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Linda Dorcena Forry hosting her first St. Patrick's Day breakfast in South Boston.

## Dorcena Forry reflects on her public life, and on what's ahead

By JENNIFER SMITH  
NEWS EDITOR

Linda Dorcena Forry is sticking around, just not in a seat in the state Senate. The 44-year-old former senator has spent fully half of her life in public service, first as an aide to then-state Rep. Charlotte Golar Richie, then working in City Hall until she won her first term as representative for the 12th Suffolk seat in 2005, and finally in the Senate after she finished on top in a tight race for the First Suffolk seat in 2013, a post she held until the end of January.

As she continues her segue into the private sector, Dorcena Forry took time out recently for a wide-ranging breakfast discussion at McKenna's Café in Savin Hill. Excerpts from the interview follow:

**On moving to the private sector:** “I feel good, I do. I'm excited about this new chapter, excited to join Suffolk Construction, an exceptional company, (Continued on page 11)

## BPS eyes \$1.09b budget, up 4.4 percent; drops in state aid, charter funding cited

By JENNIFER SMITH  
NEWS EDITOR

If the Boston Public Schools have their way, their Fiscal Year 2019 budget will total \$1.09 billion, up 4.4 percent in overall funding from last year. Last week, in a memo to school officials announcing the budget, Superintendent Tommy Chang said the increased funding comes despite declining state aid and insufficient reimbursements for charter schools.

“While Mayor Walsh has increased BPS's annual budget by \$170 million

since taking office, the state's Chapter 70 funding has only increased by \$8 million,” Chang wrote. “The Commonwealth also continues to underfund charter school reimbursements for cities and towns, which under the Governor's proposed budget translates into \$27 million in lost funding in Boston in FY19 alone and more than \$100 million over the last five years.”

Annisssa Essaibi-George, who chairs the City Council's Education Committee, said Tuesday night that the overall budget number should be able to serve

the school district, but large chunks of funding are also funneled toward expensive areas like transportation, which is in line for a 3 percent jump this year to \$119.1 million.

“We see an additional investment over last year, and that's great, I want applaud that,” she said. “I still think what we have for a budget now should be enough for the work that we're doing. ... What I want to see, especially with the Boston Public Schools is where we are with our actuals for our spending (Continued on page 3)



A new Popeyes restaurant is presently under construction on Washington Street in the heart of the Codman Square business district. Bill Forry photo

## Codman Sq. neighbors cry foul over process for Popeyes building

By JENNIFER SMITH  
NEWS EDITOR

The opening of a Popeyes restaurant in Codman Square has community members and elected officials alike frustrated over a permitting tweak that allowed the restaurant to begin construction in spite of sustained neighborhood pushback and an initial zoning denial.

Codman Square Neighborhood Council co-chair Cynthia Loesch said the council heard a presentation for a Popeyes at 572 Washington St. in June 2016. The group opposed the bid, citing concerns about traffic, congestion, litter, and the unhealthy food options the establishment would bring to a neighborhood with high obesity and Type 2 diabetes rates.

In an initial email to the

Reporter, Loesch wrote, “This establishment went against much of the work we have been doing around our merchants district over the years.”

In an interview last week, she added, “We don't need another fast food establishment, bringing unhealthy food and traffic. It just wasn't going to make sense in Codman Square with all the work we were trying to do.”

Popeyes announced in 2014 that it planned to expand its footprint by 15 to 20 new stores in the Boston area in five years and 30 total over the next decade. The company had not responded to a request for comment on this story by press time.

“Boston is a prime market for further expansion of the (Continued on page 12)



Mallory Bickerton Benefit set for Saturday. See Page 7.

## Poll: Capuano up double digits vs. Pressley WBUR survey puts challenger slightly ahead in Boston

By SIMÓN RÍOS  
WBUR REPORTER

Incumbent Michael Capuano holds a district-wide double-digit lead over Boston City Councillor Ayanna Pressley in their race for the Seventh Congressional District seat, according to a new WBUR poll of likely Democratic voters.

But the survey finds Pressley slightly ahead in the city of Boston, where voters are most familiar with her work.

“You see Ayanna Pressley very popular among young voters, voters of color, also with an edge in the city of Boston itself, so the voters who actually know her are showing a slight

preference for her,” said Steve Koczela of MassINC, who conducted the WBUR poll. “So I think her challenge will be: Can she get outside of Boston and do as well as she's doing inside the city?”

The poll shows Capuano up 12 points across the district, which includes Boston, Chelsea, Cambridge, Everett, Milton, Randolph, and Somerville.

Capuano relies heavily on the vote in Boston. According to the election data, roughly 64 percent of Capuano's vote comes from voters in the city.

Roughly half of the district is white, while the other half is black, Latino, Asian, and other races. The poll suggests that race will play a major or

minor role for nearly half of those who responded.

Capuano's approval rating is less than half as high among blacks as it is (Continued on page 6)



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

**Thursday (15th)** – Diversity Fair for teachers at the Bruce C. Bolling Municipal Building, 2300 Washington St., Roxbury from 5-7 p.m. More info at [tiny.cc/2018diversityfair](http://tiny.cc/2018diversityfair).



Shaw Pong Liu

**Saturday (17th)** – Explore China at the JFK Library with master musician Shaw Pong Liu at the JFK Library this morning at 10:30 a.m. A dynamic musical journey weaving history, geography, the Mandarin language, and Chinese folk music. Free, but register at [jfklibrary.org](http://jfklibrary.org)

**Sunday (18th)** – The annual Tet celebration day festival is held today from 10:30 a.m.-5 p.m. at BC High, 150 Morrissey Blvd. For more info, see [tetinboston.org](http://tetinboston.org).

• Renaissance Men, in collaboration with Boston City Singers Fellas, presented by Ashmont Hill Chamber, at 4 p.m. in Peabody Hall, All Saints' Church, 209 Ashmont St., Dorchester. Tickets (\$25) available at door or at [ahchambermusic.org](http://ahchambermusic.org). EBT card holders \$3. Children under 13 admitted free.

**Monday (19th)** – Presidents' Day family festival from 10 a.m.- 4 p.m. at JFK Library includes a free concert by Harvard Din & Tonics, guest actors portraying various presidents and First Ladies and more. Kids 12 and under free. See [jfklibrary.org](http://jfklibrary.org).

**Tuesday (20th)** – The Dorchester-Mattapan Neighborhood Council hosts a Black History month program at the Mattapan branch of the Boston Public Library, 1350 Blue Hill Ave. at 6 p.m. Free event.

• JFK Library hosts a public forum "Friends Divided: John Adams and Thomas Jefferson" at 6p.m. In commemoration of Presidents' Day, Pulitzer Prize-winning historian Gordon S. Wood discusses his new book, Friends Divided: John Adams and Thomas Jefferson. Harvard professor of history Annette Gordon-Reed moderates. Free. More online at [jfklibrary.org](http://jfklibrary.org)

**Wednesday (21st)** – Free Celebrate program for families at the JFK Library features Benkadi Drum and Dance group showcasing traditional West African rhythms and movements. Benkadi brings a folktale to life with vivid costumes, interpretive dance, and audience participation. 10:30 a.m. Free, but register at [jfklibrary.org](http://jfklibrary.org).

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Anh Nguyen of Bowdoin-Geneva Main Streets, left, speaks with restaurant owner Ana Semedo, whose business was closed by the city Friday because of a sewage leak in the building. The man with his backed turned to the camera is associated with Boston Inspectional Services.

Shops on Geneva Avenue shuttered by sewage leak

BY SIMÓN RIOS  
WBUR REPORTER

A row of mom-and-pop stores on Geneva Avenue was shut down for health code violations Friday, forcing business owners to contend with a crash in income and mounting bills.

The city's Inspectional Services Department gave the order after inspectors said they found a raw sewage leak that constituted an "imminent health hazard violation." Now it's on the building's owner to fix the problem.

"It's too much [I'm losing]," said Ana Semedo, owner of the restaurant Cape Verdean Taste, one of four businesses affected by the leak.

Semedo estimates she missed out on more than \$3,000 in sales on Friday and Saturday, and she has no idea when she'll be allowed to reopen and pay her \$2,000 monthly rent.

On Tuesday, the fifth day her business had been closed, Semedo said: "I have a lot of stuff in the cooler, a lot of that stuff is just trash."

The restaurant's health permit — as well as the permit of Ramirez Grocery next door — were temporarily suspended by the city. Other businesses affected include a hair salon and a barbershop.

The building's owner, Badra Syed, owns at least seven other properties in Boston, city records show. Syed said he's in the process of hiring a contractor, and hopes to reopen at some point next week (the week of Sunday, February 18).

Mattapan Square mixed-use project wins city approval

The Boston Planning and Development Agency (BPDA) board has given its approval to a \$57 million redevelopment project that will transform what is now a parking lot at the Mattapan Square MBTA station into a mix of housing and retail along River Street.

The proposal, which has been under review for the last year, will result in 144 units of new housing- 69 of them affordable— and 10,000



square feet of space that the development team expects will include a new restaurant.

The project is the

creation of Preservation of Affordable Housing (POAH) and the Nuestra Comunidad Development Corporation.

Police, Courts & Fire

Two young men charged in murder of 17 year-old on Kenwood Street

Two young men from Dorchester were held without bail on murder charges on Monday for there Jan. 14 murder of 17-year-old Chad O'Connor on Kenwood Street. The suspects— Richard Sheppard, 19, and Brandon Singleton-Legget, 19, were allegedly among a group of men who beat and then shot the victim around 5:30 p.m. on the street.

O'Connor was allegedly kicked by Singleton-Legget and then shot in the head by Sheppard, according to prosecutors, who say that video evidence implicates both defendants in the crime. A handgun taken from Sheppard's bedroom is the same calibre as the gun used in the attack, according to prosecutors, who say they are actively investigating the role that other assailants may have played in the incident. -STAFF

Mass Market robbed for ninth time

A rash of commercial robberies in police district C-11 continues this week. According to the Boston Police public journal, an officer responded to a commercial robbery at 1732 Dorchester Ave. at 5:42 p.m. on Feb 9, and again on Tuesday morning. The store, Mass Market, has been robbed nine times in recent months, on top of seven other robberies of commercial businesses in the immediate Main Streets district.

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**Public meeting on plans to re-use Globe site** – The city's BPDA will host a public meeting on Monday, Feb. 26 to discuss the proposed redevelopment of the former Boston Globe property at 135 Morrissey blvd., Dorchester. The meeting will be held at BC High, 150 Morrissey Blvd. in the Murphy Alumni room at 6:30 p.m. For more information on the meeting call 617-918-4492 or email: [raul.duverge@boston.gov](mailto:raul.duverge@boston.gov)

**Public meeting on Odom Garden plans** – The Boston Parks and Recreation Department will host a public meeting to discuss the Steven P. Odom Serenity Garden that is planned adjacent to the residential development at 872 Morton St. An overview of the process will be reviewed and the discussion will focus on the vision for the Garden at the meeting on Tues., Feb. 27, 6:30 p.m. at the Mildred Community Center, 5 Mildred Ave., Mattapan.

**Democrats to caucus in coming weeks** – Registered

Democrats will caucus over the coming weeks to elect delegates to the state convention on June 1-2 at the DCU Center in Worcester. Democrats in Ward 15 will meets Sat., Feb. 24 at 9 a.m. at the Savin Hill Apartments, 130 Aukland St.; Ward 13 on Feb. 26, 6 p.m. at the Christo Rey Boston, 100 Savin Hill Ave.; Ward 17 on Feb. 27 at 7 p.m. at the Sheet Metal Workers Hall, 1157 Adams St.; and Ward 14 on Sat., March 3 at 1 p.m. at the Anthony Perkins Community Center, 155 Talbot Ave., Dorchester.

**Dot Day Parade Character Breakfast on March 3** –Dorchester Day Parade Committee's second annual Character Breakfast to raise funds for the June parade is set for Saturday, March 3 at 9:30 a.m. at First Parish Dorchester atop Meetinghouse Hill. \$20 per adult, \$10 per child 12 and under. Children under 2 are free.

**First Suffolk Senate special election dates** – The special election to choose a successor to former Sen. Linda Dorcea Forry will include an April 3 primary and a final election on

May 1. There is a Feb. 20 deadline for nomination signatures. Candidates need at least 300 certified nomination signatures to qualify for the ballot.

**Grants available through Boston State Hospital committee** – The Boston State Community Trust, Inc. is requesting grant proposals from community-based organizations located in the neighborhoods of Roxbury, Mattapan, Dorchester, Jamaica Plain, Hyde Park, and Roslindale. This funding round invites proposals in the following funding categories: Education & Job Training Initiatives; Youth Recreation & Social Development Initiatives; and Mental Health Initiatives. An RFP will be available via e-mail on Friday, March 2 between 8 a.m. and 6pm. Interested parties should submit an email request on that day to: [bjohnson@bevcoassociates.com](mailto:bjohnson@bevcoassociates.com)castbiz.net.

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# BPS eyes \$1.09b budget, up 4.4 percent; drops in state aid, charter funding cited

(Continued from page 1) in fiscal years '16, '17, and where we are along this current year, if we are on target for sending, if we're going realize any savings."

The city budget plan should be in hand in the next six weeks or so, she said, and she hopes to have more clarity as the process continues.

Some members of the school community continue to argue against the school district's weighted student funding system. They have told the School Committee that proposed cuts would worsen several years of funding reduction in some of the district's more vulnerable schools.

Although most schools will see small gains in the 2019 budget, 15 will see cuts. Decisions are determined by the weighted student formula, which allocates funding based on enrollment. If students leave a school, their money follows them to their new schools. The schools they left end up with drops in enrollments, which translates into substantial funding cuts.

Dorchester Academy,

an alternative high school that has struggled, will experience the highest loss in funding year-over-year. With enrollment projections down about 66.7 percent, the academy is in line for a \$1.43 million decrease in its allotment.

BPS officials say the weighted student formula results in a fairer disbursement of funding. Schools receive their allocations based on a proportional student

need rather than as a response to school-by-school advocacy.

For its part, the Mattapan elementary school, formerly the Mattahunt, is in line for a 41 percent boost in funding after a 29.5 percent jump in enrollment.

Critics of the formula, like Boston Teachers Union President Jessica Tang, say it is inherently problematic. It "increases a lot of instability in schools

that already badly need it," she said. "Everybody is already overworked and overwhelmed."

As schools struggle — like Level 4 turnaround school Brighton High, slated to lose \$790,000. — fewer parents are inclined to enroll their children. This decreases funding for the school, which worsens without the needed resources, and makes another generation of students less likely to enroll. Tang

calls it a "vicious cycle."

The consideration schools losing funding then need to make is where to allocate their allocation, and when a budget is stretched, than can mean deciding between a school psychologist, nurse, or librarian.

Tang, acknowledging that BPS is dealing with historic issues of underfunding on the state level, believes the weighted funding for-

mula should be supplemental rather than a baseline.

"It doesn't take into account what all students need in terms of minimal staffing at a school," she said. "If every student at every school deserves a full time nurse, special education program, music, physical education, then really we need to be thinking about what that costs at minimum for any school?"

## Harbor Point child care center— shuttered last year — will re-open under Boys & Girls Club management

**BY REPORTER STAFF**

The Boys & Girls Clubs of Dorchester (BGCD) will re-open a child care center on Columbia Point that served UMass Boston and families in the Harbor Point Apartment community until it ended operations last year.

The new early education and care center— slated to open in early spring of this year— will be located in the same space within the Harbor Point community at 2 Harbor Point Boulevard and "adds to the array of children's services that the BGCD provides in the area, including

a program already in operation at Harbor Point."

"We are excited to have this opportunity to expand our early education programs into the Harbor Point community," said Bob Scannell, president and CEO of BGCD. "Our current site in Harbor Point, Walter Denney Youth Center, serves children ages 5 to 18. We have experienced tremendous success in the community and the partnership has been strong. We are truly appreciative of the continuous support shown to us by the Corcoran

Jennison Companies and the Harbor Point Community Task Force."

The decision comes after meetings with the Harbor Point Task Force and other community partners, including UMass.

"I'm very pleased that the Boys & Girls Clubs of Dorchester has decided to establish a child care center at Harbor Point. This decision is consistent with its mission and ensures that quality care will continue to be available at Harbor Point," said UMass Boston interim Chancellor Barry Mills.

"It complements services the organization already offers and extends the reach of a group that is an acknowledged leader in its field."

"We continually seek ways to bring high-quality services to the Harbor Point community that benefit and meet the diverse needs of our families," said Michael Corcoran, president of Corcoran Jennison Companies, co-owner of Harbor Point Apartments. "Engaging the families in our community includes a collective effort, with youth-service providers, the local schools, and

community members working alongside the families in concentrated ways, helping to support their children's development. We look forward to Boys & Girls Clubs of Dorchester's expansion of early education into Harbor Point. The early childhood education center, the existing after-school programming and the robust enrichment programs offered support our efforts to strengthen community and family connections and provide a cradle-to-college education pathway for our youngest residents."

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# Latest citywide health report shows a familiar pattern in Dot, Mattapan

**By DANIEL SHEEHAN  
REPORTER STAFF**  
Details from the Boston Public Health Commission’s 2016-2017 Health of Boston Report that was released last week by Mayor Martin Walsh paint a familiar picture of the situation in Dorchester, where rates of unemployment, poverty, and chronic disease have been higher historically than those in other Boston neighborhoods.

Scotland Huber of the Codman Square Health said he was largely unsurprised by the data presented in the report. “Many of the social determinants of health are worse in our neighborhood compared to much of the rest of Boston,” he said, “and we know these factors contribute

significantly to poorer health outcomes for our residents.”

The annual report compiles data from every neighborhood in the city to provide an overview of public health issues facing the city and offer insight into how those issues might be addressed.

In issuing the report, Walsh said that it “serves as a roadmap to drive and prioritize our efforts by not only describing the health successes and challenges we face as a city, but also by offering real world perspectives.”

The localized information shows clearly how a citizen’s health is shaped by his or her environment. “The physical or built environment in which people live is widely recognized

as a determinant that influences mental and physical health,” the report notes. “Access to greenspaces for exercise or relaxation, grocery stores and restaurants with affordable healthy foods, and safe housing are all important for maintaining good health.”

Despite the fact that much of the data in the report is two or three years old, Huber said it generally reflects the current state of things as seen at the health center.

One statistic from the report revealed that from 2011 to 2015, the opioid overdose rate in Boston increased by 94 percent. In some parts of Dorchester, rates of death by opioid overdose are higher than in the rest of the city, a number

that Huber described as just the latest stage in a prolonged battle with the epidemic.

“As far as the opioid epidemic, this is not a new trend for us,” he said. “We’ve been dealing with opioid issues for decades. Now that the epidemic has spread into some other parts of the state, we’re seeing increased attention and funding, which has been very helpful in addressing the needs of our patients and residents, and allowing us to expand our Substance User Health Services and increase our integrated services.”

Another telling patch of data showed that residents throughout Dorchester were consuming fruits and vegetables at a lower daily rate than in the rest of

Boston. The struggle for access to fresh, healthy food in many Dorchester neighborhoods is well documented as a persistent issue, although steps have been taken to address the deficiency in recent years. The Codman Square facility, which has been at the center of this movement, launched its new healthy living program, Dot Rx, last week.

“The nutritional and healthy food issues have seen some exciting developments over the past five years,” said Huber. “We’ve seen the opening of our partner and tenant Daily Table, helped sustain two community farmers markets, piloted various fruit and vegetable prescription programs, rolled out integrated nutrition services, and seen great renovations to our local grocery store, America’s Food Basket.

“Ultimately, challenges persist with habits and access to affordable, culturally appropriate, convenient healthy food, but the idea that the Codman Square area is a food desert is now history. We believe that with efforts like our Dot Rx program, more families will receive the support and empowerment to make healthy lifestyle choices.”

Regional data from Mattapan essentially mirrored the story in Dorchester, showing higher than average rates of unemployment and chronic diseases like diabetes and asthma. In Dorchester, data showed a correlation between these rates and high percentages of uninsured residents, particularly among foreign-born adults.

In addition to a variety of health services, CSHC also offers resources to help its patients learn about health insurance and ways to receive help paying for coverage. Huber said the annual health report is a good way to measure the health center’s impact on the community and assess various successes and challenges.

“Reports like this are important reminders of need and pulse checks to make sure needed services are being delivered,” he explained. “Though the numbers aren’t surprising, they are what gives our work meaning and we will continue to work alongside Boston Public Health Commission, the city of Boston, and numerous other valuable community partners to improve the lives of our residents and seek to create a culture of health.”



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### Celebrate! Free Children's Program • Shaw Pong Liu – Exploring China

Saturday, February 17, 2018 • Lunar New Year • 10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

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(Continued from page 1) among whites. Approval for Pressley, on the other hand, is 50 percent greater among blacks than it is among whites. With two popular leaders contesting one another – both known for their progressive platforms – Koczela said the race factor could be front and center. “It’s almost a mirror opposite, with 63 percent of white voters saying they’re supporting Capuano, and 64 percent of black voters saying they’re supporting Pressley,” Koczela said. “So whatever voters are telling you about how they’re making their decision, I think there’s some evidence that [race] is playing a role.” Even in the city of Boston, where the district’s African-American population is concentrated, the race gap is clear: Half of white voters support Capuano, while just 29 percent support Pressley. David Marcus of Somerville is one voter who doesn’t see race as a major factor. As a longtime resident of the city, he remembers Capuano from his days as the mayor of Somerville. And as a self-identified progressive, Bernie Sanders voter, Marcus sees no reason to change

the status quo. “I get [Capuano’s] weekly email newsletter where he explains how he’s voting and mentions other issues that are going on and it’s rather rare I think that I would have a significant disagreement with him,” Marcus said, who added that he’s unfamiliar with Pressley, the five-term Boston city councillor and Chicago native. He said he checked out her campaign website, and wasn’t particularly impressed. “It seems to me the only reason she’s running against Capuano, the only reason she gave why she would be better than him, was her gender and her ethnic background, and that she was new,” he said. “And just being new doesn’t seem like a good reason to run against someone who’s doing a good job.” Others see newness as a virtue. At Pressley’s campaign launch in Cambridge this week, Damali Vidot, president of the Chelsea City Council, said Congress needs new blood. “Really, it is an honor to see someone that just has that firsthand knowledge, that intimate experience, what the needs are in the community, and wanting to bring that to Congress,” Vidot said.



Ayanna Pressley



Mike Capuano



Ayanna Pressley speaks to supporters at her campaign launch and 44th birthday party in Cambridge on Tuesday night.

Jennifer Smith photo

“And in these political times, I just think it’s crucial.” The Capuano campaign declined to comment for this story, but after the launch in Cambridge this week, Pressley told re-

porters that it’s time for a change. “The district has changed considerably” since Capuano was elected in 1998, she said. “We see a growing number of single female heads of household, families living below the poverty line... so the district has changed. I think the priorities of the district continue to change, and I think the district deserves a choice.” The WBUR poll finds both candidates are most favored among the highly educated, and people earning \$150,000 or more. Koczela says the outcome of the Democratic primary in September will likely come down to turnout – which demographics, and which areas, are most inspired to vote.

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**Thurs., Feb. 15,** 10:30 a.m. – Lego Duplo Days; 3:30 p.m. – Drop-In Homework Help. **Fri., Feb. 16,** 9:30 a.m. – Tiny Tot Sign Language; 10:30 a.m. – Preschool Storytime. **Sat., Feb. 17,** 11 a.m. – Ask a Career Counselor. **Wed., Feb. 21,** 10:30 a.m. – Preschool Films and Fun. **Thurs., Feb. 22,** 11 a.m. – Make Your Own Magnetic Poetry. **Fri., Feb. 23,** 9:30 a.m. – Tiny Tots Sign Language; 10:30 a.m. – Preschool Storytime. **Sat., Feb. 24,** 10:30 a.m. – Concert with Matt Heaton; 11 a.m. – Ask a Career Counselor. **Mon., Feb. 26,** 3:30 p.m. – Drop-In Homework Help. **Tues., Feb. 27,** 3:30 p.m. – Drop-In Homework Help; 6:30 p.m. – Hatha Yoga.

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**LOWER MILLS BRANCH**  
**Thurs., Feb. 15,** 1 p.m. – Email Basics; 3:30 p.m. – Drop-In Homework Help; 6:30 p.m. – Book Discussion. **Fri., Feb. 16,** 9:30 a.m. – Babytime; 1 p.m. – Sidney Poitier Film Series. **Tues., Feb. 20,** 2 p.m. – Family Movie. **Wed., Feb. 21,** 10:30 a.m. – Music & Movement; 12 p.m. – Mosaic Workshop. **Thurs., Feb. 22,** 1 p.m. – Drop-In Computer Help. **Fri., Feb. 23,** 9:30 a.m. – Babytime; 11 a.m. – Hansel and Gretel with Boston Lyric Opera; 1 p.m. – Sidney Poitier Film Series. **Sat., Feb. 24,** 10:30 a.m. – Little Voices, Big Changes: Black Lives Matter.

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**Thurs., Feb. 15,** 2:30 p.m. – 90s Nostalgia; 3:30 p.m. – Drop-In Homework Help; 6:30 p.m. – Yoga. **Fri., Feb. 16,** 2:30 p.m. – Movie Friday. **Sat., Feb. 17,** 2:30 p.m. – Creole for Beginners. **Tues., Feb. 20,** 12 p.m. – Towering Tots; 2:30 p.m. – 90s Nostalgia. **Wed., Feb. 21,** 10:30 a.m. – HISET/GED Preparation Class; 2:30 p.m. – Cartoon Afternoon; 4 p.m. – Concert with Matt Heaton. **Thurs. Feb. 22,** 2 p.m. – Concert with Sulinha’s Trio; 2:30 p.m. – 90s Nostalgia; 6:30 p.m. – Yoga. **Fri., Feb. 23,** 2:30 p.m. – Movie Friday. **Sat., Feb. 24,** 10 a.m. – 4Spirit/4You/4L Story Time.

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**Thurs., Feb. 15,** 3:30 p.m. – Drop-In Homework Help. **Fri., Feb. 16,** 2:30 p.m. – Celebrate the year of the Earth Dog. **Wed., Feb. 21,** 2:30 p.m. – Doll E Daze: African Doll Workshop. **Thurs., Feb. 22,** 4:30 p.m. – Concert with Matt Heaton. **Fri., Feb. 23,** 2 p.m. – Family Film. **Mon., Feb. 26,** 3 p.m. – Drop-In Homework Help. **Tues., Feb. 27,** 3:30 p.m. – Drop-In Homework Help.

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# Dot family raising awareness, funds to confront a daughter's rare disease

By ELANA AURISE  
REPORTER STAFF

The parents of a Dorchester girl who was diagnosed shortly after her birth with a rare genetic disorder have organized a fund-raiser casino night at Florian Hall this Saturday to help spread awareness of the disease.

The Mal's Pals Foundation – named by Micayla and Ryan Bickerton for their three-year-old daughter Mallory – has zeroed in on Rubinstein-Taybi Syndrome (RTS), a condition caused by a genetic mutation in one of two genes that results in varying degrees of moderate to severe developmental delays, as the focus of their fund-raising effort.

## Mal's Pals benefit set for Saturday at Florian Hall

Like most lay people, Micayla and Ryan had never heard of the condition until Mallory's pediatrician broke the news at Brigham and Women's Hospital shortly after her birth. The day after they brought their baby home, an emergency brought them to Children's Hospital where she was admitted to the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU) for two and a half weeks. The parents soon learned that RTS presents serious health complications over time, including an increased risk of tumors, eye abnormalities, and the

potential for a range of intellectual disabilities. With limited information and resources available to them close to home, the Bickertons decided they would work to raise awareness of RTS while also lending support to other RTS families in a positive way. Last spring, with the help of their friends Michael and Sunny Dorsey, the Bickertons established the non-profit Mal's Pals Foundation. On Saturday, they will host the first fundraising event – the casino night at Florian Hall with a 7 p.m. start. Funds raised

from the event will help them launch their website with need-to-know information, testimonials from parents, helpful blogs and articles, and a physician directory. The money will also help benefit the 2018 Northeast RTS Reunion in Baltimore, which the Bickertons attend each year. The casino night's grand prizes include a MGM Grand Las Vegas Trip with airfare voucher and dinner on the Vegas strip; a sports package including Celtics tickets, Green Monster seats with signed Mookie Betts baseball, tickets to a Bruins vs. Blackhawks game; a date-night wine-tasting tour of the Boston Winery with a gift card



Mallory Bickerton has many Pals.

to Venezia. "We are truly grateful to all who have shown interest or who have donated already. We just want this event to be a success and for everyone to have a great time," said Micayla. "We have an end goal of helping families like our own and

it's amazing to watch the generosity of this great place called home." Admission for those who plan to play table games is \$100; general admission is \$30. Tickets can be purchased at the door or by e-mailing [Malspals.foundation@gmail.com](mailto:Malspals.foundation@gmail.com).



Boston Police Sgt. Eddy Chrispin was promoted to the rank of sergeant last week at a promotion ceremony at police headquarters. Chrispin, an 18-year-veteran of the force, was pinned by his son, Malcolm, 15. Photo courtesy BPD



Mayor Marty Walsh was the guest speaker at the New England Council's annual gathering in Boston last week. Each year, the Mayor presents an overview of the progress the city has made and its priorities for the coming year. In photo: Marty Walsh, Jim Brett, President & CEO of the New England Council and Joe Carroll, director, community & customer management, National Grid.

# Dot's Amy French runs marathon to support Playworks New England

By REPORTER STAFF

Dorchester resident Amy French, 24, will run the Boston Marathon in April as a member of the Playworks New England team. French works in the organization's development department.

"When kids have opportunities for healthy and inclusive play at school, everyone benefits," says French. "Students learn valuable skills, like teamwork and respect, transitions from recess back to the classroom are more efficient, and the school becomes a more fun and inviting place to be."

Playworks partners with elementary schools, districts, and after-school programs to integrate games into recess to create a place where every kid on the playground can feel included, be active, and



Amy French, 24, of Dorchester, will run in the Boston Marathon to encourage healthy and inclusive play at school.

build valuable social and emotional skills needed to thrive in the classroom and beyond.

A former college athlete, this is the first marathon for French,

who grew up in New Jersey. She played on the women's soccer team at Washington University in St. Louis. "I love the Playworks mission because it's so simple, yet so effective," says French. "Our programs make the school day more fun for kids, while making a huge impact on their physical, social and emotional development."

French is one of six Boston Marathon runners hitting the pavement for Playworks New England. In December, she hosted a birthday fundraiser to raise awareness and funds for her personal fundraising campaign. On Thursday, March 1, the team will host a fundraising happy hour at Harpoon Brewery from 7 to 8:30 p.m. The event is open to the public. Tickets are \$30

per person. All proceeds will directly support the Playworks New England Boston Marathon team. "I am really inspired by the support I have received from my network through this campaign," says French. "People are generally more willing to give when you're putting in the work, and training for a marathon is certainly a lot of work. A marathon is a huge commitment as is a fundraising goal of \$8,500, but the pay-offs in the end make it worth it. And, I've discovered a new love for long-distance running in the process!" For more information about the Playworks New England Boston Marathon team or to support Amy French, visit: <https://www.crowdrise.com/amyfrench26>.

## YESTERYEAR ARCHIVE

DORCHESTER HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Mary McLoughlin Boucher, who has been following our World War I servicemen blog posts, contacted us about her grandfather, who was a Dorchester resident for 57 years and a veteran of World War I. We are honored to have another serviceman to feature in our exhibit.

### PATRICK JOSEPH MCMCLOUGHLIN

Patrick Joseph McLoughlin was born in Ardnisbrack, Ballygawley, Sligo, Ireland, on Sept. 14, 1892. He was one of nine children of James and Catherine McLoughlin and he immigrated to the United States in 1915. Three years later, on June 25, 1918, he enlisted in the US Army. Patrick served as a private Company B of the 70th Engineers, but he never went overseas. He was stationed in Salt Lake City, where



Patrick Joseph McLoughlin

one of his assignments was to guard German prisoners of war who were being held there at Fort Douglas. On July 12, 1918, he became an American citizen, and six months later, on Dec. 30, 1918, he was honorably discharged from the Army. After his discharge, Patrick stayed in Boston and, in 1920, was living with his sister Catherine and her family on Greenwich Street in Dorchester. In 1922, Patrick visited Ireland with his sister's son, his nephew John. While on the voyage back to the US, he met his future wife, another Irish immigrant who had been in the United States since 1915: Bridget Gunning. Patrick and Bridget were married in Boston in 1926. The young couple settled in Dorchester where they would remain together until Patrick's death in 1972. In 1930, Patrick and Bridget were renting

an apartment at 69 Adams Street with their two-year-old son, James. Patrick was working for the New York, New Haven, and Hartford Railroad Company as an inspector. By the 1940 census, the family has grown to five in total with the addition of two sons: John and Thomas and was living at 34 Olney Street and Patrick is listed as the homeowner. At the time of his death on Dec. 9, 1972, Patrick was a grandfather to nine grandchildren (later to become twelve!), a member of the Brotherhood Railroad Carmen of America Local No. 232, and St. Peter's Holy Name Society. You can reach us at [dorchester-historicalsociety.org](http://dorchester-historicalsociety.org). Check out the Society's online catalog at [Dorchester.pastperfectonline.com](http://Dorchester.pastperfectonline.com); the archive of these historical posts can be viewed on the website.



# About a tone-deaf tweet and the best use of social media

A Sunday afternoon message on the official Boston Police Department Twitter page sparked a quick-moving controversy and subsequent apologies from city brass this week. The episode should also prompt the public to ask a fundamental question about the best use of the city’s most-widely followed public safety feed.

The tweet heaped praise on the late Red Auerbach in the context of Black History Month, noting that the former Celtics coach and general manager was a progressive for his time in hiring black players and coaches.

Critics pounced, BPD officials deleted the tweet, and offered a preliminary “sorry” to those who were offended. Mayor Walsh was more pronounced in his verdict the next day, calling the posting “completely inappropriate and a gross misrepresentation of how we are honoring Black History Month in Boston.”

In a tweet of “sincere apologies” on Monday, Commissioner William Evans stated, “The tweet was insensitive and does not reflect the values of the Boston Police Department.”

Reasonable people can disagree over whether or not this specific tweet amounted to simple tone-deafness or something more problematic that speaks to the department’s lack of diversity. But, no matter what, the initial critics and the mayor were correct: The tweet in question was foolish and counter-productive. The city has a slew of Black History Month events going on right now — including some at City Hall involving members of the BPD— that could have been highlighted instead.

Some of the backlash has been over the top. One Rhode Island-based law enforcement group demanded that the BPD’s black police chief, William Gross, make a personal apology for his PR team’s error—an overwrought and unwarranted demand.

Still, in our view, Commissioner Evans, Chief Gross and their team should take this moment to reflect on the impact and best use of the department’s official Twitter account, which this week boasts more than 500,000 followers. It is a powerful tool for disseminating critical information about public safety, investigations, and real-time situations, like missing persons and the search for suspects. It’s a feed that the public—and the media—should be able to rely on for a better understanding of what’s happening as incidents unfold and for investigators to engage and, sometimes, warn the public.

Police officials have used it quite effectively in the last few years to give us all a deeper understanding of just how many illegal guns their officers are taking off the street on a daily basis.

But, the existing feed is also heavy with what can fairly be classified as BPD propaganda—posts and pictures that really aren’t of pressing public interest, such as the ill-advised tweet on Sunday. No one begrudges the BPD a forum to post their internal images and thoughts—and we appreciate that the department makes them available. But perhaps that stream of info would better be broken off into a separate account or page that is reserved for less pressing matters. Less clutter, less room for misinterpretation.

In our view, the public would be best served if the focus going forward is on enhancing the most important elements of the BPD’s social media presence. Give us more frequent and useful updates to shootings or break-ins that the public often tracks through other means before the BPD puts out its own info on unfolding events.

The city’s best public safety social media outlet is run by the Fire Department, which has dedicated staff that respond to fire scenes. They post real-time info and photos and offer the public a comprehensive understanding of events as they happen.

Police officials have a different set of problems to consider—ranging from the privacy of potential victims and suspects to the sanctity of a future criminal prosecution. No one should expect BPD to offer an unfettered stream of detail about events in a busy, complex city where multiple problems can pop up simultaneously.

Still, improvements can—and should—be made. We hope that the department will research best practices nationally and move in that direction.

— Bill Forry

February 15, 2018

# Border wall funds an early flashpoint in Capuano-Pressley contest

BY ANDY METZGER  
STATE HOUSE NEWS SERVICE

A rift over the proposed southern border wall emerged Tuesday between Congressman Michael Capuano and his challenger in the Democratic primary, Boston City Councillor Ayanna Pressley.

Neither Capuano nor Pressley supports a wall on the southern border that President Trump has championed, but Capuano indicated he would be more open to the idea if it meant achieving some of his immigration priorities.

“I got to be honest. Look, I don’t care about a wall one way or the other. It is a nothing issue to me,” Capuano told business leaders on Tuesday morning. “It’s a stupid idea. It’s a complete and total waste of money, but if he needs his political victory to some extent, I’m not going to give him \$25 billion, but I’d give him something to play and say, ‘Oh look my wall,’ as long as he gave us real immigration reform so we don’t have to play this game again.”

Pressley, who planned to officially launch her campaign against the Somerville Democrat at an event in Cambridge on Tuesday night, said she wouldn’t support any funding for the wall.

“Around many issues, I have been and will continue to be willing to work with many diverse groups. When it comes to protecting the most vulnerable among us, however, there can be no mistake: we must ensure that we don’t spend a penny on our President’s delusional border wall, and that at-risk communities in the district and across the country are protected from the bigoted policies coming from the Trump administration,” Pressley said in a statement responding to the congressman’s comments.

Launched from the mayoralty in Somerville’s City Hall to the US Capitol via a 10-way Democratic primary in 1998, Capuano is facing his first contested primary for the seat since he won it two decades ago.

There has so far been little separation on the

issues between Capuano and his challenger, who became the first black woman elected to the Boston City Council in 2009. Both approach most political decisions from the liberal left.

During his Tuesday morning event with the New England Council, Capuano said he thinks it is “immoral” to use “dreamers”—who were brought to the country illegally as children—as leverage in legislative maneuvering. Trump last year rescinded President Barack Obama’s policy of administratively giving dreamers official sanction to remain in the country and the president also called for Congress to take action on the issue.

Pressley also voiced support for dreamers in her statement Tuesday, saying, “All good Democrats should care about fighting for justice for our dreamers.”

Came to loggerheads over the dreamers and other issues in January, resulting in a partial government shutdown, the leaders of both the US House and Senate have indicated a willingness to take up a major immigration bill. The Senate began its debate this week.

“I think it would be great to do some kind of comprehensive immigration reform. If they really do it, I think it stands the chance of being bipartisan in the true sense of the word. But we’ll see,” Capuano told reporters on Tuesday. “A Senate bill came over a few years ago that they wouldn’t even put on the floor of the House. So we’ll see. Hope springs eternal. I actually think that immigration is one of the things that maybe we can work together on if they want to, but it’s also something that they can demagogue as well.”


Asked about how Trump would factor into November’s elections around the country, Capuano quipped, “I’ve invited President Trump to come in and endorse my opponent.”

## Off the Bench

# Looking for authenticity? Visit ‘Stan’s’ on a Marco Island inlet

BY JAMES W. DOLAN  
SPECIAL TO THE REPORTER

For a person who was not always so fond of Florida, I seem to be spending a lot more time there of late. I expect it has something to do with my lady friend, who just happens to own a home on Marco Island. Neither of us expected to get lucky a second time following the deaths of our spouses.



We both chose to embrace that somewhat shallow but joyful exhortation: “We’re not here for a long time; we’re here for a good time.” But why should we shrink into the dark recesses of remorse, loss and isolation, particularly now when we have more free time than when we were raising our families? We’re now fully formed, self-aware, and independent, wearing comfortably the joys and strains and the pleasure and pain of our earlier lives. They are etched into our faces and molded into our souls.

We have a history, a perspective that provides insight, awareness, and the comfort of a task well done, for the most part. With experience comes the compassion to understand, forgive, and accept our flawed humanity. Too many seniors flee to Florida seeking a refuge from the problems that beset society. They live and play in private enclaves, insulated from the turmoil of a democracy in crisis.

It’s not just the bitter weather they flee. The harshness of winter is a reminder that time is running out. It also serves as a metaphor for the disorder, poverty, violence, and confusion they wish to avoid in their sunset years. What some describe as “heaven’s waiting room” also serves as an elaborate refugee camp. That may account for the unease I occasionally feel in this comfortable world apart.

I was there for the last election and I was distressed at the large number of Trump supporters. He received overwhelming support from people who had “made it.” They had money, status, and security, and almost nothing in common with Trump’s traditional base. Yet they feared some of the same things. Overwhelmingly white, many saw immigration, social welfare programs, and the growing minority population as a threat.

There is something artificial about a lifestyle

that on weekends drives residents to a joint called “Stan’s,” a legendary roadhouse on an inlet in a section of Marco known as Goodland. It’s stuck away in an isolated corner of the island like an eccentric relative. It’s not quite ready for prime time. But on weekends they all come to enjoy the sounds, smells, tastes, and companionship of an authentic southern honky-tonk.

The setting is open, the music country western, loud and brash. The dancing is lively and the food and spirits plentiful, but not overpriced. Unlike much of the rest of the island, it ain’t fancy, but it’s real. Characters are welcome and add spice to an eclectic mix of fun lovers who revel in the joint’s diversity. The playful atmosphere is infectious as young and old, bikers and BMW owners share a laugh.

When Stan Gober, the founder, owner, and impresario, died, they named the second bridge to the island after him. A fitting honor because “Stan’s” is a place that bridges differences. Its festive atmosphere brings together folks who might otherwise never appreciate just how alike they are. You would never mistake that roadhouse for a church, but it is a place where people gather to celebrate their common humanity.

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Responding to the governor's concerns about the scope of the legal marijuana industry being assembled by the Cannabis Control Commission, members of an advisory board the governor helped appoint have reaffirmed their recommendations to pursue without delay things like cannabis cafes, pot concessions at cinemas, and marijuana delivery services.

Gov. Charlie Baker, who led the opposition to the 2016 voter-backed legal marijuana law, said last Thursday morning that attempting to license so many categories of marijuana businesses in the initial regulatory regime for selling the intoxicant would be a "gigantic lift," underscoring his administration's position that marijuana regulators are jeopardizing the launch of retail marijuana outlets by being too aggressive with other initiatives.

Many of the regulations Baker's administration took issue with originated with the Cannabis Advisory Board's Market Participation Subcommittee, which met that morning to reaffirm their recommendations and fire back at Baker.

"I think you have to be clear about what that letter was about. That letter was a reminder of who's your daddy, OK? 'We are your daddy, we control your money...' that's



A recent Baker administration letter to the CCC "was a reminder of who's your daddy, OK?" said Cannabis Advisory Board member Horace Small. "We are your daddy, we control your money..." that's what that letter was about.

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what that letter was about," said Horace Small, executive director of the Union of Minority Neighborhoods, who was appointed to the CAB by Attorney General Maura Healey. "Sometimes adolescents have to talk back to their parents and I think this is what we're trying to do today."

Small was referring to a letter that an Administration and Finance official delivered to the CCC urging the regulators to hold off on permitting on-premises marijuana use and other activities until the retail market is established.

"Some of this other ancillary stuff, if that's something they want to come back to at some point, I don't see any reason why they can't," Baker said Thursday. "But I'm deeply concerned based on my con-

versations with local officials, people in public health and a lot of other folks, that if they try to unwrap the entire package straight out of the gate, the role and responsibility they have as an overseer and as a regulator is going to be compromised."

Subcommittee Chairwoman Shanel Lindsay, a cannabis industry consultant placed on the CAB by Treasurer Deborah Goldberg, said removing the recommendations around social consumption, delivery-only licenses and other license types with lower barriers to entry would "completely undermine the mandates related to fairness and small business equity" that the Legislature added to the law last summer.

"A lot of the pushback that

we're seeing is about maintaining the status quo; keeping things simple, keeping things the same. Unfortunately, simple means inequitable and we're not standing for that anymore," Lindsay said. "The Cannabis Control Commission did a very good job of coming up with straightforward and clear solutions that are easily managed and that we as a community support."

The CCC is under a statutory requirement to "promote and encourage full participation" among communities disproportionately impacted by "marijuana prohibition and enforcement" and to "promote and encourage full participation in the regulated marijuana industry by farmers and businesses of all sizes."

"We have to be not only interested but concerned about equity issues as it relates to the implementation of any law and this law should not be excluded," Henry Thomas, CEO of the Urban League of Springfield Inc. and a Baker appointment to the CAB, said Thursday. "It is problematic if, in fact, we don't have the safeguards and don't have the policies in place that will allow everyone who wants to participate to participate."

The subcommittee on Thursday voted to send the CCC revised recommendations, having added language indicating that diversity in license type is critical to ensuring wide access to the legal cannabis industry and condemning any delays in the rollout of

any part of the industry. The subcommittee also reaffirmed its original recommendation, which the CCC did not accept, to license bring-your-own-cannabis events.

"Any further delay and this discussion of a two-tier process is unacceptable. It just serves to further entrench the inequities that we already see in the system," Lindsay said. "Not allowing any of these different types of licenses -- delivery-only, social consumption, event licenses -- we know that these are the ways that people from our communities initially have access to the industry."

CCC Chairman Steven Hoffman on Thursday afternoon said the CCC chose to include a variety of license types in the commission's draft regulations as part of the CCC's attempts to make the industry open and accessible.

"We used our best judgment in terms of coming up with the number of categories of licensees that we were willing to consider and it was about trying to honor the will of the people in terms of accessibility, public safety, minimizing the illicit market, creating opportunities for minorities, women and veterans, and allowing for the participation of disproportionately impacted communities," Hoffman, who was appointed to the CCC by Goldberg, said. "So it's not just one thing, it's literally the entire law that we used to try to make judgments on things like how many categories of licenses we would issue."

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**LOWER MILLS CIVIC MEETS ON FEB. 20**  
The Lower Mills Civic Association meets next on Tues., Feb. 20 at 7 p.m. at St. Gregory's auditorium. Agenda items include new owners of ester; Clearwater Drive traffic issues; proposal for demolition and new construction at 1173 Adams St.; update on condo complex proposal for 1120 Washington St.

**CITY COUNCIL HONORS BLACK IMMIGRANTS ON FEB. 28**

A special Black History Month event hosted by Boston City Council President Andrea J. Campbell and Councillors Ayanna Pressley, Lydia Edwards and Kim Janey on Wed., Feb. 28 from 5:30-7:30 p.m. at Boston City Hall, 5th Floor. Keynote: Former State Representative Marie St. Fleur. Special Honoree: Former State Senator Linda Dorcea Forry.

**DOT DAY 10K CASH DRAWING ON APRIL 6**

Dorchester Day Parade Committee 10k Cash Drawing at Florian Hall, 55 Hallet St., Dorchester at 7 p.m. on Fri., April 6. Limited number of tickets (300) will be sold for \$100 each. Proceeds from the event support the June 3 Dot Day Parade. Contact Kelly Walsh at kellywalsh@dotdayparade.com or 888-734-2356 for tickets.

**DOT DAY PARADE CHARACTER BREAKFAST ON MARCH 3**

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

**CHILI COOK-OFF KICKS OFF DOT DAY SEASON**

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

**BLACK HISTORY MONTH EVENT AT MATTAPAN LIBRARY**

The Dorchester-Mattapan Neighborhood Council



Lindsa McIntyre, headmaster at Dorchester's Jeremiah Burke High School, told her story to a group of students at last week's Portraits of Purpose: Next Generation" event at Boston City Hall. The Black History Month initiative included dramatic storytelling by community leaders on seven stages with 120 high school students from Boston Public Schools participating. At the event, the "torch of justice and leadership" was passed to the students before a grand finale of music and speeches. The Portraits of Purpose Initiative led by Don West and Libbie Shufro provided the event in keeping with its mission to use arts and dialogue to plant the seeds of justice in the next generation. Each student received a copy of the Don West/Ken Cooper book Portraits of Purpose: A Tribute to Leadership as well as Chain of Change by legendary community activist Mel King. Photo by Randy H. Goodman | donwestfoto

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

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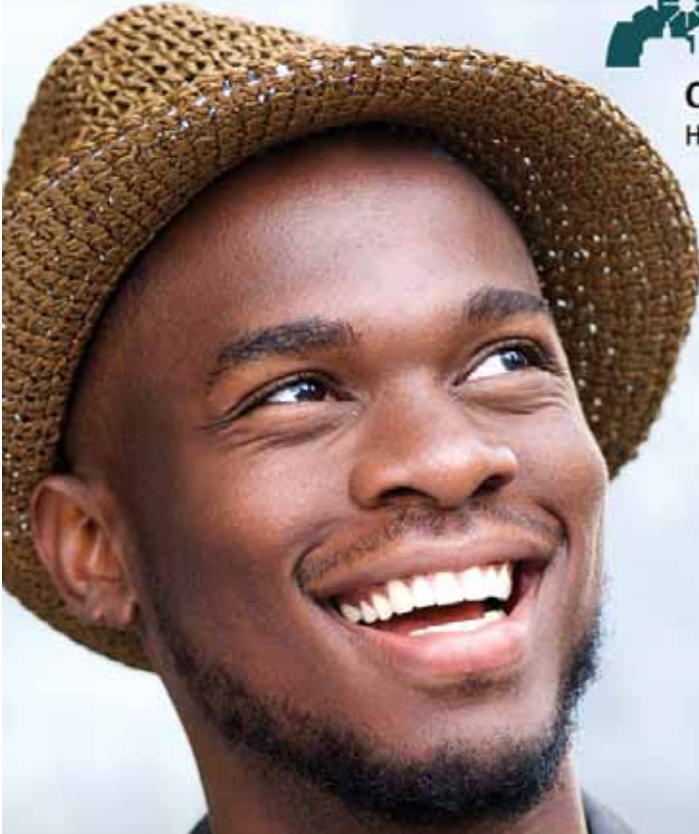
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# Dorcena Forry reflects on her public life, and on what’s ahead

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to work for an exceptional John Fish and his team. So I’m looking forward to it.

“A lot of times people don’t remember that I’ve been in public service for 22 years I’ve been thinking about transitioning, because I think it’s important to be well-rounded, and to be that I have to have private sector experience. This opportunity presented itself. I recognize that opportunities like this don’t come often, and so this was the time for me to do this. I know people were shocked, but I think they realize, ‘Okay, Linda did everything.’ I gave my time, I contributed a lot, raised four children, and you know, it was just time.”

**On the local political front:** “It is quite an amazing time with six women of color serving on the Boston City Council – unheard of. Andrea Campbell is the city council president, and before that it was Michelle Wu. You still have the Black and Latino caucus, Latino and black folks elected throughout the Commonwealth who are going to be the voices for those who aren’t there. It’s important to have people run, it makes the incumbents better, whatever may happen. As to Ayanna Pressley running for Congress, she has spent a lot of time in the city council, and it’s her right. She can run. Anyone can run for office, and I think it’s exciting. It will be up to the voters of the Seventh Congressional District in the end. I’ve worked well with Michael Capuano around all the issues in the district, so it will be fascinating to see what happens.”

**On the race to succeed her:** Two questions: Do you have to be Linda Dorcena Forry to win an election to represent South Boston in the Senate? And is it within reach for a representative like Evandro Carvalho, a Dorchester resident whose district overlaps with the Senate district only on the fringes, who is facing state Rep. Nick Collins, a South Boston resident?

“I don’t think you have to be Linda Dorcena Forry. I don’t. It’s about the messaging, and how the community reacts to you and how do you make people feel in terms of being their voice on the Hill.

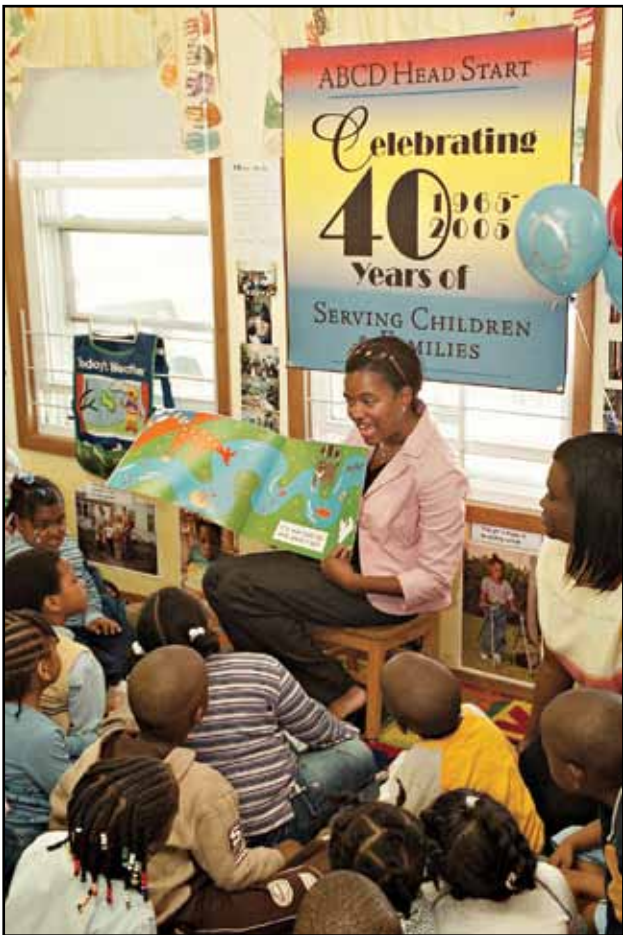
“I’m hopeful that people will look at my collective record as an elected official for 13 years, but really my 22 years in public service. I represented half the district before I ran for the Senate. I represented Hyde Park, I represented Mattapan, I represented Dorchester up to Ashmont station, and that was the 12th Suffolk district, so I had Milton, too. And then for the First Suffolk Senate district I had from Ashmont station, all the way up Dorchester Avenue to Fields Corner, to Uphams Corner, to Bowdoin-Geneva. South Boston is part of it as well. I grew up in Uphams Corner. I was an aide to Charlotte Golar Richie when she was a state representative.

“I went to all these meetings in Meetinghouse Hill, in Bowdoin-Geneva and Fields Corner, so I knew a lot of people. I mean I’ve been working in the whole community, including South Boston. I didn’t work much in South Boston before I ran, but I knew the people in South Boston. There were two people running from there, and I did campaign in Southie, but I focused on Dorchester, Mattapan, and Hyde Park, because that was my base. And I say that because I think anyone can win; it’s about how hard you work. We knocked doors, man, I mean we worked hard, and I worked hard when I first ran for office. And people don’t give credit a lot, but I’m going to take it – eight hours a day, seven hours a day on the doors. I lost 20 pounds on the campaign trail.

“I represented half the district as a state rep, so I would say I had an advantage. I mean, that was the work I did for eight and a half years as an elected, and before that going to meetings, being the voice in constituent issues. We’ll see what happens.”

**On the Senate without her:** “There are 40 senators and there were only two of us. I was the only black senator. Sonia Chang-Diaz the only Latina Asian. I think it’s important, and that’s in everything – in government, in private sector, in executive leadership – to have voices of people of color at the table bringing a different dynamic. That’s something I weighed, because leaving is not something that came immediately. It was like, wow! If I leave, there’s not going to be anyone. But I had to do things for my family and for myself, and this was an opportunity that got presented, so I decided for me. Folks in the First Suffolk are going to make a decision once they see all the candidates who have come out. But for me to go into Suffolk Construction and work with John Fish and the leadership team is critical because a lot of times you don’t see people of color in these roles.”

**On the state of the Senate:** “It’s wonderful that Harriette Chandler is the Senate president. Back in November, the story came out of nowhere. No one expected something like that around Stan [Stanley Rosenberg, then Senate president]. When he stepped down, which was the right thing to do in terms of the body, many people asked me to consider running for the office, and that was something I had to consider.



Linda Dorcena Forry was a moving target during her terms in the House and Senate. Here she is in 2005, visiting an ABCD Head Start classroom. *Reporter file photo*

“I can tell you that during that whole discussion, the body was split. A lot of people felt that Stan Rosenberg could come back as president. I never felt that way. I thought he should have just done a clean cut, a break, and not consider running again because of this. It really took a lot of courage for the victims to come forward and to share their stories. It’s tough when stuff like that happens. Now the Senate is settling down under Harriette Chandler’s leadership. I’m happy that the Senate took away the “acting” because I never considered her acting anyway.

“So I am hopeful. I believe in my colleagues. And we can’t just go keeping hope alive that Stan can come back, because he can’t come back. But again he is running for Senate. That is up to his district to see whether or not they send him back. He is a great legislator, he’s done great things in terms of the progressive voice, but there are other progressive people, there are other people who are Democrats, so it’s not one ideology. I know and I believe that my colleagues have learned from this, recognizing that it can’t just be about one person. It’s about the whole body. It’s about the institution. There are serious elections this year, some competitive races

where Democrats are running against incumbents, and that’s fine. It’s democracy.”

**On changing neighborhoods:** “There have been a lot of changes during my 22 years in public life. One of my big priorities when I came in involved the Neponset River trail, in terms of that missing link between Central Avenue in Milton and connecting Dorchester, Mattapan, and Milton. And I’m so happy that it is finally complete. It took us a while until it finally got completed, but we were able to get the money and I’m so proud of that. Transportation has improved tremendously around access to the Fairmount Line. The three stations have opened, now they’re working on Mattapan. It took a long time, but it was great because the community made it better, even though the process took forever.

“The goal is to get it to be a rapid transit system, like the regular lines along the way. Boston is a great city, but many people in the neighborhoods do everything in their neighborhoods, but we want folks to know, “You may be from Mattapan, but the whole city belongs to you. You may be from Dorchester, or Hyde Park or South Boston, but come down to Mattapan. Come visit, because we’re all in it.

“The connectivity is critical, even to the waterfront. Before I left, Nick [Collins] and I were working to see how to we get more transit to the waterfront. [Today], people will say, “Wow, I’ve got to take the Silver Line. What does that mean? Or go to South Station.” So how do we get more people to the waterfront, to access the jobs there, because there’s a lot of construction taking place and we want to make sure that people feel part of it and have opportunities.”

**On housing pressures:** “I was the past chair of housing in the Senate where we worked on a lot of issues looking to create housing that’s affordable. For Mayor Walsh, that has been a priority for him: not just low, low-income, or no-income housing, but also the middle-income, in terms of people who are working, trying to buy that house, but it’s just not affordable. That’s a reality. Or renting is not affordable. So he’s working to create more. One of the things we tried to push is how to get our other cities and towns – we have 351 cities and towns – to help. Every time I speak I talk about this because we are all in it together. Boston can’t shoulder everything for everybody, and so we need the other cities and towns to meet the 10 percent of affordability that is required by law for their housing stock. So these are the things that [the Senate] hopes to get to the governor’s desk this session. Boston can’t shoulder everything.”

**On the St. Patrick’s Day breakfast:** “The breakfast will continue. The South Boston delegation is meeting. We have a system in place, so the breakfast kind of runs itself. Event planner Dusty Rhodes has been fantastic. We’ve been working with her for number of years, so she has taken the lead in bringing all the vendors together. We’ll know soon who’ll be hosting, so stay tuned!”

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(Continued from page 1) Popeyes footprint,” said Greg Vojnovic, Popeyes chief development officer, in a statement in 2014. The proposal received concerted pushback from the Neighborhood Council, local health centers, the mayor’s office, and City Councillor Andrea Campbell.

Popeyes went before the Zoning Board of Appeal in October 2016 seeking a conditional use permit to operate a store at the Washington Street site. Its permit application was rejected. “Denied with prejudice and we thought, well, beautiful, that’s how the civic process should go,” said Loesch.

But some 15 months later, in December 2017, community members noticed ongoing construction at the site and reached out to the city. Neither the council nor the mayor’s office had

a clear sense of why the construction was proceeding.

They got some clarity on the what and the why in mid-January, with construction already well under way. After the board initially denied the request, the applicant filed an appeal in Superior Court, challenging the decision. Though the case is still open, it seems to have been abandoned.

While the Inspectional Services Department (ISD) would ordinarily order a halt to work while there was an ongoing legal appeal, in this case the applicants changed their permit request. Rather than asking to operate a take-out restaurant, requiring the conditional use permit that they were denied, they instead framed the construction as an expansion of an existing restaurant.

A permit was approved last November for a “change of occupancy from store, barbershop, restaurant to expanded restaurant (19 seats) to include additional restaurant use into vacant space with take-out use.” The distinction, ISD Commissioner William Christopher said Tuesday, is the primary purpose of a restaurant, most of which allow for take-out options.


“I’m not sure how you can have a restaurant without a take-out license,” he said, adding, so as long as less than 75 percent of the sales are from take-out, it just counts as an ordinary restaurant and does not need the conditional use change. With that alteration, the construction work could, and did, go forward “as-of-right.” There is no notification process for an as-of-right project, he said.

Councillor Campbell said the situation seems to highlight a “breakdown in the process,” where a permitting technicality allowed work to proceed on something the community vehemently opposed without any kind of notification or follow-up after the initial zoning denial.

“It’s very appropriate that the community remain a part of the conversation, especially because they opposed the concept,” she said. Such a conflict is a chance for the city to “evaluate, even if a project is as-of-right, what kind of questions they should be asking. Where is it going for that neighborhood, which supports healthy options, healthy food, and we should allow residents to be a part of those conversations. In terms of enforcement, that’s a challenging, legitimate concern for the community.”

Christopher said that ISD can only respond to complaints reported. “When a new restaurant opens up, they have no track record,” he said. “If after a year ago they find out they took out all the chairs and all the tables,” they would have reason to believe that the purpose of the Popeyes was altered.

“This makes us lose faith in the system and the process,” Loesch said. “How, if there’s just a minor change that’s been made, are they allowing it to pass because of one minor change? Isn’t this a red flag?”



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Community Health News

Baker budget includes \$1.6 m in case women’s health funding runs out

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Preparing for the possibility that federal funding for women’s health care services could dry up in March, Gov. Charlie Baker included \$1.6 million for family planning services in a midyear spending bill he filed Thursday.

Massachusetts receives \$6.4 million annually in federal Title X funds, which pay for reproductive health services for low-income and uninsured women, including \$1.35 million in funding for the Department of Public Health. But that funding is due to run out March 31 unless Congress reauthorizes the funding or identifies a new funding source.

Baker included \$1,604,000 in his \$160 million supplemental budget proposal for “ensuring the continuity of clinical family planning services, education and counseling, physical exams, provision of contraceptive methods with an emphasis on services that reduce barriers to care, sexually-transmitted disease testing and treatment, HIV testing, and reproductive cancer

screening services” for clients under 100 percent of the federal poverty level.

“Our administration fully supports access to women’s health care and family planning services, and is requesting supplemental state funding to support these critical services in the event of an interruption in federal funding,” Baker said in a statement. “With federal funding set to expire at the end of March and its renewal unclear, our administration is allocating this funding to ensure essential reproductive and preventative health care services remain available to women across the Commonwealth.”

The supplemental budget also includes \$42.2 million for the operation and maintenance of the 14 sheriff’s departments across the state, \$25.6

million for Transitional Aid to Families with Dependent Children benefits, \$19.3 million for emergency assistance shelter beds, \$15 million for operating costs of the state’s Health Insurance Exchange, \$8.9 million for the Department of Correction, \$7 million for Gold Star family retroactive annuity payments, and \$2.5 million for transit costs of hurricane evacuees who “would like to return home but lack the means.”

As with the federal Title X funding, the state funding Baker has proposed would be split between DPH, Planned Parenthood, Action for Boston Community Development, Health Quarters and Health Imperatives, the governor’s office said.

Dr. Jennifer Childs-Roshak, president

and CEO of Planned Parenthood League of Massachusetts, praised Baker’s inclusion of Title X funding and said the health and well-being of Massachusetts residents “have clearly been disregarded by the federal government.”

“For months, the Trump Administration has left family planning providers in the dark about the future of Title X, and whether they will be able to keep their doors open and deliver critical

services to the more than 4 million patients who rely on this program for their care,” she said. “The Baker Administration’s commitment to step in with state funds if federal inaction creates gaps in care is a direct acknowledgement of the important role Title X plays in keeping people healthy and saving taxpayer money.”

Title X funding in Massachusetts supports 82 health centers across the state. In 2014,

those health centers helped prevent 13,600 unintended pregnancies which would likely have resulted in 6,600 unintended births and 4,900 abortions, Planned Parenthood said citing data from the Guttmacher Institute.

About 67,293 Massachusetts residents rely on the program each year, with 87 percent of the people served earning an income of less than \$29,425 a year, according to Planned Parenthood.

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REQUEST FOR GRANT PROPOSALS

The Boston State Community Trust, Inc. a subsidiary of the Boston State Hospital Citizens Advisory Committee, Inc. is requesting grant proposals from community-based organizations located in the neighborhoods of Roxbury, Mattapan, Dorchester, Jamaica Plain, Hyde Park, and Roslindale. This funding round invites proposals in the following funding categories: Education & Job Training Initiatives; Youth Recreation & Social Development Initiatives; and Mental Health Initiatives. A maximum of \$10,000.00 per organization will be distributed in this funding round.

The Request for Proposals (RFP) will only be available for distribution to interested parties via electronic mail on Friday, March 2, 2018 between 8:00 am and 6:00 pm. On March 2nd, interested parties must submit an electronic mail request for a copy of the RFP. NO REQUESTS WILL BE PROCESSED AFTER 6:00 p.m. NO REQUESTS WILL BE HONORED “PRIOR” TO MARCH 2ND. Upon submission of the request, an electronic version of the RFP will be forwarded to each respondent. The electronic mail request must be submitted to:  
bjohnson@bevcoassociates.comcastbiz.net.

The Boston State Community Trust reserves the right to suspend, withdraw, or amend the aforementioned RFP without prior notice.



# Neighborhood Notables

(Continued from page 10)  
**DIVERSITY CAREER FAIR FOR TEACHERS ON FEB. 15**  
Join educators and school leaders from across the City of Boston at the Fourth Annual Boston Diversity

Career Fair for Teachers, co-sponsored by the Boston Public Schools and the Boston Compact on Thurs., Feb. 15 from 5-7 p.m. at Bruce B. Bolling Municipal Building, 2300 Washington St., Roxbury. For more information, visit [teachboston.org](http://teachboston.org).  
**PUBLIC MEETING AT BCYF MILDRED COMMUNITY CENTER**



Public Meeting

## 1120-1132 WASHINGTON ST.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 26  
6:00 PM - 8:00 PM

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Dorchester, MA 02124

**PROJECT PROPONENT:**  
City Point Center, LLC

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:**  
City Point Center, LLC (the Proponent) proposes to redevelop the approximately 48,303 square foot site located at 1120-1132 Washington Street in the Lower Mills neighborhood of Dorchester. The Project site, located on the eastern side of Washington Street south of Richmond Street, currently contains the former Molloy Funeral Home, a vacant lot behind the funeral home building, and residential buildings on each side of the funeral home. The site will be redeveloped into a four-story, approximately 67,000 square foot (sf) building with approximately 57 residential units and ground floor commercial space.

MAIL TO: **MICHAEL ROONEY**  
Boston Planning & Development Agency  
One City Hall Square, 9th Floor  
Boston, MA 02201

PHONE: 617.918.4237

EMAIL: [michael.rooney@boston.gov](mailto:michael.rooney@boston.gov)

**CLOSE OF COMMENT PERIOD:**  
3/2/2018

[BostonPlans.org](http://BostonPlans.org) | [@BostonPlans](https://twitter.com/BostonPlans)  
Teresa Polhemus, Executive Director/Secretary

In addition, last month Mayor Walsh, in partnership with the Mayor's Office of Diversity; Arts and Culture; Boston Public Schools; and media partner Boston25, announced an open call for student artists to submit artwork inspired by landmarks related to Black history in Boston, in honor of Black History Month. More information is available on [boston.gov](http://boston.gov).  
**DOUBLE DUTCH CLINICS AT MADISON PARK COMMUNITY CENTER**

The Boston Parks and Recreation Department is hosting a series of free Double Dutch Clinics for ages 9-18 at the BCYF Madison Park Community Center, 55 Malcolm X Blvd., Roxbury in the gym at Building 4. These free clinics provide instruction in the fundamentals of jumping rope and rope turning. The sessions will be held from 2-4:30 p.m. on Sat., Feb. 24, March 10 and 24, and April 7 and 14. Teams will compete in the Mayor's Cup Double Dutch Tournament on Sat., April 21 from 10-4 p.m. Doors will open at 9. No pre-registration is required for the clinics. Community centers and youth groups are encouraged to bring their youngsters to the clinics and are invited to schedule dates and times for regular participation in the program. For more information please call Larelle Bryson at 617-961-3092 or email [larelle.bryson@boston.gov](mailto:larelle.bryson@boston.gov).

### JFK LIBRARY ANNUAL PRESIDENTS' DAY FAMILY FESTIVAL

JFK library will offer several family-oriented activities and programs throughout Presidents' Day week, kicking off on Mon., Feb 19 from 10-4 p.m., the festival will feature presidential storytelling, activities and performances, and two Celebrate! family performing arts programs. The first celebrates the Lunar New Year with Shaw Pong Liu who performs music from China and the second features traditional West African rhythms and music with Benkadi Drum and Dance in honor of African American Heritage Month. Special Festival activities are free with paid admission and visitors ages 17 and under are admitted free of charge on Festival day. Regular admission fees apply to all other visitors. For a detailed schedule, please visit [jfklibrary.org/presidentsday](http://jfklibrary.org/presidentsday).

### BOSTON COMMON CHILDREN'S WINTER FESTIVAL FEB. 21

The annual Children's Winter Festival at Boston Common in partnership with the Highland Street Foundation will be held during school vacation week on Wed., Feb. 21 from 10-3 p.m. Among the attractions will be the 45-foot-long Toboggan Tunnel mountainous adventure with twin roller lanes, the 30-foot-high inflatable Everest Climb N Slide, and the Snow Mazing maze. In addition, the Highland Street Foundation is sponsoring a week-long Winter Camp at the Boston Common Frog Pond with free skating and rentals for all ages through Fri., Feb. 23. For info on the Winter Camp skating, please visit [highlandstreet.org](http://highlandstreet.org).

### FREE WORKSHOP: HOW TO OPEN AND MANAGE A RESTAURANT

The Haitian American Business Expo, Inc. / U.S. Haitian Chamber of Commerce, Inc. is pleased to partner with the Mayor's Office of Economic Development Boston to host a free workshop on how to open and manage a restaurant. Please join us on Monday, Feb. 26 from 11-3 p.m. at the Mattapan Branch of the Boston Public Library.



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REPORTER'S CALENDAR

Sunday, Feb. 18

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

Tuesday, Feb. 20

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

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

• JFK Library hosts a public forum "Friends Divided: John Adams and Thomas Jefferson" at 6 p.m. In commemoration of Presidents' Day, Pulitzer Prize-winning historian Gordon S. Wood discusses his new book, Friends Divided: John Adams and Thomas Jefferson. Harvard pro-

fessor of history Annette Gordon-Reed moderates. Fee. More online at [jfklibrary.org](http://jfklibrary.org)

Wednesday, Feb. 21

• The Milton Junior Woman's Club presents the children's entertainment group, Toe Jam Puppet Band, at a special February school vacation week performance at Cunningham Hall, 77 Edge Hill Rd., Milton. Doors open at 9:30 a.m. for the 10 a.m. performance. Tickets are \$5 per person. Toe Jam Puppet Band offers a special brand of interactive children's entertainment that grown-ups can actually enjoy.

• Children's Winter Festival on Boston Common is sponsored by Mayor Martin J. Walsh and the Boston Parks and Recreation Department from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Among the attractions will be the 45-foot-long Toboggan Tunnel mountainous adventure with twin roller lanes, the 30-foot-high inflatable Everest Climb N Slide, and the Snow Mazing maze. In addition, the Highland Street Foundation is sponsoring a week-long Winter Camp at the Boston Common Frog Pond with free skating and rentals for all ages from Monday, February 19, through Friday, February 23. For more information on the Winter Camp skating, please visit [highlandstreet.org](http://highlandstreet.org). Call 617-635-4505 for more info.

Thursday, Feb. 22

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

Saturday, Feb. 24

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

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

Monday, Feb. 26

• During the month of February, the Milton Public Library is pleased to celebrate Black History Month in the Wotiz Gallery by hosting an exhibit of photography by local artist Cheryl Clegg called "Faces of the Rasin Foundation, Haiti." There will be a free and open reception for this display this evening from 6-8 p.m. in the Gallery at 476 Canton Ave., Milton. Contact Jean Hlady, Adult Services Librarian, at 617-698-5757 or visit [miltonlibrary.org](http://miltonlibrary.org).

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

Tuesday, Feb. 27

• Democrats in Ward 17 will at 7 p.m. at the Sheet Metal Workers Hall, 1157 Adams St. Dorchester to elect delegates to the state convention. All are welcome, and all registered Democrats in Ward 17

are eligible to run and vote. For more information, call 617-298-0300 or email [joyce@empathetic.com](mailto:joyce@empathetic.com).

• The Boston Parks and Recreation Department invites the public to the first in a series of meetings to discuss the Steven P. Odom Serenity Garden on Hopkins Street. 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the BCYF Mildred Community Center, 5 Mildred Ave., Mattapan. The Garden will be adjacent to the residential development planned for 872 Morton St. An overview of the process will be reviewed and the discussion will focus on the vision for the Garden. For more information, please call Cathy Baker-Eclipse at the Boston Parks and Recreation Department 617-961-3058 or email

[Cathy.Baker-Eclipse@boston.gov](mailto:Cathy.Baker-Eclipse@boston.gov).

Saturday, March 3

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

• Democrats in Ward 14 will meet to elect delegates to the state party convention at 1 p.m. at the Anthony

Perkins Community Center Cafeteria, 155 Talbot Ave., Dorchester. Contact Darryl Smith at 617-903-7648 for more info.

Sunday, March 11

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

Sunday, March 18

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

• Concert presented by Ashmont Hill Chamber Music at 4 p.m. in Peabody Hall, All Saints' Church, 209 Ashmont St., Dorchester. Tickets (\$25) available at the door or at [ahchambermusic.org](http://ahchambermusic.org). EBT card holders \$3. Children under 13 admitted free.

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THE TRIAL COURT  
PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT  
Suffolk Probate & Family Court  
24 New Chardon Street  
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(617) 788-8300  
CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION  
Docket No. SU14P1512EA  
ESTATE OF:  
DANIEL O'CONNELL  
DATE OF DEATH: 09/10/2009  
A petition for S/A Formal Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative has been filed by Paul R. O'Connell of Nashua, NH requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition. You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before 10:00 a.m. on the return date of 03/19/2018. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an Affidavit of Objections within thirty (30) days of the return date, action may be taken without further notice to you.  
Unsupervised Administration  
Under The Massachusetts Uniform Probate Code (MUPC)  
A Personal Representative appointed under the MUPC in an unsupervised administration is not required to file an inventory or annual accounts with the Court. Persons interested in the estate are entitled to notice regarding the administration directly from the Personal Representative and may petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including the distribution of assets and expenses of administration.  
Witness, HON. BRIAN J. DUNN, First Justice of this Court.  
Date: February 05, 2017  
Felix D. Arroyo  
Register of Probate  
Published: February 15, 2018

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS  
THE TRIAL COURT  
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SUFFOLK PROBATE & FAMILY COURT  
24 NEW CHARDON STREET  
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OF PETITION TO  
EXPAND THE POWERS  
OF A GUARDIAN  
IN THE INTERESTS OF  
KELVIN DEAR  
OF BOSTON, MA  
RESPONDENT  
Incapacitated Person/Protected Person  
To the named Respondent and all other interested persons, a petition has been filed by St. Elizabeth's Med Ctr of Brighton, MA in the above captioned matter requesting that the court: Expand the powers of a Guardian.  
The petition asks the Court to make a determination that the powers of the Guardian and/or Conservator should be expanded, modified, or limited since the time of the appointment. The original petition is on file with the court.  
You have the right to object to this proceeding. If you wish to do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance at this court on or before 10:00 A.M. on the return date of 03/14/2018. This day is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline date by which you have to file the written appearance if you object to the petition. If you fail to file the written appearance by the return date, action may be taken in this matter without further notice to you. In addition to filing the written appearance, you or your attorney must file a written affidavit stating the specific facts and grounds of your objection within 30 days after the return date.  
IMPORTANT NOTICE  
The outcome of this proceeding may limit or completely take away the above-named person's right to make decisions about personal affairs or financial affairs or both. The above-named person has the right to ask for a lawyer. Anyone may make this request on behalf of the above-named person. If the above-named person cannot afford a lawyer, one may be appointed at State expense.  
Witness, Hon. Brian J. Dunn, First Justice of this Court.  
Felix D. Arroyo  
Register of Probate  
Date: February 01, 2018  
Published: February 15, 2018

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS  
THE TRIAL COURT  
PROBATE & FAMILY COURT  
SUFFOLK PROBATE & FAMILY COURT  
24 NEW CHARDON STREET  
BOSTON, MA 02114  
CITATION GIVING NOTICE  
OF PETITION FOR  
APPOINTMENT OF GUARDIAN  
FOR INCAPACITATED PERSON  
PURSUANT TO G.L. c. 190B, §5-304  
Docket No. SU18P0235GD  
IN THE MATTER OF:  
MARC LEWIS  
OF BOSTON, MA  
RESPONDENT  
Alleged Incapacitated Person  
To the named Respondent and all other interested persons, a petition has been filed by DMH c/o Office of General Counsel of Westborough, MA in the above captioned matter alleging that Marc Lewis is in need of a Guardian and requesting that DMH c/o Office of General Counsel of Westborough, MA (or some other suitable person) be appointed as Guardian to serve on the bond.  
The petition asks the Court to determine that the Respondent is incapacitated, that the appointment of a Guardian is necessary, and that the proposed Guardian is appropriate. The petition is on file with this court and may contain a request for certain specific authority.  
You have the right to object to this proceeding. If you wish to do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance at this court on or before 10:00 A.M. on the return date of 03/29/2018. This day is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline date by which you have to file the written appearance if you object to the petition. If you fail to file the written appearance by the return date, action may be taken in this matter without further notice to you. In addition to filing the written appearance, you or your attorney must file a written affidavit stating the specific facts and grounds of your objection within 30 days after the return date.  
IMPORTANT NOTICE  
The outcome of this proceeding may limit or completely take away the above-named person's right to make decisions about personal affairs or financial affairs or both. The above-named person has the right to ask for a lawyer. Anyone may make this request on behalf of the above-named person. If the above-named person cannot afford a lawyer, one may be appointed at State expense.  
Witness, Hon. Brian J. Dunn, First Justice of this Court.  
Felix D. Arroyo  
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Date: February 07, 2018  
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NOTICE OF PETITION  
FOR CHANGE OF NAME  
Docket No. SU18C0047CA  
IN THE MATTER OF:  
CRISTIAN MANUEL MARIN  
of Dorchester, MA  
To all persons interested in petition described:  
A petition has been presented by Cristian M. Marin requesting that: Cristian Manuel Marin be allowed to change his name as follows:  
JAX JOESTAR  
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Witness, HON. BRIAN J. DUNN, First Justice of this Court.  
February 6, 2018  
Felix D. Arroyo  
Register of Probate  
Published: February 15, 2018

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS  
THE TRIAL COURT  
PROBATE & FAMILY COURT  
SUFFOLK DIVISION  
24 NEW CHARDON STREET  
BOSTON, MA 02114  
Docket No. SU17D2689DR  
DIVORCE SUMMONS  
BY PUBLICATION and MAILING  
DEBRA LOUISE HOLLOMAN  
vs.  
FURMAN LITTLE COLLINS  
To the Defendant:  
The Plaintiff has filed a Complaint for Divorce requesting that the Court grant a divorce for IRRETRIEVABLE BREAKDOWN OF THE MARRIAGE. The Complaint is on file at the Court. An Automatic Restraining Order has been entered in this matter preventing you from taking any action which would negatively impact the current financial status of either party. SEE Supplemental Probate Court Rule 411.  
You are hereby summoned and required to serve upon: Debra Louise Holloman, 7 Lorna Rd., Apt. 2, Mattapan, MA 02126 your answer, if any, on or before 04/05/2018. If you fail to do so, the court will proceed to the hearing and adjudication of this action. You are also required to file a copy of your answer, if any, in the office of the Register of this Court.  
Witness, HON. BRIAN J. DUNN, First Justice of this Court.  
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# Lighting up the Hot Stove: Whither the Red Sox in 2018?

By **STEPHEN P. WOOD**  
SPECIAL TO THE REPORTER

With the Super Bowl over (mercifully), the Bruins and the Celtics looking good for playoffs that are months away, and the opening of spring training this week, it seems like a good time to throw another log on the Hot Stove and talk about the home team and its prospects for identifying a major league Red Sox star-in-the-making.

The Red Sox haven't made any bold moves as of this writing, and it looks like we'll be rolling into April with more than a few familiar faces. That said, once in a while a youngster starts spring training by tearing it up in the Grapefruit League and sending waves of excitement all around Red Sox Nation. Could this be a year when we'll see of the next Clemens, Yaz, Rice, or Pedroia. Sometimes that .480 batting average in late March drops to .125 as would-be phenoms face real major league talent on the mound; at other times they keep on truckin' and establish themselves as ready to play everyday ball.

To officially be a prospect, a player must have less than 130 major league at bats, and must have thrown fewer than 50 innings or have had fewer than 30 relief appearances. Which means that exciting players like Andrew Benen-tendi and Rafael Devers are



Left-handed pitcher Jay Groome is widely considered the Red Sox' most exciting prospect. Photo courtesy Lowell Spinners/Mass Sports Office

off the list. Still, there are still some interesting prospects down on the farm who may attract interest.

The most exciting player in the pipeline is lefty flame-thrower **Jay Groome**, the team's 12th selection in the first round of the 2016 draft. He had compiled a 5-0 record with a 1.22 ERA and 81 strikeouts in 43 innings pitching for the IMG Academy in Bradenton, Florida, before entering the draft. He quickly moved through the Gulf Coast Sox and Lowell, then played A ball last year with the Greenville Drive where he struggled – a 6.70 ERA in eleven starts. He displays good control of three pitches – a 90-93 mph

fastball, a good one-to-seven curve, and a nasty change-up. At only 19, he still has to develop. Many see him as a top-of-the-rotation guy in the years to come.

Third base prospect **Michael Chavis** is the top position player in the minors. Currently in Portland, he finished his tour with the Sea Dogs hitting .250 with 14 home runs and 39 RBI. His footwork is a little suspect and his range is average at best, but he has a good arm and his upside is his 20-plus home run power. He has to cut down on his strikeouts, and injuries have slowed his progress. Chavis was picked 24th overall in the 2014 draft


and received a non-roster invite to spring training with the parent club, which means he has something the front office likes.

Right-hander **Bryan Mata** is an 18-year-old undrafted pitcher from Venezuela who was signed as an international free agent in 2016. He is tall and lanky with a good pitching frame and good mechanics. He has three decent pitches and a fastball topping out at around 93 miles per hour. He has some developing to do but is currently ranked as the best right-handed pitching prospect in the system. Mata played in Greenville last year and had a 5-6 record with a 3.74 ERA.

Sox fans have already had a glimpse of 23-year-old **Sam Travis**, who played 33 games for the big club last year. He is a right-hand hitting first baseman with a small but solid frame who seems to have a good grasp of the strike zone and makes good contact. He can work the count, but his long swing leaves him vulnerable to inside fastballs. He is agile around the bag and has a good arm for a first baseman. He is projected to be a platoon guy who the team hopes will develop some power and keep his average up.

Whether any of these guys will be stepping onto the grass for good at Fenway anytime soon remains to be seen. The trades that brought Sale, Kimbrel and others to Boston have left the Sox thin on the farm but these guys offer some hope to build on. Last year's top picks, Tanner Houck and Cole Brannen, offer promise but they have just had their first years in Short Season Single A Lowell so it's too early to tell. The big unknown is: Will anyone in this stable of young players or someone yet unknown become a permanent addition to an already talented club.

*Stephen P. Wood is a long-time Dorchester resident and lifelong Red Sox fan. He enjoys watching games from Lowell to Portland and occasionally a nice obstructed view seat at good ole Fenway.*



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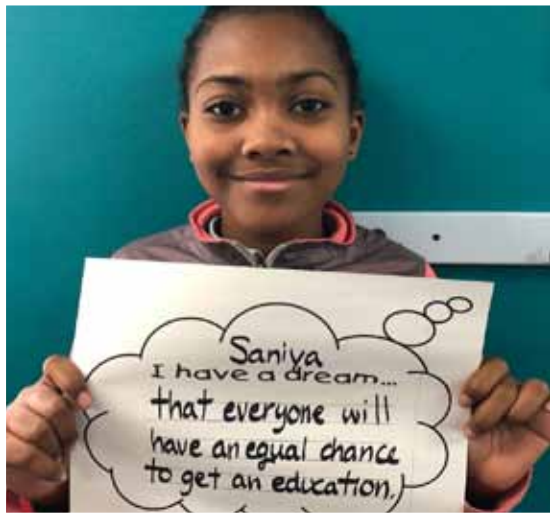
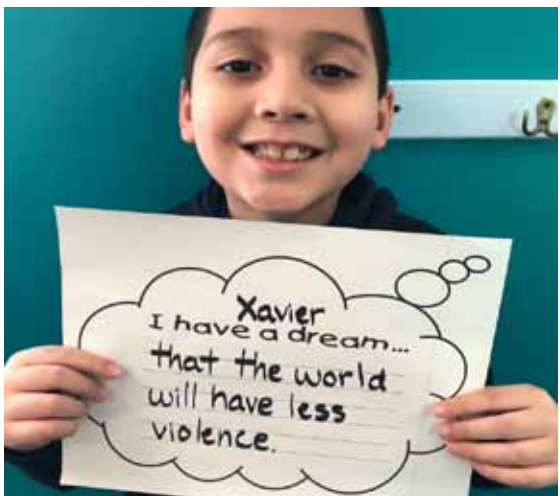
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RECENT OBITUARIES

**AYERS, Anthony P.** 59, of North Andover. Anthony was born in Dorchester in 1958 to Charles A. and Norma Teresa (Debenedetti) Ayers who live in Tewksbury. Anthony graduated from Boston College in 1980 and has worked as a Sales Rep in the Health Care Industry for many years. In addition

to his parents, he is survived by his wife, Judy (Chapkounian) Ayers of North Andover, his sister, Nancy (Ayers) and her husband T. Kevin Keough of North Reading as well as several nieces and nephews. Memorial contributions may be made to: Catholic Charities, 75 Kneeland St., #800, Boston, MA

02111 or to The Make A Wish Foundation, Gift Processing, 4742 North 24th St., Suite 400, Phoenix AZ 85016.

**CHAMBERS, Paul Nelson**, age 69, of Hingham, formerly of Milton and Dorchester. Paul was born in Boston to the late Herbert G. and Katherine R. (McFarland) Chambers. He was raised in Dorchester and Milton and was a graduate of Newman Preparatory School, Class of 1966. Paul was employed for over twenty-five years in the automobile industry as a business executive for the Herb Chambers Companies. As a young man, Paul served in the U.S. Army Reserves. He was a longtime active member of the Quincy Lodge of Elks #943. Husband for 43 years of Janet M. (Gallant) Chambers. Father of Azurae Chambers Hood

and her husband Eric of Winchester, and Madison Taylor Chambers of Hingham. Grandfather of Charles Huxtable Hood and Aubrey Chambers Hood. Brother of Sheila Hausman and her husband Mark of Quincy, Herb Chambers and Melissa Lees of Old Lyme, Connecticut and the late Joan B. Steffy of Wellesley. Uncle of Melissa Steffy, Susan Tarquini, Mark Hausman, Dale Hausman, and George Chambers and his wife Liz. Paul is also survived by several great nieces and great nephews. For those who wish, donations in Paul's memory may be made to The Home for Little Wanderers, 10 Guest Street, Boston, MA 02135.

**DICKSON, Mary Margaret (Fisher)** 82, a resident of Sudbury for over 50 years, unexpectedly. Wife of Robert Francis "Bob" Dickson, Jr.; mother of Robert Dickson III (Cathy) of Warren, Linda Martin (Scott) of Bass River, Karen Langdell (Rick) of Johnson, VT, Paul Dickson of Saugus, Mark Dickson (Tanya) of Manchester-by-the-Sea, Scott Dickson of Stillwater, NJ, Nancy Dickson of Marlborough; sister of Lillian Waite (William) of Brunswick, ME, the late Cyril "Sonny" Fisher, Jr. of Hull, Bernadette "Bunny" Alexander of Weymouth, Anne Rams of Wareham, and Debbie Wilson of Quincy. She is also survived by 14 grandchildren, 5 great-grandchildren;

many nieces, nephews, extended relatives and friends.

**DORNHOFFER, William F. "Red"** of Dorchester. Husband of Margaret H. (Double-day). Father of Deborah Sellers of Rockland, Jason and his wife Brenda Dornhoffer of Westwood, Justin Dornhoffer, BFD and his partner Christina Babcock of Dorchester. Grandfather of Stephanie, Matthew, Jeffrey, Jacob, Reagan and Lillian. Great grandfather of Noah, Avery, Jacob J., and Natalie. Brother of the late Evelyn Dornhoffer. Also survived by many in-laws and friends. Vet. Korean War, U.S. Army. Remembrances may be made in memory of Red to the Fisher House, West Roxbury.

**FINNEGAN, Joseph Michael** passed away in Naples, Florida. Joseph was born in 1931, and raised in Dorchester, the second oldest of nine children. Joe graduated from Boston College High School and went on to receive his B.A. in Economics from Boston College and an MBA from Suffolk University. A veteran of the United States Army, Joe served during the Korean Conflict stationed in Oji, Japan where he made many lifelong friends. Joseph had a long career with the Commonwealth of Massachusetts that spanned nearly four decades. He held positions within the State Legislature, Department of Mental Health, Executive Office of Administration and Finance, and the Board of Regents of Higher Education from which he retired. He went on to offer consulting services to the Mass. Association for Mental Health for an additional five years before retiring to Naples, FL in 1992 where Joe continued his service by volunteering at the NCH emergency room and reading to children at local public schools. He was also active in business and community affairs serving on multiple volunteer boards and committees during his career in Massachusetts. Joseph is survived by his wife, Hildegard (Hesse) Finnegan of Naples, FL; two daughters, Michelle Finnegan of Naples, FL, and Heidi (Finnegan) Ellard of Boxford, MA; son-in-law, James V. Ellard, Jr.; three grandsons, James, Joseph, and Michael Ellard; siblings, Eleanor (Finnegan) Golden of Delray Beach, FL, John Finnegan and his wife Elizabeth of Naples, FL, Thomas Finnegan and his wife Donna of Dorchester, MA, Julie (Finnegan) Matzel and her husband Gerhart of Mashpee, MA, Stephen Finnegan and his wife Carol Anne of Milton, MA; brother-in-law, Michael Collins of Marco Island, FL; and nearly two dozen nieces and nephews all whom

he loved very much. Joseph is preceded in death by his parents, Senator Joseph and Julia (Kendrigan) Finnegan; siblings, Anne Finnegan, Patricia (Finnegan) Collins, and David I. Finnegan. Memorial donations may be made in Joseph Finnegan's name to Boston College High School <https://bchigh.myschoolapp.com/page/give/give->, select "other" to add: Joseph Finnegan Scholarship) or mail checks to B.C. High, 150 William T Morrissey Blvd, Boston, MA 02125; or to the American Cancer Society <http://www.cancer.org/>.


**GOLDBERG, Elliot** of Henderson, NV, formerly of Rockland and Dorchester, at 67 years of age. Husband of 31 years to Claudia Garland. Father to Alison Weinberg and her husband Jonathan of Bellingham. Papa of Dara and Jack Weinberg. Brother of Diane Goldberg of Sharon. Also survived by a number of dear nieces and nephews. Elliot was a Veteran of the United States Army and was well known as the owner of Pastimes in Cohasset. Expressions of sympathy in Elliot's memory may be made to The Jimmy Fund or the charity of your choice.

**ORAM, Carol Ann (Cappelotti)** of Walpole, age 77. Wife of Earl F. "Frank" Oram. Mother of Joseph J. Oram of Mansfield, Paul D. Oram of NJ and David A. Oram of Peabody. Grandmother of Shelley Oram and Joseph J. Oram both of Mansfield. Sister of the late Robert, James, and William Cappelotti and Evelyn Bowie. Memorial donations may be made to: Alzheimer's Association of MA, 309 Waverly Oakes Rd., Waltham, MA 02452.

**REED, Carla M.** Of Boston, wife of Emmett Reed, Jr., mother of Demetrios, Armani and Diamond N. Reed, was born in Boston in 1963. She was 54 years old. She is preceded in death by her father and one son Jordan G. Reed. Carla leaves: her husband, her children, her mother Marie Mendes, her grandchildren Mekhi and Jordan Reed, Jr., many siblings, a host of other relatives and friends.

**WHALEN, Robert W.** of Plymouth, formerly of Dorchester. Son of the late Anne and Robert Whalen. Brother of Maureen T. Whalen of Milton and the late Susan A. and James O. Kelly. Uncle of Jana P. Kelly O'Neill and her husband Shane of Weymouth, Thomas J. Kelly, James O. Kelly and Patrick T. Donovan all of Milton and Liam P. Kelly of CO. Nephew of Patrick and Lorraine Flaherty of Quincy. Veteran United States Marine Corps. Donations may be made in his memory to the MSPCA @ MSPCA.org.

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**CITATION ON PETITION FOR ORDER OF COMPLETE SETTLEMENT ESTATE OF: SHIRLEY PORTER**

A Petition for Order of Complete Settlement has been filed by Duane G. Sullivan, Esq. of Boston, MA requesting that the court enter a formal Decree of Complete Settlement including the allowance of a final account of the Temporary Conservator and other such relief as may be requested in the Petition.

**IMPORTANT NOTICE**

You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before 10:00 a.m. on 03/08/2018.

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

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

Date: February 05, 2018

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**CITATION GIVING NOTICE OF CONSERVATOR'S ACCOUNT**

In the matter of:  
**SHIRLEY PORTER of Roxbury, MA**

Protected Person/Disabled Person/Respondent

To the named Respondent and all other interested persons, you are hereby notified pursuant to Rule 72 of the Supplemental Rules of the Probate & Family Court, that the Petition for Allowance of Conservator's 1st Annual account(s) of Duane G. Sullivan, Esq. of Boston, MA as Conservator of the property of said Respondent has or have been presented to the Court for allowance.

**You have the right to object to the account(s).** If you wish to do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this court on or before 10:00 A.M. on the return date of 03/08/2018. This day is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline date by which you have to object to the account(s). If you fail to file the written appearance and objection by the return date, action may be taken in this matter without further notice to you, including the allowance of the account(s).

Additionally, within thirty days after said return day (or within such other time as the Court upon motion may order), you must file a written affidavit of objections stating the specific facts and grounds upon which each objection is based and a copy shall be served upon the Conservator pursuant to Rule 3 of the Supplemental Rules of the Probate & Family Court.

You have the right to send to the Conservator, by registered or certified mail, a written request to receive a copy of the Petition and account(s) at no cost to you.

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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.

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4	31,980	2,665	1,333	1,230	615	45,510	3,793	1,897	1,751	876
5	37,414	3,118	1,559	1,439	720	53,243	4,437	2,219	2,048	1,024
6	42,848	3,571	1,786	1,648	824	60,976	5,082	2,541	2,346	1,173
7	48,282	4,024	2,012	1,857	929	68,709	5,726	2,863	2,643	1,322
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