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My Search for Sgt. Auxier

Norwood veteran tells of his trip to Vietnam 49 years after his pal went missing in bomb blast that killed a Dot soldier

By TOM MULVOY
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At midday on July 29, 1968, 18-year-old Mike Cunningham, of Roslindale, Massachusetts, a rifleman with the US Army's Americal Division, was cleaning up an old foxhole below the rim of a hill in Tien Phuoc Province in central Vietnam when he was told that a helicopter carrying hot food was headed to his company's position.

"Knowing that whoever unloaded the chopper would be first in the chow line, I started to run up the hill to greet its arrival," he told the *Reporter* in an interview last week, "but when I looked over my shoulder, I was stunned to find myself in the direct flight path of the copter. I dropped to the ground and covered up as it passed over, and seconds later I heard a terrific explosion. Figuring we were under mortar assault, I rolled down the hill and tumbled into my foxhole as cover for the next explosion, but only silence, an eerily unnerving silence, followed."

In short order, that interlude was shattered by the voice of Charlie Company commander, Capt. Chris Martin, loudly pleading for help. Writing about this tragic episode for the *Americal Journal* in 2017, Cunningham tells of jumping out of his foxhole and running up to the captain, who was standing close to the battered chopper, which was lying on its side, and pointing to the ground, saying, "He's here, he's here. Greene is buried right here."

He was talking about his radioman, 21-year-old Corporal Donald Greene, of Savin Hill, Massachusetts, who had been with him when the explosion blew

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Some 49 years after Mike Cunningham survived a bombing in Vietnam that killed three of his mates and left one missing, he returned to scene on a renewed search for his MIA pal and located the foxhole that had kept him safe that day.

Public concerns on pace, use of space leads to slow down on White Stadium rehab work

By SETH DANIEL
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City officials and the Boston Planning and Development Agency (BPDA) have moved to slow down the planned renovation of White Stadium in Franklin Park amid public pushback on the pace and scope of the project. For one thing, a zoning amendment key to the planning was removed from the agenda of the Zoning Commission, which had scheduled a vote on it on Wednesday of this week.

During a virtual meeting Monday evening, city officials took up the stadium proposal, which would include funding from the owners of a new professional women's soccer team, Boston Unity Soccer Partners, which wants to use the city facility as its home base. Mayor Wu's administration, which has committed up to \$50 million in municipal funding to the project, has hailed it as an ideal public-private partnership that will reinvigorate a key public asset on the Dorchester-Roxbury-Jamaica Plain line.

Wu said on Monday that she remains firmly

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Discounted fares for low-income T riders could start this summer

By CHRIS LOVETT
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After a long grassroots push for better and more affordable public transportation, the MBTA will offer systemwide fare discounts for low-income riders as early as this summer, pending final approval from the agency's board.

MBTA and state officials outlined plans for the discount service at a briefing on Monday. By using Charlie Cards, eligible riders would get discounts of about 50 percent on all modes of service, from bus and subway lines to commuter rail, ferries and the RIDE. The program would be for low-income riders ages 26-64 and non-disabled. The agency already has targeted discount programs for riders with disabilities.

"Regular riders of our system can save over \$700 annually, and those who regularly use commuter rail could save nearly \$2,000," Lynsey Heffernan, the MBTA's Chief of Policy and Transit Planning, said at the briefing.

"From previous research," she said, "we know that when riders with lower income are provided with reduced fares, they will take 30 percent more trips and that they will take more trips to healthcare and social services."

Officials estimate the 60,000 riders would be eligible who are currently enrolled in state assistance programs that have a cutoff no higher than 200

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It's time to make the Paczkis at DJ's

By SETH DANIEL
NEWS EDITOR

The clock in the kitchen at DJ's European Market and Deli at 120 Boston St. in the Polish Triangle reads nearly 2 a.m., when the kitchen is usually dark, silent, and waiting on normal morning routines.

But last Thursday (Feb. 8) – known as Fat Thursday in the Polish tradition – and Tuesday of this week (Feb. 13) – known as Fat Tuesday in the American tradition – were not normal nights at DJ's, the family-owned business that has become the hub of the Polish donut, known as a Paczki (pronounced punch-key), bolstered by the talents of third-generation baker Dawn Morris.

At 2 a.m. on those two days, the lights are on, and the mixer is churning Paczki dough in the rush to finish 1,000 donuts before 8 a.m. when lines have already formed outside the door as people of all stripes wait to partake in a tradition – whether Polish Fat Thursday or American Fat Tuesday.

"We open at 8 a.m. and they start going out the door at 8 a.m.," said Morris. "We like to have the orders ready, so it becomes a rush from 5 a.m. to opening – even though



Dawn Morris, part of the third generation at DJ's Market, took on the role of making the Paczki donuts about 10 years ago, and now has made it the hub of activity for the popular store on Fat Thursday and Fat Tuesday. She and her crew churn out about 1,000 donuts overnight for both days.

Seth Daniel photo

we're here all night long. We even have our groups that come early like this Polish guy who comes at 4 a.m. He starts work early and stops by to get them so that he can share with his co-workers."

DJ's has been in the family since the 1970s, when Gino and Theresa Jurczuk operated the Polish-themed market, one of several

in the Triangle at the time. Their daughter, Alina Morris, and her husband Danny later purchased the store and have been stalwarts behind the counter for decades. Now, they've brought their daughters, Alina 'Jackie' Morris and Dawn Morris, into the fold as the third generation.

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Man wrongly convicted for '72 murder sues city

Anthony Mazza, who served nearly 48 years in prison for the 1972 murder of a bank teller in Uphams Corner, is suing Boston, its police department, and some police officers who, he says, framed him for a bogus first-degree murder conviction in part because they hated gay men.

Mazza was released in 2020 when the Supreme Judicial Court - on his sixth appeal - ordered a new trial. About a year later, the Suffolk County District Attorney's office dropped the charge against him. Last year, a Suffolk Superior Court judge formally expunged his conviction from court records.

Mazza was arrested following the death of Peter Armata, a Malden resident and the manager of the First National Bank branch in Uphams Corner, whose body police found tied up in a closet on the second floor of a house on Bowdoin Street at Downer Court on July 5, 1972.

In his suit, filed in US District Court in Boston, Mazza charges that investigators ignored evidence pointing to the killer being the man in whose apartment police found Armata - but that that man, initially charged with murder, managed to convince police that they should go after Mazza.

Mazza charges that police withheld key evidence - including an interview in which that man's brother contradicted his sibling and cleared Mazza. The suit alleges that police ignored other evidence pointing to the other man as the killer, including the fact that he was a violent man with a criminal record who had "bragged of robbing and killing the victim" to his lifelong friend, Mazza's roommate at the time - even to the point of detailing how he strangled Armata.

The complaint also charges that police began making the case that Mazza was "queer," had slept with a man and had gone to a bar known to be "a queer place" the night before the murder. Prosecutors brought all that up during his weeklong trial to prejudice the jury, the suit charges.

The complaint describes the effect of spending decades in prison for a crime you didn't commit: "Mr. Mazza was in his early twenties, in the prime of his life, when he was wrongly convicted. Mr. Mazza's whole life was turned upside down without any justification...In addition to the severe trauma of wrongful imprisonment and Mr. Mazza's loss of liberty, defendants' misconduct continues to cause Mr. Mazza extreme physical and psychological pain and suffering, humiliation, constant fear, anxiety, deep depression, despair, rage, and other physical and psychological effects."

The suit seeks compensatory damages for malicious prosecution and violations of Mazza's rights to due process and equal protection under the 4th and 14th Amendments and conspiracy to deprive Mazza of his constitutional rights by homicide detectives, the failure of their supervisors who knew what was happening to stop it, and the failure of the city of Boston to do anything about widespread and long-standing BPD policies to hide evidence from defendants.

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Feb. 22 council hearing to focus on Steward hospitals situation

The Boston City Council's Committee on Public Health, chaired by District 3 Councillor John FitzGerald, will convene a public hearing on Thurs., Feb. 22, that will take up the still-unfolding financial crisis at Steward Health Care and how it might impact the future of Carney Hospital in Dorchester and St. Elizabeth's Medical Center in Brighton.

FitzGerald and his council colleagues Liz Breadon and Brian Worrell co-sponsored the hearing order last month amid news reports about Steward's substantial unpaid debts to vendors, including the property management company that owns the Carney campus on Dorchester Avenue.

In their order, FitzGerald and Breadon said the purpose of the hearing was to "discuss the continuity of health care services" by hearing from representatives of Steward, state and local regulatory agencies, health care providers, researchers, patients, and members of the public."

They noted that "Steward's present financial troubles bring into question the short and long-term operability of the system's Boston-area hospitals."

It's not clear if Steward will send anyone to speak or answer questions at the hearing, which will be held in the Iannella Chamber, on the fifth floor at Boston City Hall. The hearing will be streamed at boston.gov/city-council-tv.

BILL FORRY



Councillor FitzGerald—Wants answers from Steward representatives on Carney Hospital, St. Elizabeth's.

Licensing panel to revisit attack by machete at Uphams Corner bar

The Boston Licensing Board last week called for a second hearing on an Aug. 29 incident at Dublin House on Stoughton Street in Dorchester that ended with a patron needing 47 stitches to close up the machete gash in his arm.

The board called for the additional hearing to consider more closely whether bar employees and managers failed to cooperate with police, or even call them, that night.

According to police officers who testified at a hearing last Tuesday, they arrived at the pub after a man had walked into the Boston Medical Center emergency room shortly before 12:30 a.m. with a long, fresh gash down his arm that he said he'd gotten at Dublin House.

Police say they found numerous people milling about outside the bar, as well as blood on the sidewalk out front, with more on the sidewalk across the street. When

they went inside, club employees said a couple of guys had gotten into an argument and that they had kicked both out - holding one inside for a bit to ensure the other one had left. There was no physical confrontation, let alone a dramatic arm slashing, inside, they told police.

But then an officer noticed blood inside the bar by the ATM near the front door. Not only did it have what looked like a footprint in it, it "appeared to be tampered with, as if someone had tried to clean up the blood," she said.

Also testifying was the man with the 47 stitches, who said he had most definitely been stabbed inside the bar. He said that two men had gotten into a fight, but that he wasn't one of them; he was only walking near them as he brought a drink to the DJ - and that at first, he didn't realize

he'd been sliced as the machete guy left the bar.

"It happened suddenly," he said, adding that once he realized it was his blood flying everywhere, he got mad, and that he remains "flabbergasted and speechless by this."

Tuesday's hearing was on citations issued to Dublin House by police for the assault and battery with a machete and for failing to shoo away loiterers from in front of the building. At the meeting, however, board members agreed

they were troubled by additional statements in formal police reports that bar personnel failed to call police about the incident and then failed to cooperate with police investigating it, and that they wanted to call the bar back before them to discuss that.

At the hearing, the bar's attorney, William Gardiner, said that bar employees didn't realize there was an incident and they thought they had broken up a simple argument, which is not normally something that requires calling police.

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The Ward 15 Democratic Party Committee will hold its annual Caucus on Sat., Feb. 17, from 9 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. on Zoom. To register, use the link at the group's Facebook page. The caucus elects delegates to the Democratic State Convention to be held on June 1. Any registered Democrat in Ward 15 may vote at the caucus and may run to be a delegate.

The Lower Mills Civic Association will meet on Tues, Feb. 20 at 7 p.m. at St. Gregory auditorium. A discussion about ongoing financial problems at Steward-owned Carney Hospital is the main agenda item.

ADSL will be open for February break (Feb. 20-23) for kids ages 5-11. Tuition (\$25 per child) includes breakfast, lunch, and snacks; sports/fitness; competitive gaming, and more. Register today at adls.org.

The John F. Kennedy Presidential Library and Museum offers several family-oriented activities and programs throughout Presidents' Day week, including its signature Presidents' Day Festival on Feb. 19 featuring presidential storytelling, activities and performances, and a Celebrate! family performing arts program. The performance of Stories of Hope and Joy with Len Cabral at 10:30 a.m. features folktales, myths, and personal accounts brought to life with humor, wisdom, and compassion by Cabral, the international renowned storyteller. Audiences of all ages will be inspired by stories of the power of hopeful actions in honor of Black History Month. The 13th Annual Presidents' Day Festival's main activities will kick off at 11 a.m. Actors portraying Presidents John Adams, Thomas

Jefferson, and Theodore Roosevelt, and First Lady Abigail Adams will share stories and engage visitors in conversation. Festival-goers can enjoy Museum tours and activities that bring history to life for all ages. The event will close with a special free concert by the Harvard Din & Tonics, who will perform Kennedy campaign songs and popular music from the 1960s and today. Visit www.jfklibrary.org/PresidentsDay for a detailed schedule of the offerings. Registration is recommended.

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specific funding categories: Education & Job Training Initiatives; Youth Recreation & Social Development Initiatives and Mental Health Initiatives. A maximum of \$10,000 per organization will be distributed in this funding round. The Request for Proposals (RFP) will only be available for distribution to interested parties via e-mail on Fri., March 1, between 8 a.m. and 6 p.m. On March 1, interested parties must submit an electronic mail request for a copy of the RFP. All RFP requests must identify the organization that is requesting the RFP. The electronic mail request must be submitted to bjohnson@bevcoassociates.com or bevcoassociates.com.

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New Fields Corner bookstore owners target a June opening

**By SETH DANIEL
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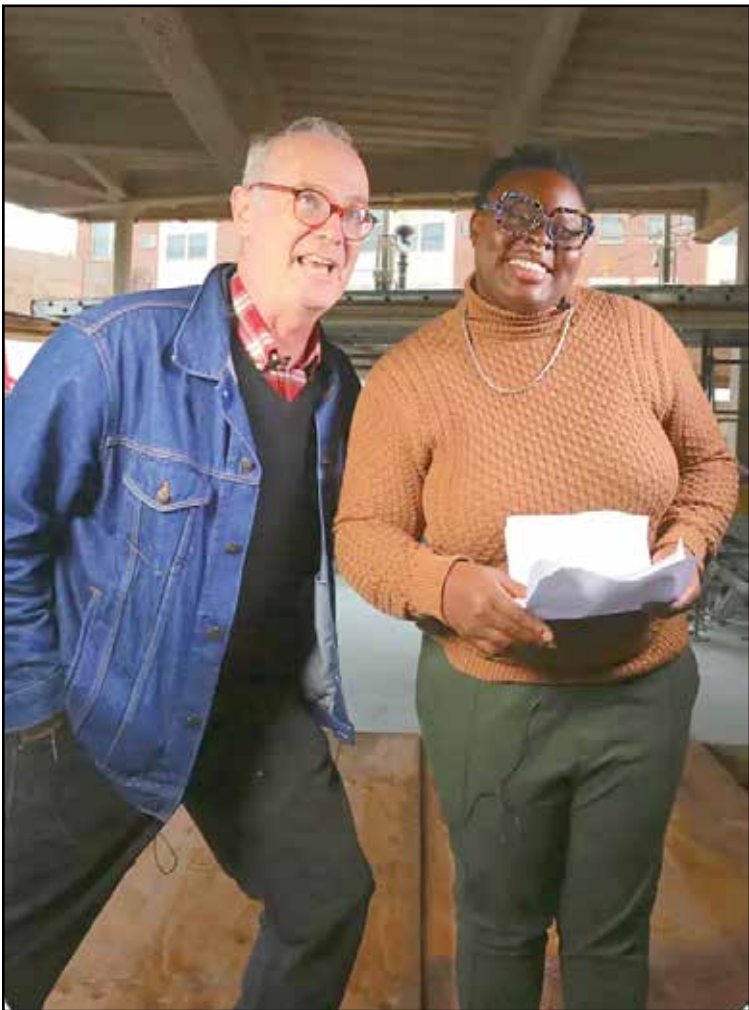
Members of the Fields Corner Civic Association (FCCA) were told last week by the owners of the bookstore Just Bookish that they plan to open in June on the ground floor of the new Dot Crossing building at 1463 Dorchester Ave. The long-anticipated storefront will also function as a performance and community space in the evening and night hours.

Boston's poet laureate, Porsha Olayiwola, and Bing Broderick, the former director of Haley House, both of Dorchester, gave residents the timeline and an update during the online meeting. "Construction began two weeks ago, so it's happening and happening soon," said Olayiwola. Added Broderick: "It should probably be finished in May, and we would take delivery of 9,000 books and then welcome folks in, probably in June," added Broderick. "We've been very successful in raising the money to build out the space as a for-profit, non-profit hybrid," he noted.

He explained that the for-profit entity would be the bookstore and food sales, with the non-profit community space venture being the overall owner of the venture.

"No one is making away with a bunch of money; it is a non-profit," he said.

Olayiwola said they have been using the design firm Co-Everything, which recently finished the design of the Dorchester Food Co-op. She also and noted that the book-



Bing Broderick and Porsha Olayiwola, the owners of the Just Bookish bookstore and literary gathering space in the new Dot Crossing building on Dorchester Avenue.
Photo courtesy Just Bookish

store will be closed on Mondays but would be open every other day of the week, from 2 p.m. on into the night.

"We want to be that place that has programming and is a place to go at night; we want to be the place that opens after home.stead closes and be that third space for folks," she said.

Right now, the space comprises about 1,250 square feet. ft., and would accommodate 39 people at a time, with moveable shelves that could be relocated for events in the evenings.

One of the models they have thought about is making the

site a place for performances. In fact, both met years ago when Olayiwola ran poetry slams at the Haley House that brought in a young and energetic crowd. They hope that will happen at Just Bookish, and that the energy will flow to all age groups.

"We're excited about it and the activation," said Broderick. "We look forward to welcoming everyone in."

"When you walk in your eye is drawn to the area by the T with a raised stage that also has a drop-down movie screen and all wired for sound," said Olayiwola. "Whoever has the mic has agency. That's what we're looking for."

She also noted that they plan to partner with local food purveyors to offer small bites within the store for food offerings, and they hope to get a beer and wine license, too.

Just Bookish has just launched a GoFundMe campaign for books and inventory.

Leadership shuffle – The association elected its officers at the Feb. 6 meeting. Shamia Hicks, who has been the vice president while Jim Doyle served his term as president, was elected president. Doyle moved to secretary, and Hiep Chu remains as treasurer. The vice president position remains vacant for the moment.

Fields Corner CDC plans renovations – Ellen Mason, executive director of the Fields Corner Community Development Corporation, appeared at the meeting to announce that the organization is planning to raise capital to renovate sever-

al of the buildings they own.

Mason, who was the leader of the now-defunct Freeport-Adams Civic Association, said they continue to manage 220 units of low-income housing in and around Fields Corner in scattered sites.

"The buildings are old and beautiful, but we are embarking on a program to refurbish, repair, and upgrade all of the buildings in our two largest groups," she said, noting that they amount to 130 of their total units.

Police reports –Officers from the C-11 District reported a drug bust in Fields Corner on Jan. 24 at 8 a.m. in an apartment at 1474 Dorchester Ave., where they found 30 bags of cocaine, 16 bags of crack cocaine, Adderall pills, Fentanyl pills, and a loaded Smith & Wesson .45 calibre handgun. A 26-year-old man from Quincy was arrested and charged.

On Feb. 5 at about 1 a.m., police say a person broke into a home in the 300 block of Adams Street. The homeowner reported a white male in the back knocking on the door and shaking the handle of the third-floor rear door. He was wearing latex gloves and using a flashlight. The suspect, a 36-year-old Braintree man, was charged with breaking and entering in the Night.

The FCCA has agreed to continue meeting on Zoom for online monthly meetings with occasional in-person meetings/ socials about three or four times a year. The next meeting is March 4 online.

BOSTON STATE COMMUNITY TRUST, INC.

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Tet in Boston takes over in Seaport as Vietnamese greet Lunar New Year

The annual Tet in Boston celebration put on by Dorchester's Vietnamese American Community of Massachusetts (VACMA) brought a lively and packed event to the Cruiseport in South Boston on Feb. 4 to celebrate the Tet (Lunar) New Year – which was officially last Saturday (Feb. 10). Hundreds from Dorchester and beyond attended the event, which was deemed a success with performances from neighborhood groups, young and old, and a plethora of Vietnamese culture on display. Khang Nguyen, president of the VACMA, said the community was



The Vovinam Lion Dance troupe enters the Cruiseport as hundreds look on, performing a traditional dance meant to bring good luck in 2024.



The Rainbow Adult Day Care dance troupe, located on Freeport Street, performed at Tet in Boston.

invigorated by the ongoing tradition, which moved to the Cruiseport several years ago after

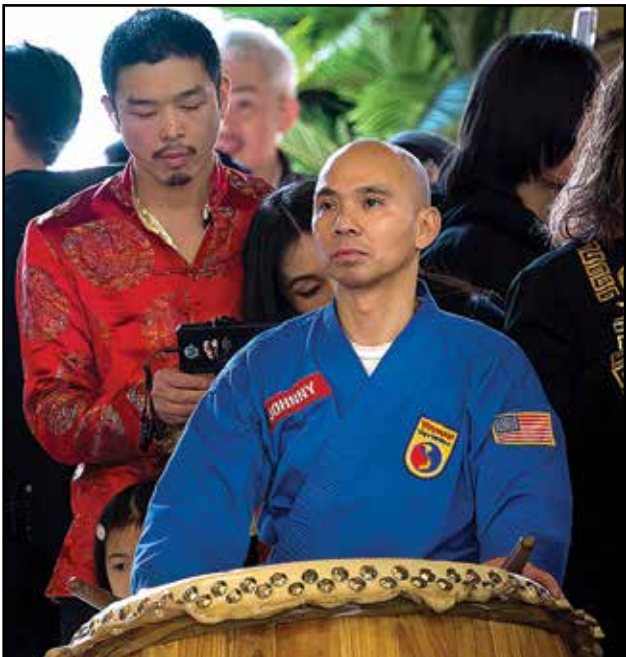
being held at Columbia Point for several years. In the tradition, this is the Year of the Dragon.



Khang Nguyen, president of the Vietnamese American Community of Massachusetts, based on Dorchester Avenue, welcomed everyone to the event on Feb. 4.



Dorchester's Trang Tran shows off her calligraphy in a booth at the Tet in Boston event.



Johnny Ho, who leads the Vovinam Lion Dance troupe, performs on the big drum for the traditional Tet New Year dance.



Katie Tran of the Vovinam Viet Do Dao Massachusetts Academy of Martial Arts, located in Lower Mills, lands a kick on another performer. Photos by Phong Le and Duy-Quong Nguyen

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QUINCY COLLEGE

Wu officials join push to ban ‘predatory’ electrical providers

**By SETH DANIEL
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If there’s one thing outgoing cabinet chief Mariama White-Hammond hopes to complete before she leaves her post in April, it’s eliminating third-party electrical suppliers who are well known for going door-to-door using high-pressure tactics on vulnerable residents.

White-Hammond, who is the chief of Environment, Energy, and Open Space, calls them “predatory.”

State law enacted almost 30 years ago allows for residential and commercial consumers to have choices beyond the standard electrical pro-

vider, now Eversource, to promote competition and, perhaps, lower bills. But officials like White-Hammond say the third-party companies have instead taken advantage of people, particularly new arrivals and the elderly.

“They go after people susceptible to being tricked,” said White-Hammond, a Dorchester resident. “It’s dishonest and what’s most depressing about it is they focus on the people who can least afford it. That’s why I call them predatory...The fact they are going specifically into Black and Brown neighborhoods, to recently

arrived immigrants, to senior citizens, and to low-income families, that is despicable. I don’t see them knocking doors on Beacon Hill. If they did, maybe you would see more elected officials on the same page about this.”

White-Hammond’s advocacy comes on the heels of an Op-Ed column by Mayor Wu and state Attorney General Andrea Campbell in the *Boston Globe* about seeking a statutory remedy to the problem.

“We are really challenging their ability to operate in the residential space,” she said. “These suppliers don’t sell those

same products to these [commercial] companies that they sell at the doors in the neighborhoods.”

According to statistics gathered by the attorney general’s office and the city, Boston residents often pay more to competitive suppliers than they would if they had stayed on basic service. In September 2020, Boston residents paid \$100 million more to these companies than they would have if they had stayed on basic Eversource service.

State Rep. Russell Holmes said he often sees these companies operating in his neighborhood. He pointed to a study done in 2019 by then-Attorney General

Maura Healey. That report identified more than 500,000 residents in Boston and in Gateway Cities who had changed providers and paid millions of dollars over what they would have paid with their existing service.

That report, however, was not followed up with legislative action, Holmes said.

“This is something the attorney general has proven and here we are five years later still fighting the same fight,” he said. “I can’t understand why this is able to continue after the attorney general’s report five years ago. She put the hammer down

on these folks, and you’d have thought it would have driven them out, but apparently it didn’t.”

White-Hammond said there is a bill now in the Legislature’s Telecommunications, Utility and Energy Committee filed by Lynn state Sen. Brendan Crighton and South End/Dorchester state Rep. John Moran that would end third party operations in the residential market.

But she warned, “We’re up against a formidable opponent. They have all the top lobbyists working for them and that’s why I say it’s important we come together on our side.”

Pizzeria ordered to pay up for employee’s racist rant

The Massachusetts Commission Against Discrimination (MCAD) has ordered Stash’s Pizza to pay a customer \$105,000 for the racist tirade she had to endure when she called to complain about the way she was treated when she didn’t get the pizza she had ordered one night in October 2020.

In a decision released last month, MCAD Hearing Officer Jason Barshak concluded that the woman continues to suffer psychological trauma

from the expletive-laden incident, in which a worker told her, among other things, to ponder how many Blacks “like you” are hanged across the street at Franklin Park. The pizzeria is located at Blue Hill Avenue at Columbia Road.

Barshak was unable to identify the person who mistreated the woman, but it was not owner Stavros Papantoniadis, who had gone to dinner with his family in Boston before heading home to

Westwood. Papantoniadis is currently behind bars, awaiting trial in federal court in May on charges he mistreated, sometimes violently, the undocumented immigrants he allegedly preferred to hire.

According to Barshak’s decision, the woman called Stash’s around 12:30 a.m. on Oct. 4, 2020, to order a large cheese pizza to go, but that when she got there to pick it up, the white guy behind the counter

said he had no record of her order. He told her he had a small pie and that she could “take it or leave it.” She left to try another place, but then she called Stash’s to ask for a manager to complain to, according to Barshak’s ruling.

“The person responded ‘Why don’t you come here’ so ‘I can put a bullet in your head’ and called Thomas a [n-word]” or a “f--ng [n-word].”

Thinking she had may-

be gotten the wrong number, the woman dialed Stash’s again, and got the same guy: “The person who answered said ‘stop calling me you [expletive n-word]’ and hung up.”

The victim also got a text messages from a different number, Barshak wrote, also using racial epithets. He rejected an argument from Stash’s that it shouldn’t be forced to pay for the worker’s misdeeds because he kept answering

- and texting - after the place was closed for the night and its employee manual specifically states workers should not answer the phone after closing. He wrote:

“Those comments and message were made during a patron’s attempt to speak to a manager about poor customer service. Interacting with a patron about customer service falls within the scope of employment duties.”

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Members of the Latin Academy girls track team celebrated their third-in-a-row city league track championship victory on Tuesday, Feb. 6. The annual event is held at the Reggie Lewis Track and Athletic Center in Roxbury. *Joe Allen photo*

Employees from Dot move up ladder at RODE Architects

RODE Architects, a Boston-based collaborative design and archi-



Michael DelleFave, studio director.



Nick Ruggieri, associate.



Lucas Herringshaw, senior associate.

ecture firm, last week announced the promotions of five employees, including three from Dorchester, as the firm deepens its leadership team and diversifies its project portfolio.



Michael DelleFave has been named studio director; Lucas Herringshaw has been promoted to a senior associate position; and Nick Ruggieri has been named an associate. In addition, Deidre Lamoureux has been promoted to associate status and named director of finance, and Ruthie Kuhlman has been promoted to senior associate. “The evolution of our leadership structure with these five promotions is a demonstration of RODE’s growth and trajectory as we kick off 2024,” said Eric Robinson, principal and co-founder of the firm. “We’re thrilled that Mike, Lucas, Ruthie, Nick, and Deidre will continue to be core members of our team in these expanded roles.” Added Kevin Deabler, principal and co-founder of RODE. “Since founding RODE nearly 20 years ago, we’ve prioritized fostering a culture that allows for the unique creative talents of each individual to contribute meaningfully to our work,” “We’re proud to acknowledge the achievements of these key team members and empower them to continue shaping RODE’s evolution and recognition in the industry.”

Thamara Pierre-Louis has joined the Boston Parks and Recreation Department as its Community Outreach Coordinator. A native of Mattapan and an alumna of Codman Academy Charter Public School, she holds degrees from Bentley University and UMass Boston and speaks Haitian Kreyol and French. *City of Boston image*



Mary Cahill, left, and her sister, Eileen Boyle, connected with Dot native Mark Wahlberg in Las Vegas last weekend prior to attending Sunday’s Super Bowl courtesy of the Patriots Foundation. The sisters — two of eight siblings in a tight-knit Savin Hill clan— are deeply connected to the Boys & Girls Clubs of Dorchester (BGCD). The foundation picked Mary for the trip based on her advocacy for the kids at the BGCD. The siblings were decked out in Dorchester gear at the game. They also saw concerts by Adele and U2 while in Vegas. *Goodwin Consulting photo*

Etienne retires from CNA service at The Boston Home

Marie Etienne of Dorchester has retired as a certified nursing assistant (CNA) at The Boston Home, a role she has performed with loving care for 28 years. She is looking forward to spending more time in Haiti, her native land. “I remember back in the 1990s, I used to walk from my home on Gallivan Boulevard to go to my job in South Boston,” said Etienne during her retirement reception at the Home. “At that time, TBH was building the new wing. I would see the construction happening and thought this would be a good place for me to work. I applied on a Tuesday, and that same day, they called me to schedule an interview that Thursday. I have been here ever since.” She recalled how the staff helped her in the





Marie Etienne early days, including leaders like Mary Grow and Cindy Walsh. In recent years, however, it has been Etienne showing others the ropes. “They call me Mama Marie,” she said with a laugh. “To me it’s a sign of love and respect.” Kristy Ford, TBH’s director of admissions, concurs: “She is a motherly figure on the unit. I know that a few residents greatly appreciate when she arrives early morning for her shift—she brings them a cup of coffee before breakfast. The little things like that go a long way.”

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Fowler Clark Epstein Farm



Historic Boston Inc. (HBI) announced last month that it had sold the Fowler Clark Epstein Farm at 487 Norfolk Street to the Urban Farming Institute (UFI). The deal comes nine years after HBI purchased the farmland from the Epstein family, and, working with UFI, the Trust for Public Land and the North Bennet Street School, completely refurbished the property and made other improvements at a cost of some \$3.8 million. UFI has its headquarters at the farm, which is now a teaching center, with a greenhouse, a farm stand, classrooms, and a demonstration kitchen. Today’s illustrations include a mural depicting the farm as part of a 330-acre estate when the area was devoted to agriculture and an image from Google Streetview showing the house and barn in their current urban setting. The property was designated a Boston Landmark in 2006. *These posts can be viewed on the blog at dorchesterhistoricalsociety.org. The Society’s William Clapp and James Blake Houses are open to the public on the third Sunday of the month from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.*

Editorial

The facts about 900 Morrissey

There’s more than a whiff of anti-immigrant nativism in the overblown reaction to the temporary housing of migrants in Boston and in the Commonwealth in recent days. Last week, the hysteria filtered into a Dorchester project that has nothing to do with the migrant crisis, but plenty to do with the brand of knee-jerk NIMBYism that has become the stock-and-trade of right-leaning pols and their media mouthpieces.

The former Comfort Inn hotel on Morrissey Boulevard was erroneously floated as a “potential” site for housing migrant families in a front-page *Boston Herald* story last week. In fact, the hotel is not being considered for migrant shelter needs at all – and the paper eventually changed its reporting. But that didn’t stop other unreliable online platforms from parroting the rumor-mill falsehood and, of course, feeding into the hysteria.

The 900 Morrissey project, as it has been dubbed by proponents, won city approvals last year after a sometime contentious review process that took half-a-year to resolve. This project has nothing to do with the migrant issue that’s currently centered at the Cass Community Center in Roxbury.

Here are the facts about the 900 Morrissey project, which is valued as a \$49 million investment between the purchase and the build-out, as it stands today:

- The Comfort Inn has been closed for months. It is now owned by The Community Builders (TCB), a non-profit development firm that partnered with the Pine Street Inn to convert the old hotel into permanent supportive housing units.
- Once it is renovated, 99 senior citizens, many of them Dorchester residents, will move into compact studio units with kitchenettes and private bathrooms, where they can age in place and enjoy on-site wrap-around services provided by Pine Street employees. Tenants will be drawn from applicants who are age 62 and older and who are on the city of Boston’s “long-term-stayers list.”
- Renovation work at 900 Morrissey has not yet started, but it will soon. According to TCB, which has control of the site, the “windows and doors have been secured to prevent unauthorized entry,” and security patrols are on-site, actively maintaining clear sidewalks from snow and litter.

“Our commitment to being a good neighbor in the community remains steadfast,” a TCB spokesperson said in a statement.

What’s clear in talking to staff from both Pine Street Inn and TBC is that no one bothered to ask them before floating an unsubstantiated rumor to the Herald about the use of the building. Here’s the simple answer from TBC: “The 900 Morrissey site will be dedicated to urgently needed housing, not shelter.”

Most of the residents who’ll soon call Morrissey Boulevard home will leave scattered site apartments in three-deckers or other buildings, freeing up space for other people in need of safe, affordable living quarters. And the tenants at 900 Morrissey will join a community of people who can socialize together, connect for health and wellness programs, or simply for a cup of coffee with their new neighbors.

Converting the old Comfort Inn into homes for older people will be a win-win and it’s exciting to hear that there’s progress being made toward getting this project done.

Bill Forry

Storm ahead: Do we need more food? Check out Adam’s French Toast Alert

By Ed Forry
Associate Publisher

As Tuesday’s storm forecast grew ominous over the weekend, devotees of Boston’s social media activated the “French Toast Alert,” a system that Universal Hub editor Adam Gaffin has used for years to help Bostonians gauge the level of panic they should apply to gathering weather threats— and let them know when they should rush to the store to buy milk, eggs, and bread.

On Sunday, when the National Weather Service predicted that 7 to 13 inches of snow would hit the city, Gaffin’s alert was set to “Four Slices High.”

On Monday morning, the consensus opinion of meteorologists prompted statewide school cancellations and government warnings that employees should stay home on Tuesday.

As we all now know, the storm tracked well south of the path that experts had predicted as late as Monday night, and the precipitation across the city on Tuesday was a mix of rain, light snow, and some sleet before ending in mid-afternoon. It was a snow day without much snow for most everyone in the Boston area, including members of the Reporter’s staff, who accelerated our production schedule on Monday and largely stayed home and worked remotely on Tuesday.

French toast was on the menu that morning for many of us, but not all. Our long-time neighbor, Carol Owens, spoke from home by phone: “I would love to make French toast for myself, but I’m allergic to eggs and I’m gluten sensitive. So, I make a big beef stew – that is my version of French toast.”

Owens stayed and worked from home on Tuesday under a “hybrid” policy at her office: “I think we’ve all had the experience of a surprise snowstorm that caught us in so much traffic and it took hours to get home, driving or on the subway. So, I understand the caution, but it’s kind of ironic. It’s not accurately a ‘no school day’ for me because we work; anyone who’s approved to work hybrid is working hybrid.”

Like many of us who enjoy the full spectrum of New England seasons, Owens was “kind of sad that we’re missing this snow. Of course,” she added, “I live in a building now that I don’t have to shovel anymore, and my car is parked underneath the building. So, snowstorms are like a joy for me, not a labor situation. But I look at this weather, I think about, you know, climate change, really.”

The French Toast alerts harken to memories of



High tide and storm surge conspired to inundate the Neponset Greenway during Tuesday’s storm. Neponset River Greenway Council photo

real food shortages during weather events, like 46 years ago in the winter of 1978, when martial law was declared after the epic four-day blizzard that cost many people their lives and left an indelible mark on those who, like Owens, lived through it,.

“My late dad’s birthday was Feb. 8. We were still feeling the effects of the blizzard of ‘78 on his birthday, and our family joke for years was, ‘Dad, we all got together and got you a blizzard for your birthday.’ That year was my dad’s 50th birthday. ‘We lived at the top of Codman Hill and had to get dug out by the National Guard. There was so much snow that there were drifts, and a bare spot under the kitchen windows of the first-floor apartment in the two-family we lived in.’”

After Carol and her siblings cleared just enough snow for a few hours with her aunt and father, they went back inside to find that their mom had cooked up an enormous beef stew. That likely explains her preferred alternative to French toast.

“By the time my dad’s birthday came around, we had lost electricity for a couple of days after the storm. And it was memorable to have a candle-lit 50th birthday party for my dad. And at that point, we were out of milk, so my two older sisters had to schlep down to a market in Lower Mills and they got condensed milk. So, my mom made my dad’s birthday cake with condensed milk—for her it was like World War II, you know?”

From this snowless vantage point, the blizzard of ‘78 triggers mostly fond memories. “Some of it is nostalgia,” Carol thinks. “I mean, I actually enjoy a good snowstorm, and there’s nothing like going out for a beautiful walk in newly fallen snow if it’s not sleeting on you. You know what I mean? Once the storm was over, it’s usually beautiful.”

Letter to the Editor

A rebuttal: Wu’s development initiatives are what we need now

To the Editor:

We feel obligated to comment on a counterproductive letter sent recently to Mayor Michelle Wu by a group of neighborhood association leaders. In it, they admonish the mayor for allowing “continued off-kilter real estate development,” characterize city officials administering development reform efforts as “the city autocracy,” and suggest that the mayor’s new “Squares+Streets” zoning initiative favors “bureaucratic centralized authoritarian rulemaking.”

We at Abundant Housing Massachusetts (AHMA) envision a future where housing is plentiful for people of all incomes; where we stop the relentlessly increasing housing costs that drive de facto segregation in our neighborhoods; and where land-use policy facilitates the creation of safe, walkable, and low-carbon communities. The sentiments expressed by Boston renters’ direct experiences speak to the urgency of this that can’t afford to wait any longer. The sentiments expressed by these leaders run sharply counter to all of these goals and express a pessimism about tackling our city’s housing crisis that we do not share.

We do agree with the letter’s authors that real estate development in Boston has been “off-kilter,” but for starkly different reasons than the ones they offer. As of 2022, the city’s rental vacancy stood at 3.4 percent while homeowner vacancy hit 1.2 percent citywide. This paradigm of scarcity has fueled a pitiless bidding war in the Boston housing market. Over half of the city’s renters paid more than 30 percent of their income to landlords in 2022. Critically, the brunt of the cost of this situation has been borne by those with the least, with poorer households paying out greater percentages of their income at higher rates.

They attack the mayor’s “Squares+Streets” initiative—a measured attempt to increase zoning flexibility in select areas served by transit—as “centralized authoritarian rulemaking.” They unfairly label city staff advancing “Squares+Streets” through a robust Phase I of community engagement—24 pop-up events, 2 youth engagement workshops, 29

community planning meetings and 4 public zoning meetings—as part of a “city autocracy.” They complain in one breath that Boston’s affordable housing program is underproducing units, then, in another, lambaste the commercial development needed to finance it.

At some level we see this letter from these neighborhood association leaders as typical of the misguided attitudes and tactics that have contributed to our housing crisis for so long. The authors offer no objective principles for evaluating neighborhood change in the City of Boston, nor any principled alternatives to the mayor’s plans. Instead, and unfortunately, they cast the deliberate attempts of an elected mayor to respond to the housing shortage as illegitimate and wrongheaded.

By placing the prerogatives of neighborhood incumbents above the causes and human consequences of our housing crisis, the authors—like too many before them—propose to continue sacrificing the housing stability of Boston’s citizens to perpetuate a failing status quo that too often grants them personal vetoes over change. A world in which these kinds of attitudes continue to stifle change is one in which the housing shortage grinds on unabated and Boston becomes even more unaffordable.

AHMA and its members stand unapologetically for increased housing production for residents of all income levels. We applaud Mayor Wu’s efforts to legalize ADUs citywide and we support the “Squares+Streets” initiative as a constructive first step in increasing zoning flexibility across the city. Most importantly, we reject the attempts of any group to prop up a failed status quo at Boston residents’ expense, given the scale of the housing crisis we face.

Jesse Kanson-Benanav

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Top State House Dems say ‘no way’ to Steward bailout

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Angered over the serious financial challenges at Steward Health Care that could jeopardize the future of safety net hospitals in eastern Massachusetts, top House Democrats insisted last Thursday that they will not bail out the company, which last week said it doesn't plan to shutter any facilities after securing a new funding stream.

Criticizing past financing deals struck by Steward CEO Ralph de la Torre, House Speaker Ron Mariano and Ways and Means Chairman Rep. Aaron Michlewitz sounded dubious as they discussed the bridge funding deal touted by a Steward executive to stave off the feared hospital closures for now. Steward operates nine hospitals in Massachusetts, serving tens of thousands of patients including many low-income residents who have public health insurance coverage.

"We are not in a financial position to commit to financing anything to bail these people out," said Mariano, a Democrat from Quincy, where Steward closed Quincy Medical Center in 2014 due to multi-million-dollar losses.

"I've been so close to this because Ralph was at Quincy when Quincy closed. I've been dealing with Ralph for a long time and I am suspect of everything he tells me," the speaker said.

Mariano said his biggest concerns are "the patients and are these hospitals going to be here after the new extension Steward seems to pull out of the air whenever the pressure grows too strong."

"This is their second extension of credit since he started talking about shutting hospitals," Mariano told the News Service, referring to de la Torre. "So, it seems to me, that whenever the time gets close, he figures out a way to get refinanced."

Citing worries about patients accessing care and treatment near where they live, Mariano didn't offer concrete solutions as the House works with the Healey administration to respond to the situation. Amid hospital closures and industry consolidation in recent years, lawmakers have weighed the essential closure process and establishing a state receivership mechanism.

Mariano brushed off those options when asked about the Legislature's role in managing hospital closures and why Beacon Hill didn't intervene sooner with Steward.

"They're private hos-

pitals – it's privately run," Mariano said of Steward's model. "It's not a state-run hospital." While Steward is a for-profit entity, many Massachusetts hospitals are registered as non-profits.

For the first time since Steward's financial distress was reported by *The Boston Globe* last month, Mariano said he and Michlewitz met on Feb. 8 with representatives whose communities are served by Steward facilities. Steward owns hospitals in Dorchester, Brockton, Haverhill, Methuen, Taunton, Ayer, Norwood, Fall River, Stoughton, and Brighton.

Mariano said the goal of the meeting was to get lawmakers on the same page, and for Michlewitz to stress that the Legislature lacks the financial resources to come to Steward's rescue should the request arise. Michlewitz said his colleagues understand the state's "difficult fiscal climate" and share an understanding that lawmakers cannot handle a large bailout for Steward.

Steward Executive Vice President Dr. Michael Callum said on Friday that the company had agreed to "principal terms for a significant financial transaction to help stabilize our company." Callum said Steward is also engaged in a merger and acquisition process to bring in a "significant equity partner."

"We are committed to working collaboratively with leaders in the state toward the shared goal of providing exceptional service to our patients," Callum wrote.

His message to Steward employees also signaled that some facilities could eventually come under new ownership as the company deals with overdue loans and rent payments, among other financial problems.

Gov. Healey, in a recent WBUR interview, said that "Steward is not going to get bailed out." Mariano, asked whether the House has been asked to bail out Steward, told the News Service, "Not specifically, no."

"But as the secretary of Health and Human Services negotiates with them, we don't want to be stuck with a bill, based on whatever they negotiate," Mariano said.

The speaker, asked about what those negotiations between Steward and Secretary of Health and Human Services Kate Walsh entail, said, "I'm not privy to them." Michlewitz said "it's too early to tell" what Walsh, the former CEO of Boston Medical Center, may request from the Legislature.

An Executive Office of Health and Human

Services spokesperson, asked to clarify the nature of those negotiations and whether the administration plans to provide financial support to Steward, referred the News Service to Walsh's statement from Friday.

"We are working together with Steward to maintain stability for both patients and staff, including safety and quality monitoring by our own Department of Public Health teams on the ground at Steward sites," Walsh said Friday. "We know the critically important role our hospitals and health care providers play in our communities. That's why we're actively engaged in contingency planning as Steward navigates its financial challenges, not only for Steward as a system but for each specific community where Steward operates in Massachusetts."

Mariano said he did not feel blindsided by the situation unraveling at Steward.

"If you paid attention to this, you knew this was coming," Mariano said. "When he sold the land underneath the hospitals, you knew there was a game."

Medical Properties Trust, a real estate investment trust that is essentially Steward's landlord, said Steward owes millions of dollars in unpaid rent. MPT said last month it was working with Steward to "strengthen Steward's liquidity and restore its balance sheet, optimize MPT's ability to recover unpaid rent, and ultimately reduce MPT's exposure to Steward."

Michlewitz said the Legislature appropriated \$54 million to Steward over the last three years, using federal Covid-19 relief money.

"Certainly, you know, we've done our share already, from a financial standpoint, in trying to keep their system afloat. As you heard from the hearing yesterday, you know, our finances are in a much different circumstance right now, and we need to be mind-



The Carney Hospital campus on Dorchester Avenue, above, is owned by Medical Properties Trust, a real estate investment trust. Steward Health Care sold the Carney property to the trust in 2010 in a deal that enriched Steward's executives and investors. Now, Steward is delinquent in paying rent to the trust, one of many financial problems facing the for-profit company.

ful," Michlewitz said of Wednesday's hearing focused on Healey's fiscal 2025 budget pitch. "So, we don't foresee us coming from a financial standpoint to any bailout or any rescue."

In the third round distributing American

Rescue Plan Act funding, Michlewitz said, Steward received "significantly less" because it did not share financial information with the Health Policy Commission. "We had no idea exactly what the circumstances were and how deep it was,

but we certainly knew there were challenges," he said.

Referring to de la Torre, Mariano said, "We have no idea what his finances look like. We're not going to pour money into a blind hole."



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My Search for Sgt. Auxier

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everything into chaos. Cunningham began digging frantically, pushing loose dirt away until Cpl. Greene’s back was exposed. A medic came over to the site and the two of them lifted his torso out of the ground.

“There were no visible wounds,” Cunningham wrote, “but his body was lifeless. The medic shook his head and said it was too late.”

See US Army information on Cpl. Greene on opposite page.

The final toll on Charlie Company that day by the bomb set on Duong Se Hill and set off remotely by Vietnamese partisans below was three dead, ten wounded, including the chopper crew, and one missing, Staff Sgt. Jerry Auxier.

Those able to do so made several sweeps of the area searching for him, to no avail. The next morning, the soldiers were ordered off the hill. They left to the echoes of the bombing and full of questions rife with anguish: Where was Jerry Auxier? Was he buried alive? Was he blown to smithereens? Was he captured alive?

Therein lies the rest of the story.

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“There are two no-nos for the military in war,” says Mike Cunningham. “You don’t go back to where you had been engaged before, and you don’t leave anyone behind.” He has made the latter admonition the driving force of his life since that dreadful day in July 1968, and his old mate, SSgt. Auxier, the focus of that intensity.

“I think of Jerry Auxier of Dixie, West Virginia, every day of my life,” said Cunningham in his *Reporter* interview. “I feel guilty. Here I am 49 years later enjoying life, and he’s still missing.” For all that, an extensive record will show that the former Pvt. Cunningham, who spent decades working as an inspector with the US Customs Service after leaving the Army in late 1970, never stopped looking for answers to SSgt. Auxier’s fate. In 2015, he decided he needed to go back to where he disappeared and begin searching anew.

At several points over the next two years, getting all the approvals for this particular journey back to Duong Se Hill took on the markings of a Mission Impossible. Cunningham thought that given his remarkable experiences in Vietnam, US Sen. John McCain might be helpful in getting an update for him on SSgt. Auxier’s status, but that request gained no traction. US Sen. John D. Rockefeller V, of West Virginia, helped a bit by sending the request to the Department of Defense (DOD), where it finally hit paydirt in the person of Dr. James Cloninger, an archivist and historian with the department’s POW/MIA Accounting Agency (DPAA).

After talking with Cunningham about his memories of July 29, 1968, Cloninger told him that DOD was looking into reopening the investigation into the Auxier case and maybe sending a team to Vietnam for more research on it and several other MIA searches. Cunningham quickly volunteered for a spot on the team, and after some time went by, he was asked to join the mission.

Red tape lay ahead, but by Feb. 28, 2017, he was in Hawaii being briefed by DOD officials, and by early March he was in a hotel in downtown Da Nang asking himself, “Is this for real? Was I really back in Vietnam about to partake in the adventure of my life?”

So much for that no-no about going back to where you had been engaged before.

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The ten-person team that DPAA had assembled was first class “all the way,” said Cunningham, who was No. 11. “They brought their own distinct



The US Defense Department’s POW/MIAS search team displayed the American flag on Duong Se Hill after the search ended unsuccessfully. A Vietnamese Army colonel stepped in for the shot.



Lots of planning and double-checking of files, letters, and journals took up the team’s time before the hike up Duong Se Hill on March 15, 2017.



Stopping along a village trail to chat with a resident who had come by to check things out.



Mike Cunningham with two former enemy soldiers, one of whom is wearing the cap of the 198th Light Infantry Brigade that the visitor had given him. All photos courtesy of Mike Cunningham.

talents to the mission:

Sgt. First Class Marcus Taylor, an Army Ranger out of Kansas, was the leader and his assistant was Sgt. First Class Christopher Varner of West Virginia. They were joined by specialists in linguistics, medicine, anthropology, archaeology, history, and the discrete art of identification of airplane parts that keep pilots and crews safe.

There was a slight delay during which some of the team went off for a few days to help with the search for another missing soldier that proved unsuccessful and Cunningham and a few others were left to explore the local landscape (and other interesting places). At one point, he found himself helping students at Da Nang University write their research papers.

Finally, in early March, the team set out for a place called Tam Ky, and from there the next day to Duong Se Hill, Mike Cunningham’s personal holy grail, where he prayed a miracle would occur. For the rest of that day and through the evening hours, Cunningham said, “the team scrutinized maps, aerial photos, after-action reports, company and battalion reports. Personally, recounting my experiences of 49 years in such vivid detail was both draining and emotional for me, and hard, too.”

There’s little reason for this writer to tell readers what Mike Cunningham told me and the readers of the *Americal Journal* seven years ago about what happened. He knows it all by heart, a heart that never stops aching, he says.

“In the morning of March 15, 2017, we piled into our vehicles and headed west into the mountains of Queson Valley. After about two hours, we came to the base of the hill we were met by a contingent of Vietnamese, some of them workers there to help clear the area, and some of them government officials. ... We climbed the hill in column formation and once we reached the top, I began slowly walking around, gradually expanding my circle. I saw the crater caused by the bomb explosion; I saw numerous foxholes on the top and came upon some along the perimeter that were overgrown with vegetation and partially collapsed, but they were foxholes, all manned 49 years ago by my company, Charlie Company.

“I broke down. I collapsed to the ground and began weeping. My body was trembling, and I felt the comforting presence of others.”

Eventually, Cunningham had traversed the entire hill. He found the foxhole that he tumbled into for safety that long ago July day, sat down beside it, and gazed into the distance. “Everything seemed to be exactly as I remembered it,” he said.

A short distance away from his reverie, news was happening. One of the team members had interviewed local residents, some of whom said they were the militia fighters in the summer of ’68 who had planted the bomb atop Duong Se Hill.

“It was a spine-tingling moment,” Cunningham recalled in his *Americal Journal* essay:

“I later met the men responsible for placing and exploding the bomb that killed and wounded so many of the men of Charlie Company. ... We tried to kill each other 49 years ago, and now we were shaking hands, smiling, hugging each other, and taking pictures. I gave the gentleman who ignited the bomb a hat from the 198th Light Infantry Brigade and he took off his hat and put that one on.”

Next up was the critical task of surveying the area for physical evidence documenting the claim that we had found the hill where Cpl. Greene had been killed, and from which SSgt. Auxier had seemingly disappeared.

First, the hill was swept by metal detectors and all the findings were identified with little flags, then all the team’s members grabbed trowels, dropped to their knees, and began

US Army Corporal Donald Joseph Greene

March 30, 1947 – July 29, 1968

US Army Corporal Donald J. Greene, of the Savin Hill neighborhood in Boston, Massachusetts, died of “wounds from an explosive device” in Quang Tin province in Vietnam on July 29, 1968. At age 21, he was serving as a radioman to Capt. Chris Martin, commander of Charlie Company, 1st Battalion, 46th Infantry Regiment, 198th Light Infantry Brigade, Americal Division.

He was awarded the Combat Infantryman Badge; the Bronze Star Medal (Merit); the Purple Heart; the National Defense Service Medal, the Vietnam Service Medal; and the Vietnam Campaign Medal.

Cpl. Greene is buried in Mt. Hope Cemetery in Mattapan. His name is inscribed on Panel W50, Line 30, of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Wall in Washington, D.C.

Cpl. Greene’s photo is from the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund’s exhibit, *The Wall of Faces*.



My Search for Sgt. Auxier

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digging. They uncovered most of what they had been looking for – bomb fragments, pieces of the helicopter skin, a turbine blade, and M-16 and M-60 rounds, but no sign of SSgt. Auxier’s remains and no sign of evidence leading to another possible conclusion. It was time to go home, with one last salute to Company Charlie’s fallen soldiers.

The long-searching Mike Cunningham walked off Duong Se Hill thinking that “we could all be proud of ourselves for never giving up. Our country, unlike many other countries still searches for her POWs and MIAs. It’s a fact reassuring to all our heroic troops.”

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Is that all there is, at last, to the question of what happened to SSgt. Peter Auxier on July 29, 1968? Mike Cunningham retains his posture that the US Army never gives up. In his 2017 paper, he left open the possibility that all the materiel that the DPAA team brought back that year might prompt the DOD to order an excavation. But there is little activity toward that purpose at this time in 2024, he says ruefully.

Editor’s Note: This account is derived from Mike Cunningham’s interviews with the Dorchester Reporter and from a lengthy recollection he wrote in for Americal Journal, the official publication of the Americal Division Veterans Association. He is scheduled to talk about his long search at the Codman Square Library, where he teaches citizenship classes, on Feb. 26, at 6 p.m.

Author will speak at Codman Sq. Library on Feb. 26, at 6 p.m.

Michael H. Cunningham, 74, is the author of four books. His first, “Walking Point,” tells the story about his life as an infantryman in wartime Vietnam.



His second, “In Safe Hands,” chronicles his three-decade career in the US Customs Service, with stories about drug smuggling, money laundering, people smuggling, and terrorist-related events. His other two volumes, “Wake of the Warrior” and “Fear No Evil,” are novels about maritime terrorism based on his real-life experiences.

A father of 3, a grandfather to 15, and a great-grandfather to 4, the author lives in Norwood, Mass. When not writing or researching material for his next book, Mr. Cunningham is actively involved in assisting returning veterans acclimate back into civilian life and in philanthropic projects in Vietnam.

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It's time to make the Paczkis at DJ's

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The store was named as a Legacy Business by the City of Boston last year, and while it's known far and wide for Alina's kielbasa macaroni, cheese and beef stew, and its traditional Polish sandwiches, the magic of the place is amplified by homemade items like the Paczki.

"There are some other people that have them, but we're the only ones that make them home-made here in the Polish Triangle," said Jackie. "It's special because we make them fresh, not just for these special occasions, but every day. Most everyone else has them shipped in frozen from western Massachusetts."

She said the tradition of making them at DJ's began when her mom was laid off from her job in the 1970s after becoming pregnant with her first child – a common thing that happened to women back then, she noted.

"My grandparents owned the deli and to make extra money my mom started making Paczkis," she said. "She



Sue-Ellen Duffy removes one of the Paczkis from the hot oil.

would sell them in the store, and we've had them in some form ever since."

Dawn said that the two 'Paczki Days' and Easter Sunday have become their busiest times and people expect the delectable donuts each year before Lent starts in the Roman Catholic tradition.

"There's really a Paczki buzz going on, and it's

become a busier time in the store," she said. "We talk about it in the store and people who don't even celebrate the holiday will put in orders. We love that so many are showing love to the Paczki. But a lot of people also don't know we make them year-round. Even in July, you can get a Paczki here."

Dawn grew up in a three-decker in the Pol-



A sign outside DJ's Market trumpets that its Paczki Day in the Polish Triangle.

ish Triangle and still lives there with family, waking up most days at 4 a.m. and walking to work to begin baking. She attended college for theatre arts but then discovered a love for baking and custom cakes. She pivoted, graduated from Le Cordon Bleu Academy in Cambridge, worked a stint making pastries in the North End, and then returned to the family business "assuming the role of Paczki maker" about 10 years ago.

However, things really took off when she did research and found that Fat Thursday is a big holiday in Poland, where it is observed on the Thursday before Ash Wednesday, the first day of Lent, unlike in America where Fat Tuesday ("Mardi Gras" in French) occurs on the day before the 40-day stretch of Lenten fasting and abstinence begins.

Dawn and her sister promoted the holiday, and the Paczkis, on social media and in other venues and saw excitement gather at the market on both days as a result. An old European tradition was headed for a revival.

"I think it's a really old thing that goes back a long time, when people wanted to use up the last of the lard and the sugar because no one would be using them during Lent," she said. "One easy thing to do is make these Polish donuts. They use lard, milk, and sugar. It was



Laura Cutone dusts powdered sugar on top of some of the plum Paczkis during the overnight last Thursday.

a way to use it up and then it became more of a tradition and people ate them for good luck."

The process of getting them into people's hands is just as interesting as having them eating the finished product. Dawn and a crew of about five other die-hard helpers assemble every year around 9 p.m. on Wednesday night for Fat Thursday, and Monday night for Fat Tuesday. The kitchen picks up about 11 p.m., making dough, shaping Paczkis, frying them, then filling and finishing them.

Outside in the night, cars go by intermittently on Boston Street, and the occasional pedestrian walks by. Mostly, it's the kind of quiet that most people sleep through, the language of late night and the wee hours in Boston that can be heard in the low roar of the Expressway and the subtle hum of a city mostly at rest. Inside the market, though, the sounds of the mixer, the bubbling of the oil, and the patter of footsteps carrying trays back and forth, speak to the urgent business

at hand.

The most traditional flavor is rose, a jelly that is popular in Poland, said Dawn. The biggest seller, though, is raspberry, followed by lemon and plum. However, Dawn has added some new twists: buttercreams with coffee mocha, maple bacon, and Nutella flavoring. "I've even done the Boston Crème version of a Paczki," she said, laughing.

There is no recipe written down, she said. Those baking them over the years just had the know-how and adapted it to their liking. But one constant has been that they are hand-made, the bakers taking extra time overnight to do things the traditional way.

"I don't think anyone else is crazy enough to do it this old-fashioned way because it's a more tedious process, but I think people appreciate not having to settle for a supermarket Paczki," said Dawn. "I've had people from Poland say these are better than the ones in Poland. It feels good when people appreciate the extra work it takes."



It's 2 a.m. on Boston Street at DJ's Market, but the kitchen wasn't closed as a flurry of activity unfolded last Thursday as the 'Paczki Crew' rushed to make 1,000 Polish donuts before 8 a.m. in honor of Fat Thursday, the traditional day in Poland signaling that Lent begins in seven days. In America, that day is celebrated the following week, on Fat Tuesday.



The Paczki Crew in the kitchen at DJ's Market takes time out from making the traditional Polish donuts for a photo – sometime just after 2 a.m. From left, James Szalwinski, Kyle Sunter, Chief Baker Dawn Morris, Laura Cutone, Kellie Hurley, and Sue-Ellen Duffy.



Kellie Hurley takes a tray of finished raspberry Paczkis to the back room to box up and get ready for customers. Seth Daniel photos

Concerns on pace, use of space leads to slow down on White Stadium

(Continued from page 1) committed to the plan, calling it “maybe one of the most important projects we undertake in our administration.” However, she and other city officials acknowledged during the meeting that the ambitious timetable for starting work and re-opening the facility was now under review.

Morgan McDaniel, the BPDA’s project manager, said that demolition will not begin in April as originally planned. As to the schedule, she said, “I think we were initially hoping to be able to begin demolition in April since we are in a tight timeline to be able to take advantage of this amazing opportunity, but we do want to make sure that we’re bringing people along and have comfort with the design.

“So, we’re not going to be engaging in demolition until we’ve resolved some of these key items that people have been speaking with us about.”

McDaniel said that an Open Space Stadium Zoning amendment, which had already been approved by the BPDA Board, was taken off the zoning panel’s agenda “for more consideration.” The decision to hold off on a piece of legal groundwork to help clear the path for the renovation makes for a notable pause in the regulatory process.

“We want to also state that the city will not begin demolition until we have a comprehensive plan for the stadium that we believe confidently meets BPS needs and addresses stakeholder concerns.”

McDaniel said that neighborhood meetings would be held in April to discuss traffic issues and usage plans with abutting neighborhoods and will finish prior to votes or demolition.

Added Wu: “We really even had to have some real internal conversations...Overall how do we really try to put it all together and stay focused on the why and the who and the bigger picture of how all of the pieces really mesh together.”

The stadium project has been following an aggressive timeline relative to most public projects. The proposal, which was formally filed in December, was the subject of four Article 80 review meetings in January and earlier this month. Even with delays looming ahead, city officials still expect to complete the renovations by spring 2026.

The public comment period, which remains open, has revealed concerns by key stakeholders, including Zoo New England Director John Linehan, who wrote in detail about his concerns about the process, how fast it seemed to be going, and the lack of important details on transportation issues.

The meeting on Monday also showed the frustration mounting on all sides navigating what most agree is a good opportunity.

Emerald Necklace director Karen Mauney-Brodek said during the call that the stadium plan could work, but only with more time and effort. “I think this park is meant to serve the community around it and the BPS students on a full-time basis,” she said. “I fear those conversations and needs are going to be displaced by a massive, new facility that is amazing...but was never contemplated in the Action Plan. That process could happen, the community could be onboard, but now with the timing and demolition plan...That’s going to require a lot more time than the 2026 deadline imposed here.”

The city had planned to demolish the east grandstand this spring and begin rebuilding it with numerous amenities for BPS students, including a lounge, a fitness center, sports medicine instruction, a kitchen, and updated locker rooms – as well as offices for the BPS Athletics Department.

For its part, Boston Unity plans to save the outer clamshell wall of the stadium and rebuild the west grandstand and construct the Grove outdoor space, just south of the stadium and now fenced off, for gameday and community gatherings.

While initially well received in the community, the fuzzy details and speedy timeline brought out serious concerns from

abutters and advocates during public meetings.

On Monday, McDaniel told an audience of more than 300 participants that the partners will no longer present separately, but as one project. She said that planning has been “segmented” and that full details were presented during the meeting by Dorchester architect J.P. Charboneau of Crowley Cottrell.

She also said they have only presented broad plans on transportation, “but understand that now is the time to dig further into the details.” Boston Unity and the city are developing those plans, and they will be the basis for the April meetings.

“We’re proposing that we will hold workshops in early April with each affected neighborhood to talk about each item in detail – street by street, block by block, what it is we’re proposing and what is the feedback,” she said.

Wu, noting that she has immersed herself in research of Frederick Law Olmsted’s thinking about Franklin Park, referenced an idea called “communicativeness.” She said that was to make the park a place where people care for one another in a democratic way. “To really live that out it has to be in shared ownership with the community,” she said.

During the meeting’s chat period, there was a lot more support for the project than in previous sessions, but some of that support came with the caveat of needing more details. Others, like Egleston Square resident Pete Duggans, noted that he loves the park because of its quiet and empty spaces like a stadium – a relief after a long week of work and the constant hum of the city’s neighborhoods. He said he wasn’t sure about Wu’s ideas around “communicativeness,” a comment that drew Wu back onto the call to respond.

“This was part of Olmsted’s original vision, and I think sometimes we are trying to modernize that in a way that is actually not accurate,” she said. “The vision ultimately was to bring people together and give everyone a reason to be there. Activity, health, well-being. It is simply not accurate to say this was outside of what Olmsted planned for in all the elements of the park.”

The next BPDA Impact Advisory Group (IAG) convenes on Mon., Feb. 26.



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“Our data suggest the mediation program is successful,” said Sanabria, who said select juveniles are routed into a jobs program instead of arraignments. If they are successful in attending and completing the program, they are not arraigned.”

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ever, a plan for a locally owned taqueria at 559 Washington St. is still moving forward.

In other news from the meeting: State Rep. Russell Holmes addressed the Council about the state budget and warned that it's going to a challenging year. He noted that revenue shortfalls have compelled Gov. Healey to cut already-approved earmarks by 50 percent. He noted that when he was elected 14 years ago, the state budget was \$29 billion, and the current proposal is \$58 billion with revenues not meeting benchmarks for the first time in a decade and the budget growing by 5.5 percent. The math on spending, he said, doesn't add up.

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Date: February 6, 2024

Stephanie L. Everett, Esquire
Register of Probate

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The estate is being administered under informal procedure by the Personal Representative under the Massachusetts Uniform Probate Code without supervision by the Court. Inventory and accounts are not required to be filed with the Court, but interested parties are entitled to notice regarding the administration from the Personal Representative and can petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including distribution of assets and expenses of administration. Interested parties are entitled to petition the Court to institute formal proceedings and to obtain orders terminating or restricting the powers of Personal Representatives appointed under informal procedure. A copy of the Petition and Will, if any, can be obtained from the Petitioner.

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Discounted fares for low-income MBTA riders could start this summer

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percent of the federal poverty level (slightly less than \$41,000 a year for a household of two).

“Applying for this and receiving the discount will be as will be easy. Data integration efforts will allow a seamless verification process to accelerate application approvals and streamline getting discounted passes into the hands of low-income riders,” said Michael Cole, Deputy Commissioner, Policy and Programs for the state’s Dept. of Transitional Assistance.

Community groups and transportation advocates have been calling for the systemwide fare discount since at least 2019, following earlier campaigns against fare increases and for improved service.

A statewide partnership of transit workers and riders, Public Transit Public Good, applauded the decision to fund the discounted service in Governor Maura Healey’s FY25 budget, with support from the legislature.

“Governor Healey’s bold commitment to funding a low-income fare program will transform the lives of tens of thousands of people who count on the MBTA to live their lives with freedom and ease – to get to work, to medical appointments, and to take their children to school,” the group posted on its website.

The move to lower fares comes amid reports of a funding gap for the MBTA, but also after the introduction of free service on three bus lines going through Dorchester, Mattapan and Roxbury. The service began under former Acting Mayor Kim Janey, later expanding under the current Mayor, Michelle Wu.

Advocates for free service argue that it would eliminate time spent on fare collection, while allowing buses to open multiple doors, so passengers could board or get off more quickly. But supporters of systemwide fare discounts note these could help bus riders con-

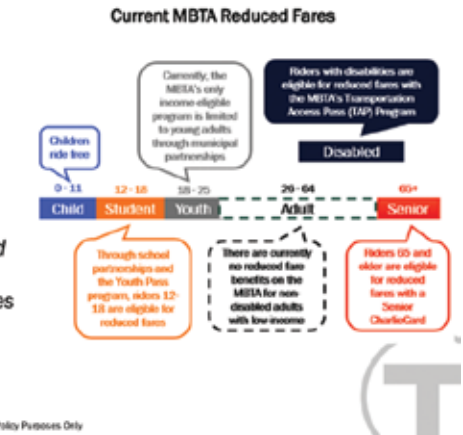
- The MBTA has several reduced fare programs¹
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 - TAP (Disability): 15,000
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 - Only means-tested program; T relies on a municipal partnership model
- We estimate that 60,000 additional riders could benefit from Low-Income fares, meaning they fall into the 26-64 age bracket with incomes under 200% of the federal poverty line.
- This program would also benefit RIDE customers.

necting with transit lines. And, unlike the current free service on bus routes 23, 28 and 29, the systemwide discounts would be means tested.

Citing a 2019 MIT study, Steven Povich, the MBTA’s Senior Director of Fare Policy and Analytics, projected that the increase ridership by passengers enrolled for the discount would even surpass even the gain for the three bus routes currently offering free service. He acknowledged that the routes had less “dwell time” per passenger, but that this was offset by an increase in the number of riders.

“In terms of the fare-free bus program in partnership with the City of Boston,” said Povich, “we’ve seen about a 20 percent increase in ridership on the 23, 28 and 29 bus routes. And, in terms of the speed of those buses by opening all doors and removing the fair collection function, we’ve seen about a 20 percent decline in dwell time per rider.”

The Executive Director of the LivableStreets Alliance, Stacy Thompson, said the low-income fares should be combined with expanded free bus service, as part of a “suite of solutions.” Since many riders use buses as feeders to paid service on other lines, she also argued that the benefits of charging bus fares have to be weighed against the cost and time needed for collection, which



can lead to conflicts between drivers and passengers—or spotty collection on some lines.

“We are already doing that,” she added, “because fare collection is really inefficient and really expensive, and hard to do, so it’s very reasonable to ask harder questions about why we’re collecting fares in the first place and if it’s actually an effective solution for us.”

In a statement prepared for the briefing, the discount fare proposal was hailed by a longtime community advocate, Mela Bush, co-chair of the Fairmount Indigo Transit Coalition and former director of the T Riders Union.

“The low-income fare policy has come at a time of skyrocketing costs on food, housing, etc.,” said Bush. “Saving \$500 a year on transportation for lower-income transit-dependent people can mean so much! For so long, we fought against fare increases for those who could not afford it.”

In a statement Monday, District 4 (Dorchester/Mattapan) City Councilor Brian Worrell comments, “Public transportation is a public good and it’s great to see state and city leaders work together to enact policy that benefits the residents and neighborhoods that need it most. It is crucial that we continue to sustainably invest in policies

that are proven to make an impact. The bus pilot has proven to be effective, but when the ARPA (American Rescue Plan Act) dollars run out in 2026, we need a long-term funding solution.”

Thompson pointed to the city’s first dedicated bus lane, in Roslindale, as an example of how even small improvements in service can significantly enhance rider satisfaction. According to a 2019 report by the Chicago-based TransitCenter, more satisfaction leads to increased ridership—at a time when urban transit systems face more competition for ways to get around.

“Lower-income bus riders are much more likely than higher-income riders to cite the fare as a priority. But fares are generally less important than fundamentals like frequency, crowding, safety, and reliability,” the report concluded.

But the report also noted that regions increasing ridership went beyond isolated improvements: “For the most part, these are not places where transit improvements have been confined to a few new lines. Rather, they are places where transit agencies have committed to system-wide improvements focused on key drivers of ridership.”

The MBTA expects the low-income fare program will cost \$52-62 million, a figure including the cost of administration and additional service, along with a decrease in revenue per rider. Officials also say they plan to work with community partners to help with promotion of the service and enrollment.

If approved by the MBTA’s Board of Directors on March 28, officials say the program could take effect in the spring and summer of this year. Public comment on the proposal is being accepted through February 29. For more information: <http://www.mbta.com/2024FareChanges>.

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		3	\$85,200
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		6	\$109,800

*2023 Area Median Incomes for the Lawrence, MA NH – HMFA

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Meeting 1 (In-Person):

FEBRUARY

WED

28

6:00PM - 8:00 PM

Location:
Bruce C. Bolling Municipal Building,
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Meeting 2 (Virtual):

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THURS

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Port Norfolk developer sues partner over an unpaid debt

Rise Together, one of two developers behind a project to bring 120 residential units, office space, and a new marina to Dorchester’s Port Norfolk last week sued the other developer, CPC Ericsson, for what it says is its refusal to pay a consulting firm that helped ensure the new buildings would be energy efficient and resistant to climate change.

In its suit, filed in Suffolk Superior Court, Herby Duverné and Jim Grossman’s Rise Together of Charlestown is asking a judge to immediately issue a \$150,000 attachment on the property to ensure that it gets paid, so that it can, in turn, pay Steven Winter Associates (SWA), a Norwalk, CT, architectural firm that reviewed the proposed buildings at the tip of Port Norfolk for energy efficiency and climate resilience.

SWA itself sued Rise Together last year for the \$123,291.25 it says it’s owed for its work on the project, which was approved by the BPDA and the Zoning Board of Appeal in 2022.

Rise Together says CPC Ericsson, a subsidiary of Ryan Sillery’s City

Point Capital, shouldn’t be allowed to have its cake and eat it, too: “CPC Ericsson expected, or reasonably should have expected, to pay for SWA’s work - either directly to SWA or through RISE Together - but CPC Ericsson has refused to do so, with no apparent excuse other than that it does not want to pay SWA for the work that it did for CPC Ericsson.”

Rise Together says it is suing now in part because it believes CPC Ericsson is about to gain a construction loan from Metro Credit Union, which it says its ostensible partner will use in part to pay off some prior debts, but not the SWA bill.

Rise Together adds that it filed its suit - formally alleging unjust enrichment, breaking of a promise to pay SWA, and deceptive business practices - and request for attachment now because it claims CPC Ericsson is about to finance construction with Metro Credit Union in a way that would leave it and SWA out in the financial cold.

CPC Ericsson has until June 10 to file an answer to the suit.



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BGCD Members Attend “Annie” the Musical at Wang Theatre: See details below.

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BGCD Members Attend “Annie” the Musical at Wang Theatre: Boys & Girls Clubs of Dorchester recently took a group of members to see “Annie” the Musical at the Boch Center Wang Theatre. Our members had so much fun attending this outstanding production of this iconic musical. We would like to thank the team at the Boch Center for the Performing Arts for continuing to include BGCD by providing tickets to theater shows, interactive readings and more performances throughout the year. BGCD programming encourages the importance of appreciating Fine Arts, as it allows members to exercise their creativity and learn an appreciation for artistic expression.

For more information on our Fine Arts programs at BGCD, please contact Katy Farrar Sullivan at kfarrar@bgcdorchester.org.

FIND OUT WHAT’S INSIDE:
BGCD Challenger Program Hosts Special Cupid’s Disco Dance for Members: Boys & Girls Clubs of Dorchester hosted our first annual Cupid’s Disco Dance for the participants in our Project BIND programs on Friday. It was a fun-filled night full of games, food, dancing, and more. A very special thanks to our friends from the Boston Police Department’s Bureau of Community Engagement as well as our volunteer “Buddies” and to the Martin Richard Foundation for their support of all of our Challenger activities. As part of the Boston Inclusion Network for Disabilities (BIND) Programming, we believe that inclusion is more than placement, it’s being a part of a family of belonging and of being welcomed and embraced. For more information on our Inclusion Programming at BGCD, please contact Erin Ferrara at eferrara@bgcdorchester.org.



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Sponsorships Available Now - New England Women’s Leadership Awards May 20, 2024: BGCD will host this year’s New England Women’s Leadership Awards (NEWLA) at the Seaport Hotel, Boston on May 20, 2024! The event is a celebration of the remarkable achievements and contributions of women in our region. We use this platform to foster collaboration, mentorship, and the advancement of women as well as provide role models for our youth at BGCD. This year’s theme is “Inspire Excellence” which we strive to do each and every day at our Clubs through our programming and partnerships. If you would like to become a sponsor, please contact Patty Lamb at plamb@bgcdorchester.org. Sponsorship info can also be found at www.bgcdorchester.org/newla. Make sure to look out for our 2024 honoree announcement soon!

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February 19

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RECENT OBITUARIES



BECKLES, Ashley Avrey, 28, of Dorchester. Daughter of Linda Knight Beckles and Ralph Beckles of Dorchester, sister of Brad Ajay Beckles (MA State Police, U.S. Army) of Dorchester. Granddaughter of Keith Beckles, the late Elza and Oswald Batson and the late Murlia Taylor. Special friend of Erik Tseng. Childhood friend of Olivia Wilson and Colin Todd. Ashley is survived by her many aunts, uncles, cousins and friends. Also survived by dear relatives of the Knight, Batson, Inniss, Taylor, Beckles and Butcher family, in the U.S.A, Barbados, Canada and the UK. Ashley’s enduring legacy is marked by her impactful tenure as President of both the Caribbean Culture Club and the Graduate Students of Color Association at Boston College. Ashley played on the Boys Dorchester Youth Hockey team. Employed with Instylla since August 2022 and recently promoted to Trial Master File Lead in October 2023, Ashley diligently oversaw the quality control of trial documents, managed clinical sites, and conducted internal auditing. Please consider donating in Ashley’s memory to Dorchester Youth Hockey Phil Olsen 38 Laban Street, Dorchester, MA 02122.

BUTTS, John R.,



79, of Milton, formerly of Dorchester. Husband of Vivian C. (Jurevitch) Butts. Father of David M. and his wife Jacqueline Butts of Milton, Christine and her husband Michael Vardaro of Dorchester, and Stacy and her husband Scott Sherlock of Braintree. Brother of the late Maurietta O’Brien. “Papa” 10. John was a retired grounds supervisor at Boston State Hospital and later Massachusetts Institute of Technology for many years.



BUCKLEY, Jane P., 91, of Lexington, formerly of Dorchester. Daughter of Frank and Eleanor (ne. Wilkie) Wentworth. She was predeceased by her husband James Joseph Buckley and siblings, Elynor Renshaw, Frank, Paul, and Nancy Wentworth. She leaves her daughter Jackie Buckley and spouse Dawn Ridge and son Jeff Buckley. As well as her 12 grandchildren and 11 reat-grand-

children; and many nieces and nephews. Contributions in her name may be sent to jimmyfund.org

CONNORS, Sister Glenna Lee, SC. Sister Glenna was born in Lawrence, the daughter of the late Bernetta and Thomas A. Connors. She leaves her brother, Thomas, and his wife, Paula; her nieces; several grandnieces and grandnephews, all of Iowa; her cousins; as well as her sisters throughout the congregation. She began teaching at the Oliver Junior High School, Lawrence and from there, she taught at Saint Michael School, North Andover, MA and Saint Patrick School, Roxbury, before serving as principal at Saint Margaret School, Dorchester. She returned to the classroom at Monsignor Ryan High School, Dorchester. Moving away from the classroom for a time, Sister Glenna served as Pastoral Associate at Saint Philip Neri Parish, Waban and at Atlantic Fund Raising, Needham. She taught music briefly at Saint Francis of Assisi School, Medford, and returned to parish service as Pastoral Associate at Saint John-Saint Hugh, Dorchester, and later, at Saint Peter School and Parish, Dorchester, where she was engaged in Music Ministry. For the past sixteen years, Sister Glenna was involved in Spiritual Direction at her parish, Immaculate Conception in Weymouth. Donations in memory of Sister Glenna Connors may be made to the Sisters of Charity Retirement Center, 125 Oakland Street, Wellesley, MA 02481.

HOSKINS, Olivia, 86, of Dorchester, originally from Terry, Louisiana. She worked at Honeywell, Polaroid, and finally at Gillette.



She was one of the civil rights leaders in Massachusetts and has been an ambassador for change for over 25 years in her community. As an active member of Massachusetts ACORN, she stood up for the rights of voters, workers, families, and elders in low-income, black, and brown neighborhoods in Boston and beyond. In 2010, Olivia was the leading voice in building New England United 4 Justice. She served as a committee leader and a Dorchester Representative in her neighborhood for over seven years and focused primarily on community and neighborhood development. Olivia was a member of the Mass Senior Action Council (MASC) for seven years. Olivia was preceded in death by her parents, Samuel and Ida Mae Jones, two brothers, Frank, Jack “Billy”, five sisters Goldie, Helena, Elvie, Mary, Catherine, and her son Horace. She leaves three sons, Tracy Hoskins of Cantonment, Florida, Edwin and Anthony Hoskins of Boston, Massachusetts, one grandson, two great-grandsons; two sisters, Margie Plummer and Sally Haliburton of Lake Village, Arkansas, one brother, Levester Jones Sr., of Columbia, Ohio; a host nephews, nieces, cousins, relatives, and friends.

JOSEPH, Marilyn, 54 of Dorchester. Daugh-



ter to Flavius Joseph and the late Rachael (Simon) Joseph in Forestiere Castries, West Indies. Mother of Melina Marquis. She is also survived by her 6 siblings, nieces, nephews, cousins, extended relatives and many friends.



KELLY, John Joseph, 89, of West Roxbury, originally from Dorchester. Husband of Joan (d’Entremont) Kelly. Father of John Kelly (Karen) of West Roxbury, Jim Kelly (Ellen) of Ashland, Trisha Hughes (Mike) of Norwood, Tom Kelly (Debbie) of West Roxbury, Stephen Kelly (Maribel) of Dedham and Brian Kelly (Tina) of Milford; grandfather of 12; and also leaves many nieces and nephews. Brother of Mary Nelson, Sr. Patricia Kelly, Andrew “Jerry” and the late James Kelly. Son of the late Joseph and Mary Kelly. US Army veteran. John worked for New England Telephone Company for over 40 years. Donations may be made to Saint Vincent De Paul Holy Name Church, 1689 Centre Street, West Roxbury, MA 02132.



MONTGOMERY, Shirley Ann (Jasey), 83, of Dorchester, originally of Richmond, Virginia. Daughter to the late Clinton Jasey, Sr. and Ruby Jasey. She is preceded in death by her older sister, Hortense (Jasey) Simmons and brother-in-law, Alfred Simmons. She worked for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts for over 45 years and prior to retirement, worked in the Division of Personnel & Recruiting. Mother of Marshall Montgomery III, a host of grandchildren and great grandchildren. She is survived by her brother, Clinton Jasey, Jr, nieces and nephews She leaves behind a host of nieces and nephews along with many great nieces and great nephews, former husband, Marshall Montgomery, Jr., former brother-in-law, Louis Richardson, Sr. (Velma), and a host of other relatives and friends.



PORCELLO, Ronald “Ronnie”, 66, of Dorchester. Brother of Joanne Miller and her husband Robert, Robert Porcello, Lisa Collins and her husband Daniel, and Steven Porcello and his wife Roberta. Son of the late Robert J. and Phyllis (Blandino) Porcello. Uncle of many loving nieces, nephews, great-nieces and great-nephews. Also survived by many in-laws and friends. He worked his entire career in the family custom cabinet business. Please consider making a donation in memory of Ronnie to either the American Cancer Society or to the MSPCA.

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CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION
Docket No. SU24P0182EA
ESTATE OF:
JOYCE THAICE
DATE OF DEATH: 12/26/2023

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

IMPORTANT NOTICE
You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: 10:00 a.m. on the return day of 03/12/2024.
This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you.

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Witness, HON. BRIAN J. DUNN, First Justice of this Court.
Date: February 8, 2024
Stephanie L. Everett, Esq.
Register of Probate
Published: February 15, 2024

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Docket No. SU24P0266EA
ESTATE OF:
FELIKSA JAKOWICKI
DATE OF DEATH: 12/15/2023

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

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Witness, HON. BRIAN J. DUNN, First Justice of this Court.
Date: February 6, 2024
Stephanie L. Everett, Esq.
Register of Probate
Published: February 15, 2024

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CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION
Docket No. SU21P1201EA
ESTATE OF:
JOSE ERNESTO TORRES
DATE OF DEATH: 08/29/2019

A Petition for S/A - Formal Adjudication of Intestacy and Appointment of Personal Representative has been filed by Natasha Denno of Bradenton, FL requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order for and such other relief as requested in the Petition.

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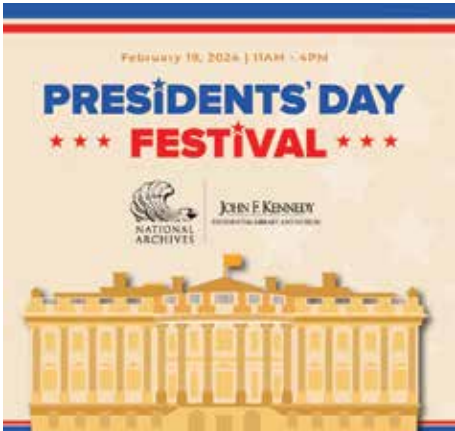
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PRESIDENTS' DAY WEEK

at the John F. Kennedy Presidential Library and Museum

13th Annual Presidents' Day Festival
Monday, February 19, 2024 ★ 11:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.



In celebration of Presidents' Day, the Kennedy Library will host its thirteenth annual *Festival*. Historic guests, creative activities, live musical performances as well as Museum tours will bring the Library to life in new ways for all ages. The *Festival* will feature performances of Kennedy campaign songs and Museum tours will highlight President Kennedy's time in the White House, with additional elements focusing on democratic values and the importance of civic participation to complement this election year. Visit jfklibrary.org/PresidentsDay, for more details.

Special *Festival* activities are free with paid admission, and children ages 17 and under are admitted free of charge on *Festival Day*.

Meet and Greet Historic Guests

Actors portraying Presidents John Adams, Thomas Jefferson, Theodore Roosevelt, and First Lady Abigail Adams will engage visitors with stories about their lives and times in history.



Attend a Free Concert

Harvard Din & Tonics perform Kennedy campaign songs and popular music from the 1960s and today.



Special Museum Promotion!

Visit the JFK Library on Facebook, Twitter, or Instagram to find our special

Presidents' Week Buzzword

Tell our front desk the buzzword or enter it when purchasing tickets online and

Receive \$2 off admission prices.

Valid February 17 – 25, 2024. Show your EBT affiliated card for a special discount to the Museum.

Make Your Own Sundae Bar

February 19, 2024 • 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Make-Your-Own-Sundae! Kids and adults alike can enjoy chocolate and vanilla ice cream with hot fudge, butterscotch sauce, whipped cream and a variety of toppings for \$5 each. Yum!

Museum Galleries



Museum galleries highlight President Kennedy's 1960 campaign for the White House and feature major initiatives including the "Race for Space" and the Peace Corps, as well as major strides in civil rights and more. Enjoy high definition videos of popular speeches and interactive exhibits.

Celebrate! Free Family Program

Len Cabral – Stories of Hope and Joy

Thursday, February 22, 2024 • Black History Month

10:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.



Internationally renowned storyteller Len Cabral shares stories of the power of hopeful actions and shared joy in honor of Black History Month. Folktales, myths, and personal accounts come to life with humor, wisdom, and compassion that will inspire listeners of all ages.

The *Celebrate!* series is appropriate for family audiences and children ages 5 and up. In order to optimize your comfort and enjoyment, reservations are required for all visitors to this free program. Visit jfklibrary.org/celebrate or call 617-514-1644 and leave a message to make a reservation. Children are seated on the floor with their caretakers. Space is available on a first-come, first-served basis. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

With generous support from the Martin Richard Foundation and the Mass Cultural Council.



Watch Online

You can watch the performances from wherever you might be. Videos will remain available following the initial broadcast.

Visit JFKLibrary.org/PresidentsDay or the Kennedy Library's YouTube channel.

Columbia Point, Boston ★ 617-514-1600 ★ www.jfklibrary.org

Children 12 and under are always free. Additional student, military, senior and EBT discounts available. General admission to the Museum is \$18.

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