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A rendering shows a view of the proposed front entrance to the Boston Exchange for Accelerated Technology, which would replace what is now the former Boston Globe building at 135 Morrissey Blvd.
Image courtesy Nordblom Company

‘Innovation campus’ planned for Globe site

**By JENNIFER SMITH
NEWS EDITOR**
The former Boston Globe site on Morrissey Boulevard will be transformed into an “urban innovation campus,” developers Nordblom Company announced on Tuesday. The building’s towering pressroom will be converted to open, central-gathering atrium and a modern, more glass-fronted facade will look over the Morrissey Boulevard parkway, the company said.
“The BEAT” (The Boston Exchange for

Accelerated Technology) will be a life science, technology, and advanced manufacturing facility, a Nordblom spokesman said, its name an homage to the beat reporters who worked in the newsroom headquarters for more than 60 years before the paper moved downtown in 2017, a nod to the nearby Red Line as a neighborhood artery, and a gesture at the lively and open space they hope to cultivate at the fortress-like site.
Along with office space, the company plans to

include amenities like a fitness center and food hall with a brew pub.
“Our vision has always been a post-industrial renovation, a recycling of the building,” Todd Fremont-Smith, senior vice president and director of mixed-use projects for Nordblom, said at a Tuesday briefing with the Reporter. “Assembly Row is not going work here.” The conversion comes with a \$200 million price tag and an ideal building completion date of Fall 2019, he said.
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UMass to sell Bayside property

**By BILL FORRY
EDITOR**
The University of Massachusetts will offer a select group of developers the chance to buy the former grounds of the Bayside Expo Center in Dorchester this year in a deal that could net the university a windfall sum.
The university’s building authority has hired a commercial real estate broker — Newmark



Knight Frank— to seek potential buyers or partners for the 20 acre waterfront parcel— prime Columbia Point real estate that UMass scooped up for \$18 million back in 2010.
Any revenue generated by development of the “will be earmarked for the Boston campus, including to address critical infrastructure needs,” said Jeff Courn-

oyer, a spokesman for UMass President Marty Meehan, in an email to WBUR.
Cournoyer would not say how much money the school hopes to raise with a sale, but he said it could help finance the repair of a substructure on the Boston campus, “which could cost \$150 million or more.”
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“The foundation of my public service career has revolved around creating opportunity and access and giving a voice to those who have none, and this work will continue for the rest for my life.”

— Linda Dorcena Forry in announcing her resignation



Now it’s time to ‘truly put’ my family ‘first,’ says Dorcena Forry

**By JENNIFER SMITH
NEWS EDITOR**
As state Sen. Linda Dorcena Forry resigned her seat last Friday to join the private sector with Suffolk Construction, political observers were left to reckon with the loss of a prominent representative for communities of color across the city and the state.
Forry represented a unique voice in the Senate, a number of elected officials said. The daughter of Haitian immigrants, she took office 13 years ago as a state representative and solidified her position in an evolving city with a close 2013 election to the Senate’s First Suffolk District seat, becoming the first woman of color to take the historically Irish-American-held seat.
“The foundation of my public service career has revolved around creating opportunity and access and giving a voice to those who have none, and this work will continue for the rest for my life,” Forry said in a statement on Thursday when she announced she would resign the next day.
She noted that family considerations had contributed to the decision, including her wish to give more time to her family, including her husband Bill Forry, the editor of the *Dorchester Reporter* and
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Successor candidates mull moves

**By JENNIFER SMITH
NEWS EDITOR**
Former state Sen. Linda Dorcena Forry’s sudden resignation to join a prominent development company left a scramble in her wake. Prospective candidates are gearing up for an eight-month-long special election campaign to fill the First Suffolk Senate seat she has vacated.
Candidates have until Feb. 20 to deliver 300 verified signatures to the Boston Elections Commission for
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Pressley says she’ll challenge Capuano for Congress seat

**By MADDIE KILGANNON
REPORTER CORRESPONDENT**
City Councillor at-Large Ayanna Pressley says she will challenge incumbent U.S. Rep. Michael Capuano for his 7th district congressional seat later this year, setting up a rare showdown between two popular Massachusetts Democrats with strong progressive credentials.
Capuano is presently serving his tenth term as representative for the district, serving parts of Boston, Cambridge, and Milton, as well as Chelsea, Everett, Ran-

dolph, and Somerville. Capuano, 66, has never faced a serious election re-election challenge for the Congressional seat that he won in a hotly-contested 1998 election to replace former Rep. Joseph Kennedy II. The former mayor of Somerville, he is the delegation’s senior member of two key Congressional committees: Transportation and Infrastructure and Financial Services.
In a statement, Pressley said the country is “facing a critical moment” and pledged to be
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Ayanna Pressley
‘Facing a critical moment.’



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DOT BY THE DAY
Feb. 1-10, 2018
A snapshot look at key upcoming events in and around the neighborhood for your weekly planner.

Thursday (1st) – “Birth of a Movement” event at Carney Hospital – Join Carney Hospital on Thurs., Feb. 1 from 6-8 p.m. at Carney Hospital’s Riseman Lecture Hall to celebrate Black History with a screening of the documentary “Birth of a Movement,” the story of William Monroe Trotter, a Boston newspaper editor, who launched a nationwide movement over race-relations and representation in Hollywood by seeking to ban D.W. Griffith’s 1915 KKK sympathetic film, “Birth of a Nation.” RSVP at carneyhospital.org/events or call 617-506-2852. This event is free to the public with parking validation and light refreshments provided.



Above, the 2017 Tet-in-Boston pageant winner Nghi Truong is shown riding in a float during last year’s Dorchester Day Parade. The annual Tet celebration in Dorchester will include two events this year, including a day festival on Sunday, Feb. 18 from 10:30 a.m.-5 p.m. at BC High, 150 Morrissey Blvd. A night concert will be held on Sat., Feb. 10 from 7 a.m.-midnight at the IBEW Local 103 Hall, 256 Freeport St., Dorchester. For more info, see tetinboston.org
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Saturday (3rd) – Taxpayers who earned less than \$54,000 in 2017 can have their taxes prepared, and claim important tax credits such as the Earned Income Tax Credit, at free tax clinics held at the Wellness and Fitness Center, at 450 Washington St. Hours are Mondays and Tuesdays from 4-8 p.m. and Saturdays from 9-1 p.m.

Saturday (10th) – Jimmy Cawley Scholarship benefit at Florian Hall, 7-10:30 p.m. features Boston ILL Harmonic performing music by the Beatles, followed by live band Beatles karaoke. Admission is \$10 at the door. Raffles, hors d’oeuvres and cash bar. Cash drawing. Contact Elisa Birdseye at jimmyscholarship@gmail.com.



The Lower Mills restaurant ester will close on Feb. 11. It has been sold to new owners who plan to renovate the space over the coming weeks.
Photo courtesy ester

Ester restaurant sold to new owners; will close Feb. 11 for renovations

By BILL FORRY EDITOR
A popular Lower Mills restaurant has been sold and will close later in February for what will likely be at least two months of renovations. Ester, which opened in Lower Mills village four years ago in what was formerly The Ledge was sold to a group of new investor/owners led by Julian Bolger and Shawn Ahern, who own and manage another Dorchester bar and eatery, Lucy’s American Tavern.

Eleanor Arpino, a Lower Mills resident, opened ester— a play on the neighborhood’s name— in April 2014 with dreams of making the dining space a true “neighborhood place.” Arpino said that tough competition in a dramatically changing restaurant market forced her to make a very tough decision. “It’s not what I had hoped,” Arpino told the

Reporter. “I wanted a neighborhood place and eventually hoped to do a co-op and sell it to my employees. But, unfortunately, too many restaurants with much deeper pockets and connections have come online. And unfortunately the demographics have not changed.” “Realistically, it will catch up and they’ll all be fine, but I just can’t wait it out. I wish it wasn’t so, but the industry has changed significantly.” Arpino said that she will close ester after Sunday brunch on Feb. 11— giving her time to honor existing commitments with bookings — like wedding showers— and to give her staff time to plan their next steps. “Julian Bolger is a very nice gentleman and he’s actually pursuing this idea for over a year and a half. When we finally made this difficult decision, before going to a broker, we went to him and he jumped at the

opportunity.” Arpino said it makes sense to close in the winter for renovations so that Bolger and his new team can make full use of one of the restaurant’s best features— an amazing outdoor patio— come the spring. “Winter months are tough here and when we decided to move forward, it didn’t make sense to suffer through a winter season. He wants to do some renovations— change the name, change the concept— and he didn’t want to lose out on patio season,” she said. Bolger has been very cooperative and has told Arpino that anyone on the staff who wants to stay on will be able to do so. Arpino will not be among the staff at the new restaurant. “I have no regrets. I’m not going anywhere, I love this neighborhood. But, unfortunately, I could not stay on.”

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Police, Courts & Fire

Drugs, guns seized in Algonquin Street raid
A 27-year-old man was arrested on Algonquin Street last Friday morning after B-2 Boston Police raided a home there “as part of an investigation targeting a fentanyl distribution operation in the area.” Zachary Godwin, who police say was the target of their probe, was taken into custody during the operation, which police say included the seizure of 114 grams of fentanyl and 30 grams of cocaine, along with two loaded handguns. Godwin faces a flurry of illegal drug and weapons charges.

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A teenager was arrested after Boston Police sought to question him on Welles Avenue on Monday morning. Police say Nicholas Sicellon, 18, bolted from them when they approached his vehicle and tossed a .45 calibre as he ran along Joseph Street. Police recovered the gun. Arresting officers say they recovered a second firearm from Sicellon’s waistband upon his arrest on Melbourne Street. Police say both guns had been reported stolen. “The fact that the suspect in this case thought it was okay to arm himself with, not one, but two firearms is most certainly disturbing,” said Police Commissioner William Evans in a statement, who noted that Boston Police had seized 11 guns over a three-day stretch this week. “But I’m grateful that my officers were in a position to identify and intercept a dangerous felon before he could hurt or harm any members of our community.”

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UPCOMING CIVIC ASSOCIATION MEETINGS • FULL LISTINGS ON PAGE 10

First Suffolk Senate special election dates – The special election to choose a successor to former Sen. Linda Dorcea Forry will include an April 3 primary and a final election on May 1. There is a Feb. 20 deadline for nomination signatures. Candidates need at least 300 certified nomination signatures to qualify for the ballot.

Democrats to caucus in coming weeks – Registered Democrats in Ward 18 — which includes Mattapan— will be the first to hold a caucus to elect delegates to the state party convention on Sat., Feb. 3 at 10 a.m. at the Hyde Park Municipal Building, 1179 River St. This year’s state convention will be held June 1-2 at the DCU Center in Worcester. Democrats in Ward 16 will meet on Tuesday, Feb. 6 at 7 p.m. at the McKeon Post, 4 Hill Top St., Dorchester. Other dates coming up: Ward 15 meets Sat., Feb. 24 at 9 a.m. at the Savin Hill Apartments, 130 Aukland St.; Ward 13 on Feb. 26, 6 p.m. at the Christo Rey Boston, 100 Savin Hill Ave.; Ward 17 on Feb. 27 at 7 p.m. at the Sheet Metal Workers Hall, 1157 Adams St.; and Ward 14 on Sat., March 3 at 1 p.m. at the Anthony Perkins Community

Center, 155 Talbot Ave., Dorchester.

Geneva Avenue housing proposal to be discussed – The Boston Planning and Development Agency (BPDA) hosts a public meeting on Thursday, February 15 at 6:30 p.m. to discuss a proposed five-story residential building for 185-191 Geneva Ave., Dorchester. The meeting will be held at Bowdoin Street Health Center, 230 Bowdoin St., Dorchester. Contact Tim Czerwinski at 617-918-5303 or tim.czerwinski@boston.gov.

Bowling event boosts Dot Day efforts – The first annual Gutterball Bash, an 21-plus event to benefit the Dorchester Day Parade Committee, will be held on Thurs., Feb. 1 from 7-9 p.m. at Boston Bowl’s Experience room, 820 Morrissey Blvd., Dorchester. The cost is \$25 per person and includes shoe rental, bowling, pizza and appetizers. There will also be a cash bar. Tickets will be sold at the door.

Chili Cook-off Kicks off Dot Day season – 12th annual Dorchester Chili Cook-off, a major fundraiser for the Dorchester Day Parade on Sunday, March 11 from 4-7p.m. at the IBEW Local 103 Hall, 256 Freeport St., Dorchester.

Dot Day Parade Character Breakfast on March 3 – Dorchester Day Parade Committee’s second annual Character Breakfast to raise funds for the June parade is set for Saturday, March 3 at 9:30 a.m. at First Parish Dorchester atop Meetinghouse Hill. Characters such as Poppy and Branch from Trolls, Batman, Minions, Mickey, Minnie, Moana, Peppa Pig, Cookie Monster and Elmo will be on the scene. A delicious breakfast will be served by Season’s Catering and ice cream will be available from Chill on Park. \$20 per adult, \$10 per child 12 and under. Children under 2 are free.

Black History Month program in Mattapan – The Dorchester-Mattapan Neighborhood Council will host a Black History month program at the Mattapan branch of the Boston Public Library, 1350 Blue Hill Ave. on Thursday, February 20 at 6 p.m. The public is invited to attend this free event.

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Fire-damaged Mt. Ida Road eyesore still mired in legal fight

By JENNIFER SMITH
NEWS EDITOR

The city is again navigating a convoluted legal cat-and-mouse situation as it attempts to raze a longtime eyesore in the Ronan Park neighborhood, as the property owner files lawsuits tangling the process and stalling any decision to come from housing court.

The city's Inspectional Services Department (ISD) has been trying for years to encourage repairs and — more recently — to demolish the fire-damaged three-decker at 97 Mt. Ida Rd. The house, partially boarded up and in such unsafe condition that inspectors and firefighters are not permitted inside, was ravaged in a 2011 fire.

"We think this building has reached the point where it's become a public nuisance to the community," ISD Commissioner William Christopher told the *Reporter* on Tuesday.

Nearby residents have been complaining about the property for years. Before the 2011 fire, the city and owner James Dickey battled over conditions inside the building, which the city contends are unfit for human habitation. Dickey also lost a lawsuit brought by a tenant



This fire-damaged property at 97 Mt. Ida Road next to Ronan Park has been the subject of a legal battle between city officials and the property owner for nearly a decade.

Reporter file photo

who had filed a formal complaint.

Court battles between Dickey, who represents himself in legal proceedings, and the city escalated in 2013, when ISD formally demanded Dickey either raze or repair the building. He did not make repairs to the fire damage, claiming in 2015 to be waiting for an insurance check.

City officials try to keep cases out of courts as much as possible, Christopher said, preferring to work with property owners to make necessary repairs or plan for necessary tear-downs. But Dickey has used a flurry of lawsuits to keep the courts from ruling to either demolish or put the house into receivership after he failed to make requested repairs.

"It's beyond a logical sense to repair this build-

ing," Christopher said. "It would be far more economical to demolish and rebuild the building, so at what point to you stop removing the destroyed stuff and put in new stuff?"

The house has been exposed to extreme

EMK Institute to launch new programs for students

By DANIEL SHEEHAN
REPORTER STAFF

The Edward M. Kennedy Institute is launching two new educational programs designed to teach students about how government works and give them hands-on experience creating bipartisan legislation.

The programs will be aimed at different age groups. The first, "Pathways to Citizenship," will task fourth through eighth graders with drafting an immigration bill concerning the

weather, resulting in high moisture content and non-functioning electrical and heating systems.

"It's putting a band-aid on over and over and over," Christopher said. "At a certain point it just doesn't make sense to do that."

As it stands, Christopher said a scheduled housing court hearing this month would have asked a judge to rule on assigning a receiver for the building.

Dickey instead filed to have the case remanded to federal court, alleging his rights are being violated by a conspiracy involving the city and housing-court officials to "seize and sell property owned by African-

Americans to friends of the court, for pennies on the dollar." Dickey is white.

The United States Supreme Court returned a response on Monday, Jan. 27: The petition for a writ of certiorari is denied — meaning the court refused to hear the case.

Lower courts are unable to rule while a case is pending in a higher court. There is no hearing yet scheduled for when the case makes its way back to housing court, Christopher said.

He hopes the judge is allowed to make a prompt ruling.

"We're confident it will go that way but you never know," Christopher said. "Fingers crossed that

the judge appoints the receiver and the receiver takes control."

The extended appeals process is a good protection for landlords and the city against irresponsible overreach, Christopher said, but this constant change of venue requests and suits across jurisdictions is unusual.

Mt. Ida Road is the Sudbury-based Dickey's last remaining property in Boston, Christopher believes. A South Boston house he owned had similar deferred maintenance issues over poor conditions, which was ultimately handed to a receiver.

"Mt. Ida is his last hold in the city, and he's just fighting," Christopher said.

path to citizenship for different groups of undocumented immigrants including DREAMers and refugees.

The second, the Conference Committee program, will simulate a joint session of Congress to teach 11th and 12th graders about negotiation and finding common ground between contrasting interest groups. Each program has the goal of showing students the keys to effective government.

"Through an im-

mersive experience as senators for a day, the students who take part in the Institute's Pathways to Citizenship and Conference Committee programs learn why compromise and civil dialogue are essential when seeking common ground solutions on complicated issues with those who think differently than you," said Mary K. Grant, president of the Institute.

"We hope that the students who partake in these new offerings will

better understand how our government works and, beyond that, why their participation in the democratic process is critical to its success."

The institute is offering the programs, which are in line with state Common Core curriculum, at no cost to all Massachusetts students. Teachers or groups interested in participating can learn more at emkinstitute.org and make inquiries via studentgroups@emkinstitute.org.

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BPS high school scholars earn ‘Posse Foundation’ plaudits

By ELANA AURISE
REPORTER STAFF

Twenty-four high-school students from Boston Public Schools (BPS) received the Posse Foundation Scholarship on Wed., Jan. 17 in a ceremony held at the Fairmount Copley Plaza with Governor Charlie Baker and BPS Superintendent Tommy Chang.

The Posse Foundation Scholarship—founded in 1989—is a four-year, full-tuition scholarship for students who have achieved academic excellence and demonstrated exceptional leadership potential but may be overlooked due to the traditional college selection processes.

The students selected are given the opportunity to be in a support “posse,” or a multi-cultural team of ten students that further pursue personal and academic success by spearheading campus organizations and encouraging campus programs that foster inclusivity.

Since 1999, Boston’s Posse Scholars have earned more than \$129 million in leadership scholarships. This year, 60 students in total from the Boston area were

awarded scholarships collectively worth \$11.9 million.

Dorchester’s Posse Scholars are as follows: Madison Park Technical Vocational High School student, Ardo Ali attending Bucknell University; Henderson K-12 Inclusion School student, Nicholas Alicea attending Centre College; Boston Latin Academy student, Saphire Broxton attending Hamilton College; Boston International Newcomers Academy student, Tracey Cadet attending Bryn Mawr College; Boston Community Leadership Academy student, Shaylin Chaney-Williams attending Bryn Mawr College; Boston International Newcomers Academy student, Jossara Dias attending Union College; Boston Day and Evening Academy student, Tania Feliz Soto attending Bryn Mawr College; Margarita Muniz Academy student, Ashley Guerrero attending Centre College; TechBoston Academy student, Malik Irish attending Hamilton College; Boston Arts Academy student, Tyler Luong attending Bucknell University; John D. O’Bryant School for



Henderson K-12 Inclusion School seniors and Posse Scholarship recipients Kanbe Mao and Nick Alicea with Henderson Headmaster Tricia Lampron and Superintendent Tommy Chang.

BPS photo

Mathematics and Science student, Kavoi Mutisya attending Hamilton College; and Boston Latin School student, Molly O’Halloran, attending Bucknell University.

Remaining BPS Posse Scholars include: Henderson K-12 Inclusion School student, Kanbe Mao attending Centre College; New Mission High School student, Shamar Layne attending Union College; Boston Latin School student, Maurice Malone attending Centre College; Boston Latin School student, Rachel Lee attending Bryn Mawr College; Brighton High School student, Houda Bouchouari attending Bryn Mawr College; Margarita Muniz Academy student, Humberto Diaz attending Union College; East Boston High School student, Dublas Vasquez attending Denison University; Brighton

High School student, Lea Barros attending Hamilton College; Boston Latin School student, Emnet Sisay attending Hamilton College; West Roxbury Academy student, Leanne Allen attending Union College; Charlestown High School student, Gabriela Rodriguez attending Denison University; and Boston Latin Academy student, Yan Jin Huang attending Bucknell University.

“The Posse Scholars are outstanding students and our future leaders,” stated Chang. “The Posse Foundation is helping us close opportunity and achievement gaps by providing strong support for these high-performing students as they aim to excel in their college career, and life.”

The Posse Foundation is a national initiative. For more information, please visit possefoundation.org.

Now it’s time to ‘truly put’ my family ‘first,’ says Dorcena Forry

(Continued from page 1) their two young boys and two young girls; her 80-year-old mother, who is caring for her father, an Alzheimer’s patient; and her 103-year-old grandmother, who is living in Forry’s childhood home in Dorchester.

“They have all sacrificed so much to make me who I am; it is now my turn to truly put them first,” she said.

At Suffolk Construction, a major Boston developer led by power broker John Fish, Forry will be vice president of the firm’s Northeast region dealing with issues of diversity, inclusion, and community relations.

“Linda Dorcena Forry held a very unique position in Massachusetts politics, and being able to host the Saint Patrick’s breakfast was a real coup,” said former city councillor Charles Yancey, who has known Forry since she was a staffer with former state Rep. Charlotte Golar Richie’s office. “She has a lot to be proud of and she will be missed.”

Former and current representatives, while congratulatory, said the change is a blow to communities of color. State Rep. Russell Holmestold the State House News Service that Forry’s departure from the State House represents the loss of an important voice in the Black and Latino Legislative Caucus and the black community in a district where race relations have been historically fraught.

Former state Rep. Marie St. Fleur later told the Reporter: “She was the first Haitian-American to be elected to the Senate in Massachusetts. The symbolism of that and what it represents makes a huge difference in how people of color see themselves.”

Elected leaders were quick to salute Forry’s time in public service after her announcement. Gov. Charlie Baker called her a “dedicated and loyal public servant who has been a great partner” and Mayor Martin Walsh released a statement saying, “Dorchester will miss her

passion and advocacy for all constituents.”

After succeeding Jack Hart in the state Senate, representing South Boston, Mattapan and Dorchester, Forry rose to a leadership post as assistant majority whip. She has been an outspoken voice for the Haitian community and all communities of color, particularly in the era of Donald Trump and his disparaging rhetoric regarding immigration and immigrants.


“I will continue to be a voice...we all need to speak up and stand up when we hear things that are off-color,” Forry told the Reporter on Monday. “When something is said, it can’t just be people of color [responding]. I’ve seen everyone is speaking up and saying that this is wrong.”

Forry’s departure kicks off a special election season while stirring a debate on continued diverse representation in the historic seat. “It’s important for the state Senate and House to be reflective of the makeup of Boston,” Yancey said. He applauded the increasingly diverse city council, which includes six women of color, and said Forry’s election to the Senate “created a great opportunity for politicians of all races. It’s important that State House legislators back the appointments of people of color and women.”

In the coming weeks, Forry said, she plans to deliver a farewell speech and host a thank you reception for her supporters and friends. Her office will remain open and her staff will continue to work to help her former constituents until a successor is in place, she said.

The now-former senator isn’t planning to go quietly into private life. She will be living in Dorchester and working in Roxbury, she said, adding, “Know that this is not goodbye.”

Reporter Correspondent Maddie Kilganon contributed to this report.



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Successor candidates mull moves

(Continued from page 1) nomination papers. The special election primary is scheduled for April 3, with a May 1 final election date.

Familiar names are already being floated, including the bulk of the South Boston and Dorchester delegation in the House.

State Rep. Nick Collins, of South Boston, is expected to again seek the post that Forry narrowly won in running against him in 2013. In a statement, Collins said he and his wife, Olivia, are focused right now on their newborn first child. “We have discussed our future plans, and will make a final decision soon,” he said.

“While I’m happy for Linda professionally, I will miss the close partnership we have built,” Collins said. She has, he said, “epitomized what a public servant should be and what is right in government. She is a highly effective leader and her decision leaves a huge void in the Senate.”

State Rep. Dan Cullinane, who serves swaths of Dorchester, Mattapan, Hyde Park, and Milton, said he is “giving very serious consideration” to seeking the seat. He served as Forry’s state Senate field director in 2013 and followed in her footsteps by winning election to the 12th Suffolk District as representative. In a



Senator Linda Dorcea Forry, right, spoke at a rally for human rights on the steps of the Massachusetts State House in 2016. Forry, 44, resigned from her First Suffolk Senate seat last week to take a vice president’s job at Suffolk, a national construction firm based in Roxbury. *State House News Service photo*

statement, he congratulated Forry on her new post at Suffolk Construction.

Also on the “seriously considering” list is state Rep. Evandro Carvalho, who told the *Reporter* on Tuesday night that he is giving thought to pursuing the seat. “I have to consider it for the benefit of the community that we represent,” he said. The Cape Verdean immigrant and Dorchester resident joined the House in 2014.

“To a certain extent, as a result of Linda Dorcea Forry leaving, it means someone has to come in and pick up where she left off,” Carvalho said. He highlighted her symbolic role as a representative of communities of color as

well as her district, and expressed optimism that her election heralded a process for a city that has often struggled to elevate voices of color to political positions.

Diverse voices in the Senate are vital, said former state Rep. Marie St. Fleur.

Forry’s departure is “going to be a big loss,” she, Fleur said. “I’m glad Sonia Chang-Diaz is there. I’m sad she’s alone. People of African descent have to be part of the conversation, the discussion. Our problems may sound the same, but the way they play in our communities are very different.”

For those wondering if politically seasoned women of color might

step into the special election, St. Fleur and Charlotte Golar Richie, the former state representative under whom Forry worked as a staffer, said on Wednesday that they are not interested in seeking the seat.

St. Fleur said she dislikes the idea of “recycling people” in lieu of “new points of view, new ways of looking at issues.” Added Golar-Richie: “The district needs a leader who is going to be smart and honest and hard-working. Also someone who’s committed to representing all the neighborhoods. I do think that the district offers a unique opportunity for someone who is interested in unity and interested in bringing

people together in trying to really roll up their sleeves to tackle some challenging issues.”

St. Fleur he said she hopes state Rep. Russell Holmes of Mattapan and Carvalho will consider running. She did wonder, however, “all things being equal, I’m not certain the ramp-up time is enough to overcome people who ran in the past.”

Institutional and financial advantages are always a factor in election campaigns.

A late entry in the “maybe” category is Erin Murphy, a Boston schoolteacher and former “Mayor” of Dorchester — a ceremonial role — who said on Facebook that she is considering running for the First Suffolk seat.

According to filings as of late January, Collins is sitting on a nest egg of \$131,420, Cullinane at \$19,450, Carvalho at \$23,209, and Holmes at \$263.

A few names rumored in the days following Forry’s announcement are already out of contention: John Barros, the city’s economic development chief, said he plans to stay in City Hall. City Councillor At-Large Annissa Essaibi-George considered a run, but said “I believe firmly that my work on the Boston City Council, representing all the voters who recently re-elected me needs to remain my focus.”

Forry has said she does not plan to endorse a successor in the special election.

As to the St. Patrick’s Day breakfast, that annual gathering of political jousting, greenery, and belting Irish ditties?

Forry’s election upset the longstanding pattern of a South Boston Irish-American host — the case since the 1940s — and she caused a stir by standing firm against the old guard who were displeased by the prospect of a Haitian-American taking the post. The sitting senator generally hosts the breakfast and Forry insisted on carrying on that tradition. She has presided over the ceremonies since her initial election.

She told the *Reporter* on Monday that “this is a tradition that is important,” and “we are working on locking down a host.”

A name floated by many is an old hand at hosting the breakfast and widely regarded as a consistent bright spot in the festivities — US Congressman Stephen Lynch. But no concrete decisions have been made in the face of an overwhelming consensus that no one should host the breakfast to gain a competitive political advantage.

Reporter Correspondent Maddie Kilgannon contributed to this report.

Pressley to challenge Capuano for Congressional seat

(Continued from page 1) a bold voice in Congress.

“This district and these times demand more than just an ally, they demand an advocate and a champion,” she said.



Ayanna Pressley

“These issues that we are facing are not new,” Pressley, 43 told the *Reporter* Tuesday, pointing to issues ranging from housing to development. “They are exacerbated by what is coming out of the White House,” she said.

Pressley, a Dorchester resident, was elected to the council in 2009 as the first woman of color to serve in the municipal legislative body. She highlights several key advocacy areas during her time on the council — creating pathways to economic development and employment in

historically underserved communities, ensuring students have access to age-appropriate and medically accurate health education, and transforming how Boston responds to violence and trauma — as translating to the broader congressional district’s needs.

“My life as an advocate for those most in need is inspired by my mother’s example. She believed in the potential inherent in each of us, and that belief is the foundation of my work,” Pressley said in a statement.

“I’m ready to take my fight higher and farther,” she said.

Pressley described her decision to run as a thoughtful process and said that she is looking forward to hearing from the district.

As a city councillor-at-large, Pressley has been representing a large chunk of the 7th Congressional District in City Hall for the past eight years. If elected, Pressley plans to approach policy making similarly to how she has as councillor, by working in partnership with the community to develop solutions.

“This is a district that I want to fight for.

Ultimately, it’s about this district...it’s bigger than Ayanna Pressley or Michael Capuano,” she said.

“I think my job is to gauge the temperature and set the temperature [through policy],” she said, pointing to her work as a councillor to ensure that students received quality food at school and her advocacy for early education and childcare for non-traditional workers.

If elected, the list of issues that she would want to tackle is long, Pressley said, but she will continue to be an advocate for reproductive justice, work to repeal the Hyde Amendment, and tackle gun control — among others.

Pressley was re-elected to her council seat last November. If she leaves the council post, her departure would usher in former state representative and fifth-place at-large finisher Althea Garrison to fill her vacancy.

News of Pressley’s decision to challenge Capuano has been bubbling in political circles for weeks. Politico’s Lauren Dezenski reported on Wednesday that an internal poll conducted by Pressley’s team last

December helped cement her decision to run. According to Dezenski, Capuano maintains a “significant lead on a generic Democrat for his re-election.” But, she reports that the poll indicated that when voters learned more about Pressley, “Capuano’s lead went down to 7 points.”

Capuano has not yet issued a public statement responding to Pressley’s decision. Attempts to reach the Congressman for comment were not successful.

Eileen Boyle from Dorchester’s Ward 15 Democratic Committee said that she was not surprised when she heard that Pressley was throwing her hat in the ring for congressional office, since she assumed that the councillor had ambitions for higher office.

“It’s always good to have different people stepping up,” said Boyle. “I just want people in office that have been up-front with us.”

Boyle said that she would like to see Pressley do more to address housing and transit issues.

Former City Councillor Charles Yancey, who worked with Pressley on the council, wished the

councilor well. Yancey, a Dorchester resident, ran twice unsuccessfully for Congress from City Hall, including a 1998 candidacy in an election that ended in Capuano’s victory.

“I think that if she’s interested she should just pursue it and not wait for other’s permission if she feels that she can add something positive,” Yancey told the *Reporter*.

Former state Rep. Marie St. Fleur, who represented the Fifth Suffolk district from 1999-2011 told the *Reporter* on Wednesday that challenges to incumbents are healthy.

“[Capuano] has served the district well,” said St. Fleur, a Dorchester resident who also lives in the 7th Congressional district. “In terms of constituent services, he has been terrific,” as has been his handling of Haitian-specific concerns, she said.

“That’s not the issue. The seats do not belong to those who currently hold them,” St. Fleur said. “The seats belong to the people. I don’t believe in term limits, so every election cycle is your term limit... if you say ‘I’m not for term limits,’ then races should be contested.”

St. Fleur said potential challengers to Capuano have weighed their own runs before, but deferred to him “out of respect.”

But “19 years in, Boston has changed,” she said. “Any company that’s been around for 20 years should look at its staff to see if there are chances for new directions, staff, and opportunities,” she said. “Ayanna Pressley provides that. There are no people of color in the congressional delegation, yet increasingly [the Massachusetts’ Seventh] is the only district that is majority-minority in the state. It is appropriate that a person of color takes a serious look at it.”

The 7th district’s boundaries were redrawn in 2011 when Massachusetts downsized from 10 districts to nine. Candidates must submit nomination signatures to clerks by May 8, with 2,000 certified signatures required to ensure ballot access. The primary election this year is Sept. 4 and the state election is Nov. 6.

State House News Service material contributed to this report.



Above, Boston Arts Academy students performed during a production of “Dancing in the Streets: A 20th Anniversary Celebration” at the Strand Theatre last week. The three-day run at the Dorchester theatre was the third major production staged by the school, the city’s only public high school for the visual and performing arts. The Motown-infused show included 60 student singers, dancers, and musicians.

Photo courtesy BAA

NAACP’s Sullivan to be honored by Girl Scouts

BY REPORTER STAFF
Tanisha M. Sullivan, Esq., the president of the NAACP Boston Branch, will be among the honorees at the Girl Scouts of Eastern Massachusetts’ 26th annual Leading Women Awards next month. Sullivan is the Head of Legal Industrial Affairs for Sanofi Genzyme and Sanofi North America.

Sullivan will be honored alongside Diane McLoughlin, Chief Client Officer for Eagle Investment Systems, a BNY Mellon Company; and Elizabeth Stevenson, LP.D, CAPT, Vice President of Enrollment Management and External Affairs, Massachusetts Maritime Academy.

Under Sullivan, the NAACP in Boston is

a leading voice on issues of racial diversity and equity in policing, economic development, and public education in and around the City of Boston. She serves on Governor Charlie Baker’s Massachusetts Black Advisory Commission. She is also the recipient of the Boston Business Journal 40 under 40 honor, the NAACP Boston Branch Next Generation Leadership Award, and, most recently, the 2018 MLK Legacy Award at the 48th Annual MLK Memorial Breakfast in Boston.

“These accomplished women are incredible role models for our Girl Scouts across eastern Massachusetts, showing girls that there are no limits on what they can achieve,” says Tricia

Tilford, Board Chair and President, Girl Scouts of Eastern Massachusetts. “We are truly honored to recognize these three inspirational women, who have made unique contributions to our council, all while exemplifying what it means to be a go-getter, innovator, risk-taker, and leader.”

Girl Scouts of Eastern Massachusetts embraces diversity and inclusion, and is committed to ensuring all girls in eastern Massachusetts, regardless of their circumstances, have access to the Girl Scout Leadership Experience. Support for the Leading Women Awards allows the council to maintain our powerful leadership development programing that prepares girls to empower themselves.



Tanisha M. Sullivan
The event is further supported through the generosity of business sponsors, including lead sponsor BNY Mellon. Girl Scouts of Eastern Massachusetts has honored more than 200 women with the Leading Women Award since its inception in 1992.

The breakfast event will take place on Thursday, March 1, 7-9:30 a.m., at the Sheraton Boston Hotel. For more information or to purchase tickets, visit gsema.org/LW.

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ADAMS STREET BRANCH

Thurs., Feb. 1, 3:30 p.m. – Drop-In Homework Help; 4:30 p.m. – LEGOs Builders Club. Fri., Feb. 2, 9:30 a.m. – Baby & Toddler Playgroup. Mon., Feb. 5, 3:30 p.m. – Drop-In Homework Help. Tues., Feb. 6, 3:30 p.m. – Drop-In Homework Help; 4:30 p.m. – Kids’ Art Club. Wed., Feb. 7, 3 p.m. – Story Time with Wee the People: What is Racism?; 3:30 p.m. – Drop-In Homework Help. Thurs., Feb. 8, 3:30 p.m. – Drop-In Homework Help; 4:30 p.m. – LEGOs Builders Club. Fri., Feb. 9, 9:30 a.m. – Baby & Toddler Playgroup. Mon., Feb. 12, 3:30 p.m. – Drop-In Homework Help. Tues., Feb. 13, 10:30 a.m. – Preschool Story Time; 3:30 p.m. – Drop-In Homework Help; 4:30 p.m. – Kids’ Art Club. Wed., Feb. 14, 3:30 p.m. – Drop-In Homework Help; 5 p.m. – Celebrate Tét – Vietnamese New Year Party.

CODMAN SQUARE BRANCH

Thurs., Feb. 1, 3:30 p.m. – Drop-In Homework Help. Mon., Feb. 5, 3:30 p.m. – Drop-In Homework Help. Tues., Feb. 6, 10:30 a.m. – Quilt Making for Generations; 3:30 p.m. – Drop-In Homework Help. Wed., Feb. 7, 3:30 p.m. – Drop-In Homework Help. Thurs., Feb. 8, 3:30 p.m. – Drop-In Homework Help. Mon., Feb. 12, 3:30 p.m. – Drop-In Homework Help. Tues., Feb. 13, 10:30 a.m. – Quilt Making for Generations; 3:30 p.m. – Drop-In Homework Help.

FIELDS CORNER BRANCH

Thurs., Feb. 1, 3:30 p.m. – Drop-In Homework Help. Fri., Feb. 2, 9:30 a.m. – Tiny Tot Sign Language; 10:30 a.m. – Preschool Storytime. Mon., Feb. 5, 3:30 p.m. – Drop-In Homework Help. Tues., Feb. 6, 3:30 p.m. – Drop-In Homework Help; 6 p.m. – Hatha Yoga. Wed., Feb. 7, 10:30 a.m. – Preschool Films and Fun; 3:30 p.m. – Drop-In Homework Help. Thurs., Feb. 8, 3:30 p.m. – Drop-In Homework Help. Fri., Feb. 9, 9:30 a.m. – Tiny Tots Sign Language; 10:30 a.m. – Preschool Storytime. Sat., Feb. 10, 10:30 a.m. – Lego Duplo Day.

GROVE HALL BRANCH

Thurs., Feb. 1, 3:30 p.m. – Drop-In Homework Help. Fri., Feb. 2, 10:30 a.m. – Preschool Movies. Sat., Feb. 3, 12 p.m. – Peter Rabbit Craft Party; 1 p.m. – Hollywood Goes to School. Mon., Feb. 5, 3:30 p.m. – Drop-In Homework Help. Tues., Feb. 6, 10:15 a.m. – ESL High-Beginner English; 10:30 a.m. – Preschool Story Time; 3:30 p.m. – Free Drop-In Homework Help. Wed., Feb. 7, 11 a.m. – Toddler Time 3:30 p.m. – Drop-In Homework Help. Thurs., Feb. 8, 3:30 p.m. – Drop-In Homework Help. Fri., Feb. 9, 10:30 a.m. – Preschool Movies. Sat., Feb. 10, 12 p.m. – Youth to Women and Manhood; 1 p.m. – Hollywood Goes to School; 3 p.m. – Remaking Black Power: Author Talk with Dr. Ashley Farmer.

LOWER MILLS BRANCH

Thurs., Feb. 1, 3:30 p.m. – Drop-In Homework Help; 6:30 p.m. – Book Discussion. Mon., Feb. 5, 3:30 p.m. – Drop-In Homework Help; 7 p.m. – Pajama Storytime. Tues., Feb. 6, 3:30 p.m. – Drop-In Homework Help. Wed., Feb. 7, 10:30 a.m. – Music & Movement; 12 p.m. – Mosaic Workshop; 3:30 p.m. – Drop-In Homework Help. Thurs., Feb. 8, 3:30 p.m. – Drop-In Homework Help. Sat., Feb. 10, 10:30 a.m. – Peter Rabbit Tea Party.

MATTAPAN BRANCH

Thurs., Feb. 1, 2:30 p.m. – 90s Nostalgia; 3:30 p.m. – Drop-In Homework Help; 6:30 p.m. – Yoga. Fri., Feb. 2, 2:30 p.m. – Movie Friday. Sat., Feb. 3, 2:30 p.m. – Creole for Beginners. Mon., Feb. 5, 10 a.m. – Story STEAM: Beatrix Potter Series; 10:30 a.m. – HISET/GED Preparation Class; 2:30 p.m. – Cartoon Afternoon; 3:30 p.m. – Drop-In Homework Help. Tues., Feb. 6, 12 p.m. – Towering Tots; 2:30 p.m. – 90s Nostalgia; 3 p.m. – Share Your Genius: Sexual Health Trivia; 3:30 p.m. – Drop-In Homework Help. Wed., Feb. 7, 10:30 a.m. – HISET/GED Preparation Class; 2:30 p.m. – Cartoon Afternoon; 3:30 p.m. – Drop-In Homework Help; 4 p.m. – Grub Street: Spoken Word. Thurs. Feb. 8, 2:30 p.m. – 90s Nostalgia; 3:30 p.m. – Drop-In Homework Help; 6:30 p.m. – Yoga.

UPHAMS CORNER BRANCH

Thurs., Feb. 1, 3:30 p.m. – Drop-In Homework Help. Mon., Feb. 5, 3:30 p.m. – Drop-In Homework Help. Tues., Feb. 6, 3:30 p.m. – Drop-In Homework Help. Wed., Feb. 7, 3:30 p.m. – Drop-In Homework Help. Thurs., Feb. 8, 3:30 p.m. – Drop-In Homework Help.

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‘Good answer!’ Dot’s Thomas family get their Feud on this week

By ELANA AURISE
REPORTER STAFF

Dorchester resident Judy Thomas-Vance and her family will appear on the nationally syndicated TV show, Family Feud this Friday (Feb. 2) on NBC at 8 p.m.

Thomas-Vance and her family auditioned last year at the Hynes Auditorium in Boston in a faux-feud makeshift-studio version of the game against other local families. The producers must have seen something special in them, because Thomas-Vance, Christopher and Christa Thomas-Jones, her brother-in-law and sister, Paul and Cynthia Thomas, her brother and sister-in-law, were selected from over 10,000 other potential contestants a few weeks later.

In preparation for the live-audience show, the Thomas family played the Family Feud board



The Thomas family on set with Family Feud host Steve Harvey.

game and watched the show together. The speed of the show was something that surprised

Thomas-Vance and her family. They had to maintain composure and stay focused.

“I will say that I watch Family Feud every night and I’m calling out answers from my couch, but

once you get on the set with the lights, audience and Steve Harvey, it’s a different experience,”

added Thomas-Vance. “It’s moving faster than you realize when your brain is trying to determine what the correct answer is before Steve Harvey approaches you.”

Once families were selected and flown to the studio in Atlanta in May, they were informed that one of them would not make it on air. In the studio’s final trial round, the Thomas family competed against another group that had won a few times already, so they were nervous, but they pulled it off and proved that they were a fun and energetic family ready to play, and, most importantly, the family to beat.

“It was a memorable experience that will last a lifetime, and I would encourage anyone interested to audition the next time they come to Massachusetts,” said Thomas-Vance.

Bowdoin Street’s Philly Laptiste honored as ‘Achiever’

Philly Laptiste, executive director of Bowdoin Street Health Center, was honored as a YMCA Achiever last month for her accomplishments and dedication at Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center’s (BIDMC) annual Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration.

Laptiste was born and raised on Bowdoin Street in Dorchester. After graduating from Boston Latin School, earning a bachelor’s degree in management and organizational communications from Emerson College and a master’s degree in healthcare administration from Suffolk University, she returned to Bowdoin Street in 2008 as manager of Community Health.

While fostering positive changes in her neighborhood, Laptiste grew her own career and is now the executive director of the Health Center.

“I can’t think of a better word to describe Philly than ‘achiever,’” said Sam Skura, senior vice President of Ambulatory and Clinical Services at BIDMC. “Philly has worked at the Bowdoin Street Health Center for the past 10 years and has dedicated her career in improving health equity and implementing social justice programs.”

In line with her passion for supporting others, Laptiste has dedicated her time to numerous community centered initiatives. She ran the 2017 Boston

Marathon on behalf of Team BIDMC, is co-chair of the Bowdoin/Geneva Alliance and Friends of Geneva Cliffs, and actively participates on many advisory boards through Suffolk University. Laptiste also encourages her family to be involved in neighborhood clean-up and safety events.

“Whether you are a new leader trying to get your team to believe in your vision – or if you are someone who is trying to impact change – there is a part that always feels uncomfortable,” said Laptiste. “But, your passion is what drives you to become comfortable with being uncomfortable.”

The award is part of the YMCA’s national program that gives part-



Pete Healy, President of BIDMC, Philly Laptiste, YMCA Achiever and Executive Director of Bowdoin Street Health Center, Kevin Tabb the CEO of BIDMC, and the event’s Master of Ceremonies DeWayne Pursley, MD, the Chief of Neonatology at BIDMC.

nered organizations the opportunity to recognize the racial diversity of its community members who use their talents

and determination both to progress their own careers and develop young people in their communities. Recipients

are asked to commit to at least 40 hours of voluntary service to benefit their community in the upcoming year.

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DORCHESTER HISTORICAL SOCIETY

At the Dorchester Historical Society, we are finishing up the process of a project to commemorate the 100th anniversary of World War I. Using a collection of photographs we have of WWI Dorchester residents, we have been featuring servicemen in a number of short biographies throughout the year. We hope to produce an online exhibit highlighting these men and their service to our country.

Sewell Wilcutt Rich was born on Dec. 26, 1894, in Cohasset, to Thomas A. Rich, a hair salesman and Mary A. Wellman of Waldoboro, Maine.

In 1900, he was the youngest of three children. He had a brother Thomas and a sister Anna. By 1910, the family was living on Frost Avenue, Dorchester. Sewell graduated from the Osgood Primary School, Cohasset, in 1900, the Mary Hemenway School in Dorchester in 1907, and Mechanic Arts High, Boston in 1908/09.

In 1917, he registered for the draft. His occupation was listed as



Sewell Wilcutt Rich

an automobile mechanic at Franklin Motor Car Co., Commonwealth

Avenue, Boston and his residence as Radford Lane. He was tall with medium build, gray eyes and dark brown hair.

He enlisted in the Massachusetts Calvary Headquarters Department in May 1916 and was on the Mexican border by June 1916. He then enlisted in the National Guard at Allston, Mass. on June 7, 1916, and was with D Troop, Separate Squadron, Cavalry, Massachusetts National Guard through Aug. 5, 1917.

He was promoted from private to corporal in July 1917, and sent to France in September. He was in front line trenches by February 1918 and promoted to sergeant. He was severely wounded and taken prisoner at the Battle of Seicheprey on April 20, 1918. He was held in prison camps in Limburg, Darmstadt/ Darmstadt, Luchail and Rastatt from until Dec. 8, 1918.

The following month, his father received a telegram that he was in Vichy France in an American hospi-

tal. He was honorably discharged on April 4, 1919.

By the next year, Sewell was living with his parents and working as a wholesale candy dealer. By 1930, he was married to Ruth Bennett, living with her family on Lombard Street and working as a furniture salesman. They had one son, Robert, who was raised in Hanson, Mass., and who served in the Army during the Korean War.

Sewell Rich died on Dec. 23, 1937 at age 42, of tuberculosis at the VA. facility in Rutland Heights, Massachusetts. He is buried at Cedar Grove Cemetery and is memorialized on a plaque of the Third Religious Society (Unitarian) that is located at the Dorchester Historical Society.

You can reach us at dorchesterhistoricalsociety.org. Check out the Society’s online catalog at DorchesterPastPerfectOnline.com; the archive of these historical posts can be viewed on the website.

Keep justice intact for Odin Lloyd, other victims



Flanked by Rep. Evandro Carvalho, left, and attorney Doug Sheff, Ursula Ward, mother of Odin Lloyd, teared up while talking to reporters.
State House News Service photo

A bill sponsored by Dorchester state Rep. Evandro Carvalho that would amend state law to prevent the self-inflicted death of a prisoner from vacating that person’s conviction was the subject of an emotional hearing on Beacon Hill this week.

Ursula Ward, the mother of Odin Lloyd, a Dorchester man who was murdered in 2013 by former New England Patriots star Aaron Hernandez, testified in favor of the Carvalho legislation. According to the State House News Service, the bill “would end the practice known as abatement *ab initio* — where a conviction can be wiped out if the defendant dies before exhausting the appeals process — in cases when the defendant dies by suicide.”

Last April, Hernandez took his own life inside of a cell at the Souza Baranowski Correctional Center where he was serving a life sentence for Lloyd’s murder. Hernandez was acquitted in a second case – the double-murder of Daniel de Abreu and Safiro Furtado in 2012 just before his suicide. The latter were living in Dorchester at the time of their deaths. They were ambushed after leaving a nightclub in Boston’s Theatre District where they had an encounter with Hernandez and another man, Alexander Bradley, whom Hernandez is also alleged to have shot months later.

His family has since claimed that Hernandez suffered from CTE, a brain disease that afflicts other former football players. They are suing the NFL and the Patriots.

Under existing state law, Hernandez’s conviction for Lloyd’s murder was erased after his suicide, the reprieve an unexpected event that jolted the victim’s family a second time. “I felt as if I was burying my Odin again,” his mother told the state’s Judiciary Committee hearing on Tuesday.

“When your son is tragically murdered like this, you go through a public humiliation, and then, boom — it disappears,” Carvalho said, according to the State House News Service. “It goes, as the process says, it goes to the beginning, as if it never even happened. I feel as if Odin has not been able to rest in peace, and I have not been able to properly grieve my son,” Ward said.

It is unacceptable that victims or their families should have to go through this sort of pointless torment. We hope that Carvalho’s common-sense measure will see speedy action on Beacon Hill this year.

– Bill Forry

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One year later, immigrant students grapple with role in democracy



Students and teachers focused on their role in civic engagement at Boston International Newcomers Academy’s Diversity and Democracy Day on Jan. 20.
Ryan Daly photo

BY RYAN DALY
SPECIAL TO THE REPORTER

The Boston International Newcomers Academy in Dorchester (BINcA) hosted more than 50 workshops for the second iteration of Diversity and Democracy Day on Jan. 20. The school-wide experience sought to educate students on government functions, civic engagement, and democratic participation.

In lieu of regularly scheduled classes, students heard from local businesses, colleges, and organizations—such as the Edward M. Kennedy Institute for the United States Senate, Boston University Law School, and Upstander Project—as well as government offices—such as the Mayor’s Office for Immigrant Enhancement—on subjects ranging from the allocation of the City of Boston’s budget to *The Twilight Zone*. A majority of the teachers at BINcA also ran workshops.

“With two great years in a row, Diversity and Democracy Day has now become a tradition,” said Kristin Russo, 39, a 12th grade English teacher at BINcA. She led a workshop titled “Humans of BINcA” this year, where students were taught basic photography skills and asked to prepare pictures akin to those seen in “Humans of New York,” a photoblog capturing portraits of people on the streets of New York City.

The final product of the workshop will be a collection of the photos and captions hung on a bulletin board near the school’s entrance—a candid broadcast of the eclectic student body for anyone who enters to see, Russo said.

Russo also mentioned that each student took something different away from the day—some saw the pragmatism of learning how to contact a public administrator, while others the beauty of learning to write in a foreign language.

This variation in programming formulates unique, singular experiences meant to unify the students in the recognition of each others’ difference, said Toni Jackson, 49, the Coordinator of Extended Learning Time and Strategic Partnerships, and organizer

behind both Diversity and Democracy Days.

“Our students are coming from so many different backgrounds, and places, and levels that it’s hard sometimes to create a common context,” she said. “The Diversity and Democracy Day asks teachers, as well as visitors: What do we have in common? What can you find similar in our difference, during one day, during a couple hours?”

The day also serves as an opportunity to present a common idea on government for students of various ethnicities, native languages, and educational levels from strong leaders and teachers within the Boston area. Having these “basic building blocks” taught by both teachers and individuals outside of the school “bolsters” the students, Jackson notes.

The first Diversity and Democracy Day was held on Inauguration Day last year, during which President Donald Trump was sworn into office. After the results of the presidential election were announced in November 2016, BINcA teachers quickly began collaborating on solutions to mitigate the student’s anxieties surrounding the transition of power. Without wanting to steep to fear mongering, or deliver anything too preachy, Jackson said, but instead facilitate conversations around government through a myriad of mediums, the Diversity and Democracy Day format was spawned.

James Hobin, a resident of Savin Hill and an art teacher at BINcA, held several painting workshops for the development of a multi-paneled Statue of Liberty mural this year similar to last year’s “From Her Beacon,” which is still exhibiting at the Edward M. Kennedy Institute for the United States Senate. Along with the power Hobin sees in the image of the Statue of Liberty, the entire day holds great meaning for him.

“It shows them that we care, you know?” he said. “That we’re looking to empower people. To empower people through these workshops, to join the discourse, to state their case. And to help those who can fight to start fighting for those who cannot.”

Lawrence superintendent chosen for state Education commissioner

BY KATIE LANNAN
STATE HOUSE NEWS SERVICE

Jeff Riley, the superintendent and receiver of Lawrence Public Schools, is on track become the state’s next education commissioner after an 8-3 vote by the Board of Elementary and Secondary Education Monday.

Praising Riley’s work to turn around a struggling school system and narrow achievement gaps as well as his skills at building relationships, board members who backed Riley described him as the one of three finalists best suited to step into the job and deliver results.

“For what we’ve said we want to see done and the frustration we have about lack of progress on the achievement gap, the entire country points to one place where real success has been managed, and it’s really hard,” board chair Paul Sagan said. “And that’s Lawrence, Massachusetts,

and there’s one person who has done that work, and that’s Jeff Riley.”

Three board members — Amanda Fernandez, Margaret McKenna and Mary Ann Stewart — cast their votes for Angelica Infante-Green of the New York State Department of Education, and no one voted for Texas educator Penny Schwinn.

Fernandez said Infante-Green was the most qualified for the job administratively and presented the state with the opportunity to appoint the first woman and first Latina to helm the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education.

Speaking of the importance of representation in leadership, Fernandez, the CEO of Latinos for Education, said her 10-year-old daughter wants to be a teacher and was moved by a recording of Infante-Green’s interview.

“I could see that she related to and understood the importance of the lived experience of Angelica, and that she pours into her work every day, because at her core this is her motivation for her life’s work,” Fernandez said. “And as I watched my daughter watching that video, I understood what it means to be what you can’t see ... My daughter and thousands of children in Massachusetts need to be able to be what they can see, no matter what field they go into, but I think education is really important.”



Jeff Riley spoke before the Board of Elementary and Secondary Education on Monday.
Sam Doran/SHNS photo

‘Innovation campus’ planned for old Globe site

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Burlington-based development company Nordblom purchased the 16-acre parcel for \$81 million in late December in partnership with the Boston real estate private equity firm Alcion Ventures.

“Clearly we paid a lot of money for the property,” said Ogden Hunnewell, Nordblom executive vice president and partner, noting that the site is unique in its nearly 700,000 square feet of building, the potential for a quick turnaround because they don’t need to tear it down and start from scratch, and a cost advantage that will lead to lower rents. On top of that, Hunnewell said, “we think it’s going to be a really cool space. You’re not going to go out and build a 20-foot high space for people, but we have it, and people will enjoy it.”

With its longtime architectural and contracting partners Stantec and Moriarty, Nordblom has been chasing this project for the past three years, watching two prior bids fall through, Hunnewell said. “We’ve had this plan, and it wasn’t as sexy as the other plans, but it was more realistic, and it was viable,” he said, “so we’ve been working with the architect and the contractor for all that time, and we became a little bit of a shrill voice because we were staying with the program and the idea and so here we are.”

The building was constructed in the mid-1950s, and expanded several times over the next 50 years. Its basic structure and layout are in good shape, with a deep foundation rooted into the bedrock and an assortment of rooms with 10- to 25-foot ceilings, all of which lays the groundwork for exterior improvements within the existing footprint and an interior renovation.

“We’re going to take out every non-load-bearing wall and partition, and then we’re going to see what’s left,” Fremont-Smith said. “They say demo frees the mind. We want to just clear it out and go in with our architects.”

The company expects to be left with a number of large zones fit for a variety of tenants —between 15 and 30 — ranging from office space to high-ceilinged tech maker space suitable for 3-D printing, robotics, even self-driving cars.

Access to the building will be moved to the lefty side of the current setup. What the company calls a striking glass front will turn the former press room, with its high ceilings and industrial bones, into a new front entrance



The interior of the proposed The Boston Exchange for Accelerated Technology building is shown in a rendering from the Nordblom Company. The large atrium space shown here will stretch from the front to the rear of the building, with seating, workspaces, access to a fitness center and brew pub, and a food hall forming an internal main street.

and expansive atrium. The Globe’s iconic glass arched entryway will in turn become a flat array of tiered windows, which will be mirrored on the other side of the new atrium entryway.

The atrium will stretch from the front to the rear of the building, with seating, about 10,000 square feet of open workspaces, access to the fitness center and brew pub, and a food hall forming an internal main street. It would be open to the public during work hours, maybe including one of the Globe’s classic green delivery trucks as an accent, the company said.

“Everything we’re doing is about place-making and HR, because all these companies are trying to attract the same pool of people,” Fremont-Smith said. That pool? Millennials, many of whom live in South Boston or the Seaport, taking ride shares or the T into work, “and when they get to work they want it to be cool and hip, not your father’s Oldsmobile office space.”

Demand for such spaces is largely being met by the suburbs, Fremont-Smith said, adding, “There’s just nowhere for anyone to go. So we’re hoping that a combination of our scale, being able to provide continuous blocks of over 100,000 feet, and timing, bringing the core shell back online in Fall of 2019, that we’re well positioned to kind of take some of the pressure off.”

Open space will be a feature on top of the building as well as alongside it. A third floor roof deck could be reached by a stairwell at the rear of the atrium, near a currently licensed helipad spot.

The overhaul will deliver perks to the neighborhood, the company

said, including better access between Savin Hill and the Morrissey Boulevard corridor through a multi-use pathway and improvements to Patten’s Cove. A potential maintenance agreement would allow Nordblom to “adopt” the park, which is managed by the state Department of Conservation and Recreation. The BEAT building management would mow the grass, trim the trees, maintain the pathways and the like around Patten’s Cove, and “make it more approachable,” Fremont-Smith said.

The developers are proposing 868 vehicle parking spaces and about 200 bicycle spaces, but the proximity to the JFK/UMass station is a major plus to “merge the real economy with the

new economy,” Fremont-Smith said. “We think the city is coming this way; it’s headed in this direction.”

Groundwater tests have found that the land itself is clean, and any asbestos in the building will be removed by the summer, Fremont-Smith said. Nordblom is going thorough the Boston Planning and Development’s Article

80 Large Project Review process, having filed a Project Notification Form on Monday.

The company has already received inquiries from potential tenants, some looking for hundreds of thousands of square feet, some seeking tens of thousands of square feet, and micro breweries, even before officially marketing the site.

“Our job is to create something to which people want to go, a great place where they want to work,” Fremont-Smith said. “The city is out of space. The Seaport is done; Back Bay’s done.” And given the need for office, tech, and light industrial workplaces, he said, “we’re trying to do it in a creative and funky way that captures people’s imaginations.”



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Reporter's Neighborhood Notables

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BLACK HISTORY MONTH EVENT AT MATTAPAN LIBRARY

The Dorchester-Mattapan Neighborhood Council will host a Black History month program at the Mattapan branch of the Boston Public Library, 1350 Blue Hill Ave. on Thurs, Feb. 20 at 6 p.m. The public is invited to attend this free event.

GENEVA AVENUE HOUSING PROPOSAL TO BE DISCUSSED

The Boston Planning and Development Agency (BPDA) hosts a public meeting on Thursday, February 15 at 6:30 p.m. to discuss a proposed five-story residential building for 185-191 Geneva Ave., Dorchester. The meeting will be held at Bowdoin Street Health Center, 230 Bowdoin St., Dorchester. Contact Tim Czerwinski at 617-918-5303 or tim.czerwinski@boston.gov.

JAMMIN' FOR JIMMY AT FLORIAN HALL

Sat., Feb. 10 from 7-10 p.m. at Florian Hall, Dorchester. Join for an evening of fun and music to benefit the James P. "Jimmy" Cawley Scholarship at UMass Boston. The Jimmy Cawley Scholarship was created in memory of a much-loved son of Dorchester whose life was sadly shortened by cancer. Jimmy's scholarship is set up to benefit a student from Dorchester who is majoring in political science. For further information about the scholarship, visit umb.academicworks.com/donors/the-james-p-jimmy-cawley-scholarship. General admission is \$10 at the door. Raffle prizes, hors d'oeuvres, cash bar, and a cash drawing will be held. For more information or to purchase tickets for the cash drawing, please contact Elisa Birdseye at jimmyscholarship@gmail.com.

DEMOCRATS TO CAUCUS IN COMING WEEKS

Registered Democrats in Ward 18 — which includes Mattapan — will be the first to hold a caucus to elect delegates to the state party convention on Sat., Feb. 3 at 10 a.m. at the Hyde Park Municipal Building, 1179 River St. This year's state convention will be held June 1-2 at the DCU Center in Worcester. Democrats in Ward 16 will meet on Tuesday, Feb. 6 at 7 p.m. at the McKeon Post, 4 Hill Top St., Dorchester. Other dates coming up: Ward 15 meets Sat., Feb. 24 at 9 a.m. at the Savin Hill Apartments, 130 Aukland St.; Ward 13 on Feb. 26, 6 p.m. at the Christo Rey



Mayor Martin Walsh offered welcoming remarks at the SPOT for Life Foundation kick-off fundraiser on January 26. The foundation was created to honor the life of the late Steven P. Odom, who was just 13 when he shot to death in 2007 as he walked near his home on Evans Street. Pictured above: Mayor Walsh, Ronald and Kim Odom and Rep. Russell Holmes.

Mayor's Office Photo by Isabel Leon

Boston, 100 Savin Hill Ave.; Ward 17 on Feb. 27 at 7 p.m. at the Sheet Metal Workers Hall, 1157 Adams St.; and Ward 14 on Sat., March 3 at 1 p.m. at the Anthony Perkins Community Center, 155 Talbot Ave., Dorchester.

"BIRTH OF A MOVEMENT" EVENT AT CARNEY HOSPITAL

Join Carney Hospital on Thurs., Feb. 1 from 6-8 p.m. at Carney Hospital's Riseman Lecture Hall to celebrate Black History with a screening of the documentary "Birth of a Movement," the story of William Monroe Trotter, a Boston newspaper editor, who launched a nationwide movement over race-relations and representation in Hollywood by seeking to ban D.W. Griffith's 1915 KKK sympathetic film, "Birth of a Nation." RSVP at carneyhospital.org/events or call

617-506-2852. This event is free to the public with parking validation and light refreshments provided.

OPPORTUNITY FUND WORKSHOP AT MATTAPAN BPL

Tues., Feb. 13 at 6 p.m.; Public workshop at 1350 Blue Hill Ave., Mattapan to discuss the Boston Cultural Council Opportunity Fund, which provides grants to support meaningful one-time opportunities for artists to further develop their career and expand the reach of arts opportunities in Boston. Artist Resource Manager, Julia Ryan will be going over the application process as well as answering any questions people have about the grant. To register, visit eventbrite.com/e/opportunity-fund-grant-workshop-in-mattapan-tickets-42289064731. For further information, visit boston.gov/arts.

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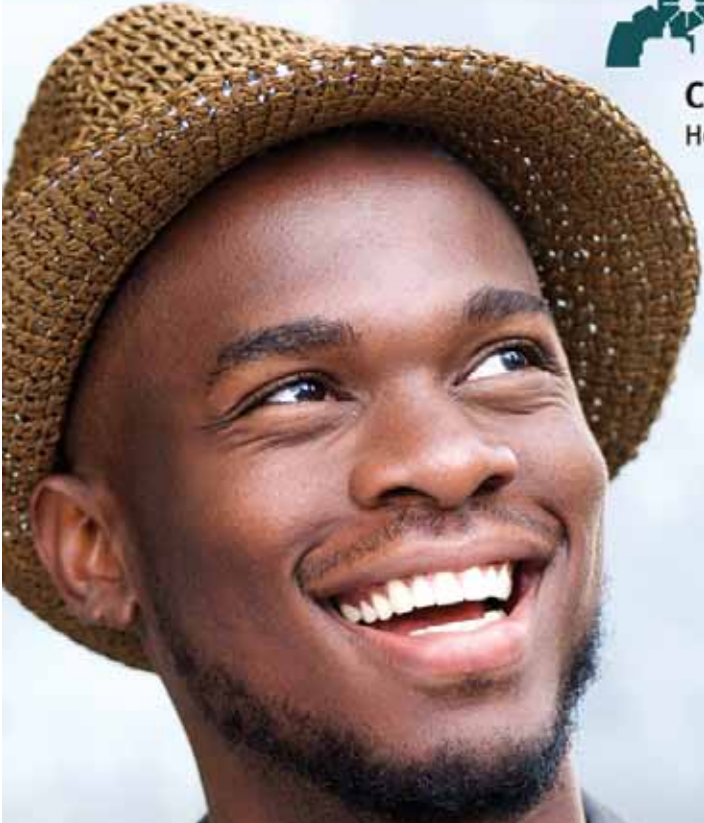
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UMass to sell Bayside property

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Last summer, the UMass Building Authority (UMBA) issued a “Request for Information” to developers in the region— a request that triggered an impressive response by the October deadline. Sixteen companies indicated an interest in buying or partnering with UMass to redevelop the site.

The contents of the developer responses were sealed— and have not been made public, so there is no way to know for certain what was included in the range of concepts or more specific proposals. UMass had indicated that they wanted to hear ideas that would transform the Bayside site into “an oceanfront Boston neighborhood” that melds with campus needs and the broader Columbia Point area, a “gateway to UMass Boston,” according to the RFI.

A number of the 16 respondents are familiar names on the Point. Corcoran Jennison owns the adjacent office building and DoubleTree hotel. Beacon Capital Partners purchased the nearby 12-acre Santander property in March. Capstone Development Partners is already working with the university on its first ever dormitories on Boston campus.

In a statement last year, Meehan said the response “affirms that there is strong interest from the real estate community in the site.”

“That is good news, because as fiduciaries the university and UMBA have a responsibility to maximize the revenue

potential of any development for the purpose of addressing significant capital needs on the UMass Boston campus,” he said.

The news of the broker was first reported by the Boston Globe. UMass spokesman Jeff Cournoyer told the Reporter that the new broker arrangement “an offering memorandum.”

“This is the first step in a multi-stage marketing process,” Cournoyer said. “First the initial respondents will be informed of an opportunity at the site and then a broader market push goes out to everyone.”

Engaging a commercial broker to market the property marks a milestone in the university’s strategy for the Bayside site, which it acquired in 2010.

Initially, the university indicated that it intended to redevelop the site on its own to expand its campus footprint and for parking.

Then, the site’s future became murkier when it was identified as the potential site of an Olympic Athletes Village, a notion that fell by the wayside after Boston abandoned its bid for the 2024 summer games.

More recently, the Bayside site sat in limbo as football mogul Robert Kraft set his sights on potentially acquiring or leasing the land to build a 20,000 seat sports stadium. The Kraft group later said it spent “millions of dollars” designing the stadium and probing the site itself, but UMass and Kraft abandoned their talks — and declared the deal “dead” — last year amid sharp criticism

about the secretive talks.

The full list of the 16 respondents who responded to last year’s RFI are: Accordia Partners; American Campus Communities; Beacon Capital Partners; Bracken Development; Capstone Development Partners LLC & Samuels & Associates; Corcoran Jennison & BTUHW Building Corp; Core Investment Inc.; Hunt Development Group, LLC & Drew Company Inc.; The HYM Investment Group, LLC; Lend Lease; Lincoln Property Company; Lupoli Companies; Rhino Capital & Ad Meliora; SKANSKA; University Student Living; and Waterstone Properties Group Inc.

Some on campus are skeptical of the university’s intentions for the Bayside land, which include the transformation of the area into a “modern-day Harvard Square.”

“It would seem a little ironic to me to have UMass Boston — which we call the ‘diversity flagship of the UMass system’ — turn over its land to a new Harvard Square,” said Tom Goodkind, president of the Professional Staff Union at UMass Boston.

Goodkind said if the sale of the land does result in a windfall for UMass, the priority should be ensuring that what’s built is in line with the desires of the surrounding community.

The development, he said, ought to be “something that will strengthen the mission of UMass Boston, which remains, as far we’re concerned, to educate a fundamentally urban population when nobody

else will.”

He added: “That’s with the priority should be.”

Some neighborhood leaders are glad the development of the site is moving forward.

Paul Nutting, a Savin Hill resident and advocate for Columbia Point, said he wants to see the land go to the highest bidder.

“We’ve been waiting here in the neighborhood for things to develop along that whole Columbia Point Master Plan area, for things that we can use,” he said.

Those uses, Nutting said, include restaurants, as well as housing designated for homeownership.

One of the abutters to the old Bayside site is the Boston Teachers Union, which has its headquarters on Mount Vernon Street. President Jessica Tang said the



A view of the UMass-owned Bayside site (foreground and right) after a demolition project to clear the old exposition center was largely finished last year. The existing Boston Teachers Union headquarters is shown at left. Bill Forry photo

union’s plans to build a new headquarters have been held up by talks over what happens at the adjacent site — first the Olympics proposal, then the Kraft soccer stadium.

Because university officials have talked about creating a “new Harvard Square,” Tang said, “building a new headquarters right smack in the middle of that development area might

not be the best use of the land.”

She added: “That’s why we are open to conversations.”

Simón Rios of WBUR contributed reporting to this article. WBUR and the Reporter have a partnership in which the news organizations share resources to collaborate on stories. Rios is currently working from the Reporter newsroom.

UMass to hike parking fees to help pay for new garage

UMass Boston will hike up parking fees on its campus for the first time in 15 years, according to a statement issued last week. The increase will take effect this summer alongside the opening of a newly-built parking deck that is expected to open this summer.

The price hike is needed to help pay for the construction and operation of the new \$69.75 million on-campus parking garage. The development will see daily rates for the university’s Bayside lot increase to \$9, while rates at the parking garage and elsewhere on

campus will rise to \$15. Prepaid monthly and semester rates will also be available at a discount. The current parking rate at the school is \$6.

“We believe that this structure provides students, faculty, and staff with a lower-cost option at Bayside and offers convenient, on-campus parking at rates comparable to or lower than those found at many colleges and universities in the area,” said Kathleen Kirleis, vice chancellor for administration and finance at UMass Boston.

The new garage will fill a need for on-campus parking space that has

existed since the university was forced to close its aging garages in 2006. About 60 percent of the university’s students and faculty take public transit to and from campus, while roughly a third drive.

UMass offers a free shuttle service between the T stop, the bayside lot, and the campus center. School officials opted against funding the garage through a tuition increase, a measure that they said would unfairly charge students who walk or use mass transit and therefore would not be using the parking facility.

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Community Health News

Baker: Illegal Marijuana market should be fair game

BY ANDY METZGER
STATE HOUSE
NEWS SERVICE

Gov. Charlie Baker plans to meet with U.S. Attorney Andrew Lelling next month and the governor thinks state and federal law enforcement priorities could converge on cracking down on the illicit marijuana market.

At the state level, where marijuana has been legalized for medical and other uses, stamping out the black market trade could bolster the regulated sale of the intoxicant, the governor said.

“Once we have a regulated legal market here we should want to prosecute and go after people who continue to engage in this product illegally. If you talk to the folks in Colorado, they’ll tell you that one of their big problems is they

still have an enormous black market, and some of that black market’s being supported by some of the legal market, and I think one of the things we should make sure is that the legal market is the market,” Baker told co-hosts Jim Braude and Margery Eagan during his regular “Ask the Governor” segment on WGBH radio.

A big unanswered question for Bay State policymakers and pot purveyors has been whether Lelling will prosecute businesses that sell marijuana in the state-regulated system. While saying he has limited resources to fight illegal activity, Lelling threw a curveball into the market this month when he noted cultivation, distribution and possession is an unambiguous federal crime and said he

can’t assure immunity to anyone in the state-level marijuana trade.

Responding to a caller who asked about medical marijuana, Baker said he doesn’t foresee a clash between federal and state officials.

“I think this is something we should be able to come up with some kind of general sense about,” Baker said. “I am actually optimistic that this won’t become a huge – for lack of a better word – fight between the states and the federal government.”

Lelling has refused to rule out prosecuting anyone engaged in the marijuana business and said he cannot meet with the Cannabis Control Commission, but he has made clear that policing opioid traffic is a far greater concern.

“On the one hand,

marijuana cultivation and trafficking is unambiguously illegal under federal law. It just is,” Lelling told reporters last Wednesday. He continued, “The number one enforcement priority for my office is the opioid crisis. As I pointed out to someone the other day, 2,100 people in Massachusetts were killed by opioid overdoses last year, not marijuana overdoses. So that is where my resources are going right now. And that’s really the best I can say. What I can’t do is in advance say that a category of people working in the state of Massachusetts with marijuana are immune from federal prosecution.”

Marijuana remains illegal under federal law. Massachusetts voters

legalized medical marijuana at the state level in 2012 and legalized the retail sale for adults in 2016. State-regulated sales of marijuana for non-medical purposes are expected to start this summer.

Massachusetts is one of several states where marijuana has been made legal. U.S. Attorney General Jeff Sessions at the start of the year announced a new stance towards state-regulated marijuana, rescinding an old policy of essentially looking the other way.

“In deciding which marijuana activities to prosecute under these laws with the Department’s finite resources, prosecutors should follow the well-established principles that govern all federal prosecutions,” Sessions wrote in the Jan. 4 memo, writing

that federal laws show “Congress’s determination that marijuana is a dangerous drug and that marijuana activity is a serious crime.”

The governor, who opposed the ballot question that legalized retail marijuana sales but has since acquiesced to voters’ demands, said he does not know Lelling but knows people who know the career prosecutor. Baker and Lelling plan to get together sometime in February, he said.

The governor also reiterated his hope that Lelling will focus his drug enforcement resources on opioids.

“I would much rather have the U.S. Attorney spending his time working with us in dealing with fentanyl and dealing with street drugs than dealing with marijuana,” Baker said.

State health plan consolidation to be re-evaluated

BY MATT MURPHY
STATE HOUSE
NEWS SERVICE

The Group Insurance Commission, relenting to days of withering criticism over its decision to limit health plan offerings to nearly 450,000 state employees and retirees, plans to reconsider that plan when it meets this week.

The GIC has a meeting scheduled today when it was supposed to consider benefit design within the three providers — UniCare, Neighborhood Health and Health New England — that were selected to sell plans through the agency after a procurement process.

The agency now says it will put a motion for

reconsideration of the 8-5 vote held Jan. 18 on its agenda for the Feb. 1 meeting.

“As a result of candid feedback from members and stakeholders, the agenda of the next GIC Commission meeting on Thurs., Feb. 1 will include a motion for reconsideration of the recent vote to narrow

carriers. While the goal of the GIC action to narrow options was to provide members with continuous coverage in a comparable plan while retaining their networks and doctors, and simultaneously controlling out-of-pocket and premium costs.

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RENMEN & FELLAS CONCERT AT ALL SAINTS

Renaissance Men, Boston’s professional male vocal chamber ensemble, in collaboration with Boston City Singers’ Fellas, performs “RenMen Branches” on Sun., Feb. 18, at 4 p.m. in Peabody Hall at All Saints Church, 209 Ashmont Street. Curated to explore the unexpected bridges between genres, the program will range from classical to Bluegrass to 1960s pop. Presented by Ashmont Hill Chamber Music. Tickets, \$25, at the door or at ahchambermusic.org.

DORCHESTER CHILI COOK-OFF CALL FOR ENTRIES

Local groups and organizations are invited to participate in the 12th annual Dorchester Chili Cook-off on Sun., March 11 from 4-7 p.m. at IBEW Local 103, 256 Freeport Street. The \$50 registration fee for participants is due by Tues., Feb. 20; checks payable to “AANA/Chili Cook-off” should be mailed to Patricia O’Neil, 319 Ashmont Street, Dorchester 02124. Cook-off tickets are \$20/adult, \$30 for family up to 4, additional children \$5 each; mark your calendars now. Contact Pat O’Neill, 617-265-5397 or pattiasmont@gmail.com for further information.

BLACK HISTORY MONTH AT MILTON PUBLIC LIBRARY

During the month of February, the Milton Public Library is pleased to celebrate Black History Month in the Wotiz Gallery by hosting an exhibit of photography by local artist Cheryl Clegg called “Faces of the Rasin Foundation, Haiti.” To learn more about The Rasin Foundation, go to: rasinfoundation.org. There will be a free and open reception for this display on Monday evening, Feb. 26 from 6-8 p.m. in the Gallery at 476 Canton Ave., Milton so please come and meet the photographer and view her work. For more information about this exhibit or about displaying your art at the Library, contact Jean Hlady, Adult Services Librarian, at (617) 698-5757, x.3 or go to our website: miltonlibrary.org and click on “Events.”

INTRODUCTION TO LACROSSE PROGRAM HOSTED BY BCYF AND BOSTON YOUTH LACROSSE ASSOCIATION

Beginning Sat., Feb 3 from 3:30-4:30 p.m.; 6-week intro program for any child in the City of Boston at Condon Community Center gym, 200 D St., South Boston. BYL will be providing all equipment. No cost. The youth will be grouped as 1st-4th graders and 5th-8th graders. Coaches needed. For more information, please e-mail Bob Ferrara at rwferrara@gmail.com.

FREE WORKSHOP: HOW TO OPEN AND MANAGE A RESTAURANT

The Haitian American Business Expo, Inc. / U.S. Haitian Chamber of Commerce, Inc. partners with the Mayor’s Office of Economic Development Boston to host a Mattapan workshop on how to open and manage a restaurant on Monday, Feb. 26 from 11 a.m.-3 p.m. at the Mattapan Branch of the Boston Public Library. This is a free event, but registration is required.

BOSTON BOWL SPECIALS

All events held at 820 Morrissey Blvd, Dorchester. Fri., Feb. 16 from 8-10 p.m.; 80’s roll back bowling prices only \$3 per game. 80’s music and prizes! Family night every Sunday from 5-10 p.m.; For up to four people. Four sodas, one large pizza and one game of bowling with shoes for \$39.99. Monday madness from 9-6 a.m.; All bowling, billiards 50 percent off. College night every Tuesday from 9-close. \$2 games with valid college ID. Throwback Thursday’s from 9-12 a.m.; For just \$10 per person, bowl unlimited games. Weekend blowout Saturday and Sunday from 11-2 p.m.; 2 games of tenpin bowling including show rental and socks, \$12. For more info, visit bostonbowl.com or call 617-825-3800.

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Sat., Feb 24 at 7 p.m. at Florian Hall with DJ Drew Erico. More information to be announced.

DOT DAY PARADE CHARACTER BREAKFAST ON MARCH 3

Dorchester Day Parade Committee’s second annual Character Breakfast to raise funds for the June parade is set for Saturday, March 3 at 9:30 a.m. at First Parish Dorchester atop Meetinghouse Hill. Characters such as Poppy and Branch from Trolls, Batman, Minions, Mickey, Minnie, Moana, Peppa Pig, Cookie Monster and Elmo will be on the scene. A delicious breakfast will be served by Season’s Catering and ice cream will be available from Chill on Park. \$20 per adult, \$10 per child 12 and under. Children under 2 are free.

CHILI COOK-OFF KICKS OFF DOT DAY SEASON

12th annual Dorchester Chili Cook-off, a major fundraiser for the Dorchester Day Parade on Sunday, March 11 from 4p.m.-7p.m. at the IBEW Local 103 Hall, 256 Freeport St., Dorchester.

DORCHESTER YOUTH SOCCER HOUSE LEAGUE SPRING 2018 SEASON

Registration open until Mon., March 18. Registration will not be accepted after that date. Unpaid registrations will be deleted by the system. Age divisions and playing format: (K-1 and K-2) U6, 5v5 up to 12 players roster, Girls and boys separated. (1st and 2nd) U8, 5 V 5 with 10 players roster, Girls and boys separated. (3rd and 4th) U10 Co-ed played 6 v 6 with 12 players roster. (5th and 6th) U-12 Co-ed played 8 V 8 with 15 players roster. (7th and 8th) U-14 Co-ed played 8 V 8 with 15 players roster. Register at dysoccer.com.

WINTER FARMERS MARKET IN CODMAN SQUARE

Every Saturday from until March 31 from 10-1 p.m. at The Great Hall in Codman Square, 6 Norfolk

St., Dorchester, MA. Free admission. For updates and further information, check out their Facebook at [dorchesterwinterfarmersmarket](https://www.facebook.com/dorchesterwinterfarmersmarket) and Twitter @ [dorchesterwfm](https://twitter.com/dorchesterwfm).

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.

STANDOUT FOR BLACK LIVES AT ASHMONT T STATION

Sponsored by Dorchester People for Peace (DPP). For more info, write Kelley at kelready@msn.com or beckyp44@verizon.net or call DPP at 617-282-3783.

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 NEIGHBORHOOD 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 pattiasmont@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.

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REPORTER'S CALENDAR

Saturday, Feb. 3

• Registered Democrats in Boston's Ward 18 will hold a caucus at 10 a.m. at the Hyde Park Municipal Building, 1179 River St., Hyde Park to elect delegates and alternates to the 2018 Massachusetts Democratic State Convention. June 1-2 at the DCU Center in Worcester. The caucus is open to all registered and pre-registered Democrats in Boston's Ward 18. Those interested in getting involved with Boston's Ward 18 Democratic Town Committee should contact Rob Consalvo, Ward Committee Chair, ward18boston@gmail.com.

• Taxpayers who earned less than \$54,000 in 2017 can have their taxes prepared, and claim important tax credits such as the Earned Income Tax Credit, at free tax clinics held at the Wellness and Fitness Center, at 450 Washington St. Hours are Mondays and Tuesdays from 4-8 p.m. and Saturdays from 9-1 p.m. The free tax preparation is offered by the Codman Square Health Center in partnership with the Boston Tax Help Coalition.

Monday, Feb. 5

• Connecting With Spirituality Group at Uphams Corner Health Center, 415 Columbia Rd., 2nd floor conference room, 1 p.m. An hour-long open group that is being offered by the behavioral staff at Uphams Corner Health Center. An hour-long workshop to discuss spirituality and how it impacts health. Contact skelliher@uphams.org.

Tuesday, Feb. 6

• Democrats in Ward 16 will meet at 7 p.m. to elect delegates to the state party convention. McKeon Post, 4 Hill Top St., Dorchester. Contact Rep. Dan Hunt at 617-282-1020.

Saturday, Feb. 10

• Jimmy Cawley Scholarship benefit at Florian Hall, 7-10:30 p.m. features Boston ILL Harmonic performing music by the Beatles, followed by live band Beatles karaoke. Admission is \$10 at the door. Raffles, hors d'oeuvres and cash bar. Cash drawing. Contact Elisa Birdseye at jimmyscholarship@gmail.com.

• "Unmask the Real You "Comedy show and performance at Codman Square's Second Church of Dorchester, 600 Washington St. at 6 p.m. The Vibe Coffeehouse presents Lamar Callahan, actor, comedian and recording artist in a dramatic evening of laughter, music and fun interactions in an intimate atmosphere. Bring your most creative mask and you may win a prize! Cover charge of \$5 plus refreshments available for sale. First 10 ladies to sign up online are free! Visit thevibecoffeehouse.org/tickets.

Tuesday, Feb. 13

• Public workshop to discuss the Boston Cultural Council Opportunity Fund starts at 6 p.m. at Mattapan branch of the BPL, 1350 Blue Hill Ave., Mattapan. The fund provides grants to support meaningful one-time opportunities for artists to further develop their career and expand the reach of arts opportunities in Boston. Artist Resource Manager, Julia Ryan will be going over the application process as well as answering any questions people have about the grant. For further information visit boston.gov/arts.

Thursday, Feb. 15

• The Boston Planning and Development Agency (BPDA) hosts a public meeting at 6:30 p.m. to discuss a proposed five-story residential

building for 185-191 Geneva Ave., Dorchester. The meeting will be held at Bowdoin Street Health Center, 230 Bowdoin St., Dorchester. Contact Tim Czerwinski at 617-918-5303 or tim.czerwinski@boston.gov.

Sunday, Feb. 18

• Renaissance Men, in collaboration with Boston City Singers Fellas, presented by Ashmont Hill Chamber, at 4 p.m. in Peabody Hall, All Saints' Church, 209 Ashmont St., Dorchester. Music Renaissance Men, Boston's professional male vocal chamber ensemble, performs Ren-Men Branches. Curated to explore the unexpected bridges between genres, the program will include both classical and pop/bluegrass selections. Ren Men will be joined by Boston City Singers' Fellas group. Tickets (\$25) available at door or at ahchambermusic.org. EBT card holders \$3. Children under 13 admitted free.

Tuesday, Feb. 20

• Today is the deadline for local groups and organizations who wish to participate in the 12th annual Dorchester Chili Cook-off on Sun., March 11 to register. The \$50 registration fee should be made payable to "AANA/Chili Cook-off" should be mailed to Patricia O'Neil, 319 Ashmont St., Dorchester 02124. Cook-off tickets are \$20/adult, \$30 for family up to 4, additional children \$5 each; mark your calendars now. Contact Pat O'Neill, 617-265-5397 or pattiaschmont@gmail.com for further information.

Wednesday, Feb. 21

• The Milton Junior Woman's Club presents the children's entertainment group, Toe Jam Puppet Band, at a special February school vacation week performance at Cunningham Hall, 77

Edge Hill Rd., Milton. Doors open at 9:30 a.m. for the 10 a.m. performance. Tickets are \$5 per person. Toe Jam Puppet Band offers a special brand of interactive children's entertainment that grown-ups can actually enjoy.

Thursday, Feb. 22

• Whittier Street Health Center celebrates Black History Month and its Annual Meeting from 12 - 2 p.m., 2nd Floor Community Room. Keynote Speaker: Wanda McClain, Vice President, Community Health, Brigham and Women's Hospital and a President's Update from Frederica M. Williams, President & CEO. RSVP to Erin Gilligan at erin.gilligan@wshc.org or Crystal Palmer: crystal.palmer@wshc.org.

Saturday, Feb. 24

• Democrats in Dorchester's Ward 15 meet at 9 a.m. at the Savin Hill Apartments, 130 Aukland St. to elect delegates to the state party convention in June. Contact Winston Richie at 617-320-2257 for more info.

• Celebrity Series of Boston hosts free public workshop to learn and perform choreography from Alvin Ailey's best-known modern dance work, "Revelations" at 1:30 p.m. at the Salvation Army Kroc Center Gym, 650 Dudley St., Dorchester. Comfortable clothes or dancewear is suggested. All are welcome. Pre-registration for the workshops is required. For more information, visit celebrityseries.org/ailey50.

Monday, Feb. 26

• During the month of February, the Milton Public Library is pleased to celebrate Black History Month in the Wotiz Gallery by hosting an exhibit of photography by local artist Cheryl Clegg

called "Faces of the Rasin Foundation, Haiti." There will be a free and open reception for this display this evening from 6-8 p.m. in the Gallery at 476 Canton Ave., Milton. Contact Jean Hlady, Adult Services Librarian, at 617-698-5757 or visit miltonlibrary.org.

• Democrats in Ward 13 will caucus at 6 p.m. at the Christo Rey Boston, 100 Savin Hill Ave., Dorchester to elect delegates to the state convention in June. Contact Kelly Walsh 617-894-8121 for more info.

Tuesday, Feb. 27

• Democrats in Ward 17 will at 7 p.m. at the Sheet Metal Workers Hall, 1157 Adams St. Dorchester to elect delegates to the state convention. All are welcome, and all registered Democrats in Ward 17 are eligible to run and vote. For more information, call 617-298-0300 or email joyce@empathetic.com

Saturday, March 3

• Dorchester Day Parade Committee's second annual Character Breakfast to raise funds for the June parade, 9:30 a.m. at First Parish Dorchester atop Meetinghouse Hill. Characters such as Poppy and Branch from Trolls, Batman, Minions, Mickey, Minnie, Moana, Peppa Pig, Cookie Monster and Elmo will be on the scene. A delicious breakfast will be served by Season's Catering and ice cream will be available from Chill on Park. \$20 per adult, \$10 per child 12 and under. Children under 2 are free.

• Democrats in Ward 14 will meet to elect delegates to the state party convention at 1 p.m. at the Anthony Perkins Community Center Cafeteria, 155 Talbot Ave., Dorchester.

Contact Darryl Smith at 617-903-7648 for more info.

Sunday, March 11

• 12th annual Dorchester Chili Cook-off, a major fundraiser for the Dorchester Day Parade from 4p.m.-7p.m. at the IBEW Local 103 Hall, 256 Freeport St., Dorchester.

Sunday, March 18

• St. Patrick's Day/ Evacuation Day Parade in South Boston, 1 p.m.

• Concert presented by Ashmont Hill Chamber Music at 4 p.m. in Peabody Hall, All Saints' Church, 209 Ashmont St., Dorchester. Pianist Mana Tokuno has received widespread acclaim for her sensitive and insightful interpretations and her brilliant virtuosity. Tickets (\$25) available at the door or at ahchambermusic.org. EBT card holders \$3. Children under 13 admitted free.

Sunday, April 8

• Armida Quartet, presented by Ashmont Hill Chamber Music, in concert at Peabody Hall, All Saints' Church at 4:30 p.m. Widely known for their "absolute dedication to the music" and already recognized as "one of today's greatest chamber music groups" (Hamburger Abendblatt), the Armida Quartet joyously discovers musical conversations across centuries. This concert begins the highly acclaimed Berlin group's first North American tour. Tickets (\$25) available at the door or at ahchambermusic.org. EBT card holders \$3. Children under 13 admitted free.

Thursday, April 26

• DotFest, a community carnival to benefit DotHouse Health at 6 p.m., 1353 Dorchester Ave. More info: Jenna.Zitaner@dohousehealth.org

LEGAL NOTICES

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS THE TRIAL COURT PROBATE & FAMILY COURT SUFFOLK DIVISION 24 NEW CHARDON STREET BOSTON, MA 02114 Docket No. SU18D0096DR DIVORCE SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION AND MAILING THU T. TRAN vs. TRIEUVAN LAM To the Defendant: The Plaintiff has filed a Complaint for Divorce requesting that the Court grant a divorce for Irretrievable Breakdown of the Marriage. 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: Joseph Sherman, Esq., Sneider Kellman, PC, 1244 Boylston St., Suite 200, Chestnut Hill, MA 02467 your answer, if any, on or before 03/15/2018. If you fail to do so, the court will proceed to the hearing and adjudication of this action. You are also required to file a copy of your answer, if any, in the office of the Register of this Court. Witness, HON. BRIAN J. DUNN, First Justice of this Court. Date: January 19, 2018 Felix D. Arroyo Register of Probate Published: February 1, 2018

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS THE TRIAL COURT PROBATE & FAMILY COURT SUFFOLK DIVISION 24 NEW CHARDON STREET BOSTON, MA 02114 Docket No. SU17D1692DR DIVORCE SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION AND MAILING SWISSLANDI RODRIGUEZ vs. ARMONDO RIVERA To the Defendant: The Plaintiff has filed a Complaint for Divorce requesting that the Court grant a divorce for Irretrievable Breakdown pursuant to G.L. c208 Sec 1B. 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: Swisslandi Rodriguez, 40 Island View Pl., Dorchester, MA 02125-1146 your answer, if any, on or before 03/22/2018. 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. JOAN P. ARMSTRONG, First Justice of this Court. Date: August 7, 2017 Terri Klug Cafazzo Register of Probate Published: February 1, 2018

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS THE TRIAL COURT PROBATE & FAMILY COURT SUFFOLK DIVISION 24 NEW CHARDON STREET BOSTON, MA 02114 Docket No. SU17D2817DR DIVORCE SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION AND MAILING DORIS FIELDS-BROWN vs. BOB BROWN To the Defendant: The Plaintiff has filed a Complaint for Divorce requesting that the Court grant a divorce on the ground of IRRETRIEVABLE BREAKDOWN. The Complaint is on file at the Court. Suffolk Probate 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: Doris Fields-Brown, 88 Hollinsworth St., Mattapan, MA 02126 your answer, if any, on or before 03/08/2018. If you fail to do so, the court will proceed to the hearing and adjudication of this action. You are also required to file a copy of your answer, if any, in the office of the Register of this Court. Witness, HON. BRIAN J. DUNN, First Justice of this Court. Date: January 10, 2018 Felix D. Arroyo Register of Probate Published: February 1, 2018

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS THE TRIAL COURT PROBATE & FAMILY COURT NORFOLK DIVISION 35 SHAWMUT ROAD CANTON, MA 02021 Docket No. NO17D1345DR DIVORCE SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION AND MAILING ROBERT CHICOYE vs. CLAUDY P. CHICOYE To the Defendant: The Plaintiff has filed a Complaint for Divorce requesting that the Court grant a divorce on the ground of 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: Robert Chicoye, 45 Birchwood Rd., Apt. 225, Randolph, MA 02368 your answer, if any, on or before 04/05/2018. 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: January 11, 2018 Patrick W. McDermott Register of Probate Published: February 1, 2018

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS THE TRIAL COURT PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT INFORMAL PROBATE PUBLICATION NOTICE Docket No. SU17P2323EA ESTATE OF: CLAUDETTE ELLIOTT DATE OF DEATH: 08/20/2017 SUFFOLK DIVISION To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner Cary Elliott of Springfield, VA a Will has been admitted to informal probate. Cary Elliott of Springfield, VA has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve without surety on the bond. The estate is being administered under informal procedure by the Personal Representative under the Massachusetts Uniform Probate Code without supervision by the Court. Inventory and accounts are not required to be filed with the Court, but interested parties are entitled to notice regarding the administration from Personal Representative and can petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including distribution of assets and expenses of administration. Interested parties are entitled to petition the Court to institute formal proceedings and to obtain orders terminating or restricting the powers of Personal Representatives appointed under informal procedure. A copy of the Petition and Will, if any, can be obtained from the Petitioner. Published: February 1, 2018

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. SU17P2595GD IN THE INTERESTS OF IVAN TORRES 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 12/04/2017 by Luz Munoz of Boston, MA will be held 02/12/2018 08:30 AM Motion. Located at 24 New Chardon Street, Boston, MA 02114 - 4th Floor, Courtroom 1. 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. December 6, 2017 Felix D. Arroyo Register of Probate Published: February 1, 2018



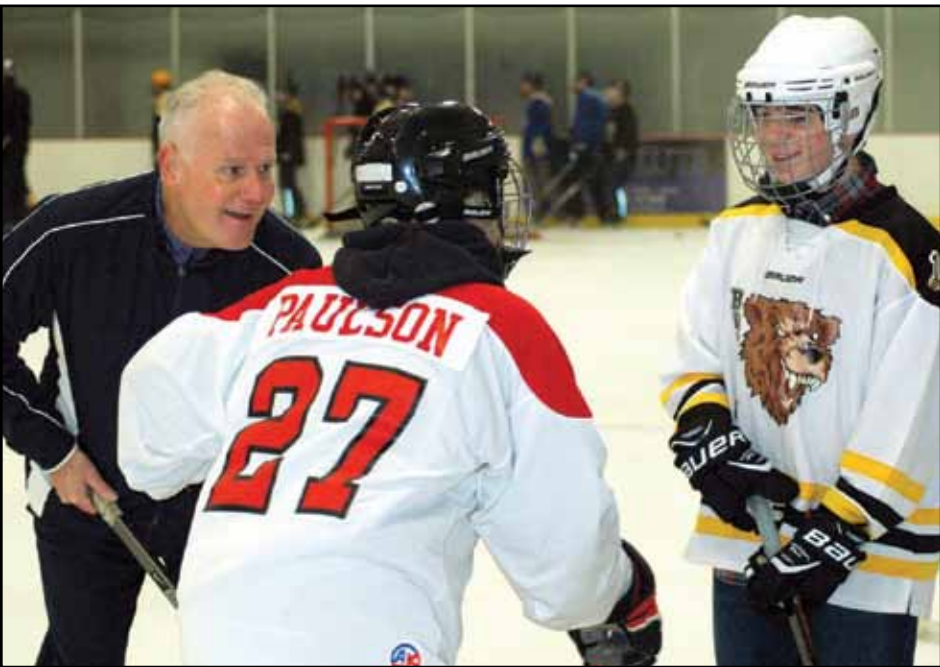
The Archbishop Williams High School girls' varsity hockey team with players from the Boston Bear Cubs, a co-ed amateur hockey team for special needs players age six and up, at Canton Ice House on Saturday, January 13. *Photo courtesy AWHs*

Hockey coach Mark McHale teaches life lessons too

**BY ELANA AURISE
REPORTER STAFF**
Mark McHale, a lifelong resident of Dorchester and coach of the Archbishop Williams High School (AWHS) girls' varsity hockey team, joined forces with The Boston Bear Cubs—a co-ed amateur hockey team for special needs players age six and up—at Canton Ice House on Sat., Jan. 13.

John Summers, co-coach and volunteer for the Cubs, worked with McHale in the state court system, where McHale has spent 36 years as a probation officer. The team shared a one-hour practice and drill set and one-hour of scrimmage.

"Scrimmage went awesome," said McHale. "The interaction between the girls and the Cubs was tremendous, and the



Dot native Mark McHale, left, has coached the Archbishop Williams High School girls' varsity hockey team since 2005. *Photo courtesy AWHs*

atmosphere was electrifying. The smiles on all the faces who competed that day were amazing." This is the third time

the AWHs girls' varsity hockey team has skated with the Cubs. "For the girls, working with the Cubs [means]

they're helping somebody get better at something they love. I don't think you can beat that," said McHale. "Student ath-

letes are role models and mentors. There's a lot of exchange involved in this other than just hockey. [The team and I] talk about doing something that gives back to somebody, whether it's making them a better player or person in life." McHale began his coaching career in 1983 for South Shore Kings youth hockey and continued as head coach at Don Bosco High School. He transitioned to college hockey at Suffolk University for the men's team and after three seasons, returned to high school hockey at Thayer Academy for the girls' team. Five years later, he agreed to coach the Lady Bishops program at AWHs. He was inducted into the Massachusetts State High School Hockey Coaches Hall of Fame

last year. "A coach treats everyone the same from top to bottom and offers support and assistance to athletes on and off the ice," McHale stated. "Growing up in Dorchester, [I played] hockey, football and baseball on the playgrounds and at the rinks. I've always loved being around sports. Playing sports and coaching have been a big part of my life." The AWHs girls' team—whom McHale has coached since 2005—have competed in the state playoffs for seven straight years, and they plan to keep that streak alive this year. "I am a city-born, Boston born-and-raised person who was always taught to give back when you can, no matter how small it is. If you can help out, just do it."

Open houses and gearing up to celebrate Tét

**BY MAUREEN
FORRY-SORRELL
REPORTER STAFF**
Well folks, the weather on Dorchester Bay is dreary, but we've got an eye towards sunnier days. The past few weeks we've posted about the



Dot Day Fundraising events like the Character Breakfast (March 3 at 9:30 a.m. at First Parish Church) and the Dot Chili Cook Off (March 11 from 4-7 p.m. at the IBEW Hall)—two absolutely can't miss events. Here's some other events to round out your family's social calendar. **Thurs., Feb. 1, 9 a.m.** — Open House for Saint John Paul Academy's Lower Mills

Kids Menu
Campus, every Monday and Thursday at 9 a.m. Additional campus open houses: Columbia, every Tues & Fri, 9 a.m.; Mat-tapan Campus, every Wed at 8:30 a.m. Check out sjp2ca.org for details. **Sat., Feb 3, 10 a.m.** — Dorchester Winter Farmers Market. Enjoy the fruits of the season in the Great Hall for a taste of New England's best! Each Saturday, we bring together local farmers, food producers, artists, and more. Our market accepts cash, credit/debit, and SNAP/HIP. **Sat., Feb 10 at 10 a.m.** — Vietnamese American Initiative for Development, 42 Charles St. Join VietAID for our annual Tét celebration to welcome in the Year of the Dog! There will be

food, drink, music, and kids' activities. Admission is free. Bring your family and friends—the more the merrier! **Sat., Feb. 10 at 11 a.m.** — Darwin Day at the Franklin Park Zoo, presented by MIT, BPL and the National Science Foundation. Interactive activities and demonstrations throughout the Tropical Forest that guests can partake in. This event is open to guests of all ages and is free with general admission to the Zoo. **Sat., Feb. 10 at 11:30 a.m.** — Wellness with Animal Tracking and Winter Play at Franklin Park with Outdoor RX. Contact egrilli@outdoors.org for more info. **Wed., Feb. 21 at 3:30**

p.m. — Uphams Corner BPL hosts Doll E Daze: African Doll Workshop. A popular workshops designed to "promote self-esteem, cultural diversity and preserve the history of black dolls through collection and education". **Sat., Feb. 24 at 10:30 a.m.** — Little Voices Big Change- Black Lives Matter. At the Lower Mills BPL. Join We\ The People for a workshop of kid-powered resistance with our social justice storytime event "Black Lives Matter." Through stories and activities, kids will explore themes of protest and racial justice, taking lessons from the past to understand today's Movement for Black Lives. Best for kids 5 and up.

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Scholarship Night Introduces Teens to Opportunities



Boys & Girls Clubs of Dorchester hosted a Scholarship Night at the McLaughlin Youth Center last week for area teens. Over 40 teens and their families came out to learn, enjoy a light dinner, and start thinking about the college process and the financial decisions involved.

Students of all ages had a chance to learn about the scholarship process and opportunities available for them and their future college experience. Scholarships are available for sophomores, juniors and seniors. Many people assume they can only begin looking for scholarships as a senior. But really there is a lot to learn for teens of all ages.

We had a lively discussion with five very enthusiastic panelists sharing information about their scholarships, coaching services and financial as-

sistance services. All of these experts stressed that student loans go beyond college graduation and cost twice as much as you think, which is why scholarships can be a much more cost-effective way to afford college. The biggest takeaway from the evening was to apply for as many scholarships as possible, and to try to get advice from a professional organization when reviewing your financial aid package.

BGCD encourages members to start creating their pathway to post secondary education by becoming a member of our College Fellows/Career Prep program. Members from each high school grade meet once a month to discuss college and career related topics including resume writing, networking, speed interviews, admissions 101, FAFSA assistance, essay writing, and much more.



College Fellows members on a college tour last year

We also host our Career Speakers series on the 4th Tuesday of each month and invite local professionals to share their pathways and advice on being successful.

College Fellows/Career Prep presents additional events and learning opportunities throughout the year, including college tours and Destination U (an annual college fair), and a summer Career Fair. The group is often invited to participate in additional conferences and activities outside the club.

We are grateful to our very supportive panelists: Tom Fitzgerald from Operation Progress, Madeline Mylett from the Janey Scholarship, Barbara Iler from Stephen Philips Memorial Scholarship, Portsha Franklin from Success Boston, Jonathan Sparling from ASA College Planning.

COLLEGE FELLOWS MONTHLY SCHEDULE:

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| 2nd Tuesday | Juniors |
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| 4th Tuesday | Career Speaker Series |
| All sessions take place at 6PM | |

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COBB, Bernard Joseph “Bernie” age 64, of Tewksbury, passed away suddenly. He was the husband of the late Lydia (Kuchun) Cobb. Father of Chad Cobb and wife Kristin of Maynard; Kayla Cobb of Brighton; Son of Theresa (MacDonald) Avery of Newton; and the late George Cobb. Grandfather of Alaina Cobb; Siblings Albert Cobb of Ontario; John Cobb of Nova Scotia; Marjorie MacDonald of Nova Scotia; Gary Cobb of Dorchester; Jeslyn Conway of Newton; Yvonne Conway of Mendon and Patrick Cobb of Newton; Brother-in-law Steven Kuchun of New Boston, NH. He was predeceased by his brothers Reginald Cobb and Tyrone Cobb. **COBB, George F.** of

Centerville, 90, formerly of Boston. He was the husband of Mary (Gaffney) Cobb, with whom he shared many years of marriage until her passing in 2012. Born in Boston in 1927, he was a son of the late Mildred Cobb. George was a US Veteran who served his country as a member of both the Navy during WWII, and the Marine Corps during the Korean War. Prior to his retirement, he worked in Real Estate sales. In his younger years he played football for the Dorchester Rams and was a starting center for the Marine Corps. George was a life member of the Grand Lodge of Masons Corner Stone Lodge, VFW, American Legion, Amvets, and the DAV. He is survived by his seven children, Michael Cobb of Sandwich, Christopher and Stephen Cobb, both of Boston, Brian Cobb and his wife Denise of Centerville, Celeste Coletti and her husband Paul of Quincy, Jack Cobb and his wife Joan of Sandwich, and Brendan Cobb and his wife Melissa of Hyannis; 8 grandchildren, and 2 great-grandchildren. Memorial contributions may be made in George's name to Disabled American Veterans (DAV) Chapter 96, P.O. Box 549 Hyannis, MA 02601.

DIOMEDE, Gloria M. (Pertot), suddenly at age 87, in Trieste, Italy, formerly of Dorchester. Wife of the late Andrea Pertot. Sister of Anthony Diomede and his wife Maryalyce of Melrose, Michael Landolfi and his wife Judy of Weymouth, Lucille Lonergan of Norton, Jean DeGroat of Avon. Also survived by many nieces, nephews, grand nieces and grand

nephews. **DONOGHUE, Denis** of Scituate, formerly of Dorchester and born in Co. Kerry, Ireland, unexpectedly, age 93. Husband of Ann (Heaney). Father of Dennis and his wife Carla of Rowley, Michael and his wife Donna of Scituate, Robert of Wilmington and his late wife Debra, Timothy of North Andover, and Kathleen and her husband John Walsh of Hingham. Also survived by 10 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren. Denis was a retired 35 year employee of Boston Gas. Remembrances may be made in Denis' name to the American Heart Association. **FOLEY, Rosemary Ann (Jenness)** of Dorchester, formerly of South Boston. Wife of Patrick F. Foley Dorchester. Daughter of the late William and Helen (Rouse) Jenness. Mother of Patrick F. Foley, Jr., of FL, David M. Foley of ME, Jean H. Smith of NM and Ellen A. Foley of Boston. Grandmother to 8 grandchildren and 6 great grandchildren. Sister of six sisters and 3 brothers and numerous nieces and nephews.

FULTON, Christine M. (Mackey) originally from Dorchester, of Palm Beach, FL, San Antonio, TX and Quincy. Godmother of Carolyn Hallisey of West Roxbury. Daughter of the late Daniel and Winifred Mackey of Tipperary, Ireland. Sister of the late Ann McNamara, Alice Hallisey, William Mackey and John Mackey. Also survived by many nieces and nephews. Donations may be made in her memory to Old Colony Hospice, 321 Manley Street, West Bridgewater, MA 02379.

ILANO, Peggy Arsenia, age 90, of Dorchester. She was born in 1927 in the island of Kauai, Hawaii. She moved to the Philippines in the 50s where she spent most of her married life with her late husband Angel Ilano. Peggy is survived by her

siblings Douglas, Daniel and Matilda and her children Jerry, Thomas, Melvin, Madeline, Sheila, Luis, Ruben, Erwin and Michael.

LeDUC, Margery T. (Shanahan) in Middleton. She was the wife of Ralph W. LeDuc. In addition to her husband of 52 years, she is survived by her children Mary Hull-Mallory and her husband Michael Mallory of Avon, Indiana, Kathleen Gillis and her husband Frederick Gillis of Newmarket, NH, and James LeDuc and his wife Kristen LeDuc of Merimac, MA. She was also the beloved grandmother of Ashley, Tyler, Elijah, Elise, Colin and Seamus. **MACELLA, Anne M.** in Dorchester, age 96 years. Daughter of the late John Macella and Grazia N. (Chierco) Macella. Cousin of Mary Foley of Florida, Alice Pare of Dorchester, and James and his wife Patricia Macella of Dorchester.


MCCARTHY, Lawrence V. III “Larry” unexpectedly, in Dorchester, formerly of South Boston. Husband to Marjorie (Edwards) McCarthy. Son of Lawrence V. McCarthy, Jr. and Ann (Dobbins) McCarthy of Milton. Brother of Sean and his wife Michelle McCarthy of Dorchester, Joel and his wife Deborah McCarthy of South Boston, Allyson and her husband William Dineen of Weymouth, and Shannon and her husband Dennis Dunphy of Hanover. Devoted brother-in-law of Nancy and her husband Kenneth Reinhalter, Karen Edwards, Helen and her husband Jeffrey Mucciolo, and the late Joseph G. Edwards, III. Loved by all of his nieces, nephews, and dear friends. Partner and Chief Operating Officer at the EASTMARK Group. Donations, in Larry's memory, may be made to the Massachusetts Alzheimer's Association at alz.org.

POLLIS, Edward J. age 84, of Milton, after a brief illness. Husband of the late Phyllis R. (Ker-

win) Pollis. Father of Edward and his wife Paula Pollis of Newton, Timothy and his wife Michelle Pollis of Richfield, MN and Ellen Pollis and her partner Derek Phillips of Minneapolis, MN. Proud grandfather of Andrew, Nicole, Emily, Phillip and Parker Pollis and Callan Phillips. Devoted brother of John Pollis of Bourne and the late Rev. Robert Pollis, Jean Busa and Richard Pollis. Uncle of many nieces and nephews. Born and raised in Neponset, Ed served in the US Air Force during the Korean War and graduated from Boston College. After a long career as a probation officer in Dorchester District Court and then in West Roxbury District Court, he retired in 1996. Ed subsequently worked as a driver for many years for Milton Residences for the Elderly in Milton. Please consider a donation in Edward's name to The Ellie Fund, 475 Hillside Avenue, Needham MA 02494.

STANTON, Jennie L. age 42, of Dorchester, formerly of Milton, suddenly. Daughter of John A. Stanton of Humarock and Marjorie J. Stanton (McNeil) of Quincy. Sister of Kevin P. Stanton of Naples, FL. Donations may be made in her memory to Maria Droste Counseling Service, 1354 Hancock St., Quincy, MA 02169.

STEVENS, Marie (Bertino) of Dorchester. Wife of Carleton Stevens. Mother of Kimberly of Dorchester, Mark and his wife Rhonda of OH, Michael of Dorchester, and David and his wife Kelli of Weymouth. Grandmother to many loving grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Preceded in death by her parents Isabel and Santo, her daughter Debra Paige, and her brother Joseph Bertino. Funeral Mass in St. Brendan's Church, Thursday morning at 10 o'clock. Relatives and friends are respectfully invited. Interment in Cedar Grove Cemetery.



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ASHMONT HILL BOOK GROUP

Book Group's next meeting is on Wed., Feb. 7 at 7:15 p.m. at 42 Ocean Street, hosted by Vicki Rugo. February's book is "The Professor and the Madman: A Tale of Murder, Insanity, and the Making of the Oxford English Dictionary," by Simon Winchester. The book for March will be "The Master and Margarita," by Mikhail Bulgakov. Everyone is welcome to Book Group, whether you've read the book or not. For further info, please contact Lil Konowitz at klil@hotmail.com.

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., Feb 13, March 13, Apr 10, May 8. Tues., June 12 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.

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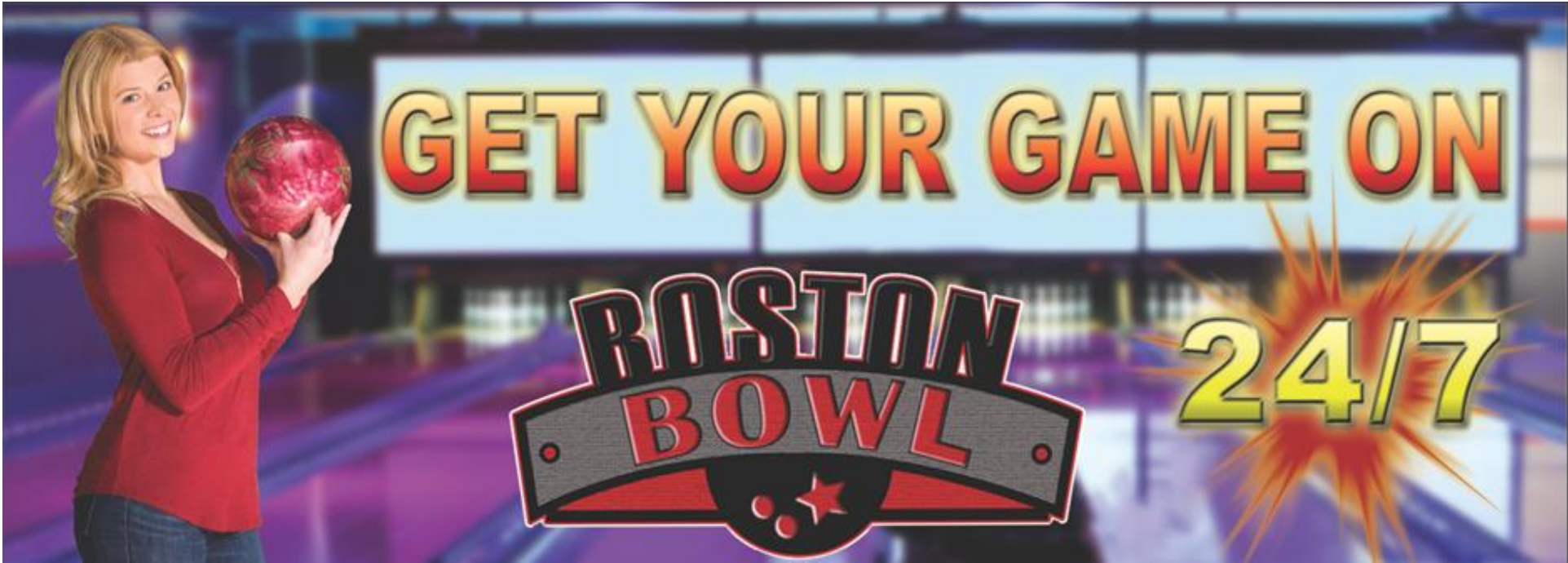
Meetings the first Mon. of each month, 7 p.m., at the Little House, 275 East Cottage St. For info: columbiasavinhillcivic.org.

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.

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