Malley) of Dorchester and Muckinagh, Co. Galway, Ireland. Wife of the late Joseph Dillon. Mother of Marie Gallagher and her husband, John of Milton, Noreen Walsh and her husband, Michael of Milton, Sheila McCarthy and her husband, Michael of Dorchester, Kathleen Cahill and her husband, Gerald of Dorchester and Monica Thompson and her husband, Mark of Dorchester. Mamo to 14. Sister of Coilín O'Malley, Matthew O'Malley, Ann Devaney, Peigín Connolly and Michael O'Malley, all of Ireland; and her late brother, Joseph O'Malley of England. Survived by many nieces, nephews and friends. Please consider making a donation in memory of Monica to St. Brendan School, 29 Rita Road, Dorchester, MA

GOLDBERG, Ruth Anne (Wynot), 92, of Reading, originally of Dorchester. Ruth is survived by her daughter, Helen Kinney and son-in-law, Robert (Bo) Kinney; son, William Goldberg and daughter-in-law, Sal-

ly (Salzwedel) Goldberg; daughter, Barbara Pearl and son-in-law, Martin Honeycutt; step-daughter, Dvora Eden and Dvora's partner, Sammy Azulai; and 21 grandchildren, great-grandchildren and their partners. Ruth was predeceased by her husband, Jack; her sister, Barbara Walker; brother-in-law, the Reverend Edward (Ted) Walker; and her dear friend, Gery Cannon. Gifts in her memory may be made to the Unitarian Universalist Church of Reading, 239 Woburn St., Reading, MA 01867.



HARTMAN, Mark F., 51, of Dorchester. Husband of Pamela V. Dyer-Hartman. Son of Phyllis and the late Charles "Bucky" Hartman. Brother of Paula Hartman, and the late Charles Hartman, III. Also survived by many cousins, caring friends, and his cat Boogie. Longtime Journeyman Electrician with IBEW Local 103.



POWERS, Maureen P. (Doherty) of Taunton, formerly of Easton and Dennis Port. Wife of the late Anthony "Butch" Powers. Mother of John C. Powers and his wife Kelly of Easton, Dorothy Cottam and her husband Paul of Easton, and the late Thomas A. Powers. Sister of Eugene Doherty and his wife Pat of Zephyrhills, FL, Peter Doherty and his wife Joan of East Falmouth, and the late Ann O'Malley, John "Joe" Doherty, Kathleen Kelley and Paul Doherty; sister-in-law of Catherine Doherty of East Bridgewater; grandmother of 7; great-grandmother of 2. Donations in Maureen's memory may be sent to Guardians of the Street, 371 A Depot

Street, Easton, MA 02375 (guardianshelp.org).



REGAN, James J., 81, of Scituate, formerly of Hanover and Dorchester. He was the husband of Mary Jane Wilkinson; and the father of Sean (Elyne Greene) of Boston, James (Tracee) of Milton, Christopher (Nessa) and Julie, of Boston. Son of the late George F. and Bernadette C. Regan. He served in the Marine Corps Air Wing. In addition to his wife and children, he leaves his sister, Patricia; brother Michael (Betty Jean); and sister Elizabeth (William) Eastman, all of Milton; brother-in-law Jay (Maggie) Wilkin-son of Charlton, NY; and sister-in-law Joyce Pardi of Schenectady, NY. He was predeceased by his brother, George C. Regan; and sister Paula O'Malley. He was Papa Jim to 7 grandchildren. He is also survived by his former wife and mother of his children, Rosemary Regan of Hanover; and close friends, Allen Donaruma of Osterville and Silas Atsalis of Centerville; as well as many nieces, nephews and cousins. Contributions in Jim's memory may be made to Boston Health Care for the Homeless, 780 Albany St., Boston, MA 02118 or Father Bill's and Mainspring, 430 Main St., Brockton, MA 02301.



WILLARD, George L., 63, of Dorchester, formerly of Wellesley. George was the son of Patricia Willard and the late George L. Willard, Jr. of Wellesley. Brother to Mark and his wife Katherine of Northville, MI, Michael and his wife Bobbi of Corvallis, OR, Martin and his wife Shirley of Holliston, MA, John and his wife Pam of Westborough, MA, and Christopher and his wife Susan of Orlando, FL. George was also the proud uncle to 16 nieces and nephews.



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PROBATE & FAMILY COURT
SUFFOLK PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT
24 NEW CHARDON STREET
BOSTON, MA 02114
617-788-8300
CITATION ON PETITION TO CHANGE NAME
Docket No. SU23C0583CA
IN THE MATTER OF:
ZACHARY SCOTT MORAD
A Petition to Change Name of Adult has been filed by Zachary Scott Morad of Boston, MA requesting that the court enter a Decree changing their name to:
Molly Esme Morad
IMPORTANT NOTICE
Any person may appear for purposes of objecting to the petition by filing an appearance at: Suffolk Probate and Family Court before 10:00 a.m. on the return day of 12/27/2023. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance if you object to this proceeding.
Witness, HON. BRIAN J. DUNN, First Justice of this Court.
Date: November 22, 2023
Stephanie L. Everett, Esq.
Register of Probate
Published: December 7, 2023

LEGAL NOTICES

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
THE TRIAL COURT
PROBATE & FAMILY COURT
SUFFOLK PROBATE & FAMILY COURT
24 NEW CHARDON STREET
BOSTON, MA 02114
CITATION GIVING NOTICE OF PETITION FOR APPOINTMENT OF GUARDIAN FOR INCAPACITATED PERSON
PURSUANT TO G.L. c. 190B, §5-304
Docket No. SU23P2583GD
IN THE MATTER OF:
SHANE BULLOCK of DORCHESTER, MA
RESPONDENT
Alleged Incapacitated Person
To the named Respondent and all other interested persons, a petition has been filed by Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Cen of Boston, MA in the above captioned matter alleging that Shane Bullock is in need of a Guardian and requesting that Tina Bullock of Waterbury, CT (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 12/26/2023. 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.
Stephanie L. Everett
Register of Probate
Date: November 24, 2023
Published: December 7, 2023

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
THE TRIAL COURT
PROBATE & FAMILY COURT
SUFFOLK PROBATE & FAMILY COURT
24 NEW CHARDON STREET
BOSTON, MA 02114
CITATION GIVING NOTICE OF PETITION FOR APPOINTMENT OF GUARDIAN FOR INCAPACITATED PERSON
PURSUANT TO G.L. c. 190B, §5-304
Docket No. SU23P2641GD
IN THE MATTER OF:
BENETTE JEAN-MARIE of NORWOOD, MA
RESPONDENT
Alleged Incapacitated Person
To the named Respondent and all other interested persons, a petition has been filed by Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Cen of Boston, MA in the above captioned matter alleging that Benette Jean-Marie is in need of a Guardian and requesting that Bethia Jean-Marie of Norwood, 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 12/28/2023. 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.
Stephanie L. Everett
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Date: December 01, 2023
Published: December 7, 2023

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PROBATE & FAMILY COURT
NORFOLK PROBATE & FAMILY COURT
35 SHAWMUT ROAD
CANTON, MA 02021
CITATION GIVING NOTICE OF PETITION FOR APPOINTMENT OF GUARDIAN FOR INCAPACITATED PERSON
PURSUANT TO G.L. c. 190B, §5-304
Docket No. SU23P3315GD
IN THE MATTER OF:
CAESARINA SIMON of RANDOLPH, MA
RESPONDENT
Alleged Incapacitated Person
To the named Respondent and all other interested persons, a petition has been filed by Dora C. Simon of Randolph, MA in the above captioned matter alleging that Caesarina Simon is in need of a Guardian and requesting that Dora C. Simon of Randolph, 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 12/27/2023. 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. Patricia Gorman, First Justice of this Court.
Colleen M. Brierley
Register of Probate
Date: November 21, 2023
Published: December 7, 2023

LEGAL NOTICE

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
THE TRIAL COURT
PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT
Suffolk Probate & Family Court
24 New Chardon Street
Boston, MA 02114
(617) 788-8300
CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION
Docket No. SU23P2596EA
ESTATE OF:
LEVEQUE JEAN
DATE OF DEATH: 03/06/2022
To all interested persons:
A Petition for Formal Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative has been filed by Roody Jean of Brockton, 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: Roody Jean of Brockton, 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 01/10/2024.
This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you.
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Witness, HON. BRIAN J. DUNN, First Justice of this Court.
Date: November 29, 2023
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BGCD Keystone Club Volunteers at Annual Keolis & MBTA Polar Express Event: This past weekend, 25 of our Teen members at Boys & Girls Clubs of Dorchester's Keystone Club volunteered for the Annual Polar Express event held at South Station. Our Teens helped decorate the train cars, handed out gift bags, assisted with activity stations, and chaperoned the trains. The event, which is hosted by our friends at Keolis Commuter Services and the MBTA, welcomed 200 parents and members from BGCD to participate in this holiday favorite. A special thanks to all of our teen leaders for their efforts and to Keolis Commuter Services and the MBTA.

To learn more about partnering with BGCD, please contact Senior VP of Operations Mike Joyce at mjoyce@bgcdorchester.org.

FIND OUT WHAT'S INSIDE:
BGCD Program Highlight: Non-Contact Boxing with BPD Bureau of Community Engagement: Boys & Girls Clubs of Dorchester partners with Boston Police Department to offer a weekly non-contact boxing class for our members. This program and partnership enhances and supports one of our major programming pillars, Healthy Lifestyles. Our non-contact Boxing focuses on conditioning, teaching boxing fundamentals and self-defense. The class is offered through the Police Department's Bureau of Community Engagement. Our current Fall session will run through mid-December and a new Winter session will begin in January.

To learn more about BGCD's Athletic Programming, please contact Athletic Director, Octavius Nunes at onunes@bgcdorchester.org.



BGCD Program Highlight: Non-Contact Boxing with BPD Bureau of Community Engagement: See details below.

DID YOU KNOW:
State Representative Worrell, Panera Bread & Grubhub Partner to Provide Boxed Lunches to BGCD Families: Leading up to Thanksgiving week, Boys & Girls Clubs of Dorchester and the teens from our Keystone Club, were excited to partner with State Representative Christopher Worrell, Panera Bread and Grubhub to provide 700 boxed lunch sets to local families. The event was a great way to kick off Thanksgiving week and to help support those in need. We are grateful to Representative Worrell for organizing this event and to the respective teams from Panera Bread and Grubhub for their generous support. Partnerships and volunteers are a critical support to BGCD.

For more information on partnering with our Clubs, please contact Senior VP of Operations Mike Joyce at mjoyce@bgcdorchester.org.

UPCOMING EVENTS

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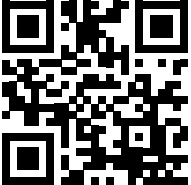
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This meeting will present draft updates to Article 33 Open Space zoning to create a new stadium and public amphitheater zoning district, in order to enable greater investments and amenities in the city's open spaces.

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