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Boston Arts Academy students received coaching and guidance from Alvin Ailey dancers during a masterclass at the school's Fields Corner campus on Friday. Story, Page 16. *Robert Torres photo*

Arts Academy students ‘Respect’ the rich legacy of Aretha Franklin

BY DANIEL SHEEHAN
REPORTER STAFF

This weekend, students from the Boston Arts Academy will perform their production of “Respect: A Tribute to Aretha Franklin” in a series of three shows – Fri., Jan. 31, at 7:30 p.m.; Sat., Feb. 1, at 2 p.m.; and Sat., Feb. 1, at 7:30 p.m. – at the Roxbury Community College Media Arts Center.

The multidisciplinary show, an original production conceived by BAA students, will feature the work of vocalists, dancers, musicians, visual artists, and costume designers from the high school.

Friday evening’s performance



The Queen of Soul

will follow a reception honoring Former First Lady of Massachusetts Diane Patrick, this year’s recipient of the BAA Foundation Champion Award. BAA Arts Dean Tyrone Sutton explained that the show and its central theme of “respect her” made it a natural fit to honor Patrick and her legacy of work in the community.

“The foundation came to us and said, ‘We want to honor Diane Patrick, how can we do that?’ Considering all of the work she has done, we decided this show would be a perfect way to honor her,” said Sutton.

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Family Affair eatery hitting the right notes in style and on menu in Uphams Corner

BY DANIEL SHEEHAN
REPORTER STAFF

At the start of Mayor Martin Walsh’s State of the City address on Jan. 7 in Symphony Hall, those in attendance were treated to a soaring, operatic rendition of the national anthem by Jermaine Tulloch, a Dorchester native known across the region for his voice who said it was “an honor” to sing at the mayor’s request.

After studying at the Boston Arts Academy and, later, the Longhi Conservatory, he has gone on to perform in a variety of musicals, operas, and gospel concerts in the city, including as the lead in Langston Hughes’s “Black Nativity.”



Jermaine Tulloch singing the national anthem in Symphony Hall before Mayor Walsh’s State of the City address on Jan. 7. *Isabel Leon photo*

Today, Tulloch’s stellar reputation as a vocalist is rivaled increasingly by his reputation as the owner and operator of

the Family Affair restaurant in Uphams Corner, a comfort food joint that has been slowly winning over folks in the neigh-

borhood since it opened last year in late August.

The restaurant serves up homestyle favorites like meatloaf, oxtail, wings, and 52 styles of chicken and waffles – enough for a different special each week of the year. Current flavors include pineapple upside-down cake, blueberry cheesecake, churro, and Oreos, but Tulloch said new flavor combinations are always popping into his imagination.

“I keep a notepad next to my bed with flavor ideas, so if I dream about something or get an idea, I can just wake up and write it down,” he said.

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T board approves schedule upgrade for Fairmount Line

Starting in May, 8 more trains a day

BY KATIE TROJANO
REPORTER STAFF

Under a pilot program approved unanimously on Monday by the MBTA’s Fiscal and Management Control Board (FMCB), eight additional trains per day will roll along the Fairmount Line beginning in the spring.

The more robust service— scheduled to launch on May 18 — could boost daily ridership by an estimated 400 daily trips and will give passengers a new option to use their Charlie Cards to generate tickets at platform kiosks.

Four more trips will run in each direction on weekdays, including a new first train of the day inbound departing Readville at 5:10 a.m. and a final outbound train leaving South Station at midnight.

The pilot is a breakthrough following years of advocacy from lawmakers and transit activists who have been urging the T to transition the Fairmount Line to a rapid transit mode.

The price-tag for the one-year pilot is estimated at \$1.1 million, with an additional \$100,000 set aside to promote the enhancements.

At a press conference just a few hours before Monday’s vote, MBTA General Manager Steve Poftak said that when the board received the pilot proposal last September, it stood out as a priority project. “There are some attractive features of this line,”

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New mixed-use project pitched for South Bay area

BY KATIE TROJANO
REPORTER STAFF

A mixed-use development plan filed last week with the Boston Planning and Development Agency (BPDA) would, if approved, bring an additional 239 housing units and retail space to a corner of Dorchester near the South Bay mall. The letter of intent noted that “Project Locus” would include three buildings on parcels at Mass Ave. and Allstate Road.

The project would comprise about 208,500 square feet of new development consisting of residential housing — both condos and rentals — and with retail and office space with on-site parking, according to Joseph P. Hanley, an attorney representing the proponent, Willow Baker LLC.

The combined 1.3 acre

project site includes 13 contiguous and abutting parcels of “underutilized” and “distressed” properties along Willow, Baker, and Fields Court, Hanley wrote in the filing.

“The proponent envisions revitalizing and converting the combined project site into a mixed-use development that enhances its immediate area,” he added, “with new widened sidewalks,

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DOT BY THE DAY

Jan. 30 - Feb. 29, 2020

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

Thursday (30th) – A panel of experts in partnership with the Massachusetts Historical Society will discuss how the nation’s founders grappled with political issues, 6 to 7:30 p.m. at the Edward M. Kennedy Institute for the US Senate. Register at emkinstitute.org.

Saturday (Feb. 8th) — High school students from across Massachusetts will go head-to-head in a battle of the brains on the season premiere of High School Quiz Show, WGBH’s televised academic tournament, at 6p.m. on WGBH 2. The bracket includes last year’s defending champion, Boston Latin School.

Sunday (Feb. 16th) – Dorchester Historical Society hosts 2 p.m. program “All About Chocolate: Local History, Global Perspective and a Sampling” at the William Clapp House, 195 Boston St., Dorchester. Gain insights on the Dorchester connection to the industry and sample two different chocolates. The guest speaker will be Victoria Kichuk, owner/founder of Cocoa Beantown Tours and Tastings.

Wednesday (Feb. 19) — Character breakfast at Florian Hall to benefit the BCYF Leahy Holloran center from 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Buffet with DJ, meet and greet Mickey and Minnie, Cinderella, Transformers and more. Child ticket: \$22; adult (ages 13-up) \$28; table \$240.

Thursday (Feb. 20) – Children’s Winter Festival on Boston Common from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sponsored by Mayor Walsh and the Highland Foundation. Attractions will include the 45-foot-long Toboggan Tunnel mountainous adventure with twin roller lanes, the Snow Mazing maze, the Snowzilla Jr. inflatable winter-themed slide, a ride on the three-car Trackless Train, and hands-on games including Giant Connect4, Baggo, Giant Horseshoes, Inflatable Skee Ball, and much more. In addition, Disney is celebrating the release of FROZEN 2 available on Digital February 11 and Blu-ray™ February 25 with free giveaways and a chance to win a copy of the movie. For more information, please call the Boston Parks and Recreation Department at 617-635-4505 or visit cityofboston.gov/parks.

Saturday (Feb. 29)— Jammin’ for Jimmy — an evening of fun and music to benefit the James P. “Jimmy” Cawley Scholarship at UMass Boston—will be held on Sat., Feb. 29 from 7 to 10:30 p.m. at Florian Hall, 55 Hallet St. Dorchester. The evening features a performance by the Boston ILL Harmonic performing music by the Beatles, followed by live band Beatles karaoke. Admission is \$10 at the door. Raffle prizes, hors d’oeuvres and 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.



The Boston Fire Department reported four people were injured in a fire on Sunday at 357 Seaver St., from which one resident and a cat were rescued from the third floor. The fire, called in around 4:15 p.m., displaced a total of five people, the department says. Damage was estimated at \$100,000. The cause is under investigation. *BFD photo*

Chief of Staff Sweeney to leave mayor’s office

David Sweeney, who has served as Mayor Martin Walsh’s chief of staff since September 2017, will leave the administration to serve as president and CEO of MASCO, a non-profit organization centered in the city’s Longwood section.

A lifelong Dorchester resident, Sweeney will succeed Marilyn Swartz-Lloyd as head of MASCO ((Medical Academic and Scientific Community Organization), which identifies itself as a provider of programs and services in Boston’s Longwood Medical and Academic Area that makes it easier to live, work, study or receive care there.

There is no word yet on who might follow Sweeney as the mayor’s top aide, but his office says that a replacement will be appointed in the coming days.

On Monday, Mayor Walsh praised the chief of staff’s work in his of-



David Sweeney

fice. “Dave Sweeney has been a constant presence in my administration for the past six years, where he has focused successfully on how to best deliver the services our residents want and need to live a quality life in Boston.

“With the help of his strong leadership, we have seen six consecutive years of AAA bond ratings for the first time in city history, allowing for historic investments that will move Boston and its neighborhoods forward.”

The 36-year-old Swee-

ney previously served as the city’s chief financial officer (CFO) and Collector-Treasurer.

Prior to moving to City Hall, Sweeney served as CFO and Assistant Executive Director of the Massachusetts State Lottery Commission and worked for the Massachusetts House of Representatives and in various budgeting roles, including chief fiscal policy advisor to the speaker of the House and budget Director for the House Committee on Ways and Means.

In his statement, Walsh added: “Dave’s dedication to Boston’s long-term growth and stability is unwavering and I want to congratulate him on his new position. This year we have set important goals to tackle our biggest challenges in housing, education, and transportation and I am confident that there will be a seamless transition in continuing this work.”

Police & Courts



Yonan Guerrero

Teen stabbed to death during melee on Blue Hill Avenue – Yonan Guerrero, 16, of Dorchester, was stabbed during a late-afternoon brawl on Blue Hill Avenue near Seaver Street last Saturday afternoon and later died of his wounds at a local hospital, according to a Boston Police report.

Two other teens were also stabbed, but their injuries were less serious and they were expected to survive, police said. Guerrero’s murder was the city’s third in 2020.

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A young man was shot outside 48 Juliette St. near Ronan Park last Wednesday night and later died at Boston Medical Center. Boston Police say they were alerted to the gunfire by the Shot Spotter system around 7:14 p.m. The victim has not yet been named by authorities and to date, there have been no arrests in the case, which police say is likely to be classified as a homicide pending the results of an autopsy.

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Three juveniles were arrested last Wednesday morning in Codman Square after a report of a person with a gun led to the confiscation of a loaded handgun from one of the teenagers.

Police were called to the rear of the Post Office on Washington Street around 9:45 a.m. A 14-year-old juvenile from Dorchester was arrested along with a 17 year old from Braintree and a 15 year old from Providence. The 14-year-old faces charges of buying stolen property, while the older teens were charged with illegal gun possession, according to the BPD.

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Pat’s Pizza gets OK to expand

The Zoning Board of Appeal on Tuesday approved plans by Pat’s Pizza in Lower Mills to expand into a neighboring building for more kitchen space and seats.

Brothers Brendan and Patrick Newell, who own the business at 2254 Dorchester Ave., needed the approval to add roughly 375 square feet of kitchen space and expand the

number of seats from 19 to 34.

The mayor’s office and City Councilors Frank Baker, Michael Flaherty, and Annissa Essaibi George supported the proposal, with a neighborhood liaison from the mayor’s office calling Pat’s “a historic institution in a vibrant commercial district.”

Nobody spoke against the proposal. – REPORTER STAFF

UPCOMING CIVIC ASSOC. MEETINGS • FULL LISTINGS ON PAGE 10

Resident parking restrictions begin in February in Savin Hill – The city of Boston’s Transportation Dept. will begin enforcement of new resident permit parking on select streets in Savin Hill next month. Residents are urged to get their stickers as soon as possible. Signage will be installed in early-mid Feb with enforcement to begin within two weeks. Impacted streets include Savin Hill Avenue, Grampian Way, Southview Street, Evandale Terrace, Wave Avenue and Hubbardston Road (Mon-Fri, 10 a.m.- 6 p.m.). Existing resident parking signage will not change on Playstead Road, Denny Street, Bayside Road and Davitt Street. For more info on how to apply for a sticker, go to boston.gov/transportation/resident-parking-permits.

Boston State Hospital plans to be vetted in two public meetings – Six proposals for the redevelopment of 10 acres within the former Boston State Hospital property in Mattapan and Dorchester will be reviewed in a pair of public meetings set for next month. The first open house will be held beginning at 5 p.m. on Tues., Feb. 4 at Brooke Charter High School, 200 American Legion Highway. Presentations will be made by Cruz Development Corp.,

Lena New Boston LLC & JCHE III, Inc., and Planning Office for Urban Affairs. On Thurs., Feb. 6, 5 p.m., a second open house at the Brooke Charter High School will feature proposals from Neponset Cooperative Trust, Primary Corp. and Primary Investments, LLC and Thomas F. Welch & Associates. The various proposals may be reviewed online at mass.gov/service-details/former-boston-state-hospital-parcel-redevelopment-opportunity. Or at the Mattapan branch BPL, 1350 Blue Hill Ave., Mattapan.

Mattapan Council meets on Feb. 3 – The Greater Mattapan Neighborhood Council (GMNC) will hold its scheduled monthly meeting on Mon., Feb. 3 from 6:30 – 8 p.m., at the Mildred Ave Community Ctr. Segun Idowu, executive director of BECMA – will speak about BECMA’s stated solutions to the lack of racial equity in public contracts in both the City and the State and how these solutions can be translated into action throughout development and land-use in Greater Mattapan.

Public meeting on Floor & Décor proposal for 729 Morrissey Blvd. – Representatives from retailer Floor & Décor will – discuss substantial renovations to the interior

and façade of 729 Morrissey Blvd. at a meeting on Wed., Jan. 29, 6:30 p.m. at Work Inc., 25 Beach St., Dorchester. For more info, contact BPDA project manager Stephen Harvey at 617-918-4418 or Stephen.j.harvey@boston.gov.

Ashmont-Adams Neighborhood Assoc. meets on Feb. 6 – The Ashmont Adams Neighborhood Association meetings are typically held on the first Thursday of each month at the Plasterer’s Hall, 7 Fredericka St., at 7 p.m. There is no January meeting. The next meeting is on Thurs., Feb. 6. Contact Pat O’Neill at pattiashtmont@gmail.com.

Registration now open for Dorchester Baseball – Registration is now underway online for Dorchester Baseball, open to kids and teens ages 4-16. Sign up at dorchesterlittleleague.org or dorchesterbaberuth.org. Financial assistance available upon request.

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Vacant, city-owned Savin Hill lot designated as green space

**By KATIE TROJANO
REPORTER STAFF**
A parcel of land on Savin Hill Ave. that has been vacant for some 30 years will be transformed into a community green space with a flower garden, lending library, exercise equipment, arbors, and a gazebo, Mayor Martin Walsh said last week in announcing what he called “a fantastic use.”

Nearby residents and community members who have advocated for dedicating the 21,000-square foot property, which overlooks the northbound side of the Southeast Expressway, to green space say they will play a part in maintaining it.

The non-profit Boston Food Forest Coalition (BFFC) was designated as the owner and developer of the new space at last Tuesday’s Public Facilities Commission meeting.

Parking limits in Savin Hill will begin next month

The city of Boston’s Transportation Dept. will launch an expanded resident permit parking program on select streets in Savin Hill next month. Signage will be installed in early-mid Feb with enforcement to begin within two weeks.

“The coalition will continue to work closely with the community to create what will truly be an urban oasis,” said Walsh in a statement. “I’m pleased that the plan is to use both the native puddingstone ledges and the beautiful mature trees that were already there while adding terrific new features like a formal garden and a gazebo. My thanks to all the neighbors in Savin Hill who worked tirelessly to make this a reality, as they continue to oversee the new space.”

A community process to plan the future of the parcel began in 2017, when residents asked for a partnership between them and BFFC in the redevelopment and management of the new park space. Together, they are now hammering out the details and discussing additional funding options for a design with

both active and passive spaces along pathways that curve around the veins of exposed puddingstone, shaded by new arbors that complement older trees.

“The community is very excited,” said Peter McNamara, a Grampian Way resident who chairs the neighborhood group that sought the partnership with BFFC. “There are already 25 potential volunteers, many of whom have never met, but all of whom are looking forward to connecting through gardening and our collective commitment to improving our neighborhood and creating a safer, more beautiful space.

He added: “We want the space to be filled with community events, like a fit zone for the elderly to exercise, and a space to bring in speakers or offer outdoor yoga, maybe a play space for kids and



Coming soon for this space: flower garden, arbors, a gazebo and much more. *City of Boston photo*

parents to explore. The whole neighborhood is talking about how we can help make this all happen.”

Orion Kriegman, the BFFC’s executive director, called the site “a

haven, a community gathering space and outdoor classroom open to all and held by the land trust in perpetuity for all neighbors.”

More than \$100,000 in funds, including \$25,000

in grants from the Grassroots Program at the city’s Department of Neighborhood Development, have been allocated for the redevelopment of the property.

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To its neighbors' regret, Cataloni's bar sits empty, unused in Uphams Corner

By NATHAN TAVARES
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At the corner of Uphams Avenue and Hancock Street in Uphams Corner, just steps away from the Strand Theatre, sits a low brick building at 8-12 Hancock

Street with boarded-up windows and gashes of graffiti. Once the home of Cataloni's bar, the building has been vacant since 2010.

"It's certainly an eyesore on the street, but that's about as much as I can say," Brenda

Harley, president of the Hancock Street Civic Association, told the *Reporter*. Harley has lived in Uphams Corner for about 15 years and was elected president of the association last June.

The developer Benjamin Virga, a Duxbury

resident, agrees the building is an eyesore, but last April he abandoned his plans to reimagine the space. The year before, he and his business partner, Luke Marut of Bridgestone Properties, who have been working in real estate and property management in Dorchester and Mattapan since 2008 and moved the company's office to Columbia Road in 2015, revealed plans to use the site as a recreational marijuana dispensary.

They next had to jump through hurdles, including neighborhood pushback and working on licensing agreements. Before receiving a dispensary license from the Cannabis Control Commission, a prospective store must first execute a Host Community Agreement (HCA) in the municipality.

The HCA outlines the required conditions - including security systems and participation in community drug education and abuse prevention programs - that a prospective dispensary must meet before it's allowed to operate.

"We weren't able to get a host community agreement done with the city of Boston and it didn't make sense for us to keep going," Virga told the *Reporter* in an interview last Friday. "We were renting the building before we bought it and we reached the tipping point where it wasn't worth investing any more capital. Cut our losses, so to speak. We notified the sellers that we were gonna exercise our right to walk away from the deal and we did and that was pretty much it."

Virga says he's not sure why Boston didn't approve the HCA. He has since secured one with Marshfield and intends to open a dispensary there late this year or early in 2021.

plans to activate the area as "a vital cultural anchor."

Not all residents, though, were happy with an increase in commerce stemming from a pot shop at the Cataloni's site. Members of the Hancock Street Civic Association and the Jones Hill Neighborhood Association vigorously opposed Virga's plans during community meetings.

Hancock Street Civic's Harley hopes that the space can still be put to good use. "We want something that's certainly community friendly," she said. "And when I say that I mean something that perhaps could be used by the kids and the youth of our neighborhood. I think we would even be open to having another restaurant but something more on the healthier side. We have enough fast food restaurants in our vicinity. Our first choice would be something our community could take advantage of and use, be it a community center or something along those lines that benefits everybody."

Zoning board says yes to arts center plan in Fields Corner

The Zoning Board of Appeal on Tuesday approved a plan to use parts of the upper level of an old movie theater in Fields Corner for dance studios, gallery space, and arts classes. The 5,000-square-foot space in the former Dorchester Theater on Dorchester Avenue at Park Street has been largely vacant since the theater shut down in the 1970s.

One of the organizers of the Interdisciplinary

Performing Arts Center, Lorraine Chapman, former director of the Green Street Studios in Cambridge, said the idea is to create "an affordable workspace" for visual artists and instructors who will be able to rent studios, as well as dance and visual-arts programs for people of all age groups and abilities.

She and organizers Lucy Warren-Whitman are also planning a "white box" media the-

ater, a 1,000-square foot dance studio, an art room, a small fitness center, and an artists' lounge.

The mayor's office and City Councillors Andrea Campbell, Frank Baker, and Annissa Essaibi-George supported the proposal, as did the Field Corner Civic Association and Fields Corner Main Streets. Nobody spoke against it.

- REPORTER STAFF



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Developer files plan to build two towers on Morrissey

By KATIE TROJANO
REPORTER STAFF

Morrissey CFL Holdings LLC, the development firm hoping to build two residential towers that would rise as high as 17 stories above 75 Morrissey Boulevard, filed its initial plans with the city's development agency last Thursday, beginning what will likely be a lengthy review process for project that would bring dramatic change to Dorchester's skyline, along with over 600 units of new housing.

The letter of intent was signed by David Raftery, a developer associated with Center Court Partners, which purchased the 2.23-acre site from the car dealer Herb Chambers in June 2017 for \$14.5 million. Morrissey Holdings also controls with long-term leases two parcels north of 75 Morrissey.

The property, which is adjacent to the old Boston Globe campus that is being renovated into a complex office space known as The BEAT, has long been vacant.

The "Phase 1" plan for 75 Morrissey proposes "approximately 608 units in two residential buildings [set at] 15 and 17 stories." The "Phase 1" site comprises 97,739 square feet and is one of the three consecutive parcels owned by Morrissey CFL Holdings, LLC.

The adjacent properties, the Beasley building at 55 Morrissey and the Star Market and Harbor Liquor Store sites at 35 and



A rendering from a presentation shown to Columbia-Savin Hill civic leaders last summer depicts two proposed residential towers at 75 Morrissey Blvd. Above: A graphic shows how the heights of the two buildings have been reduced since an original proposal was floated in 2018.

Image courtesy Stantec

45 Morrissey, account for a combined 290,763 square feet and would be re-developed in later phases.

Raftery's letter reads: "The Proponent has engaged the abutters, the community (primarily the Columbia/Savin Hill Civic Association), the BPDA, and other stakeholders in a yearlong discussion of appropriate uses and densities for all Morrissey CFL Holdings sites. Through this process, a phased



development plan was identified. This [letter of intent] is for the Phase 1 parcel (75 Morrissey) which proposes approximately 608 units in two residential buildings proposed at 15 and 17 stories."

"The proposal as laid

out in today's letter is a scaled-back version of an initial proposal floated to city and civic leaders in 2018. That conceptual plan from property owners Center Court Partners envisioned two towers with 24 and 21 stories respectively. As noted, the potential redevelopment for these sites will be evaluated in a master plan study."

One element of the Center Court plan shown to neighbors in meetings last year includes the construction of a street that would connect the various properties between The BEAT campus and the Hub25 apartment complex next to the MBTA station to the north.

Down the line, Center Court envisions four or five new buildings in Phases 2 and 3, accounting for 1,080 units of housing, 86,500 square feet of retail, including a 60,000-square foot market, and around 1,000 parking spaces. This vision sees the existing roadway in the middle of the Hub 25 site extended through the new development as a tree- and park-lined internal connection to the east of the Southeast Expressway.

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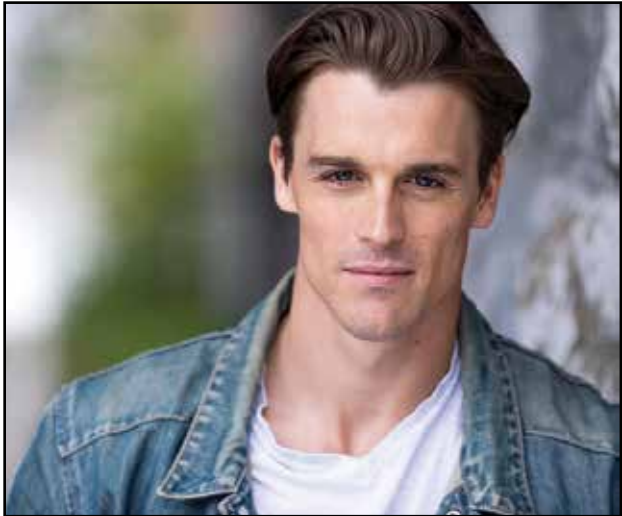


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Dot theatre troupe Praxis Stage to revive the Bard’s ‘King John’

By DANIEL SHEEHAN
ARTS & FEATURES EDITOR

Praxis Stage, the Dorchester-based theatre troupe that staged a production of “Coriolanus” at the Little House last fall, will return with a production of Shakespeare’s “King John” at the Stanford Calderwood Pavilion at the Boston Center for the Arts in the South End from Jan. 30 through Feb. 16. As with “Coriolanus,” several cast members in the play are Dorchester residents, including Michael Underhill, who will play the title role, and Jeremy Johnson, who will portray the characters of King Philip and Hubert.



Dorchester resident Michael Underhill will play the title role of King John.
Photo by Niles Hawver, Nile Scott studios

While “King John” is not among the more popular histories written by the Bard, Praxis founder Daniel Boudreau described it as “the greatest Shakespeare play you’ve never seen.” Underhill told the Reporter in an interview that he expects the work to resonate with contemporary audiences, whether or not they are Shakespeare nerds. “The play is slippery,” Underhill said. “There’s a constant changing of stakes and of who’s in power...there are a lot of moving pieces. But it’s also very ‘one percent-y’ in that it deals with folks who make decisions that

don’t impact them.” The political struggle at the center of the play is between King John of England and King Philip of France, who supports a claimant to John’s throne. For Underhill, it was a challenge at first to humanize an out-of-touch character who assigns little value to the soldiers and citizens he views as pawns in a geopolitical game. “It’s the job [of actors] to be their character’s best advocate,” he explained. “With characters that are making these inhumane decisions, where do you find the humanity?” One way in which Underhill believes King John is human is in his insecurity. In his reading of the character, the king suffers from a form of “impostor syndrome” – a psychological phenomenon stemming from feelings of inadequacy that Underhill says he himself has experienced. “No matter how long you’ve been doing something, or how secure you are in your position, there’s a creeping doubt that you’re not worthy,” he said. “You can see that King John has this need to please others who are disappointed in him.”



Dorchester resident Jeremy Johnson will play the roles of King Philip and Hubert.
Photo courtesy Praxis Stage

Jeremy Johnson expressed similar struggles in identifying with King Philip. He described how in one scene, he and Underhill “show up at a muddy battlefield dressed in our nicest clothes and order men to fight battles for us.” But Johnson must also grapple with a flipped perspective: he is simultaneously playing the role of Hubert, King John’s right-hand man. “[Director Kim Gaughan] has been very deliberate in terms of doubling so that each one of us is playing characters on different sides of the coin,” explained Johnson. The effect of that casting decision is a further blurring of lines and allegiances, he said. “No one has any courage to their convictions, and there are these constantly shifting alliances where everyone is doing what’s best for them politically; no one’s standing for anything,” said Johnson. “Philip is definitely guilty of that; I change my mind at least five times over the course of the play. But in contrast, Hubert tries to follow orders, wrestles with his conscience, and he’s one of the few characters that does so.” In this repeated flip-flopping of alliances, Underhill sees a commonality in the game of politics and how the power struggles of the past reflect ongoing conflicts in today’s world. “It’s frustrating because you feel like you can’t trust anyone,” he said. “For me, it reminded me of the way the news cycle has affected information; everyone’s got an angle.” Johnson pointed out similar examples of the play’s accessibility, many having to do with two political entities split along a strong divide and suffering from an inability to communicate with each other. “Shakespeare amazes me,” he said. “Wherever we are in time – politically, historically – something’s going to resonate.” Praxis Stage’s production of King John will open on Thurs., Jan. 30 at the BCA’s Calderwood Pavilion and run through Sun., Feb. 16. Tickets are \$19.75 and are available for purchase at bostontheatrescene.com.

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MATTAPAN BRANCH

Thurs., Jan. 30, 3 p.m. – BTU Homework Help; 3:30 p.m. – Homework Help; 5:30 p.m. – Family Board Game Night; 6:30 p.m. – Gentle Yoga. Fri., Jan. 31, 10 a.m. – ESL Beginner English Class; 10:30 a.m. – Hugs & Play; 3 p.m. – Crafternoons. Sat., Feb. 1, 10 a.m. – STEAM Saturdays; 1 p.m. – Sarah’s Long Walk for Equality in Education. Mon., Feb. 3, 10:30 a.m. – Hugs & Play; 3 p.m. – Pokemon Club; 3:30 p.m. – Homework Help. Tues., Feb. 4, 3 p.m. – BTU Homework Help; 3:30 p.m. – Homework Help; All-ages Non-contact Kickboxing; 4 p.m. – Tinker Time; 5:45 p.m. – WdTS Mattapan. Wed., Feb. 5, 10:30 a.m. – Toddler Time; 12:30 p.m. – Tai Chi; 3 p.m. – Full STEAM Ahead; 3:30 p.m. – Homework Help; African American History Month. Thurs., Feb. 6, 3 p.m. – BTU Homework Help; 3:30 p.m. – Homework Help; 5:30 p.m. – Family Board Game Night; 6 p.m. – Sleepy Story Time; 6:30 p.m. – Gentle Yoga. Fri., Feb. 7, 10 a.m. – ESL Beginner English Class; 10:30 a.m. – Hugs & Play; 3 p.m. – Crafternoons.

UPHAMS CORNER BRANCH

Thurs., Jan. 30, 3:30 p.m. – Homework Help; 4 p.m. – BTU Homework Help. Mon., Feb. 3, 10:30 a.m. – Baby and Toddler Lapsit; 2:45 p.m. – Play Reading for Teens; 3:30 p.m. – Homework Help; 4:30 p.m. – Make It Mondays: Cooking. Tues., Feb. 4, 9, 10:30 p.m. – Relax and Release Yoga; 3:30 p.m. – Homework Help. Wed., Feb. 5, 3:30 p.m. – Homework Help. Thurs., Feb. 6, 3:30 p.m. – Homework Help; 4 p.m. – BTU Homework Help.

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This House Divided
Against Itself Did Stand

The following is excerpted from an original essay published by the Society.

A descendant of Thomas Clapp, who emigrated from England to Dorchester in the mid 1630s, Apollos Clap was born in Norton, Mass., on Feb. 27, 1787. Some 22 years later, he acquired his home lot in Dorchester when the landowner George Minott had part of his ancestral lands surveyed for sub-division. In February 1809, Apollos Clap bought a lot and likely built his own house in 1809 or very soon thereafter. In January 1818, he married Hannah Howe, whose family lived at Neponset. Apollos was called a carpenter in the family genealogy, a housewright in certain legal documents, and a gentleman in others. In the second and third decades of the 19th century, he bought and sold various parcels of land in the Neponset area. By the late 1830s, Clap owed considerable money to numerous creditors, who sued in Common Court for relief.

In one case, the property in question was Clap's family home, located at what is now 361 Neponset Ave. near Chickatawbut Street.

How the property was divided among Clap's creditors in the Common Court in 1839 is illustrative of the way such cases were resolved.

- Reuben Swan, a yeoman, received land including the western portion of the house and an ell extending westward. He received the use of the kitchen and the washroom or back kitchen, the cellar rooms underneath and the rooms above and the attic or garret as well as a shed or woodhouse.
- William Gordon, cabinet maker, received no land, but the use of the southwest corner room was set off to him with the right to go in and out of the entry on the south side of the house.
- Jacob Foster, housewright, received the southeast corner of the house and the southeast corner of the land including the entry way on the south side of the house and the use of the southeast corner room on the first floor together with a large closet opening into said room on the north of the same and right to pass and repass from the same room through the kitchen of said house this day set off to • Reuben Swan, down the cellar stairs to said Jacob's portion of the cellar in such

direction as shall do the least possible injury to said kitchen.

- Benjamin Franklin Glover, a yeoman received the northeast corner of the land, the northeast corner room in the house and the entry leading toward Neponset Turnpike subject to a right of passage in and out from the dwelling house to said turnpike road of all persons, their heirs, and assigns to whom we have appraised and set off portions of the same dwelling house this day. He also received the use of a room in the basement directly under the northeast corner of the house with "a right to pass out around said house to the pump back of it over land this day set off to one Reuben Swan."
- Edmund J. Baker, Esquire, received a small portion of land directly in front of the room set off for the use of William Gordon, plus Baker received the use of the two second-floor rooms on the south side of the house and the right to pass up and down the stairs and the entry on the east side of the house. He also received the use of the cellar room immediately under the southwest corner of said house set off to Gordon with the right of passage through the kitchen to reach the cellar room.
- Amasa Hunt, a yeoman, received the use of the northeast corner room on the second floor with a right in said Hunt to pass and repass from said chamber, in and out, down the front stairs, through the front entry of said house and through the front yard to the turnpike.

Charles H. Minot and John O. B. Minot bought out all six interests in the property during the period 1841-1843, and when Charles sold his share to John, the property came back to single ownership.

The archive of these historical posts can be viewed on the blog at dorchesterhistoricalsociety.org. The Dorchester Historical Society's historic houses are open on different dates. The Lemuel Clap House (1712 and remodeled 1765) at 199 Boston Street is open on the third Saturday of each month. The James Blake House, 735 Columbia Road (1661) and the William Clap House, 195 Boston Street (1806) are open on the third Sunday of each month. Open hours are 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

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News about people
in and around our Neighborhoods

Milton High class to stage
play connected to Dot man's
death in Lockerbie bombing

This weekend, as part of a statewide competition, drama students at Milton High School will stage "The Women of Lockerbie," a one-act play with a Dorchester connection.

The play, written by Deborah Brevoort in 2003, is loosely based on the 1988 bombing of Pan Am Flight 103 that resulted in the deaths of 270 people in Scotland.

Among those on board was Dan O'Connor, son of retired BPD officer Dan and Helen O'Connor of St. Ann's parish.

According to his relative and Dorchester native Catherine O'Toole,



Dan O'Connor
O'Connor was a dedicated community member of St. Ann's Parish and an engineer who contributed to the building of the former Boston Globe headquarters on

Morrissey Boulevard. He was returning from working on embassy security in Cyprus when he was killed at the age of 31. Today, a memorial to O'Connor stands in the Port Norfolk section of Neponset, near his childhood home.

O'Toole's daughter, Sydney, is directing the play, which was written in the structure of a Greek tragedy. It will be staged this Sat., Feb. 1, at 7 p.m. in the Milton High School auditorium. Tickets are available online at brownpapertickets.com.

– DANIEL SHEEHAN

Rep. Tyler pushing diners to
patronize black-owned eateries
during Black History Month

BY COLIN A. YOUNG
STATE HOUSE
NEWS SERVICE

State Rep. Chynah Tyler of Roxbury is hoping to shine a light on black-owned restaurants during Black History Month while partnering with a Roxbury restaurant for the annual Boston Black Restaurant Challenge.

Now in its third year, the Boston Black Restaurant Challenge pushes city residents and visitors to dine at black-owned restaurants during February. Tyler said she hopes the initiative she sponsors with Darryl's Corner Bar & Kitchen will bring more business and attention to restaurants in her district and to the small business owners who run them.

"Unfortunately, wealth in Massachusetts is unequally distributed by race, which translates into fewer opportunities for upward mobility," said Tyler, who represents parts of Roxbury, Dorchester, and the Fenway in the Legislature. "Black families' wealth in the commonwealth is a fraction in comparison to most other families from different races. This leaves them more economically insecure and with far fewer opportunities for economic mobility," the legislator wrote in an email to constituents and supporters.

"As a state representative, my mission is to use my platform to boost the economic development of black-owned businesses here in Boston," she

added. "By practicing cooperative economics, we can operate a facet of the economy and create for ourselves our own opportunities for upward mobility."

A kickoff for the month-long challenge will be held on Sat., Feb. 1, at noon at Darryl's Corner Bar & Kitchen on Columbus Avenue. Tyler's effort is running parallel to a statewide effort—the Restaurant Promotion Commission was created as part of the fiscal year 2020 budget—to promote

the Massachusetts restaurant industry.

"At a time of uncertainty and change in the restaurant industry, we need to give this vital piece of our civic culture a boost," House Speaker Robert DeLeo said in March when he announced the idea of a commission and a \$2 million appropriation. "We've all been proud to see a burst of new restaurant activity across Massachusetts, but we've also seen long-established fixtures disappear."

New
leader
for Labor
Council



Darlene Lombos
it Community Labor United, a group that specializes in aligning campaigns of organized labor and community groups for mutual aid and to advance the public good. Darlene was sworn in at an event last Thursday by Steve Tolman, president of the Massachusetts AFL-CIO.

"I am honored to have been elected for this important leadership role in the Labor Movement," said Lombos. "I am determined to make sure that anyone who *wants* to be part of a union, *can* be part of a union."

Darlene Lombos was unanimously elected to lead the Greater Boston Labor Council this month by delegates from 160 different unions representing nearly 100,000 workers in the region. Lombos, 45, was born in the US to parents who immigrated from the Phillipines. She is the first woman to hold the position of executive secretary-treasurer. She succeeds Rich Rogers, who has led the group since 2004. Rogers, 64, announced his plans to retire late last year and will be celebrated at a special event in Dorchester on March 5.

Lombos most recently served as the executive director of non-prof-

Editorial



Fairmount Line’s promise comes into focus at last

It has taken a full-court-press from our political delegation – and sustained pressure over many years from transit advocates – but this week finally brought concrete movement in the right direction for the Fairmount Line.

On Monday, the Fiscal Management and Control Board that oversees the MBTA voted unanimously to add eight train trips per day to the line between Readville and South Station. Just as important: Commuters will soon be able to use their Charlie Cards or other passes to generate a ticket to ride the trains using kiosks that will be installed in time for the year-long pilot effort, which will launch in May.

Jarred Johnson, COO of the advocacy group Transit Matters, called it “an incredible first step.” He tweeted: “Thrilled that the City of Boston found a way to work with [MBTA] and [Keolis] to do more with less! Next stop: fast electrified trains!”

Credit goes to state lawmakers, too, for embracing what the ridership has long known – that the Fairmount needs more frequent stops to capitalize on the investments that have been poured into the line over the last decade in the form of four new stations: Newmarket, Four Corners, Talbot Avenue, and – just last year – Blue Hill Avenue.

Sen. Collins, Rep. Cullinane, Rep. Holmes and Rep. Miranda (who has picked up the cause that had been championed by her predecessor in the 5th Suffolk, Rep. Carvalho) all were critical to advancing the ball.

“These additional trips will benefit Boston Public School students, night-shift workers, and residents who have historically faced barriers to rapid transit,” said Collins. “All residents of Boston deserve access to affordable rapid transit, which we know breaks down barriers to gainful employment and economic mobility.”

It must be noted, too, that the Fairmount has a sincere ally in the general manager’s office at the MBTA. Steve Poftak’s support for the pilot project has been key to getting buy-in from other decision makers in the state transportation community.

The pilot project that was approved Monday is a scaled-back version of what the state lawmakers and the mayor have been pushing for. Still, if properly executed, it provides an opportunity to show what this line could truly become if a more robust investment is made in equipment and maintenance.

Monday’s board vote authorized \$100,000 to be spent on marketing the enhanced schedule on the Fairmount Line. New and improved stations, more frequent and on-time trains, and the proximity to densely populated sections of Dorchester and Mattapan should make this a far more viable option for commuters. But it’s important that the T and Keolis put some real effort into getting the word out that this is not the Fairmount Line of a decade ago.

There remains skepticism among those who grew frustrated with inconvenient schedules or who have never given the commuter rail a shot, perhaps because they already owned a Charlie Card, which cannot currently be used to buy fares on the Fairmount. That will change in May and it’s critical that we start to get the word out now. – Bill Forry

We need a voter-chosen school committee that is accountable to the families it serves

By Kristin Johnson
Special to The Reporter

On Jan. 22, the Boston Foundation released “Kids Today: Boston’s Declining Child Population and Its Effect on School Enrollment,” a study that detailed not only the decrease of school-aged children in our city’s schools, but also the alarming trends of increasing racial and economic segregation.

The authors found that 77 percent of black students and 64 percent of Latinx students attend “intensely segregated” schools where 90 percent of the student population is of the same race. Over the past 20 years, students from low-income families have become increasingly concentrated in schools with other disadvantaged children.

As the panel discussion began, Bill Forry of the *Dorchester Reporter* reflected on the “deeply flawed” and sometimes “sinister” decisions of the white leaders of the 1960s and 1970s that resulted in patterns of behavior that continue to influence the policies and outcomes of our schools and housing development. “We are getting the city that we planned,” he said.

The panel, which also included Yawu Miller of the *Bay State Banner*, Monica Roberts from Boston Public Schools, and Shannah Varón from the Boston Collegiate Charter School, covered local and national policies that have contributed to fewer students and more segregation in our schools. Court-ordered desegregation, declining birth rates, and gentrification were among the factors considered.

The fascinating conversation had one glaring omission: the actions of the Boston School Committee. Perhaps because everyone in the room understood that the appointed board is merely an extension of the mayor’s long and powerful arm, they were considered neither part of the problem nor part of the solution. And yet this policy-making body approved the current Home-Based Assignment Plan in 2013 – a color-blind method of student assignment that does not strive to address racial and socioeconomic within its framework.

To rephrase Bill Forry’s opening remarks: We are getting the school district that we planned.

When the School Committee considered the home-based plan as a replacement for the three-zone system created under federal court supervision 25 years earlier, the move was met with resistance from many parents and civil rights groups concerned that it would exacerbate the city’s inequities rather than ameliorate them. School committee member John Barros, who cast the lone dissenting vote, shared this concern. Acknowledging that the outcomes of the new assignment plan were difficult to predict,

the school committee adopted the system with the stipulation that an independent equity analysis would be performed after one year.

In 2018 – five years later – the Boston Area Research Initiative released an evaluation that showed the predictions of critics were right. Children living in neighborhoods with higher concentrations of black and brown students were experiencing significantly greater competition for open seats than their white counterparts. As many had warned, the algorithm doesn’t adjust for available seats.

How could this assignment plan have passed, and then stayed in place without being questioned for years? Why did the School Committee ignore its own recommendation for an equity analysis? Why haven’t they addressed fatal flaws in the system that block black and brown children from equal access to quality schools?

Because the students and families harmed by the home-based plan have no actual representation on the committee, and because the current system benefits the most affluent – and powerful – parents in the city, the committee represents only one person – the mayor.

We are now almost three decades into our radical experiment in school governance that disbanded the elected school committee and replaced it with one appointed by the mayor. Boston is the only municipality in the Commonwealth with an appointed board, which arguably has disenfranchised the parent community and failed to equitably educate all of our children.

In the face of overwhelming evidence that despite decades of struggle we are still operating a separate and unequal school district, where is the empathy or any action from our appointed school committee? From Reconstruction to Jim Crow, from the civil rights movement to mass incarceration, and now from integration to warehousing our black and brown children in under-supported schools, this pattern of reform and regression has worn an all too familiar path.

In 1996, Hubie Jones – one of the architects of the appointed school committee – said, “We’ll go back to an elected school committee someday, because these things are cyclical.”

Is it time to close the loop of this cycle and rejoin the other cities and towns in Massachusetts by electing a school committee that is accountable to the families it serves?

Kristin Johnson is a BPS parent, a member of the Boston Coalition for Education Equity, and a blogger at BostonPoliticalEducation.com.

Investing in vocational schools is definitely a winning strategy

By Kevin McCaskill

I want all Massachusetts’ students to have successful careers and futures. That is why I believe in vocational technical schools and opening the door to opportunity for every single young person. Career vocational technical education (CVTE) is a 21st century three-tiered educational superhighway to success. Gov. Charlie Baker’s proposal to invest \$15 million in CVTE holds enormous promise and potential – for vocational school students, for those in traditional high schools who want to learn additional skills, and for adults who want to learn a marketable skill and begin a career debt-free.

Today’s CVTE is a far cry from your grandparents’ days, when students – usually boys – who weren’t cut out for college took “shop” type classes. Back then, there was a stigma attached to vocational classes.

Not so today. CVTE schools not only provide high-quality academic programs, but also a plethora of in-demand career programs, such as web development, culinary arts, graphic design, medical and health assisting, nursing, HVAC (heat, ventilation and air conditioning), cosmetology, criminal justice, construction technology, management, and marketing.

The variety of programs forge pathways to good careers, higher education, and successful futures. It’s a beautiful opportunity for high schools, colleges, and businesses to collaborate to create and sustain Massachusetts’ middle-class.

The 2019 valedictorian at my school, Madison Park Technical Vocational High School, is emblematic of what is possible. Fatuma Hussein is now attending Northeastern University on a full scholarship. She took advantage of Madison Park’s dual-enrollment program (RoxMAPP) by taking classes in our Health Technology program while also attending Bunker Hill Community College free of charge. She graduated with a Madison Park diploma and a few credits short of an associate’s degree, and started at Northeastern with two free years of college behind her.

Spending \$15 million on vocational education is a smart investment for our communities – not only because of the individual students it would serve, but also because of the economic impact. Excellent schools like Madison Park are building an infrastructure of thousands of people who are ready to enter the workforce with marketable skills and hit the ground running. Madison Park has partnerships with major employers, including Boston Medical Center, and with labor unions that offer family sustaining careers, good healthcare, and retirement security -- like the International Union of Painters and Allied Trades (IUPAT), New England Carpenters, and the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW). These and other professional partnerships ensure that schools like Madison Park are providing top notch training and skills that employers across the Commonwealth are hiring for.

CVTE seals the cracks that too many students fall through when they feel uninspired or can’t see a path forward. Higher education is a dream for many of our students, and we make sure they reach that goal. A career they’re passionate about is a dream for many of our students, too. At Madison Park, we make sure that students have access to whatever dream is right for them. When we open the doors of opportunity, it’s amazing how many people walk through. Preparing our students for the workforce they will enter is smart. Supporting the training of those eager to learn a trade or skill is an investment in our economy and our communities. Schools like Madison Park can offer students hope, potential, and a bright future. Investing in career technical vocation schools is a winning strategy.

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Lynch gets 40 months for taking \$50k payoff in zoning-vote case

By Reporter Staff
A federal judge has sentenced former BPDA manager John Lynch of Dorchester to 40 months in prison following his admission that he let a developer pay him off to arrange a zoning vote the developer needed. As part of her sentencing last Friday, US District Judge Patti Saris urged the federal Bureau of Prisons to im-

prison Lynch at a federal facility in Devens, “or as close as possible to Massachusetts.” In a request for a more lenient sentence, Lynch’s attorney had argued that his 67-year-old client suffers from a variety of serious medical conditions and is close to his family. Lynch, whose job at the BPDA did not involve zoning matters, pleaded guilty in September to accepting \$50,000 in payments from developer Steven Turner for his role in getting the Zoning Board of Appeal to give Turner the extension he needed on a small H Street condo project in 2017 to sell it to another developer. The board at first rejected his request, because he’d already run

out of time on a two-year extension that the board had earlier granted him and then failed to appear before the board for his scheduled hearing. But two weeks later, it voted, with no discussion, to grant him another delay. According to federal authorities, Lynch used his connection with board member and Dorchester real-estate broker Craig Galvin to arrange the vote. Neither Turner nor Galvin, who resigned from the zoning board after the story broke, has been charged in the case. Former Inspectional Services Department Commissioner William Christopher, whose architectural firm worked on Turner’s project, also stepped down from his new city job coordinating a response to the opioid crisis. The US Attorney’s office in Boston had sought a four-year sentence, arguing in part that if former City Councillor Chuck Turner got three years for taking a \$1,000 bribe, then Lynch should

get a stiffer sentence for the \$50,000 he admitted taking. Steven Turner made several payments to Lynch in 2018, testimony showed. Federal investigators were alerted to the scheme early enough to be able to take a surveillance photo of at least one of the exchanges. Sarris ordered Lynch to turn himself in on April 15 at whichever prison is selected for him, and to pay restitution of \$14,400.

New mixed-use project pitched for South Bay area

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public realm and open space, pedestrian and vehicular access and underground utility upgrades for the immediate area.” Hanley also pointed out that “in addition to other non-descript residential and industrial properties, the site is abutted by several newer multi-family condominium buildings. Unlike the nearby South Bay development and its recent infrastructure upgrades, however, the area around the Project Site is burdened by insufficient sidewalk conditions, distressed public and private roadways, lacking in open space and with an array of unsightly utility poles and power lines.” The residential part of the project would comply with the city’s Inclusionary Development Policy (IDP), he



added, with the carving out of a percentage of the units and reserving them as affordable housing. The developer has already met with abutters, nearby property owners and other interested parties, Hanley said, including multiple meetings and discussions with its abutting residential condominium associations as well as local elected and appointed officials. The company also presented the plans at initial community meetings with the John W. McCormack Civic Association and Polish Triangle United and to an initial abutters meeting, Hanley noted.

Map shows the properties in the project plan bounded by Mass. Ave., Allstate Rd., Willow and Fields Courts, and Enterprise St.

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RESIDENT PARKING RESTRICTIONS BEGIN IN FEBRUARY IN SAVIN HILL

The city of Boston's Transportation Dept. will begin enforcement of new resident permit parking on select streets in Savin Hill next month. Residents are urged to get their stickers as soon as possible. Signage will be installed in early-mid Feb with enforcement to begin within two weeks. Impacted streets include Savin Hill Avenue, Grampian Way, Southview Street, Evandale Terrace, Wave Avenue and Hubbardston Road (Mon-Fri, 10 a.m.- 6 p.m.). Existing resident parking signage will not change on Playstead Road, Denny Street, Bayside Road and Davitt Street. For more info on how to apply for a sticker, go to boston.gov/transportation/resident-parking-permits.

REGISTRATION NOW OPEN FOR DORCHESTER BASEBALL

Registration is now underway on-line for Dorchester Baseball, open to kids and teens ages 4-16. Sign up at dorchesterlittleleague.org or dorchesterbaberuth.org. Financial assistance available upon request.

BOSTON STATE HOSPITAL PLANS TO BE VETTED IN TWO PUBLIC MEETINGS

Six proposals for the redevelopment of 10 acres within the former Boston State Hospital property in Mattapan and Dorchester will be reviewed in a pair of public meetings set for next month. The first open house will be held beginning at 5 p.m. on Tues., Feb. 4 at Brooke Charter High School, 200 American Legion Highway. Presentations will be made by Cruz Development Corp., Lena New Boston LLC & JCHE III, Inc., and Planning Office for Urban



Boston Foundation President and CEO Paul Grogan said on Tuesday that he will be leaving his post as soon as a successor has been named. The foundation, which has net assets of \$1.3 billion, said that board members Elyse Cherry and J. Keith Motley will head the search for a new leader, adding that Grogan and the board have agreed that he will continue in the top job until a successor is named. "The past 18 years have been a tremendously rewarding experience," Grogan said. "Leading such an important institution and working with so many talented partners, including the foundation's board, staff, donors, and many others, has been the opportunity of a lifetime. The decision to step down has been difficult, but I take this step knowing that I have achieved the goals I established for myself when I first took on the role of president and CEO." The foundation has doubled its assets during Grogan's tenure and its grantmaking, in partnership with its donors, has tripled to \$150 million per year. In addition to lifting non-profits, the foundation is also a regular contributor to civic life in Massachusetts, facilitating debate with its research agenda. - SHNS

Photo courtesy Boston Foundation

Affairs. On Thurs., Feb. 6, 5 p.m., a second open house at the Brooke Charter High School will feature proposals from Neponset Cooperative Trust, Primary Corp. and Primary Investments, LLC and Thomas F. Welch & Associates.

The various proposals may be reviewed online at mass.gov/service-details/former-boston-state-hospital-parcel-redevelopment-opportunity. Or at the Mattapan branch BPL, 1350 Blue Hill Ave., Mattapan.

JAMMIN' FOR JIMMY AT FLORIAN HALL

Jammin' for Jimmy — an evening of fun and music to benefit the James P. "Jimmy" Cawley Scholarship at UMass Boston — will be held on Sat., Feb. 29 from 7 to 10:30p.m. at Florian Hall, 55 Hallett St. Dorchester. The evening features a performance by the Boston ILL Harmonic ("Boston's most loveable chamber rock ensemble") performing music by the Beatles, followed by live band Beatles karaoke. The scholarship was created in memory of a much loved son of Dorchester whose life was sadly shortened by cancer. An active political volunteer and advocate for people with disabilities in his job at WORK Inc., the scholarship is set up to benefit a student from Dorchester who is majoring in political science. The first scholarship was awarded in 2017 to an outstanding recipient, Dorchester resident Renata Teodoro. General admission is \$10 at the door. Raffle prizes, hors d'oeuvres and 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.

MATTAPAN COUNCIL MEETS ON FEB. 3

The Greater Mattapan Neighborhood Council (GMNC) will hold its scheduled monthly meeting on Mon., Feb. 3 from 6:30 – 8 p.m., at the Mildred Ave Community Ctr. Segun Idowu, executive director of BECMA — will speak about BECMA's stated solutions to the lack of racial equity in public contracts in both the City and the State and how these solutions can be translated into action throughout development and land-use in Greater Mattapan.

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Family Affair eatery is hitting right notes in Uphams Corner

(Continued from page 1) up to its name in the kitchen, where Tulloch’s mother can be found cooking alongside her son, who said that having that motherly touch — and her secret fried chicken recipe — makes the act of sharing their food that much more special.

“For us, comfort food means when you walk in the door, it’s like walking into our living room,” Tulloch explained. “We want people to feel at home.”

That feeling is easy to sense while walking in the door: Gospel music blares from a boombox, while a table strewn with board games encourages guests to idle over their meals. To that end, he said, he plans to involve his neighbors



Jermaine Tulloch with board game nights, paint nights, and other community events. Tulloch, who lived in Woonsocket, Rhode Island for several years before moving back to Boston, maintains links with the neighborhood from his time as a music and 4th-grade teacher at the Dever Elementary, Holmes Innovation, and

Brooke Charter schools. “I recognize former students all the time,” he said with a laugh. “Some of them even took a little field trip here. It was great to see.”

Over the past few months, Tulloch said he has learned a lot about the food industry. “Running a restaurant is hard. Boston is a pricey city, so it can put you in a deficit before you even open,” he said, “but I’ve learned a lot about marketing and staying new, making sure our social media presence is active.”

The challenges of operating the business have also shown Tulloch the extent of his support system, particularly the branch of it from New Life Church in Central Falls, Rhode Island,

where he still makes the hour commute each week to serve as music director.

“I’ve learned that I have a great church family,” he said. “They’ve all come together to support me.”

The restaurant often finds itself dealing with large orders, as catering and hosting private events tend to make up a good chunk of business, depending on the month. But those hectic moments of preparing bulk orders are preferable for Tulloch.

“I enjoy cooking because it calms me down,” he explained. “Some people get overwhelmed being in the kitchen and having to cook a whole bunch of food. But for me it’s soothing.”

The folks at Family



Presenting Family Affairs chicken waffles topped by churros. *Daniel Sheehan photo*

Affair may soon be even busier. Tulloch is aiming to add a delivery service option. And the next new creation to be added to the menu? Waffle ice cream sandwiches.

Juggling restaurant work and music obligations can be tricky, but Tulloch said he’s making the most of it. “This was maybe not life’s plan. But it’s awesome.”

Zoning Board seeks legal review of controversial River St. project

BY KATIE TROJANO
REPORTER STAFF
The city’s Zoning Board of Appeal (ZBA) on Tuesday sent information on a controversial River Street condo project proposal to the city’s law department for review as the parties in the dispute await a decision on the proposed 4-story, 11-unit building. Neighbors, who are adamantly against the new construction, turned out at the board’s meeting on Tuesday to press

its members to block the project, which they say is too large for the 20,830-square-foot lot at 54 River St. “The developers are claiming land that belongs to two direct abutters, a case that has pushed us into Land Court, and they’re using that strip of land for their floor to area ratio,” said Susan Lombardi-Verticelli, a resident who spoke on behalf of opponents. A 7-unit condo building


has already been built at 52R River St., replacing a structure that was torn down. Abutters argue that the city’s Inspectional Services Department (ISD) erred in issuing the project proponents allowed use, or “as-of-right,” permits for the two buildings. Lombardi-Verticelli said that the neighbors’ issues with the development include a violation of the property’s rear setback, and of its

floor to area ratio [FAR: the ratio of a building’s total floor area to the size of the piece of land upon which it is built], an overburdening of a shared easement, and the fact that the project in its entirety would violate Article 65.1 in the Zoning Code. “It’s about a four-and-a-half-foot strip of land that runs from number 5 to number 9 Taylor Terrace. You can also see that, given the zero

lot line, they are literally building to the abutters fence line,” said Lombardi-Verticelli, gesturing to the site plans. Kim Thai, assistant commissioner of Plans & Zoning and Director of Policy at Boston Inspectional Services Division (ISD), defended the agency’s decision to issue a permit. “With respect to the land dispute, it’s our understanding that there is an adverse possession

claim that is occurring in Land Court concurrently,” said Thai. “However, we have reviewed it and even if they are successful with that claim it has no bearing on the building permit.” Zoning board chairperson Christine Araujo moved that the matter be turned over the city’s law department for review, and the board unanimously approved the motion.

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Many Boston public schools are said to be ‘intensely segregated’

By Max Larkin
WBUR Reporter

Boston is growing — but it’s also graying. And that could have troubling long-term consequences for the lives of the young people who remain.

A report released last week by the Boston Foundation — a non-profit group focused on education and other urban issues — highlighted that and other findings about the changing face of young Boston.

First: that school-aged children — defined as kids from age 5 to 17 — make up a historically small part of Boston’s overall population. In general, that shouldn’t come as too big of a shock: US birth rates are down to historic lows, and many new city-dwellers are childless.

But some of the report’s specific details are striking.

For instance, in 1970, Boston was home to almost 132,000 school-aged children — almost 21 percent of the city’s population. But the latest American Community Survey estimated in 2018 that there were around 75,000 children in Boston — just under 11 percent of the population.

Luc Schuster, director of the Boston Indicators research project, said that the decline took place in “two distinct phases.”

The first phase began in the 1970s, “coinciding with the [court-ordered] desegregation” of schools, said Schuster, who co-authored the report: “One of the ways families were able to

avoid participating in school-integration efforts was just to pick up and leave the city.”

But then came another sharp decline in the early 2000s, when the cost of housing started to rise. Since then, Schuster said, “it’s just become harder and harder for middle-income families to make ends meet and stay.”

The report suggests that it was largely white, affluent students who left Boston in the first phase, while thousands of black families took part in the second wave.

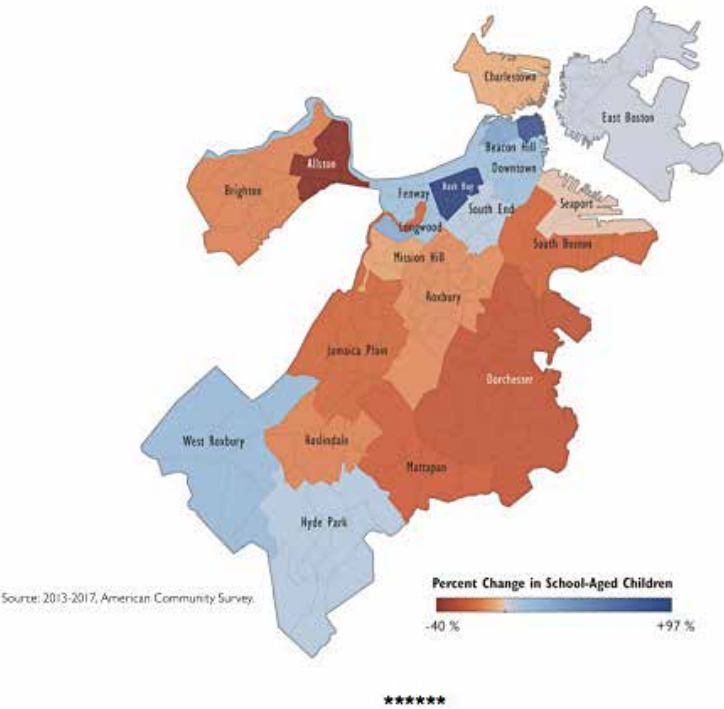
The long-term result has been a radical realignment of Boston’s social organization. Since 1980 the city has lost nearly 6,000 middle-income households with children — and gained nearly 25,000

TABLE A-1
Percent change in school-aged populations.
2000–2017. Boston Neighborhoods.

Neighborhood	2000 School-aged children	2000 Share of neighborhood	2017 School-aged children	2017 Share of neighborhood	Percent change in school-aged populations
Allston	982	5 percent	588	3 percent	-40 percent
Dorchester	26,798	23 percent	20,166	16 percent	-25 percent
Mattapan	5,435	22 percent	4,268	17 percent	-21 percent
South Boston	3,830	13 percent	3,075	8 percent	-20 percent
Jamaica Plain	5,357	15 percent	4,319	11 percent	-19 percent
Roslindale	4,708	17 percent	4,077	14 percent	-13 percent
Brighton	3,349	7 percent	2,907	6 percent	-13 percent
Roxbury	9,611	23 percent	8,493	16 percent	-12 percent
Mission Hill	1,724	12 percent	1,588	9 percent	-8 percent
Charlestown	1,982	13 percent	1,880	10 percent	-5 percent
Seaport	95	7 percent	93	3 percent	-2 percent
East Boston	6,304	16 percent	6,456	14 percent	+2 percent
South End	2,234	9 percent	2,335	7 percent	+5 percent
Hyde Park	6,079	19 percent	6,431	17 percent	+6 percent
Beacon Hill	346	4 percent	386	4 percent	+12 percent
Fenway	429	1 percent	481	1 percent	+12 percent
Downtown	691	6 percent	783	4 percent	+13 percent
West Roxbury	3,768	13 percent	4,378	13 percent	+16 percent
Longwood	48	1 percent	61	1 percent	+27 percent
West End	184	4 percent	238	4 percent	+29 percent
North End	179	2 percent	320	3 percent	+79 percent
Back Bay	388	2 percent	763	4 percent	+97 percent
City of Boston	84,521	14 percent	74,086	11 percent	-12 percent

Source: 2000 U.S. Census. 2013-2017 American Community Survey

MAP A-1
Dorchester, Allston, Mattapan, South Boston and JP have experienced some of the largest school-aged population declines.
Percentage change in resident kids ages 5–17. Boston neighborhoods. 2000 to 2017.



Source: 2013-2017, American Community Survey.

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The petition asks the Court to determine that the Respondent is incapacitated, that the appointment of a Guardian is necessary, and that the proposed Guardian is appropriate. The petition is on file with this court and may contain a request for certain specific authority.
You have the right to object to this proceeding. If you wish to do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance at this court on or before 10:00 A.M. on the return date of **02/13/2020**. This day is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline date by which you have to file the written appearance if you object to the petition. If you fail to file the written appearance by the return date, action may be taken in this matter without further notice to you. In addition to filing the written appearance, you or your attorney must file a written affidavit stating the specific facts and grounds of your objection within 30 days after the return date.
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Witness, Hon. Brian J. Dunn, First Justice of this Court.
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high-income households without children.

That, too, tracks with the general deterioration of the American middle class. But in Boston, it has meant that severe inequalities of race and income are only magnified in its public schools.

Schuster described Boston’s growing racial and ethnic diversity — driven in no small part by new immigration — as one of the bits of “good news” in the city’s recent history.

But the change has not translated to diverse schools. In fact, the report’s data show that two-thirds of BPS students now attend “intensely segregated”

schools, where students of color make up 90 percent or more of the total enrollment.

And while Boston’s schools have been improving in recent years by a number of metrics, the report’s data suggest that about half of the city’s middle- and high-income families still move out of Boston when their child turns five (though the report warns that finding is based on “very rough estimates.”)

“The research is really clear that kids benefit tremendously from attending well-integrated public schools,” Schuster said, mentioning academic as well as social and psychological effects. “The concern for Boston is that we’ve set up a school system that concentrates kids — not just by race, but also by income.”

That means opportunity costs, not just for the black and Latino enrollment of BPS, but also for the largely white enrollments in suburban schools.

In a statement, City Councillor Andrea Campbell called the Boston Foundation report a “wake up call.”

“One of the most troubling findings in this report is the plummeting enrollment among black families — who account for 84 percent of the decrease in enrollment,” she wrote. “We shouldn’t be surprised by this, when, for example, roughly 80 percent of students in downtown Boston attend high-quality schools compared with only 5 percent of students in Mattapan; when housing costs are on the rise; and, when there’s been a failure to effectively address our most pressing structural and systemic inequities in BPS”

The Boston Foundation report stops short of proposing solutions about what can feel like a slow-moving crisis. But Schuster himself said he was optimistic about Mayor Marty Walsh’s efforts to grant universal access to childcare in the city. He added that expanded access to moderately-priced housing for the middle class “could help a lot.”

The report serves as a reminder that around 1950, Boston was home to more than 800,000 people. Even after a period of sustained growth, the city is still more than 100,000 people short of that historic high — and so has much more room to grow.

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Community Health News

Two back from visits to China tested for coronavirus in NH

By WBUR NEWSROOM
Two people in New Hampshire are being tested for suspected cases of coronavirus, state public health officials announced Monday afternoon. The two individuals undergoing tests had recently visited Wuhan, China, the epicenter of the infectious disease outbreak where travel restrictions are now in place to contain the virus. Both people will be isolated, officials with New Hampshire's Department of Health and Human Services said, until test results become available.

China has reported close to 3,000 cases of the virus that has killed at least 80 people. As of Monday, the US Centers for Disease Control had "confirmed five cases of novel coronavirus in the US from four states and is testing more than 100 additional individuals across the country," N.H. DHHS officials said. Despite the tests, the CDC has said that the risk to US residents remains low. Dr. Larry Madoff, medical director for the Bureau of Infectious Disease and Laboratory Sciences at the Massa-

chusetts Department of Public Health, told WBUR Monday afternoon that there are no confirmed cases of "novel coronavirus" in Massachusetts at this time. He would not say if anyone in the state had been tested for it. "We are following CDC guidance and if there are confirmed cases, we will let people know immediately," he said. On Monday, China extended the week-long holiday by an extra three days, to Feb. 2, to help prevent the epidemic from spreading further, as authorities announced that

2,744 people had fallen ill and 80 had died from the new virus first found in the central Chinese city of Wuhan. Shanghai pushed the holiday's end back to Feb. 9. Travel agencies in China were told to cancel group tourism, and governments around the region were restricting travel from Wuhan, closely monitoring other travelers and helping arrange evacuations of some foreigners stuck in Wuhan. So far, 17 Chinese cities that are home to more than 50 million people have imposed

lockdowns. China has confirmed more than 2,700 cases of a new virus, with 80 deaths. Most have been in the central city of Wuhan where the illness first surfaced last month. More than 40 cases have been confirmed in other places with virtually all of them involving Chinese tourists or people who visited Wuhan recently. *Associated Press reports contributed to this article. The Reporter and WBUR share content through a media partnership.*

Free dental care – for one day – offered to kids at Geiger Gibson

The dental care team at Geiger Gibson Community Health Center will offer free dental services to children ages 1-17 during the Give Kids A Smile event on Saturday, Feb. 8. Free services will be available 8 a.m. - 12 p.m. by appointment only and will include dental exams, cleanings, fluoride treatments, and sealants. Parents and caregiv-



ers should call 617-288-1140 and say they would like to make an appointment during Give Kids A Smile. Geiger Gibson is located at 250 Mount Vernon Street in Dorchester and is part of Harbor Health, a non-profit organization with community health center locations in Boston, the South Shore, and Cape Cod.

Dr. Caitlin Coleman

"During Harbor's Give Kids A Smile event, we hope to give kids in our local community the chance to come in to see a dentist and get the care they need to keep their teeth healthy and strong," explained Dr. Matt Horan, executive director of dental services at Harbor Health. "We'll also use the opportunity to help parents and caregivers learn

about the resources we offer to help apply for insurance and other programs to make sure everyone in the family continues to maintain good oral and overall health," Dr. Horan said. Give Kids A Smile is a national program of the American Dental Association aimed at raising awareness about the importance of oral health to overall health, and

the staggering need that exists among millions of children who go without dental care. Thousands of dentists and volunteers across the country will give their time to provide free oral health education, screenings, and treatment to underserved children. Annual program events kick off during National Children's Dental Health Month in February.

Cannabis testing lab pitched for office building on Freeport St.

By KATIE TROJANO REPORTER STAFF
A cannabis testing facility would occupy the top floor of a Freeport Street office building under a plan that will come before civic leaders next month. Assured Testing Laboratory hopes to build a lab on the third floor of a commercial property at 43 Freeport St. near Glover's Corner that has been vacant for the past five years. The lab would test cannabis-based products from licensed suppliers — analyzing items for safe levels of pesticides, heavy metals, mycotoxins, and other properties.

"All agricultural products require safety testing, and marijuana is not any different," explained Dimitrios Pelekoud, the CEO and co-founder of the company. "There have been a number of vaping deaths in Massachusetts that have happened because of improper testing, frankly. There are a number of things that could have made their way into these products." Dorchester native Andrew McLeod, a consultant on the project, told the Reporter that the testing facility, which will have about 25 on-site parking spots and enhanced security measures, would generate almost \$500,000 annually in jobs for roughly 15 employees, which the team plans to hire locally. Five jobs will be

offered at \$25 an hour and ten will be available at \$15 per hour. The company said that workers at the lab will only test cannabis products from Massachusetts growers. The total amount of samples to be tested on site at any given time would not exceed 20 ounces (1.25 lbs.), which double the state legal ownership limit of 10 ounces per household. The team intends to file plans with the city's Zoning Board of Appeal (ZBA) and receive a hearing in the coming weeks and then start making the rounds with

nearby Dorchester civic associations, beginning with the Columbia/Savin Hill Civic Association

at its general membership meeting on Mon., March 2.

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A Petition for Order of Complete Settlement has been filed by Richard N. Chase of Boston, MA requesting that the court enter a formal Decree of Complete Settlement including the allowance of a final account and other such relief as may be requested in the Petition.
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You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: 10:00 a.m. on the return day of 02/06/2020.
This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an Affidavit of Objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you.
Witness, HON. BRIAN J. DUNN, First Justice of this Court.
Date: January 14, 2020
Felix D. Arroyo
Register of Probate
Published: January 30, 2020

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TO CHANGE NAME
Docket No. SU19C0600CA
IN THE MATTER OF:
AALIYAH OLIVIA ARLENE WRIGHT
A Petition to Change Name of Minor has been filed by Aaliyah Olivia Arlene Wright of Boston, MA requesting that the court enter a Decree changing their name to:
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IMPORTANT NOTICE
Any person may appear for purposes of objecting to the petition by filing an appearance at: Suffolk Probate and Family Court before 10:00 a.m. on the return day of 02/06/2020. This is not a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance if you object to this proceeding.
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Neighborhood Notables

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ADSL OFFERS BASKETBALL SKILLS CLINIC FOR KIDS

All Dorchester Sports and Leadership is enrolling boys and girls 12 and under for a nine-week skills and drills clinic to held on Saturdays at 10 a.m. inside DotHouse Health, 1353 Dorchester Ave. The clinic is offered from Feb. 1- April 4. Cist: \$50. Register at alldorchestersports.org or call 617-287-1601.

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.

HANCOCK STREET CIVIC ASSOC.

The Hancock Street Civic Association meets monthly on the first Tuesday at Uphams Crossing, 530 Columbia Rd., Dorchester. Meeting time is 7– 8:30 p.m. Annual dues are \$5; please contact hancockstreetcivic@gmail.com with any questions you may have. The next meeting is on Jan. 7.

WELLINGTON HILL NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

The Wellington Hill Neighborhood Council meets on the second Tuesday of the month from 6-7:30 p.m. at the Mattapan branch of the Boston Public Library. Updates can be found on Facebook page: @wellingtonhillneighbors. Or Google Group: wellingtonhill@googlegroups.com

RIVER STREET CIVIC ASSOC.

The River Street Civic Association meets on the second Thursday of each month from 6-8 p.m. at the Foley Senior Residences, 249 River St., Mattapan.

APPLE GROVE ASSOC.

The Apple Grove Association meets on the second Monday (Jan. 13) 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 HILL BOOK GROUP

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.

ASHMONT VALLEY NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOC.

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

CEDAR GROVE CIVIC ASSOC.

Cedar Grove Civic Association meets at 7 p.m. at Fr. Lane Hall, St. Brendan Church, 15 Rita Rd. The civic group meets on the Info: cedargrovecivic@gmail.com or 617-825-1402.

CLAM POINT CIVIC ASSOC.

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

CODMAN SQUARE NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

The Codman Square Neighborhood Council meets

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

COLUMBIA-SAVIN HILL CIVIC ASSOC.

Columbia-Savin Hill Civic meets the first Monday of each month, 7 p.m., at the Little House, 275 East Cottage St. For info: columbiasavinhillcivic.org.

DORCHESTER NORTH NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOC.

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

FIELDS CORNER CIVIC ASSOC.

The FCCA meets on the first Tuesday of the month at 6:30 at the Kit Clark Center, 1500 Dorchester Ave. For more info. contact V. Girard, chair, at: vivian8120@gmail.com .

WOODROW AVENUE NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOC.

WANA meets on the third Thursday of every month from 6-8p.m. at VFW Post 8772, 54 Woodrow Ave., Dorchester. Nina Johnson is the president. Email woodrowaveassoc@gmail.com or visit wanaboston on Facebook.

JONES HILL ASSOC.

The Jones Hill Association meets every month on the second Wednesday at 7 p.m. at St. Mary’s Center for Women and Children in the Executive Board Room. All are welcome. Developers wishing to inquire or present should contact officers@joneshill.com. Information, events, and voting membership can be found on joneshill.com.

EASTMAN-ELDER ASSOC.

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

DORCHESTER UNIFIED NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOC.

Please join the D.U.N. Association contact list to stay up to date. Provide your name, address, e-mail and phone to DUNAssociation@gmail.com or 617-901-4919.

FREEPORT-ADAMS ASSOC.

The meetings will be held the second Wed. of the month, 6:30 p.m., at the Fields Corner CDC office (the old Dist. 11 police station).

GROOM/HUMPHREYS NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOC.

The GHNA meets on the third Wed. of the month, 7 p.m., in the Kroc Salvation Army Community Center, 650 Dudley St., Dor., 02125. For info, call 857-891-1072 or maxboxer@aol.com.

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T board green-lights a schedule upgrade for Fairmount Line

(Continued from page 1) he said. “It does serve a population that is underserved by rapid transit. We think that there’s significant potential.” The control board will evaluate the results of the year-long effort and then decide on the next steps.

“I think [based] off the way that the pilot process is structured, we have a decision point right after a year whether or not to keep the service,” said Poftak. “We’re obviously hopeful that it’s a popular service and that we meet the benchmarks and that we can keep it.”

During the pilot, ridership data will be analyzed and collected via Automatic Passenger Counters (APCs), ridership counts, and passenger surveys. The MBTA will also analyze travel-time savings for bus riders who transition to the Fairmount Line.

Laura Paget-Seekins, the MBTA’s assistant general manager for policy, said that the pilot will help to assess the role that commuter lines play in the larger state-wide transportation context.

“That idea also leads into thinking around real transformation as well,” she said. “What is the role of our commuter rail network in the greater travel needs of the region and how to better integrate the entire network?”

Last year, state Sen. Nick Collins of South Boston filed a budget



Passengers are shown leaving the Morton Street station on the Fairmount Line in May 2017. *Chris Lovett photo*

amendment calling for \$2 million for the pilot program. On Monday, he called the T board’s vote a “big step forward on transit equity, access, and economic opportunity,” but said that there’s more room for improvement.

“This pilot will run more frequent service at lower prices, breaking down barriers to mobility and creating new pathways to economic opportunity,” said Collins, who has pushed for the MBTA to electrify the line as a next step in converting the Fairmount into a rapid-transit line akin to the Red or Orange lines.

“But we need to go further and commit to fully electrifying the line to reduce emissions and address health disparities in our communities.

This is a question of environmental justice, equity, and opportunity, and I am committed to working with my colleagues to secure that for all residents,” the senator added.

MBTA orders larger LCD screens for new cars on Red and Orange lines; cost is \$49m

STATE HOUSE NEWS SERVICE

The T will spend almost \$49 million on additional improvements to the new Red and Orange Line fleets, targeting larger on-board digital screens and more handrails as worthwhile investments.

The Fiscal and Management Control board approved the new spending Monday as a change order to the MBTA’s more than \$820 million contract with the Chinese manufacturer CRRC MA.

working with my colleagues to secure that for all residents,” the senator added.

State Rep. Dan Culinane, who has been calling for the enhancements, called the vote a “victory,” saying, “Last year, when we cut the ribbon to celebrate the opening of Blue Hill Avenue station – the final station to complete the line – we said we weren’t done. Today’s announcement of much needed increases in ride frequency and, equally as important, that riders will no longer be forced to pay extra to have two different MBTA passes, a Charlie Card and a commuter rail pass, shows our collective commitment to continue investing in the success of the Fairmount Line.”

Mayor Martin Walsh, who advocated for service enhancements and improved regional rail service at a T board

meeting last October, praised Monday’s decision.

“The Fairmount Line serves the heart of Boston, running through many of our communities with the longest commutes and least access to high frequency transit,” he said. “Boston’s relationship with the MBTA is one of the most important we have, and I will always advocate for the best possible service. This is an issue of transit equity, and it has been a top priority for me to bring better service to the Fairmount Line. I’m pleased the board has voted to make these improvements. Together with the MBTA, we must continue to push for progress and improve mobility in our city and region.”

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
DIVISION OF CAPITAL ASSET MANAGEMENT AND MAINTENANCE

NOTICE OF PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS
CITY OF BOSTON

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts acting by and through DCAMM on May 22, 2019, issued a Request for Proposals (RFP) to seek proposals for the purchase and redevelopment of 10 acres of the former Boston State Hospital Property (BSH). This offering is the last in a series of redevelopment projects at the former state hospital. DCAMM received six (6) Proposals in response to the RFP, representing different development scenarios for the 10-acre parcel.

Proposals can be viewed on DCAMM’s website at <https://www.mass.gov/service-details/former-boston-state-hospital-parcel-redevelopment-opportunity> or at the Mattapan Library located at 1350 Blue Hill Avenue, Mattapan, MA 02126.

Public Proponents’ Presentations

Date:

Tuesday, February 4, 2020 beginning with an Open House at 5:00 PM followed by Presentations at 6:00 PM

Proponents:

Cruz Development Corporation
Lena New Boston LLC & JCHE III, Inc.
Planning Office for Urban Affairs

Location:

Brooke Charter High School Auditorium, 200 American Legion Highway, Boston, MA 02124

Date:

Thursday, February 6, 2020 beginning with an Open House at 5:00 PM followed by Presentations at 6:00 PM

Proponents:

Neponset Cooperative Trust
Primary Corp. & Primary Investments, LLC
Thomas F. Welch & Associates

Location:

Brooke Charter High School Auditorium, 200 American Legion Highway, Boston, MA 02124

Public Comments

Written comments can be submitted by:

- Completing the Comment Form on DCAMM’s webpage <https://www.mass.gov/service-details/former-boston-state-hospital-parcel-redevelopment-opportunity>

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Existing resident parking signage will NOT be changed on the following:


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For more information on how to apply for a parking sticker please visit: boston.gov/transportation/resident-parking-permits

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 Mayor Martin J. Walsh

 Neighborhood Services

Alvin Ailey dancers hold masterclass at Arts Academy

By Daniel Sheehan
Arts & Features Editor

Last Friday, dance majors at the Boston Arts Academy in Fields Corner were treated to a masterclass taught by professional dancers from the world-renowned Alvin Ailey American Dance Theater.

Dancers Solomon Dumas, Khalia Campbell, and Jessica Pinkett led an hour-long workshop in which they coached students through a dance routine and broke down some of the keys to a dancer's approach to the artform.

Bianca Dias, a senior dance major at the school, described the calming effect that the pros had on the students throughout the workshop.

"A lot of times with masterclasses, especially with a name like Ailey, everybody's coming in nervous, they're like, 'I have to be uptight and perfect.' But then the instructors come in and have all this light energy and bubblyness and it makes everyone chill and relaxed."

Sophomore Taylor Emerson said the experience encouraged her to pursue her goal of dancing professionally one day.

"[Solomon Dumas] made it known that he was in our place at some point and he got to where he is now,"



The group of BAA dance majors was all smiles following their masterclass with Solomon Dumas, Khalia Campbell, and Jessica Pikett of the Alvin Ailey American Dance Theater company. Robert Torres photo

she explained. "It really helps us envision that we can do this because sometimes we doubt ourselves...but when someone shows you that they've been in our shoes and struggled the same way, it's inspiring."

For Dumas, who discovered his love of dance through AileyCamp, the company's regional introductory dance program for kids, before

going on to become a member of the company himself, the workshops are "cathartic" and offer a chance to give back.

"Dance really was the vehicle that taught me discipline and confidence and really developed my person," said Dumas. "It was a safe haven and a place where I could express myself, which wasn't a social norm where I came from

because I grew up on the south side of Chicago where dance wasn't the norm for a young man in the 90s."

During the workshop, Dumas spoke to the importance of "owning" one's dance style and offered students some words of guidance, reminding them they have "everything to share and nothing to prove."

"Oftentimes it can be

an intimidating space," he said of the dance environment. "Sharing your gift and sharing your uniqueness, it inspires others to have more agency over their uniqueness and it gives them permission to share their excellence, and so I always feel that when we teach each other to share, it gives students the idea that they already have

gifts within them — they don't need to prove it."

Following Friday's session, the Alvin Ailey troupe led demos at Charlestown High School and the Blue Hill Boys and Girls Club. The company will return to the Boch Center from April 30 through May 3 for its annual run of performances sponsored by the Celebrity Series of Boston.

Arts students 'Respect' the rich legacy of Aretha Franklin

(Continued from page 1)

The school's tribute to Franklin came about shortly after the icon's passing in August 2018, when a pair of students came to Sutton with the idea. A collaboration with Berklee's Institute for Jazz and Gender Justice followed, which spawned a series of workshops exploring gender bias in the music industry and the meaning of respect means. Sutton, who serves as producer for the show, said the experience of delving into some of Franklin's works offered students a chance to explore the "emotional evidence" of her legacy.

"Students have heard songs like 'Respect' all the time, but to perform them and then unpack what those lyrics mean and give them a deeper meaning of what the song means personally to them, and how they can be an anthem or a call to action for other areas that touch on issues in the world now... it's giving them a reason to understand why their parents like those songs so much, and why she's been so prolific."

Thays Figueiredo, a 16-year-old junior at the school and member of the vocal ensemble, said being part of the production



BAA students at a rehearsal for "Respect: A Tribute to Aretha Franklin" on Monday morning.

Daniel Sheehan photo

gave her an introduction to Franklin's career.

"Prior to this show I didn't really know much about her. My parents are immigrants, so they're not very in tune with American music," explained Figueiredo. "But I've been learning about her and performing her music for two years now, and I've just

gotten to appreciate her strength and, like, I think her character is something to be admired, especially if you're a woman. She was very unapologetic in what she did. It was kind of her way or the highway, and she wouldn't accept any form of trying to, like, belittle her or demean her...that is something

I've really brought into myself."

A member of the Spirituals ensemble, 15-year-old sophomore Choice McCarty, said she began to see Franklin's music in a new light following an incident last year in which she was discriminated against.

"It really made me think about her music

and how it affected me in a different way, especially because a lot of her music revolved around civil rights and rights for women. It made me feel stronger as a female, and not only that, a black female, and it also made me feel honored that I get the chance to perform her music — not just listen to it but to sing it and to tell

my story in a different way. It just gave me a voice that I didn't really have before."

Senior Travis Ambrose, 18, pointed to Franklin's song "If I Can Help Somebody" when asked about his favorite part of the production.

"I really connect to this song's message which is the idea that as a person, and this literally a quote from the song: 'If I can help somebody as I pass along, then my living shall not be in vain.' To me, as a person who really in almost every breath I take strive to help as many people as possible, that song is something that moves me no matter how many times I sing it."

Sutton expressed pride about an original, organic production that evolved from the ideas of his students.

"When you sometimes as adults back out of the way and let students do the work, they will come up with stuff that surpasses anything that we as adults could have thought of."

Tickets are available for purchase at bostonartsacademy.org/respect. Ticket prices for each performance are \$15 for adults and \$10 for children and seniors.



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BGCD Keystone Members Participate in Cupcakes for Caring: To commemorate Martin Luther King, Jr. Day and the ideal of service to others, BGCD Keystone Club members visited 17 sites including Boston Police Department and EMS stations, Boston Fire Department houses and MBTA Police Headquarters. This was our 5th annual event to say thanks to our local first responders.

Each visit included a gift of cupcakes for each station to enjoy. A big thank you to Stop & Shop at South Bay for once again donating all the cupcakes.

For more information on the Keystone Club please contact Ariana Nazario at anazario@bgcdorchester.org.

FIND OUT WHAT'S INSIDE:
BGCD Family Engagement Hosts Lunar New Year Celebration: Earlier this month, BGCD's Family Engagement program hosted a Lunar New Year celebration. Our Tet, Vietnamese New Year, celebration included music, food and an exhibit by a traditional dance group.

BGCD serves as the neighborhood agent for The Boston Family Engagement Network; a citywide coalition focused on raising awareness about the importance of family engagement in the life of a young child. The activities offered each month ensure that all young children have access to a quality educational experience that supports all areas of their development.

For more information on the Family Engagement programs, please contact Huang Vu at hvu@bgcdorchester.org.



BGCD Family Engagement Hosts Lunar New Year Celebration:
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BGCD Collecting Prom and Special Occasion Dresses: Prom season is approaching quickly for the high schoolers of Boys & Girls Clubs of Dorchester and we want to make it as special as possible for them.

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For more information, please contact Abbey at aaiguier@bgcdorchester.org. All donations should be dropped off at our McLaughlin Location - 1135 Dorchester Ave, Dorchester, MA 02125 - at the front desk.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Marr-Lins Host 10&U Invitational
February 1
- Walter Denney Youth Center
Open House for Teens
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- Museum of Fine Arts Class Trip
February 12
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of Quincy and the late Elizabeth O'Reilly, Mary Mackey, John Cronin, Sister Christiana Cronin, CSJ, Joseph Cronin and Claire DaSilva. Also survived by sister-in-law Peg Cronin of Stoughton, 11 grandchildren, 11 great-grandchildren and many nieces and nephews. Donations in Irene's memory may be made to Sisters of St. Joseph of Boston, 637 Cambridge St., Boston, MA 02135.

COFFEY, Maureen E. in Dorchester. Daughter of the late John F. and Mary E. (Collins) Coffey. Sister of Helen C. Tremblay of California and Jeanie F. Mattila of Wrentham. Aunt of Jean-Paul Tremblay and Michel Tremblay, Kurt Mattila and Katie Mattila, and grandaunt of Nihlim and Caleb Tremblay.

FISHER, Scott J. Of Dorchester. Son of Russell Fisher and his wife Barbara of Arlington and Janice Fisher and her wife Karen Simister of Califon NJ. Brother of Jill Snyder and her partner Annie Shore of Arlington, Jackie Fisher of NJ. Friend of Mario, Juan and Freddie. Also survived by his dog Sadie and many aunts, uncles and cousins. Donations in memory of Scott may be made to DBSA-Boston.org or American Diabetes Association, 260 Cochituate Road, #200 Framingham, MA 01701.

LEGAL NOTICE

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
THE TRIAL COURT
PROBATE & FAMILY COURT
SUFFOLK PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT
24 NEW CHARDON STREET
BOSTON, MA 02114
617-788-8300
CITATION ON PETITION TO CHANGE NAME
Docket No. SU20C0008CA
IN THE MATTER OF:
ZOE ARIZBETH CRUZ S. ALDANA
A Petition to Change Name of a Minor has been filed by Zoe Arizbeth Cruz S. Aldana of Brighton, MA requesting that the court enter a Decree changing their name to: Zoe Arizbeth Saldana Lara
IMPORTANT NOTICE
Any person may appear for purposes of objecting to the petition by filing an appearance at: Suffolk Probate and Family Court before 10:00 a.m. on the return day of 03/11/2020. This is not a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance if you object to this proceeding.
Witness, HON. BRIAN J. DUNN, First Justice of this Court.
Date: January 22, 2020
Felix D. Arroyo
Register of Probate
Published: January 30, 2020

HARRISON, John, 85, of Plymouth, formerly of Dorchester and Pembroke. John was born in Lower Mills, the son of the late Mabel (Mullane) and William Harrison. He attended Dorchester Schools and then joined the US Army during the time of the Korean War. When he returned from the war, he married Theresa (Ahern), they started their family in Dorchester. They had 3 children and in 1970, moved their family to Pembroke. John was a self employed carpenter until he entered Union, Local 33, in 1981, where he worked until he retired. John was preceded in death by Theresa 15 years ago. He leaves behind his children James Harrison of Plymouth and Jeanette Harrison of Pembroke. He was the "Grampy" of Joseph Noviello, James Harrison, John Harrison, Jennifer Noviello and Abigail Harrison. He is survived by his sisters; Patricia Harrison of FL and Lorraine Harrison of FL. He was preceded in death by his son, John Harrison, Jr. as well as his siblings; Eleanor Gagne, Francis Harrison, Barbara Harrison, Robert Harrison, Richard Harrison and Edward Harrison.

HINES, Patricia A. (Flaherty) of Quincy. Wife of the late John P. Mother of John J. Hines of Raleigh, NC, James A. Hines of San Diego, and Edward F. Hines and his wife Margaret of Milton. Grandmother of Edward, Liam, and Kelly Hines. Sister of Sandra Zentz of Plympton, Alan Allsopp of Plympton, and Fred Allsopp of Kingston. Donations may be made in her memory to the Mass General Cancer Center, 55 Fruit St., Boston, MA 02114 or atmassgeneral.org

HOGAN, David J. of Roslindale. Father of Brenna Gredler and her husband Ben of Quincy, Brendan Hogan and his partner Jennifer MacDonald of Los Angeles,

CA, and Kaileigh Hogan of Allston. Former husband of Mary Lou Duff. David was the son of the late Francis and Frances (Brennan) Hogan. Brother of Gail Roberts, Maria O'Sullivan, and the late William Hogan. David was a truck driver for the Boston Herald for over 30 years. He was a longtime member of the Emerald Society of the Boston Police. Donations may be made in David's memory to Emerald Society of the Boston Police, 10 Birch St., Roslindale, MA 02131.

McCARTHY, James Michael, lifelong Dorchester, Savin Hill, resident. Son of the late John E. and Mary Alice (Doherty) McCarthy. Brother of Ann E. and her husband Jack Doyle of South Boston, Peter J. Whitaker of Dorchester, John E. McCarthy, Jr. of East Boston, Catherine M. Casey and her late husband Daniel of California, Kelly P. McCarthy of Braintree, and the late Charles E. Whitaker. Jim is survived by several nieces, nephews, grandnieces, grandnephews, and cousins. Jim was a longtime employee of Star Market in Brighton.

O'BRIEN, John P., 75, of Norton, formerly of West Roxbury and Dorchester. Husband of Marie (Kelley) O'Brien. Father of Timothy J. O'Brien and his wife Cathy of Bridgewater, Laurie A. Bubencik and her husband Robert of Foxboro, Kathleen M. White of Mansfield and MGySgt Peter J. O'Brien, USMC and his wife Michelle of Hawaii. Grandfather of Adam, Heather, Emily, Nicole and Sean Bubencik, Nicholas, Hailey, Rachel and Jessica O'Brien, Joshua and Cullen O'Brien, Makayla White and the late Brendan Bubencik. Brother of Rosemarie Wyllie, Maureen Killelea, Joanne O'Brien and Meg Leach and her husband Ray. Also survived by many nieces and nephews. Please consider making a donation

in John's memory to the Community VNA, Palliative Care & Hospice, 10 Emory St., Attleboro, MA 02703.

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URENECK, Mary E. (Cox) of Dorchester, 101 years. Daughter of the late Edward Cox and Marcellena (Hogan) Cox of Malden. Predeceased by her sisters Helen Cox and Alice Cox. Wife of the late Bernard "Bernie" Ureneck. Mother of four children: Michael Ureneck and his wife Rosanne of Plymouth, Peter Ureneck and Joseph Ureneck of Dorchester, and Mary Neuzil and her late husband, Michael of Miami, FL. Grandmother to Joshua Ureneck and his wife Wei Ma, Rebecca Shore, Debra McDonald and Lianne Ureneck; and great-grandmother of six: Bron and Rhea Ureneck, Abigail and Hannah Shore, and Zelda and Zara McDonald. Sister-in-law to the late Zigmond Morawski, Blanche Spitz and Julia Mazerall. Mary was raised and educated in Malden.

LEGAL NOTICES

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
THE TRIAL COURT
PROBATE & FAMILY COURT
SUFFOLK DIVISION
24 NEW CHARDON STREET
BOSTON, MA 02114
Docket No. SU19D2332DR
DIVORCE SUMMONS
BY PUBLICATION AND MAILING
VICTORIA THANH NGUYEN
vs.
HAL THIEN PHAN
To the Defendant:
The Plaintiff has filed a Complaint for Divorce requesting that the Court grant a divorce for Irretrievable Breakdown. The Complaint is on file at the Court. An Automatic Restraining Order has been entered in this matter preventing you from taking any action which would negatively impact the current financial status of either party. SEE Supplemental Probate Court Rule 411.
You are hereby summoned and required to serve upon: Khuong Nguyen, Esq., Law Office of Khuong Nguyen, PC, 572 Freeport St., Unit B, Dorchester, MA 02122 your answer, if any, on or before 03/12/2020. 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: November 26, 2019
Felix D. Arroyo
Register of Probate
Published: January 30, 2020

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
THE TRIAL COURT
PROBATE & FAMILY COURT
SUFFOLK DIVISION
24 NEW CHARDON STREET
BOSTON, MA 02114
Docket No. SU20D0022DR
DIVORCE SUMMONS
BY PUBLICATION AND MAILING
WINSOME HALL
vs.
MICKEAL C. HALL
To the Defendant:
The Plaintiff has filed a Complaint for Divorce requesting that the Court grant a divorce for Irretrievable Breakdown. The Complaint is on file at the Court. An Automatic Restraining Order has been entered in this matter preventing you from taking any action which would negatively impact the current financial status of either party. SEE Supplemental Probate Court Rule 411.
You are hereby summoned and required to serve upon: Winsome Hall, 36 Bradlee St., Dorchester, MA 02124 your answer, if any, on or before 03/05/2020. 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 8, 2020
Felix D. Arroyo
Register of Probate
Published: January 30, 2020

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
THE TRIAL COURT
PROBATE & FAMILY COURT
SUFFOLK DIVISION
24 NEW CHARDON STREET
BOSTON, MA 02114
Docket No. SU19D2509DR
DIVORCE SUMMONS
BY PUBLICATION AND MAILING
THUYTIEN THI PHAM
vs.
TONY THANH NGUYEN
To the Defendant:
The Plaintiff has filed a Complaint for Divorce requesting that the Court grant a divorce for Irretrievable Breakdown. The Complaint is on file at the Court. An Automatic Restraining Order has been entered in this matter preventing you from taking any action which would negatively impact the current financial status of either party. SEE Supplemental Probate Court Rule 411.
You are hereby summoned and required to serve upon: Thuytien Thi Pham, 5 Burrill Terrace, Winthrop, MA 02152 your answer, if any, on or before 03/12/2020. 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 16, 2020
Felix D. Arroyo
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