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Dorchester Eagles 14-U team brings national Pop Warner title back home

By SETH DANIEL
NEWS EDITOR

The Dorchester Elite Eagles Pop Warner 14U football team finally got the job done. After multiple losing attempts in previous years, four of them in the final game, they are now national champions, winning the Division 1 Tomlin crown with a no-nonsense 20-0 victory over the Darby (PA) Monarchs in Orlando on Dec. 8. as they wrapped up a 13-0 season with a bang.

They beat Hartford, 29-8, in the regionals in November to advance to Orlando, where they defeated Next Level Athletics of Illinois, 31-8, on Dec. 4 before taking on the Darby squad.

"We got up early 20-0 and we just held on the rest of the way," said Terry Cousins, president of the Eagles and assistant to long-time head coach Tony Hurston. "The Philly team was very aggressive and very physical, which was different than what we saw on film. But we held on. Our program has

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The Dorchester Elite Eagles 14U team sprint out onto the field for their championship game in Orlando's Camping World Stadium last Thursday afternoon. The Eagles beat the Darby (PA) Monarchs 20-0 and claimed the program's first Pop Warner National Championship after dozens of near misses. The team finished the season 13-0.

Photos courtesy Jon Butler/Pop Warner

Halfway to Dot Day race attracts a festive gathering

By VANESSA LEE
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Amidst an atmosphere pulsating with festive enthusiasm and camaraderie, Dorchester's Pope John Paul Park II came alive last Saturday as hundreds of runners converged at the edge of the Neponset River for the Dorchester Running Club's annual Halfway to Dot Day 5k Road Race.

"We started the event in 2013 with the purpose of just getting the neighborhood and community together to run and walk, promote fitness, and volunteer," said Stefaine O'Shea, the club's president.

The event started at 9 a.m. and carried on for roughly two hours. More than 300 runners registered for the event, with



Runners and walkers set out on the Neponset Greenway next to Keystone Apartments at the start of last Saturday's Halfway to Dot Day 5k event, organized by the Dorchester Running Club.

Vanessa Lee photo

many donning Christmas-themed attire.

Adults and teenagers registered for \$25 and children under 12 were encouraged to contribute

a minimum donation of \$5, with the entirety of the proceeds dedicated to funding post-secondary and trade school scholarships for Dorchester's

youth.

Along the course, participants passed by cheer teams and water tables decked out in holiday

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Investors are driving city's housing costs, planning report finds

By CHRIS LOVETT
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The housing market pendulum that swung low in Boston's poorest neighborhoods during the Great Recession has swung back and held steady, with a new wave of investors chasing profits and capitalizing on a tight regional supply, according to a new report by the Metropolitan Area Planning Council.

By MAPC's numbers, 21 percent of the Greater Boston homes sold from 2004 to 2018 were bought by an investor. But in parts of Roxbury, Dorchester, and Mattapan that are mainly populated by people of color, the rate of investor buys was 31 percent, or almost one-third.

At an online presentation of the report last week, MAPC executive director Marc Draisen said he was surprised at the market share going to investor-owners.

"We were surprised to see how many of them were cash purchases," Draisen added, "and we were even surprised to see how many of these were flipped in less than two years, particularly in lower income communities and communities of color."

The report stated that "although investment happens across the region, lower-cost urban neighborhoods of color experience the highest rate of investment activity, adding to displacement pressures

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City Council orders hearing on access to the Lewis Center

By REPORTER STAFF

A front-page story in last week's *Reporter* about student-athletes at TechBoston Academy and their inability to train for competitions at the Reggie Lewis Center prompted debate and swift action from the Boston City Council last week.

Councillors condemned what

they called an abuse: Boston student athletes have to clear out of the center by 3:30 p.m. so that busloads of students from suburban communities can use its state-of-the-art facilities for meets and not get home too late.

Councillor Erin Murphy won unanimous support for a resolution condemning the practice,

which she introduced after reading the story about how students at Tech Boston Academy have had to resort to practicing by running up and down hallways and stairwells at their school. She called for a formal council hearing at which the state, BPS, and suburban school officials can explain themselves, and said

she would get one scheduled in the new year.

Murphy acknowledged that, as a state-owned facility, the Reggie should be open to all Massachusetts residents. But she said that when it opened in the 1990s, BPS was promised that local kids would get prior-

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Police, Courts & Fire

Mattapan man, 19, charged with '21 murder of Dot man

A Mattapan man was arrested on Monday and charged with the murder of a Dorchester man in Mission Hill two years ago. The suspect – Zykari Hamilton, 19 – is accused of shooting Fermin Baez, 32, on Tremont Street on June 7, 2021. He was arrested by members of the BPD Fugitive Unit on Monday at 5 p.m. on Canterbury Street in Roslindale and set to be arraigned this week. According to a Boston Police account, Hamilton was wanted on a warrant for murder and illegal gun charges issued by Suffolk Superior Court.

Detectives assigned to an “ongoing firearm investigation” executed a search warrant on Monday afternoon “in the area of Bowdoin Street” that led them to charge a 20-year-old man with illegal gun possession and other offenses. Jahne Francois was already in custody from a prior incident, according to BPD officials, who say they found a loaded 9mm handgun and a “drum” magazine loaded with 42 rounds of ammunition. Francois was set to be arraigned in Dorchester court this week.

A 52-year-old Dorchester woman was arrested last week on a variety of drug-related and firearm offenses that police say stemmed from a house on Ellsworth Street next Fields Corner. Officers assigned to the citywide Drug Control Unit seized crack cocaine, Fentanyl, a 9mm gun and 110 rounds of ammunition during their warrant sweep in the area of 8 Ellsworth St. last Wednesday morning (Dec. 6). Police say they also found more than \$10,000 in cash at the residence. Trang Duong was placed under arrest and charged with “unlawful possession of a firearm, unlawful possession of ammunition, trafficking of class A, and possession with intent to distribute class A and B.”

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

ZBA approves 14-unit building in Fields Corner

The Zoning Board of Appeal last week approved plans for a five-story building with 14 studio apartments on a lot that ends at a wall for the Fields Corner Red Line stop in Dorchester.

The project needed a variance for, among other things, not having any parking spaces. Develop Hiep Chu said the vacant lot at 22 Freeman St, where a house burned down in the 1980s, isn’t big enough - roughly 40 feet by 80 feet - to support both parking and 15 new apartments, even small ones.

Board members, however, said that was fine in this case. “I think the density feels right,” board member Hansy Better Barraza said. “It’s right



A rendering of a 14-unit project on a Freeman Street lot that touches Fields Corner Red Line station. Image by Hue Architecture.

next to a train station.”

The lot sits on a seven-foot rise, so its ground level would actually be built more as a basement, with spaces for 15 bicycles and a lift to get people

with mobility issues up to the first floor for access to the units, the architect Jennifer Ha said.

The units would range in size from 378 to 398 square feet. Two of the

units will be rented to people making no more than 70 percent of the Boston area media income. Nobody spoke against the proposal.

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Zoning Board okays condo project on Milton Avenue

The Zoning Board of Appeal approved a developer’s plan to build six condos in three new buildings on Milton Avenue last week, but only after the developer agreed to reduce the number of parking spaces.

Residents raised concerns that Onyx Management and Development’s plans for 45 Milton Ave. would worsen parking woes on the street. The company responded with a proposal for nine parking spaces in a backyard that would be taken up almost entirely by a driveway and the spaces, with room for just three or four potted shrubs.

At a Tuesday hearing, residents said the parking plan for the three buildings, which would actually be connected by enclosed decks and a common basement, still wouldn’t end parking issues on the street.

Robin Saunders of the Dorchester United Neighborhood Association pointed to the loss of a number of on-street spaces when the city turned the intersection of Milton and Edson Street into

a roundabout - and to the greater number of people who now work at home due to Covid-19.

Board member Hansy Better Barraza sided with residents in saying the proposal for three three-story buildings was just too dense for the site on a street where most homes are 1 1/2 to 2 stories tall.

She moved to deny the project, which in earlier proposals had 8, 9 or 11 units, without prejudice, which means the company could come back in less than a year with a new plan.

“It seems like applicant really needs to work on the density issue,” she said, calling for more open space and less parking.

The board voted 4-3 to deny the bid; state zoning law requires at least five votes to pass something.

Members Giovanni Valencia, Alan Langham and Katie Whewell voted with Better Barraza; members Norm Stembridge, Sherry Dong, and Alaa Mukahhal voted against.

“I appreciate the creation of housing, but I see a problem with parking and open space in back,” Valencia said before casting his vote.

“I feel the applicant has reduced this project a great bit,” Stembridge said. “I’m not sure that a parking solution will be found by reducing [it further].”

The board then voted 5-2 to approve the project - with Better Barraza and Whewell voting no - with a proviso the developer work with the BPDA to reduce the number of spaces in the back.

Attorney Ryan Spitz told the board his client would be amenable to reducing the number of parking spaces in the back to seven.

The project needed variances from the zoning board because the site’s zoning prohibits multi-family buildings, the structure would have more square footage than allowed for the roughly 11,000-square-foot parcel, and there would be one story too many.

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UPCOMING CIVIC MEETINGS AND COMMUNITY EVENTS



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The Boston Public Health Commission and Boston Community Health Collaborative will host a community meeting on the current health status of Dorchester at the Great Hall at Codman Square, 6 Norfolk St., Dorchester on Thurs., Dec. 14, 6-8 p.m. Doors open for dinner at 5:30 p.m. Dinner, childcare and \$50 gift card to one adult per family will be provided while supplies last.

The BPDA hosts a virtual public meeting on Tuesday, Dec. 19 at 6 p.m. to discuss Article 33 Open Space Zoning “to create a new stadium and public amphitheatre zoning district.

The Nutcracker, staged by the Jose Mateo

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

Coming up at the BPL: The Adams Street branch of the BPL hosts Ezekiel’s Wheels Klezmer Band on Sat., Dec. 9, 2-3p.m.... The staff of the Uphams Corner Branch of the and Friends of Uphams Corner Branch hosts their annual holiday party on Thurs., Dec. 14, 3-7 p.m. Food will be available as take-home packets....

Author Leah Freeman-Haskin reads from her debut 2023 picture book, *The Last Two Crayons*, and leads an art activity on Sat., Dec. 9 at the Mattapan branch.

A grassroots group that plans to mark the 50th anniversary of the end of the War in Vietnam in 2025 will convene its first public meeting about their ideas on Sat., Dec. 16 at the VietAID Community Center, 42 Charles St., Dorchester. The meeting, which will take place at noon, will include a discussion about an proposed art installation located in Fields Corner. Dorchester-based artist Trần Vũ is one of the people leading the effort, which is called “1975: Vietnamese

Diaspora Healing Memorial.” E-mail 1975VietHealing@gmail.com for more info.

Mayor Michelle Wu will deliver her second annual State of the City Address at MGM Music Hall at Fenway on Tuesday, Jan. 9. Programming will begin at 7 p.m. with the Mayor’s remarks beginning at approximately 7:30 p.m. The City of Boston Cable Office will stream the entire program live on boston.gov/SOTC from 7-8 p.m.

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Tenants vigil calls for new deal at Mattapan’s Fairlawn Apartments

**By SETH DANIEL
NEWS EDITOR**

Tenants and neighbors of the Fairlawn/Soma apartments on Cummins Highway held another vigil outside their building on Monday night, this time with a community development leader in attendance who hopes his organization can purchase the property and return it to affordable housing.

Attended by about a dozen long-time residents, citywide non-profit housing organizations, and the local non-profit development group Caribbean Integration Development Corporation (CICD), speakers called for the ownership group DSF Realty – which is in the process of selling the property – to sell to CICD.

“In February, I’ll have been living here 50 years,” said resident Annie Gordon. “I have always loved this area and have been supportive of it. We should keep our homes and have the right to say who we want to work with as an owner. I had to go back to work at the age of 72 to pay the rent here and I haven’t paid one penny more since they wanted me to keep paying \$300 increases.”

Betty Lewis, who has lived there for 40 years,



CICD Director Donald Alexis addressed the crowd of residents, neighbors, and non-profit leaders during Monday’s vigil. CICD has been working with the owner to try to buy the complex on the open market and return it to affordable housing. *Seth Daniel photo*

said: “I’m fighting for justice for me and those who live here. DSF has got to go. We don’t need them because they have not been fair to us. If you’re part of this community, we need you to stand up and fight with us. We need unity.”

DSF Realty, based on Newbury Street in the Back Bay, did not return a call or email for comment

in time for this story. The company also did not respond to the *Reporter* for comment in a story in 2019 when rent increases starting pinching long-time residents like Gordon and a similar vigil was staged outside the complex.

Monday’s rally was spurred by DSF’s recent decision to put the property on the market

after owning it since 2018 and rebranding it from Fairlawn to ‘Soma Apartments at the T.’ Built in the 1960s and federally subsidized, the property was sold to DSF on the open market by the developer when the subsidy covenant expired. Residents say that since that time, they feel there has been an effort to push them out, create smaller

units, and capitalize on the new Fairmount Line train stop across the street that they fought long and hard to make a reality.

Donald Alexis, director of CICD who was also at the rally Monday night, said his group has been working with DSF on an offer they are making for the complex that they hope to convert into

affordable housing, much as they have done across the street at Cote Village. He said they haven’t been getting any great response lately, prompting his attendance at the vigil.

“They want to take these apartments and turn them all into one-bedrooms for \$2,500 a month,” he said. “Once you have a building next to a train station, it becomes a dog fight because everyone wants to buy it for top dollar and then make even more money. But what happens to those that have been here? The time is right now to fight for this.”

Fairlawn/Soma Apartments consists of a single-story leasing office/maintenance shop and 12 four-story apartment buildings completed between 1965 and 1968. The unit mix comprises 14 studios, 143 one-bedroom apartments, 75 two-bedroom/one bath apartments, and 115 two-bedroom/one & a half bath apartments with an average unit size of 829 square feet.

According to the current Soma Apartments website, a studio apartment with one bathroom goes for \$2,000 a month, and a two-bedroom of 956 square feet rents for \$2,675 per month.

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Halfway to Dot Day race attracts a festive gathering

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colors. The finish line was at the Pope John Paul Park II, where more cheer teams and Santa Claus waited.

Mark Lopez, who ran in the race, said that seeing other runners “all decked out in holiday gear is really fun and lively.” Like many other runners, Lopez came out with a green, sparkly Christmas hat to run joined by his dog Bailey in a matching green outfit.

“Being part of a community event while also getting some exercise with my dog is great,” Lopez said. “Bailey loves getting attention, so a friendly race like this is perfect for her.”

Ava Murphy, expressed gratitude for the race’s cheerful and festive spirit and said she “loves Dot Day, so why not celebrate halfway to Dot Day as we near Christmas?”

Dot Day is the annual celebration that celebrates the vibrant culture, diversity, and community spirit of Dorchester. The community gathers on the first Sunday of June for the traditional parade up Dorchester Avenue.

“It’s so wholesome to see families coming together and enjoying themselves,” Murphy said. “My favorite part about Dot Day and this race is seeing young kids having fun.”

Livy Thompson, another participant, came out with her husband and their 7-year-old daughter.

“It’s nice to get fresh air and do some family bonding through this event,” said



A team from Dorchester Youth Soccer dressed in festive attire at Florian Hall for the Halfway to Dot Day 5k Road Race.



A mother and son waiting for the Halfway to Dot Day 5k Road Race to start at Hilltop Street while other runners pet their dog.



A father and daughter jogging through the Neponset Greenway next to Hill Top Street for the Halfway to Dot Day 5k Road Race.

Thompson, who jogged alongside her family smiling in red Santa hats.

Among the many local organizations that turned out was a team from Dorchester Youth Soccer and a Girl Scout troop.

“We also have young people from a group called Sole Train, a youth organization with students from Boston public schools that uses running as a form of goal setting,” O’Shea said. “It’s great that we’ve got a lot of young people running.”

Besides their group runs, O’Shea said the Dorchester Running Club participates in volunteer opportunities around the neighborhood. Events for One Boston Day and the Boston Marathon, park cleanups and the Halfway to Dot Day 5k Road Race are all part of their volunteer work.



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ADSL celebrates its 40th birthday as it rises once again in popularity



Executive Director Candice Gartley and state Sen. and honoree Nick Collins.



State Rep. and honoree Dan Hunt, Joe Boyle, Executive Director Candice Gartley, Michael Christopher, and DJ Chris.



Jaime Buckley, ADSL director of operations, and Lois Savage.



The ADSL Dads Workout Club from left: Mike Ritter, Jasen Lambright, Nate Oaks, and Andrew McDonnell.



Youth leaders Jaylen Barros, Ashakay Williams, and Damien Gichohi.



ADSL Parent Rachel McDonnell, Christine Lambright, and Meredith Mulcahy.

**BY SETH DANIEL
NEWS EDITOR**

The All Dorchester Sports & Leadership (ADSL) organization was formed 40 years ago to use athletic competition to help combat the youth violence and truancy that was plaguing the neighborhood from one side to the other.

Since then, ADSL has not strayed from its mission of keeping youth pointed in a positive direction, said Executive Director Candice Gartley during ADSL’s 40th anniversary gala at Venezia Restaurant on Dec. 6.

“There is still so much work to make sure this organization gets stronger,” she said, “but it continues to be deeply important for the times we’re experiencing. ADSL will continue to grow and be here for generations to come.”

The organization started in 1983 to bring all sections of the neighborhood together to promote peace through athletics, which included soccer, baseball, basketball, and other sports played on Town Field. Over time the organization added a Park League adult baseball team, a leadership/academic support program, and a wellness program at its Town Field headquarters,



ADSL Board member Courtney Avery, and his wife Madeline.
Seth Daniel photos

which current member Jaylen Barros said he always thought was a “bathhouse” until he was welcomed into the ADSL family.

While it was a thriving sports program in the 1980s and 1990s, ADSL moved into hard times until Gartley took the reins about 12 years ago. Since then, the organization has expanded from serving about 130 kids to some 2,100 annually through a wealth of successful programs – notably the growing basketball program, the critical academic/mentoring support, and girls softball.

ADSL chose to honor three individuals with Community Champion Awards on the big night, two of whom once played on its youth teams. State Sen. Nick Collins and

state Rep. Dan Hunt both played baseball and other sports with ADSL, then went on to help champion the organization in the Legislature with budget earmarks to help keep ADSL solvent and thriving.

“ADSL has grown from a youth and mentoring program to a full-scale youth development organization,” said Collins. “I am committed to support this cause and am even more motivated to do so after tonight.”

The third honoree was Boston Police Officer Manny Dambreville, who in recent times happened upon ADSL and found it to be a great partner in his police work helping young people in need.

“ADSL is a miracle,” he said. “We need ADSL everywhere.”

Also offering an im-

portant perspective were a group of parents from the girls softball league, including Ann Walsh, Leslie Sammon, Ann Detweiler, and Virginia Benzan. Walsh, a long-time coach in the league, said girls’ softball was about to disappear in the neighborhood when ADSL stepped up to save it. Now, she said, it is thriving with more than 200 participants in a league that is more about fun and “trying things out” than it is about cut-throat competition.

“It’s recreational; there are no cuts,” she said. “You can just play sports, and especially for girls in middle school and high school that’s important because they can suddenly see themselves as an athlete.”

From the participant perspective, members Jaylen Barros, Ashakay Williams, and Damien Gichohi spoke about their experiences and how ADSL helped them to improve their lives and point them in the right direction.

“I wasn’t always a good kid,” said Gichohi. “I found myself making the wrong decisions and thought I was all grown up. ADSL made me challenge that thought that I had to do it all by myself... It got me on the right track.”

Said Williams, “Most importantly, ADSL is where I found my confidence. ADSL brought me out of my shell. I didn’t like talking to people... ADSL taught me that even saying, ‘Hi,’ can help someone out and also break you out of your bubble.”

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A coal miner turned soul miner, Bishop Langham had an impact

New street sign on Woodrow Ave. honors his legacy

By SETH DANIEL
NEWS EDITOR

Of all places, a military posting on the outskirts of London during the late 1950s was where the late Bishop Hurshel Langham found his calling to preach the gospel and live out a life in the ministry. That turn of life eventually led him to Dorchester's Woodrow Avenue, where he would lead the Faithful Church of Christ family for almost 50 years before his death in 2013 at the age of 77.

In the beginning of his new vocation, he was stationed outside of London as a member of the US Air Force and traveling with the military's gospel team to churches and cathedrals in the countryside, preaching to Englishwomen. His wife, Jacqueline, related the story in an interview with the Reporter:

"They would go out to these old gothic cathedrals with these old ladies there and the other guys would tell him, 'You preach, we'll sing.' That was how he preached his first message."

Last Sunday, after services at the Woodrow Avenue church, its leaders, family, and friends gathered on the corner of Lucerne Street and Woodrow Avenue to unveil a blue street sign that reads "Bishop Hurshel Langham Way."

On hand were state Rep. Chris Worrell and his brother, City Councillor Brian Worrell, who have been members of the Friendly Church of Christ most of their lives. "It makes all the sense in the world to honor Bishop Langham here where he gave so much to the community," said Chris.

Added Brian, "When this neighborhood was quite different and was blighted, he made sure young men like us had the resources to succeed."

Hurshel Langham, the stalwart example, mentor, and evangelist in Dorchester, grew up far from Woodrow Ave-



Jacqueline Langham, left, relayed the history of her late husband's work in the ministry and before, with his photo displayed for all to see.

nue. He was born into an Alabama sharecropping family who lived about 40 miles from the Mississippi border. His great-grandparents, Buck and Fannie, were likely born into slavery, as his grandfather, Stephen, was born in 1875. He lived his life as a sharecropper responsible for planting and harvesting in brutal conditions, but his children, including Bishop Langham's parents, left for the coal mines of West Virginia.

Langham joined them in Man, West Virginia when he was five, and took his first job in the company store at the age of 10 before he headed into the mines shortly after.

It was a brutal existence, not much better than sharecropping, he often said. According to Jacqueline Langham, "He always noted that Martin Luther King, Jr., said sharecropping was a second form of slavery. Based on my husband's experiences, the mines and the camps were third forms of slavery. For my husband, the military was a way out."

He served in the Air Force from 1956 to 1960, was honorably discharged and found his way to Boston for a



Hurshel N. Langham unveils the memorial sign on Woodrow Avenue last Sunday honoring his father, Bishop Hurshel Langham, while his mother, Jacqueline, looks on. Bishop Langham, pictured in his Air Force uniform, spent almost 50 years of service to the Friendly Church of Christ on Woodrow Avenue prior to his passing in 2013.

Seth Daniel photos

"visit," said Jacqueline.

"He came to Boston the summer after he was discharged from the military to check on a sibling and had no intention on staying in Boston," she said. "He was headed for California – the golden coast – but he never got there ... He visited the Friendly Church of Christ, and never left. In our church culture we are always going ... He was like a mule grinding the corn, going around and around and never stopping. Once he started going, he kept going."

Soon, Hurshel was volunteering for the church, at that time located at 763 Shawmut Ave. in Lower Roxbury. He worked at Mass. General Hospital,

at John Hancock Insurance, in construction as a heavy equipment operator and married Jacqueline in 1963. Three years later, when the church's pastor, ET Payne, passed away, he was elected interim pastor and then installed in 1967.

At that time, the meeting house for the church was in the way of the Boston Redevelopment Authority's (BRA) Urban Renewal plan for the High School Campus District, eventual site of Madison Park and John D. O'Bryant high schools. "We had to leave, and we looked around Lower Roxbury but eventually turned our attention to Dorchester," said Jacqueline. "We bought this

building in 1970 from Congregation Hadrath Israel – a Lithuanian Jewish synagogue – and we paid it off in 1974."

The 1899 building first housed a Baptist mission of the Codman Temple in Codman Square, an offshoot of the Tremont Temple downtown. Around 1918, Congregation Hadrath moved from Crawford Street in Roxbury to Woodrow Avenue – an area seeing a heavy Jewish inflow. Across the street sat another Jewish temple (now Temple Salem Seventh Day Adventists) and next door was a third Jewish worship site.

"Our congregation was thinking we landed in heaven with an old but usable commercial kitchen and air conditioning," she said. "Are you kidding me? We had only been able to open windows before. It was quite a change for us."

In 2004, the congregation began a major renovation, raising \$2.25 million over two years to fully rehabilitate their church and the area around it – including a large parking lot that Bishop Langham had the foresight to purchase in the 1980s.

"The money he asked for was quite astronomical, but the people believed he was going somewhere," said Jacqueline. "It amounted to about \$10,000 per person. Some people went into their 401ks, but they did it."

She said her husband was prepared for the tough life of a minister in the inner city in times that weren't as prosperous – helping others with problems and keeping people faithful in dark days. While later in life, he earned degrees from Gordon Conwell Seminary, and master's degrees in religious education and divinity studies, Jacqueline pointed to his days in the coal mines and military as the times when he forged a resolve that she said she has never seen in anyone else.

"The discipline required in that hallow of West Virginia and back in those mountains was rough. The military was even harder," she said. "It all honed him to be laser focused when the Lord called him to the ministry."

She said his secret was simple – dedication to prayer, sometimes for an entire weekend. "He would choose times and he would say to me he would not be coming home for the weekend. I knew that meant he was going to the church by himself for prayer and reading scripture – not eating, either. I knew he needed to be by himself and was not going to be coming home."

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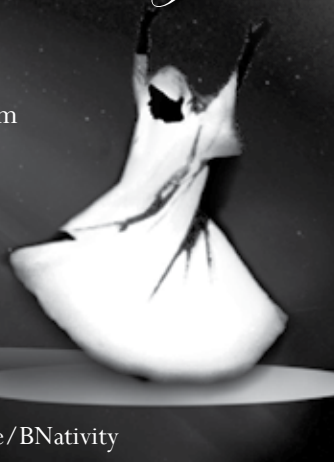
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Dot Bay EDC highlights milestone events of year

The Dorchester Bay Economic Development Corp. (EDC), based in Uphams Corner, held its annual meeting on Nov. 16 at Roxbury Community College. It was billed as a time to celebrate accomplishments and honor residents, as well as to re-elect board members of the organization.

Kimberly R. Lyle, the CEO, a spoke about some of the milestones for Dorchester Bay EDC in the last year, including the Small Business Team's investment of more than \$1.3 million in lending capital to sup-



Patrick Muyonjo and his family members accepted the Family Recognition Award from DBEDC's Peguero. Chris McIntosh photo

port 13 small businesses. Fourteen local businesses also received \$284,000 in grants in the last year, she said in noting that the organization's Workforce Development team has helped 118 residents through the re-entry and job placement programs.

Awardees included Security Services Specialists, Inc., Boston Pizza & Grill, Val Daley of Uphams Corner Main Streets, new Police Officer Nia Little, Tameka Haywood, Patrick Muyonjo, and Helena Pimentel.

Viet community planning for 2025 'Healing Memorial'

By Cassidy McNeeley
Reporter Correspondent

A grassroots group that plans to mark the 50th anniversary of the end of the war in Vietnam in 2025 will convene its first public meeting to take up ideas – one is an art installation in Fields Corner – at noon on Sat., Dec. 16, at the VietAID Community Center on Charles Street.



Tran Vu
Tran V. Nikolai
Alexander photo

The Dorchester-based artist Tran Vu is one of the people leading the effort, which is called "1975: Vietnamese Diaspora Healing Memorial." He grew up in Dorchester and works to create art that represents the diversity of the neighborhood through murals that explore identity, justice, and belonging.

"As someone who grew up in the community, I've participated in rituals and ceremonies, especially remembrance of various anniversaries of the war," said Tran. "What I notice is that is usually done at the various American veteran's sites, such as the one on Morrissey Boulevard. Growing up, there was no space for the Vietnamese community, especially a permanent marker of our kind existing in the community."

With the half-century anniversary approaching, Tran has teamed up with Linh-Phuong Vu, a mental health clinician and community program manager, with the hope of eventually developing a permanent memorial.

"My original vision was

cluding VietAID, Coco Leaf, and Boston Little Saigon office on Dorchester Avenue.

"We really care about it being rooted and grounded in community because for a project like this to be feasible and for it to happen in the way that we want it to be in remembrance and in honoring it has to be rooted in community," Tran said. "We couldn't do it alone, nor do we want to do it alone. We want to bring alongside the community to have it be truly accessible and inclusive for Vietnamese community members and also non-Vietnamese community members because Dorchester is truly diverse."

to make a permanent memorial, but that might take a lot longer than the year 2025," Tran said in an interview with the Reporter. "So right now, we're planning for a temporary public art installation on public land in 2025."

She added: "This project is part of a larger commemoration initiative and thinking about the legacy of war and healing. We want to build a healing memorial to honor the community and the impact of war and how that still affects families and communities."

Saturday's meeting, she said, is a first step to announce the project and bring together coalition partners. "It's about sharing our mission, vision, and goals for this project and laying out the next steps for the next two years."

If community members cannot attend on the 16th, they can collaborate on the project through a survey available in both Tiếng Việt and English. Physical copies of the survey can also be found at various locations in-



Dorchester's Emma Kelly is logging good minutes in her senior season as a center on the St. Michael's College women's hockey team. The Boston Latin School graduate recently scored her first two collegiate goals and has been a leader on her line while securing 57 faceoffs in her first season on the offense. Photo by Jim Laskarzewski

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The Tileston House a military hero's home

The building at 13 River Street in Lower Mills is on the National Register of Historic Places, the nation's official list of places worthy of preservation. It also is a designated Boston Landmark, listed in Joseph M. Bagley's "Boston's Oldest Buildings and Where to Find Them" as the 28th oldest building in Boston. Disputing other accounts that assign the building's construction to the late 1790s, Bagley states that it was built about 1770.

It was the home of 4th Lieutenant Ezra Badlam who marched to Roxbury on April 19, 1775, in response to the alarm from Lexington with his brother Stephen, a sergeant, and his youngest brother William, a fifer. Ezra served as an officer, from the beginning of the Revolutionary War until his dismissal from the army in 1782, first in the Massachusetts Militia, then as Lt. Colonel in the Continental Army. Ezra was orphaned at



You can see the house in this illustration – 13 River Street – when leaving the Shaw's Market parking lot in Lower Mills. It was built in the late 1790s by Euclid Tileston who learned cabinetry from Ezra Badlam, his father-in-law, and later became a carriage maker. The property was owned by the Tilestons until 1897.

an early age and his grandfather was lost at sea before his father was born. Nevertheless, he managed not only to survive but to prosper. Ezra taught his brother Stephen the cabinet-making trade in a building that once was on the River Street property. Although none of Ezra's furniture has been found, Stephen's exceptional work is on display at Yale University, the Metropolitan Museum of Art, and the Dorchester Historical Society. Dorchester Park encompasses much of the woodlot they used.

Copies of Badlam's correspondence are stored in the Dorchester Historical Society archives and transcriptions will eventually be available on the DHS website. Ezra corresponded with George

Washington, Alexander Hamilton, Benjamin Lincoln and other war heroes and their voices can be heard directly through the context of Ezra's letters that describe attacks, defeats, atrocities, smallpox, courts martial, traitorous deceptions, hunger, cold, relationships, lack of finances, deserters, Tories, spies, military maneuvers and even the design of Continental uniforms, which differed slightly from state to state.

The Badlams are significant historical figures in American military history. A restored 13 River Street would be a source of pride and a reminder of Dorchester's rich heritage.

Text by Carole Mooney

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

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Editorial

DotHouse Health gets an early holiday gift

It truly is the most wonderful time of the year at Dot House Health. The health center just received the largest single donation in its 150-year history from Yield Giving, the charitable fund established by MacKenzie Scott, the ex-wife of Amazon founder Jeff Bezos.

The actual sum has not been disclosed, but it’s safe to assume that it’s a seven-figure number. It’s one of two major gifts to Boston-area health centers by Scott’s team, which also gave \$7.5 million to Roxbury’s Dimock Center. The news of both gifts went live on the Yield Giving website last week.

Yield Giving does not take applications and does not take contributions from any donors. Scott’s mission is to redistribute the majority of her massive fortune by deploying a team of advisors to seek out non-profit organizations that have a “major impact on a variety of causes.” Since 2019, they’ve given out over \$16.5 billion to nearly 2,000 non-profits across the world.

Michelle Nadow, Dot House Health’s CEO, had no idea that Yield Giving was even a thing— let alone a potential donor for her Fields Corner-based organization. She got a call from a Yield Giving executive telling her: “You’re a leader in your field and that they’d be giving us an award.”

There were no questions asked, no string attached, no press releases or check presentations. Yield Giving doesn’t require a follow-up report. In fact, they don’t want to hear from DotHouse Health again. It’s a one-time gift.

“It’s a real tribute to the amazing work that’s been done here over our whole history,” said Nadow, who has worked at DotHouse for 19 years, the last eight as CEO.

“I’m so incredibly proud of the work we do here and it’s so incredibly gratifying to have other people notice your work and want to invest in it,” said Nadow. “It really makes us feel like we are an anchor here and that we need to make sure we’re here in perpetuity to meet the needs of the community.”

It’s been tough sledding for DotHouse— and all community health centers— in the post-Covid era. Megan Sonderegger, who chairs its board of directors, said she and her colleagues “will work diligently to make certain that every bit of this gift is allocated to have the greatest impact for emerging and evolving services and programs at our health center.

“We want to ensure that this gift can continue to help and support DotHouse for years to come,” she said.

-Bill Forry

Commentary

It’s time to step up and fund the Franklin Park Action Plan

By Rickie Thompson and Jacob Bor

On Dec 13, 2022 – one year ago this week – City of Boston officials gathered at the Franklin Park Overlook to launch the Franklin Park Action Plan. Between line dancing led by Boston Rhythm Riders and photo ops with community members, Mayor Michelle Wu spoke at length of the city’s commitment to the Action Plan and the key role it plays in addressing city priorities of environmental justice and climate resilience.

Designed by Frederick Law Olmsted in 1885, Franklin Park is the largest park in Boston and the “crown jewel” of the Emerald Necklace. Featuring woodlands and ball fields, winding paths and picnic groves, no park in Boston serves as large and diverse a set of populations and uses.

The Franklin Park Action Plan presents a generational vision for reinvestment in Franklin Park, one that knits together Olmsted’s original master plan with current uses and future needs. In addition to plans for long-term capital investments, the Action Plan recommends specific operational funding increases to support long-deferred park maintenance and ecological restoration. Last month, the plan won an Award of Excellence from the American Society of Landscape Architects, which recognized that it “rejuvenates the park while respecting and protecting its value to adjacent communities.”

Commissioned by the City of Boston, the Action Plan was developed through an extensive process of community engagement, with design expertise from a consortium of consulting firms. Hundreds of Boston residents voiced their views about the park at many community meetings organized in coordination with the Franklin Park Coalition, a community-based park advocacy organization, on whose board of directors we serve. About \$1 million was spent on the plan.

We congratulate the city for this successful initiative. Now it is time to put the Action Plan into action, with dedicated funding in the FY2025 operational budget.

Despite all the fanfare of one year ago, the Action Plan has been eclipsed in recent months by plans to redevelop the Shattuck Hospital site and renovate White Stadium. These proposals have sparked important conversations, but they both propose how Franklin Park can be used for purposes other than general recreation, missing the critical value of the park itself to the surrounding neighborhoods and city at large.

Go to Franklin Park on a weekday morning and you will see hundreds of Bostonians out for their daily exercise, a walk with a friend, or a quiet moment with nature. On any given Sunday, you will encounter dozens of picnics and cookouts, cricket, softball, basketball and tennis games, birthday parties and yoga classes. The park hosts major festivals including the Franklin Park Kite and Bike Festival, the Boston Art & Music Soul (BAMS) Festival, the Caribbean American Carnival, the Boston Athletic Association’s Half Marathon, and the city’s largest Juneteenth event. On Tuesday nights in July and August, hundreds gather for community concerts at the Elma Lewis Playhouse, reviving the tradition of the acclaimed Black arts educator’s park performances in the 1970s.

The Franklin Park Coalition was surprised that despite Mayor Wu’s strong endorsement of the Action Plan, the city’s FY2024 operations budget contained no new funding for implementation. The FY2025 budget, now in preparation, offers the opportunity to fund the operational needs outlined in the Action Plan, including additional maintenance staff, an ecological restoration crew, and a Franklin Park manager. Although the city set aside \$28 million in capital funds from the sale of the Winthrop Square garage, new permanent staffing is needed to implement and maintain restoration projects and recover from deferred park maintenance. The Action Plan recommends close to \$1.5 million in additional operations funding annually.

Parks are among our greatest public goods, alongside the library system, schools, mass transit, and community safety. Yet Boston spends less than a penny on parks for every dollar in the city operational budget. Advocates have called for a minimum of “1 percent for parks” to align Boston with other major metropolitan areas. If the city funded parks at this level, the additional \$8 million each year would go a long way to addressing major deferred maintenance in Franklin Park and throughout the system. If the city is serious about investing in Franklin Park, the Action Plan provides the roadmap. It’s time to move from plan to action.

The authors are residents of Hyde Park and Roxbury and serve on the board of directors of the Franklin Park Coalition. Rickie Thompson is board president.

Israel should fight Hamas, but end its war against civilians

By Edward M. Cook
Reporter Contributor

Looking up Longfellow Street I am tormented by the ever more tragic turmoil between Israelis and Palestinians. The Hamas/Israeli war asks every resident of Dorchester, every American, every human being: “Who are we at our core?”

As I writhe, trying to find hope, I have reached one breakthrough: As an American, I simply do not want my country and government associated with Benjamin Netanyahu in any way, shape, or form. I do not want complicity in this bombing of children and hospitals, in this wholesale destruction of cities. To President Biden I say, “If you lie down with dogs, you get up with fleas.” By extension, those fleas are landing on every American. Netanyahu is not Israel.

The only solution is a guaranteed peace for both Israel and the Palestinians, but Netanyahu has been leading in the opposite direction. Since he was first elected prime minister in 1996, he has pursued the destruction of any two-state solution proposal. He has promoted the spread of Jewish settlements on Palestinian land in the West Bank and created an

Looking Up Longfellow Street

apartheid state there. He has admitted to propping up Hamas in order to divide the Palestinians into opposing camps in Gaza and the West Bank.

The crushing of the Palestinians in the West Bank became such an obsession with Netanyahu that, since his election in 2022, and under his direction, the defense establishment of Israel took its eyes off Gaza until Oct. 7. Within Israel, Netanyahu moved to subvert the democratic judicial system of the country in order to protect himself from criminal charges that he was facing.

Vicious, heinous, suicidal Hamas has completely outmaneuvered Netanyahu with its hiding of the buildup of munitions, its accumulation of precise maps of every kibbutz, IDF camp, and secret installation, its construction of the Gaza Metro of tunnels, its complete surprise of Oct. 7 with massacres and the capture of hostages.

They correctly predicted that their mad “successes” would bring a rabid response from Netanyahu, put a stop to his efforts at reproachment with Saudi Arabia and put the Palestinians at the top to the world’s agenda. Outmaneuvered and embarrassed at every point, Netanyahu has fallen into Hamas’s trap: revengeful violence vs hide-and-seek in tunnels.

As Henry Kissinger said, “The conventional army loses if it does not win. The guerrilla wins if he does not lose.” If the cruelty of Netanyahu were not enough reason to detach from him, his utter incompetence shouts for going around him and speaking to the Israeli public directly, to world and regional leaders, and through the UN.

It has been widely noted that Hamas is a violent version of an idea: the Palestinians have been robbed, subjugated, and left to swing slowly and desperately in a wind of indifference. An idea cannot be bombed out of existence. No matter how many Hamas fighters and leaders are killed in the current war, if the idea of Hamas is not addressed, hope is impossible, and Hamas will continue to be a phoenix continually rising out of its ashes.

Terrorism is fought with counterterrorism not with wars against civilians. Following Netanyahu farther in the direction he has taken Israel promises less and less security and more tragedy.

Some 10,000 Israeli bombs were dropped on Gaza in the first three weeks of the war, a deployment that amounts to 25,000 tons of explosives, nearly twice the power of the Hiroshima bomb. Some 40 percent of the casualties are children. The US administration must stop defending this wholesale bombing.

President Biden can turn us in a different direction. He can lead a movement to return Israel to the path of a real two-state solution. This would require that Israelis create a government willing to abide by all appropriate UN resolutions. Biden can push all Arab states to do their part by recognizing the right of Israel to exist and establishing normal diplomatic and trade relations.

The US has the most skin in this game as a guarantor of the Israeli state and supplier of military and diplomatic support. If Biden focused on creating a united front of Arab states, the US, and Israel, there would be a chance of bringing Iran to the bargaining table. Reducing tensions with Iran starts with a Palestinian state. All these powers must focus on repairing Gaza. That is a cause worthy of the leadership of the president of the United States. One cannot resurrect the children and other innocents who have perished, but there will never be peace if the survivors of the violence do not have hope for peace delivered and guaranteed.

The loss of innocent lives halfway across the globe, Israeli and Palestinian both, is reason enough to act. Action is needed to save us here at home, too. With the 2024 election pending, support of Netanyahu has alienated key Democratic voting blocks: minorities, voters aged 18-35, progressives, Arab and Muslim voters. If these parts of the Democratic base don’t come out to vote, Trump will return to power and US democracy will end.

In the 1960s and 70s, the dogged pursuit of a tragic war shattered progress here at home. This time let us stop before another such failure brings continued grief abroad and at home.

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Commentary

Saying goodbye to Emma

BY LEW FINFER
SPECIAL TO THE REPORTER
For thousands of households across Dorchester, there's a dog or a cat—or perhaps both—that are cherished members of their families. For 14 years, until she died last month, we were blessed with Emma, a mini-Australian Shepherd. She arrived after my son Aleksandr had lobbied for a year for a dog.

We did some research and settled on this breed, finding puppies for sale at a farm in northern Vermont that called itself a ranch instead of a farm, which seemed a bit strange. The owner showed us Emma's mother, named Cherokee, and when we asked about her father, she said, "Why would you want to see him?" When we got Emma home, I worked up a fake letter addressed to my son congratulating him on behalf of the Australian Shepherd's Association for his wise choice. I put the return address of the group on the envelope to make it look real and put it in our mailbox. But the postman got to it first and returned it to the association. A representative soon called in a huff to say we were impersonating the group illegally. And, maybe worse than that, we had spelled Australian wrong.

We loved Emma for 14 years. She was very affectionate and protective. No matter what kind of a day you'd been having, when you came home, you got big happy greeting from her. Unfortunately, breeders of Australian Shepherds crop their tails. We read Emma the book "The Dog Who Lost His Tail," but that didn't help. Emma still shook her butt even though she had no tail. My daughter called them "wiggles." Emma herded us to the door to take her for a walk. She loved walks in the woods behind Ventura Park, to the secret pathway through the marshes to the Neponset River, and on the sand bar at low tide that enabled you to walk from Squantum in Quincy to Thompson Island. Emma, to be truthful, barked a lot. She barked at anyone who had the nerve to walk by our house. She barked at people visiting us. We had to distribute dog biscuits to our guests to give to her and they had to sit down right away to stop her barking. But when they got up to leave, the barking started again. On walks with her, it baffled us as to why she barked at some people and some dogs and not others. We had a "Wag more, bark less" bumper sticker

on our fridge, but Emma apparently was not a good reader. But she was good on voice intonation. When we came home to her warm greeting only to see the kitchen trash barrel tipped over, we'd address her with disapproval. She'd then slink guiltily under the table—for perhaps two minutes. But for some time recently, Emma had been slowing down. She could no longer jump up on our bed or on our couch without help. She slept a lot and moved slowly on our walks. One day in November, she didn't eat her breakfast. She didn't eat dog biscuit treats, either. She lay down all day in the same spot. We called Neponset Animal Hospital and they told us to bring her to the Angell Memorial in Jamaica Plain. After examining her, they said she needed to be admitted. During the next four days, they gave her 132 tests and medications. They really tried, but her immune system was attacking the three blood transfusions she had been given. She was only alive in a cage with oxygen. Finally, there was a diagnosis of inoperable cancer in her liver. We had to face the fact that

there was no hope, so we went to Angell to say goodbye. They took us into a room with a couch, chairs, and a poster with a quote from the French writer Anatole France: "Until one has loved an animal, a part of one's soul remains unawakened." A kind doctor wheeled in Emma on a gurney and said we'd have ten minutes. Emma was showered by pats and kisses from my wife Judy, my daughter Sophia, my sister-in-law Janet, and myself. The doctor came back 20 minutes later with two shots. One to put her to sleep and another to stop her heart; it took 40 seconds in all. She was gone. They put Emma in a white cardboard box that they called a coffin and two days later, we dug a grave under the boughs of a huge bush in our yard. We put down a blanket, wrapped her body in a sheet, and placed her into the ground. We put beside her one of her toys, a small teddy bear, that she liked to chew on. And we placed a small sheep toy in, too, since she's a herding dog. We placed flowers on her and then covered her with soil. We made a heart out of stones on top of her



grave. We had a big box of tissues during these events because so many tears were shed. Why do our pets mean so much to us? The philosopher Alfred Montapart said, "Animals are reliable, many full of love, true in their affections, predictable in their actions, grateful and loyal: Difficult standards for people to live up to." We become better persons because our pets help us to be more giving of love and affection. Our Emma is gone but we can see where she lies out of our kitchen window. In the living room, we've placed a favorite picture of her. In it, she's sitting in tall grass, her head swept back. You'd have to say she has a big smile on her face. Good-bye, Emma. We'll always love you. *Lew Finfer is a Dorchester resident.*



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Haitian adult daycare fetes 15 years in service

**BY SETH DANIEL
NEWS EDITOR**

The Sant Bel Vi adult daycare center celebrated its 15th year of day services for older adults of Haitian heritage at its location on Frontenac Street last Friday (Dec. 9). The center was packed with special guests and regular attendees, including Mayor Wu and City Councilor-elect Enrique Pepen.

Launched in 2008 by Oswald Neptune, the center has since expanded its footprint and is now managed by Laudz Nicolas. The daily program includes hundreds of older adults who are transported to and from the center daily to enjoy Haitian cuisine, socializing, dance programs, medical checkups, and exercise. More than anything,

it's a place for older adults to gather and make new friends or catch up with old ones.

"Thank you so much to Sant Bel Vi for 15 years of making sure our community is taken care of," said Wu, a frequent visitor over the years. "This is the first and now the longest running space dedicated to our Haitian elders. I've had many fond memories here with all of you and community members celebrating birthday parties, dancing, and just sitting and chatting... This is the kind of space we need to make sure that everyone in our families is taken care of."

The afternoon celebration concluded with a dance presentation by the Sant Bel Vi cultural dance group.



Tharase Etienne gets crowned and hugged by Sant Bel Vi staffer Genie Morelus.



Mayor Wu presents a citation commemorating 15 years of service at Sant Bel Vi to Director Laudz Nicolas.



Above, Smith Lamothe joins his mother, Marthe Theronier, for the celebration at Sant Bel Vi on Friday.

Linda Pierre Louis Tibere leads the Sant Bel Vi dancers out for their 15th anniversary performance.
Seth Daniel photos





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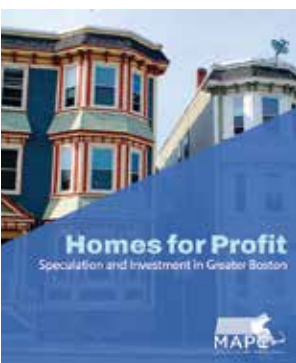
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Investors are driving city’s housing costs, planning report finds

(Continued from page 1) and restricting home-ownership opportunities. Institutional and large investors are buying up large swaths of properties at a discount and flipping them at a premium, further adding to the rapid increases in prices around the region.”

MAPC researchers found that investor buys of two- and three-family homes in the metro area spiked in 2008, dovetailing with a surge in foreclosures. In Boston, between 2007 and 2008, the Warren Group re-



ported that the number of foreclosure deeds more than doubled. Filings to foreclose were already starting to fall back, but only from 2,062 to 1,690.

In Dorchester alone over those two years, 1,537 foreclosure petitions were filed.

The foreclosures that ushered in the Great Recession were preceded by an earlier frenzy of speculation, with many of Boston’s three-deckers previously held by single owners subdivided and resold as condominiums, allowing developers to harvest sharp gains in the building’s total value. By 2008, many of the mortgages for the newly converted units were in default, in some cases

involving fraudulent transactions.

After foreclosure, many properties sold at much lower prices. But, with less access to financing, buyers with cash had an advantage. According to the MAPC report, 39 percent of the three-family homes that changed hands between 2004 and 2018 were bought by investors with cash. The rate was 45 percent for two-family homes and 51 percent for condos.

“There’s been this steady increase in invest-

ment activity post-recession,” observed Jessie Partridge Guerrero, the report’s lead author and MAPC’s interim director of data services, “so this gives us a clue that investors really saw that recession period, and the low-cost properties they could get during that period, as a chance to enter the market and perhaps build their portfolios. And this trend has just gotten bigger and bigger with time.”

The MAPC reports that, after the spike in 2008, investor purchases of two- and three-family homes in the region dropped somewhat and leveled off, only to climb again around 2017.

the net exodus — even more pronounced among people with higher education: “These trends likely gain momentum from the ballooning cost of housing in Greater Boston, as residents increasingly fail to find housing at their price point.”

But, according to Draisen, the scarcity blamed for driving thousands of people to leave the state continues to attract investors. “A lot of the money that is being made through this process,” he said, “stems from the fact that we have a shortage of housing that has occurred in large part because of government action, public action taken at the federal, state, and particularly local level, to intentionally constrain the development of housing and the development of affordable housing.”

Report: Dot tenants received \$7.9m in rental help in FY23

Rental assistance aid totaling \$7.9 million went to 1,604 Dorchester households in the last fiscal year, according to the agency that administers the program. That’s the largest share in the region, according to MetroHousing, which reported that 8,368 received \$44 million through the Residential Assistance for Families in Transition (RAFT) program in Fiscal Year 2023.

The homelessness pre-

vention program is funded by the state’s Executive Office of Housing and Livable Communities. MetroHousing, which has tracked the spending over the last decade, noted that RAFT saw significant growth driven by federal funding through the pandemic, followed by a contraction as federal resources were depleted.

In FY23, Metro Housing’s relationships with local community-based organizations continued

to provide an invaluable resource for families, according to the report, which named Action for Boston Community Development (ABCD) and Vietnamese American Initiative for Development (VietAID) as two key Dorchester partners.

Other findings:

- Rental arrears remained the largest category for RAFT assistance, at 80 percent of the total amount of payments. This was four times the

total of all the other types combined.

- The average per-household assistance was \$5,293 in FY23.
- A streamlined application process resulted in faster turnaround times for assistance.
- Black/African American households represented the highest group receiving assistance at 35 percent.
- Dorchester was the most highly served Boston neighborhood at 19 percent of total grants.

“The data in this report shows the need for a more sustainable solution, from additional rental assistance vouchers, and the production of below-market-rate housing to the critical shortage of affordable housing in the metro Boston area,” said Chris Norris, executive director of Metro Housing|Boston.

“RAFT has been a lifeline for thousands of households over the years, and its importance cannot be overstated. However, until more permanent, viable solutions are identified and implemented, a safety net for those most at risk of homelessness needs to be dependably and heavily funded.”

– REPORTER STAFF

“Investors are taking up more and more room in our housing market in greater Boston, making it hard for anyone else to compete for housing and home ownership opportunities,” said Partridge Guerrero. “Lower cost urban markets with our largest share of immigrant and BIPOC populations experience the highest rates of investor activity.”

Also linked with investor buys and significant rent increases is the expansion of service along the Fairmount-Indigo commuter rail line. The tenant rights group City Life/Vida Urbana (CLVU) has in recent years organized renters near the line’s stops in Dorchester, Mattapan, and Hyde Park.

“Working class renters in communities of color are most harmed by the speculative investment that uproots and displaces communities with a cascade of negative consequences,” said Katie McCann, CLVU’s rent control campaign coordinator. “We are seeing mass displacement by investors of working-class communities of color in Boston and across the state, and most of this displacement happens at the point of sale.”

Despite recent moves to ease long-standing local zoning restrictions, the Report Card says that new housing production remains below the levels of the 1980s. The report notes two additional hurdles since the onset of the pandemic: higher interest rates for mortgages and a sharp increase in construction costs.

“As rising mortgage rates increase monthly mortgage costs for new homebuyers,” the Report Card notes, “many of those would-be homebuyers instead remain renters, gobbling up the supply of rental units and driving down the rate of rental vacancies.”

Tim Reardon, chief of Data and Research in the Executive Office of Housing and Livable Communities, argued in the discussion of MAPC’s report that instead of just being more tightly regulated, investment should be able to flow more freely in a better direction.

“If we can unlock the opportunity for more housing production,” he said, “then we will see some of that capital flowing into new production, creating new opportunities for the residents who are moving here, the folks who are already here, who can afford to move into those units. And then there’s going to be less pressure on the existing units.”

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According to the 2023 “Housing Report Card” from The Boston Foundation and the Boston Indicators Project, Massachusetts housing production remains below the rates in most other states. In the five years before 2023, the City of Boston, with less than 15 percent of the metropolitan area’s population, accounted for almost 49 percent of its new housing production.

Though the “Report Card” found that the metro area’s population has been declining since as early as 2009, the rental market remains tight, with Boston the third most expensive rental market among the country’s 11 most populous metropolitan areas.

The “Report Card” also blames high prices for contributing to

Lower Mills shop has the goods for Dot-themed gifts

By Cassidy McNeeley
Reporter Correspondent

Still looking for that perfect gift for your Dot-obsessed friend or family member? Triple Decker Candle Co. might have material that will make your day.

The shop at 2258 Dorchester Ave., which is owned and operated by Dot native Johanna Keough, sells a wide assortment of neighborhood-themed products – pillows, ornaments, and, of course, candles – made here in Boston from 100 percent soy wax.

“My number one rule of thumb is I don’t carry anything in the store that I wouldn’t want in my house or as a gift,” Keough told the *Reporter*. “Almost everything in the store, I have at my house and use.”

Keough’s “top-five” gift ideas include scarfs crocheted by her grandfather, “Entering Dorchester” glassware, tea towels or coasters, locally made cutting boards, and Dorchester hats. Her top pick, however, is the Christmas candle pack.

“Christmas Tree is just your classic cypress bayberry scent,” she said. “It’s what you would burn if you had a fake Christmas tree in



One of the Dorchester-themed items on sale at the Triple Decker Candle Co.

Image courtesy
Erica Newell Photography

year, selling a special set of candles in collaboration with Make-A-Wish Massachusetts and Rhode Island that raised \$6,110 to help the Make-A-Wish cause. In addition to her candles, Keough sells products from other Dot entrepreneurs, including soap bundles, apparel, Phillips Chocolate, and even plants from her upstairs neighbor. Her storefront, which she shares with Erica Newell Photography, is typically only

open on Saturdays. This year, though, she added Sunday hours.

“I’ve been trying to increase sales, especially around the holidays. It gives other small businesses somewhere to sell their things,” Keough said. Triple Decker will also be open during the week leading up to Christmas – Dec. 21, 22, and 23 – for all last-minute gift needs. You can also shop online at tripledeckercandleco.com.

your house,” adding that “Winter Wonderland is my bestseller every year. It’s a pine mixed with berries and pear. It’s really pretty and you can almost smell the snowflakes the way it burns.”

And there’s more: “White birch is also a pine, but I always tell customers this one can get you through those winter months after the holidays. It has eucalyptus, cypress, pine, and tonka bean so it smells a little bit more earthy, almost like you’re in a forest.”

Keough got the holiday season started early this



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City Council set a hearing on access to the Lewis Center

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ity. Instead, she said, only students from the nearby O’Bryant School can get in any serious practice time because they can walk down the street to the center. Most BPS schools, unlike their suburban counterparts, don’t have buses to get students to and from Roxbury Crossing.

Councillor Tania Fernandes-Anderson also denounced the lack of access for BPS student-athletes. “This is systemic racism,” she said. “Money talks. In Roxbury, this is very real.”

Added Ed Flynn, the council president: “This facility’s in the heart of Boston and if we don’t advocate and fight for kids from this city to have the opportunity to compete in a world-class facility such as the Reggie Lewis Center, we’re really shortchanging our BPS students, our young kids across the city.

“I’m really disappointed that a city kid is unable use the facility and that some wealthy kid from Weston or Duxbury has the opportunity to compete.”

He added: “The day we stop supporting kids from the city and not giving them the same opportunities as wealthy families throughout greater Boston is really the day we should get out of politics.”

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Dot dancers featured in ‘For You, I Dream of Me’

Freeing feminine identity from fairy-tale trappings

By Cassidy McNeeley
Reporter Correspondent

Two Dorchester women are featured performers in a new production of the choreographer Kristin Wagner’s “For You, I Dream of Me,” a show that explores the darker side of fairy tales and feminine identity. Gabriela M. Amy-Moreno and Carmen Rizzo will take the stage alongside seven other dancers for two shows this weekend at the Jean McDonough Arts Center in Worcester.

Amy-Moreno, 26, comes from a family of dancers. Her father and two brothers are Flamenco dancers. “I was born and raised here in Dorchester,” she said. “I’ve been in the same house my whole life and I don’t plan on leaving it.”

She added, “I come from a Latino Hispanic heritage. Growing up, I’ve been surrounded by my neighbors, who are from Puerto Rico or Cape Verde, and we all understand each other.”

Amy-Moreno is most passionate about contemporary dance. She began her training at West Roxbury School of Dance and the Boston Arts Academy and continued with it in college, earned a bachelor in



Gabriela M. Amy-Moreno, left, and Carmen Rizzo will take the stage this weekend to perform “For You, I Dream of Me” at Jean McDonough Arts Center in Worcester.

fine arts (contemporary dance) at the University of North Carolina School of the Arts.

Since graduating, she has been a guest dancer for Rachel Linksy and has danced professionally with the Boston Dance Theatre. She is now a freelance looking to connect with the Boston dance community and get work in local events.

Rizzo, also 26, is originally from São Paulo, Brazil where she danced

for eight years in a professional training program at Escola de Danca. She then went on to graduate from Manhattanville College with a double degree in dance and theatre. Currently a freelance dancer, She moved to Dorchester this fall.

“I am in both ensembles and I’m doing a duet with Gabi,” said Rizzo. “We’re both representing both sides of the goddess Kali. She’s this goddess who represents loving

and caring motherhood but is also this fierce warrior.”

To prepare for their duet, as well as the ensembles inspired by Machado’s “The Husband Stitch” and “Real Women Have Bodies,” Amy-Moreno and Rizzo had to work their minds before their bodies.

“We would read the tale, reflect on it and improvise to explore what we had just read and then share with each other,” said Amy-Moreno.

“After discussing the ideas and topics, we then go into movement,” added Rizzo. “Sometimes Kristin would come with movement ready and sometimes we would generate material ourselves. Today we finished everything, and it all comes together so nicely. It’s one big storyline, even though there are multiple stories within it.”

Both women find joy in their performances. Even after experiencing Brazil and New York City, Rizzo thinks the dance community in Boston is special. “There’s so much potential in Boston and in the area in general; there are so many talented, smart, and extremely, extremely professional dancers out here.”

“For You, I Dream of

Me” will be staged on Friday, Dec. 15, and Sat., Dec. 16. The performances start at 8 p.m. in Worcester in the Jean McDonough Arts Center’s BrickBox Theatre.

Tickets range from \$19 to \$33 and are available online at tickets.thehanovertheatre.org/brickbox or by phone at 877-571-SHOW.

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CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION
Docket No. SU23P2528EA

**ESTATE OF:
GERALDINE A. CONWARD
DATE OF DEATH: 12/15/2022**

To all interested persons:
A Petition for Formal Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative has been filed by Nakeisha Conward of Boston, MA requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition. The Petitioner requests that: Nakeisha Conward of Boston, MA be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve Without Surety on the bond in unsupervised administration.

IMPORTANT NOTICE
You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: 10:00 a.m. on the return day of 12/29/2023.
This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you.

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Witness, HON. BRIAN J. DUNN, First Justice of this Court.
Date: November 17, 2023
Stephanie L. Everett
Register of Probate

Published: December 14, 2023

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CITATION GIVING NOTICE OF PETITION TO EXPAND THE POWERS OF A GUARDIAN
Docket No. SU20P233GD

**IN THE MATTER OF:
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RESPONDENT**

Incapacitated Person/Protected Person
To the named Respondent and all other interested persons, a petition has been filed by Mass. Dept. of Mental Health of Westborough, MA in the above captioned matter requesting that the court:
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You have the right to object to this proceeding. If you wish to do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance at this court on or before 10:00 A.M. on the return date of 12/28/2023. This day is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline date by which you have to file the written appearance if you object to the petition. If you fail to file the written appearance by the return date, action may be taken in this matter without further notice to you. In addition to filing the written appearance, you or your attorney must file a written affidavit stating the specific facts and grounds of your objection within 30 days after the return date.


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Virtual Public Meeting

Article 33 Open Space Zoning

DECEMBER

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6:00 PM - 7:30 PM

Zoom Link:
bit.ly/OS-Zoning

Toll Free: (833) 568 - 8864

Meeting ID: 161 062 2295



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

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Dorchester Eagles 14-U team brings national Pop Warner title back home

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been down there 18 times without winning it all, so you know how we felt. Four times we played in the championship game and other times finished third or fourth – losing in games that went to double overtime or were a 6-0 final. We always came close, but this time we got it done.”

The team, with key players like Cyrus Cousins, Christian Simmons, and Jadon Beatty, has been together for many years, Cousins said, and have experienced many ups and downs. He said it was amazing to finally see the kids prevail just as they age out of the Pop Warner ranks – with 14U being the final age group in youth football.

“They have been playing since they were five years old,” he said. “They have won together, and they have experienced the tough losses together several times. Now they finally get it together and they made it happen. They wanted it, and once we got down there, they were not going to be denied.”

Last year, the 12U Dorchester Eagles brought home third place after a hard-fought, and controversial 14-0 loss to eventual champion Downingtown (PA), 14-0.

The Eagles are part of the newly formed Metropolitan Pop Warner football and cheer league, which is headed up by Dameain Mims with teams from Boston, Brockton and Providence represented.

Mims said they were immensely proud of the Eagles for their national



Christian Simmons weaves through traffic during the championship game. Simmons accounted for one of the team’s touchdowns in the first half.



Jaden Beatty gives a solid stiff-arm to a Darby player during the game on a long reception. Photos courtesy Jon Butler/Pop Warner

championship and added that the Boston Lady Raiders – based out of Franklin Field – took the Bantam Division Cheer

national championship as well in Orlando.

“We brought 10 teams to the Pop Warner National Championships

from our newly formed league,” he said. “Those ten teams won four national championships, three in cheerleading



Dorchester Elite Eagles teammates hoist the trophy after their 20-0 win last Thursday in Orlando’s Camping World Stadium.



Cyrus Cousins leads the defense out onto the field during the championship game. Cousins is the middle linebacker and a running back for the team.

and one in football. So, year one for our new league was definitely a good one.”

Metropolitan’s Mt. Hope Cowboys, of Providence, won the other two cheerleading national championships.

Cousins said they are in need of and accepting

donations for the 14U players to be able to get National Championship jackets, a rite of passage for all Pop Warner champs. Donations for the jackets can be made to the Dorchester Eagles account at Members Plus Credit Union on Gallivan Boulevard.



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CITATION ON PETITION FOR
FORMAL ADJUDICATION
Docket No. SU23P2459EA
ESTATE OF:
STEPHANIE DENISE CASTRO
DATE OF DEATH: 08/06/2023

To all interested persons:
A Petition for Formal Adjudication of Intestacy and Appointment of Personal Representative has been filed by Pedro A. Castro of Boston, MA requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition. The Petitioner requests that: Pedro A. Castro of Boston, MA be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve Without Surety on the bond in unsupervised administration.

IMPORTANT NOTICE
You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: 10:00 a.m. on the return day of 12/20/2023.

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

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 8, 2023

Stephanie L. Everett
Register of Probate

Published: December 14, 2023



The Barking Crab Annual Jingle & Mingle to Benefit Boys & Girls Clubs of Dorchester: See details below.

CONNECT THE DOT:

The Barking Crab Annual Jingle & Mingle to Benefit Boys & Girls Clubs of Dorchester: On December 7th, The Barking Crab hosted the annual Jingle & Mingle holiday event. The Barking Crab owner and BGCD Board Member, Lee Kennedy Sr. and his Director of Operations Alex Morris decked the halls for our attendee's. The night was full of festive holiday fun including delicious food, cocktails, raffles, photos with the Grinch, and much more. All proceeds raised that night benefitted BGCD.

A huge thank you to The Barking Crab for your continuous support. Also thank you to everyone who donated and joined us at this very special holiday tradition.

For more information on BGCD's special events, please contact Patty Lamb at plamb@bgcdorchester.org.

FIND OUT WHAT'S INSIDE:

BGCG Program Highlight - Music Clubhouse Lessons: Boys & Girls Clubs of Dorchester's Music Clubhouse offers a Lesson Program for members ages 10 & up that includes piano, guitar, drums, bass, and music production.

The Lessons take place weekly for over 30 of our members. In addition to the Lesson Program, we offer drop-in Music for members to try new instruments, as well as special Open Mic Night events to showcase the talents of our members. A special thank you to our friends at the Music & Youth Initiative for their ongoing support.

For more information on the Music Clubhouse program, please contact Music Director Carleton Burke at cburke@bgcdorchester.org.



BGCD Program Highlight - Music Clubhouse Lessons: See details below.

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

Ugly Sweater Party @ Harp + Bard December 15

Marr-lins Swim Team Meet Against Woburn December 16

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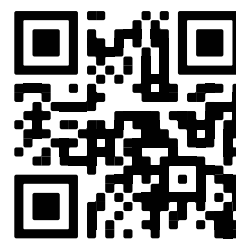
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RECENT OBITUARIES



CAVANAGH, Joseph M.A. of Dorchester, formerly of Edinburgh, Scotland. Husband of Janet (Muldoon). Father of Ellen Cavanagh and her husband Ryan Russo of Brooklyn, NY, and Emily Cavanagh and her husband Aidan Foley of Jamaica Plain, MA. Grandfather of 4. Predeceased by his siblings Laurence, Michael, and Francis. Joseph is also survived by many family members and friends.

CURLEY, JoAnn S., 92, of Yarmouth Port, formerly of Dorchester.



JoAnn was predeceased by her husband, John F. Curley, Sr.; and her son, John F. Curley, Jr. She leaves behind his spouse, Elaine M. Curley; Susan E. Davenport (Dewitt P. Davenport); Robert M. Curley; Thomas J. Curley; Mary E. Grape (Thomas H. Grape); and Joanne C. Lake (Stephen G. Lake); ten grandchildren and six great-grandchildren and many, many friends. The family asks that donations be made in the memory of JoAnn S. Curley to Cape Cod Health Care's Davenport-Mugar Cancer Center, at P.O. Box 370,

Hyannis, MA 02601.



DOOHER, Mary Ellen, 77, of Needham. She was the wife of Philip Dooher. Daughter of the late William Minahan and Marie (Birge) Minahan. In addition to her parents, she was predeceased by her sister Kathleen. She leaves her husband Philip; her four sons, Michael and his wife Jennifer of Fairfield, CT, and their children; Timothy and his wife Maudy, of Needham, and their children; Matthew of Hyde Park, and his children Graham and Poppy; and Joseph and his wife Kristen, of Westwood. Her siblings, Jane of Stratford, CT, Therese of Milford, CT, Thomas of Milford, CT, John (Emily) of Dorchester, Patricia (Robert) of Maynard, MA, and Elizabeth (Michael) of North Andover, MA. Sister-in-law Margaret Keating (Dwight) of Pittsburgh, PA and sister-in-law Sheila Walsh of Florida. Also many nieces, nephews and cousins.



HOSEA, Keith J., 43, of Dorchester. Father of Madison and Carlie Hosea; and their mother Jacqueline Hurley. Son of Noreen (Burke) and Carl Hosea, Sr. Brother of Kerryann Higgins and her husband Joseph, and the late Carl Hosea, Jr. and his surviving wife Lynda. Keith is also survived by

many nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles, and friends.



KAVANAUGH, Joseph Arnold, of Dorchester originally from Honduras. Son to Arnold Kavanaugh and Eloraine Anderson. Arnold leaves his five children: Eloraine Kavanaugh-Inestroza, Gloria Kavanaugh-Inestroza, Arnold Kavanaugh, Harold Kavanaugh, and Johanna Brown, his twelve grandchildren, his surviving siblings: Eda Marshall, Dorothy Belcaris, and David Kavanaugh, and his significant-other, Mary Barnes. He leaves a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, step-children, step-grandchildren and other family and friends.



MANNING, Bernadette (O'Sullivan) of West Roxbury, formerly of Weymouth and Dorchester. Originally from Ballinrannig, Ballyferriter, Dingle, Co. Kerry, Ireland. Wife of the late Thomas M. Manning. Mother of Deirdre and her husband, Kent Scarna of West Roxbury. Predeceased by her only son, John. Also survived by many nieces and nephews in the U.S. and Ireland.

MARSHALL, Winston Dacosta Phillips, 64, of Dorchester, formerly of Barbados. Preceded in death by his father Justin Bridgeman, his mother Marjorie Marshall, and step-

Ann M. (Desmond) Gillis-Kearns

Ann M. (Desmond) Gillis-Kearns, of Dorchester, died peacefully surrounded by her loving family on Dec. 3, 2023. She was the beloved wife of the late Ronald J. Gillis Sr. and William J. Kearns Sr.



Loving mother of Patricia and her husband Mark McHale of Dorchester, Elaine Gillis-McCarthy of Abington, Ronald and his wife Kari Gillis of Needham, Timothy and his wife Carolyn Gillis of Quincy, Paul and his wife

Cara Gillis of Dorchester, Joanne and her husband David Payne of Dorchester, John and his wife Alexis Gillis of Winchester, and sister of the late Joseph Desmond.

She was the cherished "Nanacakes" to 20 grandchildren, 18 great-grandchildren, and an expected great-grandson.

Ann was a longtime soloist for services at St. Mark's Church and a lifelong active member of the parish. She will be lovingly remembered as a beautiful woman who greeted everyone with a smile and always saw the good in people. Her presence was, and always will be, a ray of sunshine.

Family and friends honored and remembered Ann's life by gathering for visiting hours in the Murphy Funeral Home in Dorchester on Wed., Dec. 6, and for her funeral Mass in St. Mark Church last Thursday morning, Dec. 7. Burial followed in Cedar Grove Cemetery, Dorchester.

In lieu of flowers, donations in Ann's memory may be made to Dorchester Youth Hockey, 38 Laban Pratt Rd., Dorchester, MA 02122.

family and friends that extend around the globe.



POTENZA, Jane C. (Hermiston), of Mattapan. Wife of the late Robert M. Potenza, Sr. Mother Robert M. Potenza, Jr. and his wife, Nee-na of Brookline, Jeffrey G. Potenza of Mattapan and Amy Kazmowski and her husband, Thomas of Dorchester. Grandmother of seven grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. Sister of the late George Hermiston, Jr.



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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 CITATION ON PETITION TO CHANGE NAME Docket No. SU22C0281CA IN THE MATTER OF: KEILA MONET WASHINGTON A Petition to Change Name of Adult has been filed by Keila Monet Washington of Boston, MA requesting that the court enter a Decree changing their name to: Keila Ava Monet IMPORTANT NOTICE Any person may appear for purposes of objecting to the petition by filing an appearance at: Suffolk Probate and Family Court before 10:00 a.m. on the return day of 12/27/2023. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance if you object to this proceeding. Witness, HON. BRIAN J. DUNN, First Justice of this Court. Date: December 5, 2023 Stephanie L. Everett Register of Probate Published: December 14, 2023

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS THE TRIAL COURT PROBATE & FAMILY COURT SUFFOLK DIVISION 24 NEW CHARDON STREET BOSTON, MA 02114 Docket No. SU22D1529DR DIVORCE SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION and MAILING ARLINDO LOPES vs. JEANE LOPES To the Defendant: The Plaintiff has filed a Complaint for Divorce requesting that the Court grant a divorce for Irretrievable Breakdown. The Complaint is on file at the Court. An Automatic Restraining Order has been entered in this matter preventing you from taking any action which would negatively impact the current financial status of either party. SEE Supplemental Probate Court Rule 411. You are hereby summoned and required to serve upon: Arlindo Lopes, 29 King St., Apt. 3, Boston, MA 02122 your answer, if any, on or before 02/08/2024. If you fail to do so, the court will proceed to the hearing and adjudication of this action. You are also required to file a copy of your answer, if any, in the office of the Register of this Court. Witness, HON. BRIAN J. DUNN, First Justice of this Court. Date: December 5, 2023 Stephanie L. Everett Register of Probate Published: December 14, 2023

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