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NUTCRACKER SWEET

José Mateo Ballet Theatre's production of *The Nutcracker* opens at Dorchester's Strand Theatre on Friday, Dec. 15 at 7:30 p.m. There will be nine performances in total at the Uphams Corner theatre, including a Christmas Eve matinee. Above, dancers perform in a scene from the classic show, which includes young performers from Dorchester and other Boston neighborhood. See ballettheatre.org for tickets.

Photo by Gary Sloan

THE RETURN OF THE MARQUEES

Movie-house comeback at South Bay

By JENNIFER SMITH
NEWS EDITOR

Crisscrossing Dorchester and Mattapan, an attentive traveler can still pick out the movie houses that dotted the neighborhoods from the 1910s and into the 1980s. One by one, they closed over the years, victims of the onset of television and dropping ticket sales, and morphed into churches, shops, apartments – or empty parking lots.

Even the still-operational Strand Theatre, once a vaudeville house and cinema, let film



Dorchester was once home to multiple cinemas and one drive-in theatre, above.

Image: Cinema Treasures

showings slip off its roster decades ago.

But a new addition to the Dorchester skyline has brought movies back to the neighborhood. The

South Bay Town Center, which is expanding the existing South Bay mall with a retail main street and new residential

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It's a wrap for Campbell as next council president

Says she has the votes

of her twelve colleagues

By JENNIFER SMITH
NEWS EDITOR

District 4 City Councilor Andrea Campbell announced last Saturday that she has secured the support of all of her colleagues to be the next president of the Boston City Council.

When her fellow councillors vote her into the presidency in January, Campbell will take up the post in her sophomore term, becoming the second ever woman of color – after outgoing Council President Michelle Wu – and the first African-American woman to hold the post for this legislative body, which was established in 1909.

“I am humbled and honored to serve as the next council president,” Campbell said in a phone call with the Reporter, “and extremely grateful to have the support of all my colleagues.”

Speculation over a new president started swirling in mid-November, as Wu's two-year term was inching to a close. Campbell's was an early name in contention and she said the other councillors coalesced around her on Saturday.

The presidency was an open question after the November election, which ushered in three new councillors and brought the number of women of color on the



Andrea Campbell
'Humbled, honored'

council to six, up from a previously historic four. With the re-election of District 4 Councilor Campbell; at-large Councillors Wu, Ayanna Pressley, and Annissa Essaibi-George; and the addition of newcomers Kim Janey and Lydia Edwards, the council took a big step toward

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Naysayers don't get far when Dr. Bill Loesch is on the case

By ELIZA DEWEY
REPORTER CORRESPONDENT

He already has decades of community activism under his belt, but longtime Dorchester community leader Dr. Rev. Bill Loesch is focused on his next project. “Our goal is to convince the mayor to make an executive decision that all stores in Boston will no longer sell tobacco products,” he says matter-of-factly



Rev. Dr. Bill Loesch
Civic champion

during a recent sit-down interview in his

Dorchester home.

Rev. Loesch, 76, has lived on Brent Street for more than three decades now, across from the park that was named after him in 2012 to honor his many years of civic work. For his latest effort, he has gathered a small crew of teenage volunteers to help him pursue his bold goal.

“Mayor Walsh keeps saying ‘I want to make

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Parents are pushing back on rescheduled school start times

By MAX LARKIN
WBUR REPORTER

For some Boston parents, the list of next school year's “bell times” dropped like a bomb last Thursday night.

This year, the opening bell at the Henderson School in Dorchester rings at 8:30 a.m. Next year, it will ring at 7:15. And that will make mornings tough on the family of three-year-old Lucy Karp, who is enrolled in pre-kindergarten at the Henderson.

As they have redrawn bus routes and now school schedules, Boston Public Schools officials have called attention to the fact that every child's

trip to school involves a lot of variables. But Lucy's case is even more complex than most.

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DOT BY THE DAY
 Dec. 15 - 26, 2017

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

Friday (15th) – Jose Mateo Ballet Theatre Company’s The Nutcracker opens at the Strand Theatre, 543 Columbia Rd., Dorchester, 7:30 p.m. Call 617-354-7467 or visit ballettheatre.org for tickets. The production runs until Christmas Eve, with a matinee planned for 1:30 p.m. on Dec. 24.

• The Urban Nutcracker opens a 12-show run at John Hancock Hall with a 7:30 p.m. performance. See urbannutcracker.com for tickets.

Saturday (16th) – Make your own Gingerbread House workshop at Lower Mills BPL branch, 27 Richmond St., Dorchester, 11 a.m. Space is limited. Register by calling 617-298-7841.

• Boston City Singers Annual “Winter Stars” Holiday Concert at 11 a.m. at Hope Central Church, 85 Seaverns Ave., and showcase the musical talents of Boston City Singers’ preschool and elementary school-aged singers, along with those of its newest teen choir, Harmony. Concerts will feature songs of hope and joy from around the world, performed by children aged 4-18. Admission is free. Free-will donations to Boston City Singers’ Scholarship Fund will be accepted at the door.

• A festival of Nine Lessons and Carols with the All Saints’ Choir of Men and Boys starts at 4 p.m. at the Parish of All Saints, Ashmont, 209 Ashmont St., Dorchester. Please join the parish as they prepare for Christmas with this traditional service of nine scripture lessons accompanied by carols sung by the choir and hymns sung by the choir and congregation. See allsaints.net or call 617-436-6370.

Sunday (24th) – Now in its 32nd season, José Mateo Ballet Theatre presents its treasured production of The Nutcracker for the 7th season at Strand Theatre in Dorchester (Dec.15-24) with performances through Christmas Eve. Today’s matinee is at 1:30 p.m. 543 Columbia Rd., Dorchester. Call 617-354-7467 or go to ballettheatre.org for tickets.

Monday (25th) – Christmas Day.

Tuesday (26th) – JFK Library hosts a special family-friendly performance of the Tanglewood Marionettes at 10:30 a.m. as part of their Celebrate! Series. The Fairy Circus event features puppetry and the best-loved music of famous composers. Free. See jfklibrary.org for more info.

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Project DEEP’s outstanding 2018 Dorchester calendar is now on sale at Cedar Grove Gardens, College Hype and Phillips Candy House. A great gift at just \$10—and all proceeds support the good works of Project DEEP. The calendar features the watercolors of Dot’s own Celia McDonough.



BPD photos courtesy the children of Project DEEP, the nonprofit Dorchester Educational Enrichment Program at the Lashby-Hallahan Community C.

Hancock Street apartment plan earns final approvals

The Board of Appeal on Tuesday approved developers’ plans to replace two auto-body shops at 233 Hancock St., near Pleasant Street, with a five-story, 36-unit apartment building that would also feature space for an art gallery.

Benjie and Dan Moll would also tear down two billboards now up the hill from the shops, their attorney, John Pulgini, told the board today.

The proposed building would have 20 parking spaces on the first floor.

The Molls are planning twelve studio apartments, twelve units with one bedroom, eight with two bedrooms and four



A rendering of the proposed Hancock Street building. ARX Urban image

with three bedrooms, none more than 950 square feet. Board chairwoman Christine Araujo said the sizes seemed kind of small to her. Pulgini said that is to try to bring the rents

for each unit down. He added that five units would be rented as affordable.

The BPDA has already approved the proposal. –REPORTER STAFF



The Boston Fire Department reports ten people were displaced by a fire at 16 Glendale St. in Dorchester Thursday night. Firefighters responded around 9 p.m. to the fire, which caused an estimated \$250,000 in damage. There were no injuries, the department says. The cause is under investigation.

Boston Fire Department photo

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Suspect wanted for October murder on Columbia Point

Boston Police issued a call last week for help in finding a 28 year-old Boston man who is described as a “suspect” in the Oct. 29 shooting death of a South Boston man in Columbia Point. The victim, 30 year-old Davis Cole, was found shot to death outside 7 Peninsula Place in the Harbor Point community.

The suspect, Marquis Martin, above should be considered armed and dangerous, according to detectives. He is wanted on a felony warrant for murder issued out of Dorchester District Court. Martin is said to be 5’7” tall and weighs 170 pounds.

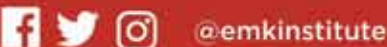
Anyone who knows his whereabouts should call 911 immediately or contact Boston Police Homicide Detectives at 617-343-4470.

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A Dorchester man was convicted Monday for the 1992 murder of a 21 year-old woman who was raped and killed in her South End apartment. James Witkowski, 45, was set to be sentenced today. He faces a mandatory life term. His victim, Lena Bruce was a recent graduate of Tufts University School of Engineering when she was murdered. DNA evidence linked Witkowski to the crime after his arrest on an unrelated case in 2014.

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Mayor Walsh convenes discussion on racism – 2nd Annual Boston Talks About Racism event on Sat., Dec. 16 at Northeastern University’s Blackman Auditorium, 342 Huntington Ave. Doors will open at 9:30 a.m. for registration and the event will start promptly at 10:00 a.m. At this event, the Mayor and members of his team will discuss the implementation of Boston’s Resilience Strategy, and will launch a year-long project that will bring small, facilitated conversations about racism, healing, and policy work into all of Boston’s neighborhoods.

Saturday’s Craft Beer Crawl benefits Dot causes – Drink local throughout Dorchester on Saturday, December 16 with a Yuletide Craft Beer Pub Crawl. Tickets are \$40 each and must be purchased ahead of time (see DotNews.com for link.) With your ticket, you get a punch card for 1 Dorchester-made beer (12oz) at each stop with a limited edition Dorchester glass. A portion of the proceeds will be

donated to College Bound Dorchester and Greater Ashmont Main Street. Choose from a 12p.m. or 1p.m. start time. Locations include: Lower Mills Tavern, Ashmont Grill, Blarney Stone, Harp & Bard and Dorchester Brewing Co. Dorchester Brewing Company will also be hosting their Holiday Bash with live music and tree trimming to finish the day.

Mayoral inauguration set for Monday, January 1 – Mayor Martin J. Walsh’s second mayoral inauguration and the swearing-in of the new Boston City Council will take place on Monday, January 1 at 10 a.m. at the Cutler Majestic Theatre in Boston. Former Vice President Joe Biden will preside at the swearing-in ceremony, followed by Mayor Walsh’s inaugural address. The event will be live-streamed at cityofboston.gov.

Jones Hill Association holiday potluck – The Jones Hill Association holds its December meeting— a holiday potluck—at 7 p.m. on Thurs., Dec. 14 at St. Mary’s Women

and Children’s Center, 90 Cushing Ave., Dorchester. See joneshill.com for additional information. Next meeting: Jan. 11.

Donate Your Old Winter Coats at Standish Village – Now through Sun., January 7, Standish Village Assisted Living, 1190 Adams St., Dorchester is serving as a drop-off site for the Coats for Kids fundraiser. Accepted items include warm, winter coats for adults or children, which can be slightly used or new. We are especially looking for pre-K and XL sizes. Anton’s Cleaners will be cleaning all donated coats free of charge and distributing them through Coats for Kids’ Distribution Partners Network. When you drop off your donation at Standish Village, stay for a complimentary cup of coffee or hot chocolate!

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Campbell secures votes to be next council president

(Continued from page 1) reflecting the demographically diverse city its members represent.

“As the first African-American woman to serve in this role, I am especially humbled and proud to lead the most diverse Council in this body’s history, with a historic six women of color,” Campbell wrote in a statement. “The progress we’ve made would not be possible without the commitment every member of this body has shown to achieving justice, providing equitable services in our diverse communities, and increasing opportunity for all our residents.”

Pressley, elected in 2009 as the first woman of color on the council, has seen the council transform, gaining di-

versity and engaged new representatives over the past eight years.

“Councilor Campbell has been a tremendous partner with me in advancing the causes of access to early education and care, an equitable trauma response protocol, and reforming school discipline policies to eliminate the school to prison pipeline,” Pressley said in a statement. “I am excited to see her elevated as the first African-American woman to be City Council President, and even more excited to see the critical oft-ignored issues we’ve partnered on, elevated.”

Campbell, 35, swept into office in 2015 after unseating 32-year incumbent Charles Yancey to represent District 4. The Boston born-

and-raised councillor lives with her family in Mattapan, serving a district covering broad swaths of Dorchester and Mattapan, as well as parts of Roslindale and Jamaica Plain.

A stalwart advocate for equity in criminal justice and neighborhood investment, she chairs the council’s Public Safety and Criminal Justice committee.

In a statement on Saturday, Mayor Martin Walsh said, “Andrea is a tireless advocate for her constituents and for Boston, and I congratulate her on becoming City Council president. As a smart, passionate, leader, Andrea will continue to propel Boston forward, and I look forward to working with her and

the City Council.”

City Council presidents hold a largely symbolic role as the heads of the 13-member body, although duties include presiding over council meetings, overseeing administrative duties and coordinating facilities projects. But there are perks, like a bigger office budget with more staff and final say over council committee and office assignments.

And, in the event that a mayor cannot serve or leaves office before the term is up, the council president becomes acting mayor.

The new council will be sworn in on Mon., Jan. 1, at 10 a.m. at the Cutler Majestic Theatre, where Walsh will be sworn in for his second term. Council members take

the vote for their new president at their first meeting later that day.

Campbell thanked Wu for her “tremendous leadership” over the past two years.

“I am thrilled,” Wu said in a phone interview Saturday afternoon. “She is going to make a great leader for the council. In just her first term she has proven herself to be someone who understands the issues and has done the work through her committee of thinking about how to incorporate residents and communities into the city.”

The job can be challenging, Wu said, and working to leverage each councillor’s skills, interests, and expertise bolsters the work of the body as a whole.

“When we’re all working together, we get more done for our constituents,” she said, “so it’s really worth the time to understand each councillor’s priorities and how it aligns with what other colleagues want to do.”

Campbell says she will focus on bringing constituent support to the city through her role, prioritizing innovating tools and new technologies with the council and continuing to seek increases in transparency.

“There is still much work to be done,” she said. “I look forward to supporting the goals of each of my colleagues and ensuring we do it with transparency, accessibility, and equity at the forefront.”

Three indicted for aiding alleged killer on Santuit Street

By Reporter Staff

A Suffolk County grand jury on Friday indicted four people in connection with a murder on the Southeast Expressway and another in a Dorchester house: The alleged murderer and his mother, sister and a Boston cop, who are accused of trying to help him evade capture.

Lance Holloman had already been arrested on charges he shot two

motorcyclists on the Southeast Expressway on Sept. 10, one of them, Scott Stevens, fatally, and with killing a woman in his Santuit Street home later that day. The grand jury formally indicted him for the murders and for allegedly ramming another vehicle on the Zakim Bridge before the Expressway shootings, the Suffolk County District Attorney’s office reports.

Prosecutors allege that the woman he killed, Michaela Gingras, was in the rented Jeep he was driving when he rammed the other vehicle on the bridge and then shot Stevens and his father not long after on the Dorchester stretch of the Expressway.

Also indicted today: BPD Officer Monicka Stinson, 37, of Dorchester, a 10-year veteran of the force, who was

charged with obstruction of justice and witness tampering. Neither police nor the Suffolk County District Attorney’s office provided details of her connections to Holloman, but said she lied about being in contact with him in the hours after Stevens’s murder, even though she knew he was a suspect.

In a statement, Police Commissioner William Evans said, “News of

today’s indictment sends a strong message that no one is above the law and that this conduct will not be tolerated.”

Holloman’s mother, Daphne Holloman, 53, was charged with lying to investigators for allegedly telling police that she called 911 to report hearing shots in the house she shared with Holloman just ten minutes earlier when, in fact, the shots from

Gingras’s murder were several hours earlier. Holloman fled the scene; he was found several days later in Franklin, screaming on the side of Rte. 140.

Holloman’s sister, Latoya Holloman, 36, was charged with witness intimidation for telling the person who actually rented the Jeep Holloman is charged with using to report it stolen.

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School Committee OK’s later high school start times

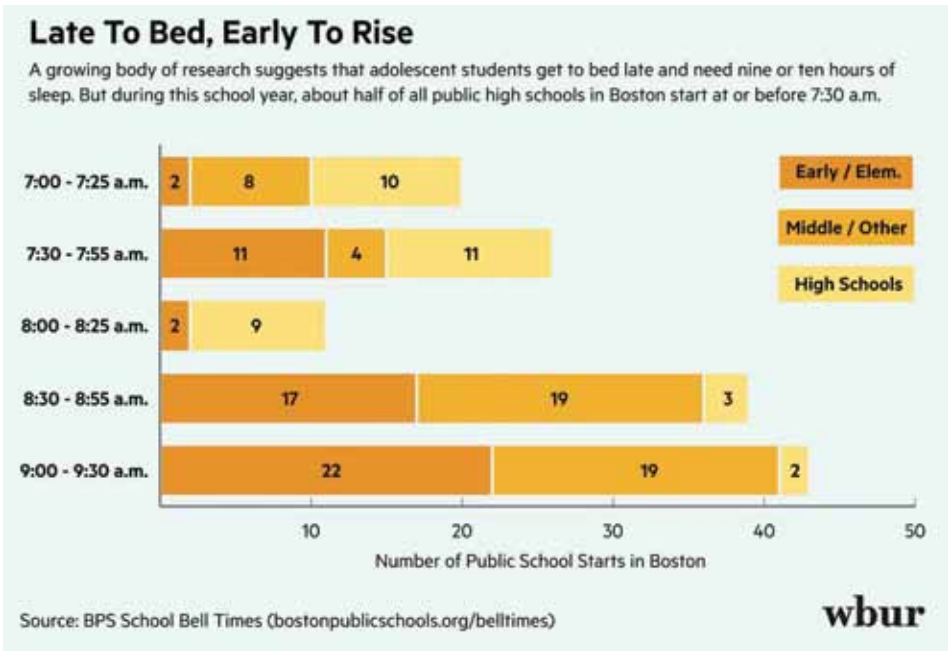
The thinking: Rested teens do better in the classroom

By **MAX LARKIN**
WBUR REPORTER

The Boston School Committee voted unanimously last Wednesday night to approve a new system-wide schedule that will allow most teenagers in the district to sleep in a bit next year. Under the new framework, most high schools will start at or after 8 a.m. Currently, about

half of the district’s public schools start class at or before 7:30 a.m. And whenever possible, under the new system, younger children will be dismissed before 4 p.m., in part to prevent them from running out of steam late in the day — or walking home in the dark. Switching up high schoolers’ schedules has been a district priority

for some time, due in large part to a growing convergence of sleep science and educational activism. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recommends that teens get between 8 and 10 hours of sleep each night, but most get fewer than that. Many sleep researchers, like Wendy Troxel, have blamed what they call an “epi-



deprivation on high-school schedules, arguing

they aren’t built around students’ internal clocks.

“Adolescent biology is unique compared to any other stage of life,” Troxel, a senior behavioral scientist at the RAND Corporation, said. “Their sleep-wake biology is shifted by about two hours.” She likened teenage sleep patterns to being permanently jet-lagged. Troxel and others believes that early start times don’t just rob students of the benefits — like better mood and memory — that come with a good night’s rest; they can trigger or exacerbate the problems associated with adolescent learners: irritability, distraction, even anxiety and depression.

Troxel has argued that high school classes should start at 8:30 a.m. or later. But she told WBUR that schedule changes like the one passed in Boston are steps in the right direction.

To arrive at a system wide plan for next school year’s start times, the district’s operations team turned to the same MIT engineers who plotted this year’s bus routes (with mixed early results). The engineers developed another algorithm that has churned through — the district announced with pride — 1.8 octodecillion [Editor: An octodecillion is defined as 1 followed by 57 zeroes] possible school-day schedules, whittling them down to a few ahead of Wednesday’s meeting.

The district still has not released a full picture of how the plan will work. But whatever happens next will look like a flip of this year’s schedule. Buses will drop young children at school earlier, while older students keep dreaming.

Several other Massachusetts districts, notably Monomoy School Districts on Cape Cod, have been trying out a similar schedule of late. More than a dozen districts in-state have responded to activism from groups like Start School Later.

There weren’t many criticisms presented by the public or school

committee members before the unanimous vote. Some said they have heard from some older students who warned against starting school too late, citing work and child-care responsibilities in the afternoon.

Jessica Tang, president of the Boston Teachers’ Union, says most of the educators she knows are in support of more high-quality learning time with more wakeful students. But she added that some teachers do worry about juggling their own childcare and commutes under the new schedule.

Earlier this year, Boston polled teachers, families, and staff, letting them rank 11 possible start times ranging from 7:30 a.m. to 9 a.m. The thousands of responses didn’t square perfectly with sleep science.

Families and teachers of elementary students tended to cluster around later start times — as late as 8:30 a.m. At high schools, stakeholders aimed for 8 a.m. or earlier. Few respondents of any group, other than some families of high school students, expressed much interest in 9 a.m. or later start times.

But Mary Hamaker, who leads the Start School Later initiative in Massachusetts, explains those poll results as a sign of predictable wariness of something new and disruptive. She and others hope that the new schedule in Boston will win over even the most reluctant as its benefits become clearer.

The significance of the change remains to be seen. What is clear is that, as of next fall, the times — they are a-changing.

This story was first published on Dec. 7 on the website of WBUR 90.9 FM, Boston’s NPR News Station. The Reporter and WBUR have formed a partnership in which the two news organizations will share resources to collaborate on stories. Max Larkin is a multimedia reporter for Edify, WBUR’s education vertical.

Mass Schedules for Parishes of Dorchester & Mattapan

Monday, December 25, 2017
The Nativity of the Lord: Christmas Masses

ST. TERESA OF CALCUTTA PARISH

800 Columbia Road
617-436-2190

Christmas Eve: 4 PM - Adult Choir
6:30 PM - Youth Choir
Christmas Day: 9 AM
No afternoon or evening
Masses on Christmas Day

ST. AMBROSE PARISH

246 Adams Street
617-265-5302

Sat., Dec. 16: 3 PM - Penance Service
Sun., Dec. 17: 1:45 PM Children
Wed., Dec. 20: 6:30 PM - Penance Service
Christmas Eve: 5 PM (English)
7:30 PM (Vietnamese)
Christmas Day: 7 AM and 9 AM (Vietnamese)
11 AM (English)

SAINT ANN PARISH

243 Neponset Avenue

617-825-6180 www.saintannneponset.com

Sat., Dec. 23 5 PM
Sun., Dec. 24 10:30 AM
Christmas Eve: 4 PM
Midnight Mass
Christmas Day: 10:30 AM
No DAILY MASS on Tuesday, Dec. 26

SAINT ANGELA PARISH

1540 Blue Hill Avenue, Mattapan

617-298-0080 www.stangelaparish.org

Christmas Eve: 11 PM Christmas Cantata
(Both Choirs)
Midnight Mass
Christmas Day: 10 AM Mass
12 PM (Haitian Creole)

HOLY FAMILY PARISH

24 Hartford Street

617-365-1132

Christmas Day: 10:00 AM (Spanish/English)
No afternoon or evening
Masses on Christmas Day

SAINT BRENDAN PARISH

589 Gallivan Boulevard

617-436-0310 www.stbrendanparish.org

Sat., Dec. 23: 4 PM
Sun., Dec. 24: 9 AM
Christmas Eve: 4 PM & 7 PM
Christmas Day: 9 AM
No DAILY MASS on Tuesday, Dec. 26
New Year’s Day: 10 AM
(Not a Holy Day of Obligation)

ST. GREGORY PARISH

2223 Dorchester Avenue

617-298-2460 www.stgregoryparish.com

Christmas Eve: 4 PM Christmas Vigil Mass
Christmas Day: 7 AM and 10 AM

ST. MARK PARISH

1725 Dorchester Avenue

617-825-2852 www.stmarkparish.com

Tues., Dec. 19: 7-8 PM Penance Service
Christmas Eve: 4 PM Mass
6 PM Mass Spanish
Midnight
Christmas Day: 8 AM and Noon
10 AM (Spanish)

ST. MATTHEW PARISH

39 Stanton Street

617-436-3590 www.stmatthewdorchester.org

Christmas Eve: 9:30 PM Prelude Christmas
10:30 PM Mass (Bilingual)
Christmas Day: 9:30 AM Mass (English)
11 AM Mass (French/Creole)

SAINT PETER PARISH

311 Bowdoin Street

617-365-1132

Christmas Eve: 4 PM (English)
9 PM (Portuguese)
Christmas Day: 11 AM (Portuguese & English)
No afternoon or evening
Masses on Christmas Day



Parents are pushing back on rescheduled school start times

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“It takes us almost two hours to get out of the house,” says Lucy’s father, Roy. “We have all the typical things that a three-year-old needs to get out the door in the morning: potty time, getting dressed, waking up, having breakfast—all those things.”

Except that Lucy gets her breakfast through a feeding tube slowly overnight. She was born three months early, and has a history of chronic lung disease and acute respiratory distress. She travels to school with a walker and a pediatric nurse, the tube and other medical supplies in tow.

The Henderson is Boston’s only K-through-12 “full-inclusion” school, meaning that students with special medical and behavioral needs are educated alongside ‘typical’ students. Some parents choose it for that model, even those living miles away in West Roxbury, Roslindale — where the Karpss live — and beyond.

As it moved quickly to reconfigure start times this fall, Boston Public Schools officials insisted they were forced to balance priorities. They wanted high schools to start later, so teenagers could get extra sleep, and for elementary schools to dismiss earlier, so young children could get home before sunset.

But the Henderson School is a high school. And the district had also promised to make exceptions for schools like it — with “higher concentrations of medically fragile students or students with autism.”

So parents are asking: Why will it open so much earlier?

“I really don’t get the logic,” Roy Karp says. His family won’t feel it as much, he concedes, since he’s a stay-at-home dad. But the Karpss still



A 5 year-old student from Dorchester watched for his school bus with his mother in 2016. Jesse Costa/WBUR photo

have to facilitate Lucy’s afternoon feeding and to schedule Lucy’s nurse.

“It’s kind of unconscionable,” says Leslie Candy, another Henderson parent, “given our delicate population. We’re all confused as to why our times changed at all.”

BPS Superintendent Tommy Chang said in a statement that the district changed start times “due to an abundance of research that shows student outcomes improve when secondary school students start later and elementary school students start earlier.”

Before announcing the changes, district operations chief John Hanlon noted that they are dealing with a system of many moving parts and “1.8 octodecillion” different possible arrangements.

The district also pointed out outreach opportunities they have offered since last fall, including a survey that got more than 10,000 responses, community meetings, and a website. (It’s worth noting, though, that on the survey, members of the Henderson community, like the district at large, overwhelmingly preferred a start time between 8 and 8:30 a.m.)

In the background, the district is using an algorithm to trim its

spending on transportation — a persistent driver of its budget deficit. Finding those efficiencies, and staggering start times, may have led that algorithm to flip certain schools into a much earlier time bracket.

But to Candy, including Henderson makes this look like a decision made on autopilot. “I question the human aspect of the algorithm. Did anybody stop to think, ‘Holy cow, this is a fully inclusive school. Maybe we need to pull them out of the mix?’”

The Henderson community isn’t the only one greeting a much earlier start with frustration. Under the new schedule, 17 schools — mostly elementary and K-8 — will experience an even bigger swing, opening earlier by two hours or more. (Five more will open at least two hours later.)

A petition protesting the changes was posted Thursday night, and had more than 4,500 signatures by Sunday morning. Many aggrieved parents say they support the changes made for high school students, but don’t see why their own schools have to experience such a swing.

This year, the Mendell Elementary School in Roxbury dismisses its students at 4:10

p.m. Next year, that will move back 135 minutes, to 1:55 p.m.

That poses a problem for Mendell parent Patrick Banfield in picking up his son; both he and his wife work. Banfield says that given the long days he sometimes works as an attorney, “the thought of my five-year-old son having to be at school for 11 hours [every day] is insanity.”

Banfield says the new schedule may save the district money, but it could cost parents a lot: thousands of dollars more to cover all the additional after-school care. Those added costs, he says, could end up driving middle-class families like

his out of the district.

Other parents worried about coaches and trainers for student-athletes. They won’t be able to move practice earlier, since “they’re working people, too,” said Steve Sullivan, who has two kids at the Lyndon K-8 School.

Still others foresaw worsening changes in the rhythm of their children’s days. Like Langdon White, another Henderson parent: “My kids already eat lunch — in heavy quotes — before 11 a.m. Does this mean they’re going to be eating lunch by ten?”

The changes do have defenders. Many high schoolers and their parents, in particular, celebrated online as their start times got later. (94 percent of the district’s high schools will start after 8 a.m. next fall, as opposed to 27 percent this year.)

Even Henderson parents like Maggie Mancuso, who has three children there, said in an email she was “psyched they will be home earlier and I will have more time with them.” Mancuso says she thinks parents are “freaking” out at the disruption but will find that things fall into place

next year.

That’s small solace to Roy Karp. His daughter is new to Boston Public Schools, but he already feels wary of the district’s “backwards” approach to thorny questions like this one.

“BPS does this a lot: announce major policy changes and then reacts” to family unhappiness, Karp said. “But it’s a fait accompli! You’ve already announced the policy, and now you’re just doing damage control!”

On its website, the district lists potential ways of coping with the new clock, including after-school programs, letters of explanation sent to employers and, finally, transfers to a new school.

But going back to the computer to readjust a single school’s schedule isn’t one of them.

This story was first published on Dec. 9 on the website of WBUR 90.9 FM, Boston’s NPR News Station. The Reporter and WBUR have formed a partnership in which the two news organizations will share resources to collaborate on stories. Max Larkin is a multimedia reporter for Edify, WBUR’s education vertical.

Public meeting set for Mattapan Station project

The first Mattapan Station development Impact Advisory Group meeting will take place today (Dec. 14), from 6:15 p.m. to 7:45 p.m. in the Foley Building at 249 River St. Attendees can offer feedback on the 50,000-plus square foot mixed use development at the site of the current MBTA parking lot.

Development partners Preservation of Affordable Housing (POAH) and

Nuestra Comunidad Development Corporation are proposing 135 rental units, 9 condominium units, 10,000 square feet of ground floor retail, 70 underground garage parking spaces, as well as replacing 50 MBTA commuter parking spaces.

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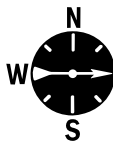
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Savin Hill's McDonough shines as leader at Thayer Academy

BY DANIEL SHEEHAN
REPORTER CORRESPONDENT

A Dorchester student-athlete is being recognized for his leadership on and off the gridiron this season. Mike McDonough, a senior at Braintree's Thayer Academy, recently earned First Team All League honors and was awarded the Seymour Stadfeld Award for his contributions to the Tigers' football program.

McDonough, 18, was co-captain of the team and played at the middle linebacker and fullback positions.

"Mike was our vocal and spiritual leader," said head coach Jeff Toussaint. "He always got the team pumped up before games with encouragement--and a little bit of dancing!"

Ken Burke, the Tigers' defensive coordinator, describes McDonough as a focused competitor and



Michael McDonough, Thayer Academy '18.

a student of the game.

"Michael quarterbacked our defense from the middle linebacker position from start to finish this season," said Burke. "We asked him to be the point man on understanding film and understanding all of our defensive concepts; Michael ate everything up with enthusiasm and confidence. He was a true leader on the field, communicating everything play to play to the team and playing



McDonough, #44, captained Thayer's football team at the middle linebacker and fullback positions, earning him Independent School league honors.

at a high level."

According to faculty members, McDonough's leadership qualities extend beyond the playing field at Thayer Academy, where he has served on the student government since his freshman year.

"Mike is a dedicated student, a determined and loyal teammate, and a thoughtful and caring

school leader," said Terri Lukens, McDonough's faculty advisor. "He is an earnest and kind person, who has never backed down from challenge and difficulty."

"Mike is fiercely loyal to his family, friends, teammates and school," added Lukens. "In fact, he won the prestigious Community Spirit

Award at Thayer in the spring of his sophomore year because he is so well respected by everyone here at school."

Mike's father Brendan said his son, the oldest of four, has been a leader since he was a young kid.

"Academically, athletically, and most importantly morally, he has been an example to

everyone in our family on a daily basis."

According to his father, Mike is a quiet leader with a "calm and gently demeanor" off the field. But that changes the moment he steps on the gridiron and his "fiery competitive nature comes out."

This spirit is what those around Michael say earned him the respect of his peers and teachers, as well as the Stadfeld Award, an honor given annually to a player who "warms both hands before the fire of life." Brendan McDonough said his son embodies this mantra each day.

"He is not the type of kid to sit idle and wait for things to happen. Michael takes each day like it is his last day and lives it to the fullest. Importantly, he does it in a warm and kind way."

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Medical marijuana dispensary proposal aired at council hearing

By JENNIFER SMITH
News Editor

A medical marijuana dispensary proposed for a 6,000 square-foot, free-standing building at 50 Clapp St. was the subject of a city council hearing last week. The proponent, Aidan O'Donovan, and his company, Natural Selections will need a letter of non-opposition from the council to move ahead with the proposal.

The company already has a 50,000 sq. ft. cultivation facility approved in Fitchburg and dispensaries approved in Fitchburg and Wattertown. If approved, O'Donovan anticipates the Dorchester location will be "the most busy." Hours of operation are planned for 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. seven days a week.

Boston facilities are limited in their placement by proximity to areas where children gather, like schools; square footage requirements; and a half-mile radius between other dispensaries.

City Councillor Frank Baker, who sponsored the Planning and Development hearing, noted that several potential dispensaries had eyed the Clapp Street lot in the past for meeting those standards.

"I'm okay with this petitioner here," he said.

O'Donovan has returned to the Boston area after working in the Colorado cannabis industry. Attorney and former city councillor Mike Ross represented Natural Selections at the hearing, introducing Eric Robinson with RODE Architects, who are working on the building design; Boston-based attorney JD Barry; and Dan Linskey, former Superintendent-in-Chief of the Boston Police Department and the project's head of security.

Baker and colleagues visited Denver to assess the impacts of the legalized cannabis industry, and "one of the things I came away for Denver with was [an understanding that marijuana is] just a very aggressive business, and my thinking is that we should try and be on the front end of this business here."

The Natural Selections dispensary location, residents have noted, is near enough to the Massachusetts Avenue and Melnea Cass stretch of the city known for dense populations of individuals suffering from addiction to worry them.

Councillor Annissa Essaibi-George said she has "significant concerns about the location and its siting, but I'm also, I'd say, impressed with the quality and presentation that your group

has put forward and also understand that maybe not all presenters and not all proponents that come before the neighborhood and before the council would be of this high quality."

Natural Selections met several times with the John W. McCormack Civic Association, which approved the proposal in a narrow 24 to 23 in their November general membership meeting, and the Newmarket Business Association.

The team laid out a "commitment package" to the community, Ross said, though "anything we do commit to would be at the blessing and direction of this council and the mayor's office."

Natural Selections would set a minimum \$40 purchase price, not sell any cannabis paraphernalia, improve lighting on the site and down the street, pay for

24/7 security as well as fund additional police presence and security cameras around the area that police could monitor, and prohibit consumption of the products on the property.

Natural Selections would also impose a

moratorium on applying to sell recreational marijuana until 2020, and then only if the business has been open for a full year.

They have also pledged annual contributions to local programs, including 1.5 percent

of annual revenue to be split between three neighborhood groups like McCormack Civic.

The project needs approval from the Zoning Board of Appeal.

"There have been a lot of learning lessons in Colorado and a lot of

years of just learning this industry... "I think it's really awesome what we've been able to accomplish and achieve there, and we're excited to bring that back to Boston."



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Dot photographer Mike Ritter turns lens on Boston’s ‘cornerstones’

By ELANA AURISE
REPORTER STAFF

Mike Ritter moved to Boston in late 2002 and has been exploring ever since. He started Ritterbin Photography in 2005 and has done work for organizations and foundations like the Martin Richard Foundation, Goodwill, Greater Ashmont Main Street, Citizen Schools, the Boston Book Festival, among others.

Now, Ritter’s “time collage” photography series from his ongoing historical project called Boston Cornerstones is being showcased in City Hall’s Mayor’s Gallery through Fri., Dec. 29.

A “time collage” is a handful of shots from the same vantage point with a cornerstone visible somewhere in the frame, according to Ritter. Later, he blends them together to build layers and meaning into one final image.

The photos showcased in the Mayor’s Gallery each come with their own write-up, including the year of the building in the image, the date and time the images were made, and the context of what’s happening in the shot.

“The Boston Cornerstones project presents



Mike Ritter is shown in front of his Boston Cornerstones exhibit now on display in City Hall’s Mayor’s Gallery through Friday, December 29.

Photo courtesy Mike Ritter/Ritterbin.com

me with a cohesive way to document the city’s architecture, institutions, residents, culture, politics, traditions, weather, and current events as they turn into the past,” said Ritter, 37. “I can see myself doing this for a long, long time because each image ties back into others and they tell Boston’s story in a multi-faceted way.”

As a photographer, Ritter has traveled all over the world, but soon realized all the work he needed was in his backyard.

“I know Boston offers

more than enough for me to explore with my camera. I take lots of pride in the fact that my business is located in Dorchester and the majority of my work is with Boston clients,” said Ritter. “Boston has been very good to me and I hope to continue paying it back.”

Ritter’s website, bostoncornerstones.com, displays all the cornerstones he’s found on a map and you can search by date and neighborhood, but it’s also an interactive experience where you can share

your stories of certain buildings and the cornerstones you’ve found. He urges the public to head over to that website and share the cornerstones they know that may not be listed. He wants to tell a grand narrative about the city, but knows that story will only get better with the help of others, so go share your stories.

“In the end, this is a celebration about the passage of time and Boston, and we all know celebrations only get better when more people are involved,” said Ritter.

Dorchester resident **Doug Dodson** will be a featured countertenor soloist in Handel and Haydn Society’s Bach Christmas, taking place Thurs., Dec. 13 (7:30p.m.) and Sunday,

December 17 (3 p.m.) at NEC’s Jordan Hall, 30 Gainsborough St., Boston.

Bach Christmas is a Baroque bounty of music, perfect for the Christmas season, in-

cluding the glories of Bach’s Cantata 147 with its chorale, “Jesu, Joy of Man’s Desiring,” the rhapsodic harmonies of Biber’s Annunciation, and J.L. Bach’s sublime meditation on Jesus in



Doug Dodson
Photo courtesy of Handel and Haydn Society

a manger. The concert will feature a special guest performance by H+H’s Concert Choir youth ages 12-14.

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ADAMS STREET BRANCH
Thurs., Dec. 14, 10:30 a.m. – Baby & Toddler Time; Drop in Tech Support; 3:30 p.m. – Drop-In Homework Help; 4:30 p.m. – LEGOs Builders Club. **Fri., Dec. 15,** 9:30 a.m. – Baby & Toddler Playgroup; 10 a.m. –Ask a Career Counselor. **Mon., Dec. 18,** 3:30 p.m. – Drop-In Homework Help; 6 p.m. – Celebrate the December Holidays Magic Show. **Tues., Dec. 19,** 10:30 a.m. – Preschool Story Time; 3:30 p.m. – Drop-In Homework Help; 4 p.m. – Ask a Career Counselor; 4:30 p.m. – Kids’ Art Club. **Wed., Dec. 20,** 3:30 p.m. – Drop-In Homework Help; 4:30 p.m. – Holiday Cooking Decorating. **Thurs., Dec. 21,** 10:30 a.m. – Drop in Tech Support; Baby & Toddler Time; 3:30 p.m. – Drop-In Homework Help; 4:30 p.m. – LEGOs Builders Club.

CODMAN SQUARE BRANCH
Thurs., Dec. 14, 12:30 p.m. – USCIS Information Hours at the Boston Public Library Branches; 3:30 p.m. – Drop-In Homework Help. **Mon., Dec. 18,** 3:30 p.m. – Drop-In Homework Help. **Tues., Dec. 19,** 10:30 a.m. – Quilt Making for Generations; 11 a.m. – Preschool Story Time; 3:30 p.m. – Drop-In Homework Help. **Wed., Dec. 20,** 3:30 p.m. – Drop-In Homework Help; **Thurs., Dec. 21,** 3:30 p.m. – Drop-In Homework Help.

FIELDS CORNER BRANCH
Thurs., Dec. 14, 3:30 p.m. – Drop-In Homework Help. **Fri., Dec. 15,** 9:30 a.m. – Lapsit Story Time; 10:30 a.m. – Reading Readiness. **Sat., Dec. 16 – 10** a.m. Ask a Career Counselor; Vietnamese Book Club. **Mon., Dec. 18,** 10:30 a.m. – Ask a Career Counselor; 3:30 p.m. – Drop-In Homework Help. **Tues., Dec. 19,** 3:30 p.m. – Drop-In Homework Help; 6:30 p.m. – Hatha Yoga. **Wed., Dec. 20,** 10:30 a.m. – Preschool Films and Fun; 3:30 p.m. – Drop-In Homework Help. **Thurs., Dec. 21,** 3:30 p.m. – Drop-In Homework Help.

GROVE HALL BRANCH
Thurs., Dec. 14, 3:30 p.m. – Drop-In Homework Help; 5:30 p.m. – Thursday Nigh Movies; 6 p.m. – Explaining Elma Lewis: The Cultural and Political Legacy of an American Icon. **Fri., Dec. 15,** 10:30 a.m. – Preschool Movies. **Sat., Dec. 16,** 11 a.m. – Holiday Party and Ornament Workshop; 12 p.m. – Friends of the Grove Hall Branch Holiday Book and Bake Sale. **Mon., Dec. 18,** 3:30 p.m. – Drop-In Homework Help. **Tues., Dec. 19,** 10:15 a.m. – ESL High-Beginner English; 10:30 a.m. – Preschool Story Time; 3:30 p.m. – Drop-In Homework Help. **Wed., Dec. 20,** 11 a.m. – Toddler Time; 3:30 p.m. – Drop-In Homework Help; 4 p.m. – Drop-In Crafts: Snow Globes. **Thurs., Dec. 21,** 3:30 p.m. – Drop-In Homework Help.

LOWER MILLS BRANCH
Thurs., Dec. 14, 3:30 p.m. – Drop-In Homework Help. **Fri., Dec. 15,** 9:30 a.m. – Babytime; 1 p.m. – Gary Cooper Movie Series. **Sat., Dec. 16,** 11 a.m. – Build Your Own Gingerbread House. **Mon., Dec. 18,** 3:30 p.m. – Drop-In Homework Help; 7 p.m. – Pajama Storytime. **Tues., Dec. 19,** 10:30 a.m. – Preschool Story Time; 3:30 p.m. – Drop-In Homework Help. **Wed., Dec. 20,** 10:30 a.m. – Music & Movement; 3:30 p.m. – Drop-In Homework Help. **Thurs., Dec. 21,** 3:30 p.m. – Drop-In Homework Help.

MATTAPAN BRANCH
Thurs. Dec. 14, 12 p.m. – Towering Tots; 2:30 p.m. – 90s Nostalgia; 3:30 p.m. – Drop-In Homework Help; 6:30 p.m. – Yoga. **Fri., Dec. 15,** 2:30 p.m. – Movie Friday. **Sat., Dec. 16,** 9 a.m. – USCIS Information Hours at the Boston Public Library; 2 p.m. – Teen Resume Building. **Mon., Dec. 18,** 2:30 p.m. – Cartoon Afternoon; 3:30 p.m. – Drop-In Homework Help. **Tues., Dec. 19,** 12 p.m. – Towering Tots; 2:30 p.m. – 90s Nostalgia; 3:30 p.m. – Drop-In Homework Help. **Wed., Dec. 20,** 2:30 p.m. – Cartoon Afternoon; 3:30 p.m. – Drop-In Homework Help. **Thurs., Dec. 21,** 12 p.m. – Towering Tots; 2:30 p.m. – 90s Nostalgia; 3:30 p.m. – Drop-In Homework Help; 6:30 p.m. – Yoga. **UPHAMS CORNER BRANCH**
Thurs., Dec. 14, 3:30 p.m. – Drop-In Homework Help. **Sat., Dec. 16,** 11 a.m. – Lego Builders. **Mon., Dec. 18,** 3:30 p.m. – Drop-In Homework Help. **Tues., Dec. 19,** 3:30 p.m. – Drop-In Homework Help. **Wed., Dec. 20,** 3:30 p.m. – Drop-In Homework Help. **Thurs., Dec. 21,** 3 p.m. – Winter Solstice Craft; 3:30 p.m. – Drop-In Homework Help.

Dot Food Co-op welcomes new director

The Dorchester Food Co-op took a big step into its future last month with the hiring of **Christian Perry** as its new director. A graduate of the Heller School for Social Policy and Management at Brandeis and a former Peace Corps volunteer, Christian began his new role on Nov. 29.

“Knowing his strong background in community organizing, we’re thrilled to see Christian take the Co-op through its next chapter — building on the great foundational work that Darnell Adams [former Co-op Project Manager] accomplished,” said Co-op Board Chair Alison Brown.

Perry will be taking the reins as the Co-op sees membership top 700 and a site location looms large. As the agency embarks on a strategic



Christian Perry

planning in 2018, his academic training in business administration will be helpful. “I think about a co-op as a place where hope can live. It’s an opportunity to build community in a way that is powerful and can bring changes like better access to healthy food, and local economic development,” he said.

Perry comes to the work with both “head and heart,” eager to listen to community members and Co-op member-owners and mobilize

the community to action as well as to consider the organization’s next steps. “My passion is building people power and doing so in ways that allow us to live out what we want our world to look like,” he says. “The Co-op is an opportunity for experimentation - with what it means to be community-centered, community-led, and membership-owned. These are the types of principles that we’re always talking about, how can we start to live them out?”

There will be a welcome event for Perry in January. To read the Co-op’s welcome interview with him, visit its website: dorchesterfoodcoop.com. The Dorchester Food Co-op will be a tenant in a new, 6,057-sq. ft. retail space that is planned for 191-195 Bowdoin Street.

Dot trio assist students through City Year Boston Americorps

Dorchester residents **Lushane Nembhard**, **Iashai Stephens**, and **Tianna Tomlinson** are giving back by completing a year of public service in education as a City Year Boston AmeriCorps member.

Nembhard is working at Hennigan K-8 school in Jamaica Plain, Stephens at Lilla G. Frederick Pilot Middle School in Dorchester, and Tomlinson at Blackstone Innovation School in the South End.

They are providing support to students in attendance, positive behavior, and coursework in English and math, and ensuring that students stay on track to high school graduation.

City Year Boston AmeriCorps members serve as critical mentors, tutors and role models in 23 Boston public schools, reaching more than 12,000 students every day.

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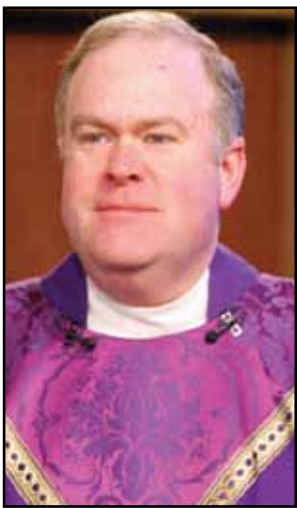
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Amazon’s Delivering Smiles holiday giving program made a stop at St. Mary’s Center in Dorchester on Thurs., Dec. 7. Amazon volunteers visited the Jones Hill organization to provide a one-of-a-kind holiday experience for the children there with the help of Amazon’s Treasure Truck. The event featured games, music, a photo booth, and gifts for every child. Shown above, from left: Susan Keliher, director of development and communications, St. Mary’s Center for Women & Children Deirdre Houtmeyers, president & CEO, St. Mary’s Center for Women & Children, and Erin Mulhall, Amazon representative.



On Sunday, Dec. 17, Father Michael Drea will celebrate Mass at the CatholicTV Network’s Chapel of the Holy Cross. Father Drea is the pastor of the Saint Ann/Saint Brendan Collaborative in Dorchester. Sunday’s Mass will be broadcast on Channel 56 at 8 a.m. and on CatholicTV at 7 p.m. and 11:30 p.m. The CatholicTV Network is a national cable television network also streaming a live feed 24/7 at CatholicTVLIVE.com.

Sportsmen’s Toni Wiley to be honored by US Tennis Assn.

United States Tennis Association (USTA) New England is proud to announce it has selected Dorchester resident and Director of Sportsmen’s Tennis and Enrichment Center, **Toni Wiley** as its 2017 William Freedman Award winner. Wiley, along with 30 other award winners, will be recognized at the annual Awards Ceremony to take place on January 20 at the Courtyard by Marriott in Marlborough.

“Our award winners exemplify the very best of tennis in New England,” said **Scott Steinberg**, USTA New England President and CEO. “Their remarkable efforts on and off the court have been instrumental in continuing to grow the game. We are delighted to have this opportunity to recognize and celebrate



Toni Wiley

their accomplishments.” The William Freedman Award is given annually to the person who has made an outstanding contribution to the development of junior tennis throughout his or her career.

The ceremony will feature guest emcee **Harvey Leonard**, chief meteorologist for WCVB-TV Channel 5 in Boston.

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James Baker’s House

Dr. James Baker, the founder of the chocolate company that later became the Walter Baker Company, was born on Sept. 5, 1739, of the fourth generation from Richard who was the pioneer of the Baker family in this country. Richard landed in Boston from the Norsey (North Sea) bark “Bachelor,” of which he was second in command in November 1635. He settled in Savin Hill.

It was said of the young James: “Owing to the gentleness of his disposition, his parents were induced to fit him for the ministry.” With this in view he went through Harvard College, graduating in 1760, and then began to study theology with the Rev. Jonathan Bowman, the minister of Dorchester whose son-in-law he later became.

While fitting for his profession, Mr.



The painting above is on the face of a brick that came from the Baker house in Dorchester.

Baker taught school, and this delayed him in getting started in the ministry. It soon became apparent that his extreme diffidence would prevent him from

performing the duties of a minister, so he voluntarily gave up the idea, and began to study medicine, teaching school at intervals during this period.

Dr. James had his home on a large tract of land at the corner of Washington and Norfolk Streets. “The profession of medicine, however, proved distasteful to him; and he laid in a stock of merchandise, and opened a store. In 1780, he saw that there were great possibilities in the chocolate business, so he closed his store, and began to manufacture chocolate. The success of this undertaking was remarkable, and “Baker’s Chocolate” has been manufactured ever since, now being known in all parts of the world.”

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District Attorney Daniel F. Conley and BPD Commissioner William Evans announcing a new diversion pilot program that will begin in January at Dorchester District Court. Photo courtesy DA Conley’s office

Diverting drug offenders to seek help, avoid jail

Last week, Suffolk County District Attorney Daniel F. Conley announced a promising new diversion program that will soon steer people arrested for simple drug possession into recovery services instead of criminal court. The program, dubbed Road to Recovery, will begin as a pilot here at the state’s busiest courthouse: the Dorchester Division of the Boston Municipal Court in Codman Square.

In teaming up with the Gavin Foundation, the program will also give Boston Police officers a new tool to deal with non-violent cases.

As Conley explained it: “Beginning next month, if members of the Boston Police find someone in simple possession of a controlled substance who presents no other apparent risk to public safety, they’ll assess that person for substance dependence or addiction. If the person meets some basic criteria, they won’t make an arrest. Instead, they’ll issue a summons for that person to appear in court.” There’ll be no long waits for a hearing date; the individuals will be expected in court the next day, “allowing us to strike while the iron is hot and there’s still an incentive to seek treatment,” said Conley.

Once they show up at the courthouse, they will meet with prosecutors who will offer them a chance to choose recovery services ranging from detox to counseling, all through the Gavin Foundation. If they agree, they get to skip an arraignment and deal with getting clean and sober.

“It won’t matter if it’s your first, second, or fifth straight possession offense,” Conley said. “If you want to get clean, we want to help. Participants will still have access to a lawyer if they wish, but because the program effectively replaces traditional prosecution, it should drive down the cost of public counsel and regular court dates. And if a participant successfully completes the treatment plan, he won’t just avoid a conviction – the case will never even be entered on a criminal record.”

The new program for adults is based on one that is already in place for juveniles. According to the DA’s office, it’s a very promising model. Since last May, about 45 teenagers have chosen services and each of them “has either completed the program successfully or is on track to do so.”

As Conley noted, many simple possession cases don’t ever result in convictions. They are frequently dismissed. But this program offers folks who need and want help a welcome new entry point.

– Bill Forry

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Question: What is the route for success in planning for the new Glover’s Corner?

Residents to city: Factor in voices of *all* Dot residents

By Cindy Tao, Jeannie Do, Michelle Nguyen, and Avi Nguyen

Displacement is ripping Dorchester apart, but the crisis could bring us together. We are young people who have lived here all our lives. After decades of isolation, we’ve seen Dorchester’s many ethnic communities start to build a new, more united community.

Now, though, we are seeing gentrification pushing out our neighbors who can’t afford the skyrocketing rents and home prices that are only getting worse. Displacement and unaffordable housing are hurting all of us in our lives and in our hearts.

New development in Glover’s Corner could mean thousands of affordable housing units for working class families who want to live in Dorchester. New zoning guidelines could protect the affordable housing we have now and keep families here. But if the city’s planning process favors luxury and “market rate” housing, we are going to lose Boston’s biggest working class neighborhood.

Many generations of immigrants have worked hard to build the vibrant Dorchester we have today. If the Boston Planning and Development Agency green-lights a high-rent Glover’s Corner, a wave of displacement will wash through Dorchester. It will traumatize communities — Vietnamese, Black, Cape Verdean, Irish — that have experienced displacement over and over. We don’t want to go through that trauma again. And that motivates us to work for community stability.

For the Glover’s Corner process to turn out right, the people who will be affected most — renters, people of color, low-moderate income whites, non-English proficient speaking immigrants — need to be at the center of the discussion. That is not happening yet, for several reasons.

One is that the BPDA does not seem to be able to reach them. The agency’s workshops are overwhelmingly white with some Vietnamese, and a few Black and Cape Verdean residents. Renters also appear to be far below the 87 percent level of residents in the Glover’s Corner study area. And language used during the meetings is inaccessible to many everyday people.

Other reasons: the meeting place is inaccessible by public transit; the BPDA does not provide childcare for working families; and it does not provide food for meetings that run from 5:30 to 8 p.m.

And another: The BPDA’s meetings privilege BPDA voices over those of residents. A typical meeting starts with an hour-long lecture from city staff, moves to a small group exercise that BPDA staff design and run, and ends with a very short report-back. Residents do not have an open forum

BPDA: Our duty is to listen to all voices

By Brian Golden and Lara Merida

Earlier this year, the Boston Planning & Development Agency (BPDA), in coordination with other city departments and the community launched PLAN: Glover’s Corner, based on the need for an inclusive planning process to create neighborhood-appropriate development, avoid displacement, and promote equity for all who live and work in this community. Acknowledging development pressures in the area, PLAN: Glover’s Corner seeks to identify opportunities for preservation and enhancement while determining an appropriate approach for responsible new development.

Boston is experiencing an unprecedented period of growth. Our city’s population is projected to exceed 700,000 people by the year 2030. While this growth holds tremendous promise to expand our economy and enhance the vitality and diversity of our neighborhoods, change can also be difficult if it is not well planned and deliberated, so it’s important for communities to come together and discuss shared priorities.

Under Mayor Walsh’s leadership, Imagine Boston 2030, Boston’s first citywide plan in 50 years, is creating a framework to embrace growth as a means to address our challenges and make the city stronger and more inclusive.

Planning initiatives start by asking the community to share what they love about their neighborhood and what they hope can be improved. This early feedback helps residents, stakeholders, and the city identify what questions to address through the planning process. This allows us to set the agenda for future planning and informs us of the relevant data we need to collect to ultimately answer these questions together.

Sometimes the data are readily available and need to be sorted and analyzed. In other instances,



Participants at a Glover’s Corner visioning session earlier this year. Jennifer Smith photo

where we can discuss the most important issues about transportation, housing, jobs, and the way those issues affect each other. We do not get to define possible solutions.

Many of us have tried to participate in these meetings. But we can’t bring our family members and neighbors to a process that they won’t trust. So instead, we have been working with a group called Dorchester Not For Sale that is asking hundreds of residents what solutions will work for them.

Early this fall, Dorchester Not For Sale met with BPDA planners, asked for detailed data on the study area, and for time to digest the information. We got absolutely no response — not a letter, email, or a phone call — even though we sent a follow-up letter asking a second time.

Two weeks ago, our group brought more than 60 residents to a BPDA workshop on transportation. When the meeting followed the usual script for 40 minutes, we stood up and said: We want to be part of this process, but our voices are not being heard.

Then we walked out, taking two-thirds of the people in the room with us, almost all the people of color, and as far as we can tell, most of the renters, the people who are going to be most affected by whatever this process decides.

This can’t continue.

We want the Glover’s Corner planning process to turn out right. We want development — development that does not displace us, but improves Dorchester for all of us. We are willing to work with the BPDA. We think what they are doing has value. But the input they are getting is not coming from all of Dorchester.

If you put together the BPDA’s planning resources and our community mobilizing capacity, PLAN: Glovers Corner can succeed. We want to make that happen. For it to happen, the BPDA will actually have to talk with us, and it will have to relax its iron grip on the process.

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the data need to be collected, which is a time, and resource, consuming process. Based on the feedback we’ve received since PLAN: Glover’s Corner was launched, the BPDA is preparing a range of data and analysis to share with the entire community. The data will outline the current demographics, housing, and economic conditions, as well as strategies to create and maintain affordable housing. General data were provided in our first workshops, and a more detailed housing and demographic report is being completed with new data released by the US Census Bureau earlier this month.

We will continue our commitment to providing the necessary interpretation services throughout the PLAN: Glover’s Corner process. We have provided translated materials in both Vietnamese and Cape Verdean Creole and simultaneous interpretation of both languages at our workshops. As planners, it is our duty to listen to the many different voices within the community whose issues and priorities may vary.

As in any planning process, the goal of PLAN: Glover’s Corner is to work together to create recommendations that can help us solve our shared concerns. We are appreciative of the community members who have engaged in this process so far, and we are focused on ensuring that everyone feels welcomed in the conversation, no matter your race, gender, age or background. We need everyone’s voices as we work to maintain a neighborhood where our residents and small businesses can thrive.

To find out more about PLAN: Glover’s Corner and share your hopes, fears and questions, please visit: bit.ly/PlanGlovers.

Brian Golden is the director of the BPDA and Lara Merida is the agency’s deputy director of community planning.

Movie-house comeback at South Bay

(Continued from page 1) housing, is anchored by a 12-screen AMC cinema.

With the new theater operational — and just before the new Star Wars takes viewers back to a galaxy far, far, away — it seems a good time to take a look back at the cinemas that once covered the area and offered an escape into westerns and cowboys, sweeping romances, screwball comedies, and cinematic space operas for generations of residents.

The heyday of the local movie theater in Dorchester was the mid-20th century, says Earl Taylor, president of the Dorchester Historical Society. Records showed that there were around 11 theaters in Dorchester during the 1930s, and two in Mattapan. “They were neighborhood theaters, most of them, except for The Strand,” he said, seating around 1,000, and “they did a good business for many years.”

The late Anthony LaCamera, a longtime TV critic for the Boston Record-American, wrote a recollection of his old haunts in a 1983 supplement for the now-defunct Dorchester Argus-Citizen. When he was boy and young man in the 1920s and 1930s, LaCamera wrote, he and his friends would slowly hoard the 10 cents needed for a ticket, traversing the neighborhood by foot to some of the nearly a dozen local theaters.

“For me, the vanished theaters live on in fond memories, sharpened by occasional television revivals of old movies and old stars that we could hardly wait to arrive from downtown for belated suburban engagements,” he wrote.

While outlying theaters in suburbs and malls weathered the years a bit, “the neighborhood theater buildings became very expensive to maintain,” Taylor said. “That was an indication that they were losing viewership, and all of a sudden the explosion

of television. Those two things together really put them out to pasture.”

And in a slow fade through time, the theaters slipped into other uses. The Oriental in Mattapan became the Capitol Electric Supply Co., and the Mattapan on River Street at Mattapan Square eventually became the current MBTA parking lot.

The Strand Theatre introduced “talkies” with Marx Brothers movies in the 1930s, running first-run films until 1969, when it closed its doors due to declining ticket sales. It reopened a decade later as the performance space it once was.

Franklin Park Theatre, built in 1914 and designed by Strand Theatre designers Funk and Wilcox, once welcomed 2,000 theater-goers as a popular Yiddish theater in the late 1920s. It became a motion picture house in 1936, according

to Matthew Lambros, author of “After the Final Curtain: The Fall of the American Movie Theater.” The format switched back to musical and stage acts in the 1950s before becoming the home of the New Baptist Fellowship Church.

Gone, too, are the Neponset Drive-In, Adams Theatre, Codman Square Theatre, the Fields Corner Theatre, the Grove Hall Theatre, the Hamilton Theatre, the Ideal Theatre, Liberty Theatre, Magnet Theatre, Morton Theatre, and the Uphams Corner Theatre. At one time there were four on Blue Hill Avenue, “even in weird little spots,” Taylor said. By the 1980s only two remained.

“They all had those interesting fronts, sometimes arched, marquee, wide entrance, oftentimes decorative stone facing,” he said. “I always think it’s sad when we lose part of the fabric

of the streetscape. The building that goes in place of an old building is not often so interesting.”

One of the last movie houses in the neighborhood was the Dorchester Theater on Dorchester Avenue at Park Street. It closed for a while, and opened again as the Park Cinema, which was later “twinned” into two theaters, according to a Fields Corner Main Streets review in 2009.

The lobby entrance at the corner, where a Radio Shack store later set up shop, was bedecked with changing marquees over the years before finally shuttering in the 1980s. The original pressed metal ceiling and some of the colorful, Art Deco stenciled painting still survive in the higher floors of the building.

Larry Murphy wrote on the website Cinemas-Treasures of his childhood remembrances of the Dorchester Theater, where he and his friends

gaped at John Wayne in his many war or cowboy movies. “These chaotic matinees cost twelve cents on Saturdays and twenty-five cents on Sundays and were packed with a huge assortment of un-chaperoned, undisciplined screaming kids who couldn’t sit still if their life depended on it,” he wrote.

Around the time of Park Cinema’s closure, the two-screen Puritan Mall Cinema on Morrissey Boulevard was ending its run from the 1970s until roughly 1983. The building has housed Rainbow, an apparel shop, for more than a decade.

The loss of the theaters was cultural, but their use as communal spaces were draws for locals around their villages. “They created a sense of community for those nearby,” Taylor said. “With how insular Dorchester used to be, people didn’t venture

far I guess, and a lot of people stayed in their communities and villages.”

As the new theater in South Bay Town Center purrs into motion with its IMAX and Dolby cinemas, the developer’s managing director, Brad Dumont, said that including the showpiece AMC was an “obvious” choice for the South Bay expansion.

Like Taylor said, theaters can be a community’s anchor, and the South Bay team hopes theirs will work the same way, bringing in diners, shoppers, residents and moviegoers alike. “We’re focused on making this a community gathering space and making it a place where people want to come and gather and hang out,” Dumont said.

So after more than three decades, the marquee lights are up again in Dorchester, and the show goes on.

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ALL SAINTS FETIVAL OF NINE LESSONS AND CAROLS

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BOSTON CITY SINGERS

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Youth music organization Boston City Singers will celebrate the holidays with community concerts on Sat., Dec. 16 at 11 a.m. at Central Church, 85 Seaverns Ave., Jamaica Plain and Sun., Dec. 17 in at 3 p.m. at Saint Ann Church, 434 Neponset Ave., Dorchester. Concerts will feature songs of hope and joy from around the world, performed by children aged 4-18. Admission is free. Free-will donations to Boston City Singers' Scholarship Fund will be accepted at the door.

BOSTON TALKS ABOUT RACISM EVENT

Mayor Walsh and members of his team will discuss the implementation of Boston's Resilience Strategy, and will launch a year-long project that will bring small, facilitated conversations about racism, healing, and policy work into all of Boston's neighborhoods on Sat., Dec. 16 at Blackman Auditorium, 342 Huntington Ave., Boston. Doors will open at 9:30 a.m. for registration and the event will start promptly at 10 a.m.

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The Martin Richard Foundation board members along with the foundation's youth board, staff and volunteers gathered at the Boston's Pine Street Inn on Sunday, Dec. 10 to serve dinner to nearly 300 men at their South End shelter. The team also toured the facility and learned of the many complexities of shelter services in helping give each individual dignity and respect as they get back on their feet.

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(12oz) at each stop with a limited edition Dorchester glass. A portion of the proceeds will be donated to College Bound Dorchester and Greater Ashmont Main Street. Choose from a 12p.m. or 1p.m. start time. Locations include: Lower Mills Tavern, Ashmont Grill, Blarney Stone, Harp & Bard and Dorchester Brewing Co. Dorchester Brewing Company will also be hosting their Holiday Bash with live music and tree trimming to finish the day.

STANDISH VILLAGE DECEMBER EVENTS

Wed., Dec 20 at 4 p.m.: Enjoy light refreshments and a chance to share your personal experiences and strategies for communicating with your loved one at Alzheimer's Support Group, held the third Wednesday of each month at 1190 Adams St., Dorchester. RSVP to Julie Platz or Erica Curcio at 617-298- 5656.

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Herald declares bankruptcy,

agrees to be sold to Gatehouse

The Boston Herald is declaring bankruptcy and has agreed to be sold to GateHouse Media.

The daily newspaper founded in 1846 announced Friday it filed a voluntary Chapter 11 bankruptcy petition in Delaware. Publisher Patrick Purcell didn't disclose the sale price but said the purchase is subject to court approval.

Purcell cited pension liabilities, declining revenue, digital media and growing competition for the decision. He said the company would continue its day-to-day operations.

The 64,500-circulation tabloid had some 900 employees at its peak in 2000. Today it has 240; more than half working in the newsroom. It has won eight Pulitzer Prizes in its history.

New York-based GateHouse Media publishes more than 600 newspapers in 38 states, including daily newspapers serving Cape Cod, Worcester and Fall River and Rhode Island. (AP)

One young man killed, two injured

in Mission Hill shooting last week

Boston police say one young man was shot to death and two others were injured in the same area as a school basketball game was getting out and hundreds of youths poured into the streets.

Police had responded to the city's Mission Hill neighborhood for reports of a disturbance at about 7:45 p.m. Wednesday (Dec. 6) when they heard gunfire nearby.

Three victims were located. They were brought to the hospital where one later died. Police Commissioner William Evans says the victims appeared to be in their late teens. No names were released.

Evans believes there were many witnesses and he is asking them to contact investigators. (AP)

Feds say Joyce ran Senate office

“as a criminal enterprise”

Federal agents from the FBI and IRS arrested former state senator Brian Joyce, 55, last Friday, the result of a two-year investigation that led a top prosecutor to declare that Joyce “ran his Senate office as a criminal enterprise.” Federal authorities unsealed an indictment against Joyce, charging the Democrat with 113 counts including racketeering, extortion, mail fraud, wire fraud, money laundering and tax evasion. The indictment alleges that Joyce secretly profited from his elected position as a senator from Milton, accepting bribes and kickbacks in exchange for his “official action” in the Senate and putting pressure on state and local officials.

Joyce, 55, who served in the Senate as a Milton Democrat beginning in 1998, did not seek re-election last year after the launch of a federal probe into his alleged actions in the Senate to benefit himself and his private law firm.

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Community Health News

Aid in dying supporters positive as doctors shift stance

By COLIN A. YOUNG
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The Massachusetts Medical Society's recent decision to no longer oppose medical aid in dying could be the catalyst needed to advance legislation that would make it legal for doctors to prescribe lethal doses for terminally ill patients, supporters said.

The physician organization last weekend reconsidered its long-standing opposition to medical aid in dying — sometimes referred to as assisted suicide or death with dignity — and adopted a position of neutral engagement instead.

The position, the organization said in a statement, “allows the organization to serve as a medical and scientific resource as part of legislative efforts that will support shared decision making between terminally ill patients and their trusted physicians.” MMS said it will support its members with education, training and advocacy if

the Legislature approves medical aid in dying.

“I am excited about this decision because the legislature greatly respects the medical society’s positions of healthcare issues and its previous opposition to medical aid in dying was a serious roadblock to passing legislation authorizing this end-of-life care option,” Dr. Roger Kligler, a retired internist in Falmouth living with stage four metastatic prostate cancer and a plaintiff in a lawsuit asserting that existing state law already authorizes medical aid in dying, said in a statement. “I’m extremely grateful for the society’s change of heart.”

MMS is the 10th American Medical Association chapter that has dropped its opposition to medical aid in dying and adopted a neutral stance on the practice, according to Compassion & Choices, a national end-of-life rights organization. Six states have authorized medical aid in dying: California, Colorado, Montana, Oregon, Vermont, and

Washington, along with the District of Columbia.

On Beacon Hill, Rep. Louis Kafka has filed a medical aid in dying bill in each of the last five legislative sessions. He said the issue gains more support every time he files the bill but that MMS’s new position on the issue may be the tipping point.

“It’s very encouraging that the majority of the members of the society feel that it would be important at least for the society to not oppose any such activity or legislation that would allow that to happen,” he told the News Service. “I think it is something that we as proponents can use to go to leadership and ask for perhaps the bill to come out of committee.”

The bill Kafka filed with Sen. Barbara L’Italien (H 1194/S 1225) remains before the Joint Committee on Public Health, which held a public hearing specifically for the aid in dying bill in September. Kafka said his aid in dying bills have never made it out of committee.

“The fact that the so-

ciety — although I think probably a majority of their members supported it — but that the society itself did not was one of the reasons the bill never moved out of committee,” he said.

The Kafka/L’Italien bill lays out requirements that must be met before a patient can receive a lethal dose of medication. The patient must have a terminal illness reasonably judged to result in death in six months and must make the request themselves, first orally and again in writing at least 15 days later. The patient must also have two people, including one non-relative who does not work for the health care facility involved, witness the written request.

The bill also requires patients to meet with a counselor to determine if they are suffering from psychiatric or psychological conditions that may affect their judgment. And a physician cannot issue a prescription for a lethal dose without first “offering the qualified patient an opportunity

to rescind the request for medication.”

Marie Manis, the Massachusetts campaign manager for Compassion & Choices, said MMS’s decision to no longer oppose medical aid in dying “definitely improves” the chances of Kafka’s bill passing the Legislature.

“Now our job is to redouble our efforts to urge lawmakers to take action on behalf of their constituents who want the option of medical aid in dying,” she said in a statement.

Voters have weighed in on medical aid in dying before, rejecting a 2012 ballot question similar to the bill filed by Kafka with 51 percent opposed and 49 percent in favor, a margin of 67,891 votes.

Kafka said he “improved” the language of his bill after the ballot question failed and would rather see the Legislature take up his bill than have the question go before voters again.

“Now the fact of the matter is that the (Mass. Medical) Society is neutral and things are just moving in the right direction,” Kafka, a Stoughton Democrat, said. “I think, to my way of thinking, it would be better for us to address the legislation during the course of a session than to have another question on a ballot that may not be similar to what we have before us this session. And who knows what that could be.”

Flu season hits early; get vaccine now

The Massachusetts Department of Public Health (DPH) says that the flu season has started earlier than usual and recommends that people take steps to prevent the spread of flu.

“Every flu season is different, but usually cases of influenza reach their peak in January, February or even March,” said Public Health Commissioner Monica Bharel, MD, MPH. “This year we are seeing a very rapid increase in influenza-like illness across Massa-

chusetts, along with an increase in confirmed flu cases. This suggests that Massachusetts may be having an earlier start. It is important that we all take steps to prevent flu from spreading, including getting a flu shot because it is among the best protection we have.”

DPH recommends that people: Get the flu vaccine as soon as possible; wash their hands thoroughly and regularly, or use hand sanitizer; cover their coughs and sneezes; and

stay home when they are sick with fever and cough or sore throat, if possible.

The flu vaccine takes about two weeks after vaccination for antibodies to develop in the body and provide protection against flu virus infection. The flu virus is spread through droplets of saliva and mucus from the nose and mouth of

someone who coughs or sneezes. Adults with flu can spread it from about one day before symptoms appear to about one week after. Children can spread the flu even longer after they get sick. For more information about influenza, visit mass.gov/flu.

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COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS SUFFOLK, ss. THE TRIAL COURT PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT NOTICE AND ORDER: PETITION FOR APPOINTMENT OF GUARDIAN OF A MINOR Docket No. SU17P2338GD IN THE INTERESTS OF DUGLAS FEDERICO NAJERE MATEO 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 10/26/2017 by Jose A. Najera Santiago of Dorchester, MA will be held 01/02/2018 08:30 AM Guardianship of Minor Hearing. Located at 24 New Chardon St., 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: File the original with the Court; and 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. 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 interests.

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.

November 7, 2017

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COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS THE TRIAL COURT PROBATE & FAMILY COURT SUFFOLK PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT 24 NEW CHARDON STREET BOSTON, MA 02114 617-788-8300

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR CHANGE OF NAME Docket No. SU17C0562CA IN THE MATTER OF: DAQUAN R. DOOLEY JR. of DORCHESTER, MA

To all persons interested in a petition described: A petition has been presented by Ashily Lindo-Benders requesting that: Daquan R. Dooley Jr be allowed to change his/her/their name as follows: DAQUAN LINDO-BENDERS IF YOU DESIRE TO OBJECT THERETO, YOU OR YOUR ATTORNEY MUST FILE A WRITTEN APPEARANCE IN SAID COURT AT BOSTON ON OR BEFORE TEN O'CLOCK IN THE MORNING (10:00 AM) ON 01/11/2018.

Witness, HON. BRIAN J. DUNN, First Justice of this Court. December 6, 2017

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LEGAL NOTICES

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS THE TRIAL COURT PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT Suffolk Probate & Family Court 24 New Chardon Street Boston, MA 02114 (617) 788-8300

CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION Docket No. SU17P0941EA ESTATE OF: RUTH RAY PATTERSON DATE OF DEATH: 04/16/2017

To all interested persons: A petition for Formal Adjudication of Intestacy and Appointment of Personal Representative has been filed by Gwendolyn Clash of Newport News, VA requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition. The Petitioner requests that Gwendolyn S. Clash of Newport News, VA be appointed as Personal Representative of said estate to serve on the bond in an unsupervised administration.

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 01/10/2018.

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

Unsupervised Administration Under The Massachusetts Uniform Probate Code (MUPC)

A Personal Representative appointed under the MUPC in an unsupervised administration is not required to file an inventory or annual accounts with the Court. Persons interested in the estate are entitled to notice regarding the administration directly from the Personal Representative and may petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including the distribution of assets and expenses of administration.

Witness, HON. BRIAN J. DUNN, First Justice of this Court. Date: November 28, 2017

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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. SU16P0668EA ESTATE OF: JOHN PATRICK HARDIMAN DATE OF DEATH: 01/22/2016

A petition for Formal Appointment of Personal Representative has been filed by John Patrick Hardiman, Jr. of Dorchester MA and Margaret Breslin of Quincy, MA requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition. You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before 10:00 a.m. on the return day of 01/11/2018.

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

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Witness, HON. BRIAN J. DUNN, First Justice of this Court. Date: December 05, 2017

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Neighborhood Notables

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BOSTON BAROQUE COMMUNITY CONCERT

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DONATE YOUR OLD WINTER COATS FOR COATS FOR KIDS

Now through Sun., January 7, Standish Village Assisted Living, 1190 Adams St., Dorchester is serving as a drop-off site for the Coats for Kids fundraiser. Accepted items include warm, winter coats for adults or children, which can be slightly used or new. We are especially looking for pre-K and XL sizes. Anton's Cleaners will be cleaning all donated coats free of charge and distributing them through Coats for Kids' Distribution Partners Network. When you drop off your donation at Standish Village, stay for a complimentary cup of coffee or hot chocolate!

MAYORAL INAUGURATION SET FOR MONDAY, JANUARY 1

Mayor Martin J. Walsh's second mayoral inauguration and the swearing-in of the new Boston City Council will take place on Monday, January 1 at 10 a.m. at the Cutler Majestic Theatre in Boston. Former Vice President Joe Biden will preside at the swearing-in ceremony, followed by Mayor Walsh's inaugural address. The event will be live-streamed at cityofboston.gov.

CELEBRATE! AT JFK LIBRARY AND MUSEUM

Family-friendly, free programs in the Stephen Smith Center at JFK Library. Make reservations by visiting jfklibrary.org/celebrate or call 617-514-1644. Tues., Dec. 26; The Fairy Circus: Tanglewood Marionettes; Mon., Jan. 15; Clap Your Hands: Martin Luther King Jr. Day, George Russell Jr. and Company.

VISIT BOSTON'S EVERGREEN CHRISTMAS TREE

The annual gift of an evergreen Christmas tree from Nova Scotia arrived at Boston Common. For

further information, please call the Boston Parks and Recreation Department at 617-635-4505.

COLLEGE PREP PROGRAM AT BU

Boston University Upward Bound is currently accepting applications for their college preparation program from 9th and 10th graders. Program services include an academically intensive six-week summer residential program (where students stay at Boston University!) and an afterschool program of tutoring and courses, including MCAS English, Math and Science prep; and SAT prep. The program is free. To apply, students need to attend Brighton HS, The English HS, CASH, Margarita Muniz Academy or Snowden International School. Public school students living in Dorchester, East Boston, Mattapan, and Roxbury can also apply. Applications are now accepted on a rolling basis. For an application and more information on the program, contact us at 617-353-5195 or reggie@bu.edu.

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CITIZENSHIP CLASSES AT NOTRE DAME ED CENTER

New citizenship classes will be held on Mondays and Tuesdays starting this month at Notre Dame Education Center in South Boston. Call 617-268-1912.

BOSTON PUBLIC LIBRARY'S HOMEWORK HELP

Boston Public Library's free Homework Help program is underway offering free afterschool help and mentorship provided by high-achieving high school students. The program, offered Monday through Thursday from 3:30 -5:30 p.m. is open to students in grades K-8; no registration required. Boston Teacher's Union tutors are also available during select weekdays from 4-6 p.m. for students in grades K-12. Visit bpl.org/homework.

POLICE DISTRICT C-11

Non-emergency line for seniors: 617-343-5649. The Party Line phone number, where you can report loud parties, is 617-343-5500, 24 hours/7 days per week.

POLICE DISTRICT B-3 NEWS

For info, call B-3's Community Service Office at 617-343-4711.

APPLE GROVE ASSOC.

The Apple Grove Association meets on the second Tuesday of every month from 6-8 p.m. at 1135 Morton St., Mattapan. The contact is Ms. Myrtle Huggins at 617-429-8531.

ASHMONT-ADAMS ASSOC.

Meetings are typically held on the first Thursday of each month at the Plasterer's Hall, 7 Fredericka St., at 7 p.m. Contact Pat O'Neill at pattiashmont@gmail.com.

ASHMONT HILL ASSOC.

Meetings are generally held the last Thursday of the month. For info, see ashmonthill.org or call Message Line: 617-822-8178.

ASHMONT VALLEY NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOC.

Meetings are usually the 2nd Monday or Tuesday of the month at 6:30 p.m. at 776 Washington St., Dorchester.

CEDAR GROVE CIVIC ASSOC.

Meetings are held in the St. Brendan's Father Lane Hall – lower level at 589 Gallivan Blvd., Dorchester Tuesdays at 7 p.m. – December Holiday Tree Lighting TBA, Jan 9th, Feb 13th, March 13th, Apr 10th, May 8th. Tues., June 12th at 6:30 p.m.; Good Neigh/ Good Business Awards/Scholarship Awards & 7 p.m. business meeting St. Brendan's lower hall. Info: cedargrovecivic@gmail.com or 617-825-1402.

CLAM POINT CIVIC ASSOC.

The meetings are usually held on the second Monday of the month (unless it's a holiday) at WORK, Inc. 25 Beach St., at the corner of Freeport St., across from the IBEW; on-street parking available.

CODMAN SQUARE NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

The Codman Square Neighborhood Council meets the first Wed. of each month, 7 to 8:30 p.m., in the Great Hall of the Codman Sq. Health Center, 6 Norfolk St. Info: call 617-265-4189.

COLUMBIA-SAVIN HILL CIVIC ASSOC

Meetings the first Mon. of each month, 7 p.m., at the Little House, 275 East Cottage St. For info: columbiasavinhillcivic.org.

CUMMINS VALLEY ASSOC.

Cummins Valley Assoc. meeting at the Mattahunt Community Center, 100 Hebron St., Mattapan, on Mondays 6:30 p.m., for those living on and near Cummins Highway. For info on dates, call 617-791-7359 or 617-202-1021.

DORCHESTER NORTH NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOC.

The Dorchester North Neighborhood Association (formerly the Annapolis Street Neighborhood Association) generally meets on the third Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. in the meeting room of 8 Annapolis Street. Please see our Facebook page (search Dorchester North) for updates and announcements. Send questions and agenda items to: dorchesternorth@gmail.com.

JONES HILL ASSOC.

The Jones Hill Association holds its December meeting— a holiday potluck—at 7 p.m. on Thurs., Dec. 14 at St. Mary's Women and Children's Center, 90 Cushing Ave., Dorchester. See joneshill.com for additional information. Next meeting: Jan. 11. Please refer to the JHA website at joneshill.com for additional information and feel free to contact me or the Association Officers copied on this email with any questions. Upcoming dates: Feb. 8, March 8, April 12, May 10, June 14.

EASTMAN-ELDER ASSOC.

The association meets the third Thurs. of each month, 7 p.m., at the Upham's Corner Health Center, 636 Columbia Rd, across from the fire station.

FIELDS CORNER CIVIC ASSOC.

The FCCA meets the first Tues., of each month in the Kit Clark Senior Center at 1500 Dorchester Ave. at 6:30 p.m. New members are welcome.

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Friday, Dec. 15

- Jose Mateo Ballet Theatre Company's The Nutcracker opens at the Strand Theatre, 543 Columbia Rd., Dorchester, 7:30 p.m. Call 617-354-7467 or visit ballettheatre.org for tickets. The production runs until Christmas Eve, with a matinee planned for 1:30 p.m. on Dec. 24.
- The Urban Nutcracker opens a 12-show run at John Hancock Hall with a 7:30 p.m. performance. See urbannutcracker.com for tickets.

Saturday, Dec. 16

- Make your own Gingerbread House workshop at Lower Mills BPL branch, 27 Richmond St., Dorchester, 11 a.m. Space is limited. Register by calling 617-298-7841.
- 2nd Annual Boston Talks About Racism event at Northeastern University's Blackman Auditorium, 342 Huntington Ave. Doors will open at 9:30 a.m. for registration and the event will start promptly at 10:00 AM. At this event, the Mayor and members of his team will discuss the implementation of Boston's Resilience Strategy, and will launch a year-long project that will bring small, facilitated conversations about racism, healing, and policy work into all of Boston's neighborhoods.
- Boston City Singers Annual "Winter Stars" Holiday Concert at 11 a.m. at Hope Central Church, 85 Seaverns Ave., and showcase the musical talents of Boston City Singers' preschool and elementary school-aged singers, along with those of its newest teen choir, Harmony. Concerts will feature songs of hope and joy from around the world, performed by children aged 4-18. Admission is free. Free-will donations to Boston City Singers' Scholarship Fund will be accepted at the door.



Mayor Martin Walsh and Santa Claus led the countdown to light the Christmas tree in Codman Square on Dec. 2 during the Mayor's Trolley tour through the neighborhoods of Boston.

Mayor's Office photo by Don Harney

- Boston Network for Black Student Achievement invites public to free event "Give the Gift of Black Children's Literature" from 2-4 p.m. at Frugal Bookstore, 57 Warren St, Roxbury. Featuring interactive story time, a visit from Black Santa, gift wrapping, and help picking out the perfect book to share African American Literature with a child. Donations accepted to help provide books to children who can't afford it.
- A festival of Nine Lessons and Carols with the All Saints' Choir of Men and Boys starts at 4 p.m. at the Parish of All Saints, Ashmont, 209 Ashmont St., Dorchester. Please join the parish as they prepare for Christmas with this traditional service of nine scripture lessons accompanied by carols sung by the choir and hymns sung by the choir and congregation. See allsaints.net or call 617-436-6370.

Wednesday, Dec. 20

- 17th annual Survi-

- vors of Homicide Victims Awareness Month Closing at Lombardo's, 6 Billings St., Randolph. Contact alexandra@ldbpeaceinstitute.org or 617-825-1917 for more information.
 - Alzheimer's Support Group at Standish Village at 4 p.m. Enjoy light refreshments and a chance to share your personal experiences and strategies for communicating with your loved one. Groups are held the third Wednesday of each month. RSVP to Julie Platz or Erica Curcio at 617-298- 5656.
- Tuesday, Dec. 26**
- JFK Library hosts a special family-friendly performance of the Tanglewood Marionettes at 10:30 a.m. as part of their Celebrate! Series. The Fairy Circus event features puppetry and the best-loved music of famous composers. Free. See jfklibrary.org for more info.
- Saturday, Dec. 30**
- Boston Baroque will present its fifth annual free community concert at the Strand Theatre

at 2 p.m. The ensemble, which has been nominated for three Grammy awards, will perform a program including Handel's Gloria, Handel's Water Music Suite in F, and Bach's Brandenburg Concerto No. 1. The concert will be led by widely acclaimed conductor Martin Pearlman and will feature emerging star soprano vocalist

Mary Wilson. Tickets are free but must be reserved in advance online at bostonbaroque.org, by phone at 617-987-8600, or by email at boxoffice@bostonbaroque.org. Tickets are also available at the Uphams Corner branch of the Boston Public Library, at the Strand Theatre box office on the day of the concert, or at any Boston

New website promotes city's Main Street districts

There's a new one-stop website for the city's 20 main streets districts. The portal—bostonmainstreets.org—launched this week and is "designed to unify the network of Main Streets districts and provide a one-stop-shop of information for residents, businesses, and tourists alike."

"This new website is another example of the Main Streets Foundation commitment to each of our 20 main streets districts," said Mayor Martin J. Walsh. "This investment, this

tool, will help Boston residents and visitors support our strong local small business."

"When people think of Boston, they should not just think of downtown," said Joel Sklar, Board Chairman for the Boston Main Streets Foundation. "They should think of the vibrant farmer's markets in Roslindale, concert halls in Allston-Brighton, boutiques along Centre Street in Jamaica Plain, the waterfront parks in East Boston, and the authentic international cuisines across Dorchester, Rox-

Public Library branch in Dorchester.

Monday, Jan. 1

- Mayor Martin J. Walsh's second mayoral inauguration and the swearing-in of the new Boston City Council will take place at 10 a.m. at the Cutler Majestic Theatre in Boston. Former Vice President Joe Biden will preside at the swearing-in ceremony, followed by Mayor Walsh's inaugural address.

Monday, Jan. 15

- JFK Library presents George Russell, Jr. and Company with a special Martin Luther King Jr. Day event for families at 10:30 a.m. Discover how spirituals, gospel and folk-blues played an important role in the Underground Railroad and the civil rights movement. Free. See jfklibrary.org for more info and to register.
- Take My Hand: 15th Annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Tribute Concert. 7 p.m. at Symphony Hall, Boston. Cocktails and Hors d'oeuvres Pre-Reception at 5 p.m. To buy tickets, visit bso.org.

LEGAL NOTICE

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
THE TRIAL COURT
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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. SU17P2607GD
IN THE MATTER OF:
VALENTINE SARDUY
OF ROXBURY, MA
RESPONDENT
Alleged Incapacitated Person

To the named Respondent and all other interested persons, a petition has been filed by Brigham & Women's Hospital of Boston, MA in the above captioned matter alleging that Valentine Sarduy is in need of a Guardian and requesting that Brigham & Women's Hospital of Boston, MA (or some other suitable person) be appointed as Guardian to serve 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 01/03/2018. 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: December 05, 2017
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LEGAL NOTICES

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
THE TRIAL COURT
PROBATE & FAMILY COURT
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Docket No. NO17D0211DR
DIVORCE SUMMONS
BY PUBLICATION AND MAILING
VALERIE H. RUST-UDEBU
vs.
CHINEDU A. UDEBU

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

You are hereby summoned and required to serve upon: Valerie H. Rust-Udebu, 333 Ricciuti Dr., Quincy, MA 02169 your answer, if any, on or before 02/22/2018. If you fail to do so, the court will proceed to the hearing and adjudication of this action. You are also required to file a copy of your answer, if any, in the office of the Register of this Court.

Witness, HON. JOHN D. CASEY, First Justice of this Court.
Date: November 28, 2017
Patrick W. McDermott
Register of Probate
Published: December 14, 2017

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
THE TRIAL COURT
PROBATE & FAMILY COURT
SUFFOLK DIVISION
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Docket No. SU17D2542DR
DIVORCE SUMMONS
BY PUBLICATION AND MAILING
ALPHANSO RUDOLPH JOHNSON
vs.
VIVIANNE JOHNSON

To the Defendant:
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Witness, HON. BRIAN J. DUNN, First Justice of this Court.
Date: November 22, 2017
Felix D. Arroyo
Register of Probate
Published: December 14, 2017



Feds seek suspect in bank robberies

The FBI's Bank Robbery Task Force is looking for a man it says held up the Metro Credit Union branch at 1071 Massachusetts Ave. around 9:30 a.m. on Saturday (Dec. 9). He's described as white, about 5'4" and wearing a dark jacket, khaki pants, white sneakers

with dark trim and a really tall knit hat. He is also wanted for holding up a Santander Bank branch at 585 Columbia Rd. in Dorchester on Dec. 7 - while wearing wrap-around glasses and a shorter, but pointier, hat - but also wearing the same white sneakers with

dark trim. And he's wanted for holding up a Commerce Bank branch in the South End on Dec. 5, while wearing a scally cap - and those same sneakers. If he looks familiar, contact the task force at 781-760-7077.

Again, no Miller, but two good ones get Hall of Fame plaques

Baseball has two more “immortals.” Hurrah! Neither of them is named Marvin Miller. Boo!

Somehow they’ve done it again. They’ve managed with the customary and clever corporate gymnastics to once more insult the equally irascible and brilliant labor leader whose landmark and historic impact on the game they are determined to deny.

Five years after he departed this mortal coil and for the seventh time overall, Miller has been given the bum’s rush at Cooperstown. But, then, he predicted as much. Somewhere in the great beyond, the old fox is laughing uproariously.

They like to keep such details secret at the Pantheon. But sooner or later the “Modern Era” panel’s vote will leak out. Marvin could only afford to lose 4 votes from the 16 committee members,

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and six of them were owners or high-ranking executives. As soon as the committee appointments were revealed, you knew he had no chance.

Call it a setup, if you wish. But why? That’s a good question. Near death, Miller had pleaded to *not* be reconsidered. It’s likely he’ll get his wish now. This fiasco is over.

None of which should detract or in any way sully the selection of the two chaps who made the cut. Black Jack Morris, the big horse of a stopper who won 254 games, was the dominant right-hander of his era, and inspired four world champions was a wonderful pick. He should have been elected by the writers 15 years ago. I’ll never understand the problem they

had with his candidacy. Precious less worthy is Allan Trammell, who stationed himself at shortstop for the Tigers like a Stonewall Jackson and stayed there unwavering for 20 years. Profound in his fundamentals, Trammell was an inside-baseball treat who never did anything dumb. Such players are the shock troops of the game.

In Morris and Trammell, Cooperstown gets too gems. Marvin Miller would be pleased.

Next on the agenda will be the regular annual HOF election and the one in which only writers who are active members of the scribes’ sacred fraternal society, the Baseball Writers Association of America, can vote. We get their verdict in late January. Understandably, they

fiercely protect their precious franchise and there’s a large bloc of writers who truly believe their way is the only authentic and honorable path to canonization. It’s a narrow perspective and if it were the case, there would be less than half the chaps now enshrined in Cooperstown, with the denied including a good many fan favorites, a larger number of highly worthy old-timers, and all the chaps on this year’s “Modern Era” ballot. The obsession some writers have with limiting the membership can get a little wacky, I think.

Anyway, the contemporary scribes have interesting choices and lots of potential controversy but no slam dunks to consider. Among those new to the ballot are Andruw Jones, Chipper Jones, Omar Vizquel, and Jim Thome, none of whom demand to

be elected first time around, although Chipper and Omar are tempting. Also viable are two chaps who very narrowly missed last year – the reliever Trevor Hoffman and the slugger Vladimir Guerrero – and if it were up to me they’d miss again this year. I mean, what’s the hurry?

Much more interesting, it seems to me, are candidates who’ve waited long enough and been too casually overlooked. Mike Mussina, dominant pitcher of his era and a gentleman with a perfectly clean slate, is a great example. So is Fred McGriff, whose numbers compare favorably with a couple of dozen Hall of Famers and who clearly did what he did without getting juiced by steroids. If I had a vote, Mussina might top my ballot.

And that’s mainly because of the bloody “steroid issue,” which won’t go away despite the best efforts of more and more electors to ignore it. The writers, understandably frustrated by the impossible task that’s been dumped on them, have greatly roiled these muddy waters by electing three highly suspect (if never proven) steroid abusers in the last two years.

But it’s the veteran’s committee panels that have really made a mess of the matter by elevating the commissioner who presided over it, and the general manager who had the most clout, and the three most able and influential managers of the entire Steroid era.



All of which has convinced many that the argument is over. The “juicers” have won!

Enter Joe Morgan, himself a Hall of Famer and now the Hall’s vice chairman and member of its board of directors. Ever a cranky fellow, Little Joe has issued a bitter communique to the writers demanding they elect “no cheaters.”

But who are the proven “cheaters”? Morgan defines them as the unlucky few named in the Mitchell Report or outed here and there along the way. But everyone knows that is but a small sample. You can’t fry the “unlucky” when you are certain the ranks of the “lucky,” who would emerge unscathed, are much, much larger. For all that, Morgan’s ultimatum settles nothing and only guarantees more bickering and anguish.

Don’t be surprised when the likes of Roger Clemens, Barry Bonds, and maybe even that most soiled of the alleged suspects, our own Manny Ramirez, inch closer in this year’s balloting, making their eventual anointing a virtual cinch.

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Keystone Club members spent the day decorating a commuter rail train to transform it into the Polar Express. They also helped out during the train ride, making sure the children had a magical time.

Boys & Girls Clubs of Dorchester members have already had a magical holiday season, and we're not even midway through December yet! We are so lucky and thankful to have such immense support from community members and groups who make sure we are able to offer parties and experiences that give our kids something to look forward to, sparking so much joy throughout the holidays.

With more than half of our members living in households making less than \$31,000 per year, extravagant holiday celebrations are not necessarily something many experience at home. Looking forward to receiving the toy of the season may be hard to imagine. But through some amazing partnerships and the community surrounding our Club, our members get the opportunity to experience all the fun and excitement of the season.

One of our newest and most magical experiences is riding the Polar Express

hosted by Keolis out of South Station. This one is extra special because the Keystone Club, our teen leadership and volunteer group, decorates a whole commuter rail train to look like the Polar Express and helps out on the ride from South Station to 'the North Pole'. Younger kids then get to experience the train ride, where celebrity readers read the book *The Polar Express*, treats and gifts are handed out, and Santa makes an appearance.

Sixty-five members also got to take part in the annual \$100 for 100 event, hosted by the Ron Burton Training Village and Joyal Capital Management at Dick's Sporting Goods in Natick. Each member is given a \$100 gift card to spend on a shopping spree at Dick's. For some, this may be the biggest shopping spree of their lives, and they use it to treat themselves and to get gifts for family members for the holidays.

One of our most exciting parties is



65 Boys & Girls Clubs of Dorchester members were hosted by the Ron Burton Training Village and Joyal Capital Management at the Annual \$100 for 100 event at Dick's Sporting Goods in Natick.

hosted by our Board Member, Mark Wahlberg. The Mark Wahlberg Youth Foundation Holiday Party took place this past weekend also. This party was at the Tewksbury Country Club and 45 kids from our Club got to attend, along with many kids from other area Boys & Girls Clubs. It started with a hot holiday breakfast and interactive games, and then each child received a holiday gift bag, including items from Converse, Souls 4 Soles, games from Hasbro, and much more.

In addition to these spectacular opportunities for fun and gifts, we also host a toy drive at the Club, which makes it possible to give every child that provides a wish list with the very gift they are wishing for for the holidays. In addition to dropping gifts at the Club, there are boxes set up at Harp & Bard, Blarney Stone, The Industry, McKennas Cafe, Landmark Public House and Ashmont Grill. If you want to be paired with a specific child or family, please contact us at 617-288-7120.

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Naysayers don't get far when Dr. Bill Loesch is on the case

(Continued from page 1) this the healthiest city in the country,” Loesch continues. “And our contention is, what better way than to get the tobacco out of the stores? Because tobacco is still killing more people than all these other products.” And where would local smokers buy their cigarettes if he were to succeed? “They can buy them in Quincy or Braintree,” he quips with a smile.

A commitment to the public good and penchant for bold action is nothing new for Dr. Loesch. For the many locals who know him, the gusto with which he pushes for social change is a part of his trademark. “I’ve always been an activist,” he says when asked to reflect on his lessons from a lifetime of public work. “Some people can’t leave their jobs -- that was my job, to be a troublemaker. To be helping the bigger picture.” In his youth in New Jersey, Rev. Loesch started down that path when, as a teenager, he served as co-chair for social action for the Mid-Atlantic region of his church group. It was an early indicator of his passion for engaging others in creating change – and a foretelling of his consistent efforts to get Dorchester teenagers more civically involved. As an adult, he moved to Massachusetts, where



Rev. Dr. Bill Loesch, 76, has been a fixture in Dorchester’s civic community since the 1960s – from civil rights to anti-tobacco organizing. Photo courtesy Loesch family

he had spent his early childhood years, to attend Andover Newton Theological School in Newton. In 1965, Dr. Loesch moved with some fellow seminary students into the Grove Hall neighborhood. They were already involved in activism, but he says living in Roxbury was an entirely new experience. “Unbeknownst to us, that was the center of the civil rights movement in Boston,” he recalls. “Bam! Right smack in the middle of where Dr. King came to visit the Patrick Campbell School.” The reference is to the civil rights leader’s visit to Boston in April 1965. Loesch

recalls that Dr. King was not allowed inside the school to speak – “the school department back then was very racist” – so the national civil rights icon spoke from the steps with a bullhorn instead. “This was like maybe six houses from where we lived,” Dr. Loesch says. But this porch-front view was far from his first exposure to the civil rights movement. Just a month earlier, in March 1965, he had driven with civil rights leader Dr. Virgil Wood from Boston to Alabama to join the Selma-to-Montgomery marches, which were marked by brutal – and sometimes deadly – violence against protesters by police of-

ficers and white civilian mobs alike. He spent his time there with the ministers organizing the efforts, including Dr. King. Dr. Loesch was part of a crowd of protesters who were arrested in Selma during the march. A photograph taken by a reporter at the scene shows the arrestees being crowded into a parking lot surrounded by police cars as they await processing. “A lot of seminarians, that wasn’t for them,” he says of his activism in the South. “But for me, it was like, ‘Well, let me do this, not to make history, but because, ‘Wow, I can learn more about how to help people, how to get rid of some racism.’” Three years later, Dr. Loesch graduated from Andover Newton with a master of divinity degree. He soon moved to Dorchester’s Columbia Point neighborhood to serve in ministry. While there, he became deeply involved with the Geiger Gibson Health Center – “the first health center in the United States,” he notes, explaining the history of a pair of Tufts doctors who chose Columbia Point (and a rural section of Mississippi) to introduce the community health center model. From there, he served as a chaplain at Boston City Hospital, where he notes that many of the patients were his former neighbors from Columbia Point. He was also nationally certified to teach clinical pastoral education there and taught scores of students who passed through the nation’s third oldest training program for ministers. “The main thing I learned is that you got to live where your ministry is,” he says. “If it’s all together, you’re more relevant.” He notes that while that might not be an option for everyone, that principle has been a driving factor in his

life. Indeed, after he left Boston City Hospital, he bought his first house on Brent Street – and has stayed ever since. His daughter Cynthia, also a well-known community leader, shares this commitment and lives in the house next to him. Rev. Loesch became active in Codman Square’s Second Church. Also during this time, Codman Square Health Center founder Bill Walczak hired him to develop a program that would improve partnerships between medical and nursing students – “back in the day, the doctors thought they were better than the nurses” – and get them more involved in the community. Dr. Loesch thus became one of the originators of Center for Community Health Education Research and Service, Inc., a partnership between local medical and nursing schools, the city of Boston, and several community health centers around the city. He continued this work for eight years. Like many other achievements in his life, Dr. Loesch describes it as a result of providence. “Again it was just by luck, it just happened,” he says. “A lot of these things were like, ‘Take me, I’ll do it!’ And somewhere, the opportunity just happened to fall at my feet.” Over time, he became more involved with Greenwood Memorial United Methodist Church in nearby Four Corners. It was from his work with the youth group there that he started turning to anti-Big Tobacco activism in the early 1990s. By the year 2000, his teenage daughter Cynthia had joined in the fight as a young leader of the activism group BOLD (Breath of Life Dorchester) Teens. “The biggest roadblock I faced, particularly as I was working with youth, was [people saying], ‘That’s not gonna

happen, you can’t do it,’” Dr. Loesch says. “And then we would do it. I’m a behind-the-scenes advisor. I would advise [the youth] based upon what I had learned from the civil rights movement.” He fondly remembers one of BOLD Teen’s biggest wins: when they successfully persuaded the Boston Globe to stop selling full-page tobacco ads for Parliament Cigarettes. This was initially seen as an impossible task. When the Globe declined to meet with them about it, the group announced a press conference. The day before it was scheduled to happen, the Globe agreed to stop running the advertisement. Dr. Loesch pauses in his retelling of the story and pivots back to his current fight to ban tobacco sales citywide. “That’s why I know what I’m asking from the mayor is doable,” he says. But his quest to advance public health is just one of many that he has his eye on as he looks forward. There are other challenges ahead for his beloved community. “You got all these developers who want to make money, and Walsh who wants to get more housing,” he says. “Things are happening so fast across the city, especially in Dorchester. We can’t get ahead because everybody’s moving so fast. And sometimes it will be the case that the BRA [now the BPDA] is trying to go around the community. ... And some communities get railroaded, because they’re out-talked and don’t have a chance to get organized.” He says the Codman Square Neighborhood Council, of which he is a core member, is organized and ready. “But we’re all volunteers,” he says. “We don’t have a staff person. So it’s going to be tough to figure out which developers to fight.” But still, a fight has never scared him off. And for the next generation of local leaders, he has some words of advice: “Get involved in your community. Spend less time worrying about everything outside your family and outside the community.” (He gives a special negative nod to Facebook, which he worries is slowly killing face-to-face interaction). “And discover your passion early. Don’t let it get kicked out of you because somebody said you can’t do it – and 40 years later, you discover that was your passion, but a teacher or a parent or some uncle said, ‘You can’t do that.’” Words to consider from someone who has learned how to ignore the naysayers.



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of the past four years.”
The ranking is based on an evaluation of Carney’s performance across a range of data-points, from infection rates, maternity

care, and the hospital’s capacity to prevent medication errors. The selection of Top Hospitals 2017 is based on surveys from nearly 1,900 hospitals.

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NOTICE AND ORDER:
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PETITION FOR REMOVAL
OF GUARDIANSHIP OF A MINOR
Docket No. SU17P1437GD
IN THE INTERESTS OF
KAMARA CUMMINGS
OF DORCHESTER, MA
MINOR

Notice to all Interested Parties

1. **Hearing Date/Time:** A hearing on a Petition to Resign as Guardian of a Minor or Petition for Removal of Guardian of a Minor filed by will be held **12/28/2017 08:30 AM** Guardianship of Minor Hearing. Located at 24 New Chardon Street, Boston, MA 4th Floor-Courtroom 1.

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THE TRIAL COURT
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NOTICE AND ORDER:
PETITION FOR APPOINTMENT
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Docket No. SU17D2617GD
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COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
THE TRIAL COURT
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SUFFOLK DIVISION
24 NEW CHARDON STREET
BOSTON, MA 02114
Docket No. SU16D1748DR
DIVORCE SUMMONS
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Witness, HON. BRIAN J. DUNN, First Justice of this Court.

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FLAHERTY, Matthew P. “Matty” of Dorchester, formerly

of Carraroe, Co. Galway, Ireland. Matty is survived by his wife Barbara (McDonagh), formerly of Lettermore, Co. Galway. Father of Michael, Matthew and his wife Susan, cherished daughter Ann Marie (his princess), Edward and his wife Sandy, Stephen and his wife Colleen, and Patrick and his wife Jillian. Grandfather of 11 loving grandchildren and 1 great-granddaughter. Brother of Mary Callahan, Bridie Lydon, Stephen Flaherty, and Nora MacNamara. Remembrances may be made in Matthew’s name to the Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure.

HANNON, Patricia A. (Tully) of Dorchester, Quincy and Kennebunkport, ME. Patsy was born

in Boston in 1931 to Richard and Elizabeth Tully. She was raised in Dorchester’s St. Mark’s Parish and graduated from Cardinal Cushing High School in 1949. Patsy held an administrative position at Walter Baker Chocolate Factory. In 1951 Patsy went to a dance and met Walter J. Hannon from Quincy. This was the beginning of a 66 year romance filled with love and laughter. Patsy and Walter lived in North Quincy for 12 years before moving to Wollaston in 1965, where they remained, raising their 5 children. Wife of Walter J. Hannon. Mother of Elizabeth A. Hannon, Susan Hannon Esielonis and her husband Steven, Walter J. Hannon and his wife Kelly, Thomas A. Hannon and his wife Sheila, Patricia Hannon Pattison and her husband Robert. Grandmother of Jessica Hannon, Brianna Hannon, Alexandra Esielonis, Julia Hannon, Tucker Hannon, Walt

Hannon, Teddy Hannon, Cameron Pattison, Resse Tully Pattison, and Lincoln Pattison. Patsy also leaves behind her sister Claire Drain, her daughter-in-law Kri-sanne Godfrey, and many cousins, nephews, nieces and friends. Donations in memory of Patricia may be made to D.O.V.E., PO Box 690267, Quincy, MA 02269.

MARTIN, Robert P. of Westwood formerly of North Quincy and Dorchester. Son of Laura (Constestable) Martin of Quincy and the late Richard F. Martin. Brother of Richard F. Martin, Jr. and his wife Diane of Marshfield, Michael T. Martin and his wife Dotty of Hanover, William Martin and his wife Mary of Quincy, Jane Daley and her husband Michael of Westwood and Patrick Martin and his wife Tammy of North Quincy and the late Nancy Martin-Landers. Uncle of 32 nieces and nephews. Bobby was born

and raised in Dorchester. He worked in the restaurant business managing several restaurants over the years and he was particularly proud of managing the Arches in Orange County California. Bobby had a zest for life and a wonderful personality. He was a member of the Boston Crusaders Drum and Bugle Corp and a longtime member of the McKeon post in Dorchester. Bobby enjoyed trips to Foxwoods and playing golf. He was proud of his service to his country in the United States Navy. Donations in memory of Bobby may be made to the Fisher House Foundation, 111 Rockville Pike #420, Rockville, MD 20850.


MURRIN, James J. of Florida, formerly of Marshfield and Dorchester. Husband of Margaret R. (Caulfield). Father of James J. Jr. and his wife Lorraine of Marshfield, Kathleen and her husband Paul Guinee of Cohasset and Helen and her husband Kevin Tarpey of Cohasset. Cherished grandfather of James P., Olivia, Felicia, Timothy, Aisling, Paul Jr., Christine, Thomas, Austin and Cecelia. Vet. U.S. Marine Corps. Member of IBEW Local #103. Member and past commander of the John P. McKeon Post #146 AMVETS. Founder of Aetna Fire Alarm. Remembrances may be made to St. Brendan School.

SHARPLES, Alfred J., of Waterboro, ME, formerly of Savin Hill, at the age of 89. Born and raised in Boston, Al retired as a mechanic for the City of Boston. He was an avid hockey player and played semi-professionally. Brother of the late John Sharples, Ann Brennan, and Agnes Sharples. Dear

friend of Albert Conley of Holbrook. Late US Navy Veteran. F

TOBIN, Geraldine M. “Gerry” (McGrath) in Norwell, formerly of Dorchester. Wife of the late John J. Tobin. Mother of 12 children: Bill and his wife Diane Tobin of Pembroke, Mary and her husband Leo Breen of Plymouth, Teresa and her husband Ed DeMille of Pembroke, Cathy and her husband Rick Sanda of Sarasota, FL, Jack and his wife Karen Tobin of Newton, Dan and his wife Mary Coutts Tobin of Whitman, Lisa and her husband Tom Cooper of Plymouth, Jay Jay and her husband Bobby Morse of Belmont, Crissy and her husband Peter DeMille of Matthews, NC, Skip and his wife Kim Tobin of Norwell, Tricia and her husband Tommy Downs of South Boston, and Nancy Dillon of Plymouth. Sister of Buddy McGrath of Weymouth, and the late Bill McGrath, Mae Phillips, Bernie McGrath, Specky McGrath, Anne Marcham, Leona Runci, Dot MacPherson, Patrick McGrath, Barbara McDonald, Dede Cunningham, Connie Robinson, and Jean Doherty. “Grammy” to 45 grandchildren and 51 great-grandchildren., as well as many nieces and nephews. Donations in Gerry’s memory may be made to the American Alzheimer’s Association, 225 North Michigan Ave., Chicago, IL 60601.

WHITE, Frederick of Weymouth, was born in Dorchester. Husband of Alice M. (Jeffers) White of Weymouth. Father of Kathleen Davis and her husband Martin and Janine White, all of Weymouth. Grandfather of Marty, Colin, and Caitlin Davis. Brother of the late Rita Filippone, Francis White, John White, Charlie White and Isabelle Spencer. If desired, contributions in Fred’s memory may be sent to VNA Hospice and Palliative Care, Fund Development Office, 199 Rosewood Dr., Suite 180, Danvers, MA 01923.



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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. SU17P1765GD IN THE MATTER OF: ASHNERIE N. GONZALEZ of DORCHESTER, MA RESPONDENT

Alleged Incapacitated Person

To the named Respondent and all other interested persons, a petition has been filed by Cruz M. Torres Rivera of Dorchester, MA in the above captioned matter alleging that Ashnerie N. Gonzalez is in need of a Guardian and requesting that Cruz M. Torres Rivera of Dorchester, MA (or some other suitable person) be appointed as Guardian to serve 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 **12/21/2017**. 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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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. SU17P2378GD IN THE MATTER OF: PAULINA BANNIS of DORCHESTER, MA RESPONDENT

Alleged Incapacitated Person

To the named Respondent and all other interested persons, a petition has been filed by Channa Bannis of Dublin, CA in the above captioned matter alleging that Paulina Bannis is in need of a Guardian and requesting that Channa Bannis of Dublin, CA (or some other suitable person) be appointed as Guardian to serve 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 **01/04/2018**. 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.

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(Person to be Protected/Minor)

To the named Respondent and all other interested persons, a petition has been filed by Channa Bannis of Dublin, CA in the above captioned matter alleging that Paulina Bannis is in need of a Conservator or other protective order and requesting that (or some other suitable person) be appointed as Conservator to serve Without Surety on the bond.

The petition asks the Court to determine that the Respondent is disabled, that a protective order or appointment of a Conservator is necessary, and that the proposed conservator is appropriate. The petition is on file with this court.

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 **01/04/2018**. 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.

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

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LEGAL NOTICE

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS SUFFOLK, ss. THE TRIAL COURT PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT NOTICE AND ORDER: PETITION FOR APPOINTMENT OF GUARDIAN OF A MINOR Docket No. SU17P1781GD IN THE INTERESTS OF REINALYSE DIAZ DAROSA OF BOSTON, 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 **08/17/2017** by Elizabeth Diaz of Randolph, MA and Cyndelle Diaz of Stoughton, MA will be held **12/27/2017 08:00 AM Guardianship of Minor Hearing**. Located at **Suffolk Probate & Family Court, 24 New Chardon Street, Boston, MA 02114**.

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:

- File the original with the Court; and
- 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. **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 interests.

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November 21, 2017

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