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Althea Garrison back in the picture

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With seemingly limitless optimism, Althea Garrison, the city's 78-year-old perennial candidate, is in the running for two legislative seats this year.

She is actively seeking to return to the State House, having submitted nomination papers this week for the First Suffolk Senate seat left vacant by former state Sen. Linda Dorcea Forry. This campaign marks the seventh time in the

Perennial candidate in wings for council, seeks open Senate seat

last decade that her name will be on a ballot for voters to consider.

The second potential seat in her future seat won't require a campaign. Last November, Garrison finished fifth on the citywide City Council ballot, leaving her as the next in line should there be an at-large council vacancy,

which there very well could be. Last month, City Councillor-at-Large Ayanna Pressley announced her challenge to incumbent Congressman Michael Capuano. If Pressley were to win in November, that would leave an open council seat that Garrison would fill.

On Tuesday, longtime Councillor Michael Flaherty

indicated that he might seek to succeed Suffolk County District Attorney Dan Conley, who will not seek re-election this year. If Flaherty runs and wins, he, too, would leave an open seat on the council.

Althea Garrison has been a constant on the city's political scene since the 1980s. In 1992, she won the Fifth Suffolk state representative's seat as a Republican candidate,

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Ebere Ihionu, owner of Elegance African Fashions, has been busy non-stop with the opening of the film *Black Panther* creating renewed interest in her traditional wares. Daniel Sheehan photo

‘Black Panther’ Boom

Blockbuster film fuels Grove Hall business

BY DANIEL SHEEHAN
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Today marks a week since the premiere of Marvel's superhero film “Black Panther,” the movie that has sparked a movement of black and African pride across the country and around the world. While Black Panther was breaking box office records in its opening weekend, one

Dorchester business was seeing an healthy uptick in profits as well.

At Elegance African Fashions in Grove Hall, business is booming. Founder and owner Ebere Ihionu said orders began trickling in during the lead-up to the movie release last Thursday, and she has received dozens of orders in the last week alone.

“I’m super exhausted,” she said with a smile.

Ihionu, who is originally from Nigeria, came to Boston in 1996 and was soon presented with an opportunity to change jobs and pursue her passion for fashion design. She runs her business out of a small room walled with colorful stacks of textiles, sewing (Continued on page 6)

DA Conley won’t seek re-election after 16 years

BY ANDY METZGER
STATE HOUSE NEWS SERVICE

Dan Conley, who has been Boston's top prosecutor for 16 years, will not seek re-election this fall, creating a major opening for lawyers with political ambitions.

A former Boston city councillor, Conley has been the Suffolk County district attorney since 2002, when Acting Gov. Jane Swift appointed him to the position. Conley won election to the office later that year, and was re-elected without opposition three more times.

Conley's announcement Tuesday occurred exactly 16 years after he took office as DA, according to a statement that said he was stepping aside to “give others the same opportunity” that he enjoyed as a political leader. He said, in his statement, that he intends to finish his term, which continues through 2018.

The West Roxbury Democrat told his colleagues that Suffolk County is “now one of the safest, most livable urban areas in America, very different from the a



DA Dan Conley says he won't seek re-election. SHNS photo

I grew up in and much safer than when I was prosecuting homicide, (Continued on page 3)

Vet groups want probe into police, fire hiring practices

BY JENNIFER SMITH
NEWS EDITOR

Organizations representing Boston's minority firefighters and police officers are calling for an investigation into hiring practices they say make it prohibitively difficult for veterans of color to join the city forces.

The Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights and Economic Justice filed an investigation request last Thursday with the state Civil Service Commission, asking the commission to look into how the Massachusetts Human Resources Division and the Boston fire and police departments hire and rank potential recruits.

The request was filed on behalf of the Massachusetts Asso-

ciation of Minority Law Enforcement Officers, the Boston Society of Vulcans – a black and Latino firefighters group – and 10 individuals.

Resident preference in civil service exams prioritizes applicants who have lived in the city for a year, moving them up the list to be considered for the highly sought after police and fire jobs. But some veterans can skirt those residency requirements by indicating they plan to move to Boston when discharged, and do so within 90 days of leaving active duty.

Which means a Massachusetts veteran who has never lived in Boston could get the same boost as a lifelong Boston resident. Those who

have been on active duty already have an advantage over civilian applicants.

Boston is more diverse than other Massachusetts cities, said Sophia Hall, a lawyer with the committee, having been a majority-minority city since 2011. So, the Lawyer's Committee said, practices that allow non-Bostonians to skirt residency requirements

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DOT BY THE DAY

Feb. 24 - 26, 2018

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

Saturday (24th) – Super Powers Senate game at the EMK Institute on Columbia Point, 2-5 p.m. Using interactive tablets, players will serve as Senators for a day in this alternate reality and dream up, debate, and create new laws. This game takes place over 2 hours and begins in the Institute’s full-scale replica of the U.S. Senate Chamber, followed by committee work in classroom spaces before players return to the Chamber. Younger players have the option to partner with a parent, guardian, or chaperone as a single player. Please email info@emkinstitute.org with any questions. See emkinstitute.org to register.

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

• **The Boston Parks and Recreation Department** is hosts a free Double Dutch Clinic for ages 9-18 2-4:30 p.m. at the BCYF Madison Park Community Center, 55 Malcolm X Blvd., Roxbury in the gym at Building 4. These free clinics provide instruction in the fundamentals of jumping rope and rope turning.

• **Winter Farmers Market in Codman Square** from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. at The Great Hall in Codman Square, 6 Norfolk St., Dorchester. Free admission.

Monday (26th) – Milton Public Library celebrates Black History Month in the Wotiz Gallery by hosting an exhibit of photography by local artist Cheryl Clegg called “Faces of the Rasin Foundation, Haiti.” There will be a free and open reception for this display this evening from 6-8 p.m. in the Gallery at 476 Canton Ave., Milton. Contact Jean Hlady, Adult Services Librarian, at 617-698-5757 or visit miltonlibrary.org.

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

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Suspect in rash of St. Mark’s Area robberies caught in the act of carjacking

BY REPORTER STAFF
Boston Police officers who were keeping an eye on Trevor Clarke, a suspect in several recent armed holdups in Dorchester, nabbed him on Friday night when they saw him force a driver out of a car at gunpoint and try to drive off.

The 24-year-old Clarke, who has been charged with holding up the Ashmont 7-Eleven on Feb. 1, is a suspect in several other armed robberies in the St. Mark’s area, police say, including some convenience stores that were hit multiple times. The Mass Market was robbed nine times, according to a story in last week’s Reporter— most recently on Feb. 9.

Police say gang-unit officers and C-11 detec-

tives, who were staking out Clarke’s home at Glenrose Road and Adams Street, noticed him leave his house around 6:45 p.m. and get into the passenger side of a car that had pulled up on the street.

“In short time, officers watched the operator of the vehicle quickly and frantically exit the

car and sprint away from the vehicle. When the suspect, now in the driver’s side of the vehicle, attempted to drive off at a high rate of speed, officers moved in and blocked his effort to escape the area. Officers immediately instructed the operator to exit the vehicle,” according to the police report.

Police say they found a “long-barreled firearm with a brown handle” inside the car. Clarke allegedly admitted that the gun was his. He has been charged with carjacking, armed robbery, unlawful possession of a firearm, unlawful possession of ammunition, and carrying a loaded firearm on a public way, police say.

Dot man held for Valentine’s Day murder

A man who allegedly shot and killed 37-year-old Tarek Mroue on Winthrop Street on Valentine’s Day was held without bail at his arraignment in Roxbury Municipal Court on Feb. 16.

Tyrone Worrell, 39, of Dorchester is accused of fatally shooting Mroue on the evening of Feb. 14. According to prosecu-

tors, Worrell was likely involved in a dispute with another motorist which continued on Winthrop Street, where Worrell allegedly slashed the tires of the second vehicle. Worrell then allegedly left the scene and returned a short time later, when he fired multiple shots into the vehicle, striking and killing Mroue. Boston

Police arrested Worrell shortly afterward.

Early the next morning, he said that he had swallowed a quantity of heroin, and he was hospitalized for observation “in an abundance of caution” and then released for arraignment.

He returns to court on March 14.

-REPORTER STAFF

Fire damages Savin Hill apartment building

BY JENNIFER SMITH
NEWS EDITOR

Boston firefighters quickly knocked down a small blaze in a Savin Hill apartment building next to the Boys and Girls Club of Dorchester on Monday afternoon.

Smoke poured from a second story apartment in 1129 Dorchester Ave. at about 1 p.m., Boston Fire Department officials said.

A stream of fire tucks and the emergency responder vehicles roared down the avenue on the Presidents’ Day afternoon. Within about 20 minutes, the fire was out in the three-story structure.

The fire was contained to a second floor apartment and caused about \$10,000 in damages, officials said. Nobody was home at the time of fire. National Grid will examine the electrical

work inside. The cause of the fire was still to be determined just before 2 p.m.

Rosetta Jnofinn, 57, has been living there for just a year and was sleeping in her first floor apartment when the alarms started ringing.

“I opened my door, and then when I didn’t see anything and I went back in because the alarm always comes on for some little reason or whatever,” she said outside, bundled in a black parka and clutching her purse. “But then I heard people screaming, I opened the door again and then I said, ‘no, this is fire; something’s going on.’ I got dressed, took my coat, and came out and saw the firemen.”

Jnofinn said she couldn’t find her cat — an indoor cat who usually travels in a pet carrier — before leaving the



Monday’s fire scene. Jennifer Smith photo
apartment. She walked across the street and called her sister, crying.

“I guess with the noise, she’s hiding somewhere,” Jnofinn said, as firefighters began returning to their engines.

One firefighter carried an empty aquarium tank from the tan brick building. Two iguanas were rescued from the apartment, fire officials said. Both iguanas have been relocated with a neighbor until the oc-

cupant of the apartment can be notified.

The alarms in the building go off sporadically, Jnofinn said. She has gotten into the habit of keeping all of her important documents, like her passport, with her when she leaves the house.

“I always say, “please God, protect my apartment,” because people are always burning something,” she said.

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UPCOMING CIVIC ASSOCIATION MEETINGS • FULL LISTINGS ON PAGE 10

Boston Globe site meeting date moved – The date of a Boston Planning & Development Agency public meeting regarding the future use of the old Boston Globe site planned for next week has been changed from Mon., Feb. 26 to Wed., Feb. 28 at 6:30 p.m. The meeting will be held at the Boys & Girls of Dorchester’s McLaughlin Youth Center, 4th floor, 1135 Dorchester Ave., Dorchester. The meeting will review the plans of the new owner— Nordblom Development Company, Inc. — to renovate and re-use the former Globe campus at 135 Morrissey Blvd. For more info contact Raul Duverge at 617-918-4492 or raul.duverge@boston.gov.

Meeting on proposal for 1120-1132 Washington St. – A development team’s proposal to build a four-story, 67,000 sq. ft. building with approximately 57 residential units and ground floor commercial space at 1120-1132 Washington St. in Dorchester, Lower Mills, will be discussed at a meeting on Mon., Feb. 26 from 6-8 p.m. at the Carney Hospital’s Riseman lecture hall, 2100 Dorchester Ave., Dorchester. The meeting

is sponsored by the Boston Planning & Development Agency. More info: 617-918-4237 or Michael.rooney@boston.gov.

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

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

p.m. at the Anthony Perkins Community Center, 155 Talbot Ave., Dorchester.

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

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

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After 16 years as DA, Conley says he won't seek re-election

(Continued from page 1) gang, and other cases of violence in the late 1980's and early 1990's." The departure occurs as lawmakers consider an overhaul to the criminal justice system that they said would reduce the number of people incarcerated. Conley has also been a strong advocate for updating the state's wiretapping laws to extend beyond organized crime.

"The past 16 years have been a period of unprecedented innovations within the office, many of them years ahead of their time. From eyewitness evidence reform to juvenile diversion, I have been fortunate enough to bring these projects to fruition with a world-class team, men and women of uncompromising integrity and deeply heartfelt compassion. These lawyers, advocates, investigators, and others will be a tremendous asset to the 15th Suffolk District Attorney, whoever he or she may be," Conley said.

He said, "At a time when law enforcement has come under intense scrutiny across the county I'd be remiss if I didn't thank the men and women of law enforcement across Suffolk County for their courage,

their determination to do a difficult job well, and the standard they set for other agencies across the country."

Conley ran for mayor in 2013, winning 11.3 percent of the vote in the preliminary. Conley also steered the office through the scandal created by Annie Dookhan, the state chemist whose fabrication of drug evidence shook the public's faith in the justice system and threw convictions into question.

Touting lower incarceration rates, including a 40 percent reduction in the population at the Suffolk County House of Correction over the past five years, Conley said the office has been at the forefront of reforms.

"It was here in 2004 that the most sweeping eyewitness evidence reforms in modern history were undertaken to prevent erroneous convictions – a gold standard that formed the basis for what the Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court would adopt a decade later. In 2005, we adopted policies and practices that would bring unparalleled transparency to the way we investigate police-involved shootings; thirteen years later, few prosecutors' offices in the country come close to what we do. The decision here in 2006 to treat prostituted youth as victims, not offenders, set the stage for the Safe Harbor provisions of the Human Trafficking legislation signed into Massachusetts law five years later," Conley said.

More recently, Conley has been working with Attorney General Maura Healey to investigate potential crimes related to anonymous allegations of sexual assault and harassment by Bryon Hefner, the husband of state Sen. Stanley Rosenberg.

The prosecutor's office, which has jurisdiction over Boston, Chelsea, Revere and Winthrop, has been a "central part of my life for more than 33 years," Conley said. Over the past "many months" he weighed running for a fifth term, he said, ultimately deciding not to even though he said he loves the job.

Candidates for district attorney must be residents of the Massachusetts Bar and a resident of the district.

Flaherty weighs run to succeed Conley

By MATT MURPHY
STATE HOUSE NEWS SERVICE

Boston City Councillor Michael Flaherty said Tuesday he has "always" wanted to be Suffolk County district attorney, but stopped just short of jumping into the race to succeed Dan Conley.

Less than an hour after Conley officially announced that he would not seek a fifth term after 16 years as Suffolk County's top prosecutor, Flaherty, an at-large councillor, posted a message on Twitter thanking Conley for his "extraordinary work."

He then proceeded to put his name into the discussion of possible successors. "After today's announcement by DA Conley, I have been asked if I would be interested in running for Suffolk County District Attorney to succeed him.

"To that I say that I have always been interested in being the Suffolk County District Attorney. But this day is about acknowledging the outstanding job Dan Conley has done for the residents of Suffolk County. I will consult with my family about my own plans....," he wrote.

Flaherty previously worked in the Suffolk DA's office as an assistant district attorney in East Boston, Charlestown and Roxbury district courts after graduating from Boston University Law School, leaving the prosecutor's office in 1998. He is currently a partner as Adler Pollock & Sheehan in Boston.

"Our next DA will need to carefully balance the priorities of law enforcement with the imperative of maintaining individual rights in a way that is unique in our history in light of trending national priorities," Flaherty wrote.



City Councillor-at-Large Michael Flaherty says he has "always been interested in being the Suffolk County District Attorney." SHNS photo

Candidates for district attorney must be residents of the Massachusetts Bar and a resident of the district, which includes Boston, Chelsea, Revere and Winthrop.

Boston Mayor Marty Walsh's chief legal counsel Eugene O'Flaherty is also considering a run. Shannon McAuliffe, a defense attorney who ran a program for gang-involved youth, plans to mount a candidacy. Another potential candidate is Rachael Rollins, the former Chief Legal Counsel for Massport and a past president of the Mass Black Lawyers Association.

Reporter staff contributed to this report.

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Work Inc. helps residents use BPL branches to connect to jobs

**By DANIEL SHEEHAN
REPORTER STAFF**

Work Inc. has been helping people with disabilities enter the workforce for nearly 50 years. Now the Dorchester-based organization is using its expertise to help people from all walks of life plug into job opportunities through pop-up career counseling based in Boston Public Library branches in the neighborhood.

The group's D-CAP project — short for Dorchester Career Access Points— is helping people who have struggled to find employment by plugging a gap in the city's career counseling front.

“We realized that our employment services are easily adaptable to anyone with a barrier to employment,” said Stephen Aalto, Work Inc.’s vice-president for workforce development. “Career centers have struggled recently. Many don’t have the resources for outreach, so that’s what we do—we work as connectors.”

After identifying libraries as “natural partners” for reaching out to the community, D-CAP began offering its services at the BPL’s Fields Corner, Adams Street, and Codman Square branches last year. “There are a lot of misinterpretations of what career centers do,”

said Aalto. “We wanted to refresh that image of the career center.”

Statistically, Dorchester still posts some of the highest unemployment figures in Boston while also showing the least amount of career center activity. Convenient access to a career center is seen as contributing to the shortfall.

For many, the closest main center is Career Link in Lower Roxbury; the other is the Jewish Vocational Service (JVS) in the Financial District. A lot of people remain unaware of these centers while others may be uncomfortable or intimidated by the

walking in the door.

David Kapolis is on the front lines of the initiative for Work Inc. He serves as a “navigator” — meeting one-on-one with people who seek out help at the library branches. His community engagement work can be distilled to a simple two-part approach.

“There are two things people look at. No. 1, are you going to be able to trust this person? No. 2, are you going to be able to respect this person? If you can determine ‘yes’ for both of those things, things are gonna go smoothly.”

Kapolis said many

of the people he works with remain unemployed despite already having engaged with career centers during the job search process. “I meet people where they are and I talk their language,” he said. “There’s no ego, there’s no judgment. I want to make them feel understood.”

“There was a young lady in her mid-20s who came to us at the Fields Corner library,” Kapolis said. “She had been to Boston Career Link for a job fair, and was interviewed by a couple of companies but was not offered a job. I asked her if she had accessed any of the other services

there, but she wasn’t aware of them...Career planning, resume writing workshops, financial education workshops; there’s a lot of free programming that folks don’t know about.”

Ultimately, one of D-CAP’s main goals is to change people’s perception of career centers. Kapolis encounters many who are frustrated and jaded by the inefficiencies and inequalities of the workforce system, a sentiment he says he understands.

“We work in a system that’s fragmented. Frankly, I think it’s pretty broken. With this program...we’re looking

to kind of break down institutional silos. So far we’ve had lots of challenges, but lots of successes, too,” he said.

D-CAP operates at the Adams Street library every Tuesday from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. and every Friday from 9:30 a.m. to noon; and at the Fields Corner library every Monday from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., and every Saturday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. For information about the services D-CAP provides or to set up an appointment, visit workinc.org.

Setti Warren endorses Pressley in Congressional race

**By MATT MURPHY
STATE HOUSE
NEWS SERVICE**

Amid some early signs that Congressman Michael Capuano may be able to count on established politicians to rally to his re-election effort, Boston City Councilor Ayanna Pressley picked up an endorsement Thursday from one of the three Democrats running for governor.

Setti Warren, the former Newton mayor, said during an interview on Boston Herald Radio that he would be backing Pressley’s bid to unseat Capuano in the Democratic primary. His endorsement came

the same day a new poll was released showing Capuano with an early 12-point lead over Pressley, though Pressley out-pollled the incumbent in Boston.

Warren called it a choice between two “excellent Democrats,” but he noted that he worked closely with Pressley when the two were in John Kerry’s Senate office together.

“I believe she would be remarkable for the United States Congress and I believe in her,” Warren said. His campaign later issued a statement highlighting the endorsement. “When a woman with her experi-

ence and skills stands up to offer her service, we need to say yes. I’ve known and worked with Ayanna for years and she is the kind of advocate we need in Congress right now. Her inspiring life story, her intellect and her commitment to standing up for people who need the most help even when the stakes are high are exactly the kind of qualities we need in Washington, DC,” Warren said.

While there is likely to be few policy differences between the two progressive Democrats, Pressley has said she would bring a different “lens” to Congress than Capuano. The



Ayanna Pressley

nod for Pressley from Warren, who are both black, also came a day after Linda Forry gave a farewell speech to the Legislature after 13 years of serving in elected office on Beacon Hill. She was the only black member of the 40-person Senate. Diversity in the

Congressional delegation is also lacking, with just two women and no people of color.

Former Gov. Deval Patrick, who broke the color barrier on the governor’s office in 2006, reportedly met with Pressley before she made her decision to challenge Capuano in the primary, but declined to comment on the race Wednesday.

When asked about diversity in Massachusetts politics, he said, “I don’t think it’s on the Democratic Party alone. I think it’s on both parties and good people to step up and serve and there are lots of opportunities to do that.”

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Pols ask for clarity, better communication on Mattapan trolley

By JENNIFER SMITH
News Editor

The Mattapan High-Speed Trolleys woes continue to concern elected officials whose constituencies depend on the vintage line.

State representatives Dan Cullinane and Bill Driscoll Jr. met with MBTA management on Feb. 8 for a briefing on recent delays, disabled trolleys, and winter weather complications. Cullinane expressed frustration in the past month with the MBTA's level of communication regarding the line, and sought the meeting for clarity on its status and the \$7.9 million slated to be invested in keeping it functional while a study is underway assessing future options for the route.

"It was imperative for us as elected officials to fully understand mechanically what caused such an unexpected service disruption last week but it was equally important for us to ensure the MBTA heard the frustration of our constituents," Cullinane said in a statement. "Commuters are absolutely angry over how much time is added to their commutes when they have to rely on shuttle buses instead of

the trolley but were perhaps even more angry at the lack of information coming from the MBTA during this prolonged service outage. It is clear the MBTA needs an aggressive and multi-lingual communications plan to consistently get information to its Mattapan Trolley customers to avoid this in the future and that is what we are calling on them to produce."

Over the past few weeks, the trolleys have been replaced or augmented with shuttle service along the line several times. In the case of inclement weather, the MBTA proceeds with an abundance of caution, as a few inches of snow on the tracks can render the trolleys immobile.

During a Feb. 17 storm, shuttles again replaced the trolleys, a "pro-active step to protect the 70-year old trolley cars from weather-related damage."

Cullinane, Driscoll, and State Rep. Dan Hunt asserted the shuttles used to ferry commuters from Ashmont to Mattapan when the trolley is disabled are not sufficient for many riders.

"It's encouraging that the T is willing to work with the delegation, but

they have to understand that shuttle busses are not a suitable substitute," Hunt said.

Keeping passengers informed is a major issue, the representatives said. They made several requests to MBTA officials, including the creation of multi-lingual information on signing up for T alerts; clear trolley stop and shuttle pick-up and drop-off signage; a map of the shuttle route, which tracks a slightly different path than the trolley; and easily shareable social media graphics pertaining to any service disruptions.

The trolleys are operating with a small fleet at the moment, after a winter collision between two cars took them out of commission. Other trolleys with long-term propulsion issues were already sidelined, and fluctuations in the line's power disabled others last week.

According to MBTA spokesman Joe Pesaturo on Wednesday, "during the peak commuting periods, four trolley cars are providing service with headways of approximately 6 1/2 minutes."



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outfits, mainly for her church, her friends, and events such as weddings and banquets.

But in the last couple of weeks, her clientele has shifted to moviegoers eager to celebrate the movie with traditional African garb. Ihionu said she was ecstatic to be part of the movement.

“I’m all about fashion and trying to create African awareness,” she said. “We serve basically every ethnic group, and we have everybody’s style here...We can use our fashion to make a lot of statements.”

“Black Panther” makes some bold statements of its own, challenging stereotypes and misconceptions about Africa in its depiction of Wakanda, a technologically advanced realm that imagines what Africa would look like had it not been colonized and exploited for its resources.

Ruth Carter, the head costume designer for “Black Panther,” drew from different African tribes and cultures to create a fashion sense for the fictional nation that reflected the diversity of the continent. As a fashion designer, Ihionu was most impressed.

“When you walk into the movie, you see different prints, people represented in different ways...Oh my god, they were so on point. It was beautiful.”

In addition to finally giving black moviegoers superheroes that look like them, the film has also put African fashion in the spotlight,

across the country and internationally. Ihionu said that in anticipation of the premiere, she had a lot of people come to her to learn about their stylistic roots.

“When people come here, everybody’s asking me like, ‘How do I dress to make me look Ghanaian? How do I dress to make me look Kenyan? How do I dress to make me look Nigerian? Is this the culture? Is this the print I’m trying to get?’ So you hear those questions and you’re like wow, this movie really brought a lot of interest.”

The multitude of orders flooding in has ranged from dresses to headscarves, pajamas to jewelry, and even three-piece suits. Whatever the request, Ihionu is happy to oblige and provide her customers, as she put it, “anything that brings them home.”

“My goal here is to make sure they walk out of here happy, being fulfilled that they’re going to the movie to represent something they believe in,” she said.

Dorchester residents were out in force to see “Black Panther” this past weekend, with screenings at the new AMC South Bay Center either packed or sold out.

The film has already received widespread acclaim and rave reviews from critics and fans alike, including Ihionu herself, who can’t get enough. “I’m going again!” she said.



Top: Black Panther movie-goers in Boston outfitted in clothing from Elegance African Fashions in Grove Hall. Below, a view of some of the print fabrics available at the shop.



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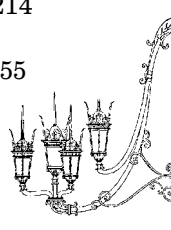
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ADAMS STREET BRANCH

Thurs., Feb. 22, 10:30 p.m. – Baby & Toddler Time; Concert with Sulinha’s Trio; 4:30 p.m. – LEGOs Builders Club. **Fri., Feb. 23**, 9:30 a.m. – Baby & Toddler Playgroup; 2 p.m. – Concert with Matt Heaton. **Sat., Feb. 24** – 3 p.m. – Afternoon Origami. **Mon., Feb. 26**, 3:30 p.m. – Drop-In Homework Help; 4:30 p.m. – What is a Monument? A Youth Design Workshop. **Tues., Feb. 27**, 10:30 a.m. – Preschool Story Time; 3:30 p.m. – Drop-In Homework Help; 4:30 p.m. – Kids’ Art Club. **Wed., Feb. 28**, 3:30 p.m. – Drop-In Homework Help; 4 p.m. – Fiber Arts Class for Youth. **Thurs., March 1**, 3:30 p.m. – Drop-In Homework Help; 4:30 p.m. – LEGOs Builders Club.

CODMAN SQUARE BRANCH

Thurs., Feb. 22 thru Wed., Feb. 28 – **Introduction to Genealogy**, A 2-part series that includes how to get started with researching your genealogy at the Boston Public Library. You will be introduced to genealogy resources available at the Boston Public Library, including Ancestry.com, newspapers on microfilm, and city directories. Registration for the program is not required. **Mon., Feb. 26**, 3:30 p.m. – Drop-In Homework Help. **Tues., Feb. 27**, 10:30 a.m. – Quilt Making for Generations; 3:30 p.m. – Drop-In Homework Help. **Wed., Feb. 28**, 3:30 p.m. – Drop-In Homework Help.

FIELDS CORNER BRANCH

Thurs., Feb. 22, 11 a.m. – Make Your Own Magnetic Poetry. **Fri., Feb. 23**, 9:30 a.m. – Lapsit Storytime; 10:30 a.m. – Preschool Storytime. **Sat., Feb. 24**, 10:30 a.m. – Concert with Matt Heaton; 11 a.m. – Ask a Career Counselor. **Mon., Feb. 26**, 3:30 p.m. – Drop-In Homework Help. **Tues., Feb. 27**, 3:30 p.m. – Drop-In Homework Help; 6:30 p.m. – Hatha Yoga. **Wed., Feb. 28**, 10:30 a.m. – Preschool Films and Fun; 3:30 p.m. – Drop-In Homework Help; 4 p.m. – What is a Monument? A Youth Design Workshop. **Thurs., March 1**, 3:30 p.m. – Drop-In Homework Help.

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Thurs., Feb. 22, 4:30 p.m. – Mike the Bubble Man. **Fri., Feb. 23**, 10:30 a.m. – Preschool Movies. **Sat., Feb. 24**, 1 p.m. – Hollywood Goes to School. **Mon., Feb. 26**, 1 p.m. – TSA Employment Information Session; 3:30 p.m. – Drop in Homework Help. **Tues., Feb. 27**, 10:15 a.m. – ESL High-Beginner English; 10:30 a.m. – Preschool Story Time; 3:30 p.m. – Drop-In Homework Help. **Wed., Feb. 28** – 11 a.m. – Toddler Story Time; 3:30 p.m. – Drop-In Homework Help; 3:45 p.m. – Bits & Bots. **Thurs., March 1**, 3:30 p.m. – Drop-In Homework Help.

LOWER MILLS BRANCH

Thurs., Feb. 22, 1 p.m. – Drop-In Computer Help. **Fri., Feb. 23**, 9:30 a.m. – Babytime; 11 a.m. – Hansel and Gretel with Boston Lyric Opera; 1 p.m. – Sidney Poitier Film Series. **Sat., Feb. 24**, 10:30 a.m. – Little Voices, Big Changes: Black Lives Matter. **Mon. Feb. 26**, 3:30 p.m. – Drop-In Homework Help; 7 p.m. – Pajama Storytime. **Tues., Feb. 27**, 3:30 p.m. – Drop-In Homework Help. **Wed., Feb. 28**, 10:30 a.m. – Music & Movement; 3:30 p.m. – Drop-In Homework Help. **Thurs., March 1**, 3:30 p.m. – Drop-In Homework Help.

MATTAPAN BRANCH

Thurs. Feb. 22, 2 p.m. – Concert with Sulinha’s Trio; 2:30 p.m. – 90s Nostalgia; 6:30 p.m. – Yoga. **Fri., Feb. 23**, 2:30 p.m. – Movie Friday. **Sat., Feb. 24**, 10 a.m. – 4Spirit/4You/4L Story Time; 2 p.m. – Teen Resume Building. **Mon., Feb. 26**, 10:30 a.m. – HISET/GED Preparation Class; 2:30 p.m. – Cartoon Afternoon; 3:30 p.m. – Drop-In Homework Help. **Tues., Feb. 27**, 12 p.m. – Towering Tots; 2:30 p.m. – 90s Nostalgia. **Wed., Feb. 28**, 10:30 a.m. – HISET/GED Preparation Class; 2:30 p.m. – Cartoon Afternoon; 3:30 p.m. – Drop-In Homework Help. **Thurs., March 1**, 2:30 p.m. – 90s Nostalgia; 3:30 p.m. – Drop-In Homework Help; 6:30 p.m. – Yoga. **Fri., March 2**, 2:30 p.m. – Movie Friday.

UPHAMS CORNER BRANCH

Thurs., Feb. 22, 4:30 p.m. – Concert with Matt Heaton. **Fri., Feb. 23**, 2 p.m. – Family Film. **Mon., Feb. 26**, 3 p.m. – Drop-In Homework Help. **Tues., Feb. 27**, 3:30 p.m. – Drop-In Homework Help. **Wed., Feb. 28**, 3:30 p.m. – Drop-In Homework Help. **Thurs., March 1**, 3:30 p.m. – Drop-In Homework Help.

Mattapan native serves nation as gunner's mate aboard USS Anchorage

By Heidi McCormick
Mass Communication Specialist 1st Class Petty Officer 3rd Class Cynara Rustin, a Mattapan native, is serving as a gunner's mate aboard the amphibious transport dock USS Anchorage, operating out of San Diego. Anchorage, one of the Navy's newest and most advanced amphibious ships, is designed to deliver Marines and their equipment where they are needed to support a variety of missions ranging from amphibious assaults to humanitarian relief efforts.

A Navy gunner's mate is responsible for maintaining ship's small arms crew, serve weapons and ammunition, as well as

qualifying personnel in armed watch standing. "I grew up with a sense of community, and I did a lot of things with a tight-knit group of friends," said Rustin, a 2008 graduate of Minuteman Regional High School. "It's something I've mirrored in the Navy."

Anchorage is longer than two football fields at 684 feet, is 105 feet wide and weighs more than 24,000 tons. It has four diesel engines that can push the ship through the water in excess of 26 mph. Sailors' jobs are highly varied aboard Anchorage. More than 400 men and women make up the ship's crew, which keeps all parts of the ship running smoothly, from handling

weaponry to maintaining the engines. An additional 700 Marines can be embarked.

Anchorage is capable of transporting Marines and landing them where they are needed via helicopters, vertical takeoff and landing aircraft and landing craft.

"The success of our Surface Force ships is measured by our ability to provide Fleet Commanders with combat naval power at sea and to project that power ashore where and when it matters," said Vice Adm. Richard A. Brown, commander, Naval Surface Forces. "It's hard work to ready ships for combat operations at sea - it takes the talent of an entire crew work-

ing well together. I'm extremely proud of the each and every surface warrior's contributions to the Navy's enduring mission of protecting and defending America, at home and around the world."

These amphibious transport dock ships support amphibious assault, special operations or expeditionary warfare missions and can serve as secondary aviation platforms for amphibious ready groups. Because of their inherent capabilities, these ships have been and will continue to be called upon to support humanitarian and other contingency missions on short notice. Rustin says her greatest ac-



1st Class Petty Officer 3rd Class Cynara Rustin on board the USS Anchorage. Photo by Chief Mass Communication Specialist Isaiah Sellers

complishment is making her parents proud of how far she has come in the military and the experience she's gained.

As a member of one of the U.S. Navy's most relied-upon assets, Rustin and other Anchorage sailors know they are part of a legacy that

will last beyond their lifetimes.

"We are all far away from home and coming from very different backgrounds," Rustin said. "But the friends I have made here have made this a wonderful experience."



From L-R: Annie Jackson, Audra Garvey, Joe Jackson, Brendan Cadogan, Tomas Arevalo and Logan Carver.

Six Dot students competed in track championships for BLS

By Elana Aurise
Reporter Staff
Six Boston Latin School students from Dorchester competed and did well in the Dual County League Indoor Track Championship on Sat., Feb. 10, at Roxbury Community College's Reggie Lewis Track and Athletic Center.

The athletes - Annie Jackson, Class of 2020, Audra Garvey, Class of 2020, Joe Jackson, Class of 2021, Brendan Cadogan, Class of 2020, Tomas Arevalo, Class of 2021, and Logan Carver, Class of 2019 - have been running and competing since they were in 7th grade.

At the end of each track season for cross

country and indoor and outdoor events, the Latin School competes against Newton South, Acton-Boxborough, Concord-Carlisle, Westford Academy, Notre Dame Academy, Cambridge, Rindge & Latin, Weston, Wayland, Bedford and Waltham at the Dual County League Meet. The top two runners from each time in each event at the League Meet compete in the championship finals.

Jackson came in 4th in the mile with a time of 5:19.43. She ran a leg of the 4 by 800-meter relay team, which finished first in 10:01.02. Garvey ran in the 300-meter and came in 7th with a time of 44.42. Her high

jump was a personal best of 4-feet-10 for 9th place and she anchored the 4 by 200 relay team. Arevalo, with a time of 4:59.47, and Jackson at 5:01.6, recorded personal bests in the mile run. Carver competed in the 600-meter run with a personal best 1:45.92, and Cadogan ran the two-mile and finished with a personal best of 11:13.13.

Jackson qualified in the mile for the Division 1 meet held at the Reggie Lewis Track and Athletic Center last week. The BLS 4-by-800-meter relay team also qualified. The state meet will be held on Saturday.

Evan Ohuabunwa of Mattapan, a senior honors student and varsity football player at Boston College High School, has signed a letter of intent committing him to play football at Trinity College in Hartford, Conn. "BC High is proud to recognize Evan and 24 other student-athletes who signed letters of intent committing to compete in college-level athletics at some of the nation's top universities," the school said in a statement announcing his decision.



Dot resident trains for first marathon, raises funds for Dana-Farber

By Elana Aurise
Reporter Staff
Dorchester resident Mark 'Andy' Lescynski will be running for the Dana-Farber Cancer Institute at the Boston Marathon on Monday, April 16. Lescynski will run alongside more than 500 Dana-Farber Marathon Challenge (DFMC) teammates who are cancer survivors and patients, or family members and friends of those who have been affected by cancer.

All funds raised by DFMC will benefit Dana-Farber's Claudia Adams Barr Program in Innovative Basic Cancer Research, which supports promising science research in its earliest stages.

"For me, this race is not only a physical and mental challenge but also an opportunity to make a difference and give back," he said. "Two years ago, my life was turned upside [down] when the greatest person in my life - my mother - was diagnosed with lung cancer. I did everything I could to bravely fight alongside her, giving her support and comfort for eight months until she passed in June 2016."

This is Lescynski's first marathon run. Running with his heart in tribute to his mother, he's giving back to the Institute that helped numerous family and friends in his life. His cousin was also diagnosed with Stage 4 Neuroblastoma as a 2-year-old, and when she was transferred to Dana-Farber, she had a 10 percent chance of surviving, but the remarkable doctors and

nurses saved her life.

"Now, I'm on a mission to return that love and support back to the community," Andy said. "I'm doing my part to help the millions of other families who are facing their own versions of this battle, in hopes of a cancer-free future."

Lescynski's goal is to raise \$12,000. He's almost halfway there with a total of \$5,849 raised so far. To support his cause, visit his fundraising page at rundfmc.org/2018/andy to donate.

"Growing up on the



Mark 'Andy' Lescynski
South Shore, I loved coming to the city to watch world-class athletes cross the finish line on Boylston Street, so running this race has always been a dream," said Lescynski.

For more information on the Dana-Farber Marathon Challenge team, please visit runDFMC.org.

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This 1945 photo shows from left to right three cousins representing Liberty, Victory and the Red Cross. Martha McKinnon was 6 years old, Judy Dean 5 years old and Marylin [sic] McLeod 5 years old.

Dorchester House Doll Parade

What kind of lives did these girls have? Did they remain friends? Did they stay around or move away?

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RIP Jack Hynes, Dot’s face on the TV screen

For some 70 years, members of the Hynes family gave Dorchester cachet in the worlds of politics and the media.

In 1947, then Boston City Clerk John B. Hynes, a Dorchester resident, became acting mayor when the legendary James Michael Curley was moved from his mayor’s seat in City Hall to a cell in federal prison after being convicted of mail fraud while in office. Hynes later defeated Curley for the mayor’s seat three times, in 1949, 1951, and 1955, a decade when the so-called New Boston was born and nurtured in its infancy.

As his father wound down his last term, his son, John B. “Jack” Hynes Jr., hoisted the family’s flag in the world of broadcast journalism, beginning as a reporter for WBZ radio and television in 1957. For the next 50 years, his face was as familiar as any to the people of greater Boston and beyond as he anchored news programs at a number of stations until he retired after a long run at Channel 56 in Boston in 2006.

Funeral services were held on Monday in Chatham on Cape Cod for Mr. Hynes, who died of heart failure on Feb. 12 at the age of 88.

He was a local boy through and through. Born and raised in Dorchester, he grew up in a home at 31 Druid Street in the Codman Hill/Lower Mills neighborhood, was an altar boy at St. Gregory’s church, and attended the parish grammar school and Boston College High School. He took some time away from his home village to earn a degree in journalism from Notre Dame University in 1952, and to serve a three-year stint in the Marines before returning to the city in 1957.

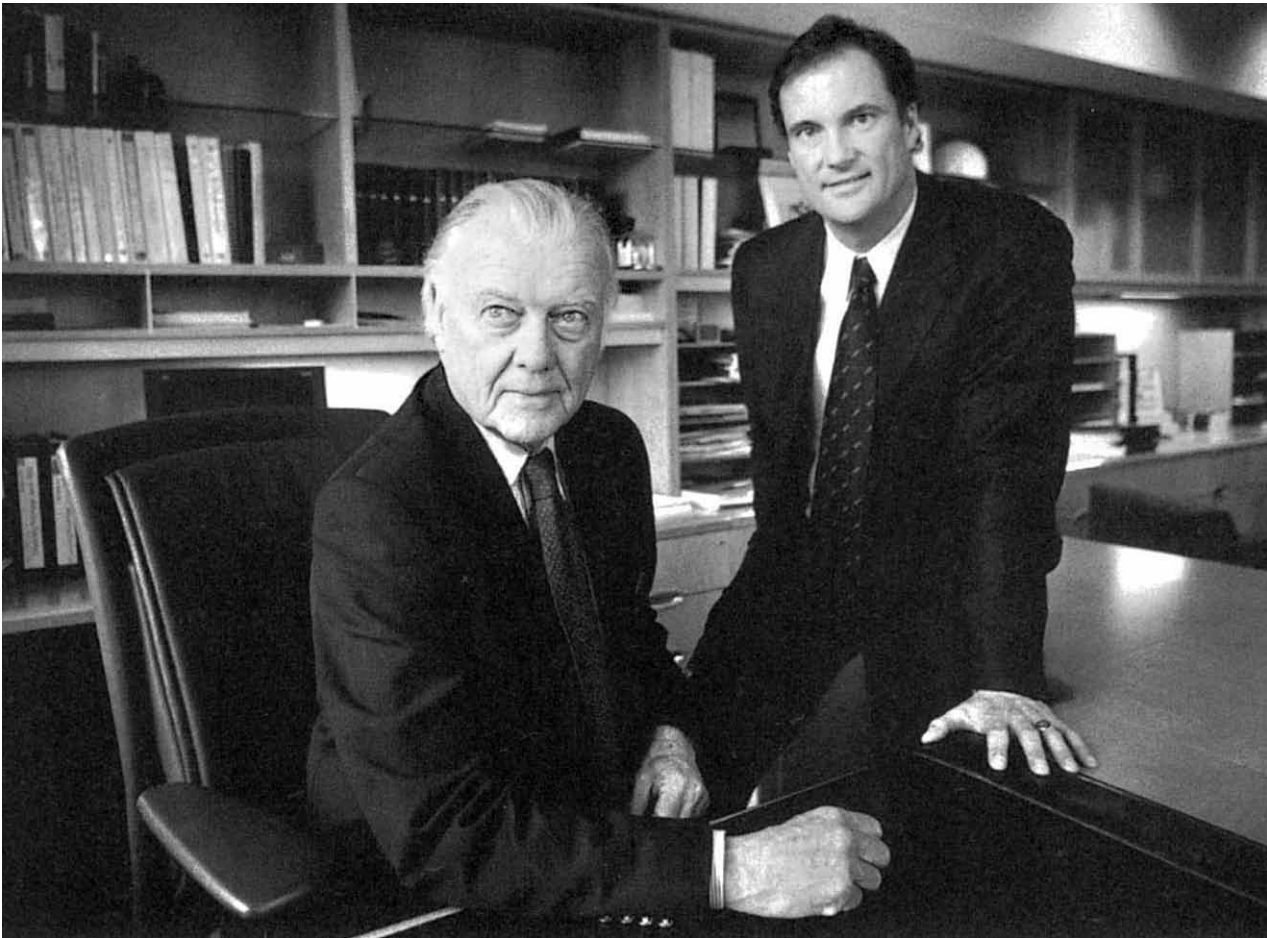
In a 2010 ceremony sponsored by the Boston Irish Reporter, the Hynes family was honored as an “exemplary Boston Irish Family.” In a lengthy interview with BIR contributor Jack Thomas, Jack Hynes roamed over the landscape of his memory to fill pages and pages with anecdotes of times long gone by, offering up an oral history of Boston journalism that featured, as Thomas wrote, “cops, firemen, gangsters, reprobates, scalawags, and neer-do-wells.”

As the decades rolled by, he noted, “The people around me got younger and younger, and I could relate less and less to them. The clincher came at Channel 56. We had a producer, a college graduate who had worked in TV for three years. One night I alerted her that the next day was Dec. 7, and that we should have the morning guy line up an interview with somebody who’d been at Pearl Harbor. Honest to God, she said, ‘Pearl Harbor? When was that?’ I said, ‘Right after the Battle of Gettysburg.’ She said, ‘Oh, yeah.’ I said, ‘You’ve got it confused with Pearl Jam, which is a rock group.’ I knew then it was time for me to go, and after that, I just did weekends and commentaries.”

And so he moved on, a living symbol of an earlier time when television news was given to viewers with the assumption that the vast majority of them knew the history of their city, their state, their nation, and their world.

Mr. Hynes was predeceased in 1998 by his wife Marie (Kelly) Hynes. He leaves his sons John III of South Boston and Barry of Beverly; two daughters, Kelly Hynes McDermott of Medfield and Shauna Hynes-Baler of Yarmouth Port; a sister, Marie Hynes Gallagher of Falmouth; and a brother, Barry of South Boston. A second brother, Richard, of Brookline, was found dead of a heart attack last weekend. He also leaves ten grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

-Ed Forry



Above, Jack Hynes, left, is shown with his son John B. Hynes in a photo by Bill Brett.

The Hynes Family, Boston Irish Honors Award recipients in 2010. From left, Barry Hynes, Mark Gallagher, Richard Hynes, Jack Hynes, Marie Hynes Gallagher, Barry Hynes and Susan Gallagher.

Margaret Brett Hastings photo



Commentary

We don’t need an act of Congress to create safe and inclusive schools

By Roy Lincoln Karp
Special to The Reporter

The words move across your phone, laptop, or TV screen: “School shooting.” You read the horrific details about the latest gun-fueled massacre. You feel sadness for the young victims and their families. Grief morphs into anger at lawmakers for failing to address widespread violence by gunfire.

The latest rampage took place last Wednesday at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland, Florida. Fourteen students and three teachers were killed when a former student, Nikolas Cruz, opened fire from a legally purchased, semi-automatic AR-15 rifle. Seven students were fourteen years old.

In the aftermath of the shooting, we adhered to the same script that follows mass killings in this country, at least when they result in enough fatalities to move the event into the national news cycle.

Congress reacted swiftly with proclamations issued by the Select Committee on Thoughts and Prayers. Some Democrats refused to participate, rightfully calling out the absurdity of legislators praying instead of passing reasonable gun control measures. They offered a welcome variation to the script, but one that still feels hopelessly inadequate. Even the massacre of 20 elementary school children in Newtown, Connecticut, failed to spur Congress to action.

In the wake of the mass shooting in Las Vegas last October, which left 58 people dead and 851 injured, Congress actually took steps to weaken our gun laws. In December, the House of Representatives passed legislation that would require states to recognize the gun permits of visitors from other states.

Many students from Douglas High have been publicly expressing their outrage at Congress and at the president for their capitulation to the NRA and the gun lobby. I hope these young people will finally break us out of our “Groundhog Day” script.

But even if they succeed in moving Congress to

action, we will remain awash in guns for years to come. We would still need to address a culture of violence in a nation that currently has more guns than people.

Whether they like it or not, schools have an important role to play in this narrative. They can be a part of the solution by providing a strong sense of community for all students, especially those who actively seek to undermine or opt out of the process.

This lesson was brought home to me during the three years I ran an alternative high school in Lowell for students facing significant barriers to their education. Our program engaged Lowell High School students who were at high risk of dropping out, had already dropped out, were expelled for behavioral reasons, or were withdrawn for lack of attendance.

Community and relationship building were key components. We gave students a voice in decision-making and made sure that every young person felt valued and respected. When students didn’t show up, we did home visits. Using best practices in youth development, we worked hard to build trust with all of our students.

Because students had a strong sense of belonging and community, we had very few disciplinary problems. When behavioral issues or interpersonal conflicts arose, we addressed them by using a restorative approach. We found creative ways to repair harms to people, relationships, and community.

We never suspended or expelled our students. When students violated our norms, we sought to bring them back to the community. We held them accountable for their actions, while maintaining high levels of support.

This approach does not cost schools any extra money. It requires a paradigm shift in the way we think about young people, especially those who persistently test our commitment to them. Fortunately, it does not require an act of Congress.

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Dorcena Forry bids farewell, doesn't close door behind her

By MATT MURPHY
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Former Sen. Linda Dorcena Forry bid farewell – for now – to the State House in a festive ceremony last Wednesday that drew a Who's Who of city and state politics to say goodbye to a colleague who was both liked and respected on both sides of the aisle.

Forry resigned somewhat abruptly late last month from the Senate to take a job with Suffolk Construction, the prominent Boston development company led by John Fish. But while Forry said she was "thrilled" to be striking out into the private sector after almost 13 years on Beacon Hill, she did not rule out a comeback.

"I won't promise you today that I won't be back someday, somehow," Forry said in her farewell address attended by Gov. Baker, former Gov. Deval Patrick, Boston Mayor Marty Walsh and former Senate President Murray, among others.

The speech in the House chamber where Forry began her elected career had all the trappings of a major political event.

The Dorchester Democrat, who became the first elected Haitian woman to the Senate in 2013, had family, friends, supporters and colleagues stacked in the galleries and on the House floor. Her husband, children and relatives were seated in a section usually reserved for the governor's family once a year during the State of Commonwealth address.

"Anybody who heard that speech knows how well she can make a point and represent a point of view, and can do it with just a tremendous amount of grace and I certainly am going to miss her and I think most of us here will miss her as well, and I hope that the campaign to succeed her is a lively one and that whoever it is that succeeds her brings that same kind of aptitude and attitude to the job as she did," Gov. Baker said after the remarks.

The governor said he and others seated on the rostrum behind Forry during her speech were talking among themselves about how they would hate to follow her to a microphone, and the Republican said Forry's possible return to politics or public life would be good for Massachusetts.

"I would certainly hope that at some point down the road that she considers doing something in the public square," Baker said. "She's an incredibly charismatic person, but more importantly she's somebody people want to work with and get things accomplished and



Former Sen. Linda Dorcena Forry returned to Beacon Hill last Wednesday to deliver a farewell address from the House rostrum to members and guests, including former Gov. Deval Patrick (background). Sam Doran/SHNS photo

her heart's in the right place," he said.

Forry, after the event, didn't hint at what she might like to do in the future, only explaining that the decision to take the job at Suffolk was the right one for her family at this time, but not one that would foreclose a future in politics.

"I don't know but I see that you can step away," Forry said. "People will say, 'Wow, this is a big time for you to step away from public service and I say, 'This is the right time,' because other people have done it before, like Governor Patrick, like Governor Baker where they left to go into the private sector and get the business experience and be able to come back and do amazing things."

Patrick, who has been

a rare presence at the State House since he finished his second term in 2015, gushed about Forry.

"She's a great friend, she was a terrific partner, wonderful, wonderful family, and I think you heard from her remarks today why she is so beloved and, frankly, why we hunger for that collaboration and collegiality in this Legislature and beyond," Patrick said.

With Forry gone from the Senate, the chamber now counts just two people of color. Sen. Sonia Chang-Diaz is of Costa Rican and Chinese descent, and Sen. Dean Tran was a refugee from Vietnam.

Sen. Jamie Eldridge, a friend of Forry's, spoke about the loss of her presence in the Senate

where he said she was a voice for immigrants and minority communities and spoke out against racism and bigotry.

The Acton Democratic told a story about one afternoon when his sister brought her two biracial children to the State House for a visit, and Eldridge called Forry because he wanted them to meet her. Forry joined the family at Emmet's Pub down the block from the State House, and engaged with the two young children.

"I saw their eyes light up looking back and me and my sister and then Linda and taking in that someone has the same job as Uncle Jamie that looks like them," Eldridge said.

The Democratic primary to replace Forry in the Senate has been

scheduled for April 4, and so far the field includes at least one person of color, Rep. Evandro Carvalho of Dorchester.

Asked about the lack of diversity in the Legislature, Patrick, the state's first black governor, said, "I don't think it's on the Democratic Party alone. I think it's on both parties and good people to step up and serve and there are lots of opportunities to do that."

Patrick, it has been reported, sat down with Boston City Councillor Ayanna Pressley, who is black, as she was considering a primary challenge to Congressman Michael Capuano. The former governor declined to comment on whether he would be supporting her campaign, or endorsing at all in the race.

"I'm here for Linda today," he said when asked about Pressley. He similarly declined comment about former Gov. Mitt Romney running for US Senate in Utah.

"He's always been a gentleman to me. I don't have any comment on his prospects in Utah," he said.

Pressley issued a statement about Forry's departure, noting her distinctions as only the second Haitian-American to be elected to the House and the first Haitian-American and third woman of color to serve in the Senate.

"As a first generation Haitian American, her professional life example is an inspiring one. Linda is that rare combination of heart, guts, and talent. She has contributed and accomplished so much, and inspired so many women to run for elected

office," Pressley said.

Capuano, who counts Forry as a constituent, did not attend the speech, but sent a representative from his office who took the microphone after Forry speech to present a certificate of Congressional recognition to Forry for her work.

"I think it's fair to say that if Donald Trump were not president, Mike Capuano would be here today to pay tribute to Sen. Forry, for whom he has immense respect, but he has compelling business and in fact he has a war to fight, so he's not here," said Kate Auspitz, the congressman's issues director.

Forry may be gone from the Senate, but she hasn't been able to completely wash her hands of one of the perks (or burdens) that typically comes with the job of representing the First Suffolk Senate District – hosting the annual South Boston St. Patrick's Day breakfast.

"The breakfast is happening," Forry assured, indicating that while she is no longer directly in charge of its planning she does plan to "be helpful" and will take part in a meeting Friday with South Boston's delegation, including the neighborhoods representation at City Hall, the State House and Congress. "Hopefully we'll be able to get the host nailed down by the end of the week," she said.

Baker said he's not worried. "I'm quite sure there will be a breakfast. I'm quite sure there will be a host, and I'm quite sure a lot of it will come at my expense and I'm looking forward to that," he said.

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

CHILI COOK-OFF KICKS OFF DOT DAY SEASON

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

BLACK IMMIGRANT CELEBRATION
AT BOSTON CITY COUNCIL

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

BOSTON GLOBE SITE MEETING DATE MOVED

The date of a Boston Planning & Development Agency public meeting regarding the future use of the old Boston Globe site planned for next week has been changed from Mon., Feb. 26 to Wed., Feb. 28 at 6:30 p.m. The meeting will be held at the Boys & Girls of Dorchester's McLaughlin Youth Center, 4th floor, 1135 Dorchester Ave., Dorchester. The meeting will review the plans of the new owner— Nordblom Development Company, Inc. — to renovate and re-use the former Globe campus at 135 Morrissey Blvd. For more info contact Raul Duverge at 617-918-4492 or raul.duverge@boston.gov.

SAINT ANN-SAINT BRENDAN COLLABORATIVE

Join the Saint Ann-Saint Brendan Collaborative's latest in depth eight-part study on Divine Mercy on Thurs., Feb. 22, March 1, 8, 15, 22; and April 5 and 12 all at Saint Brendan Rectory from 7-8 p.m. For



More than 250 guests attended the Dancing for Hope event on Feb. 2 benefitting St. Mary's Center for Women and Children at the popular Milton restaurant, Novara. Dot native Jordan Knight of New Kids on the Block performed at the event, which raised \$50,000, which will be doubled by Amazon through its \$1 million match gift challenge going toward the agency's Center Campaign. St. Mary's Center is currently raising money to build Community Resource Center as well as a Recreation Room on its Jones Hill campus. The Dancing for Hope committee was led by co-chairs, Jill Hayes and Evelyn Knight, along with Milton residents Patti Elliott, Danielle McKnight, Denise Queally, and Margaret Walsh. To date the Dancing for Hope committee has raised more than \$450,000 for St. Mary's Center's programs and services for young moms and their children, which include shelter, education, and job training. Hosts and sponsors of events include Evelyn and Jordan Knight, Jill and John Hayes, Maggie and Drew Loucks, Jennifer Bettenhausen, Casella Recycling, Virginia and Frank Corcoran, and Patti and Darryll Elliot.

questions please contact Andrew Genovese Director of Faith Formation at agenovesedff@gmail.com.

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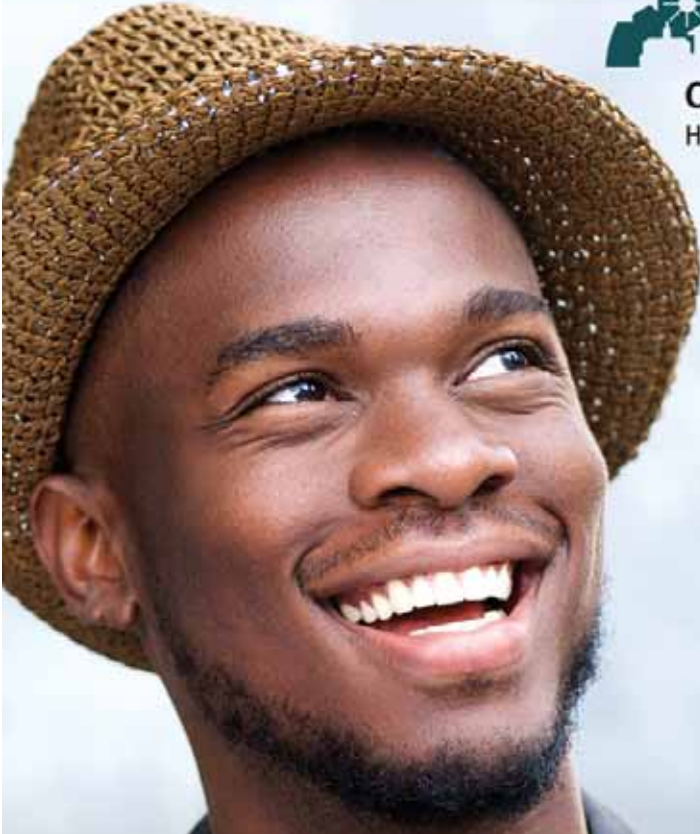
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Saturday, April, 21st	OPENING DAY (details TBD)

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Sunday, March 4th	Age 4 10-11am Age 5-6 11-12:30pm Age 7 12:30 – 2pm Age 10-12 9:30 – 11am Age 13-16 11 – 1pm	Age 8-9 8 – 9:30am
Sunday, March 11th	Age 4 10-11am Age 5-6 11-12:30pm Age 7 12:30 – 2pm	Age 8-9 8 – 9:30am Age 10-12 9:30 – 11am Age 13-16 11 – 1pm
Sunday, March 18th		Age 8-9 8 – 9:30am Age 10-12 9:30 – 11am Age 13-16 11 – 1pm
Sunday, March 25th		Age 8-9 8 – 9:30am Age 10-12 9:30 – 11am Age 13-16 11 – 1pm

****IMPORTANT:** Players who register but do not attend the requisite number of tryouts (applies to ages 8-16) AND who have unpaid balances will NOT be placed on a roster.

Changes to Standards for Bats:

Little League & Babe Ruth Baseball have implemented new rules regarding what bats can be used for the 2018 season and beyond. As of January 1, 2018 the new USA Baseball Bat Standard will apply to all bats used at all Majors, Minors, and Babe Ruth levels. Bats that were approved for the 2017 season will no longer be acceptable for use during practices or games. Senior/Teen level (BBCOR bats) and Tee Ball bat rules are not changing. The bat your player used last year will not be allowed in the 2018 season and beyond. All approved bats will have the USABat logo on it. For more information and an approved bat list visit USABat.com. Please note: Players ARE NOT required to buy a bat. All Dorchester Baseball teams will be equipped with new bats this spring.



Send Questions, Concerns and Comments to:
DorchesterLittleLeague@gmail.com DorchesterBabeRuth@gmail.com

Minority veterans claim unfair police, fire hiring practices

(Continued from page 1) “disproportionately harm Boston’s minority veterans.”

Hall said they decided to seek the investigation to determine whether this civil service residency exception is illegal. Anecdotally, she said, the committee is barraged with stories of veterans of color continually hitting barriers to joining the police or fire departments.

“I am a black Marine Corps veteran and a Boston resident for nearly all of my life. I took the civil service examination three times to become a Boston firefighter, but never got hired,” said Duaine Doyle, a Vulcans member and one of the individuals requesting the investigation, in a statement. “When Residence Preference is given to people who are not actual Boston residents like me, that harms the true Boston veterans and makes the city’s public safety agencies less diverse.”

The police force is about one-third people of color, and the fire department about 20 percent. Civil rights groups predicted, then saw a backslide recently in hiring minorities into the fire department, according to a finding in an NAACP report last year that between 85 and 90 percent of all fire department hires during Mayor Martin Walsh’s tenure have been white.

Nicole Caravella, a spokeswoman for the mayor, said on Tuesday that the city will review the request for the information. Representatives from Boston police, fire, and the Massachusetts Human Resources Division did not immediately return request for comment by the Reporter.

A Boston Fire Department spokesman told WBUR that hiring is done according to state rules, but declined to comment further.

“The reality is we can’t trust the City of Boston to diversify City of Boston agencies on their own,” Hall said. “We’ve taken up the charge to offer them realistic and actual solutions that could impact diversity in a real way.”

A firefighter cadet program, used to better explain to potential recruits the limitations of certain types of military service and longer residency requirements, could all help boost the number of minority applicants who could benefit from the veteran preference, civil rights groups say.

“When we offer solutions through letter, interactions, and meetings that are not implemented, we are left with nothing but to file lawsuits, or, in this case, with residency requirements, we are left with our last solution prior to litigation, which is to ask Civil Service to enact their jurisdiction,” Hall said.

A show cause hearing before the Civil Service Commission is scheduled for March 13 at 1 p.m.

Residency requirements are one of several practices employed by the police and fire forces that the Lawyer’s Committee says discourage diverse forces. “I think the problem is that, and we see this in implicit bias research, it’s not always clear whether the decision maker may have a discriminatory intent,” Hall said. “I think we’ve been in a city long enough that has worked in a particular way that no one has questioned and no one has thought to change.”

James Brett is Eire Society’s pick for Gold Medal

The Éire Society of Boston is pleased to announce the Gold Medal award recipient for 2018, Dorchester native and President and CEO of the New England Council, James T. Brett.

The award will be presented at the Gold Medal Dinner and Awards Ceremony, which will take place on Saturday evening, April 7, 2018 at 6pm at the Seaport Boston Hotel.

The Gold Medal is awarded annually to a person or persons who exemplify the best of Irish culture and ideals. It is presented to those who have made significant contributions in their field of expertise which benefit society.

James T. Brett, business leader, legislator and lifelong advocate for public policy issues, will join the list of distinguished Gold Medal recipients. In 2017, novelist, playwright and journalist, Colm Tóibín received the award, and in 2016, the Gold Medal was presented to the 8th President of Ireland, Mary P. McAleese.

“It is fitting that Jim Brett is being honored with the Gold Medal Award from The Eire Society of Boston, given his tireless work over many decades on behalf of vulnerable members of our community,” said Fionnuala Quinlan, Consul General of Ireland in Boston.

Among his many interests and achievements, Brett is a dedicated advocate for the physically and mentally challenged. He served as the Chairman of the President’s Committee for People with Intellectual Disabilities and continues to serve as a member. In 2016, Congress appointed Brett to the National Council on Disability. He is Chairman of the Governor’s Commission on Intellectual Disability and serves as the Chairperson of the Massachusetts Disabled Persons Protection Commission.



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Community Health News

MassHealth seen as critical to high children’s coverage rate

By KATIE LANNAN
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About 12,000 kids in Massachusetts lack health insurance, giving the state a 99 percent coverage rate among its 1.39 million children. That’s according to data presented Thursday by the Massachusetts Budget and Policy Center, one of several organizations that took part in a “checkup” gauging the status of programs and policies related to children’s health.

“Almost every single kid has health insurance,” Nancy Wagman, MassBudget’s Kids

Count program director, said at the briefing, hosted by the Children’s Health Access Coalition. Wagman said some of the 12,000 children without insurance can be explained by “natural churn” but efforts should be made to get those kids enrolled in plans.

“There is no child in Massachusetts who should be without health insurance,” she said. “Let’s get that circle around every single one of those kids.”

About 640,000 children are “touched by” MassHealth, with the state Medicaid program serving as either their

primary or secondary form of insurance, Wagman said. It’s a statistic she said is “not an accident” but the result of decisions made on Beacon Hill to extend coverage.

MassHealth is the largest spending area in the state budget. In hopes of controlling MassHealth costs, Gov. Charlie Baker in his fiscal 2019 budget proposal included new tools to manage growth in the program’s pharmacy spending and a transition of 140,000 non-disabled adults with incomes between 100 percent and 138 percent of the federal poverty line

off of MassHealth and onto comparable plans at the Massachusetts Health Connector.

Josh Greenberg, the vice president of government relations at Boston Children’s Hospital, said the population of kids covered by MassHealth in Massachusetts includes both those on Medicaid and those insured through the Children’s Health Insurance Program.

“It covers over 40 percent of the kids in the state, so if you want to think about where health policy for children in the state of Massachusetts is set, right,

the Medicaid program and MassHealth is a really good place to start, in terms of who’s covered, what the benefits are, et cetera,” Greenberg said.

A series of measures recently taken by Congress funds the Children’s Health Insurance Program, or CHIP, through Sept. 20, 2027, Greenberg said. Last year, Congress missed a September funding deadline for the program, sparking uncertainty about its future and how families with CHIP coverage would pay for care if the authorization dried up.

“It’s a little nicer for us to be in the room today without worrying about certain programs not being available from the federal government,” Sen. James Welch, who co-chairs the Public Health Committee, said.

“I know that that’s one cloud I think that we’ve at least diverted for the time being, and I think that’s an important one but hopefully at least shows that that’s the type of program that we as citizens of not only Massachusetts but as a country really need to get behind and continue to get behind.”

Wagman, of MassBudget, said the state receives 88 cents on the dollar in federal matching funds for CHIP, but cautioned the reimbursement amount is slated to decrease beginning in fiscal 2020. Massachusetts stands to lose \$73 million in revenue fiscal 2020, \$175 million in 2021 and \$207 million in 2022, she said.

“This is going to be something we need to think about,” Wagman said.

Markey wants \$1 billion to tackle flu

Amid one of the worst flu seasons in recent years, U.S. Sen. Edward Markey last week proposed a \$1 billion investment towards developing a “universal influenza vaccine.”

Markey’s idea is to provide \$200 million to the National Institutes of Health from fiscal 2019 through fiscal 2023 and give the agency the assignment to “conduct or support comprehensive research for the creation of a universal influenza vaccine that could be administered once or

twice and provide a lifetime of protection,” the senator’s office said.

“America’s scientists and clinicians are gold medalists in health and disease research, and it is up to the United States to lead the world in the response to the flu,” Markey said. “We must enhance our ability to predict the right strain for the next season, produce a more optimal vaccine, and protect all Americans against all strains of this virus.”

Markey said the flu costs the U.S. \$10.4

billion in direct medical costs annually and \$87 billion in total economic burden. This flu season has already led to 63 pediatric deaths and higher-than-average rates of illness and hospitalization, Markey said.

Last Tuesday, the Massachusetts Department of Public Health announced that a child under 10 from Essex County had died from the flu, the first pediatric flu-related death in the state this season. Last flu season there were two pediatric flu-related

deaths in Massachusetts.

“This is a tragic reminder of how serious the flu can be for some people,” Public Health Commissioner Monica Bharel said in a statement. “Every flu season is different, but every flu season is bad.”

DPH estimated that between 250 and 1,100 Massachusetts residents die annually from complications of the flu. There have been more than 8,100 laboratory-confirmed cases this season, DPH said.

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CITY TO HOST SUMMER JOB AND RESOURCE FAIR

Boston teens ages 15-18 interested in a summer job through SuccessLink, the Mayor’s Summer Jobs program, are encouraged to a Job and Resource Fair on Sat., March 10 from 10 a.m.- 2p.m. at the Reggie Lewis Track & Athletic Center at Roxbury Community College, 1350 Tremont St. The Job Fair will feature over 100 employers, game stations that will bring you up to speed on essential job skills, youth resource tables with important information and opportunities for teens, raffles, swag bags for the first 200 youth who RSVP, free food, music and more! For more info on SuccessLink, visit boston.gov.

MBTA YOUTH PASSES AVAILABLE AT BCYF ADMIN. OFFICE

Boston youth can now enroll in the MBTA Youth Pass Program at Boston Centers for Youth & Families (BCYF) Administrative Office, 1483 Tremont Street, in Mission Hill. The Youth Pass Program is a partnership between the City of Boston and the MBTA to provide reduced transportation fares to eligible youth ages 12-25. To learn more about the complete list of approved programs, eligibility criteria and how to apply for the Youth Pass, please call BCYF Division of Youth Engagement & Employment at 617-635-4202. More information about the Youth Pass program can also be found at boston.gov/mbta-youth-pass.

DEMOCRATS TO CAUCUS IN COMING WEEKS

Registered Democrats will caucus over the coming weeks to elect delegates to the state convention on

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

CAPE VERDEAN-JEWISH PASSOVER SEDER

Save the date to celebrate the connections and shared history between the Cape Verdean and Jewish community on Wed., March 21 at 6 p.m. at Hibernian Hall, 3rd Floor Ballroom, 184 Dudley St., Roxbury. Music and food. Free and open to the public. For more info and to register, visit their website at capeverdeanjewishseder.com.

DOT DAY 10K CASH DRAWING

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

PUBLIC MEETING AT BCYF MILDRED COMMUNITY CENTER

The Boston Parks and Recreation Department invites the public to the first in a series of meetings to discuss the Steven P. Odom Serenity Garden on Hopkins Street at BCYF MCC, 5 Mildred Ave., Mattapan on Tues., Feb. 27 from 6:30-8 p.m. The Garden will be adjacent to the residential development planned for 872 Morton Street. An overview of the process will be reviewed, and the discussion will focus on

the vision for the Garden. For more information, please call Cathy Baker-Eclipse at the Boston Parks and Recreation Department 617-961-3058 or email Cathy.Baker-Eclipse@boston.gov.

BOSTON’S BLACK HISTORY MONTH CELEBRATORY EVENTS

Thurs., Feb. 22 from 11-2:30 p.m.; “Together We Rise with the Elderly Commission” at the Russell Auditorium, 70 Talbot Ave., Dorchester. Thurs., Feb. 22 from 7-9 p.m.; “The Fashionscape of Boston” at the Bruce C. Bolling Municipal Building, 2300 Washington St., Roxbury. Tues., Feb. 27 from 4:30-7 p.m.; “Dream Chasers - One Mic Many Voices” at the Tobin Community Center, 1481 Tremont St., Roxbury Crossing. In addition, last month Mayor Walsh, in partnership with the Mayor’s Office of Diversity; Arts and Culture; Boston Public Schools; and media partner Boston25, announced an open call for student artists to submit artwork inspired by landmarks related to Black history in Boston, in honor of Black History Month. More information is available on boston.gov.

DOUBLE DUTCH CLINICS AT MADISON PARK

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

FREE TAX CLINICS IN CODMAN SQUARE

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

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

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


WINTER FARMERS MARKET IN CODMAN SQUARE

Every Saturday from until March 31 from 10-1 p.m. at The Great Hall in Codman Square, 6 Norfolk St., Dorchester, MA. Free admission. For updates and further information, check out their Facebook at [dorchesterwinterfarmersmarket](https://www.facebook.com/dorchesterwinterfarmersmarket) and Twitter @dorchesterwfm.

CITIZENSHIP CLASSES AT NOTRE DAME ED CENTER

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REPORTER'S CALENDAR

Thursday, Feb. 22

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

Saturday, Feb. 24

- Democrats in Dorchester's Ward 15 meet at 9 a.m. at the Savin Hill Apartments, 130 Aukland St. to elect delegates to the state party convention in June. Contact Winston Richie at 617-320-2257 for more info.
- Celebrity Series of Boston hosts free public workshop to learn and perform choreography from Alvin Ailey's best-known modern dance work, "Revelations" at 1:30 p.m. at the Salvation Army Kroc Center Gym, 650 Dudley St., Dorchester. Comfortable clothes or dancewear is suggested. All are welcome. Pre-registration for the workshops is required. For more information, visit celebrityseries.org/ailey50.

Monday, Feb. 26

- A development team's proposal to build a four-story, 67,000 sq. ft. building with approximately 57 residential units and ground floor commercial space at 1120-1132 Washington St. in Dorchester, Lower Mills, will be discussed at a meeting on Mon., Feb. 26 from 6-8 p.m. at the Carney Hospital's Riseman lecture hall, 2100 Dorchester Ave., Dorchester. The meeting is sponsored by the Boston Planning & Development Agency. More info: 617-918-4237 or Michael.rooney@boston.gov.
- During the month of February, the Milton Public Library is pleased to celebrate Black History Month in the Wotiz Gallery by hosting an exhibit of photography by local artist Cheryl Clegg called "Faces of the Rasin Foundation, Haiti." There will be a free and open reception for this display this evening from 6-8 p.m. in the Gallery at 476 Canton Ave., Milton. Contact Jean Hlady, Adult Services Librarian, at 617-698-5757 or visit miltonlibrary.org.
- Democrats in Ward 13 will caucus at 6 p.m. at the Christo Rey Boston, 100 Savin Hill Ave., Dorchester to elect delegates to the

state convention in June. Contact Kelly Walsh 617-894-8121 for more info.

Tuesday, Feb. 27

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

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

Wednesday, Feb. 28

- The date of a Boston Planning & Development

Agency public meeting regarding the future use of the old Boston Globe site planned for next week has been changed from Mon., Feb. 26 to Wed., Feb. 28 at 6:30 p.m. The meeting will be held at the Boys & Girls of Dorchester's McLaughlin Youth Center, 4th floor, 1135 Dorchester Ave., Dorchester. The meeting will review the plans of the new owner—Nordblom Development Company, Inc. — to renovate and re-use the former Globe campus at 135 Morrissey Blvd. For more info contact Raul Duverge at 617-918-4492 or raul.duverge@boston.gov.

Saturday, March 3

- Dorchester Day Parade Committee's second annual Character Breakfast to raise funds for the June parade, 9:30 a.m. at First Parish Dorchester atop Meetinghouse Hill. Characters such as Poppy and Branch from Trolls, Batman, Minions, Mickey, Minnie, Moana, Peppa Pig, Cookie Monster and Elmo will be on

the scene. A delicious breakfast will be served by Season's Catering and ice cream will be available from Chill on Park. \$20 per adult, \$10 per child 12 and under. Children under 2 are free.

LEGAL NOTICE

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CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION
Docket No. SU18P0111EA

**ESTATE OF:
EVELYN A. LEAHY
DATE OF DEATH: 06/17/2017**

To all interested persons:
A petition for Formal Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative has been filed by Patricia E. Leahy of Dorchester, MA requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition. The Petitioner requests that Patricia E. Leahy of Dorchester, MA be appointed as Personal Representative of said estate to serve Without Surety on the bond in an unsupervised administration. 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 **03/08/2018**. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an Affidavit of Objections within thirty (30) days of the return date, action may be taken without further notice to you.

Unsupervised Administration Under The Massachusetts Uniform Probate Code (MUPC)
A Personal Representative appointed under the MUPC in an unsupervised administration is not required to file an inventory or annual accounts with the Court. Persons interested in the estate are entitled to notice regarding the administration directly from the Personal Representative and may petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including the distribution of assets and expenses of administration. Witness, HON. BRIAN J. DUNN, First Justice of this Court. Date: February 05, 2018. Felix D. Arroyo, Register of Probate. Published: February 22, 2018.

LEGAL NOTICES

**COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
THE TRIAL COURT
PROBATE & FAMILY COURT
SUFFOLK DIVISION
24 NEW CHARDON STREET
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Docket No. SU18D0162DR**

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vs.
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To the Defendant:
The Plaintiff has filed a Complaint for Divorce requesting that the Court grant a divorce for IRRETRIEVABLE BREAKDOWN. The Complaint is on file at the Court. An Automatic Restraining Order has been entered in this matter preventing you from taking any action which would negatively impact the current financial status of either party. SEE Supplemental Probate Court Rule 411. You are hereby summoned and required to serve upon: Andre F. Timothe, 8 Wilmington Ave., Dorchester, MA 02124 your answer, if any, on or before **04/05/2018**. If you fail to do so, the court will proceed to the hearing and adjudication of this action. You are also required to file a copy of your answer, if any, in the office of the Register of this Court. Witness, HON. BRIAN J. DUNN, First Justice of this Court. Date: February 1, 2018. Felix D. Arroyo, Register of Probate. Published: February 22, 2018.

**COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
THE TRIAL COURT
PROBATE and FAMILY COURT
Docket No. SU12P0115EA**

**Suffolk Probate & Family Court
24 New Chardon St., Boston 02114
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CITATION ON PETITION FOR ORDER OF COMPLETE SETTLEMENT
ESTATE OF:
**JOSEPH L. MILLER
DATE OF DEATH: 10/16/2011**

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

IMPORTANT NOTICE
You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before **10:00 a.m. on 03/22/2018**. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an Affidavit of Objections within thirty (30) days of the return date, action may be taken without further notice to you. Witness, HON. BRIAN J. DUNN, First Justice of this Court. Date: February 08, 2018. Felix D. Arroyo, Register of Probate. Published: February 22, 2018.

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Plan for Adams Street condos on hold pending historic review

By DANIEL SHEEHAN
REPORTER STAFF

A proposal to build a four-story condo complex at 1173 Adams St. in Lower Mills is on hold temporarily as city officials review the historic significance of the building now on the site.

Some 50 people were on hand in St. Gregory’s gymnasium on Tuesday night to listen as representatives from Spalding Tougas Architects updated the Lower Mills Civic Association about the project.

The existing building, now home to a barber shop, is owned by the Keohane Company, which hopes to demolish the structure and erect a building that will house eight condo units. The company’s plan won approval from the civic group last year, but is subject to additional review because the existing site may have been

home to a 19th century farmhouse, according to research from the Massachusetts Historic Commission.

A city ordinance requires an applicant to provide an alternative to demolition in such a case – and to provide an opportunity for public comment through the Landmarks Commission.

An alternate plan shown to neighbors on Tuesday would preserve the existing building and put the condominiums on top, resulting in a five-story structure. But project proponents hope to be able to argue that the existing site is not historically significant.

Little is known about what stood on the lot originally. Over the years, there have been extensive renovations and additions to the interior and exterior of the building.



A view of the existing property at 1173 Adams St., which will be the subject of a Boston Landmarks Commission hearing on Feb. 27. *Google image*

“From an architectural point of view, the building has been altered beyond historical recognition,”

said project manager Cheryl Tougas, who works for Spalding Tougas Architects.

The Landmarks Commission will discuss the matter at a hearing set for next Tuesday, Feb.

27 at 6 p.m. on the 9th floor of City Hall in the BPDA conference room.

‘Comfort food’ on tap for renovated ester

By DANIEL SHEEHAN
REPORTER STAFF

A new restaurant, called Bowery, will open in early May after renovations are completed at the site of the now-closed Lower Mills restaurant ester and focus on “New American comfort food,” three of the four new owners told the Lower Mills Civic Association on Tuesday night.

Julian Bolger, Mark Standish, Shawn Ahern, and Patrick Dillon bought the business from ester’s owner, Eleanor Arpino, last month. The business shut down on Feb. 11 to allow for reconstruction work to proceed.

The ownership group already owns several establishments in the greater Boston area, including Lucy’s American Tavern in Adams Village, The Punk & Poet in South Boston, and Tavern in the Square in Allston.

Bolger told the association that they plan to keep the general layout

of the restaurant, while making some “cosmetic” changes to the interior, adding new booths, tables, and lighting, as well as a new entrance vestibule and canopies over the patio.

A few civic members who spoke up at the meeting to voice concerns that the new restaurant will be similar to the other sports bars currently operated by the owners, which generally attract a younger clientele. In his response, Bolger insisted that efforts would be made to appeal to all ages and demographics while maintaining the family-

friendly environment established by ester owner Arpino.

The restaurant will serve a variety of “New American” and “creative comfort food” menu items, he said, while making sure to offer different options than those provided by local establishments like Yellow Door Taqueria and Lower Mills Tavern. Bowery will also feature a seasonal raw bar and the owners intend to host acoustic performances by local entertainment.

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The Vice President of Community Health will receive the 2018 President’s Award for her exemplary work, leadership, commitment and support of the communities served by Whittier.

To RSVP or for questions about the celebration, please contact the development department (617) 989-3178 or development@wshc.org.

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Making the Basket: Our 18 & Under All-Star Basketball team played the John M. Barry Boys & Girls Club of Newton last week.



Health Science: Our Fuddlebrook Science lesson was Snots, Sniffles & Sneezes, all about how we can protect ourselves from the common cold. We learned about mucus, germs, and why it's hard to taste while sick. Then we made green slime!

CONNECT THE DOT
Women Who Lead Luncheon: On Friday, February 9th, women from around the city joined us at the Parkman House on Beacon Hill to discuss empowering girls through mentorship. We were thrilled to have Mayor Martin J. Walsh there to speak on the importance of supporting girls of all ages and finding ways to help those who need it. A special thanks to Gourmet Caterers for providing the lunch, and to Shields MRI, Suffolk Construction, Marr Companies, Keolis, SCS Financial, Eastern Bank and Deloitte for taking part. We are excited to use this event and the excitement we have generated so far as a catalyst for engagement around our New England Women's Leadership Awards taking place on May 24th. This will be the 25th anniversary of NEWLA so we are especially looking forward to making it the best event yet.

FIND OUT WHAT'S INSIDE
Summer Jobs: BGCD will be teaming up with the City of Boston's Department of Youth Engagement & Employment to help register youth ages 15-18 for the Successlink Summer Jobs program. The City's website just opened and will remain open through March. Candidates must be full-time residents of the City of Boston. Interested teens must be 15 years of age by July 9 and cannot turn 19 years of age prior to August 17. The website to enroll is www.youth.boston.gov. Please note that registration does not guarantee a summer position. The Club will also partner with the John Hancock MLK Scholars program as well as the Boston Private Industry Council to place teens in summer jobs. Teens interested in a summer job at BGCD will need to register with Mike Joyce in advance. For more information email Mike at mjoyce@bgcdorchester.org.

DID YOU KNOW
February Vacation Week: This week is February vacation for Boston Public Schools, so the Club runs a special vacation week program from 8:30-5:30 each day instead of our usual after-school programming. Vacation week programming is available for those who pre-registered, and it fills up quickly. Each day consists of a rotation through every program area, including athletics, art, music, education, swimming, etc, culminating with a carnival on Friday afternoon. In addition to the vacation week program for ages 5-12, teens are taking part in a special bootcamp in partnership with the Boston Police Department and field trips and teen activities all week. College Fellows is taking a college tour trip to the DC area to visit Howard University, Morgan State, Bowie State, University of the District of Columbia and to see the sights in the cities.

UPCOMING EVENTS

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BONE, John “Jack” W. of Dorchester. Son of the late Wilfred and Gladys (Calvert) Bone. Jack was predeceased by his sister, Joanne (Bone), Anthony and Norman Bone. Jack is survived by his brother, Richard Bone of Sarasota, FL, his longtime friend, Michael Rien-deau, his brother in law, Paul Anthony, his sister in law, Patricia Bone, several nieces and nephews and several great nieces and nephews.

DICKSON, Mary Margaret (Fisher) 82, a resident of Sudbury for over 50 years. Wife of Robert Francis “Bob” Dickson, Jr.; mother of Robert Dickson III (Cathy) of Warren, Linda Martin (Scott) of Bass River, Karen Langdell (Rick) of Johnson, VT, Paul Dickson of Saugus,

Mark Dickson (Tanya) of Manchester-by-the-Sea, Scott Dickson of Stillwater, NJ, Nancy Dickson of Marlborough; sister of Lillian Waite (William) of Brunswick, ME, the late Cyril “Sonny” Fisher, Jr. of Hull, Bernadette “Bunny” Alexander of Weymouth, Anne Rams of Wareham, and Debbie Wilson of Quincy. She is also survived by 14 grandchildren, 5 great-grandchildren; many nieces, nephews, extended relatives and friends.

DWYER, Mary T. (Galvin Greene) in Dorchester. Wife of the late Richard H. Dwyer and Patrick J. Greene. Daughter of the late Patrick J. and Margaret M. (O’Keeffe) Galvin. Mother of Patricia M. Greene of Dorchester, Sean R. Greene and his

wife Maureen Joyce-Greene of Quincy, Rita F. and her husband Gerard Bailey of Quincy, Margaret B. and her husband Thomas O’Hearn of South Boston, Teresa M. and her husband Gregory Clark of Weston, and Brendan J. and his wife Anne Greene of Norwell. Sister of Patricia Johnston of South Boston and the late Margaret Tarmey. Nana of Alexandra Clark, Shayne Bailey, Siobhan Greene, Patrick Clark, Caitlin Greene, Zachary Bailey, Nolan Greene, Victoria Clark, Jacqueline Greene, Jordan Bailey, Conor Greene, Meghan Greene, Justin Greene, and Reece Clark. Survived by many nieces and nephews. Donations in Mary’s memory may be made to Boston Medical Center, Geriatrics Department, c/o Development Office, 801 Massachusetts Avenue, 1st floor, Boston, MA 02118.

HARDING, Kathleen R. of Dorchester, at the age of 62. She is survived by her daughter Dawn Marie and her sisters, Barbara Harding of Omaha, NE and Marianne Harding of Washington, DC. She was the daughter of Joseph F. and Rita A. Harding of Dorchester, both deceased. She attended Little Flower School in Somerville, Gate of Heaven School in South Boston, and St. Ann’s School in Dorchester. For several years, she coordinated caregiving services at Kit Clark Senior Services in Dorchester. She was the long-term companion of the late Wayne D. MacDonald of Dorchester.

HAUGH, Thomas E. 94, of South Yarmouth, formerly of Dorchester and Hyde Park. Thomas was born in Boston in 1923, son of Thomas and Mary (Corrigan) Haugh, and raised in Dorchester. He was employed

at the Boston Gas Company in Jamaica Plain for 26 years before relocating to South Yarmouth over forty years ago. There he worked at Ames Aluminum until retiring at the age of 70. Thomas was a veteran of WWII, serving in the US Navy. He is survived by his daughter, Joan Brown and her husband Wayne of Millbury; his sons, Thomas Haugh and his wife Susan of W. Yarmouth; and Stephen Haugh of S. Yarmouth; his grandchildren: Cathy, John, Lisa, Robert, Kristina, Kevin and Christopher. He is also survived by five great grandchildren, nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his wife, Mary (Couris) Haugh; his daughter, Jean Mansfield; his brother, Francis Haugh; and his sister, Mary Connelly. Donations in his memory may be made to the St. Pius X Church Fund, 5 Barbara St., South Yarmouth, MA 02664.

LAWSON, Andrew James of Norwell, age 27. Son of James D. and Regina L. (O’Brien) Lawson of Norwell. Brother of Sarah Hanson and her husband Cliff of Dorchester, and Bridget Lawson of Norwell. Grandson of Donald and Margaret Lawson of Lexington. He is also lovingly remembered by his many aunts, uncles, cousins, coaches and friends. Andrew attended Norwell Public Schools and played on the soccer, basketball and track teams. After high school, Andrew returned as an assistant coach for the soccer and basketball teams. Andrew proudly participated in many sports for Special Olympics and also took part in the Polar Plunge fundraiser for many years. It was a true honor when in 2017 Andrew and his family was inducted into the Special Olympics MA Hall of Fame. He was a member of the Lobstar tennis team at the South Shore YMCA and enjoyed travel tournaments with his team. He was also an avid Boston sports fan. He worked at Not Your Average Joe’s in Norwell for many years. Donations to honor Andrew be made to: Cousin Lizzy’s Special Olympics/Boston Marathon Fund (www.crowdrise.com/elizabethdowns3); or South Shore YMCA/Lobstars, South Shore YMCA, 91 Longwater Circle, Suite 100, Norwell MA 02061; or Friendship Home, PO Box 916, Norwell, MA 02061.

LYONS, Virginia M. (Gober) of Needham. Wife of Robert E. Lyons for 50 years. Sister of Rose DeCosta and her husband Robert of Hull, Carol Myrick and her husband Alan of Upatoi, Georgia. Sister in law of Paul Lyons of Milton and his late wife Elaine. Daughter of the late William J. and Kate Gober. Also survived by many nieces, nephews, grandnieces and grandnephews. Virginia worked 38 years at the Boston Public Library. Graduate of Emmanuel College - Class of 1966 and Simmons College. Expressions of sympathy may be made to St. Francis House, 39 Boylston Street, Boston, MA 02116.


MAGRI, Helen T. of Braintree, formerly of Dorchester, age 102. Helen was born and raised in Savin Hill, and lived in Dorchester for very many years before moving to Braintree in 2003. Mrs. Magri was a teacher’s aide in the Mather School in Dorchester for many years. She was an active parishioner at St. Brendan Church for many years. Helen participated in all the activities at the Crispin Senior Center in Braintree. Wife of

the late Frank J Magri. Mother of Beverly McCarthy Jordan and her husband Walter Jordan of Braintree, Frank J. Jr. of Weymouth, and Philip C. Magri of Quincy. Sister of the late John Kane, Martin Kane, Mary Walsh, and Kathryn Kane. Loving grandmother to Cheryl Mullen, Michael McCarthy, Deborah Mace, Joshua Magri, and Meriah Torres. Great-grandmother of Jessica, Daniel, Madison, Megan, Zachary, Alexander, Caroline and Connor. Aunt to many nieces and nephews. If desired, donations may be made in her memory to: Marge Crispin Senior Center, 74 Pond St., Braintree, MA 02184.

SULLIVAN, Julia P. (Pallotta) Of Weymouth, formerly of Charlestown, at age 97. A Dorchester native, she lived in Charlestown for 30 years before moving to Weymouth. A social worker for many years for the MA Dept. of Public Welfare. she enjoyed travelling the world. She was a volunteer at St. Anthony’s Shrine on Boston, St. Catherine’s in Charlestown and a member of the Welcoming Committee at Allerton House in Weymouth where she resided for the last 18 months. Wife of the late Dennis J. Sullivan (Ret. Capt. BFD), Julia was the mother of Dennis J. Sullivan and his wife Barbara of Weymouth.

TIERNEY, Francis L. formerly of Dorchester, in Abington. Son of the late Frank L. Tierney and Ruth M. (Queenan) Tierney. Brother of the late Nancy Tierney and Larry Tierney. Dear friend of LaRhonda Summons of Dorchester. If desired contributions in Frank’s memory may be sent to Alzheimer’s Association, 309 Waverley Oaks Road, Waltham, MA 02452.

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Garrison, next in line for at-large Council, seeks Senate seat too

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knocking the incumbent Democratic, Nelson Merced, out of office — not at the ballot box — but by winning a court challenge to his nomination papers. Merced did not appear on the election ballot and Garrison cruised to victory.

Garrison is notable for another reason from that campaign: She became the first transgender person to serve in state office. Although she does not publicly acknowledge it, “In May 1976, court records show, Garrison changed her name, from A.C. Garson to Althea Garrison, and apparently her gender,” according to a Boston Globe article in 2001.

Garrison has also switched her party affiliations. She has run as a Democrat, a Republican, and as an unenrolled candidate in various contests for state representative, city council, and other offices. She says she supported Ted Kennedy’s presidential campaign in 1980, and George H. W. Bush’s campaign in 1992, describing herself as “an independent progressive. Neither party serves my purpose,” she said.

Over the past three decades of campaigning, Garrison has been able to count on a reliable base of senior citizens, whom she courts constantly by going directly to their homes. “They are the ones with the votes,” she said, smiling broadly and taking a sip of coffee during a recent interview with the *Reporter*.

When she is not knocking on doors and gathering signatures, Garrison works as a clerk in the office of the state Comptroller. She has also served over three decades on Uphams Corner Health Center’s board of directors — most recently as a vice president. Garrison says that work has given her experience dealing with budgets.

Although she declined to specifically define her goals in running for office, she said that she is most interested in advocating for the middle class — and believes that she can do that well from either City Hall or the State House.

“I’m very motivated, I have lots of energy, and I’m determined,” she said. “Basically I haven’t changed, the things I believe in like affordable housing haven’t changed.”

Garrison has served only one term in the House. She was unseated by Charlotte Golar Richie in 1994, a loss that she blames on Mayor Tom Menino, who, Garrison said, helped Richie get elected. “I had a

Ballots set for state Senate

Of the six hopefuls to pull papers for the First Suffolk special Senate election, four have submitted signatures to the Boston Elections Department to secure a spot on the ballot in seeking for fill the seat vacated by former Sen. Linda Dorcena Forry.

State Representatives Nick Collins and Evandro Carvalho will be in the Democratic primary on April 3, having cleared the 300 certified signature threshold, according to elections officials.

Former state representative and frequent electoral face Althea Garrison handed in enough signatures to lock down a spot as an independent candidate in the May 1 election, city election officials confirmed. Donald Osgood, Sr., also an independent, also submitted signatures that were being verified Wednesday morning.

Two other Democratic candidates — Duckens Petit-Maitre and Kenny Jervis — took out papers for the special election, according to the Secretary of the Commonwealth’s office, but had not submitted signatures to the Boston Elections Department by Jan. 20.

Collins and Carvalho now have office spaces in the district for their campaign headquarters: Carvalho in Mattapan, and Collins at Adams Street in Dorchester, River Street in Mattapan, and on Broadway in South Boston.

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problem with Menino, and Menino had a problem with me,” she said, declining to elaborate.

She says she likes Mayor Martin Walsh — “I can work with him” — but is not a fan of Gov. Charlie Baker. “He keeps raising fares on the middle class,” she says. She plans to back Democrat Setti Warren’s candidacy for governor.

If elected, Garrison said that she would continue to be a presence in the community, noting that some elected officials are rarely seen at community meetings. “I never see some of them there. I wouldn’t be like that,” she said.

She also supports Pressley’s Congressional run, and not just because that would open up a seat for her in City Hall. “I’m telling all of my friends to vote for Ayanna and I’m getting very involved,” Garrison said.

“We are thrilled to have the support of anyone,” Pressley’s campaign said in a statement. Noting Garrison’s place in waiting for a council opening, the Pressley camp said, “It’s a credit to the campaign that Althea ran.” She garnered 18,253 votes in the most recent municipal election, landing her fifth on the ballot, just above sixth place finisher Domingos DaRosa.

If she does get a job at either City Hall or the State House, Garrison says she would like to tackle housing as a key issue. “There needs to be some kind of rent control,” she told the *Reporter*, but again declined to get into specific policy proposals.

As a frequent rider herself, Garrison would also look into the MBTA’s performance. “They keep cutting back services, and they want more money... it’s not even fair,” she said.

In general, Garrison supports the work that the city council has done in recent years. “I think you could do more in City Hall,” she said. “I didn’t like that plastic bag thing though,” she added, referencing a ban on single-use plastic bags now set to take effect in December. She argues that the ban will put an unnecessary burden on senior citizens who might not want to use heavier reusable bags. “The middle class was better off when I first came to Boston,” she said.

Originally from Georgia, Garrison said that she moved to Boston for school. She attended Suffolk University as an undergrad and received her master’s from Lesley University, where she specialized in human services. She also noted that she earned a certificate from Harvard. “Sometimes I think it frightens people how much education I have,” she said.

She has called Uphams Corner home for about 50 years. “When I moved to Uphams Corner it was basically all white; it’s not as good now,” she said, citing the crime in the neighborhood.

If she were to fill the at-large vacancy, Garrison said that she would work well with the other 12 councillors. “We’re very closely aligned, though we might have some difference on things like taxes.”

Garrison said that she does not find that she has to introduce herself to people in the community. “A lot of people know me. Actually, I think most people know me,” she said.



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