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## UCLA dean ‘rises to top’ as UMass Boston chancellor pick

By CHRIS LISINSKI  
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A search committee last week named Marcelo Suarez-Orozco, a dean at the University of California Los Angeles, as its lone finalist for the University of Massachusetts Boston chancellorship after months of searching and interviews with 11 potential candidates.

The 21-member committee

voted unanimously to recommend Suarez-Orozco as the best fit for the job, describing him as a top-tier candidate who is dedicated to the school’s urban mission.

Four potential finalists had been in the running, but three of them — including interim chancellor Katherine Newman — took themselves out of contention over the previous weekend, according to the UMass president’s office.



Marcelo Suarez-Orozco  
“Dedicated to the school’s urban mission”

Norm Peters, the search committee’s chair, said Suarez-Orozco was the only candidate who “truly rises to the top.”

He added: “This candidate reflects a new day for UMass Boston and I feel wholeheartedly that he will be a transformational figure that can connect with every student, and not only every student, but with the dreams of every child that looks like a lot of people in this city and throughout the

commonwealth that depend on UMass,” committee member and former state Rep. Jeffrey Sanchez said during the meeting.

Suarez-Orozco participated in a campus visit at UMass Boston on Friday, where he met faculty, staff, and other community members. UMass President Marty Meehan now must make a recommendation to the system’s Board of  
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Meeting attendees gathered for a look at the mock-up of plans for space at Franklin Park.  
Katie Trojano photo

## Franklin Park master plan meeting attracts a full house

By KATIE TROJANO  
REPORTER STAFF

More than 100 people packed into the Devine Memorial Golf Clubhouse at Franklin Park last Thursday evening for the launch of a city-led master planning effort aimed at creating a vision for Boston’s largest public space.

After the sale of the Winthrop Square garage, Mayor Martin Walsh last year committed \$28 million to the revitalization of Franklin Park. In preparation for this new round of investment,

Boston’s Parks and Recreation Department is spearheading the master planning process, which is expected to last about 18 months.

The city will partner with a large team of landscape architects, planners, ecologists, and community engagement experts to gather input during a community-driven process.

The goal, they say, is to understand previous planning efforts, home in on what is and isn’t working in the park, and look at the best

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## Bayside developer credits community for help on project Savin Hill parking limits set

By KATIE TROJANO  
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Saying that the direction for the rehabilitation of the former Bayside Expo site has been guided in part by meetings last fall with four Dorchester civic groups, the co-founder and CEO of Accordia Partners, which will be redeveloping the site, told members of the Columbia-Savin Hill Civic Association on Monday night that his team and its consultants now understand better what neighbors have in mind for the 20-acre waterfront site.

“We wanted to spend a decent amount of time just listening, hearing what people thought about the site and some of its challenges,” said Richard Galvin. “I thought the charrettes were very helpful and we got all kinds of different views for uses. For us, it has started to evolve into this compilation of parks and open spaces where things might go, etc. ... We kind of started to hitch our wagon to some development themes.”

Noting that the Accordia  
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Resident parking restrictions will begin this month on select streets in Savin Hill’s “Over the Bridge” section. The new program follows a Boston Transportation Department (BTD) review and two city-sponsored community engagement meetings last year.

Restrictions will be implemented Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Savin Hill Avenue, Grampian Way, Southview Street, Evandale Terrace, Wave Avenue, and Hubbartson Road. Visitor parking will be dispersed throughout the area and private ways are not eligible for signage.

Once the new signage is installed, a two-week grace period will be granted before BTD begins issuing tickets.

For more information visit: [boston.gov/transportation/resident-parking-permits](http://boston.gov/transportation/resident-parking-permits).

— KATIE TROJANO

## Opening of eatery in Fields Corner rooted in ‘divine’ pact, says owner

By DANIEL SHEEHAN  
REPORTER STAFF

Anthony Caldwell has been stabbed five times, shot once, and pronounced dead twice. He has been incarcerated multiple times, the last of which was a four-year stretch in prison.

In an interview with the Reporter last week, the 51-year-old Caldwell spoke frankly about his current reality: “I shouldn’t be here,” he said.

But in spite of those experiences — and perhaps because of them, he noted — Caldwell was days away from realizing his dream as owner and executive chef of his own restaurant: 50 Kitchen, a Southern American/Asian fusion eatery on Dorchester Avenue in the heart of Fields Corner.

“This may seem bizarre,” he said, “but I’m so glad I went to prison. If it was not for that, where would I be?”

Born and raised in Dorchester, Caldwell often found himself on the streets and selling drugs for a living from the age of 13. But while in prison in 2004, he learned how to cook and discovered in himself a passion for the culinary arts.

“I saw this chopped parsley sprinkled on a plate and I freaked out,” he recalled. “I couldn’t believe how just one thing could change the whole plate.”

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Anthony Caldwell at the front steps of his dream.  
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DOT BY THE DAY

Feb. 8 - 29, 2020

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

**Saturday (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.

• Geiger Gibson Community Health Center offers free dental services to children ages 1-17 during the Give Kids A Smile event from 8 a.m. - 12 p.m. by appointment only and will include dental exams, cleanings, fluoride treatments, and sealants. Parents and caregivers 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 St., Dorchester and is part of Harbor Health.

**Sunday (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 (19th)** — 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 (20th)** – 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](http://cityofboston.gov/parks).

**Saturday (29th)** – 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 Hallet St. Dorchester. Admission is \$10 at the door. For more information or to purchase tickets for the cash drawing, please contact Elisa Birdseye at [jimmyscholarship@gmail.com](mailto:jimmyscholarship@gmail.com).

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A UMass Boston student has coronavirus, says DPH; just back from China visit

By Reporter Staff

The state Department of Public Health (DPH) and UMass Boston reported on Saturday that a student at the university who recently returned from Wuhan, China, is the first Massachusetts resident to be diagnosed with the coronavirus.

The DPH reported that the student, a man in his 20s, came back from Wuhan and, after feeling ill, immediately contacted a doctor. He “has been isolated since that time and will continue to remain isolated until cleared by public health officials,” the agency said in a statement.

The department added that “his few close contacts have been identified and are being monitored for any sign of symptoms.”

Meanwhile, the DPH

Coronavirus update is focus of Beacon Hill meeting. Page 13

reported that as of Jan. 25, the state has seen 4,000 “laboratory confirmed” cases of the flu this season, which is only a small fraction of the likely total cases since most people who show up at their doctor or ER with flu-like symptoms do not have lab testing done to confirm their cases.

In a memo to the UMass Boston community, interim Chancellor Katherine Newman said that because the new strain of the coronavirus is spread similarly to the flu — and can have similar symptoms — people should take the same precautions they might with the flu:

Wash hands often with soap and water or

use alcohol-based hand sanitizers, avoid touching one’s eyes, nose and mouth, avoid close contact with sick people, and don’t share eating utensils, water bottles, e-cigarettes and makeup with others.

Newman added that anybody who goes to and returns from an affected area should immediately contact a doctor should they develop respiratory symptoms or a fever within 14 days of their return.

“I want to remind everyone that all members of our community are valued and respected,” said Newman. On occasions like this, it is possible for fear to get the better of any of us. Let’s remember that viruses are no one’s fault and anyone can find themselves ill.”



Floor & Décor lays out its plans for Morrissey site

By Katie Trojano Reporter Staff

The Boston Planning and Development Agency (BPDA) hosted a meeting last week to hear the latest from representatives of the retail chain Floor & Décor on its plans to open in a renovated building at 729 Morrissey Blvd., above. The high-profile location off Victory Road has been empty since National Wholesale Liquidators went out of business in 2018.

At the meeting, which attracted about a dozen people, inside WORK, Inc. on Beach Street in Clam Point, an attorney for Kimco Realty, which controls the site, said the

current plan is for the flooring store to open by late this year or early in 2021 after substantial renovations to the interior and facade of the existing building, and a reconfiguration of on-site parking.

“We are seeking a small project review with the BPDA which is why we are here today. We will also be seeking a conditional use permit with the Zoning Board of Appeal (ZBA), and variances with respect to the number of parking spaces and certain screening requirements,” said William Squires, an attorney at Hickney, Allen & Snyder LLP.

The property is zoned

as a neighborhood shopping district, requiring that a retail business operate out of the space. Kimco Realty purchased the property, which they are now calling Morrissey Plaza, in April 2014.

Vanessa Massell, development manager for Centerpoint and consultant to Floor & Decor, said the store would employ roughly 45-50 people, with local applicants given priority. About 30 of them would be hired full-time.

As the meeting came to a close there were a few general questions from attendees, but no strong voices arguing against the project.

Police & Courts

**Man arrested after car-jacking, assault near Franklin Field** – A Lawrence man is facing a litany of charges, after he and two accomplices who remain at large reportedly went on crime spree over several blocks near Franklin Field in Dorchester on Sunday night. Boston Police gave the following account of what happened:

Edward Delossantos, 41, and two other men accosted a man who was about to enter his SUV near Arbutus Street and Irma Road around 8:30 p.m. The men demanded money from the victim at gunpoint, then pistol-whipped and stabbed him. The victim stated he attempted to flee the back seat of the vehicle, at which point the suspect fired one gunshot. He was successful in exiting his vehicle before the suspects fled the scene in the victim’s SUV.

Delossantos and his accomplices sped down Callender Street the wrong way, striking another car head-on. The driver of that vehicle said that when he exited his damaged car, one of the men in the stolen SUV pointed a gun at him and “pressed the firearm” into his abdomen before fleeing as police officers approached.

Delossantos was apprehended by police on Carlos Street, where one of the victims was seen chasing him. Police say they recovered a gun and knife in bushes on Callender Street while “retracing his path of flight.” He was arraigned in Dorchester Municipal Court on Monday.

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Police made two arrests in the last week for illegal gun possession. On Jan. 29, police arrested 26-year-old Aloisio Monteiro of Stoughton at the Savin Hill MBTA station around 11 p.m. A search of his vehicle uncovered crack cocaine and a loaded .38 revolver.

On Feb. 3, police arrested a 17-year-old juvenile on Greenwood Street after he ran from them. The suspect is alleged to have tossed a 9mm Luger while attempting to flee.

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**Florian event celebrates Henry Richard, benefits Team MR8** — Join the Martin Richard Foundation in a celebration of Henry Richard’s 18th birthday on Sat., Feb. 8 at Florian Hall with the Fenian Sons and DJ Dave Solimine. All proceeds benefit Team MR8 and the fundraising efforts of Mairead Baker, Sean O’Brien and Henry Richard. The 2020 Boston Marathon will be the first marathon for all three teammates - help them #RunForMore as they wear Martin’s #8 on race day.

**President’s Day week events at JFK Library** — The John F. Kennedy Presidential Library and Museum will offer several family-oriented activities and programs throughout Presidents’ Day week, including its signature Presidents’ Day Family Festival on February 17 featuring presidential storytelling, activities and performances. In honor of the 100th anniversary of the ratification of the 19th Amendment, the Festival will highlight presentations by actors portraying Sojourner Truth and Lucretia Mott. A Celebrate! series presentation of Tales from African Traditions by Valerie Tutson will take place on February 19, and family-friendly Highlights Tours will be offered throughout the week. This year, the Family Festival will also host a special unveiling presentation of the Official 2020 White House Christmas Ornament honoring President John F. Kennedy. The ornament will be unveiled in partnership with the White

House Historical Association at 3:30 p.m. on February 17. In celebration of Presidents’ Day week, the JFK Library will reveal a special buzzword on its Facebook and Twitter pages. Visitors who provide the buzzword upon admission during the week of February 15-23, 2020 will receive \$2 off admission prices. For more information, call 866-JFK-1960 or visit [jfklibrary.org](http://jfklibrary.org).

**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](http://dorchesterlittleleague.org) or [dorchesterbaberuth.org](http://dorchesterbaberuth.org). Financial assistance available upon request.



**Franklin Park Zoo hosts fundraiser for animals in Australia** — In response to the catastrophic bushfires in Australia, Zoo New England will host All for Australia on Thurs., Feb. 13 at 6 p.m., an evening ticketed fundraiser inside Franklin Park

Zoo’s Tropical Forest Pavilion. All event proceeds will benefit Zoos Victoria’s Bushfire Emergency Wildlife Fund, which is supporting the critical care and long-term recovery of Australian wildlife. Tickets are \$30 and include hors d’oeuvres, animal encounters, and musical performances by The Bag Family Band. Franklin Park Zoo is home to a number of animals native to Australia including red kangaroo, emu, Gouldian finch, black swan, tawny frogmouth, laughing kookaburra, Australian walking stick, blue-tongued skink, sulphur crested cockatoo, budgerigar, palm cockatoo, and more. To get tickets, go to [zooneewengland.org/engage/all-for-australia/](http://zooneewengland.org/engage/all-for-australia/).

**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 [pattiashamont@gmail.com](mailto:pattiashamont@gmail.com).

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# House bill targets discrimination focused on natural hairstyles

By CHRIS VAN BUSKIRK  
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Boston City Council President Kim Janey said the first time her great aunt straightened her hair was in 1968 when she was a three-year-old flower girl at a wedding. Her father was livid, she said, as the new hairdo was a rejection of black pride in his eyes.

"This was my first introduction to the debate on black girls and women and how we should wear our hair," Janey said during a Joint Committee on the Judiciary hearing on Jan. 28. "This tension between natural hair that is free from chemical relaxers versus hairstyles that affirm our blackness."

Janey, Councillor Lydia Edwards, Rep. Steven Ultrino (D-Malden) and other advocates were at



Kim Janey

the hearing to lobby for a proposal (H 4295) that would prohibit discrimination based on natural hairstyles. Ultrino, the lead sponsor of the bill, said he doesn't file legislation unless it addresses a topic that could be detrimental to his constituents.

"Two of the students in my district, black students, were told that their hairstyles violated the school's dress code and they were treated unfairly because they refused to comply with this policy," Ultrino said.

"Though the school has changed its policy per the direction of the attorney general, this form of discrimination is still pervasive across many aspects in business and in schools."

A series of states have passed legislation banning hair discrimination in one form or fashion. California took the lead on July 3, 2019, and New York followed suit several days later. New Jersey passed a law in December.

The Massachusetts bill states that natural hairstyles are physical traits "central to individual dignity, autonomy, and personhood," and targeting an individual's natural hair and hairstyle connected to their race would be racial discrimination, under the bill. Prejudice toward African American

students, employees, and individuals participating in public accommodations as a result of their hair texture and nature in which it grows and is styled would be illegal discrimination, the bill states.

Examples include a public or private school that prohibits "locs or braids," and prevents black student-athletes from participating in competition because hair is below their shoulders "but allows white student-athletes with long hair to tie it up," according to the bill. The legislation also includes a clause allowing the attorney general to pursue a civil action for "injunctive or other appropriate equitable relief in order to protect the exercise of rights secured in this act."

The creation of the bill stems from incidents constituents brought up to Ultrino including a months-long dispute in May 2017 between the Cook family of Malden and Mystic Valley Regional Charter School.

Aaron and Deanna Cook said their daughters went to school with box braids, which at the time were against school uniform and dress code policies. They received daily detentions and uniform infractions for their hairstyles.

Aaron said he thought a simple meeting would fix the issue but instead he and his wife were "completely stonewalled" by the school. Attorney General Maura Healey eventually sent a letter in May 2017 to the school asking them cease enforcing or imposing discipline

for violation of the uniform and dress code.

The legislation, Aaron said, helps break down the barrier for African American people so communities don't have to fight a discriminatory view of hair.

"Our children were presented with a choice: Conform to the discriminatory policy and don't make any waves about it, or fight for what we as a family felt was right and just and ensure that the policy was changed," Aaron said during last Tuesday's hearing. "It is that imperative workplaces and schools are educated and informed about natural hairstyles, and the adverse impact that discrimination has against people choosing to wear their hair natural and protected."

## Essaibi-George lays out education policy agenda

By KATIE TROJANO  
REPORTER STAFF

Seeking to outline her BPS education policy agenda, City Councillor Annissa Essaibi-George last week introduced a series of ten hearing orders, including six re-filed from last year when she chaired the council's Education Committee.

"As a BPS parent and the only BPS teacher on

the council, advocating for BPS students, teachers, and families continues to be my top priority," Essaibi-George said in a statement released by her office. "By calling for public hearings on these topics, this legislative package seeks to hold BPS accountable to their mission of transparency and community engagement."

Among the re-filed orders were one focused on the BuildBPS planning process and another analyzing the governance structure of the school committee.

She also wants a hearing to present a mid-year audit of the BPS transportation system and budget, which she says are often "chaos inducing," especially at the

start of each school year.

At-large Councillor Michael Flaherty echoed the importance of a hearing to focus on efficiency of transportation costs, saying, "These are very precious funds that would be better used in the classroom. The time has come to look at this. Transportation costs have spun out of control."

In other areas, Essaibi-

George, who says "we need to identify system improvements," wants to evaluate school safety and security, develop a funding and admissions policy for Madison Park Tech, establish a City Council Youth Council, and take up issues like the BPS staffing of mental health and social emotional support specialists.

In addition to ensuring



Annissa Essaibi-George transparency with the planning process, the latest draft of the BuildBPS hearing order joins with District 6 Councillor O'Malley in emphasizing achieving the goal of zero net carbon for all public schools.

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# Franklin Park master plan meeting attracts a full house

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ways to create connectivity to surrounding neighborhoods.

“There are tons of questions that we’d like to have answered in this process,” explained Ryan Woods, commissioner of Boston Parks and Recreation. “Tonight is a science fair approach. You’re able to go around and engage with the design team and the staff of Boston Parks to give your feedback. We want to hear what you like, what you don’t like, what you want to see programmed, what positive activations do you want to see in the park.”

The city recently completed a six-year, \$7.25 million project to improve pathways and entrances in Franklin Park, the largest investment in the park since the clubhouse was opened in 1998.

As part of the new planning process, the team will host community workshops as well as interactive, on-site pop-up activities, surveys, and conversations with the park’s neighbors.

Woods said that that survey will be open for public input through the end of March, and that the deadline could be extended if needed.

Liza Meyer, the chief landscape architect for the Parks and Rec team, said that the agency is collaborating with 14 additional consulting teams in the planning process, including MASS Design Group.

“We didn’t come into this master plan process with any preconceived notions about



what we’re doing,” said Lauren Bryant, project manager of the master planning effort. “There’s been a lot of talk on social media about things we’ve already decided to do or not do. None of that’s true. We’re here to listen and hear your ideas.”

Bryant added: “Over decades we’ve done a lot of planning in Franklin Park and we’ve asked for a lot of input in a lot of different ways— through master plans, Imagine Boston 2030— and what came out of that is this master plan that we’re doing and we actually have capital money behind it, so we will be able to do capital investments from this money,” Bryant added.

“We’re finally at the point where we can actually implement things,” she said. “We’re taking all of this information from past planning, but also understanding that things



Attendees packed the clubhouse at Franklin Park golf course last week for the launch of a city-led master planning process for the city’s largest park.  
*Katie Trojano photos*

have changed, so we want to talk to everyone now and look at things holistically. This is the kick-off, and we’re really excited that so many people are here.”

Franklin Park is well used. It is the home of the William Devine Golf Course, the historic Bear Cages, Scarborough Pond, a renowned cross-country running course, the Franklin Park Zoo, White Stadium, playgrounds, miles of trails, and acres of woods and playing fields. It touches on the borders of Dorchester, Mattapan, Roxbury, Jamaica Plain, and Roslindale. Additionally, it has significant historical importance: It was designed by Fredrick Law Olmsted and commissioned in the 1890s to provide city residents more green space in a time of increasing urban density.



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# Jazz concert in Ashmont will feature hip-hop infused duo

By DANIEL SHEEHAN  
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Next week’s edition of the Dot Jazz Series (Thurs., Feb.13, 7:30 p.m. at Peabody Hall in All Saints Church) will celebrate the release of jazz guitarist Eric Hofbauer’s newest body of work, “Book of Fire,” the second album in a five-part series inspired by the five elements according to ancient Chinese Wu Xing philosophy: wood, fire, earth, metal, and water.

The first iteration of the series, “Book of Water,” which was released last year, drew inspiration from a Ralph Waldo Emerson poem entitled “Water” in that each “chapter” in the book took its name from a line of the poem. This time around, Hofbauer says, he drew another literary connection between fire and another of his favorite writers: James Baldwin, author of the seminal work “The Fire Next Time.”

Baldwin’s voice features prominently on Hofbauer’s project, which mixes recordings of the literary giant with elements of acoustic guitar, drum machine, and sampler played by Hofbauer as well as upright bass and turntables played by the second half of the duo, Anthony Leva. The result is a collection of original, acoustic/electronic multimedia compositions constructed around Baldwin’s sociopolitical musings.

“Book of Water is built around the contemporary issue of climate change. “I wanted to integrate [Baldwin’s] text and the language of his speech to talk about racial inequality, and it had the end effect of creating this multi-layered subtext of narratives,” explained Hofbauer, who said the project required a good deal of research, first diving into the history of Wu Xing, then combing through Baldwin’s audio archives.

“The source material inspiration was “The Fire Next Time,” but there’s not many examples of him reading from that. So I did a deep dive through all the recorded interviews and speeches



Eric Hofbauer adds a chapter to his “ Book of ...” series on the basic elements.

of his to try to find the type of messaging that was appropriate, that fit talking about his whole dynamic of systemic oppressions and inequality.

“He’s just so eloquent in addressing these issues. A lot of his quotes in the ‘50s and ‘60s are dealing with black and white folks in America, but now globally we’re also dealing with things like migration, xenophobia, spikes in anti-Semitism...His words are timeless, and they can be applied now just as they were in those times.”

Just as fire contrasts with water, the electronic atmosphere of “Book of Fire” marks a sonic departure from “Book of Water,” which Hofbauer recorded with a jazz sextet. The new project also forced Hofbauer, a primarily acoustic performer, to step outside his comfort zone.

“I hadn’t ever really done anything like that; I was mainly a very acoustic jazz guitarist, and

always in the acoustic instrument world. But at same time, I’ve been a giant hip hop and rock fan since I was a teenager, so it was always in the roots of what I’m passionate about in music. For the last few years I wanted to find a way to merge those loves,” he said.

Yet, Hofbauer said, he wouldn’t go so far as to describe his playing, or his compositions, in terms of those other genres.

“At the end of the day, I’m still a jazz musician,” he said. “I didn’t go into it saying I’m a hip hop producer or anything like that; I’m not. Tony, too, is using the turntable like a jazz musician; he comps for me, he just uses samples instead of an instrument. The language I’m using is still jazz. The tools are from hip hop, but I’m still using them like a jazz musician.”

Hofbauer pointed out that Baldwin’s voice, with its rhythmic and melodic qualities, also functions as an instrument in his compositions.

“He’s talking off the cuff and has a phrasing and a rhythm... He speaks with these dramatic pauses – purposeful, meaningful spaces where you can hear him in the silence writing and editing. He’s almost speaking like a drummer, leaving spaces.”

When Hofbauer and Leva take the stage at Peabody Hall, it will mark only the second time the duo has performed the album live. Hofbauer said the audience should expect the same organic, real-time expression they would hear at any jazz performance.

“Even though we’re going to play the whole album, within each section there’s room for everything to be fresh and new,” he said. “Live is going to be a totally different experience than the album.”

*Hofbauer and Leva will perform Book of Fire at All Saints’ Peabody Hall on Thurs., Feb. 13 at 7:30 p.m. Doors open at 7. Tickets are \$15 and are available at the door or online at [greaterashmont.org](http://greaterashmont.org). Those under 18 admitted free.*

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# Collins-Gousby to lead Jane Doe's board

Deborah Collins-Gousby, the Chief Operating Officer at Dorchester's Brookview House, has been appointed president of the Board of Directors for Jane Doe, Inc., a membership coalition committed to ending sexual assault and domestic violence. Collins-Gousby assumes this role after serving for three years as President Elect of the JDI board and more than 20 years of involvement with the organization overall.

"The entire team at Brookview is deeply proud of the work our COO is doing with Jane Doe," said Deborah Hughes, president and CEO of Brookview. "Deb has been a long-time

advocate for survivors of domestic violence and has a wealth of experience in prevention and intervention services along with community outreach and education."

Each year, Brookview provides 370 women and children experiencing homelessness with a safe, supportive environment in which to live and acquire and practice skills to pursue education, job training and employment in order to achieve long-term stability and economic independence. At-risk women and children who live in the community are also invited to participate in Brookview's programs. Recognized nationally for its successful model, 92 percent of mothers who have lived at Brookview maintain permanent housing after leaving, and 88 percent of the children who participate in Brookview's Youth Development Program graduate high school, compared to the national average of only 25 percent.

Prior to Brookview, Collins-Gousby spent nearly thirteen years at Casa Myrna, a comprehensive provider of domestic violence services, starting as Director of Emergency Programs and eventually assuming responsibility for all of the agency's direct service programs. Earlier on, she worked for fourteen years at the



Deborah Collins-Gousby

Elizabeth Stone House, another Boston provider of shelter and community-based services to domestic violence survivors and their children. In addition to her role on the JDI Board, Collins-Gousby also serves as a member of the Leadership Committee of the Massachusetts Women of Color Network (MA-WOCN).

Kate Davis of East Boston, the City of Boston's new director of the Office of Tourism, Sports and Entertainment, plans to work with tourism industry leaders, sports teams based in Boston and New England, and other businesses, non-profits and organizations to bring more national and international visitors to the city.



Kate Davis

Davis, whose appointment was announced on Monday, previously worked in the office as director of finance, overseeing budgets in connection with events such as Donna Summer Disco, Country in the City, Hub on Wheels, Boston Social Fitness Fest and the Red Sox and Patriots championship parades.

Davis also previously worked at the Getty Center in Los Angeles, in the hospitality industry on Nantucket, and working for the British travelbook series Rough Guides. She has lived in Italy, Belgium, Turkey, Nantucket, Los Angeles, and New York.

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# Dot's Chéry Sen. Markey's guest at State of Union address

Clementina "Tina" Chéry of Dorchester, who founded the Dorchester-based Louis D. Brown Peace Institute in 1994 after the murder of her fifteen-year-old son Louis, attended the State of the Union Address in the capitol this week at the invitation of US Sen. Edward Markey.

An internationally recognized expert in the field of homicide response who has served families of murder victims for more than two decades "is a teacher, a



Tina Chéry

healer, a change agent, and one of our greatest forces for breaking the cycle of violence in Massachusetts and throughout the country," said Markey.

"She is leading a movement for peace and justice for survivors of homicide and other forms of violence, and giving them dignity in their hours of most need. While our neighborhood streets suffer from the scourge of gun violence, Tina Chéry wages peace."

Said Chéry: "This invitation is more than a personal honor, it is a recognition of the work that the Peace Institute does to transform society's response to homicide and support those who experience murder, trauma, grief, and loss. I will be attending the speech on behalf of all those working to address the root causes of violence to make our communities safer, and on behalf of all survivors of homicide victims."



Briana Pugliese

Briana Pugliese of Dorchester is a member of the Assumption College's inaugural women's ice hockey team, one of the three new teams formed under the Blue & White Sports program. Pugliese is a junior.

"In addition to providing a quality education to its students, Assumption offers first-class athletic programs, which has enabled us to not only establish a Women's Ice Hockey program, but also recruit high-caliber student-athletes," said Head Coach Jack Sweeney, a seasoned hockey professional with more than 24 years of experience, including serving as a member of the USA Hockey national junior council. "The group of student-athletes we have for our inaugural season are leaders on the ice and in the classroom, and are helping lay the foundation for a strong and competitive program."

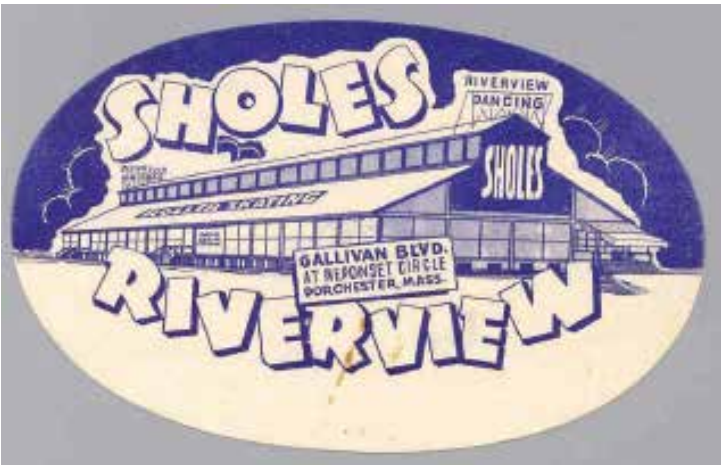
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### DORCHESTER HISTORICAL SOCIETY

On April 30, 1932, the Winter Garden organization opened the Winter Garden Rollerway at 725 Gallivan Boulevard, located approximately where the Expressway off-ramp is now located between Staples and the gas station at Hallet Street – maybe set as far back as the Expressway itself. Every summer beginning in June, 1933, the roller skating activity moved to Nantasket to allow the use of the facility in Dorchester as the Riverview Ballroom where many traveling name bands performed, including Rudy Vallee, Fred Waring, Isham Jones, Cab Calloway, Larry Clinton, Gene Krupa, Fats Waller, Ina Ray Hutton, Tommy Dorsey and many others.

Note, however, that "jitterbugging" was never permitted at Riverview, while the Old Time Dance Tempo of Ed Andrews caught on and became popular with dancers of all ages.

The Rollerway, which was managed by Fred and Lou Freeman, celebrated its 10th anniversary in 1942 with the



Winter Garden Rollerway and Riverview Ballroom

publication of a booklet with photographs of many of the personnel of the organization as well as many of the skaters. The Winter Garden Tatler was published there until 1936 when its name changed to Roller Skater's World Tatler. By 1942, the publication had a weekly circulation of 7,500, with demand coming from all over the country. Here is a selection of comments received about this facility:

**From Susan Liss:** "I skated at the Chez Vous skating ring every day after school. I

belonged to the skating club from there. Dick Dontrimont (sp?) was our teacher. I have a lot of fond memories from that time. I still have my gold skate key that I got after taking a test to complete my program. The judges were all over the rink; it was some very happy times.

**From Ronald Santucci:** "The Sholes rink at Neponset was located where Staples is now. Across the street where Bickford's presently is was Linda's Fried Chicken. That's where we

went after skating (if we were fortunate enough to have the extra 15 cents) to get an ice cream. I used to skate there in 1955-56. The organist's name was Harry Garafola. I grew up in Dorchester, and South Boston... and I not only skated at Sholes, but also at Chez-Vous on Rhoades St. Back then between the side entrance of the Morton Theatre and the auto parts store (which used to be a car dealership), there was an old wooden fence which had a hole in it, and we used to cut through to get to the diner (which was where the doughnut store is now). The last that I heard, Sam Sholes was living in Florida, but I don't know if he's still alive. It's a pity that the young people have lost interest in the sport, and opted for video games. Trying to keep a certain culture is like trying to stop the tide.

...

"As a young lad back then, with no car or license, I didn't have occasion to go near the Lincoln-Mercury property. I used to arrive via trackless

trolley at Neponset Ave. and Gallivan Blvd. and walk to the rink. The drive-in was there, along with the Keystone Camera Company, as well as, of course, the rink. Rayco auto seat covers was next to the car wash at the circle. I don't remember how long the car wash has been there. There really wasn't a lot on Gallivan Blvd. in those days. Don't forget: The expressway wasn't even there in 1956. Building the highway was supposedly the reason that they destroyed the rink. Hope this helps."

The archive of these historical posts can be viewed on the blog at [dorchesterhistorical-society.org](http://dorchesterhistorical-society.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.



# UMass Boston poised for new leadership

Marcelo Suarez-Orozco is the consensus choice to lead UMass Boston’s Dorchester campus into the new decade. A committee of 21 men and women (including my wife, former state Sen. Linda Dorcena Forry) considered 374 prospective candidates for the position over the last five months. In the end, instead of passing along the names of a few finalists, the committee landed on just one name: Suarez-Orozco, a 63-year-old with roots in Argentina who is currently the dean of UCLA’s Graduate School of Education & Information Services.

So far, Suarez-Orozco’s selection has not unleashed the harsh critique that greeted three finalists during the last UMass attempt to find a permanent successor to Keith Motley, who was forced to leave the chancellor’s post in 2017 amid a financial crisis that the university system blamed — unfairly, in the view of this space— too squarely on Motley and his leadership team at the Dorchester campus.

In the three years that have passed, two interim leaders have taken turns leading the campus: Barry Mills and Katherine Newman. Each was installed by UMass President Marty Meehan in hopes of giving the campus a steady hand until a permanent chancellor could be found. Newman, in fact, was herself a candidate for the permanent post until early last week when she removed herself from contention.

What else has changed in the interim on the Dorchester campus? Plenty.

For starters, several of the major projects initiated under Motley have sprung from their construction cocoons to reveal a modern waterfront campus, including the first-ever student dorm rooms— another Motley-era breakthrough that proved elusive for earlier leaders. Most notably, another maneuver engineered on Motley’s watch— the 2010 acquisition of the Bayside Expo Center land at Columbia Point’s jugular for \$18.7 million— has since been “flipped” into what could amount to \$220 million-plus for the campus through a 99-year lease to Accordia (see story on Page One.)

Motley wasn’t the only person at the controls on that deal; but it’s hard to square the negative portrayal of Motley’s financial acumen with the Midas-like return on that investment. Suarez-Orozco— if installed as expected— will be fortunate to have come along at a time in which UMass is poised for an infusion of Bayside dollars that his predecessors could barely dream of.

What will he do with it? Early signs are promising, according to those who were there for his first visit to campus last Friday. He is described as a “forceful speaker” with a sharp wit and a backstory that suggests an affinity for the UMass Boston student that has long formed the identity of the Dorchester campus: young men and women many from immigrant backgrounds with limited means who are willing to work hard to advance their prospects.

Suarez-Orozco came to Los Angeles at age 17 to live with family friends, part of his mother’s plan to protect him from a menacing military junta. Such a profile — and an empathetic streak for young men and women who understand the hustle it takes to advance in a competitive city like ours— is a promising one.

Suarez-Orozco will no doubt find himself with a learning curve and nagging town-gown matters to navigate, as any new leader in this town will invariably encounter. But he should know that good will does exist here. UMass Boston and the communities that surround it have long been bonded by shared interest and common stories. We wish him well as he begins his efforts.

– Bill Forry

# Okay, UMass Boston, let’s seize the day

By MARTY MEEHAN

Now that the UMass Boston Chancellor Search Committee has selected a finalist and the process moves forward, we inevitably look to the future and think about the UMass Boston that can, and will, be.

As we look ahead, I also recall the vision of founding chancellor John W. Ryan, who in UMass Boston’s early days said the campus was established “to bring to realization the will of the Commonwealth that Boston shall have a great, public, urban University.”

Those were different days, and it was a distinctly different UMass Boston that opened its doors in 1965 – 1,240 undergraduate students coming to class in makeshift quarters in Boston’s Park Square. Now, more than five decades later, 16,000 undergraduate and graduate students are enrolled at this major public research university that conducts \$60 million in research annually in areas ranging from cancer therapy, climate change, and eliminating health disparities to creating better lives for people whose disabilities leave them vulnerable to marginalization.

While so much has changed, the desire to be the “great, public, urban University” that former Chancellor Ryan envisioned at UMass Boston’s first convocation remains undiminished.

UMass Boston is typically described as the UMass system’s “urban public university,” and that’s a phrase that has deep meaning for me—because UMass Lowell, an urban public, transformed my life and the lives of many of my family members and friends. So, UMB’s mission is one that I understand and embrace.

When I am at UMass Boston, I see a campus that has been physically transformed, I see faculty and staff of fierce dedication, and I see a diverse student body that is a model for a new and better America. I see a university that has produced more than 65,000 graduates who live and work in Massachusetts and help to drive our innovation economy. I see a UMass Boston that deserves our full support and is poised to climb higher.

Appropriately, UMass Boston stands at the shore and sees the sun rise over Dorchester Bay, heralding the promise of a new day. From the campus, you can look north to the docks of Boston Harbor, where newcomers to this country once arrived in large numbers, and to Logan Airport, where those who believe in the American Dream still come today. As was the case in 1965, it remains today: UMass Boston stands for opportunity for all— and I’m very proud of its mission and many accomplishments.

Without question, UMass Boston has had to deal with more than its share of challenges and bad breaks over the years, but I firmly believe that the campus and its next chancellor are going to be able to seize opportunities and sail with favorable winds in the

years ahead. With astute leadership and with the support it deserves, UMB can achieve the level of success so many have worked for over the past half century.

Why?

As was announced last year, the university is leasing its nearby Bayside property for a development project that could generate as much as \$235 million in revenue for UMB and provide many other benefits for the campus and region.

Additionally, the university recently announced that it is seeking proposals that could lead to the development of the former harbor pumping station. Ideally, this could bring about a public-private partnership that would generate more revenue for UMass Boston, provide the campus with space for an admissions center or events complex, and also function as UMB’s “front door.”

UMass Boston is now enjoying the full benefit of new facilities that opened in recent years, including the Integrated Sciences Complex, the University Hall academic building, the new campus garage, its first-ever dormitories, new roadways, and an upgraded IT infrastructure.

UMB increasingly is making more substantial use of the many advantages that flow from its superb waterfront location and proximity to Boston – one of the nation’s top cultural, innovation, health care, business, and entertainment centers.

In addition to the significant rebuilding that has occurred on campus and what we will see at Bayside and could see at the Pump House—the campus will benefit from the major development boom occurring nearby. The former Boston Globe headquarters is being transformed into an innovation and office complex, and other projects are emerging along Morrissey Boulevard. Just a little farther from campus, the Mary Ellen McCormack public housing complex is being converted into a much larger mixed-income community. Additionally, these and other ventures will likely lead to corresponding public works upgrades. Collectively, we are seeing a surge of development on an epic scale, one that is being driven by UMass Boston but will also benefit the campus immeasurably.

Finally, the students, faculty, and staff of UMass Boston – their spirit, commitment and dedication – make me certain that UMB can and will soar.

Truly outstanding candidates have stepped forward to seek the UMass Boston chancellorship, and that’s because the shining beacon of opportunity and education envisioned by all of UMass Boston’s founders is within our grasp. This is UMass Boston’s moment. Let’s seize it.

*Marty Meehan is president of the five-campus University of Massachusetts system.*

# A letter from Marco Island, Florida, where Stan’s Roadhouse is *the* place

By JAMES W. DOLAN  
REPORTER COLUMNIST

Thanks to a fortuitous connection, I’m spending much of the winter on Marco Island in Florida. After my wife died, I was fortunate enough to meet a lovely widow who just happens to own a home on the island, which is located on the west coast just below Naples and above the Everglades.

## Off the Bench

I never considered myself a Florida guy but have developed an appreciation for some of the things the sunshine state has to offer. If you can discount its politics, pretensions, gated communities, straight roads, flat terrain, summer heat, and hurricanes, it’s not that bad.

There’s a false rumor in Florida that the island was originally discovered by Marco Polo. It was discovered and named by Spanish explorers and rediscovered in the 1960s by the Mackle Brothers, who bought up most of the 24-square-mile island for development for \$7 million. They designed an intricate network of waterways so that most homes would be on a canal or a bay. The island now has a year-round population of about 18,000, which jumps to over 40,000 during the winter with the arrival of the snowbirds.

The island is a bit too idyllic for my tastes. I like a little grit and grime to remind me I’m from New England. Fortunately, there’s a honky-tonk roadhouse in a corner of the island called Goodland, which offers refuge from the glamour of Marco proper by providing a welcome, robust dose of reality to those fleeing serenity.

Located on a bayou, “Stan’s” is a legend, having been in operation at the same open location for decades. On weekends, all gather to drink, listen to the music, and dance. In motorcycles, boats, and Bentleys, they come from all over southwest Florida to join in an old fashioned hootenanny. Differences evaporate as folks celebrate what they have in common.

On weekends, there’s a band called “Hot Damn” that keeps the joint hopping with some of its popular hits like “I Just Don’t Look Good Naked Anymore” and “When She Drinks Tequila, Her Clothes Fall Off.” You won’t find that kind of music at Symphony Hall. There’s just enough grit there to make you forget for a while that you’re in Florida.

## STAN’S ROADHOUSE

On Marco Island Goodland stands, Known for its culture and a place called Stan’s Not part of the island, some folks say, But all agree, a great get-a-away. There on weekends, the place is alive. The locals all love that it’s a short drive. They gather for music, jokes, and a drink; A varied selection but what is the link?

For bikers and misfits, the rich and the poor, All come together of that I am sure. Honky-tonk music and dancin’s the draw. Enjoying a drink; no one uses a straw.

All sizes and shapes in outfits galore, Things you won’t likely buy in a store. Fancy it’s not: for that’s not its charm. Like hanging out in a comfortable barn.

At Stan’s they’re just folks, no status, no airs, No sofas, no cushions, just old wooden chairs. Leave that baggage at home if you must. For here is no place for the upper-crust.

All join in the merriment in the joint by the bay, Where folks are just people for part of the day. There’s a spirit of fun, frolic, and amity, As patrons enjoy their shared humanity.

*James W. Dolan is a retired Dorchester District Court judge who now practices law.*

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# Rarely used ‘red flag’ law called useful tool to police gun holders

By ALLY JARMANNING  
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When lawmakers in Massachusetts passed the so-called “red flag” law in July 2018, they touted it as a new and needed mechanism for family members to remove guns from someone in crisis. Supporters of the measure, formally known as the extreme risk protection order (ERPO) law, seldom talked about how it would affect law enforcement powers.

Nearly 18 months later, a review of more than two dozen of the 29 ERPO petitions filed through 2019 show that police appear to use the tool more than anyone — more than spouses, parents, romantic partners or any other close associates who the law allows to petition a judge to remove someone’s firearms.

Police chiefs have long been able to seize someone’s guns through other provisions of the state’s strong gun control laws, but with the red flag law, some officers said a litany of hurdles are cleared faster — allowing them to take guns and mitigate risks with less delay. Advocates for the law said that’s a good thing.

“That’s the hope,” bill sponsor Rep. Marjorie Decker said, “that moment when someone is in crisis, that there’s a much quicker way to assess the crisis and to remove somebody from their firearm.”

Before ERPO, police chiefs already could suspend or revoke someone’s gun license based on an “unsuitability” clause in the state’s firearms law. If the chief believed someone was “unsuitable” to possess a weapon because he or she was a risk to public safety, the chief could suspend that person’s license. But several police chiefs told WBUR that ERPO works faster than those older processes.

WBUR reviewed as many of the 29 petitions filed between July 2018 and Jan 1, 2020 as it could. (Four were impounded by the courts, shielded from public view.) Of the 25 petitions reviewed, 16 were granted for a least a year. Police filed 14 of the 25 petitions.

Under the law, a petitioner can ask a judge to remove guns immediately under an emergency order. If granted, there needs to be a hearing in front of a judge to extend the order within 10 days.

Walpole Police Chief John Carmichael, whose department filed one of the ERPO petitions, said that allows officers to help worried family members or gun owners they discover in distress.

“The police department could notify an on-duty judge and that judge can review the case and then issue the ERPO until the next court date,” Carmichael said. “You’re protecting public safety until that next court date. Making sure that person doesn’t have access to weapons.”

Many of the petitions painted a picture of people in crisis:

A woman in Taunton, who was already in a psychiatric hospital when the ERPO was filed, suffering from insomnia, depression, post-traumatic stress disorder, and suicidal thoughts. A Malden man police said was acting aggressive and angry, and asking officers about when he could legally shoot someone on his property. A Walpole man who told family members he was going to shoot himself.

Toby DaSilva is one of them. On July 31 last year, plagued by depression and anxiety, he decided he was going to end his life. He drove his car from his home in Middleborough to Boston, looking for a place to die. His Ruger pistol beside him was loaded with two bullets.

His family frantically called police, who tracked him to Boston Common. State troopers found him walking, unarmed, around the park. They put him in a police car, took his gun from his car, and brought him to Tufts Medical Center.

Nearly six months later, DaSilva said he believes police — and his family — saved his life by quickly taking his weapon away. He reflected on his thoughts about his 13-year-old son and what dying would have meant for him.

“I was in the hospital for three weeks, and I wasn’t able to see him,” DaSilva said. “That takes a toll on you when you don’t see your son for that long period of time. And if I actually went through with it, I would’ve never seen him. He would have never seen me.”

Now, DaSilva said, he’s medicated, seeing a therapist and has the support of his family. He’s working two jobs and sees his son regularly.

Police still have his gun. He was still hospitalized when the hearing to take his gun away for a year was held last August. He wants the pistol back because, he said, he’s doing the right things and feels better. But he worries about how the judge who will weigh whether to extend the petition past this August might perceive him.

“It’s up to the judge on what he thinks and how fit I am. But I’m kind of wary because when you see the word depression, he might take it as like, ‘Oh, he’s not capable of having it because of his depression or anxiety. He could go back to his old ways,’” he said. “Which I don’t think is true in my eyes.”

DaSilva’s case of avoided self-harm reflects one of the main concerns lawmakers wanted to address by passing ERPO. They also were focused on people who might be a threat to others.

That’s why Lakeville police showed up at Cynthia English’s house one afternoon in September 2018. After a months-long dispute with her next-door neighbors that included a harassment prevention order being filed against her, court records show police filed an ERPO against English based on a claim by one of the neighbors that she told them, “shut up, I’m packing.” English denied she said anything like that.

English, 68, ended up losing her firearms license and guns — a .38 Special revolver and Walther PPK pistol — for a year. When police showed up at her house, she said she felt defenseless and defeated.

“I felt like I was having a heart attack,” she said. “I couldn’t breathe. I was shaking and, unfortunately, I started crying. You can tell I’m not a crybaby.”

When the year-long suspension was up last September, English’s gun license had expired. She worried that police, who a year ago had said under oath that she was not safe to have weapons, would deem her “unsuitable” and refuse to sign off on her license.

Instead, Lt. Sean Joyce — the same officer who petitioned the court to take away English’s guns and license a year ago — signed the back of her firearms ID card. “It’s ironic,” she said. “Isn’t that what irony is? He’s the one who gave it back to me, and he acted like my best friend when he gave it back.” Lakeville’s current police chief, Matthew Perkins, declined to talk about the case. He was not the police chief when the ERPO was filed against English.

After her experience, English said she lost her faith in the justice system. She questions the quality of evidence presented in these ERPO petitions. Even in cases of suspected mental illness, she wonders, is it based just on the statements of one person? Is it a “he said, she said” situation, like how she views her own?

“I think I was really railroaded,” she said. “I think I was treated poorly. I was treated like a second-class citizen and there was no evidence to support what she said. And I just feel really wronged.”

Jim Wallace, of the Gun Owners Action League, said stories like English’s trouble him.

“The bottom line is it’s incumbent



Cynthia English reaches for her Smith and Wesson revolver on the dining room table.  
*Jesse Costa/WBUR photo*

upon us to make sure we protect people’s public safety,” he said. “But it’s also incumbent upon us to protect their civil rights and due process.”

For Wallace, the power police chiefs had to take away guns before the ERPO law makes him question whether the law was necessary.

“Police already had this authority,” he said. “We’ve never liked it, but it has existed for a long time that they can suspend a license for virtually no reason.”

Still, police leaders championed the benefits of ERPO, including its speed and efficiency in emergencies.

Malden police Capt. Glenn Cronin, whose department has filed three petitions, explained the ERPO fast tracks powers police previously had. Unlike having a chief revoke a license, an emergency ERPO petition can move through the court system at all hours of the night. In many cases, police were able to go into the person’s home and within hours seize the guns and license.

Cronin recalled the department’s most recent ERPO petition. A man was having what Cronin called an “epic meltdown.” The petition filed said he was behaving with “extreme aggression” and was “acting irate,” and that he asked officers about when it was legal to shoot someone on his property.

“We went in front of the judge and the judge issued it,” he said. “And we went right to the house ... We just felt as though we had to get these out of his hands, because at that point, he did not seem a suitable person to be carrying ... any type of weapon.”

Cronin said every time the department brings someone to the hospital for psychiatric reasons, officers check if that person owns guns.

“And if they do, we are definitely going with the extreme protection order for their own protection and maybe people that they live with,” he said.

Chiefs also noted that police sometimes essentially stand in for family members or others concerned about their loved one. Rather than sending a distraught person to the courthouse to fill out the petition, officers do it themselves.

“What law enforcement sometimes does, is we step in to take over that role and just take the burden off the family,” Carmichael, the Walpole police chief, said.

Court records show that ERPO isn’t always needed to get guns out of the house. In the 21 cases where an emergency ERPO was granted, weapons were only seized 14 times. That’s because the person either didn’t have weapons, or they’d already been taken through another means, such as a prior arrest or police encounter.

And Massachusetts’ infrequent use of the ERPO statute stands in stark contrast to many of the 16 other states with similar laws.

Oregon has seen 166 ERPO petitions filed in just under two years. Florida used it 2,000 times over a year-and-a-half. Connecticut was the first state to enact an ERPO law in 1999; a record 260 people had firearms seized in 2018.

Most of the 17 states that have red flag laws, like Massachusetts, allow family or household members to petition the courts. Three states, including Florida, only allow law enforcement to file, and Connecticut allows only police and prosecutors to seek ERPO.

Police chiefs and one of the law’s authors, state Rep. David Linsky, said there’s such a low number here because Massachusetts already has some of the most rigid gun laws in the country. In addition to the suitability clause, people can also have guns taken away as a condition of a restraining order.

The Giffords Law Center, a gun control group, ranks Massachusetts fifth among all states when it comes to gun law strength.

“One has to look at this law in context with all of the other Massachusetts extensive firearms laws,” Linsky said. “And the reality is that no one law can solve our firearm violence problem. It takes a whole group of different practices and procedures and statutes to be able to decrease firearm violence.”

There are also just fewer guns in Massachusetts. According to one measure used by researchers, which relies on the firearm suicide rate, 22 percent of Mass. residents own a gun. That’s nearly dead last, slightly more than Hawaii.

The small number of petitions doesn’t mean Massachusetts law isn’t effective, said Kelly Drane, research manager for the Giffords Center.

More important than the number, Drane said, is the implementation of the law. Are court clerks and police trained on the law? Are there materials about the law in courthouses and police stations?

“If it’s 29 orders and a really strong implementation plan, then 29 orders may have been all that Massachusetts needed,” Drane said.

Decker, the lawmaker who sponsored the bill, said she’s not concerned by how many petitions have been filed, or by who, but that people have access to them when they need them.

“My hope is that every person,” she said, “who feels that somebody in their home is going to hurt themselves with a gun, or who’s going to hurt someone else with a gun, knows that there is a law out there that has been passed that makes it possible for them to ... reach out for help.”

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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](http://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](http://mass.gov/service-details/former-boston-state-hospital-parcel-redevelopment-opportunity). Or at the Mattapan branch BPL, 1350 Blue Hill Ave., Mattapan.



**ONLY ONE MORE** — The Only One Jamaican restaurant franchise celebrated the grand opening of its fourth location last Saturday (Feb. 1) by offering free plates to the public out of their new Bowdoin Street storefront. The chain also operates eateries in Brockton, Hyde Park, and Codman Square. Senator Nick Collins, who stopped by the restaurant on Saturday, endorsed Only One's food and offered a recommendation: "Try the jerk chicken!"

*Daniel Sheehan photo*

**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 10:30 p.m. at Florian Hall, 55 Hallet 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](mailto:jimmyscholarship@gmail.com).

**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. Cost: \$50. Register at [alldorchester-sports.org](http://alldorchester-sports.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](http://bpl.org/homework).

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# UCLA dean ‘rises to top’ as UMass Boston chancellor pick

(Continued from page 1) Trustees, which will vote on whether or not to hire Suarez-Orozco.

“We’re all excited about his candidacy,” Peters told reporters after the meeting. “Everybody, when he interviewed, was very enthusiastic. When you listen to me read his resume, it’s unparalleled. He came from humble beginnings, speaks many languages, and I think he will be an asset not only to the university but also to the city of Boston and the state of Massachusetts.”

UMass Boston has not had a permanent chief since June 2017, when longtime Chancellor J. Keith Motley stepped down. Barry Mills served as interim chancellor for about a year, and then in May 2018 during the first attempt at a search, all three finalists withdrew after campus visits.

Meehan described the collapse of the first search as “an unceremonious end,” saying at the time that faculty council members were unhappy with the three finalists and raised questions about their qualifications.

Newman, who previously worked in the president’s office as senior vice president for academic affairs, was tapped to take over as interim chancellor in the



Marcelo Suarez-Orozco, a dean at the University of California Los Angeles, visited the UMass Boston campus last Friday to speak to a small group of faculty, alumni and students. He is the lone finalist for the University of Massachusetts Boston chancellorship. Photo courtesy UMass Boston/Harry Brett

fallout and has held the position since that time.

Peters said the committee’s decision to name only one finalist was not unprecedented. Previous searches for a UMass Lowell chancellor and for a UMass Medical School chancellor each ended with a single finalist, he said, and a committee once recommended six candidates for the UMass Dartmouth top post.

Despite the challenging 2018 search and the frequent financial headaches at the school, search committee members said they believe

Suarez-Orozco is committed to the job.

“He is not only prepared, he is really looking forward to the challenge,” said Jean Rhodes, a UMass Boston psychology professor who served as the search committee’s vice chair. “He is approached, I’m certain, for all sorts of very elite institutions to have a leadership role, but he chose this. He chose this because he sees this as the only public research institute in Boston and he sees the city of Boston as one of the most important cities in the country and feels

that we need a vigorous, very well-functioning public university here in Boston.”

After immigrating from Argentina, Suarez-Orozco attended community college and the University of California at Berkeley.

His lengthy career in academia includes a tenured position at Harvard University, a university professor position at New York University, and eight years as a distinguished professor of education at UCLA. Since 2015, he has also served as the dean in UCLA’s Gradu-

ate School of Education and Information Studies.

In a UMass press release last Tuesday, Suarez-Orozco said he is “deeply humbled and honored by this extraordinary opportunity. The University of Massachusetts Boston is a beacon of public education in the Commonwealth, in the country, and beyond. At a time when more is asked of higher education than in any previous generation in American history, the public research university faces extraordinary opportunities and real challenges moving forward.

He continued: “An ethic of social justice, a commitment to nurture the life-enhancing powers of education, and an unwavering devotion to excellence and equity shall guide my work if given the honor to serve as the next Chancellor of the University of Massachusetts Boston.”

Suarez-Orozco’s research has focused on mass migration, globalization and education, and the psychological effects of those trends.

Rhodes told reporters that she believes Suarez-Orozco’s background and interests are an ideal fit for UMass Boston. About 54 percent of the school’s Boston’s enrollment was made up of students of color as of fall 2019, according to university statistics.

“The combination of skilled leadership and outstanding academic credentials makes him a very important candidate, as well as his particular story, of someone who came over as an immigrant from Argentina and studies immigration,” Rhodes said. “He really speaks to the urban mission of our university and I think he’ll speak to the communities and be an aspirational figure for the students who may attend the University of Massachusetts Boston.”

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# Baker bill would ease fare-evasion penalties

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STATE HOUSE  
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Penalties for evading fares on the MBTA would be lowered and drivers would be cited for using bus lanes under changes Gov. Charlie Baker proposed in a spending bill filed last Friday.

Baker’s \$52.6 million fiscal year 2020 supplemental budget bill (H 4354) calls for reforms to how those who do not pay for rides are punished and greater protections on passenger data as the T prepares a new fare collection model.

The bill would create new penalties banning private motor vehicle operators from driving, standing, or parking in designated bus lanes. Motorists would receive a fine of up to \$200 for violations between 7 a.m. and 7 p.m. on a weekday and up to \$100 for violations at any other time.

“The need for stricter

enforcement of bus only infrastructure has been elevated as more and more cities and towns implement bus priority infrastructure,” LivableStreetsAlliance Executive Director Stacy Thompson said in an email. “While we are supportive of better bus lane enforcement we hope the state will also explore camera enforcement which is utilized in New York City.”

The bulk of the transit-related changes in the bill aim at MBTA fare collection and evasion. Under the bill, police would be explicitly banned from arresting individuals who board or attempt to board the MBTA without paying, which they can do now if the individual fails to provide identification, according to the T.

Authorities will still issue non-criminal citations for evasion, but the fine structure would change from a statutory mandate to one set by

MBTA regulations. The bill calls for lowering the fines from the current minimum of \$50 and maximum of \$500 to a new minimum of \$10 and maximum of \$250.

State law allows for the Registry of Motor Vehicles to decline renewing a driver’s license if a single fare evasion citation is unresolved, but Baker’s bill would only permit that step if a motorist has two or more outstanding citations.

The bill also strips out existing language that would require new drivers who received a fare evasion citation when they were 17 or younger to pay the outstanding fine before acquiring a license.

Jarred Johnson, chief operating officer of the advocacy group Transit-Matters, said in a statement that decriminalizing fare evasion should accompany a low-income fare structure.

“Fair penalties consistent with the low-gravity

nature of the infraction ought to be adopted as the Commonwealth moves away from today’s onerous approach,” he said.

Baker’s legislation calls for the MBTA to begin filing annual reports two years after passage detailing fare evasion warnings and citations issued by the agency. Commuter rail conductors could issue citations under the new language, and the MBTA would also be allowed to hire new civilian staff to handle the task rather than use transit police.

Keolis, which operates

the commuter rail, in 2016 estimated losing about \$35 million annually in uncollected fare revenue. At the same time, T officials said fare evasion on the Green Line and on buses — where passengers can often board through rear doors without stopping at the fare box — costs between \$2.3 million and \$6.9 million per year.

The company plans to install fare gates at North Station, South Station, and Back Bay starting this year as part of a push to recoup uncollected revenue.

Baker’s proposal comes less than two months after the MBTA reset its planned rollout of an automated fare collection 2.0 system.

The new system, set to be implemented in stages over the next four years, will allow riders to use a website and mobile app to track their fare balances. Larger changes such as all-door boarding on buses or tapping of a credit card — rather than a ticket or CharlieCard — at a fare gate are now three or four years away from implementation.

will launch a hunger strike outside the State House next Monday morning just two days ahead of a deadline for joint legislative committees to report on bills. Committees can give

## Activists planning hunger strike to promote immigrant licenses

STATE HOUSE  
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Supporters of legislation that would create a pathway for undocumented immigrants to get Massachusetts driver’s licenses say they

will launch a hunger strike outside the State House next Monday morning just two days ahead of a deadline for joint legislative committees to report on bills. Committees can give

bills favorable or unfavorable reports, send them to study, or request extensions for more time to consider them. The activists are calling on House Speaker Robert DeLeo, House Transportation Committee Chairman William Straus, and other members of the Transportation Committee to endorse and advance the driver’s licenses bill (H 3012, S 2061), known as the Work and Family Mobility Act.

Faith leaders will bless the hunger strikers during the event, according to a press release from Movimiento Cosecha. Organizers say two immigrant leaders of the group were detained by Immigration and Customs Enforcement earlier this month in incidents that “would have been prevented if undocumented immigrants in Massachusetts had access to drivers’ licenses.”

Separately, Boston University professor Nathan Phillips launched a hunger strike last week to highlight what he describes as “serious public health and safety violations occurring at the site of the ill-conceived Weymouth Compressor station.”

### LEGAL NOTICES

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Community Health News

# Coronavirus infection risk ‘extremely low,’ says Baker

**By KATIE LANNAN  
STATE HOUSE  
NEWS SERVICE**

Days after a Boston man was confirmed to have the first case of a new coronavirus in Massachusetts, Gov. Charlie Baker said the risk for infection in the state is “extremely low.”

State public health officials announced Saturday afternoon that the respiratory virus was now present in Massachusetts, citing test results received Friday evening from the US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

for a man in his 20s who had “recently” traveled to Wuhan, China. Subsequently, University of Massachusetts Boston officials said the man was a “member of the UMass Boston community.”

Baker said the man “arrived before the CDC issued guidelines, generally, to airports around the country.” He told reporters after meeting with Senate President Karen Spilka and House Speaker Robert DeLeo that “the risk for coronavirus infection in Massachusetts is ex-

tremely low, and based on firsthand information associated with this particular individual, people are not particularly concerned about his travels once he got back to Massachusetts. He pretty much self-quarantined himself from the time he got back here until he got tested.”

Baker said he, DeLeo and Spilka “spent a bunch of time talking about coronavirus” during their roughly two-hour closed-door meeting. State officials, local public health departments, and hospi-

tals “are all following the same guidelines that were put out by the CDC that everybody else is following,” he said.

The CDC, on its website, says that it remains “unclear how easily or sustainably this virus is spreading between people.” The center recommends washing hands often with soap and water, avoiding contact with people who are sick, staying home when sick, and covering coughs and sneezes with a tissue, then throwing out the tissue.

Anyone sick with a fever, cough or diffi-

culty breathing who has traveled to China or been in close contact with someone who has the virus in the 14 days before they began to feel sick is advised to seek medical care. The CDC advises people not to travel to China, not to use facemasks, and not to “show prejudice to people of Asian descent, because of fear of this new virus.”

Eleven coronavirus cases have been confirmed in the US, and 167 tests have come back negative as of Monday, according to the CDC.

US Health and Hu-

man Services Secretary Alex Azar declared a public health emergency on Friday, and ordered any U.S. citizens returning from the center of the outbreak in China be quarantined for two weeks. As part of the emergency declaration, flight arrivals from China are limited to a handful of airports, according to the Department of Public Health.

On Monday, Baker said the only flights from China that will be coming into Logan Airport will be those arriving from Hong Kong.

## Reaction locally: fear, face masks, assessing the risk factors

**By ADRIAN MA  
WBUR REPORTER**

Bostonians are having a range of reactions to the first confirmed case of the Wuhan coronavirus in Massachusetts. Since UMass Boston administrators notified students and staff Saturday, campus life has mostly continued as usual, said Tahra Scorzailoas, a student there. However, because the outbreak originated in China, Scorzailoas said she has heard some of her peers make “xenophobic” comments about people of Asian descent.

“We have a group chat for my floor,” Scorzailo said as she walked into a dormitory on Sunday. “And this kid said, ‘We should send the foreigners back.’ And I was just like, ‘Really? You’re being ridiculous.’”

at the annual Lunar New Year parade was a familiar one — firecrackers popping, drums banging, and lion dancers strutting down the street. But a few people scattered among the crowd of onlookers wore surgical masks over their faces.

“If you can do this small thing for your own health, then why not?” said Dora Perjesi, who recently moved to Boston from Hungary. She said she put on the mask as a precaution.

“You don’t know the people who are attending this parade. If they are living here or they returned recently from a city in China,” she said.

Perjesi was not alone. On the subway downtown and on the UMass campus, some Chinese and non-Chinese residents alike were wearing face masks.

Massachusetts is much higher than the risk of contracting the coronavirus, and the steps to reduce the risk of both are the same: avoid close contact with people who are sick, stay home if you are sick, and cover coughs or sneezes with your arm. Health experts also recommend washing your hands frequently.

*This article was published by WBUR 90.9FM on Feb. 3. The Reporter and WBUR share content through a media partnership.*

The announcement of a sickened student also spurred concern among some members of UMass Boston’s Chinese Student Scholar Association.

“Our group was trying to comfort people down, tell them not to panic,” said freshman Kate Chen, who said she is originally from Shenzhen, China. “But there are people trying to ask, ‘Where has that person gone to?’ because they don’t want to be affected.”

Health officials said the patient is in stable condition and recovering at home. He reportedly spent only limited time on campus and had contact with just a few people.

In Boston’s Chinatown neighborhood Sunday morning, the scene

“Everyone wants to be safe, everyone wants to protect themselves and their families,” said City Councillor Michelle Wu, who attended the Chinatown parade. “But in an instance like this, we have to be very careful not to let this spill over into assumptions about an entire race of people or people who look a certain way.”

Boston Mayor Marty Walsh echoed that sentiment.

“This is a virus that could be happening anywhere in the world,” he told a group of reporters gathered at the parade. “I think it’s important for us to rally around each other, not be divided.”

Health officials emphasized that the chance of catching the flu in

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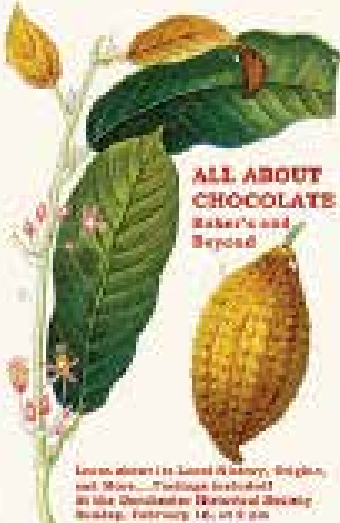
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Neighborhood Notables

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**BCYF FAMILY GYM RETURNS FEBRUARY 8**

Boston Centers for Youth & Families' (BCYF) Family Gym Program a free, weekly play program that promotes physical activity for children ages 3-8 and their families— returns on Sat., Feb. 8 from 10-11:30 a.m. at BCYF Blackstone Community Center in the South End, BCYF Gallivan Community Center in Mattapan, BCYF Holland Community Center in Dorchester, and BCYF Menino Community Center in Roslindale and BCYF Jackson-Mann Community Center in Allston. Family Gym will also be offered from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at BCYF Vine Street Community Center in Roxbury. Children and adults move at their own pace in supervised activities. Colorful play equipment encourages individual, small, and large group play. For updated information or program cancellations follow @BCYFCenters

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**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.

**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 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. 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, 7-8:30 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 the 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 6-8 p.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 Wednesday 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 Wednesday 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.

**HECLA/LYON/EAST STREETS WATCH**

A new neighborhood watch, on Hecla, Lyon, and East Streets will meet at Susi Auto Body Shop 79 Freeport St., corner of Linden St., on a date TBA. All residents are invited to join.

**LINDEN/ELLSWORTH/LEEDSVILLE WATCH**

For info, call 617-288-0818.

**LOWER MILLS CIVIC ASSOC.**

Lower Mills Civic Association meets at 7 p.m. on the third Tuesday of the month at St. Gregory Auditorium. Dues (\$7) are now due. See the web page: dorchesterlowermills.org.

**MCCORMACK CIVIC ASSOC.**

Meetings are held at Saint Teresa of Calcutta Parish Hall in basement of Saint Margaret Church beginning at 6:30 p.m. More online at McCormackCivic.org. Please bring ID for proof of residency within association boundaries. Dues are \$5 or \$10. Email McCormackCivic@gmail.com.

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# Opening of his eatery in Fields Corner rooted in ‘divine’ pact, says the owner

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In a pre-release program, Caldwell was offered a shot by a chef at Legal Seafoods in Chestnut Hill. He took that opportunity, worked hard, and went from serving as a prep and a line cook to working in kitchens at MIT and Harvard, and as sous chef at the John Hancock Building.

By 2009, Caldwell was out of prison and building a career in the food industry, but struggling with an ever-worsening addiction to alcohol. In 2011, Caldwell, in what he called a “divine” intervention, says he heard God’s voice offering him a deal: If he stopped drinking, he would get his own kitchen by age 50.

In 2017, he entered a contest sponsored by the Fields Corner Business Lab with a prize of six months free rent in a storefront at 1450 Dorchester Ave., followed by reduced rent over the next few years and free legal and marketing coaching from other local business owners. Out of nearly 60 women and minority applicants who pitched their businesses, Caldwell won. His pact with God had become a reality.

Many months later, after multiple delays caused by contractor issues, 50 Kitchen finally opened its doors with a series of soft openings last week. “The community has been waiting for two years,” he said. “It’s showtime.”

According to Caldwell, the food at 50 Kitchen will be a fusion of Southern American and East Asian cuisine, a change in vision from what he had originally planned.

“At first, I was going to do French/American, but then I started walking the beat around here, and saw that this is a really multicultural place,” he said, noting the sizable black and



Anthony Caldwell credits divine intervention for his good fortune. Daniel Sheehan photo

Vietnamese communities in the neighborhood. Plenty of restaurants in the city boast their own versions of fusion, but none is quite like the creative cuisine offered at 50 Kitchen. Caldwell’s menu features what he calls “real fusion”: jambalaya egg rolls with a gumbo dipping sauce, kimchi and collard greens, and smoked brisket banh mi are just a few of the flavor combinations he has concocted so far.

“The idea is to have it be based on the demographics but pleasing to everybody’s palate,”

explained Caldwell, who is aiming to keep menu items relatively affordable. “I have to think about, you know, what can Fields Corner afford? It has to work for me and the community.”

50 Kitchen will be open from 10 a.m. to 11 p.m. Monday through Saturday, serving lunch and dinner. Tuesday nights will feature a “Chef’s Table” special— a prix fixe offering of a three-course meal for one price. Caldwell said he’s looking forward to sharing his passion with customers: “My joy is watching people eat and seeing

them smile,” he said. A decal on the wall inside the restaurant reads “Beautiful food for beautiful people,” a slogan that Caldwell had gotten into the habit of saying years ago when serving food to friends. The message denotes the welcoming, peaceful environment that Caldwell aims to establish at his eatery, which he describes on his website as “a place that represents second chances.”

“This is a safe haven,” he said. “When you walk into 50 Kitchen, you need to feel safe and feel at home.”

Describing his passion for social justice, Caldwell outlined a number of community-oriented plans he has for the restaurant’s future, including a partnership with local schools whereby he would teach cooking classes and conduct a “Chopp’d” style competition with students, a scholarship fund with the goal of sending local kids to culinary school, and a zero-waste initiative in which leftovers will go to nearby food pantries. The rest, Caldwell says, he will hand-deliver to homeless individuals in

the community.

“I made a vow to the community that I’d give back because I took so much from this place,” said Caldwell. “I’ve made mistakes, I’ve done things I regret, but now that’s behind me.”

Poised at the beginning of this new chapter in his life, Caldwell admitted it’s hard for him not to see a divine plan behind it all. After conquering

personal demons, and even escaping death, he acknowledges in his restaurant a chance for atonement, and an opportunity to refocus his life’s purpose on those around him.

“I believe that people are blessed to be a blessing for others,” he said. “I know that I’m a blessed man, so for me to not be a blessing to others would be silly.”

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<p><b>COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS THE TRIAL COURT PROBATE &amp; FAMILY COURT SUFFOLK PROBATE &amp; FAMILY COURT</b> 24 NEW CHARDON STREET BOSTON, MA 02114 CITATION GIVING NOTICE OF PETITION FOR APPOINTMENT OF GUARDIAN FOR INCAPACITATED PERSON PURSUANT TO G.L. c. 190B, §5-304 Docket No. SU19P2599GD IN THE MATTER OF: DAVID R. MARION of DORCHESTER, MA RESPONDENT</p> <p>Alleged Incapacitated Person To the named Respondent and all other interested persons, a petition has been filed by Denise M. Valliere of Pelham, NH in the above captioned matter alleging that David R. Marion is in need of a Guardian and requesting that Denise M. Valliere of Pelham, NH (or some other suitable person) be appointed as Guardian to serve on the bond.</p> <p>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.</p> <p><b>You have the right to object to this proceeding.</b> 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 <b>02/20/2020</b>. 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.</p> <p><b>IMPORTANT NOTICE</b> The outcome of this proceeding may limit or completely take away the above-named person's right to make decisions about personal affairs or financial affairs or both. The above-named person has the right to ask for a lawyer. Anyone may make this request on behalf of the above-named person. If the above-named person cannot afford a lawyer, one may be appointed at State expense.</p> <p>Witness, Hon. Brian J. Dunn, First Justice of this Court. Felix D. Arroyo Register of Probate Date: January 23, 2020 Published: February 6, 2020</p>	<p><b>COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS THE TRIAL COURT PROBATE &amp; FAMILY COURT SUFFOLK PROBATE &amp; FAMILY COURT</b> 24 NEW CHARDON STREET BOSTON, MA 02114 CITATION GIVING NOTICE OF PETITION FOR APPOINTMENT OF GUARDIAN FOR INCAPACITATED PERSON PURSUANT TO G.L. c. 190B, §5-304 Docket No. SU20P0187GD IN THE MATTER OF: WILLIAM SAMUEL of DORCHESTER, MA RESPONDENT</p> <p>Alleged Incapacitated Person To the named Respondent and all other interested persons, a petition has been filed by Department of Mental Health (Boston of Westborough, MA) in the above captioned matter alleging that William Samuel is in need of a Guardian and requesting that Department of Mental Health (Boston of Westborough, MA) (or some other suitable person) be appointed as Guardian to serve on the bond.</p> <p>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.</p> <p><b>You have the right to object to this proceeding.</b> 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 <b>02/27/2020</b>. 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.</p> <p><b>IMPORTANT NOTICE</b> The outcome of this proceeding may limit or completely take away the above-named person's right to make decisions about personal affairs or financial affairs or both. The above-named person has the right to ask for a lawyer. Anyone may make this request on behalf of the above-named person. If the above-named person cannot afford a lawyer, one may be appointed at State expense.</p> <p>Witness, Hon. Brian J. Dunn, First Justice of this Court. Felix D. Arroyo Register of Probate Date: January 31, 2020 Published: February 6, 2020</p>
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**BGCD College Fellows Hosts Scholarship Night:** See details below.

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**BGCD College Fellows Hosts Scholarship Night:** Boys & Girls Clubs of Dorchester's College Fellows program hosted a Scholarship Night event for all high school age members and their parents. This event was designed to help members learn about how to save more, spend less, and apply for lots of scholarships to lessen their financial burden.

The event featured speakers from the United Way's Marian L. Heard Scholarship program, Boston University and the Stephen Phillips Memorial Scholarship program. In addition, there was information shared on a variety of other available scholarship opportunities.

For more information on the College Fellows program please contact Tricia Chapple at [pchapple@bgcdorchester.org](mailto:pchapple@bgcdorchester.org).



**BGCD Supports Marathon Team Hosting Water Stops:** See details below.

**FIND OUT WHAT'S INSIDE:**  
**BGCD Supports Marathon Team Hosting Water Stops:** Members of BGCD's Keystone Club and staff volunteers hosted a water stop in support of our Boston Marathon Team, providing water, Gatorade, and snacks. We want our Marathon runners to get to know our members and who they are helping to support.

Our Marathon team has a total of 15 members who are running on behalf of Boys & Girls Clubs of Dorchester. We are hosting a total of three Marathon water stops on the weekend training runs as a small gesture to help support our team who is doing so much for our members and our Clubs.

To find out more about our team members or to make a donation, please visit [www.charity.gofundme/o/en/campaign/bgcd-boston2020](http://www.charity.gofundme/o/en/campaign/bgcd-boston2020).

**DID YOU KNOW:**  
**Save the Date for BGCD's Young Professionals "Spring's A-Brewin'"**  
**Event:** Join Boys & Girls Clubs of Dorchester's Young Professionals on March 19, 2020 at the Dorchester Brewing Company for their Spring event.

The event will begin at 6 PM, where attendees can enjoy a complimentary adult beverage, raffles, appetizers, good company, and more.

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Dorchester Brewing Company is located at 1250 Massachusetts Ave, Boston, MA 02125.

For more information on our Young Professionals, please contact Jen Chiero at [jchiero@bgcdorchester.org](mailto:jchiero@bgcdorchester.org). New members are welcome.

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RECENT OBITUARIES

**ADAMS, Sylvia Du-Val**, 93 of Dorchester/Mattapan. Mother of Reina M. DuVal of VA and Rogelio DeJesus DuVal of MA. Sister of Bessie Heck. Special aunt of Crystal Young, she is also survived by a loving host of other relatives and friends.

**BAILEY, Mary E.**, 91, of Boston, passed away in Chicago, after a brief illness. She was a mother, sister, wife, and homemaker. For many years, Mary was an active volunteer for the Salvation Army in Boston and a 70-year member of Roxbury Presbyterian Church. Mary was preceded in death by her husband of 52 years, Hon. James

W. Bailey, Sr., and was also predeceased by her daughter Jane Bailey. She is survived by her children James W. (Carol), Liz Tavares, and Paul D., three grandchildren, and one great-grandchild and numerous nieces, nephews, cousins, loving relations and friends.

**BORKOWSKI, Herman F. "Whitey"** of Dorchester, at age 94. Born in Gardner to the late Frank and Rose Borkowski, brother of the late Daniel Borkowski of Somerville and husband of the late Joan Borkowski (nee Coughlin). An army veteran, Whitey lived with his wife Joan in Dorchester for 55 years.

He is survived by his sister Theresa Brown of Swampscott, and many cousins, nieces, nephews, grandnieces and grandnephews.

**CARROLL, Teresa M. (Fitzgerald)** of Braintree, died 70 days after her husband Charles. They were married 62 years. Mother of James J. Carroll of Boston, Judith Carroll of Arlington, Charles E. Carroll, Jr. of Fitzwilliam, NH, Teresa M. Walsh and her husband James of Braintree, William S. Carroll and his wife Sarah of Dedham and Ann Louise Mercer and her husband Daniel of Dedham. Grandmother of Jake Haveles, Paula Carroll, Christopher, Stephen, Chloe and Clint Walsh, Elizabeth and Nicholas Carroll, Jillian, Julia and Colleen Mercer. Great-grandmother of Cara and Francesca

Walsh. Daughter of the late William and Teresa A. (O'Reilly) and Frances Fitzgerald. Sister of Linda McCabe of Florida, Faythe Hughes of Lowell and the late Kevin Fitzgerald. Born in Boston, Teresa was raised in Mattapan and graduated from Cathedral High School. She was a longtime secretary at Carney Hospital in Dorchester. Terry was happiest when she was with her beloved Charlie, with whom she traveled extensively. She loved being a mom and grandmother, but nothing could top the joy of being a great-grandmother.

**McCUEN, Paul E.** Paul was born in Dorchester, and spent most of his life in the Boston and South Shore area. He leaves behind his wife of 50 years, Dorothy (Doyle) McCuen, his daughter Jessica

(McCuen) McDonald and her husband Joe, his son Scott McCuen Koytek and his wife Britta, and 6 grandchildren who will miss him dearly: Emily, Tucker and Tatum McDonald and Noah, Joshua and Sophie McCuen Koytek. The family suggests making a donation to Season's Hospice Foundation, 1 Edgewater Drive, Norwood, MA 02062.

**OPANASETS, Alice**, at the age of 102. She was the child of Emilia and Andrew Naudziunas of South Boston. Wife of the late Walter J. Opanasets. Mother to Walter G. and his wife Virginia of Braintree, Christine M. of South Boston, Ernest P. of Dorchester, Karen A. of Forth Worth, TX, Peter J. of Medway and the late Paul and Frederick Opanasets. Also survived by 7 grand-

children and 4 great-grandchildren, as well as many nephews and nieces.

**PHIPPIN, Melvin T. Jr. "Mel"**, 75, of Exeter, NH. He was born in Crisfield, MD in 1944 a son of the late Melvin T. and Mary (Sterling) Phippin, Sr. He leaves his longtime companion, Roberta Issokson of Exeter, his two daughters, Lee Ann Phippin of Exeter, Suzanne Bennett (Gary) of McClure, OH, three grandchildren, Katelyn and Garrett Bennett, Andrea Bowman (Don), his great-granddaughter Paislee Bennett of OH. Brothers, Charles Phippin of Salisbury, MD, Garland Brent Phippin (Carol) of Simpsonville, SC, sisters, Marilyn Pish of Crossville, TN, Teresa Mumford (Rick) of Laurel, DE, several aunts and uncles, nieces and nephews.



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MELVILLE PARK CIVIC ASSOC.

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MEETINGHOUSE HILL CIVIC ASSOC.

The Meetinghouse Hill Civic Association meets monthly at the First Parish Dorchester, 10 Parish St. Dorchester. Contact civic president Shirley Jones at jones713@msn.com.

PEABODY SLOPE ASSOC.

The Peabody Slope Neighborhood Assn's meetings, the first Mon. of the month, at Dorchester Academy, 18 Croftland Ave., 7 p.m. For info: peabodyslope.org or 617-533-8123.

POPE'S HILL NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOC.

Neighborhood E-Mail Alert system. PHNA meetings, usually the fourth Wed. of the month at the Leahy/Holloran Community Center at 7 p.m. All are the fourth Wednesday of the month.

PORT NORFOLK CIVIC ASSOC.

Meetings the third Tuesday of the month at the Port Norfolk Yacht Club, 7 p.m. Info: 617-825-5225.

ST. MARK'S AREA CIVIC ASSOC.

Meetings held the last Tues. of the month in the lower hall of St. Mark's Church, at 7 p.m. Info: smacadot@msn.com.

WEST SELDEN ST. & VICINITY ASSOC.

West Selden St. & Vicinity Neighborhood Association meets on the fourth Monday of each month — except on holidays — at 6:30 p.m. at the Economy Plumbing Training Facility, 875 Morton St., Mattapan. The next meeting is Sept. 23. See wssvna.org for more.

FRIENDS OF RONAN PARK

Meetings held from 6:30 to 8 p.m., at the Bowdoin St. Health Center. Send donations to keep the park

beautiful to: Friends of Ronan Park, P.O. Box 220252, Dor., 02122.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Redberry Council #107, Columbus Council #116, and Lower Mills Council #180 merged into a new Dorchester Council #107, with meetings held the second Wed. of each month at St. Mark's VFW Post, 69 Bailey St. (new address) at 7 p.m. (earlier starting time). Info: contact Mike Flynn at 617-288-7663.

ADAMS ST. LIBRARY

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BOWDOIN ST. HEALTH CENTER

Peace Circle, where those affected by violence may speak honestly, the second Tues. of each month, 6 to 8 p.m., sponsored by Beth Israel Deaconess Med. Ctr, the BSHC, and the Louis Brown Peace Institute. Call Janet at 617-296-2075 for info.

FIELDS CORNER MAIN STREET

Meeting at the Fields Corner Business Lab, 1452 Dorchester Ave., fourth floor.

MILTON-QUINCY CONGREGATION (TEMPLE SHALOM)

The new name: Congregation Beth Shalom of the Blue Hills. Worship services at 18 Shoolman Way (off Lodge St.), Milton, email: office@BethShalom-BlueHills.org, website: BethShalomBlueHills.org.

FIRST PARISH CHURCH

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ST. ANN CHURCH

Piano, guitar, violin, and viola lessons are now available. See the flyers at the rear door of the church. The 9 a.m. Mass from Thursday to Saturday will be celebrated at St. Ann Church. (The 9 a.m. Mass from Mon. through Wed. is at St. Brendan.) St. Ann's will hold Eucharistic Adoration each Sat., following the 9 a.m. Mass until noon, with Benediction and the Chaplet of Divine Mercy at 3 p.m. Confessions: Sat. 9:30 to 10:15 a.m. and 3 to 3:30 p.m. St. Ann Knitters meet the 3rd Thursday of the month in the lower church. St. Ann Youth/Teen Choir, singing at the 10:30 a.m. Mass on Sundays with practice beginning at 10 a.m.

ST. BRENDAN CHURCH

Confessions Sat., 3:15 to 3:45 p.m. The Food Pantry is in great need of non-perishable food. Please be generous. The 9 a.m. Mass Monday through Wednesday will be celebrated at St. Brendan Church; (Thursday through Saturday, Mass, at St. Ann Church.) Contact 617-688-0996, 617-835-9629; or 617-548-9860 for tix and info.

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# Activists report that guards are retaliating after inmate attack on three officers at Souza-Baranowski Correctional Center

By CHRIS LISINSKI  
STATE HOUSE  
NEWS SERVICE

Describing instances ranging from tasing to denial of attorney contact, advocates and lawmakers alleged Monday that correction officers at the Souza-Baranowski Correctional Center in Shirley have abused inmates for weeks in response to an assault on three officers.

Tensions have been high at the facility since inmates injured three correction officers in a Jan. 10 attack, a video of which the Department of Correction published.

Since then, groups and family members said Monday, prisoners not involved in the assault have recounted being targeted by officers and tactical teams with tasing, dog attacks, and more during a lockdown.

The department said conditions at the prison are improving after the assault, but outraged advocates — some of whom filed a lawsuit against the Department of Correction — said more needs to be done to prevent inhumane treatment and unconstitutional restrictions.

“Although violence in Souza has been a problem for a very long time, I want to underscore this is not normal. This is quite unprecedented,” Elizabeth Matos, executive director of Prisoners’ Legal Services of Massachusetts, said at a press conference. “What we’re seeing is by all accounts retaliation.”

The Department of Correction did not say if the lockdown had formally been lifted, but said general visits will likely resume this week. Inmates have also been gaining access to showers, phones, emails and recreation since the lockdown started, according to the department.

A DOC spokesman did not reply to questions about the number of injuries or whether any correction officer had been disciplined amid the alleged retaliation.

“Operations at Souza-Baranowski are returning to normal following serious assaults on correctional officers,” spokesman Jason Dobson said in a statement. “While some privileges have been restricted and some inmates were moved as staff searched the maximum security facility for weapons and other contraband, this process was necessary to prevent further violence. Every effort was made to provide attorneys with reasonable access to their clients as soon as safety and security were restored.”

Little information is publicly available about



**Sindey Hayes said her brother, who is incarcerated at the Souza-Baranowski Correctional Center, expressed fear for his life amid what advocates allege is a retaliation campaign by correction officers against inmates after a Jan. 10 assault.**  
*Chris Lisinski/SHNS photo*

the scope of the alleged crackdown.

Matos said PLS has a list of more than 100 inmates “who are known to have been assaulted, attempted suicide or suffered medical complications as a result of the lockdown.”

Representatives from the group have personally visited four inmates hospitalized as a result of alleged correction officer assaults and one who attempted suicide amid the conditions, she said, and there were six reports of dog bites in the prison.

A group of lawmakers led by Sen. Jamie Eldridge, an Acton Democrat whose district includes the prison, spent six hours at the facility Sunday speaking to 15 inmates — an ability lawmakers have by statute — who shared stories of assault or other intimidating behavior in the wake of the assault, according to the legislators.

Some inmates, Eldridge said, told lawmakers that tactical riot officers entered their cells and aimed pepper spray guns at their heads or pointed tasers at their crotches. Rep. Mike Connolly, who also participated, said one inmate reported not being subjected to violence but having his religious texts confiscated and never returned.

“The inmates that we met with were not in the unit where there were attacks by inmates on a few correction officers,” Eldridge said. “They were either in solitary confinement or knew nothing about the attack or they were in other units on the entire other side of the prison, which has a north and a south side. The frustration I heard from inmates was, ‘Why are we being punished for something

we’re not involved at all with?’”

Three speakers at Monday’s press conference described being cut off from contact with incarcerated family members or friends for weeks after the Jan. 10 attack. Once they were able to get in touch, they said, their loved ones shared harrowing stories of mistreatment and violence.

Sindey Hayes said her brother, Tony Gaskins, watched an inmate get attacked by dogs released into his cell and tased by officers. “He was definitely scared,” Hayes recounted of her phone call with her brother. “He said, ‘I might die in here. I might. They’re just randomly attacking people.’”

Several legal and prisoners’ rights groups said inmates were also prohibited from contacting their attorneys for at least two weeks after the lockdown started.

The Massachusetts Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers and the Committee for Public Counsel Services filed a lawsuit against the state and officials at the prison last Friday, alleging the limit on attorney communication is unconstitutional.

“Our clients were denied right to counsel for a period of more than two weeks,” said Victoria Kelleher, president of the Massachusetts Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers. “We still, to this day, are being denied insofar as our clients can’t really effectively access their lawyers because they don’t have the phone time to be able to call us, they don’t have their legal paperwork, so sometimes they don’t have our phone numbers.”

The Department declined to comment on the

suit Monday.

“The Department of Correction has not yet received this lawsuit, and does not comment on pending litigation,” Dobson said. “We will, however, vigorously defend all actions and decisions necessary to maintain the safety of staff, inmates, and visitors at the Commonwealth’s only maximum security prison.”

Asked Monday about the situation, Gov. Charlie Baker said the department is investigating allegations but that he would not “speak to the specifics of what is now a legal matter.”

“After the incident at Souza where three correctional officers were severely injured, people went through a process of redetermining status for basically everybody in the facility,” Baker, who visited the injured officers after the inci-

dent, said. “They did that because they wanted to make sure that inmates and officers would be safe once they open it up again.”

Baker did not answer directly when asked if he believed an outside investigation was warranted, replying that there is a process in place for pursuing an investigation and that he has “a lot of faith in the department and the actions it’s taken to ensure that inmates and correctional officers at Souza are safe.”

The union has argued since the assault that the 2018 criminal justice reform law, which limited the use of solitary confinement among a range of other changes, precipitated the attack and the rise in violence.

In a Monday statement, the union said its officers “conduct themselves in a professional

manner day in and day out in some of the most dangerous environments imaginable” and deferred other comment to the DOC.

Advocates pushed back on claims about the criminal justice reform law and about the conditions at Souza-Baranowski, replying Monday that while conditions may be dangerous, officers contribute to it by inflicting violence on inmates.

“What is more disturbing is the fact that there has been a perverse attempt to attribute these attacks or these conditions to the achievements that we made through criminal law reform last year,” said Rahsaan Hall, racial justice program director at the American Civil Liberties Union of Massachusetts.

Connolly said the DOC commissioner and the prison superintendent expressed a desire to improve conditions when meeting Sunday with the contingent of lawmakers. However, Connolly said he believes the response has not gone far enough to protect inmates.

Like many advocates who spoke at the press conference, Connolly criticized the union for linking criminal justice reforms to an increase in violence.

“I find it incredibly disturbing and discouraging that the correction officers’ union appears to be actively advocating against the moderate criminal justice reforms we enacted into law,” Connolly told the News Service. “I think it raises a lot of concerns about what the intentions are when they seem to be so determined to speak out against some of the modest reforms we tried to introduce.”



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