When I was growing up in the South End and Roxbury in the 1990s, my family (and most of the families around us) lived in affordable housing run by the Tenants’ Development Corporation — first behind Rosie’s Place, then across from the Piano Craft Building on Tremont Street. Our neighborhood was almost exclusively black, and almost exclusively low-income.

The South End back then was segregated by block; as you walked toward downtown, black faces were replaced by Latino faces, and then Asian faces. These groups largely didn’t engage with one another.

Change came to the South End slowly at first, then accelerated over time. As wealthier residents began to buy the brownstones around us, my twin brother and I suddenly had more customers for our fledgling dog-walking and snow-shoveling business. At home, we heard our dad talk about how rising rents, as so many of our neighbors were. As I got older and entered high school, I came to understand a different side of my neighborhood’s changing demographics. I often went to a local café after school to do my homework. I would sit for hours on end observing the melting pot that my neighborhood had become. Lebanese families sat next to young gay couples, drinking coffee. A group of Latino young men from Villa Victoria waited in line in front of a couple of white empty-nesters. All were sharing the same meal, talking about their day.

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Judge strikes down verdicts against two former Walsh aides

No quid pro quo, he says

By ALANNA DUBIN RICHER
ASSOCIATED PRESS

A federal judge last week tossed aside the convictions of two former aides of Boston Mayor Marty Walsh who were charged with bullying music festival organizers into hiring union workers.

Kenneth Brissette, the city’s former director of tourism, and Timothy Sullivan, who was chief of intergovernmental affairs, were convicted in federal court last in August of conspiring to extort the organizers of the Boston Calling music festival by withholding city permits.

US District Judge Leo Sorokin said that he was overturning the jury’s guilty verdict because the government failed to prove the existence of a quid pro quo. “Neither Brissette nor Sullivan received a personal payoff or any other cognizable benefit in connection with the charged conduct,” Sorokin wrote in his ruling.

Lawyers for the men applauded the decision and said their clients are “extremely gratified to have been acquitted.”

“The judge is consistent with our arguments that the evidence in this case did not support the charges brought against them. Simply stated, Mr. Brissette and Mr. Sullivan did nothing that was wrongful,” Bill Kettlewell and Sara Silva, who represented Brissette, said in a statement.

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Cannabis test lab backers eye edging out ‘black market’

By KATIE TOJANO
REPORTER STAFF

Safety is the priority for the proponents of a proposed cannabis testing lab that could occupy the top floor of a three-story building at Freeport St., the chief executive of the company told members of the Columbia-Savin Hill Civic Association’s Planning Committee last Tuesday while noting that he and his backers want to get harmful cannabis products off the street.

Councillor Campbell

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Ruby Chan’s FreshZen pesto making a mark

By DANIEL SHEEHAN
REPORTER STAFF

Growing up in New York City’s Chinatown, Ruby Chan experienced a childhood similar to that of many first-generation immigrants. Her parents, who had been engineers in China, struggled to find work without American degrees, so they opened up a Chinese restaurant.

As a kid, she would help out at the restaurant, sweeping floors and washing dishes. Often, customers would come in and ask if her father’s popular ginger scallion sauce was available for purchase. Sensing an opportunity, she urged her father to start building his own business around the product, an idea he dismissed without much thought.

“As an immigrant, he didn’t have that vision to be able to scale something to that size,” she explained in an interview with Dorchester Reporter. “All he knew was putting his head down and working hard and being able to pay the next day’s bills.”

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**DOT BY THE DAY**

**February 20, 2020**

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

**Thursday (20th)** – Children's Winter Festival on Boston Common, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. Sponsored by Mayor Walsh and the Highland Foundation. Attractions will include the 45-foot-long Toboggan Tunnel and a mountaineering theme with twin roller lanes, the Snow Mazing maze, the Snowzilla Jr. inflatable winter-themed slide, a ride on the three-car Trackless Train on games including Giant Connect 4, Baggs, Giant Horseshoes, Inflatable Skeel Ball, and much more. In addition, Disney is celebrating the release of ROGUE 2 available on Digital February 11 and Blu-ray™ February 25 with free giveaways and a chance to win a copy of the movie. For more information, please call the Boston Parks and Recreation Department at 617-635-4505 or visit www.boston.gov/parks.

**Friday (21st)** – Neighborhood Children’s Theatre presents “The Sound of Music” at 1 p.m. and 7 p.m. at St. John’s, 259 Neponset Ave., Dorchester All tickets: $5.

**Saturday (22nd)** – Join storyteller Valerie Ste- phens for a special Black History Month program featuring cross-cultural folk tales at the Fields Corner BPL branch, 1520 Dorchester Ave., 10 a.m. – 12 p.m. Frankincense and Myrrh will be held from 10:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. at the Franklin Park Clubhouse, 1 Circuit Dr., Dorchester. Enjoy a cozy day of games, crafts, nature walks, hot cocoa, and more. On the ground, get ready for sledding and snowman building. This is a free family event open to the public. All ages welcome.

**Monday (24th)** – Early voting for the state’s presidential primary begins today at Boston City Hall and continues through last in City Hall South and select locations. Check your voter status at boston.gov/registrations. Election day is Tuesday, March 3rd.

**Tuesday (25th)** – In honor of Black History month, join the Boston Public Library in welcoming Dr. Kel- lie Carter Jackson to discuss her new book, _For- Freedom: Black Abolitionists and the Politics of Violence_, who examines the conditions that led some black abolitionists to believe slavery might only be abolished by violent force. 6 p.m. at the Central Library in Copley Square.

**An architectural rendering of the River Street apartments.**

**J. Garland Enterprises drawing**

An architectural rendering of the River Street apartments.

Senior housing complex on River Street wins BPDQA OK

Née Dudley Station, it's now Nubian Station

MBTA General Manager Steve Poftak has accepted a recommenda- tion from the MBTA’s Naming Commission to change the name of Dudley Station in Dorchester to Nubian Station. Poftak ordered MBTA staff to develop a sched- ule and plan to update station signage, MBTA maps and schedules, and the MBTA’s website in the coming weeks and months.

The change follows a November ballot ques- tion asking the MBTA Commission to rename Dudley Station. Residents were asked whether to change the name of Dudley Station to Nubian Station. That non-binding referendum fails, and any delegate or alternate may apply to be an add-on delegate at the caucus or at massmets.org. Those interested in getting involved with Boston’s 18 Democratic Town Committees should contact Rob Consalvo, Ward Committee Chair, ward18boston@gmail.com.

Activists who pushed for Nubian Square more accu- rately reflects the people who now call the area home, instead of membro- nomy. Activists include Lawrence O’Donnell, Tom Thomas Dudley, who served in the 1600s when a laver was used in a similar effort to rename Nubian Square.

The Dudley Branch of the Boston Public Library is also under way.

This article by Fausto Monard was first pub- lished on WBUR 90.9FM on Feb. 16, WBUR and the Reporter share con- tent through a media partnership.

**Police & Courts**

1 ID sought – Around 8-9 p.m. on Saturday, a man was found lying in the middle of the road outside his home at 321 Nubian St. in Mattapan with a gunshot wound, according to Bos- ton Police. He was taken to a local hospital, where he was pronounced dead. Anybody with information can contact homicide detectives at 617-343-4471 for the purpose of contacting those at risk.

The 21-year-old man who was shot to death on Feb. 5 on Magnolia St. was identified as Admilton Ribeiro of Dorchester. He was found at 33 Magnolia St. around 6:30 p.m. that day suffering from gun- shot wounds. No arrests have been reported and police have asked any- one with information to contact detectives.

Boston Police have named the man shot and wounded by a BPD officer last Friday inside the Fields Corner during an alter- cation in which another man was killed. Police say Luiz Gomez, 32, was attacking another man outside his home at 31 St. around 11:30 p.m. on Feb. 10. Two officers who in- tervened and stopped the assault say that Gomez was shot and wounded by the officers when he tried to attack one of them with the knife. Gomez has not been charged with armed assault with intent to murder or any other charges related to a non-life threatening gunshot wound.

A 25-year-old Dorches- ter man was arrested after being shot in the early last Friday morning re- sulted in the discovery of a male who was shot to death by police. Jaqueem Hanson will be charged with il- legal firearms possession. BPD officers say they found a .380 Ruger LCP handgun with a missing magazine in the car he was driving near Quincy Street and Dacia Street in Dorchester.

**UPCOMING CIVIC ASSOC. MEETINGS • FULL LISTINGS ON PAGE 10**

_Ward 17 Dems to caucus on Feb. 25 – The Ward 17 Democratic Committee, which includes parts of Dorchester and Mattapan, will hold its 11th annual meeting on Feb. 25 at 7 p.m. at the Sheet Metal Union Hall, 1157 Adams St., Dorchester. At this caucus, Democrat members can meet to discuss local and state issues, and elect candidates. Ward17 Dems will hold a delegate election for those runs through a media partnership._

**Public meeting on “The Future of Mattapan’s Corridors” – The Board of Directors of the Mattapan Community Development Corporation will host a public meeting to explore “The Future of Mattapan’s Corridors” as part of the organization’s 50th anniversary. The meeting will be held in the KPP Academy cafeteria, 37 Babson St., Mattapan. Contact Eugene Menard at 617-291-4488 or Eugene@mmcd.org for any questions.

**Ward 18 Democrats to meet on March 7 – Registered Democrats in Ward 18 will hold a caucus on Sat., March 7 at 10 a.m. at the Hyde Park Municipal Building, 1179 Centre St., Hyde Park, MA to elect delegates and alternates to the 2020 Massachusetts Democratic State Convention. This year’s state convention will be held May 30, 2020 at the Tsongas Center in Lowell. The caucus is open to all registered and pre-registered Democrats in Ward 18. Pre-registered Democrats who will be in 2019 will be allowed to participate and run as a delegate or alternate. Ward 18 can elect 13 delegates and 8 alternates to the state convention. Youth, minorities, people with disabilities, and LGBTQ individuals who are not elected as a delegate or alternate may apply to be an add-on delegate at the caucus or at massmets.org. Those interested in getting involved with Boston’s 18 Democratic Town Committees should contact Rob Consalvo, Ward Committee Chair, ward18boston@gmail.com.

_GMCN 2020 election on Feb. 29 – The Greater Mattapan Neighborhood Council’s next election will be held Sat., Feb. 29, with voting at the KPP Academy, 37 Babson St., Mattapan. Polls will be open 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Any Greater Mattapan resident 16 or older can vote. Voters should bring proof of residence if they are not listed on Boston’s list of residents. For more information, email info@gmcn-elections@gmail.com.

The 14th annual Dorchester Chili Cook-off – will be held on Sat., March 28, at Local 103 IBEW at 256 Fifth St. to benefit Dorchester Day Parade. More than 20 entrants representing restaurants, civic associations, youth & senior groups, and community organizations, vie for bragging rights to the best chili in Dorchester. There is live entertainment, food, fun and prizes. A panel of judges will award prizes in four categories: Best of Show, Best Non-Profit, Most Creative Dish and Team Spirit (decorations, costumes, enthusiasm.) The Fort Hill Rotary Club invites everyone to attend this annual event in the neighborhood of the Dorchester Day Parade!

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By SHANNON DOOLING
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A number of special- ly trained officers and agents from the US Customs and Border Pro- tection (CBP) agency are working in Boston with local US Immigration and Customs Enforce- ment (ICE) officials, according to a US De- partment of Homeland Security (DHS) official in Boston.

The official declined to confirm the number of CBP officers deployed to Boston but did say they come from across the country, including the southern border.

“While some of them are trained in tactical operations, that is one of the many areas of training. These officers have also been trained in routine immigration en- forcement actions, which is what they have been asked to do,” according to a Homeland Security statement.

In a news release last Friday, acting ICE Di- rector Matthew Albence said the agency is utiliz- ing the additional offi- cials in cities throughout the country to mitigate “resource challenges stemming from sanctu- ary city policies.”

He added “As we have noted for years, in juris- dictions where we are not allowed to assume custody of aliens from jails, our officers are forced to make at-large arrests of criminal aliens who have been released into communities. This effort requires a signifi- cant amount of additional time and resources.

When sanctuary cities release these criminals back to the street, it increases the occurrence of preventable crimes, and more importantly, preventable victims.”

Boston and many other Massachusetts communities have es- tablished so-called sanc- tuary policies in order to limit interaction between local law enforcement and federal immigra- tion officials. The state’s highest court ruled in 2017 that local law en- forcement officials cannot hold an individual who otherwise would be free to go solely at the request of ICE.

US Rep. Ayanna Pressley blasted the move as an intimidation tactic by the Trump administra- tion. “Let us be clear, this move has nothing to do with public safety, but rather serves only to further the Trump administra- tion’s agenda to intimidate and re- taliate against cities that uphold the dignity and humanity of our immigrant neighbors,” she said in a statement released Friday evening.

In a separate news release on Friday, Bos- ton-based ICE officials provided detailed in- formation — including photos — about five individuals referred to as “immigration fugitives” who, the agency says, were released by Mas- sachusetts authorities as a result of sanctuary policies.

According to ICE, all of the cases involved de- clined detention, which is requests to hold individuals made by the federal agency to local law enforcement.

Acting Boston Field Office Director Todd M. Lyons of ICE’s En- forcement and Removal Operations (ERO) said in the release: “Laws passed by the Massachu- setts Supreme Judicial Court may restrict law enforcement in the Commonwealth from honor- ing immigration detainers, the law does not limit local agencies from working with ICE to notify us of the release of criminal aliens. The politicization of law enforcement at any level whether it be federal, state, or local does not make anyone safer. ERO Boston from this day forward will con- tinue to notify the public when a criminal threat is released back into their neighborhoods.”

Markey, Warren weigh in

The state’s US sena- tors, Ed Markey and Elizabeth Warren, are demanding that CBP with- draw from the strat- egy of deploying agents to Boston and other American cities. In a let-

ter to the heads of CBP, DHS and ICE, Markey and Warren called the initiative “unnecessary, unwise, potentially dangerous, retaliatory, and unethical and likely to achieve its stated goal.”

They go on to say that BORTAC agents are supposed to be used to handle dangerous situations outside the normal scope of Border Patrol agent duties — not for “run-of-the-mill immigration arrests” in some of America’s larg- est cities.

In closing, Warren and Markey asked federal officials to answer the follow- ing questions by next

Monday: 1. How many of the CBP personnel deployed to assist ICE are BORTAC members? 2. In which communities will these BORTAC members be deployed? 3. What are the specific rules of engagement while deployed in American cities? 4. What is the chain of command for deployed BORTAC teams?

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Markey vs. Kennedy in debate: Earnest, with a bit of spark

BY TOM MULVOY
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When Joseph P. Kennedy III was born in the fall of 1980, Edward J. Markey was a month away from winning a third term in the US House of Representatives. Some 40

years later, the two men are engaged in a contest for the seat that Markey now holds in the US Senate, with Ken-

nedy, the son of a congressman and the nephew of three US

senators (and a president), running a primary campaign against his fellow Democrat while sitting in the US House on the other side of the Capitol building.

On Tuesday night, the candidates sat down with moderators Margery Eagan and Jim Braude in a televised talk-a-thon on WGBH-TV that offered voters their first chance at seeing the two legis-

lators grapple over issues, which proved to be no mean feat since broadly speaking they are in agreement on many of the key matters of the day.

For Kennedy, the first question posed to him was from Eagan, who mentioned a concern that some voters have expressed: is he an “opportunist” using the fam-

ily name to jump the line, so to speak, against a sitting Democrat with such a long record of public service? In answer, the congressman conceded that Markey “has been a good senator … who has

made important contributions to the commonwealth and the country,” then added, “This election counts, there’s a lot at stake. … At this moment, it’s not a matter of filling the right bill; the challenge is different in these times.”

For his part, Markey used his time to tout his progressive props in legislative affairs over the course of his 44 years in Congress (and two terms in the Massachusetts House before that). For virtually every ques-

tion posed by the moderators – an economic disparity and racist repression, on housing, on healthcare, especially Al-

zheimer’s research, on trans-

portation, on immigration, on the environment (he cited his co-sponsorship of The Green New Deal with US Rep. Alex-

andria Ocasio-Cortez), on gun control, on Iraq, on Afghan-

istan, on money in politics, on rent control, on student debt, on Trumpian dystopia, even on the disputed placement of a gas compressor in Weymouth – Markey pointed out how in one way or another, his legisla-

tive efforts played a role in the political give and take, often successfully for his cause and his constituents.

Other than making sure that view-ers and those in the studio knew that Markey voted with the Bush team on the Iraq invasion (the senator said that Bush 43 and his aides lied to Congress, and added that he regrets his vote) and that the senator voted “present” on a war-and-peace Senate vote 10 years later (“Hardly a profile

in courage,” Kennedy said), the challenger didn’t veer far off the track from Markey on a number of major issues.

Rhetorical flourishes aside, both said they favor working toward Medicare for all, find-

ing a way to alleviate student debt, looking again at rent control (Markey is okay with a local option), drawing down forthwith the US troop count in Afghanistan, and coming to grips with immigration matters like the DACA situa-

tion and the border wall after ridding the nation of Donald Trump as president.

One matter drew a sharp re-

buke from Markey from Kennedy: the senator’s refusal to join him in signing The People’s Pledge, a resolve to keep out of the campaign so-called “dark” money and personal attack ads funded by groups outside of Massachusetts. Markey argued that there is a value to “positive” funding when appropriate to a progressive cause.

At the end of the discussion, when the pair were asked to address what they see as the differences between them, Kennedy amplified on what he had said earlier when he was asked about being an op-

portunist. “This is a moment of crisis for our party and our country,” he said, “and one les-

son I have learned in my time in Washington is that power counts. You have to take it, use it, and leverage it. I will do that for Massachusetts.”

For Markey, the answer is in his 44-year resume. “I have led and I have delivered for our state. I have been successful,” he said, “and I’ll continue to be that way.”

Other high-visibility pol-

tical happenings have partly obscured the profile of this campaign, which in normal times would attract and keep the public’s attention. This debate popped up on Ch. 2 with little public notice. But there’s more to come: The primary election is six months away, on Sept. 1.
Mass. elections system underfunded, Galvin says

By Katie Lannan
State House News Service

Secretary of State William Galvin is making an election-year ask of lawmakers, telling budget-writers last week that he’ll need more money to support this fall’s presidential contest.

Galvin, the state’s elections overseer since 1995, testified before the House and Senate Ways and Means committees on Feb. 11 on Gov. Charlie Baker’s fiscal 2021 budget proposal, which he said contained “a number of notable deficiencies” for his office.

Baker’s $44.6 billion budget proposal recommends a total of nearly $51.37 million for Galvin’s office, including $12.29 million for the elections division. Galvin said he requested $14.3 million.

Galvin said Baker’s fiscal 2021 recommendation “simply isn’t enough to conduct the election as it needs to be conducted,” pointing to costs associated with extended polling hours and printing voter registration supplies.

“Also — because of the enforcement of the coming of automatic voter registration, which began on Jan. 1 of this year — added significantly to the number of registered voters,” Galvin said. “We’re adding about 10,000 additional voters every month, so the number of people who will be voting, especially in a presidential election, is going to be very high. The governor’s appropriation proposal simply is not supportive enough of that.”

Galvin spoke to lawmakers as voters in New Hampshire headed to the polls for their state’s presidential primary.

Asked by Waltham Rep. Thomas Stanley to predict turnout for the Bay State’s March 3 primary, Galvin said the answer will depend largely on the level of interest and “what the effect of today’s activity is.”

Registered voters can weigh in early on the March 3 presidential primary beginning next Monday and ending on Friday. Unlike traditional polling, voters aren’t required to vote at their assigned polling locations; they can cast ballots at the location that is most convenient to them. No reason has been given for filing an early ballot.

City Hall will be the “main” early polling location all week long. It will be open for voting on Monday and Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Tuesday and Thursday.

Voting in Dorchester and Mattapan will be held on Thursday from noon to 8 p.m. at All Saints’ Church at 209 Ashmont St. and First Parish Church at 10 Parish St. and at the Mildred Avenue Community Center in Mattapan.

Pop-up polling locations like those in Dorchester and Mattapan will be available throughout the city on Tuesday and Thursday. All ballot styles will be available at every location.

As to absentee ballots, state Secretary William Galvin is recommending that voters submit absentee ballot applications as soon as possible to allow for the ballots to be mailed to the voter and returned to their city or town hall. Ballots must be delivered to the local election office by the close of polls on March 3 in order to be counted.

Ward committee voting time

The federal government’s 2021 budget proposal cuts off the ward committee voting process. Galvin said that would rule out Democratic ward committee voting time and Galvin said he requested $4.6 million.

Galvin also asked lawmakers to bump up the appropriation for the central voter registry line item from Baker’s $6.55 million, calling the central voter registry “the core...not only of our office, but all the city and town clerks.”

Because the federal money would be made available through a matching program, Galvin said the state would need to come up with $1.8 million before December 2021. He asked that half of that money be included in next year’s budget.

Early primary voting begins on Monday

In 2016, 43.62 percent of 4,271,835 registered voters participated in the presidential primary.

“Hopefully of good turnout,” Galvin said. “Obviously we spent a lot of money preparing for this election. We hope people will participate, but it’s a little more money preparing for what’s going to come out.”

Feb. 12 marked the last day for Massachusett’s voters to register or change their party affiliation ahead of the March 3 primary. Afternoon early voting period begins on Feb. 24.

Galvin said early voting has proven to be “very popular” since the state first instituted it in 2016, and predicted “a good experience there as well” later this month.

He said Baker’s budget, however, was “not adequate to support early voting in November election come next fall.” Baker proposed funding the early voting line item at $2.29 million for fiscal 2021, and Galvin said he requested $4.6 million.

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The federal government, Galvin said, has recently appropriated money under the Help America Vote Act, and Massachusetts could get $8 million of those funds. Galvin said the HAVA money “would be largely used to help some of our cities and towns increase the security of their systems.”

“Because the federal money would be made available through a matching program, Galvin said the state would need to come up with $1.8 million before December 2021. He asked that half of that money be included in next year’s budget.”
Malcolm X’s powerful origin story surges to life in ‘Detroit Red’ at ArtsEmerson

By Ed Siegel

When we think of Malcolm X today, we tend to think of a tall, proud, articulate black man. The legacy of his role in the civil rights movement, compared to Martin Luther King Jr., is definitive. The work of author and filmmaker Ali Velshi, though, presents Malcom X as a different kind of character. He was a street hustler, purser, procurer and thief, but he was also a man who found his way to a different path.

The details of origin stories, of course, are well-known, but playwright Will Power lives up to the expectations of any viewer looking for a mesmerizing story of how Malcolm Little became Malcolm X. And not through Malcolm X (dropping his slanted name), but through Will Power. Power deserves all the credit; he’s working with a sprawling cast and an ensemble that includes director Lee Sunday Evans and her continuous, dynamic integration of theater and film.

“Detroit Red” begins and ends with Malcolm’s arrest during a jewelry store robbery in Boston. His life,权据据据据据据据据据据据据据据据据据据据据据据据据据据据据据据据据据据据据据据据据据据据据据据据据据据据据据据据据据据据据据据据据据据据据据据据据据据据据据据据据据据据据据据据据据据据据据据据据据据据据据据据据据据据据据据据据据据据据据据据据据据据据据据据据据据据据据据据据据据据据据据据据据据据据据据据据据据据据据据据据据据据据据据据据据据据据据据据According to the American Repertory Theater Wikipedia page, it is not a representation of historical biography, but a verbally and visually poetic invocation of Detroit Red’s thoughts and actions, allowing for a mournful and redemptive journey. Power makes it clear that Malcolm’s anger was anything but justified. Power makes it clear that Malcolm, too, was not a saint but a man of his times as witnessed in his misgivings and homophobia. That he rose above the stuff of a political rhetoric to find the third path, to acknowledge the power of self-confidence and righteous anger. Malcolm X (dropping his slanted name.)

At its world premiere at Speak Easy Stage Company and at A.R.T., where white men don’t fare so well in “Gloria: A Life” either. While sackson and ashes isn’t my favorite fashion statement, I’m not going to argue the confusion. Power makes it clear that Malcolm’s anger was anything but justified. Power makes it clear that Malcolm, too, was not a saint but a man of his times as witnessed in his misgivings and homophobia. That he rose above the stuff of a political rhetoric to find the third path, to acknowledge the power of self-confidence and righteous anger.

Whatever you call their style of theater I want to see more of it. I don’t know about Malcolm Little or Detroit Red, but I think Malcolm X would have been proud.

Hub New Music to take Ashmont Stage

By Daniel Shepherd

In an upcoming Ashmont Stage production, Hub New Music, a busy quartet that has been hailed for its innovative vision, creative process, and tenacious commissioning projects. The group is made up of passionate educators whose approach to teaching melds the artistic and entrepreneurial facets of modern music making.

Hub New Music was founded in 2017 and has performed across the country, within the context of workshops on building an arts organization, developing new work, and developing meaningful collaborations — including HubLab, a K-12 focused outreach program that uses graphic scores and forms of non-traditional music notation to create original compositions with students.

Hub New Music’s mission has been performed and commissioned by the LA Philharmonic, the World Symphony Orchestra, and other organizations. Mitchell has earned her PhD in composition from Harvard, and his work has been locally and internationally for his chamber music, harp and his original compositions. In addition to composing and performing the ensemble for this 30-minute commission, Mitchell will also perform her own solo works for the harp. Hub New Music, which is comprised of flutist and founder Michael Avitabile, clarinetist David Dziedzirz, violinist Alyssa Wang, and guitarist David Dziardzel, has been recognized for its innovative work, community building, and commitment to the construction of a new building. We will re-open early 2021.

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Thurs., Feb. 20 – 3:30 p.m. – Community Puzzle Drop-In: Africa Map; 3 p.m. – Play Songs & Games. Fri., Feb. 21, All Day – Community Puzzle Drop-In: Africa Map; 3 p.m. – Play Songs & Games. 2 p.m. – All About Anansi. Sat., Feb. 22, All Day – Community Puzzle Drop-In: Africa Map; 3 p.m. – Play Songs & Games. Citizenship Preparation Class, Mon., Feb. 24, 3:30 p.m. – HomeHelp; 4 p.m. – BTU HomeWork; Tues., Feb. 25, 10 a.m. – Unleash the Amazing Quilter in You; 11 a.m. – Stories, Stories, Stories; 3:30 p.m. – HomeHelp. Wed., Feb. 26, 1:30 p.m. – Knit-Crochet Circle; 3:30 p.m. – HomeHelp. Fields Corner Branch

THURS., FEB. 20 – 3:30 p.m. – Make It Mondays: Cooking.

FIELDS CORNER BRANCH

Thurs., Feb. 20, 3:30 p.m. – Mike the Bubble Man; TechHelp Fri., Feb. 21, 9:30 a.m. – LapTop Story Time; 10:30 a.m. – Family Board Games. Sun., Feb. 23, 10 a.m. – The Seasons & Other Things. Mon., Feb. 24, 3:30 p.m. – HomeHelp. Tues., Feb. 25, 10:30 a.m. – Preschool Story Time; 2 p.m. – Friday Afternoon Fun. Sat., Feb. 22, 10 a.m. – The Seasons & Other Things. Mon., Feb. 24, 3:30 p.m. – HomeHelp. Wed., Feb. 26, 3:30 p.m. – Homework Help; 6:30 p.m. – Hatha Yoga. Thurs., Feb. 27, 10:30 a.m. – Story Time; 1:30 p.m. – Tech Goes Home; 3:30 p.m. – Homework Help.

GROVE HALL BRANCH

Fri., Feb. 21, 2 p.m. – All About Anansi; 2:30 p.m. – Teen Gaming. Mon., Feb. 24, 2 p.m. – Cherokee Kits Thanksgiving; 3 p.m. – Homework Help. Wed., Feb. 26, 3:30 p.m. – Hatha Yoga. Sat., Feb. 22, 10 a.m. – The Seasons & Other Things. Mon., Feb. 24, 3:30 p.m. – HomeHelp. Wed., Feb. 26, 3:30 p.m. – Homework Help; 6:30 p.m. – Hatha Yoga. Tues., Feb. 25, 10:30 a.m. – Preschool Story Time; 2 p.m. – Friday Afternoon Fun. Sat., Feb. 22, 10 a.m. – The Seasons & Other Things. Mon., Feb. 24, 3:30 p.m. – HomeHelp. Wed., Feb. 26, 3:30 p.m. – Homework Help.

LOWER MILL BRANCH

Fri., Feb. 21, 2 p.m. – Young Readers’ LapSit; 1 p.m. – Kirk Douglas Film Series. Mon., Feb. 24, 3:30 p.m. – HomeHelp; 4 p.m. – BTU HomeWork; 6:30 p.m. – Hatha Yoga. Tues., Feb. 25, 10:30 a.m. – Preschool Story Time; 2 p.m. – Friday Afternoon Fun. Sat., Feb. 22, 10 a.m. – The Seasons & Other Things. Mon., Feb. 24, 3:30 p.m. – HomeHelp. Wed., Feb. 26, 3:30 p.m. – Homework Help.

MATTAPAN BRANCH

Fri., Feb. 21, 2 p.m. – All Day – February Vacation Scavenger Hunt; 2 p.m. – Tinkering for Families; 5 p.m. – USCIS Information Hours; 5 p.m. – Jeopardy! Mon., Feb. 24, 3:30 p.m. – Homework Help. Wed., Feb. 26, 3:30 p.m. – Homework Help; 6:30 p.m. – Hatha Yoga. Thurs., Feb. 27, 10:30 a.m. – Story Time; 1:30 p.m. – Tech Goes Home; 3:30 p.m. – Homework Help.

UPHAMS CORNER BRANCH

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Santhouse joins city’s HR Transformation unit

Dorchester resident Erin Santhouse has been appointed to serve as the city of Boston’s Human Resources Project Manager and Policy Analyst. She most recently served as Executive Director of Scheduling and Advance in the Mayor’s Office and directed SparkBoston (formerly ONEin3), the City’s outreach to millennial residents designed to engage young people with the City of Boston’s programs and services.

Mayor Walsh also announced last week that Joanne Wisniewski will join the City of Boston serving as the City’s Human Resources Transformation Director. Wisniewski, an accomplished HR professional who has led and supported large scale transformations in other public and private sector organizations. She comes to the City from Deloitte Consulting, where she was a senior member of the team advising and supporting the City on its HR transformation.

Prior to joining Deloitte, she held senior roles with Fidelity Investments and Boston Consulting.

She will lead Boston’s work to transform its human resources (HR) services, to better manage, train, recruit, and retain the City’s workforce, made up of over 18,000 employees in over 60 departments and serving the people of Boston.

“Working closely with leaders at City Hall, both Joanne and Erin will improve the employee experience and attract and retain the able employees to serve the missions of Boston’s many neighborhood governments,“ said Handy, Boston’s Chief of Administrative and Finance.

BCCS juniors complete two-week internships

By dAniel sheehAn

REPORTER’s Staff

Last month, a group of students in their junior year at Boston Collegiate Charter School (BCCS) completed a two-week long onsite internship at a wide range of organizations across the city. The program, designed to give students valuable insights into career choices and help them consider potential college majors, connected the juniors with over 40 Boston organizations across several fields including health, finance, law, and technology. This internship program is integral to the school’s effort to prepare each student for college and beyond,” said ShanaVánáh Varón, executive director of BCCS. “Our students can only aspire to what they know and this experience allows them to imagine their future in any number of career fields.”

BCCS junior Richard Matos de la Cruz at Fenway Park. BCCS photo

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Greater Boston, including collaborations with Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center, Boston College, MIT, the Suffolk County District Attorney’s Office, and Turner Construction Company. “We know that hands-on experience can provide a competitive advantage for our students when they apply for internships while in college and jobs thereafter,” Varón said. “We are grateful to the many businesses and organizations that have partnered with us to give our students the resources to make smart decisions about their careers.”

The Dorchester Town Hall that was built in 1816 on Washington Street at the southwest corner of what is now Codman Square (Washington and Norfolk Streets) is recalled by this 1913 painting on a brick (top) in the Edward A. Huebener Collection at the Dorchester Historical Society. The photograph (below) was probably taken just after the turn of the 20th century and the artist, J.B.S., apparently was evoking the time when the building was first constructed, because he left out the poles and trolley wires.

Edward A. Huebener, a board member of the Dorchester Historical Society, was a gatherer of materials relating to Dorchester history, including a very large collection of graphic materials comprised of prints and photographs now owned by the Society. Huebener set aside bricks obtained from Dorchester buildings, then hired a local illustrator to paint a picture of each building on a brick, thereby creating a visual record on an actual piece of the house. The collection includes over 100 bricks.

Codman Square, located at that time as Baker’s Corner (Walter Baker owned a general store at the northwest corner of the square) was selected for the town hall because it was (and is) in the geographic center of the town and the only intersection of two main east/west/north south cross roads – Norfolk and Centre Streets from east to west and Washington Street from north to south. Washington Street connected the entire town to the Neponset River mills and Norfolk-Centre Streets linked the two toll roads – the Blue Hill and Dorchester turnpikes. Second Dorchester Town Hall (1816-1894)
New role for Newman within UMass; system chancellor of academic progress

Katherine Newman will remain a UMass chancellor after she deports the Dorchester campus she has led for the last two years on the permanent basis. UMass President Marty Meehan has appointed her to be System Chancellor of Academic Programs, a new position created in that capacity to oversee two system vice presidencies, Meehan said last week.

"This position is intended to strategically align university teaching and research with workforce development aspirations," Meehan said. This is the ideal person in Katherine Newman, who is equipped with academic credentials, management expertise, and passion to expand economic opportunity, to take on this challenge.

Newman will also hold the title of Senior Vice President of Academic Affairs, Student Affairs, and Economic Development.

"I am excited to return to the top of the university as president of the university, as president of the University of Massachusetts, as a state public institution and internationally in the provision of higher education and public service," Newman said.

"I'm pleased to lead that effort on the academic and public service side, working with my colleague, Don Kilburn, CEO of UMassOnline, in translating that vision into reality."

BILLY FORRY

Musings/Dick Flavin

Whistling past the graveyard on Mookie exit

The idiom "Whistling past the graveyard" is defined as the attempt to stay cheerful in a dire situation. It's a way to remain positive despite the obvious problems.

The Red Sox loss of Mookie Betts might not be the mean end of the world.

There. I've said it, and I have anecdotal evidence to back up my statement. It was not that long ago there was another young player who, in the age of free agency, left his original team, the one that had brought him up big league, to look elsewhere, even better than Mookie. In approximately the same number of at-bats he had a higher batting average than Mookie Betts (.310 to .309), more home runs (139 to 139), more RBIs (595 to 476), and he even had more stolen bases (133 to 126). Like Mookie, he was a defensive whiz at his position. And at age 25, he was even younger than Mookie is now, which is 27.

The year was 2001 and that player was Alex Rodriguez. He left the Seattle Mariners to sign a massive 10-year, $252 million contract with the Texas Rangers. How, you might ask, did the Mariners survive the loss of the best young player of the generation? Keep in mind that at this time there had never been any link made between A-Rod and performance enhancing drugs. In their first season without him, the Mariners set an all-time American League record for victories during the regular season, 116 wins, more than the Red Sox in 2018. They also had more home runs (189 to 139), more RBIs (595 to 476), and he even had more stolen bases (133 to 126). Like Mookie, he was a defensive whiz at his position. And at age 25, he was even younger than Mookie is now, which is 27.

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Exhibit B in our whistling tour is provided courtesy of the Boston Red Sox, a life-size coach and student of the team's history, which I guess explains his emotional scars: "I've seen the other day of another terrific young outfielder the Red Sox traded away, then went on to win a World Series without him. It happened more than a century ago, but it is true. Tris Speaker had compiled a .337 batting average in seven-plus seasons with the Sox and had already earned the reputation of one of the greatest defensive outfielders of all time. He had just turned 28. As with Mookie, money was a contributing factor. The upstart Federal League had started pirating players from the National and American Leagues in 1914, and in order to protect their investment in Speaker, the Red Sox had filled his salary to $18,000. When the Federal League folded a year later, the Sox tried to cut Speaker's contract back to the $9,000 it had originally been. Needless to say, Speaker resisted, so just before the 1916 season began, he was shipped off to Cleveland for Red Sam Jones and in addition to that, plus $50,000 in cash. Speaker refused to report until the Sox agreed to fork over $10,000 of the 50 grand they had paid the Red Sox from Cleveland, which is $300,000 in today's dollars.

And, there was also the matter of religion that featured into the trade. Speaker, who was a Catholic, expired as a member of the Ku Klux Klan back home in Texas, was virulently anti-Catholic during his Red Sox years, which caused a schism in the clubhouse. And since Boston's fan base was, as was the city itself 100 years ago, largely Irish Catholic, he was, despite his great talent, deemed expendable. Things have a way of working out, though. Once he settled in Cleveland, Speaker met, fell in love with, and married an Irish-Catholic. It is that the way, he changed his mind. Not only did his attitude toward Catholics change, but also, when Larry Doby became the first black player in the major leagues, Speaker bought him a car a few months after Jackie Robinson broke in with the Brooklyn Dodgers, his personal coach and biggest booster was none other than former MLB player Tris Speaker.

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Walsh, others ask support for Chinatown amidst virus fears

By PHILIP MARCEL
Associated Press

Boston is trying to stop some love to Chinatown amid concerns about a new Chinese virus that has sickened tens of thousands, including a college student in the city.

Mayor Marty Walsh launched a social media campaign last Thursday encouraging people to share photos of themselves supporting small businesses in the neighborhood with the hashtag #LoveBostonChinatown.

The campaign includes a “small business bingo” card of things visitors can do in Chinatown, like trying dim sum, sipping on bubble tea, buying fresh pastries, taking a selfie in front of its signature gateway.

City leaders from Boston and nearby Quincy, which also has a sizeable Chinese community, hosted a dim sum brunch in Chinatown on Saturday.

And city health officials have been visiting the neighborhood centers this week in an effort to dispel misconceptions about contracting the new coronavirus, which was officially dubbed COVID-19 this week.

The virus has sickened tens of thousands, mostly in China.

Massachusetts has had one confirmed case, a University of Massachusetts Boston student who recently returned from Wuhan, the Chinese city at the center of the outbreak.

Public health officials have said the patient, who is in his 20s, is recovering at home, where he has been kept in isolation.

Boston is among other cities, including New York and Chicago, that have rallied behind their Chinatowns in recent days.

In Massachusetts, officials say anxiety has also stirred up anti-Chinese sentiment, and the state restaurant industry says there has been a “sudden and swift” decline in business at Chinese restaurants, not just in Chinatown.

Chinatown has been noticeably quieter, with far fewer college students and tourists, said Brian Moy, whose family owns China Pearl, billed as the state’s oldest active Chinese restaurant.

The annual Lunar New Year parade, which typically draws huge crowds and is a boon for restaurants, was also canceled, despite good weather. “We were filled, but it wasn’t like lines out the door,” Moy said. “You could still get a seat with little wait.”

The city took similar steps to support Chinatown during the SARS epidemic in the early 2000s. That deadly virus, which also emerged from China, turned the neighborhood into a virtual ghost town, and it took months for businesses to recover, Moy said.

Is a booming economy making our city better, or worse?

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same (small) space, coexisting as only cities can make people do.

When I went away to college, I remember thinking that the change in my neighborhood had prepared me well for the mix of cultures I found on campus — certainly better prepared than if I had stayed in the homogenous South End of my younger years.

But when I returned to Boston years later, I also saw what can happen when gentrification goes too far, and a neighborhood becomes inaccessible to its lifelong residents.

We see this change happening on a citywide level today.

Boston has added 275,000 new jobs in the last 12 years — that’s more than two-and-a-half times the number of new homes that have been built.

Earlier this month, a report by The Boston Foundation revealed that even as Boston’s population has surged by more than 100,000 over the past two decades, the city now has 10,000 fewer school-aged children than it did in the year 2000.

As condos sell for $35 million in Downtown Crossing, the median household income in Roxbury and Mattapan is about $33,000 per year. It has become a struggle for long-time residents, families, and those not earning six figures to make a life here.

The reasons for this are myriad: skyrocketing rents and home prices, schools that aren’t meeting their needs, traffic-clogged streets, and an unreliable, inequitable public transit system.

Elected officials can’t wave a wand and stop market forces from changing neighborhoods over time. But we don’t have to stand idly by, either. If we’re willing to ask hard questions and articulate a clear vision, we can shape the future of our city for generations to come.

The key questions that Boston’s leaders need to answer now are these: What do we want our city to be? And for whom?

I believe Boston should be a place where anyone — new immigrants and lifelong residents, professionals in high-paying jobs and people living paycheck to paycheck — feel welcome.

Living up to this vision will require bold policy solutions on a host of issues. This won’t be easy, but it’s essential to our future.

I’ve been committed to advancing this type of change on the City Council, whether by releasing a plan to bring equity to our public schools, working to improve access to public transportation along the Blue Hill Avenue corridor, or expanding affordable housing across the city.

Andrea Campbell represents Boston’s fourth district on the City Council and is the first African-American woman to serve as the president of the Boston City Council. She lives with her husband and two sons in Mattapan. This article was first published by WBUR 90.9FM on its Cognoscenti page. The Reporter and WBUR share content and resources through a media partnership.

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WARD 17 DEMS TO CAUCUS ON FEB. 25

The Ward 17 Democratic Committee, which includes parts of Dorchester and Mattapan, will hold its caucus on Tues., Feb. 25 at 7 p.m. at the Sheet Metal Union Hall, 1157 Adams St., Dorchester. At this caucus, Democrats will elect 23 delegates and 5 alternates to the Democratic State convention to be held on May 30, 2020 in Lowell. Any registered Democrat living in Ward 17 can run to be a delegate, and any registered Democrat living in Ward 17 can vote for delegates, provided they are present at the caucus and have signed in before registration closes. Residents of Ward 17 who are eligible to vote may register at the caucus during the registration period. Doors will open by 6:30, and will be locked at 7:15, when registration will close. For more information, email Joyce Linehan at Joyce@ashmontmedia.com or visit massdems.org.

GMNC 2020 ELECTION ON FEB. 29

The Greater Mattapan Neighborhood Council’s next election will be held Sat., Feb. 29, with polling at the KIPP Academy, 37 Babson St., Mattapan. Polls will be open 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Any Greater Mattapan resident 16 or older can vote. Voters should bring proof of residence if not listed on the most current City of Boston list of residents. For more information, email: info@gmnc-election@gmail.com.

WARD 18 DEMOCRATS TO MEET ON MARCH 7

Registered Democrats in Boston’s Ward 18 will hold a caucus on Sat., March 7 at 10 a.m. at the Hyde Park Municipal Building, 1179 River Street, Hyde Park. They will elect 53 delegates and 8 alternates to the 2020 Massachusetts Democratic State Convention. This year’s state convention will be held May 30, 2020 at the Tsongas Center in Lowell. The caucus is open to all registered and pre-registered Democrats in Boston’s Ward 18. Pre-registered Democrats who will be 16 by February 15, 2020 will be allowed to participate and run as a delegate or alternate. Boston’s Ward 18 can elect 53 delegates and 8 alternates to the Convention. Youth, minorities, people with disabilities, and LGBTQ individuals who are not elected as a delegate or alternate may apply to be an add-on delegate at the caucus or at massdems.org. Those interested in getting involved with Boston’s Ward 18 Democratic Town Committee should contact Rob Consalvo, Ward Committee Chair, ward18boston@gmail.com.

RESIDENT PARKING RESTRICTIONS HAVE BEGUN IN SAVIN HILL

The city of Boston’s Transportation Dept. have begun enforcement of new resident permit parking on select streets in Savin Hill. Residents are urged to get their stickers as soon as possible. Impacted streets include Savin Hill Avenue, Grampian Way, Southview Street, Evandale Terrace, Wave Avenue and Hubbardston Road (Mon-Fri, 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.). Existing resident parking signage will not change on Playstead Road, Denny Street, Rayside Road and Davitt Street. For more info on how to apply for a sticker, go to boston.gov/transportation/resident-parking-permits.

PUBLIC MEETING ON ‘THE FUTURE OF MATTAPAN’S CORRIDORS’

The BPDA will host a public meeting on Wed., Feb. 26 at 6 p.m. to explore “The Future of Mattapan’s Corridors” as part of the ongoing PLAN: Mattapan initiative. The meeting will be held in the KIPP Academy cafeteria, 37 Babson St., Mattapan. Contact Muge Undemir at 617-918-4488 or mugzy.undemir@boston.gov with any questions.

“Definitely not a no,” says Baker about third term bid

Gov. Charlie Baker isn’t ruling out running for a third term, and when it comes to a more immediate election—the March 3 presidential primary—he’s continuing to keep his plans to himself.

In a radio appearance last Thursday, Baker said he hasn’t made the call yet on whether he’ll seek re-election, and characterized his lack of decision as “definitely not a no.”

During his “Ask the Governor” interview on WGBH, the governor said, “That is a subject I do not want to get into presidential politics where my wife and I are concerned. I don’t want that to be a part of our lives. I don’t want to do that to our family. I don’t want to do that to our kids. I don’t want that to be a thing of significance and importance.” Baker said years ago.

The caller said the governor considered the presidential election “very significant.”

Baker reiterated what he said last Tuesday. He plans to vote but not to get involved in presidential politics.

“T’ve said many times that I don’t want to get into presidential politics because that’s not my job, and it’s not what I get paid to do,” Baker said.

Get paid to worry about what’s going on here in the commonwealth of Massachusetts, working on many of the things that we’ve been talking about today.”

It appears that Donald Trump has not won him over.

“I have said many times that I didn’t vote for the president when he was up four years ago,” the governor said.

“I was worried about a lot of things with respect to his ability to do the job. I haven’t seen anything since then to change my mind.”

A caller named Nicole from Boston asked Baker which presidential candidate he will vote for, quoting a remark he made last Tuesday: He didn’t answer when Braude asked if he’d vote instead for his one-time boss, former Gov. Bill Weld, who is running against Trump in the Republican primary.

“I said I’m not going to engage in presidential politics and I meant it,” Baker said.

As Braude thanked the caller for her question, Baker continued: “And by the way, no one asked me about this when I’m out and about. No one. They want to talk about housing and transportation and health care and climate and all those things, and that’s really what they expect me to focus on and worry about,” he said.

ADL report: White supremacist propaganda surging across state

White supremacist propaganda distribution rose by more than 300 percent in Massachusetts last year and the state saw the fourth highest level of that kind of activity of any state in the country, according to new data released last week by the Anti-Defamation League.

ADL said it had received reports of 2,713 cases of white supremacist literature distribution across the country in 2019, more than double the 1,214 cases reported in 2018. In Massachusetts, the 148 cases reported in 2019 accounted for about 5.5 percent of the nationwide total.

Only California, Texas and New York accounted for a greater share of cases, according to ADL.

The nearly 150 reports in Massachusetts last year occurred on a college campus.

“Our data clearly demonstrate that white supremacists are doubling down on the distribution of propaganda across the US and in our region, with a particular focus on college campuses and the public square,” Robert Tresch, ADL New England regional director, said.

By injecting a barrage of racist, anti-Semitic, and anti-LGBTQ fliers, stickers, banners, and posters into the public square and on campus, white supremacists are attempting to normalize their messages of bigotry and to bolster recruitment, all while hiding behind the cloak of anonymity, never having to face the consequences of their hate and intolerance.”

ADL said three groups—Patriot Front, American Identity Movement, and the New Jersey European Heritage Association—were responsible for approximately 90 percent of the nationwide activity.

ADL’s H.B.A.T. Map—displaying instances of hate, extremism, anti-Semitism, and terrorism—details many of the incidents reported in Massachusetts.

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Pets and chocolate: a toxic combination

By MARY NEE

Take a stroll through any grocery or convenience store during the month of February, and you will see a common sight—a barrage of heart-shaped chocolate.

While these tasty treats are a great impulse buy for your Valentine’s Day sweetheart, having chocolate in your home can be dangerous—even life-threatening.

What makes chocolate harmful for dogs to ingest? The chemical ingredients found in chocolate—theobromine and caffeine—cannot be metabolized as well by our dogs. Even trace amounts can cause vomiting, diarrhea, increased thirst, panting, restlessness, excessive urination, and elevated heart rate. Larger amounts can trigger muscle tremors, seizures, heart failure, even sudden death. Due to the high fat content in chocolate, there’s also a risk of your dog developing pancreatitis. These chemicals are also harmful for cats; however, felines are not drawn to chocolate like dogs are, so the risk of chocolate poisoning for cats is much lower. The levels of toxicity depend on the size and weight of your dog, as well as the type of chocolate, the darker and less sweet the chocolate, the more toxic it is for dogs. Clinical signs of chocolate poisoning may take hours (typically 6-12) to present themselves, so if you see or even suspect that your dog has eaten chocolate, it is imperative to immediately contact your veterinarian or the ASPCA Animal Poison Control helpline at 888-426-4435.

To treat chocolate poisoning, a veterinarian administers charcoal to block the absorption of the harmful chemicals into the body. Additionally, intravenous fluids and beta blockers to slow the heart rate may be necessary for severe cases.

Bottom line: Keep any food items containing chocolate out of the reach of your pet. If you suspect that your dog may have ingested chocolate, take immediate action and call your vet. The longer you wait, the more the chemicals are absorbed into the body, leading to greater toxicity.

As dog owners, our responsibility is to keep them from harm so they remain safe, happy, and healthy.

Mary Nee, a Dorchester resident, is the president of the Animal Rescue League of Boston. Pet questions? Email ARL at press@arlboro.org.
Ballot question would let food stores sell beer, wine

By Steve LeBlanc
Associated Press

A ballot question that would let convenience stores and other food outlets sell beer and wine is drawing criticism from some researchers and substance abuse counselors who say it could result in more crime and alcohol consumption.

The question would let local authorities issue licenses allowing food stores to sell wine and malt beverages, but not hard liquors, to be consumed off the premises. Local licensing authorities would have discretion to determine the number of food stores licenses they issue. The new permits would be in addition to existing licenses issued for the sale of alcoholic beverages.

They could be issued as soon as December if the question is approved by voters in November. There would also be no limits on the number of licenses any one company could control after a phase-in period.

David Jernigan, a professor of health law and policy at the Boston University School of Public Health, said there is a close tie between the easy availability of alcohol and crime. He said because Massachusetts — and Boston, by extension — has limits on the number of alcohol outlets, the relationship between alcohol outlets and violent crime is weaker than in many other cities.

"More outlets also mean more price competition, which means cheaper alcohol, which literally hundreds of studies have shown is associated with more drinking and more negative consequences, including violent crime," Jernigan told a State House committee last week.

The potential for crime and other negative behaviors like property damage, public urination, and noise is made worse by the easy availability of alcohol, he said. "Our job is to continue those efforts along a public health trajectory. It took us a long time to get where we are in this opioid epidemic, and it will take a sustained effort to continue to see a decrease in the number of deaths and to finally, finally look at substance use disorders as the medical illness that they are."

Confirmed opioid overdose deaths in Massachusetts peaked in 2016 at 2,097, according to the DPH. That year, the overdose death rate was 30.5 per 100,000 residents. The DPH estimates a death rate of 29 per 100,000 residents in 2019, representing a 5 percent drop from 2016.

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In the first nine months of 2019, fentanyl was present in 83.2 percent of confirmed opioid overdose deaths where a toxicology screen occurred, according to the DPH. That rate was 75.6 percent in 2016.

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Opioid OD deaths flat despite surge in fentanyl on street

By Katie Lannan
State House News Service

New data indicate Massachusetts has made some progress in beating back the tide of opioid overdose deaths, according to the state’s public health commissioner. Commissioner Monica Bharel said the state continues to lose too many people to overdoses.

The Department of Public Health last week released the latest statistics showing a total of 2,023 confirmed and estimated opioid-related overdose deaths in 2019, down from 2,135 in 2018.

“Behind each one of those people is their families, is their communities, and each one of those deaths is an indication of a preventable death,” Bharel told the Public Health Council.

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Ruby Chan’s FreshZen pesto is making a mark

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Years later, after mov-

ing to the Boston area to pursue an MBA and set-
tling down with her fam-

ily, Chan found herself

hearing the same sugges-
tion from her daughter

one night as she prepared

dinner with her father’s

recipe: “You should quit
your job and sell this

sauce!”

That was the inspira-
tion for FreshZen, the

healthy “Asian pesto” sauce brand that Chan

started in 2016 and has developed over the

past few years at Com-

monwealth Kitchen, the

Grove Hall-based food

business incubator.

Last month, Chan

learned that thanks to

a new partnership, her

FreshZen sauces will be

sold at 31 Whole Foods

Market locations across

the Greater Boston area.

“It’s my dream come

true,” said Chan. “I’ve

worked really hard to get

to this point.”

Combined with that

difficult work, the guidance

provided by Common-

wealth Kitchen proved

vital in all aspects of grow-
ing her business, she said.

“I had no idea how to

start,” said Chan. “I had

no idea how to scale a

sauce, no idea what to do

with hundreds of pounds

of sunflower oil, salt, and

rice wine vinegar. Chan

said part of the vision

for the healthy, all-natural

sauce came from her own

experiences struggling to

put a healthy, clean din-

ner on the table with home

cooking — to get that

sense of zen that their

family recipe and con-
tinuous conversation

made for meals for her

family.

“As a working mom of

four kids, I’d be rushing

home every day trying to

put a healthy, clean din-

ner on the table. It was

really hard.”

But Chan knew the

value of the family din-
ter conversation

and togetherness that ac-

company a home-cooked

meal, and saw the need

for a product that would

make preparing that

meal a little easier for

busy mothers like herself.

“A lot of Asian sauces

on the market had a ton

of sodium and sugar,” she

noted. “Our sauces are

75 percent less sodium

than most other products,

and no sugar...that’s

where the name comes

from — it gives families

a sense of zen that their

kids are eating fresh.”

FreshZen continues to

grow, Chan hopes she

can tap into the dining

services at places like

Harvard, Boston College,

and UMass to provide a

touch of familiarity for

students who might be homesick.

“My hope is it would

give them a sense of be-

ning back at the family
table with home cooking

— even if it’s just five

minutes — to get that

sense of home.”

In the success of her

bargaining business, and in

the faces at Common-

wealth Kitchen, which

prioritizes admitting

women and immigrant

entrepreneurs of color.

Chan sees a reflection

of her own immigrant roots.

“It’s really special be-

ing able to pay living

wages and being able to

create jobs,” she said.

“My dad could have been

that person. The fact that

I’ve helped to create jobs

in the Dorchester com-

munity speaks volumes

for me because that could

have been my family

sweeping the floors, chop-

ping scallions...it’s an

incredible opportunity for

immigrants like myself who

never had the chance to

learn English. Even at my

former job, working with a

lot of Fortune 100 companies,

they couldn’t move the

needle like that.”

Now, as a model for her

peers at Commonwealth

Kitchen’s Quincy Street

complex, Chan is helping

them see a path forward

and giving them hope for

their own businesses.

“I hope they see me

and say, ‘If Ruby can do

this, I can.’”

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USA Today last week

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four-year college in the

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on US Department of

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SHAMS ALI JEBUR AL MUBARAK

An order has been filed by Shams Ali Jebrai Al Mubarak of Boston, MA requesting that the court enter a Change Name from — it gives families a sense of zen that their kids are eating fresh.

Umass Boston called nation’s

third ‘most diverse’ campus

A report published in USA Today last week ranks UMass Boston as the third most diverse four-year college in the nation. The report, based on US Department of Education data and compiled by 24/7 Wall Street, began with a summary report that two randomly selected students would have a different race, ethnicity, or U.S. citizenship status, according to summaries released by the university.

Three other New Eng-

lend schools made the

list of 25 diverse schools:

Boston University (No. 24),

Wellesley College (No. 17),

and MCHPS University (No. 16).

BOSTON STATE COMMUNITY TRUST, INC.

REQUEST FOR GRANT PROPOSALS

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

The Request for Proposals (RFP) will only be available for distribution to interested parties via electronic mail on Monday, March 2, 2020 between 8:00 am and 6:00 pm. On March 2nd, interested parties must submit an electronic mail request for a copy of the RFP. NO REQUESTS WILL BE PROCESSED AFTER 6:00 p.m. NO REQUESTS WILL BE HONORED “PRIOR TO MARCH 2ND”. Upon submission of the request, an electronic version of the RFP will be forwarded to each respondent. The electronic mail request must be submitted to: bjohnson@bcvcoassociates.comcastbiz.net.

The Boston State Community Trust reserves the right to suspend, withdraw, or amend the aforementioned RFP without prior notice.
Cannabis test lab backers eye edging out ‘the black market’

(Continued from page 1) lives could have been saved. That’s really what we’re here for, we want to keep everyone safe going forward.

The testing is used to ensure that the marri-juana is free of elements known to be harmful and to establish its potency so that customers know exactly what the dosage they’re consuming is and how it is likely to affect them. At one point, CSHCA President Desmon Ro-han posed a question to the visitors. “I assume regulations exist now, so why are people dy-ing from vaping these products?” Assured’s co-founder and chief oper-at ing officer COO Kris Nybakken answered that the “biggest issue” contributing to vaping deaths in the state is the black market. “These products are coming out of licensed establish-ments in Massachu-setts, he said, suggesting that part of the issue is that there’s a capacity problem in the industry right now.

To date, there are no operational testing labs in the city of Boston and only a few statewide, al-though all products sold in the state are required by law to be tested by a Massachusetts-based, independent lab.

New music program set for grades 3 to 5

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Judge strikes down verdicts against two former Walsh aides

No quid pro quo, he says

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Classes will meet once a week at the Paraclete Center in South Bos-ton starting on Thurs., March 12, from 4 p.m. to 5:15 pm. Cost of the program is $50 for six classes, which includes a showcase performance for parents and friends. Financial assistance is available based on need. Interested families should send an email to Info@bostoncitysingers.org with PARACLETE in the subject line or call 617-825-0674 for additional information.

Daniel Stiebeh

Timothy Sullivan, above, and Kenneth Brissette were first tried in 2018.

Lawyers for the may-oral aides argued at trial that the men were simply asking concert promoters to consider hiring unionized work-ers in order to avoid a potentially embar-rassing union protest, complete with a large inflammatory sign.

US Attorney Andrew Lelling said his office is multiplexed in the rul-ing and will review its options. “An impartial jury is free to weigh legal instructions written by the Court, voted unani-mously to convict these two men,” he said in an emailed statement.
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