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LEAP YEAR LAYUP



That's all, folks! In a rerun of last year's finale, but with a different result, a dipsy-do layup by Charlestown High's Jaylen Hunter-Coleman shut the door to any hopes of a comeback by Jeremiah Burke High in the City League Championship game on Feb. 22 that the Townies won, 72-56. See story, Page 11.

Photo by Joe Allen

City OKs center-running bus lanes as part of Blue Hill Ave. improvements

US Rep. Pressley says 'status quo is not acceptable'

By SETH DANIEL **News Editor**

The city of Boston is moving ahead with a controversial plan to implement a center-running bus lane on Blue Hill Avenue as part of a massive re-design that Mayor Wu and other policy leaders say will positively transform the corridor from Grove Hall to Mattapan Square.

The \$44 million overhaul will involve building out the center lane bus infrastructure starting in 2026, with new sidewalks, signals, crosswalks, and other amenities coming as soon as this spring. Costs will be borne by \$18 million in city funds, \$11 million in MBTA funding, and \$15 million from a federal

planning meetings for the

center running bus route as a way to "customize" each area of the corridor. No project completion date has been given.

The news was announced at a virtual press conference on Tuesday afternoon, which included Wu and Congresswoman Ayanna Pressley, who has been instrumental in getting the federal dollars lined up.

"We've all been working for a very long time on trying to move forward and this is a major day where we're eager and excited to share that this \$44 million project...will proceed with a multi-modal design for the Blue Hill Avenue corridor with a dedicated bus lane," said Wu. "The best place for that dedicated bus lane to actually have impact is a center running

> lane...We know it will dictability and having more (Continued on page 5)

Also on tap for this Emerald Necklace group, 16 citizens make a huge impact to prespring are block-by-block file suit to halt Stadium plan (P. 3)

Campbell: AG's office eyes local focus, being 'go-to source for residents' issues

By BILL FORRY AND SETH DANIEL REPORTER EDITORS

Attorney General Andrea Campbell says her office is thinking nationally but acting locally when it comes to setting priorities and protecting citizens in Massachusetts. In an interview with the Reporter on Monday, the Mattapan Democrat said she's leaning in on her experience as a Boston city councillor, but also listening closely to residents across the Commonwealth to set an agenda for her office for the next three

This week, Campbell unveiled a detailed strategic plan that she says will "guide the work" of her office through 2027. Its top goal, she said, is to "advance economic opportunity and consumer justice for all, "with a specificfocus on addressing discrimination in housing, labor, and financial services markets.'

'What I heard loud and clear is folks want us to focus first on the local," she said. "If I'm experiencing discrimination or hate or bias, gun violence, a mental health epidemic, or my kids being bullied, I want a government that is going to be responsive and do something about it," Campbell said

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Andrea Campbell

'Gritty' trio from Dot powers Archbishop Williams skaters

By Seth Daniel **News Editor**

Dorchester hockey standout Finn Kelly might have had a "leapfrog" season last year for the Archbishop Williams High School (AWHS) boys' team, but this year it has been a quantum leap as the junior forward has already logged more than 40 points heading into the state tournament – and he's done it with two close friends from the neighborhood.

Kelly scored the game-winning goal in double overtime last Wednesday as Williams defeated Reading in the season-ending Buddy Ferreira Hockey Classic on Cape Cod. The Neponset native collected MVP honors – with 27goals and 17 assists for 44 points on the season, a tally that included a five-goal effort in a game against Falmouth on

While the spotlight has been on Kelly this season, he forms one piece of a Dot-based triple threat for highly ranked AWHS (16-4-1), with center Pat Hampton and Casey Kelley, who, Finn Kelly said, he has skated with since 'around the age of seven."

The Dot skaters will join their

teammates on the ice this week as the Division 1 State Tournament opens with the fifth-seeded AWHS slated to

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Dorchester's Finn Kelly has set the pace for the AWHS Bishops boys hockey team this year. Photo courtesy of AWHS Sports Department

Experts count up Steward meltdown impacts in Boston

Hospital execs 'no-shows' at city council hearing

By Chris Lovett REPORTER CORRESPONDENT

Little more than thirteen years ago, Dr. Ralph de la Torre was a rising star.

In 2010, the cardiac surgeon turned executive was hosting President Barack Obama at his Newton home for a Democratic Party fundraiser, shortly after de la Torre had received state approval for his new venture, the for-profit Steward Health Care System. Only four months later, de la Torre was at a national conference, pitching a big idea to potential investors:

With more pressures to control costs and more access for patients under the Affordable Care Act, Steward's private equity takeover of six financially troubled Catholic hospitals in the Boston area could be repositioned as a national model.

Lynch: 'Happy' to partner with Healey on Steward dealings (P. 12)

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By Cassidy McNeeley REPORTER CORRESPONDENT

At 4 p.m. on Wednesday, four Dorchester residents with the Boston Latin Girls Varsity Ice Hockey team, were set to take the ice and launch their Division I MIAA playoff journey against Andover at the Breakaway Ice Center in Tewksbury.

The BLS Wolfpack had gone 16-4-2 this season and is ranked 18th in their division. Andover is ranked a few spots higher in 15th place.

"We haven't played against Andover, but I know it's going to be an evenly matched game," said Dorchester native and BLS assistant coach Brenna Galvin. "We can play with any team and I know the rest of the

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Niamh Foley, McKenna Savicke, Kelly McKenna, and Riley Porter are ready to skate for BLS Wolfpack. Cassidy McNeeley photo

Police, Courts & Fire

Cameron St. gang associate pleads guilty to conspiracy

The US Attorney's office says another associate of a violent street gang based on Cameron Street in Dorchester pleaded guilty this week to conspiracy charges. Brendon Amado, 27, of Randolph is the latest person prosecuted in the crackdown by an inter-agency task force targeting organized crime in the state.

Amado has admitted he participated in an armed home invasion robbery that targeted "victims at the home of a rival drug dealer in Canton," according to prosecutors. He will be sentenced during a hearing set for May 29.

Two other men have already pled guilty to their role in the same incident and are also awaiting sentencing from a federal judge. They all face up to 20 years in prison.

A Mattapan man faces a variety of charges for the gun loaded with eight bullets that Boston Police say he had with him when officers pulled over the driver of the car he was in for speeding near Uphams Corner last Wednesday afternoon (Feb. 21). Travin Parara, 20, was arrested on charges of illegal possession of a firearm and illegal possession of ammunition, police say. Dorchester Municipal Court records show he was also charged with illegal possession of a loaded firearm, as well as illegal possession of a firearm, second offense, which could mean a longer sentence for the other charges if he is convicted. Judge Erika Reis ordered him held in lieu of \$20,000 bail, court records show.



Granite Ave. drawbridge one-lane only this weekend

State officials say the Granite Avenue drawbridge will be "partially closed" this weekend, beginning on Friday (March 1) at 9 p.m. until Monday at 5 a.m. for a repair project. One lane will remain open in each direction as workers "remove and replace one side of the open grid deck," according to a statement

 $\hbox{``No detours are planned to be implemented for this}\\$ event, but drivers are encouraged to plan alternate routes," the agency said.

Nail Bay Supply owner proposes three-story office, retail building

Abutting **Dot Block**

By SETH DANIEL **News Editor**

The owner of a one-story $retail\,building\,that\,houses$ a nail supply business at 1159 Dorchester Ave. hopes to replace it with a three-story retail and office building next to the Dot Block development.

Attorney Derric Small told a small crowd that gathered for an abutter's meeting on Feb. 21 that owner Kendall Tran, of Canton, intends to demolish a two-family home on Greenmount Street and the existing Nail Bay building on Dot Ave. to construct the office building.



A new three-story office and retail building is being proposed at 1159 Dorchester Ave. by owner Kendall Tran. The vantage point shows what the office building would look like next to the existing Dot Block buildings. Rendering courtesy Kendall Tran

"The top two floors will be office space and the first floor would be retail," said Small. "The ground level will be Nail Bay Supply, that will remain as my client owns the property and will retain the store and have offices upstairs for rent."

The proposal will feature a 12-car parking lot under the building with an entrance on Greenmount Street. The lot will be on the site of the existing two-family home, which is owned by a relative of Tran.

In a corridor that has

been all about developing housing units of late, the proposal has no housing, but plenty of office and retail space. Some abutters wondered if there was a need for more offices, given some of the vacancies now along the avenue.

"We are definitely going to rent it out," said a confident Small. He noted that there are no tenants for the office space currently.

He said they expect to be in the permitting phase for the remainder of this year, and possibly start construction in spring 2025. They hope to be in front of the Columbia Savin Hill Civic Association (CSHCA) next month.

Dot native Charles Ferris dies at 90; appointed by Carter to chair the FCC

Charles D. Ferris, a lawyer who led the FCC during the Carter administration after helping to enact landmark civil rights legislation as counsel to US Senate Majority Leader Mike Mansfield, died on Feb. 16 at his home in Chevy Chase, Md. He was 90.

A Dorchester native and a Triple Eagle, Mr. Ferris attended local parochial school, Boston College High School, and Boston College, where he studied physics. He joined the US Navy in the mid-1950s and served in the Pacific. then came back to Boston to earn a law degree at Boston College Law

He joined the US Justice Department in 1961, and found his stride in 1963 as staff director and general counsel of the Senate Democratic Policy Committee, which was led by Mansfield, and kept at it until serving briefly as general $counsel \, to \, Speaker \, of \, the \,$ House Tip O'Neill.

In September 1977, President Jimmy Carter nominated Mr. Ferris to chair the FCC, where he gained notice for moving the panel to make economic issues the focus of its attention.

He left government

work to practice law with the Mintz, Levin, Cohn, Ferris, Glovsky, and Popeo firm from 1981 to 2013, when he retired.

Mr. Ferris was married to Patricia Ferris née Brennan, with whom he



Charles D. Ferris had daughters Caroline and Sabrina.

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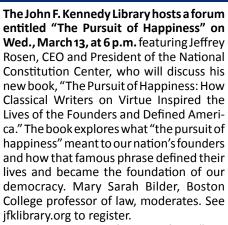
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March 8, 6:30 to 11 p.m. at Florian Hall, 55 Hallet St., Dorchester. Drawing tickets are \$100 each and you do not need to be present to win. To purchase tickets, see

The Dorchester Historical Society plans two public programs in March. The first, on Sat., March 9 at 3 p.m. via Zoom, is "On the Trail of Women's History: From Uphams Corner to Savin Hill," featuring an illustrated talk by Anita Danker, Ed.D., who will highlight the work of trailblazing women who played a role in Dorchester history. Register for the program at dorchesterhistorical society.org. On Sat., March 16, from 1 to 3 p.m., the DHS joins with the Jamaica Plain Historical Society and the Grove Hall Branch of the BPL to present "Getting It Together in Franklin Park: The Past and Future of a Boston Landmark." The event is presented in person at the Grove Hall BPL branch, 41 Geneva Ave., Dorchester and also via Zoom. Register at jphs.org/events.



View a screening of a new film, "The Inundation District," during an in-person forum at the Kennedy Library that will convene at 6 p.m. on Thurs., March 21. The film explores the implications of Boston's decision to build the Seaport District along its coast at sea level, followed by a panel discussion about the threats of climate change with **Joe Christo**, managing director



of the Stone Living Lab, and Sanjay Seth, chief of staff and senior advisor for Climate and Equity in EPA Region 1, moderated by filmmaker and Boston Globe reporter David Abel. The post-film conversation will be available for both in-person and virtual attendees and will begin streaming at approximately 7:20 p.m. Seejfklibrary.org. First Parish Dorchester will host a Community Dance on Sat., March 23, from 6 to 9 p.m. Includes square dances, international dances, couples, individual and line and circle dances. This event is for all ages from children to seniors. A caller leads dancers through the steps to make it fun for novices and experienced dancers. Refreshments provided. Suggested donation for adults \$10, children free. For more information call 617-981-5201.

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BPDA will a virtual public meeting on the proposed "Article 80 Modernization" project, which city officials say will "improve the way the city reviews new development projects." The meeting will be held on Thurs., Feb. 29, from 6 to 8 p.m. The Zoom link is available on the website bosonplans. org or go to bit.ly/Article80-Modernization. The Edward M. Kennedy Institute for the United States Senate will host a "Policy Over Politics" forum conversation with US Sen. Joe Manchin (D-WV) on Friday, March 1, 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. The Institute says Senator Manchin "will discuss his time in the Senate, his commitment to finding common ground in an era of polarization, and the importance of championing the bipartisan spirit in today's Senate Chamber." This event will be streamed live on the Kennedy Institute YouTube page. See emkinstitute.org to register for in-person

A \$10,000 raffle drawing event to benefit Saint Brendan church will be held on Fri.,

Emerald Necklace group, 16 citizens file suit to halt White Stadium plans

By SETH DANIEL NEWS EDITOR

The Emerald Necklace Conservancy (ENC) and 15 citizen plaintiffs from Boston and Brookline filed a lawsuit last Tuesday (Feb. 20) in Suffolk Superior Civil Court to stop a proposal to renovate White Stadium in Franklin Park, a plan they contend is the "unconstitutional privatization of public land."

Officials from ENC and several of the plaintiffs held an online press conference the next day to discuss the suit.

ENC President Karen Mauney-Brodek, of the South End, said they want the Wu administration to slow down and reconsider the deal that would transfer the stadium to a for-profit investment group, Boston Unity Soccer Partners. The company seeks to renovate half of the stadium while the city renovates the other half for use by a women's professional soccer team and for what the city contends is an expansion of three times the stadium's number of usable hours.

On legal grounds, Mauney-Brodek said, they are challenging the determination that the Public Lands Protection Act (Article 97) is not applicable in this case, and

asserting that the deal itself is a violation of the provisions of the George Robert White Trust, which owns the stadium.

"Our lawsuit alleges that the proposed redevelopment of White Stadium by Boston Unity Soccer Partners, a for-profit investment group, would not only violate the White Fund Trust and (Article 97) by transferring public land for private use and excluding members of the public from using the stadium, but it also would fundamentally alter the nature and feel of a significant portion of Franklin Park, and perhaps the whole park, in effect, during the majority of fair-weather weekends each year," she said.

Noting that ENC supports a renovation of the stadium, she added, "Rather than turning over the stadium to a private group of investors, we would like to focus on improving the stadium and the rest of Franklin Park with the funds the city has identified in true private philanthropy without strings attached."

Mayor Wu fired back at the lawsuit in comments made to the media while visiting the Boston Children's Festival on Boston Common last Wednesday.

"To say this would be privatizing White Stadium is either a misunderstanding or a misrepresentation," she said. "This would dramatically allow us to expand the number of usable hours for our student athletes and for the community - more than tripling the usage. The professional team would use 10 percent of those hours. I'm really excited what this represents for our city and our kids, and I'm determined to fight for every opportunity for them."

Wu said the city's opinion is that Article 97 claims are without merit and don't apply to White Stadium-because it already exists.

"It's true that if this were any other park, we couldn't just build a stadium out of nowhere without a special process for that, but this is an existing stadium that's been used by and dedicated to BPS student athletes and it will continue to be used that way; these are legal claims without merit," she added.

While the hours for track and field and soccer would be increased greatly, city officials have already indicated that football games for Boston Latin School and Boston Latin Academy around 10 to 12 games per year - would have to be moved out of White Stadium, the historic home to Boston Public School (BPS) football. It is believed that the grass turf would not be able to withstand a football game only one day prior to a pro soccer games on Saturdays.

One alternative being suggested is to move the football teams to Clemente Field in the Fenway for season play. They would be able to return to White Stadium for Thanksgiving rivalry games after the pro soccer season ends. The pro team would use the stadium for approximately 20 games and 20 practices.

Ben Taylor, chair of the ENC Board and a Brookline resident, said the Conservancy joined with the citizens "reluctantly" because they're not prone to filing lawsuits and have never sued anyone in their 25-year history.

"We want to continue to work with the community who for decades have suffered from environmental justice issues, and we want to work with the City of Boston as well to find a way to restore White Stadium and continue to restore Franklin Park without privatizing it," he said.

Residents who signed

onto the lawsuit said they feel like they are being kicked out of their park, not being listened to, and displaced for monied interests.

"It saddens me that our city has now decided to cut up our park to the highest bidder without public input or [without asking the communities surrounding the park how they feel and what they want to see," said Renee Welch, who grew up on Montebello Road in Jamaica Plain and now lives in Egleston Square. 'I'm very passionate about this because this is where my whole family grew up. We played soccer in this park. We played cricket in this park. This was our park. This is our park. This is the same park we would clean up on the weekends when the city forgot about this park."

She said she feels that City Hall had no credibility in saying students and community would not be eventually moved out. She pointed to the Reggie Lewis Center, Carter Playground in the South End, and the proposed move of the John D. O'Bryant High School from Roxbury to West Roxbury as examples.

"To me, what the mayor is trying to say is broken; it doesn't seem true," she said. "If we look at programs for our Black and Brown children, we are not winning, and this White Stadium plan will be another huge fail for our Black and Brown children."

Derrick Evans, a 40year resident of Roxbury, said he considers it just another chapter in the story of "Urban Renewal 2.0," where existing residents are being pushed out.

"The record is already there that City Hall has zero credibility... that children will not be displaced," he said. "It happened at the Cass, it happened at Carter Playground, it happened in Malcom X Park, and

in a grander scale... it's bound to happen at White Stadium. This is a pandemic situation of the displacement of children, cultural assets, ecological assets in Roxbury and southwest Boston after being left alone for decades and left to fend for themselves and having done so successfully. Now we and the kids are being shifted over here and over here."

Carla-Lisa Caligua, of Jamaica Plain, noted she comes from a soccer family and has a son who plays soccer at TechBoston Academy. She said she's excited for women's soccer in Boston, but not at White Stadium. She and Jamaica Plain's Melissa Hamel said it didn't feel

like anyone was listening to their concerns.

"It feels like we have no power...It is infuriating that they could use our tax dollars and it almost feels like a done deal. This was handed to us as this great opportunity, but we had no say in it," said Caligua.

Concluded Welch: "You want to put a pretty bow on it, but there's nothing pretty about it."

Besides the ENC, which is based in Jamaica Plain, the plaintiffs include Jon Ball of Jamaica Plain; Bob Barney of the South End; Caligua of Jamaica Plain; Eleanor Chu of the South End; Jeff Cook of Brookline; Louis Elisa of Dorchester; Derrick Evans of Roxbury; Mar-

jorie Greville of Beacon Hill; Hamel of Jamaica Plain; Arleen Mattison of Brookline; Mauney-Brodek of the South End; Jean McGuire of Roxbury; Beverly Merz of the South End; Taylor of Brookline; Welch of Egleston Square; and Pamela Jones of Mattapan.

Those named in the lawsuit include the City of Boston, the Trustees of the George Robert White Fund, Mayor Michelle Wu, Council President Ruthzee Louijeune, City Auditor Maureen Joyce, Boston Chamber of Commerce CEO James Rooney, Boston Bar Association President Hannah Kilson, and Boston Unity Soccer Partners,





The Dorchester Historical Society & the Boston Women's Heritage Trail present

On the Trail of Women's History: From Upham's Corner to Savin Hill

by Anita Danker, Ed.D.

Saturday, March 9, 2024, 3pm via Zoom*

From the Colonial era to the present, women have played a key role in Dorchester's history, as authors and artists, doctors and lawyers, entrepreneurs, philanthropists, activists, and more. This illustrated talk will highlight the work of these trailblazing women, who made a difference in their own times and beyond.

*Register for the event at dorchesterhistoricalsociety.org

Campbell eyes local focus, being 'go-to source for residents' issues

(Continued from page 1) over iced coffee inside Flat Black coffee shop on Washington Street.

"I'm very proud of the plan," she continued. "It articulates... not just our litigation tools, but our grant-making tool, our policy and government tool, our community engagement training tool, which most folks are unaware of. And then it talks about the values that we're going to lead with, including equity and dignity, and in doing the work with a sense of empathy and compassion."

Campbell told the *Reporter* that she's eager to get her neighbors to see the AG's office as a "go-to" source for complaints on a broad range of issues— from predatory utility providers and nefarious lending schemes to illicit drug trafficking and violence on city streets.

"I want the folks in Dorchester, Mattapan, Boston, and in Greater Boston, who read [The Reporter] to know that the AG's office is here to help in almost anything they can think about," she said. "Especially in the housing context. If they're being discriminated against, if they are being targeted, even with robocalls or other things that will try to take money out of their pockets and harm them, call our office... We are putting money back into the pockets of residents who have been targeted or scammed. And we can't be helpful if folks don't reach out."

Since her inauguration in January 2023, Campbell and her team have been engaged in an evaluation of the office—which she refers to as "the best public law firm... in the country"—with an eye toward how to deploy her legal team and investigators statewide. She has taken stock of the capacity and talents at four office locations in Boston, Springfield, New Bedford, and Worcester and leaned on guidance from



Campbell surveys the scene in Lower Mills village on Monday. Seth Daniel photo

her transition team, as well as from her own experiences on the campaign trail.

A few of the priority decisions are apparent in her deployment of special units within the office, including teams focused on gun violence prevention, reproductive rights, and maternal health that reflect that reality of the national shift triggered by Supreme Court decisions. Campbell says that even as she deploys her personnel to focus on street-level problems, she's ever-mindful of the role that the Commonwealth should play in that national dialogue.

"We also have this obligation to lead nationally," she said. "We have some of the most progressive laws, including our gun laws, reproductive justice laws, our consumer protection laws. So, we have an obligation to take this work nationally and to provide examples of how you can hold bad actors accountable. And we do that every day working with other AGs across the country, both Republican and Democrats, and to model what that looks like."

One example she cites is a complaint that her office filed against NSC 131, a neo-Nazi group active in both New Hampshire and Massachusetts.

"We had the Republican AG from New Hampshire file a similar complaint after we did, because of the activity there, where they are targeting folks and patrolling neighborhoods to promote fear and hate, but to also interfere with our residents' civil rights. This was just a great example of how we can do that work locally, but also nationally, provide a model of how you can take on hate and not just say it's unacceptable, but in real time to use our litigation tools and other tools to go about trying to hold folks accountable."

Enforcement on fair housing laws and other housing-related matters is a top priority for Campbell, who says she sees it as a necessity "from a public safety and public health standpoint."

"It's an effective tool to help families build wealth and to carry that wealth forward. It's an effective tool to close the racial wealth gap... not only for an individual and a family to build wealth, but also for a community to become more stable going forward.

"We are using our tools to take on discrimination," she said. "And that may mean folks that are not giving mortgages or loans to people of color or folks that are discriminating against renters because they have a governmental subsidy. We have a direct role to play in that, and we're going to maximize those tools."

Another priority Campbell wants constituents to know about is her office's "elder justice unit," which hopes to curb an uptick in scams targeting older people, whether they are vulnerable homeowners or living in nursing homes or assisted living facilities.

"This unit really will do the work in a more intersectional way and be a point of contact for an elder, or elder organizations, that may find it difficult to navigate government in trying to help this constituency," she said.

Campbell – along with Mayor Wu

 has been outspoken with specific warnings about predatory sales teams that go door-to-door in city neighborhoods seeking to trick homeowners and tenants into buying goods and services they don't need— or at higher costs. That includes the electric utility market.

She has instructed her staff to "fight aggressively to make sure that companies or people that target our constituents and try to steal their money or steal their home or sell them a product like competitive electric supply, where they actually are getting losses and not realizing savings."

About the third-party electricity vendors, she added: "This particular industry that is targeting residents largely in Mattapan and Dorchester and poorer communities in Boston, are targeting them to sell them a product that they know is not going bring them about any savings, where people are experiencing losses in the millions. And so, we're using our constituent tools to try to get money back into the pockets of those residents."

Her first-hand experience living in Mattapan and her years of service representing Dorchester and Mattapan on the council continue to be guiding forces for her policy direction across the state.

"My city council experience has been very useful and meaningful in addition to my legal experience, because it allows me to lead the team in such a way where we're constantly reminding them and ourselves that we want to do this work from a bottom-up approach," said Campbell. "That we want to engage community, we want them to inform what we do. We want to make sure that we're delivering results that are responsive to their needs. That comes from the basic constituent service work I did as a district councillor.

"Also, this focus on equity and focusing on folks that feel left out and left behind? That is indicative of what residents in Dorchester and Mattapan, and even parts of Roslindale and Jamaica Plain that I represented on the council [indicated]. They felt left out and left behind in many conversations. And we want to ensure that folks are not only at the table, but that they're seen and heard, but that we're delivering substantive results for them."

The Attorney General says residents who think they may have been a victim of discrimination or another crime or scam should contact her office at 617-727-8400 or go to Mass.gov/ago.

Campbell sues Milton on housing

The consequences for Milton voters rejecting a zoning reform plan did not end with losing state grant funding: the town now faces a legal complaint from Attorney General Andrea Campbell.

Campbell on Tuesday filed a lawsuit against Milton and its building commissioner, Joe Atchue, alleging violations of the MBTA Communities Act, which requires dozens of cities and towns near the T to allow multifamily housing by right in certain areas.

Campbell asked a judge to order Milton to clear the way for more housing development, arguing that the law does not allow for communities to opt out of new zoning requirements. Zoning rules over the years have typically been set at the local level.

"The housing affordability crisis affects all of us: families who face impossible choices between food on the table or a roof over their heads, young people, who want to live here but are driven away by the cost, and a growing workforce we cannot house," Campbell said in a statement alongside the complaint. "The MBTA Communities Law was enacted to address our region-wide need for housing, and compliance with it is mandatory."

Milton Town Meeting approved a zoning reform plan that would have

complied with the law, which state lawmakers wove into an economic development package at the last minute in the 2019-2020 session. But opponents of the changes worried about excess development pursued a referendum, and a majority of Milton voters chose to spike the zoning plan.

Campbell and Gov. Healey have been warning for months against failing to comply with the MBTA Communities Act. The AG's office in its complaint noted that Campbell issued an advisory nearly one year ago "stating unqualifiedly" that MBTA communities must comply with the law, which "does not provide any mechanism by which a town or city may opt out of this requirement."

In a statement released by Campbell's office, Healey said she is "grateful" to the AG for "taking this important step to enforce compliance with the MBTA Communities Law."

In remarks to business leaders on Tuesday, Healey said, "I know the conversation in recent days has focused on Milton. We're going to continue to work with Milton. The MBTA Communities Act is law, and everyone needs to follow it."

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City moves ahead with center-running bus lanes for Blue Hill Ave.

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streamlined, efficient commutes for everyone trying to get around on this corridor, and safer for all road users in a multi-modal way."

For her part, Pressley said she was happy to see the money used for those who need it most—transit and bus riders.

"The Blue Hill Avenue corridor is finally receiving the attention and funding to match the burden that it has carried as a critical transportation lifeline for communities in Boston...I'm proud to have helped deliver the federal funding requested, \$15 million," she said, echoing that the status quo "is not acceptable and it must change.

"I want to underscore this is not an announcement of a final design," she continued. "The city is committing to a block-by-block engagement strategy to examine the small details that make a huge difference." She acknowledged that there is a lot of work to do in upcoming meetings in "building and strengthening trust with community in the final design of this transformation."

Added Chief of Streets Jascha Franklin-Hodge, "There is nowhere else in the MBTA system where a transformational street investment can make such a difference in the lives of so many people. This isn't just about the stats; it's about time lost and the impact that has on peoples' lives... The key decision we are announcing today is the inclusion of center running bus lanes along the length of this corridor."

He noted that center bus lanes not only reduce ride times, but also provide a more "comfortable and dignified experience" for those waiting on the bus.

 $The \, Wu\, administration$ has been conducting meetings and soliciting input on this project for several years through online meetings, social gatherings at local venues, sidewalk pop-up information sessions, and traditional in-person sessions. The upgrade and investment to Blue Hill Avenue is largely seen as positive, but putting a center-running bus lane and bike lanes along the corridor has drawn mixed reactions and some opposition from other elected officials and residents.

A city-commissioned report summarizing the community process that was published last September cited a lack of trust in city government and fears about displacement of current residents as among the project's

chief hurdles.

But Wu and other supporters of the plan point to the 37,000 bus riders who travel up and down Blue Hill Avenue every day, which makes it more active than any branch of the Green Line and one of the busiest transit corridors in the state.

Throughout the process, the city has estimated that more than 50 percent of the travelers on Blue Hill Avenue are riding buses. The city also noted that it can take up to one hour to get from Grove Hall to Mattapan Square by bus right now, and the center running bus lane could whittle that down to 25 minutes.

They also point to what they termed the dangerous nature of the corridor for drivers, where on average, they said, there is a crash requiring a response from Boston EMS ambulances every three days - a rate in the top three percent of Boston's streets. The new multimodal design, they said, would simultaneously address these safety concerns, make traffic flow smoother, and increase demand for the use of the buses.

On the call, state Rep. Russell Holmes said that for 15 years there have been studies that all pointed to a busway, and now is the time to move

forward with it.

"We now have to be focused on the transit-dependent riders along the Avenue," he said. "Buses get no respect, and you can see that for the 37,000 riders along Blue Hill Avenue every day. You see it when folks double park and riders have to enter the bus on the street...It is about thinking of the transit and bus rider on an equal playing field...It shouldn't be that the road $is \, designed \, principally \, for \,$ people to travel [by car] through our neighborhoods."

In other responses to the announcement, Amanda Lawson, a Boston Latin Academy student, noted that the bus is the only way for high school students to get to school. "As a student who relies on the bus to get to school, I experience delays, and crowded and unreliable buses on Blue Hill Avenue every day. I'm excited to see what is possible through this redesign so that all of us can have a safer, easier ride to school," she said.

District 5 Councillor

District 5 Councillor Enrique Pepen said the investment is for those who want to cross the street safely or get to Nubian Station from Mattapan "in a timely manner."

And City Council President Ruthzee Louijeune

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A rendering from a Blue Hill Avenue Action Plan team presentation in 2022 depicts how center-lane buses might be positioned. City of Boston image

alluded to the displacement concerns surrounding the project. "There's a fear, especially in Black and Brown communities, that this infrastructure change is not for us but meant to displace us," she said. "That's why it's incredibly important that as we work toward a better Blue Hill Avenue...we also let people know that we're working on deep investments in housing."

Elected officials whose districts touch Blue Hill Avenue but who were not at the online press conference or didn't provide comments of support, were District 4 Councillor Brian Worrell, District

7 Councillor Tania Fernandes Anderson, state Reps. Brandy Fluker Oakley and Chris Worrell, state Sens. Nick Collins and Liz Miranda, and At-large Councillors Julia Mejia, Erin Murphy, and Henry Santana.

Mattapan's Vivian Ortiz, known as the "Bike Mayor" of Boston, said it was time that her community got amenities other communities already have.

"I look forward to the day when we celebrate the fact that Blue Hill Avenue is now redesigned and friendly for everyone to use," she said.

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New apartment community on Morrissey welcomes first tenants

By Cassidy McNeeley Reporter Correspondent

A six-story apartment building that has been under construction for two years on a high-profile stretch of Morrissey Boulevard next to the expressway is welcoming its first tenants this week.

Imprint Boston Apartments, built on the former site of Phillips Old Colony House at 780 Morrissey Blvd. includes 219-units of rentals, many with sweeping views of Dorchester Bay. Imprint offers several floor plans including studios, one-bedroom, and two-bedroom apartments with starting prices listed between \$2,700 and \$4,500.

The Michaels Organization, a New Jersey-based company that manages the 179,435 square-foot property, describes it as a multi-family community with amenities across each floor, including a fitness center, a sky view terrace, outdoor courtyards, co-working spaces, and several lounges. Each unit has a fully furnished kitchen, spacious bathrooms, ample closet space, and a washer and dryer. The complex also has 29 affordable units that will be filled by tenants selected from over 38,000 applicants.

"The goal is not to be stuck in your apartment 23 or 24 hours a day," said Barrington Gibbs, one of the property managers. "We want you to get outside and meet your neighbors. We want people to enjoy the space and we want our residents to enjoy each other and make that lasting."

Residents can find common areas to grill dinner, compete in bocci or cornhole, play poker





Clockwise from top: The Imprint Boston Apartments at 780 Morrissey Blvd. as seen from above; a lower-floor patio includes seating and views of Dorchester Bay, the gas tank, and the I-93 traffic; Michaels Organization staff members Tori Goodman, Barrington Gibbs, and Valena Lugay; and a view inside an upper-level living room.

Photos courtesy Michaels Organization and Cassidy McNeeley for The Reporter

with friends, or get work done, he said.

"In addition to the space you're getting, you're getting a strong team behind you," Gibbs explained. "We'll make sure that it will be an en-

joyable experience from beginning to end. That's something I pride myself on. Making sure my team is strong, and friendly, that they're timely, that everyone's needs are met, and that we're offering





above and beyond service for everybody that comes through the doors."

Gibbs and his team expect most units to be filled by young, working professionals. The complex has a shuttle service that includes UMass Boston on its route, and this week they will showcase the site to the school's students.

The complex also houses a 136-car parking garage, that has storage for up to 400 bikes.

"The bikes are something the city was really pushing. They are trying to cut cars and be more eco-friendly," Gibbs said.

Since the apartment building is located on prime property that once was home to The Old Colony House and Freeport Tavern, Imprint believes residents will explore outside of the complex into the larger Dorchester community.

"We're hoping it adds a little addition of life to the neighborhood," Gibbs said. "More people coming in brings more business and that's our goal. We just want a positive impact."

Imprint is the first of two large residential buildings that have been approved for the Neponset end of Morrissey Boulevard. The board of the Boston Planning and Development Agency (BPDA) approved a second project in Dec. 2022 that will see the demolition of the Ramada Inn next door to Imprint at 800 Morrissey Blvd. and the construction of 229 residential units on that site. That project, which carries a development cost of \$115 million, is expected to create 206 jobs, according to the

Spray deck redesign will give Neponset park site a refresh

BY TAYLOR BROKESH REPORTER CORRESPONDENT

Officials from the state's Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) presented a

handful of potential new designs for the Neponset Spray Deck located inside a popular riverside park during a public meeting held on Monday night

tential new (Feb. 26) at Florian Hall.
The spray deck now

on site has "fallen below DCR standards" according to engineer Raul Silva, who presented four potential redesigns to a small group of neighbors. The main issues are that it is too small for the current demand, that much of the equipment is aging or failing, and that the current rubber surface on the ground is aging, which could be a tripping hazard.

Overall, the design that seemed to get the most approval – and is also DCR's preferred alternative – would keep the overall footprint of the area the same, but increase the amount of rubber surface area so that it can connect to nearby pathways.

A second option that Silva laid out would keep the spray deck layout exactly the same, but update it with new rubber, new piping and new spray features. However, residents were more in-



The existing spray deck at DCR's Neponset II Park along Hill Top Street.

DCR image

terested in making the spray deck larger than its current size.

Option 3, one of the two larger designs, would double the spray deck's size from 3,000 square feet to 6,000 square feet for option 3. The fourth choice would expand the site to 7,300 square feet and add additional benches and shade structures to both.

But residents in attendance were not in favor of either, arguing that surrounding trees would be lost and more shade structures could invite more people to commandeer the sites for birthday parties or other private events.

Some residents brought up the idea of moving the spray deck over to Pope John Paul II Park, closer to a playground and nearby soccer fields. Silva said that while that idea has merit, DCR's priority is updating the current site due to the problems it poses to the public now.

Another issue that residents discussed included determining the location of new fencing that would strike a balance between

protecting kids from the parking lot and the adjacent bike path and deterring dog owners from unleashing their pets onto the spray deck.

The next steps for the project, Silva said, are to gather public comments before going to the Boston Conservation Commission with a final design to obtain the permit to begin construction. Hopefully, he said, the project will be signed off on in June or July, and by the fall they could begin construction. During this upcoming summer, the spray deck will be open to the public in the same condition it is currently in.

Public comments on the project are open until March 11. You can leave a comment at mass.gov/ dcr/public comment. You can also view the potential designs at mass.gov/ dcr/past-public-meetings under Neponset Spray Deck Design Options Public Meeting 2/26/2024.

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Reporter's People in and around our Neighborhoods

Dot's 'Renovation Husbands' win big in HGTV 'Battle' show

Dorchester's own "Renovation Husbands" – David and Stephen St. Russell – were the big winners in HGTV's "Battle on the Mountain" on Monday. The final episode of the six-week home improvement series ended in triumph for the couple, who impressed judges and a national audience with their doit-yourself design chops, beating out two rival couples and their celebrity advisors.

The St. Russells scored the finale's \$50,000 grand prize, on top of an additional \$6,000 in prize money that they accumulated by winning competitions on earlier episodes.

The reality series, which was filmed last summer in the ski resort town of Breckenridge, Colorado, tracked three teams as they upgraded similar mountainside homes using a \$100,000 budget. The husbands won for best kitchen, main bedroom suite— and for adding to the overall value to their property.

It's the latest acclaim for David, 35, and Stephen, 33, who've built a huge following on social media for their DIY projects at their 1893 Victorian home in Dorchester.

They are pictured above with Rico León, left, who stars in the HGTV network series "Rico to the Rescue."



Photo courtesy HGTV

Boston EMTs help to deliver a special Valentine's Day gift

By Seth Daniel News Editor

For one Dorchester family, their Valentine was an express delivery-a healthy baby boy born in the family's living room by Boston Emergency Medical Services (EMS) EMTs Mark St. Fort and his work partner, Brandie Kilian. They responded to the family's home just after 11:30 p.m. on Feb. 14, Valentine's Day, for what appeared to be a routine labor pain call. While upon first consultation the mother didn't seem to be ready to give birth, suddenly the tables turned.

"We laid her down and got everything we needed and lo and behold her little baby couldn't even wait to leave the house," said St. Fort in an interview with the *Reporter*. "We delivered the baby right in the living room of their home." The time was 11:59 p.m.

"This one, that baby was ready," he continued. "Mom was great and did an amazing job. The joy they all had after it happened – that's what we come to work for every day...There are a lot of sad and tough things out there and when you get the joy of bringing a life into the world, it reminds you why you come to work."

The family, which prefers to remain anonymous, was gearing up for a trip to hospital when she felt the urge to push.

The home birth event lasted only 15 minutes, said St. Fort, who has been through this experience on several prior calls. He has helped patients give birth in a bathroom, and even surrounded by midwives during a water birth process.

In more than 15 years on the job, he has mostly been assigned to Mattapan and Dorchester, but it wasn't until he was 24 that he set out on a path to be an EMT. While working multiple jobs at Home Depot, selling above ground pools and other "hustles," he had a moment that changed things.

"I remember the moment because I was 24



Boston EMS EMT's Mark St. Fort and Brandie Kilian with the new mother and her baby boy at a home in Dorchester this past Valentine's Day, Feb. 14.

Photo courtesy Boston EMS

and I was sitting on the couch and had both of my older kids beside me, and I said to myself that I had to find something better," he said. "I wanted them to be proud of what I do and be proud to tell people what I do."

While at first he was looking to be a police officer, St. Fort said that a relative who was a Boston Police officer suggested he get his EMT certification first. Once certified through Massasoit Community College in Brockton, he worked for Fallon Ambulance before pursuing a job at Boston

EMS. At the time there were more than 300 applicants for 40 positions and the competition was stiff. However, he prevailed and gave up his dream of being a police officer.

With all that, he was in just the right position this past Valentine's Day to "catch" the special delivery. "I've definitely had quite a few births in many different situations, but this Valentine's Day was a memorable one," he noted. "I'm always ready for it because in the end it's all the same idea – I need them to push, and I'll catch."

IPC begins March events with tribute to a 'Special Corkonian'

The Irish Pastoral Centre in Dorchester will kick off its month of March events on Sun., March 3, with an Open House showcasing its recent expansion into additional ground floor space at its Adams Corner offices and meeting rooms, located at 540



Director Mary Swanton share a cruise in 2018.

Gallivan Blvd., rear unit off the parking lot.

"We are very excited to share about our upcoming Open House in collaboration with the Knights & Ladies of St. Finbarr - Cork Club to view our expansion at the IPC," said Executive Director Mary Swanton.

"This will also be a celebration of a very special Cork man, Fr. Dan Finn. It is our hope that you can join us for our Open House on Sunday, which is actually Fr. Dan's 80th birthday (surprise celebration!)

Please share news of this celebration honoring our Shepherd and great friend."

Richard Archer, president of The Knights and Ladies of St. Finbarr - Cork Club, said "The club is delighted to work with the Irish Pastoral Centre on this exciting day as we honor a Special Corkonian. Please join us at the IPC. We encourage all to wear your Cork colors of Red and White. Everyone is welcome." "Join us on March 3rd from 3 to 7 p.m at the IPC in Dorchester for food, friendship and music, Swanton said. "All are welcome to attend, no RSVP required. We look forward to your presence."

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May Yohe's Interesting Life

Some Dorchester residents live here all their lives; others come here and stay a long time; still others are here only a year or two, but their stories are still interesting. Some think that is the case with the riches to rags story of May Yohe.

May Yohe was born in Bethlehem, Pennsylvania, in 1866. By her 20s, she was a famous star of the stage and was considered a beauty. Her debut took place in Chicago in a role in "The Arabian Nights." The following year she appeared at the Fifth Avenue Theatre in New York City in "Natural Gas." Her romances became a topic of wide interest. She was said to have a relationship with Jack Mason, leading man of





Left, May Yohe as a young woman; right, living in Dorchester in 1934.

the Boston Museum Company. In 1893, she appeared in London in "The Magic Opal," and enjoyed the same popularity that she had in America. In 1894, she married Lord Francis Hope, heir to the Dukedom of Newcastle.

May said that she wore the Hope Diamond only twice and declared that it looked like a "bum sapphire." The diamond had a reputation for causing bad luck. Her husband went bankrupt, and May claimed that her stage earnings paid off mortgages on the family estate.

She became a close friend of Edward VII, Prince of Wales, who helped her with relations with her snooty in-laws. She didn't stick around long enough to become a duchess. May eloped in 1901 with Captain Bradlee Putnam Strong,

whom she married after the divorce from Lord Hope was finalized. Strong divorced him in 1910. Her third husband was Capt. John Smuts. She returned to the stage but did not meet with the hoped-for success.

May and John had little money, and May worked as a janitor for a short time. They tried ranching in California, tried farming and running a tea room in New Hampshire. They came to Boston, where May regained her American citizenship, which she had given up when she married Lord Hope, so that she could work as a clerk in the Works Progress Administration.

May and John Smuts lived at 11 Granville St. in Dorchester from 1931 to 1933 and later lived at 406 Gallivan Boulevard. May died in an apartment in the Back Bay in 1938.

"Whatever I do, I do with all my heart. I have learned in life's school that the only independent woman is the one who can rub a few hundred dollars of her own earnings and savings together in her purse; a dead-broke woman is a football that any clown can kick."

These posts can be viewed on the blog at dorchesterhistoricalsociety.org. The Society's William Clapp and James Blake Houses are open to the public on the third Sunday of the month from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Page 8 THE REPORTER February 29, 2024 dotnews.com

Milton: Our shared trolley line counts as rapid transit

The Mattapan trolley is once again in the center of a dispute, but this time it's less about the World War II-vintage rolling stock's past or future and more about the line's current-day presence in Milton, the town that shares about half of its 2.6 miles of track with Boston.

Neighbors in Milton are fairly well split on the subject, but a majority voted two weeks ago to reject a town-devised zoning plan that would bring Milton into compliance with state law that requires more multi-family housing to be built "by right" within a certain radius— in this instance one-half-mile— of "rapid transit stations." In Milton's case, the four stations in question are on the Mattapan Hi-Speed Trolley line: Milton (just over the river in Lower Mills), Central Avenue, Valley Road, and Capen Street. For decades, these stations have been broadly regarded by the riding public, the MBTA, and the lawmakers who fund it to be an extension of the Red Line. Some in Milton would prefer that such history be ignored, and a few would like to rid the town of the line altogether. This drawbridge mentality is both silly and sad.

The Feb. 14 vote – 54-46 – came despite repeated admonitions from Gov. Healey, Attorney General Andrea Campbell, and others that Milton – like dozens of other cities and towns – cannot simply "opt out" of the MBTA Communities Act. With its residents having rejected the town's own "Action Plan," Milton is currently without an alternative, leaving it in violation of state law. This week, Campbell filed a 32-page lawsuit against the town's administrators that could allow her to "secure the Town's compliance" through injunctive relief or the appointment of a "special master" to create a new set of by-laws governing construction in the town.

Opponents in Milton have already indicated that they intend to make an appeal based on an ill-advised opinion among some in the town that the Mattapan trolley should not be considered rapid transit, thereby exempting Milton from a more expansive new housing program.

But, as Campbell made very clear in her lawsuit on Tuesday, Milton town leaders already tried to make that case before state guidelines for the law's implementation were finalized. They challenged the MBTA and other state agencies to re-categorize Milton as something less than a "rapid transit" community and, according to the AG's brief, the Town's Planning Board "even discussed '[c'easing] trolley service through Milton as a means for avoiding the required zoning."

All of these arguments were heard, considered, and rejected. And for good reason. The Mattapan-Milton-Ashmont trolley line operates on a fixed track, on a designated right-of-way, and "uses a fixed catenary system," all of the requisite characteristics of "rapid transit" as defined by federal law. And, despite the wishful thinking of Milton opponents, that will only become more solidified in the coming years as the MBTA moves forward with its well-publicized plan to replace the existing PCC cars with Type 9 light rail vehicles that are more akin to the Green Line's vehicles

Milton had ample time to formulate its own pro-active plan to comply with a state law that seeks to level the playing field and share the burden of the state's housing crisis. Quite appropriately, the state gave the town's officers and their constituents plenty of authority to devise a plan that worked best for their own community while also complying with state law. Pretending that the trolley line doesn't exist does not count as an alternative. It's time for state leaders to follow through on their promised enforcement.

-Bill Forry

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Crisis at Steward Health highlights private equity's threat to healthcare

By Robert Seifert Special to the Reporter

The current crisis in Massachusetts health care, driven by Steward Health Care's financial meltdown, has its roots in the predatory practices of Wall Street investors that destroy institutions long after they have left the crime scene. State and federal lawmakers will need to react with concrete steps that remedy the ill effects of ownership by Wall Street private equity firms in health care.

To understand the Steward crisis, it is important to review the role of private equity in the hospital chain's history. Steward Health Care was created by the private equity firm Cerberus Capital Management in 2010 after it gained control of several Massachusetts hospitals in an acquisition largely financed by debt. Cerberus then pursued various strategies that drained cash from the company.

For example, Steward sold off much of its real estate, forcing the hospitals to pay \$400 million a year in rent on properties they once owned. Cerberus also paid itself dividends. Extractive transactions like these allowed Cerberus to exit the ownership of Steward with \$800 million in profit, while leaving Steward heavily indebted, a major factor in the current crisis and one that critics have seen coming for years.

Steward is a prime example of private equity's business model of extracting short-term profits from entities before selling them off. In the case of health care, this can leave critical service providers worse off financially, with more money going to Wall Street and less toward long-term viability, hospital staffing, and patient care. Cerberus looted hundreds of millions of dollars from Steward hospitals, and now communities in Massachusetts and beyond are at risk.

As the *Boston Globe* reported in January, Steward may need to shutter some of its Massachusetts hospital facilities, including Dorchester's Carney Hospital. Four out of the nine Steward hospitals, including the Carney, are safety net hospitals. Seventy percent of Steward's hospitals' patients have Medicare or Mass-

Health coverage, or have their care paid for by public programs. The Massachusetts public health system now faces a serious challenge, fueled by Wall Street greed, of ensuring that communities served by Steward hospitals are not deprived of essential health care.

State and federal policymakers have responded with outrage. The Massachusetts congressional delegation sent a letter to Steward executives demanding financial information from the firm. US Sen. Elizabeth Warren issued an additional statement last week, expressing concern over reports of patient neglect and profiteering. A Senate panel has launched a broader investigation into the role of private equity in hospitals. And Gov. Maura Healey has escalated her administration's response with a letter calling on Steward to transfer its Massachusetts hospitals to another operator as soon as possible.

All this comes amid mounting scrutiny of private equity's role in healthcare more broadly. A recent Biden administration initiative to lower healthcare and prescription drug costs called out private equity profiteering as a driver of higher costs and a threat to patient care throughout the sector.

Americans for Financial Reform published a two-part report in July of 2023 detailing private equity's footprint in healthcare and federal policy solutions to address private equity abuses in the sector. Those recommendations include curbing excessive overpayments in the Medicare Advantage program; stepping up enforcement of existing anti-fraud laws by seeking maximum penalties for violations; strengthening anti-trust enforcement; and shining a light on often-obscure private equity ownership of healthcare facilities.

We don't need more havoc in health care. We need action at the federal and state levels so that the plight of Steward – and Massachusetts – is not repeated so that already rich people on Wall Street can make more money.

Robert Seifert is senior fellow at Americans for Financial Reform, a non-partisan, nation-wide coalition that seeks to "fix our financial sector."

Preserving Olmsted's intent should be central to Franklin Park, stadium review

By Charles A. Birnbaum Special to the Reporter

Plans to expand the White Stadium complex in Boston's Frederick Law Olmsted, Sr.-designed Franklin Park are moving quickly. In fact, one might conclude from recent public engagement meetings that proposed changes to the park would not have considerable visible impacts on one of Olmsted's four great "Country Parks," the largest park in the world's first urban greenway, and a potential World Heritage Site: Olmsted's Emerald Necklace. However, some essential work has yet to be done.

Given Franklin Park's undeniable importance, an analysis of the stadium project's impacts should be informed by the Secretary of the Interior's Guidelines for Treatment of Cultural Landscapes, the federal level guidance that provides comprehensive tools for assessing sites like Franklin Park that are listed in the National Register of Historic Places. Critically, the most significant organizational characteristic of a historic designed landscape like Franklin Park is its inherent visual and spatial arrangement, like the rooms of a bouse.

An understanding of these relationships is foundational to evaluating all planning efforts, otherwise one is assessing proposed structures (e.g., new buildings) and other features (e.g. height of the new scoreboard) in a vacuum. It is essential when applying the standards to any new project in a significant historic designed landscape that the stewards should aim to avoid, minimize, and mitigate any negative impacts or "adverse effects" created by the new work, with priority given to avoidance.

For example, visual impacts to the park's immediate surrounds and longer viewsheds are created by the scoreboard, whether in use or not, expanded rooflines to the stadium, light fixtures, new buildings in "The Grove," etc. These elements are visible from multiple vantage points, including the Overlook and through the puddingstone arches, and disrupt the historic character, design intent, and feeling of being in a park – a cornerstone principle of providing nature in the city for those that don't have the ability or resources to travel.

Integral to this visual analysis, additional attention should be given to understanding the impact of night lighting into the greater park landscape, including the visibility of the night sky. Just as the visual impacts of proposed built features are studied, the extent of "light trespass" into the greater park landscape should be assessed. Olmsted intended to bring nature into the city and those adverse effects created with this new construction – during the day and night – would

diminish the visitor's experience for park users.

Speaking of park users, a complementary guidepost should be the recent award-winning Franklin Park Action Plan, which includes numerous design principles, observations, and recommendations that should be foundational to the stadium proposals. The Action Plan, as Mayor Michelle Wu says in her introductory letter in the document (p. 7), "is the result of a community-based effort coordinated by the Boston Parks and Recreation Department in partnership with the Franklin Park Coalition and a design team led by Reed Hilderbrand in collaboration with Agency Landscape + Planning and MASS Design Group."

Wu's letter includes important guidelines:

- The park must first and foremost adhere to its founding ideals as realized by Frederick Law Olmsted, which were to connect people with the landscape and to foster experiences of natural phenomena, open space, and outdoor recreation in the belief that doing so elevates daily life, promotes public health, and strengthens civic dialogue.
 The Action Plan does not aim to alter the park's purpose, character, or design. Instead, it offers suggestions for the renewed care and ongoing development. The Action Plan (pp.86-87) also includes important observations about Franklin Park concerning its rural character (an Olmsted imperative), as well as long views, and appropriateness of materials and built elements:
- Rural vistas within and beyond the park were essential to its purpose "an illusion of unlimited space" and "unbroken countryside";
- Olmsted took a strict attitude toward built elements in the park. All park architecture, walls, bridges, furnishings, and steps deferred to the power of picturesque scenery, and felt as if they had emerged from the landscape itself.

The stadium proposals for Franklin Park are on a fast track, which is problematic given the absence of the most foundational analysis for assessing this significant landscape. We strongly urge Mayor Wu, along with the Boston Parks and Recreation Commission, and other agencies with jurisdiction over this project, to require the critical visual and spatial analysis that would help inform current design proposals thus ensuring that any adverse effects to Olmsted's masterwork are avoided, minimized, and mitigated.

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Codman Square namesake had ancestral ties to slavery resistance in colonial Boston

By Erika Tauer SPECIAL TO THE REPORTER

Like most cities across the United States, Boston has been coming to terms with the roles its ancestor residents played in the enslavement and trafficking of Black African and Indigenous peoples in the Northeast and the greater Atlantic world.



Sites along the Freedom Trail have been incorporating stories about Black and Indigenous Bostonians, free and unfree, into their interpretive narratives. Often left untold against the overwhelming backdrop of this city's revolutionary history, the experiences of people of color within that history are finally being laid out at the Old

North Church, King's Chapel, Paul Revere House, and Faneuil Hall, among others.

One little-known episode in colonial Boston connected to that history is the story from 1755 of three enslaved Black Bostonians who were accused, tried, and punished - two with death sentences - for poisoning John Codman, the person who enslaved them. Their act of resistance has received renewed attention, thanks to research conducted in 2022-2023 by Dr. Jaimie Crumley, a research fellow hired by Old North Illuminated, the nonprofit that operates the historic church in the city's North End.

The story of Mark, Phillis, and Phebe has also sparked interest in the ancestral story of the Codman family, which led to the realization that the 1755 slaver John Codman was a great-grandfather of the esteemed Reverend John Codman, the first minister at Second Church in Dorchester, and the man for whom Codman Square in Dorchester is named.

Born in 1782, he preached at Second Church from 1808 until his death in 1847. His "fire and brimstone" services were frequented by John Adams and Daniel Webster. In 1848, Baker's Corner was renamed Codman Square to honor his memory and his contributions to Dorchester.

As the Codman family has left a notable archival footprint in Massachusetts, this article will focus on the story of Mark, Phillis, and Phebe, whose existence probably would never have been documented had it not been for their act of resistance against John Codman in 1755.

In 18th century Boston, enslaved Black Africans made up about 10 to 15 percent of the population in a town with a mercantile economy that relied on a variety of skilled and unskilled labor, from shipbuilders to blacksmiths to common household laborers and servants. Enslaved individuals were involved in every facet of life to the point where some were allowed to take up a skill or a craft to improve their value as laborers, or even to indenture themselves out to make money as individuals so their enslavers did not have to provide as much for them.

An 1883 account of the trial of Mark, Phillis, and Phebe noted that John Codman, a merchant and ship captain, had enslaved men and women working for him as mechanics, common laborers, and house servants. Mark could have been a mechanic or laborer, but we know that Phillis and Phebe were house servants, as that provided them with the opportunity to fatally lace Codman's food with poison procured from a North End apothecary by Mark. They had concocted the plan as a way to find "good masters."

Phillis stated that Mark had "said that Mr. Salmon's [slaves] had poison'd him, and were never found out, but had got good masters, & so might we." So, they took this risk, for the chance to possibly have easier lives and "good masters."

Mark and Phillis were ultimately convicted of petit treason, a crime defined in the 18th-century context as the murder of a "superior." Phebe was sent to the Caribbean, where she likely stayed for the remainder of her life, never to reunite with the husband she had to leave behind in Boston.

The trial and execution of Mark and Phillis is the only known instance of the enforcement of the common law penalty for petit treason in Massachusetts. Phillis was burned at the stake on Charlestown Common, in present-day Somerville. Mark was hanged and gibbetted, a practice that used a gallows-type structure from which the dead or dying bodies of criminals were hanged in public display as an example to deter others.

In Mark's case, the gruesome public display was not a short-lived spectacle. His body hung in a gibbet on Charlestown Common for nearly 20 years, according to contemporary accounts. Nearly 50 years later, in a 1798 letter about his "Midnight Ride," Paul Revere referenced the site of Mark's execution as a geographic marker that had remained culturally relevant, stating: "After I had passed Charlestown Neck, [and] got nearly opposite where Mark was hung in chains, I saw two men on Horse back, under a Tree."

Mark's last words were published and sold next to a prison on Queen Street, close to where the Old State House is today. His body and last words, immortalized in print, would serve as a terrorizing reminder to the enslaved population of Boston of what the cost of resistance would be - even as their white town residents were actively organizing to free themselves f om the rule of British imperialism.

As the City of Boston gets closer to 2026, the 250th $anniver sary \, of \, the \, Revolution ary \, War, it \, is \, imperative$ that stewards of the its history take the commemorative opportunity to tell a fuller picture of the American Revolution, to assert that those rose-colored narratives of the Revolution were far from capturing the whole truth, and to finally tell unrecorded stories like Mark's, Phillis's, and Phebe's that speak to colonial Boston's urban enslavement.

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Critics want Wu's original zoning plan

Jesse Kanson-Benanav's letter to the editor (Feb. 15), which critiqued a letter I co-authored that was published in the Boston Guardian in its Jan. 5 edition, misidentified the causes of Boston's current unacceptable state of housing and the mismatch beween our new buildings and the needs of businesses, institutions, and residents.

The writer could easily discover through inquiries and research that the neighborhood leaders he excoriates are not at the origin of the kudzu-like overbuilding of biolabs that has been approved by the BPDA with no expertise-based evaluation of their risks and other potential consequences.

He could learn that in my Back Bay neighborhood the association of which I am the chair this year has argued that affordable housing units required by the Inclusionary Development Policy (IDP) linked to proposed development projects should be built on site. But developers have consistently preferred to pay money to have them built elsewhere, by someone else. We have no idea where this money ends up.

He could recognize the valuable initiatives with multi-neighborhood impact that members of neighborhood associations have played key roles in establishing over the years, such as the Boston Groundwater Trust and the Short-Term Rental ordinance passed in 2018.

This ordinance, spearheaded by then-Councillor Wu, was designed to protect the city from depletions in the stock of residential housing by investors swooping in to buying residential buildings and converting them to more profitable short-term rentals. Developers, not neighborhood associations, have been proposing

luxury residences and biolabs beyond any conceivable justification.

Boston now has twice the "under construction" office space of Manhattan. Despite our objections, these buildings were approved by the BPDA, which obviously has not received the memo about our alleged

If he compared the findings and recommendations of then Councillor Wu's 2019 report "Fixing Boston's Broken Development Process" with the contents of the Home Rule Petition submitted to the Legislature in 2023 and the city ordinance submitted at the end of January, he might realize that both fall far short of meeting the hopes and expectations raised among Boston's voters who supported her campaign. The BRA was created in 1960 and is well past its sell-by date.

We are not proposing to retain a status quo. We recognize that fundamental change is urgently needed and applaud the mayor for being the first one to take on this challenge. But we strongly disagree with the changes that are currently on the table. We advocate for reforms that will fulfill the aspirations and establish an equitable balancing of the interests of all stakeholders set forth in the 2019 report. Instead, the petition proposes the continuation of an authority with the same board and the same extraordinary powers. These powers have been repeatedly abused. Inevitably at some point or under some future mayor they will be again, absent adequate guardrails which are not being put in place.

- Martyn Roetter Chair Neighborhood Association of the Back Bay



Having grown up in environments without equitable access to Social Determinants of Health, St. Mary's Center families face countless risk factors on their path towards economic and emotional stability and permanent housing, with many of those experiencing homelessness across the city three to four generations deep.

According to the City of Boston's February 2023 Annual Homeless Census, homelessness among families increased by 21.5% last year. With the third highest rental market in the country, most renter households are cost-burdened, and these statistics are far higher for single-parent households (72%) and Black and Latinx households (55% and 57% respectively). These factors have driven an increased length of stay for St. Mary's Center's families, leading to lower total numbers of individuals served compared to previous years.

The vast majority (93%) of St. Mary's Center residents are women and children of color, and 66% of child residents are under the age of four. 100% of our families have a history of trauma. As our team of highly skilled professionals provide an integrated model of care to build trust and meet each family's unique needs, women regularly self-report histories of neglect, mental health disorders, immigration challenges, and fleeing domestic violence, among other challenges.

Providing step-down residential programming and wrap-around support services across the housing continuum, St. Mary's Center has a proven model of success in family preservation and longterm stability for mothers and their children, building protective factors and establishing two generations of stable futures, leading to longer-term community ties, opportunities for economic mobility, and improved health outcomes for adults and children.

During the last fiscal year, St. Mary's Center's talented team worked alongside families who have displayed such resilience and grit, achieving the following outcomes:

- 309 mothers, fathers, and children experiencing homelessness, poverty, and trauma served across our programs
- 44 families moved to safe transitional and permanent housing, 100% remaining unified and stably housed
- **20** new babies born to families living in our residential programs, 100% with healthy birth
- 109 mothers employed or enrolled in educational programs
- 1,471 individual and group behavioral health clinical sessions attended by families

To learn more about St. Mary's Center's wraparound supportive services and work in the community, please visit www.stmaryscenterma.org.

Change comes from the Center

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'Gritty' trio from Dot powers Archbishop Williams skaters into D1 state tournament play against Weymouth squad

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play Weymouth on Wednesday night (Feb. 28). If they win, they could face a rematch with Franklin High School – whom they played earlier this month to an unexpected loss. Now, the 'Archie Bills' boys are ready for a memorable run.

"Coming back this year with the same teammates, especially Casey and Pat, helped out a huge amount this season," said Kelly. "We had 17 returning. At first, we tried to find a goalie, which we needed, and one came in – Sean Velozo. The team made a huge jump with him, and he put a lot of weight on himself and has played so well. We know what it takes to go all the way so that is exactly what we are focused on now. It's win or go home, and you put yourself on the line in the playoffs. Also, any team can beat anyone. You can't take any team for granted in the tournament."

Coach Chris Cunningham said Kelly has emerged in his sophomore and junior seasons as a go-to player. "Anytime we need a big goal, Finn seems to be there," he told the *Reporter*. "Last year he had a breakout season – 20 goals and a total of 28 points. This year he's already over 40 points...I think having the first line that he plays on, with Casey Kelley and Ben Sylvester, is something you can always rely on. In the biggest moments, they come up big...Having that in your back pocket is great; you know at any moment they can strike when you need it."

Kelly, 17, grew up on Rockne Avenue off Gallivan Boulevard – the sixth of eight children (six girls, two boys) to parents Pat and Claire Kelly. He said he always loved going to Devine Rink and cannot remember a time not being in a Dorchester Youth Hockey (DYH) uniform.

"I was just always with Dorchester Youth Hockey, since I was very little doing the Learn to Skate," he said. "Every single one of the teams and seasons were special. I skated there with my current teammate Casey Kelley, and we've been on the same line



Junior center Pat Hampton.



Senior Forward Casey Kelley.



Dorchester's Finn Kelly at work in a game against Catholic Memorial last month. Photos courtesy of AWHS Sports Department

together since were seven years old."

Jeff Hampton (Pat Hampton's father) coached Kelly through his younger years, and Shaun and Peter O'Sullivan were his coaches during his years in the Bantam divisions. But moving up to high school hockey from youth hockey "was a big jump."

"I started out at Archie's on varsity my freshman year, but I started slow and ended up having a leapfrog year last year," he said. "I knew I could be a lot better and a top player on the team so I worked hard that off-season...I think what I have grown in as a player is that I always wanted to go out and score as many points as I could when I was younger but as you get older you have to do things like play well in the D- Zone."

With that improvement has come highlights such as the double-overtime goal last week to win the Ferreira Tournament. Kelly said Reading took a change that was a bit awkward, and he saw an opening as Kelley urged him on. "I shot up left…I knew it was good when I shot it," he said.

Kelly's emergence as a team leader has been aided by his two Dot mates. "A lot of Dorchester kids have started showing up here," said Cunningham. "I love the city kids. They're ready to work hard and play with a little more grit. You love to see that."

He noted that Hampton has come into his own this year, using speed to impact the team's second line. "He has really increased his point total this year and become more of an impact player on that second line and he uses his speed a lot. He really is able to counterbalance that top group," added Cunningham.

Going into the tournament, Cunningham said the Dorchester triple threat and the rest of the team had "woken up" after the loss to Franklin earlier this month. He added they've been more focused in practice and have battled against adversity in the final games of the season – something every coach loves to see headed into the playoffs.

Were they to win this Wednesday against Weymouth, the Archies will play Franklin or St. Mary's of Lynn on Saturday.

BLS Wolfpack ready for hockey playoff stage

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coaching staff believes it. We just need the girls to come to play on Wednesday."

Galvin, who works with head coach Tom McGrath and assistant coach Olivia Collins, is the lone leader from Dorchester and she takes pride in coaching four varsity players from her neighborhood—junior goalie Kelly McKenna; sophomore defenseman Niamh Foley; freshman forward Riley Porter; and 7th-grader McKenna Savicke.

The oldest of the Dorchester group, McKenna has taken on a great deal of responsibility as the team's starting goalie. The 16-year-old has made more than 1,000 career saves at BLS and was hoping to continue to keep the puck out of the net against Andover.

"There was a week stretch of difficult games for us. But I feel like seeing us as a team compete with number one and two teams really helped our confidence build," she said. "I feel like as a team, we believe that we can compete with any team now."

McKenna has proven to be a great role model for younger players, especially the 12-year-old Savicke, a goalie. The first year BLS student appreciates the support of her teammates on and off the ice. "I've enjoyed the transition from my old school," she said. "So far it's been fun, and I've gotten an opportunity

to play for a team here."

Helping to keep Andover players away from the goal is 15-year-old defenseman Foley who started playing hockey just five years ago.

"I'm still new to hockey so I'm still developing as a player," he said. "Since being on this team I've gotten more ice time, which has helped me become more confident. I'm less scared to get the puck or to move people out from in front of the net and I think BLS has really helped me with that."

Hoping to be part of a team that upsets higher-ranked Andover is right winger Porter.

"Having this record wasn't expected by anyone. Being a public school you are kind of looked down on," said the 14-year-old. "BLS teaches you to work hard and that also translates to the ice. We are all always working hard and trying to improve."

All the players are excited heading into playoffs and ready to fulfill their various roles.

"We can play with every team. I would like to attribute it to the fact that they're city kids and that they're tough," coach Galvin said in an interview with the *Reporter*. "I think we've proven time and time again that we are a team to watch out for. We're a major underdog in this tournament."



Coach Brenna Galvin, Niamh Foley, McKenna Savicke, Kelly McKenna, and Riley Porter are ready to skate for BLS Wolfpack. *Cassidy McNeeley photo*

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This Friday is 'Girls Hockey Night' at Devine Rink

Dorchester Youth Hockey will host a Girls Hockey Night this Friday night (March 1) from 7 to 8:30 at Devine Rink on Morrissey Boulevard in Neponset. Coaches (l-r): Katie Nolan, Patrice Geurard, Lily Galvin, and Maisie Whalen said they are inviting former players, current players, and players interested in joining the program, making the event function as a reunion and an open house in one.

Whalen said the night is part of an effort to highlight the program, which had disbanded for several years. Previously, when the four coaches played, it had been a powerhouse – winning two state championships and competing at high levels every year.

The coaches returned in 2020 to help rebuild the program, volunteering their time to mentor and coach the girls from U10 levels up.

"We want to build that idea that this girls hockey program is one that is open to anyone who is interested in playing, and also that it's a place where former players can always come back and get a warm welcome," said Whalen.

"We have a great story in the past and present," she added, "and I don't think we tell it enough, and so a lot of people aren't aware...There are also a lot of barriers people might see with hockey, but we want to let them know it's doable – and let our current and former players attest to that as well."

The event will feature a presentation and pizza party about the program, and coaches will be there to answer questions from players and parents who might be interested in signing up. An on-ice time will also be provided. Full hockey equipment is required for that part of the event.

Early Burke run not enough; Charlestown comes back and wins City League BBall title

By Seth Daniel News Editor

Dorchester's Jeremiah Burke High School boys' basketball team was looking for a three-peat in the City League Championships last Thursday (Feb. 22) at the Madison Park gymnasium, but a tough Charlestown team under Coach Hugh Coleman refused to stay down after Burke came out hot in the early going.

By the end, the Townies muscled their way with a fourth quarter surge to beat the Burke squad, 72-56.

Both teams are preparing this week for their respective State Tournament games, which kick off Thursday.

The City Championship was a rematch of last year's title game, when Burke defeated Charlestown for its second-straight title win with a packed house and an energetic crowd gathered to see two of the best teams in the state square off.

Early on, it seemed as if the Burke Bulldogs—under first-year Head Coach Joe Chatman - were going to cruise. A stifling press led by junior stars Jaeden Roberts and Jaeshawn Rogers produced confusion for the Townies, who at first couldn't get simple layups to fall, let alone any three-point shots.

During one span in the first quarter, Rogers hit two three-pointers in 90 seconds, and several steals led to easy baskets, giving the Burke boys a commanding 15-1 lead. Nothing was going right for the Townies, and Coach Coleman could be seen grasping his head in frustration – this after an amazing run and tournament win over several suburban teams in the Comcast Tournament only a few days earlier.

Stepping up big in the first half on offense and defense for the Bulldogs was sophomore guard Malik Adamson – a former middle school standout from Mattapan's Mildred Avenue School. Forcing steals, hitting threes, and getting easy put-backs in the lane on offensive rebounds, Adamson seemed to fill a gap in the scoring by star player

Roberts – who was clearly nursing an injured right wrist after a hard fall in the semi-final game against East Boston.

With five minutes left in the second quarter, Adamson grabbed a missed shot in the middle of the lane, weaved toward the basket, and put in an uncontested layup. It prompted a time out from Charlestown.

Things began to turn, though, as the scoring onslaught took a bit of a lull and Roberts collected his third foul. The Townies surged late and brought it to 29-22 with less than one minute left in the half. However, a nifty inbound play to big man Gerald Banks under the basket as time expired gave some momentum going to intermission.

The third quarter brought more of the same, but there was a different feel to the game as the Burke crew had to pull back on their press due to so many players in foul trouble, and the Townies seemingly had made halftime adjustments to counter the pressure. That allowed them to utilize their larger lineup, taking the ball to the basket as Burke began to make errors, including traveling calls back-to-back.

Still, the energy of the Burke boys kept Charlestown on their heels, and Rogers knocked in a layup and later converted a free throw to put Burke up by 44-33.

The fourth quarter, however, was a continuing story of the Townies muscling their way to the basket, and Burke's smaller lineup not being able to match up. Burke kept it close; it was tied at 52 with four minutes left. But after Banks fouled out, Charlestown went on a 21-4 run, hitting three-pointers and making numerous baskets in transition. With time running down, Charlestown's Jaylen Hunter-Coleman took it the distance, and wrapped in a dipsy-do layup that crushed any Bulldog hopes for a comeback. The final score: 72-56.

It was the Townies' first City League Championship since 2011.

Both teams qualified for the State



Jaeden Roberts puts back a tip-in during the first quarter of play, while Malik Adamson and Denilson Fanfan look on. Joe Allen photo

Tournament in pairings released last weekend. The Burke (16-4) got a sixth seed in the Division 4 State Tournament, earning a bye in the first round. They are set to face either Millis or St. Mary (Westfield) on Thursday evening.

Charlestown received a number one seed in the Division 3 State Tournament and earned a first-round by e also. They will face either Dighton-Rehoboth or Nipmuc Regional this week.





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Lynch: I'd be 'happy' to partner with Healey on Steward dealings

By Cassidy McNeeley Reporter Correspondent

One day after Gov. Healey urged Steward Health Care to transfer ownership of the system's nine hospitals, including Dorchester' Carney Hospital, Congressman Stephen F. Lynch visited Steward-owned facilities in Norwood and Brockton to discuss local concerns on Steward's financial crisis and the collateral damage it is causing.

"We're here today as part of an ongoing investigation about the operational and financial conditions of Steward Health Care," said Lynch in a Feb. 21 press conference on the sidewalk outside of Norwood Hospital. "We've heard disturbing news of lavish expenses made by their CEO, Ralph de la Torre, who bought a couple of yachts. Meanwhile, these hospitals are struggling."

Lynch said he also plans to visit Carney Hospital. "I'm really interested in Carney since that's a fully operational hospital, with acute care. It has taken care of a lot of people in the city of Boston. I'd like to talk to the nurses and the doctors and the staff there just to find out what their issues are."

Asked for his reaction to Healey's demand that Steward share vital financial information by a Friday [Feb. 23] deadline, Lynch said: "I'm hoping that the state can handle this and get



US Rep. Stephen F. Lynch addressed the media on Feb. 21 after a visit to Norwood Hospital, a Steward-owned facility that has been under construction in recent months. The facility is currently closed.

Cassidy McNeeley photo

the answers we need but if the governor feels that she's frustrated and cannot get satisfaction, I'm happy to work as a partner with her on getting the information that we need to make these decisions."

nese decisions. In an interview, Lynch explained to the *Reporter* that if Carney were to change management or ownership, it's not as simple as allowing another existing hospital to take over.

"The problem is that our healthy hospitals are not that healthy. So, you've got to make sure you don't create two unhealthy hospitals by merging," he said. "There are some complementarities. Some hospitals do cardio, others don't. If you can match up hospitals that complement each other, that makes the whole job easier."

In attendance at the Norwood press conference were several firefighters, including lifelong Norwood resident Dennis Mawn, who noted that Norwood Hospital remains closed as a renovation project has been halted amid Steward's ongoing fiscal crisis.

Like Lynch, Mawn worries that the status of Steward hospitals will continue to impact fire and emergency departments across the state. "The trickle-down effect of this hospital being closed is massive. It doesn't just affect Norwood," said Mawn. "Now when there is an emergency in the town, residents can no longer be brought to the hospital just miles away, but rather are transported to neighboring towns."

Lynch added: "With the few ambulances we have here, when someone has to take a patient to Taunton, that

leaves this community uncovered. This hospital services Westwood, Walpole, Canton, Dedham, and a lot of vibrant communities. This could be a viable hospital. Trying to find someone to come in here to rescue this project, build the hospital, and then run it is a daunting task."

Kathy Reardon, a member of the Massachusetts Nurse Association (MNA) who currently works at Steward-owned Morton Hospital in Taunton, also worries about the staff members at the system's facilities.

She said that when they have tried to communicate with Steward leaders regarding the need for more nurses and supplies, the response has been "crickets." She explained that hospitals are missing supplies "as simple as paper for a doctor to discharge a patient with prescriptions."

The chief physician executive of the Steward Health Care Network, Joe Weinstein, said last Wednesday that Steward is also concerned about the closing of hospitals but had little information to share with the public.

"I'm a clinician, cardiology by training," said Weinstein. "I'm not a financial expert, but I'm certainly making sure that the request of congressmen has been forwarded to Dallas for their review."

Campbell: AG's office will seek accountability on hospitals crisis

By BILL FORRY EXECUTIVE EDITOR

Attorney General Andrea Campbell said on Monday that her office intends to "hold folks accountable" for the financial crisis at Steward Health Care that threatens the stability of the state's public health system. The Mattapan Democrat, who lives just blocks from the Steward-owned Carney Hospital, discussed the matter with the *Reporter* during a wide-ranging interview held on Monday in Lower Mills.

"We're following it closely," Campbell said. "We are actively engaged in making sure that we not only hold folks accountable, but that we are ensuring that people have access to healthcare, and that the folks who are providing that healthcare are being paid for the work that they do.

"So, we are still in problem solving mode, working with administration to ensure that continuity of access to care and to protect the providers and the nurses that are doing this work. And at the same time, we will continue to look at all the tools we can bring to bear to hold folks accountable for where we are today."

Gov. Healey, who copied Campbell on a scathing letter to Steward CEO Ralph De la Torre on Feb. 20, stepped up her negative critique of the for-profit hospital operator on Monday, calling Steward a "house of cards and a charade" that has "put patients and providers and the stability of our market at risk. Healey, who served as the state's attorney general prior to Campbell, also copied US Attorney Joshua Levy in her correspondence with the Steward leader last week—a not so subtle signal that a criminal investigation could be considered in the future.

In her remarks to the *Reporter*, Campbell said she "can't say too much on that accountability piece because it's actively unfolding, but," she added, "residents should know that as we work hard to ensure access to care and work with the administration and the governor on that, we will use every tool in our toolkit to hold folks accountable for the current situation which we find ourselves in. And to also look at ways to prevent this from happening in the future. There's a direct role we play in that, and we know that, and we take those tools very seriously.

Campbell added: "I share the frustration around transparency and producing of information and documents. We have requested information that we're still waiting for, and we will keep pushing for that information, which informs... not only the problem solving and ensuring access to critical care and healthcare, but also on this accountability piece."

Campbell's comments are the latest from a high-profile state officials who have stepped up the pressure on de la Torre and other Steward executives. A spokesperson for Healey said on Friday that the governor thinks Steward should "complete an orderly transition out of Massachusetts."

Healey herself has blasted Steward for failing to share financial documents that she says are essential to finding a resolution to the crisis.

"Steward didn't produce audited financials because Steward doesn't have audited financials, which says something about and speaks to the very thing that we have complained about for a long time," the governor told reporters on Monday.

The governor added: "This is something that was Steward's creation and making. The blame, the fault is with Steward and its management. It frankly disgusts me, as I've spoken to earlier, that a particular CEO came and chose to do what it appears he did in terms of how he ran operations and put patients and providers and our communities at risk," Healey said Monday, referring to Steward CEO Ralph de la Torre.

Steward officials did not immediately return requests for comment in response to Healey's latest remarks.

Though state officials are only beginning to speak publicly about the hospital system's significant debt and financial challenges now, Steward has missed financial reporting requirements for years.

The health care group did not join other Massachusetts hospitals in re-

porting required financial information in 2015, when they posted a 6.54 percent margin across its eight hospitals despite negative total assets of more than \$42 million.

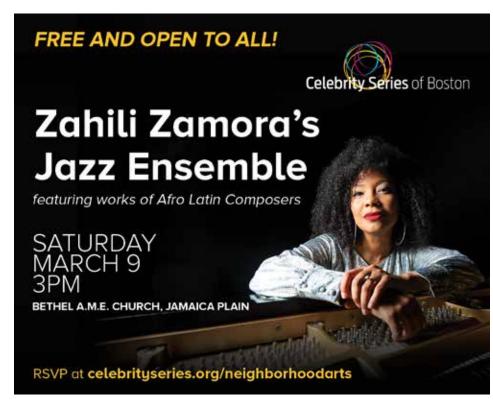
"Regarding the characterization of this as a clerical error, we had multiple communications with several people at Steward, notifying them that their filings were past due and that failure to meet this statutory obligation would result in their being omitted from the report," a Center for Health Information and Analysis spokesperson said at the time.

In 2017, Steward sued the Center for Health Information and Analysis, alleging the agency demanded access to "confidential business information" with no promise that it would remain private. The case spent years in court, and in 2023, Superior Court Judge Catherine Ham ruled that Steward should be compelled to provide financial information to CHIA.

Steward appealed the decision, and the matter is still tied up in the Appeals Court with briefs due in the coming weeks

When he was asked on Monday if Steward executives might face future prosecution or investigation, House Speaker Ron Mariano said: "There's always a chance."

State House News Service reports contributed to this story.





Experts count up Steward meltdown impacts in Boston

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Last Thursday morning, despite the convenience of a virtual hearing offered by the Boston City Council's Committee on Public Health, Homelessness, and Recovery, de la Torre and even the top executives at his hospitals in Dorchester and Brighton were noshows. The committee's chair, District 3 (Dorchester) Councillor John FitzGerald, wasn't surprised.

"It is my strong assumption that they were asked not to attend, probably by their higher executives, which is an unfortunate move by Steward," Fitz-Gerald surmised. "And not having a representative allowed to speak today," he added, "I only think it further damages their reputation."

Steward's reputation was already floundering amidrecent news reports of de la Torre's two private yachts and the system's rising tide of debt. There were unpaid bills from vendors and unpaid rent to the owner of Steward's facilities, Medical Properties Trust (MPT), despite outlays on corporate jets.

But reports about insufficient financial disclosures to state regulators date back at least as far as 2015, though still legally contested by Steward, which is citing a need to protect proprietary and sensitive information

On Jan. 4 of this year, it was MPT that broke the news about \$50 million in unpaid rent from its biggest tenant. MPT's press release also announced an "action plan" to recover unpaid rent and outstanding loans. "As part of this plan," MPT disclosed, "Steward is pursuing several strategic transactions, including the potential sale or re-tenanting of certain hospital operations..." One day later, according to Bloomberg Law, MPT shares plunged by a record 32 percent.

By the time the City Council committee held its hearing, Steward's original market base — from government officials to providers, support staff, and local communities — was awash in uncertainty. Gov. Healey has called on Steward to find a new operator for its facilities in Massachusetts, including the Carney Hospital in Dorchester and St. Elizabeth's Medical Center in Brighton. City officials taking part in the hearing acknowledged their lack of regulatory power, but they tried to reposition the national business story as a local health crisis, in which Steward patients might have to go elsewhere –and sometimes in emergencies.

"I think all of us are very concerned and worried about anybody taking on that number of patients," said Dr. Bisola Ojikutu, the executive director of the Boston Public Health Commission. "I think it would overwhelm our hospital system. It would lead to ripple effects certainly within the City of Boston and I think that, as I mentioned, the 'pre-hospital system,' the fact that we would not be able to move our ambulances around the city as quickly, I think, is very important."

That was seconded by Nicholas Mutter, a Dorchester resident and secretary of the Boston Police Patrolmen's Assn. Emergency Medical Services Division.

"With the possibility of these hospitals closing," said Mutter, "we're heavily concerned the burden will be placed on other hospitals, creating increased wait times for patient transfers, often referred to as 'holding the wall,' decreased patient satisfaction, and overall backlog in ambulances being able to respond to 911 calls within the neighborhoods, which will systemically place itself throughout all of our neighborhoods, not just the Allston-Brighton and Dorchester neighborhoods."

Councillors also heard about the possible disruption of relationships with patients and community providers such as health centers. One perspective came from Maureen Rate, a medical procedures secretary and member of SEIU, Local 1199, who has worked at the Carney since 1979. She recalled when the 159-bed hospital had more than 400 beds, long before the acquisition by Steward.

"Being sick and needing medical attention is a scary situation" she told councillors. "But coming here through the doors of Carney, where everybody knows your name, really alleviates some of that scariness."

The chief medical officer at DotHouse Health, Dr. Monica Vohra, counted 365 of its patients who used emergency services at the Carney Hospital over the past three months. She noted that the hospital was also a partner with DotHouse Health for colon cancer screenings.

"Many of our patients have shared with me that they seek care at Carney because of its neighborhood-based location and language capacity. A large portion of our patients speak Vietnamese and have found great comfort in receiving care at Carney by health care staff interpreters who speak their language, often during periods of physical and mental distress," said Dr. Vohra.

"My patients have complex medical conditions that often warrant immediate emergency services," she explained. "Every additional minute it takes to get to the hospital for someone having a stroke or a heart attack is a matter of life or death."



The Dorchester Avenue campus of Carney Hospital. $Jesse\ Costa/WBUR\ photo$

Dr. Vohra and Dr. Ojikutu both emphasized that any disruption of care would pose an even greater risk to Dorchester because of health disparities.

"When we look at health outcomes in the neighborhood, across all the zip codes, we're really talking about a neighborhood that has the highest age-adjusted premature mortality rate in Boston, meaning that's a high rate of death before the age of 65," said Dr. Ojikutu, citing



DotHouse Health Chief Medical Officer Monica Vohra. Screenshot

indicators such as high rates of hypertension and hospitalizations for diabetes.

"My point in sharing these is that these are preventable" she explained. "What we really need to be doing is focusing on building our capacity to help people to prevent the chronic diseases that get out of control and they end up having folks who are overwhelming the hospital system."

In 2010, when former Massachusetts Attorney General Martha Coakley approved Steward's acquisition of the six Catholic hospitals in the Caritas Christi network, she said it would preserve jobs and access to care, along with providing new jobs and capital improvements to facilities. Her approval included safeguards for services and an additional five years of monitoring by the state. It also came after de la Torre had hosted a fundraiser at his home for Coakley's US senate campaign—and before the Steward CEO and other employees would contribute to her later campaign for governor.

By December of 2015, Steward was already showing signs of financial trouble. Coakley's successor at the time, Maura Healey, reported "substantial losses" at Steward facilities going back to 2012. In the three years covered by her report, the Carney accounted for almost 60 percent of the losses by the system's hospitals.

"The market trends Steward has experienced are similar to those experienced by other lower cost community providers across the state," the report concluded. "As documented by this office, health care market dysfunction persists, with negative consequences for many lower cost providers. Without improvement to market functioning, community-based care in the Commonwealth will likely continue to experience challenges."

Steward executives, including de la Torre, would repeatedly blame part of the system's financial problems on the lower rates paid for patients insured by government programs, with prestigious teaching hospitals commanding higher reimbursements from patients with private coverage.

But, in 2016, with the state scaling back scrutiny, and less than two years after the closing of Quincy Medical Center, which had been acquired by Steward in 2011, de la Torre would soon move ahead with more expansion plans outside New England and even abroad. Making the move possible was the \$1.2 billion that would be paid for Steward's facilities by Medical Properties Trust, Inc., which would become Steward's landlord. In a full-page ad that Stewart ran in *The Boston Globe* in September, 2016, the deal was headlined in large capital letters as a "HOME RUN" for patients, communities, employees, and facilities.

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The model worked for Cerberus. By 2021, after more borrowing and expansion by Steward, its original backer checked out with a net profit of \$800 million, according to Bloomberg.

Helping to make it possible in 2020 was the transfer of controlling interest from Cerberus to a "management group" led by de la Torre. As the *Globe* reported, the transfer made Steward "the largest physician-owned and operated hospital

system in the United States." According to a report by the progressive think tank, the Center for Economic and Policy Research, the transfer also converted stock equity into a type of five-year bond with interest payments to Cerberus, giving the private equity firm more financial protection in the event of a bankruptcy.

Back in September, 2015, the *Globe* reported that Carney Hospital was bringing in more patients and "turning a corner." And, in 2016, it reported that Steward finished the previous year with a net profit, substantially boosted by a one-time "pension settlement." Three years later, the reports were about losses in the hundreds of millions, partly attributed by Steward to acquisition costs, with the Carney's 2018 loss at \$23 million.

"The rapid, scattered (merger and acquisition) strategy," the Center's researchers concluded, "was designed to create a large corporation that could be sold off in five years for financial gain — not for healthcare integration. Its debt load exploded, and by 2019, the financial ratings of its Massachusetts hospitals were the lowest of any system in the state."

In a letter last week to Gov. Healey that was shared with FitzGerald, Steward denied that it was pursuing corporate and personal gain at the expense of patients. In a Feb. 15 letter addressed to Cerberus, US Sen. Elizabeth Warren (D-Massachusetts) expressed a different view.

"We are particularly concerned about the extent to which Cerberus and its affiliates literally stripped out and sold the property from underneath these hospitals, creating hundreds of millions of dollars in profits for private equity executives, while leaving the facilities with long-term liabilities that are magnifying – if not creating – the current crisis," the senator wrote.

"Ownership by private equity investors increases health care costs and reduces quality of care, and private equity firms have played a role in the collapse of hospitals around the country, hurting communities and the health care workers and other staff that serve them," she argued. "The dire threat of Steward's collapse appears to be a textbook example of the grave risks posed by a private equity takeover of the health care system."

Making a similar point at the City Council hearing was Alan Sager, a professor of Public Law Policy and Management at the Boston University School of Public Health.

"We don't have a free market anywhere in healthcare and relying on one is like believing in the tooth fairy," he said. "This mindset allowed Steward, Cerberus, and Medical Properties Trust to treat our hospitals like chips in a game of strip poker—stripping away assets and leaving behind unpayable debt."

Instead, Sager called for stronger intervention from the public sector. "But state officials and legislators are much clearer about what they will not do than they are about what they will do," he said. "They won't give Steward public money. They won't identify which Steward services are essential to protect the health of the people. They won't declare a public health emergency and petition the court to put Steward in receivership, allowing the state to take control of Steward. They won't accept responsibility for dozens of years of inaction that have left the state without understanding or the legal tools or the financial tools to identify and move quickly to stabilize needed hospitals."

Any transition to a new operator will depend on what becomes of Steward's financial obligations. "Those heavy rents on the sale and lease-back are a huge financial burden on the Steward hospitals," Sager warned, "and would be a big impediment to another operator coming in, unless legal action could be taken to either cancel the rents or recover the money from those that have it."

During the hearing, Councilor At-Large Councillor Erin Murphy asked whether transition could also be supported by having patients from overburdened providers in Boston redirected to the Carney Hospital or St. Elizabeth's Medical Center.

The day after the hearing, Dr. John E. McDonough, Professor in the Dept. of Health Policy & Management in the Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health, suggested that part of a longer-term solution could be a conversion of unused capacity at the Carney to relieve backlogs in post-acute care at other facilities resulting from shortages of space and staffing.

"All the Steward institutions," he added in an email response, "have been carrying loads of debt at the service of corporate Steward, Medical Properties Trust, Cerberus, and other unsavory characters for the benefit of providing Dr. de la Torre with two yachts and two jets, among other bennies."

McDonough went on to add, "I hope that federal and state prosecutions happen and the responsible corporate entities are hung out to dry. Lots of bad behavior and misused dollars to claw back."

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City seeking vendor to bring beer gardens to local parks

By Dan Atkinson SPECIAL TO THE REPORTER

Residents of Dorchester — and six other $neighborhoods\ across$ the city — will be able to grab a beer in a local park this summer if a City Hall plan for mobile beer gardens finds a vendor.

The city's Parks and Recreation Department is reviewing applicants for hosts of a mobile beer garden that will travel through the city for 14 weeks, from June to October, according to a request for proposals (RFP)reviewed by the



A temporary beer garden was part of the scene at the Dorchester Bike and Brew event held in September 2019 on Talbot Avenue near Ashmont and Reporter file photo Peabody Square.

Reporter. The vendor will pay a flat fee and a cut of

the gross to the city for the opportunity to sell beer and food at parks in Dorchester, South Boston, West Roxbury, Charlestown, East Boston, Jamaica Plain, and Roxbury, according to the RFP, which does not specify which parks will be used.

A spokesperson for Mayor Wu's office said the city was still reviewing locations, and a Boston Police Department spokesperson did not immediately respond to questions about police presence at the parks while the vendor is operating.

Jacob Bor, a board member of the Franklin Park Coalition, said the board hadn't taken any official stance on the park possibly hosting a beer garden. But as a long-time park user and Egleston Square resident, he was enthusiastic about the idea.

"I think it's pretty exciting, I look forward to raising a pint," Bor said. "The park is such a beautiful place. The beer garden will have to be enclosed but ideally they could enclose a large enough area for you to sit on a hillside and watch the sunset and have a

Then-Mayor Marty Walsh started hosting beer gardens at City Hall Plaza, which began as monthly events before becoming regular presences during the summer. Last year, Democracy Brewing and Distraction Brewing served beer while Roslindale-based Jimmie's Cafe handled food and non-alcoholic drinks. The Esplanade and Rose Kennedy Greenway have also hosted regular beer gardens over

the past few years. But instead of adding variety to the brick plaza of City Hall, the mobile vendor program would encourage more visitors to Boston's green spaces, according to the RFP.

"The goal of this program is to attract people to the City's diverse neighborhood parks and provide a new amenity for park users," the RFP reads. "Bringing a hospitality beer garden experience into the Boston neighborhoods is a way of attracting people to visit and celebrate our beautiful parks."

For his part, Bor said he would want the vendor to accurately reflect park users and city demographics overall.

"One thing I'd really love to see — there are a few new Black- and Brown-owned and women-owned breweries in the area - in thinking of the demographics around the park, it'd be really wonderful if the city could recruit one of those breweries for events at the park," Bor said. "There's going to be other ways to make sure the event is integrated into surrounding communities, rather than swooping in to do a one-

The vendor is scheduled to start serving on June 16 and rotate through a different park every two weeks, according to the RFP. Service ends in mid-September, but with the option of extending into October. Operations will run at a minimum from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Wednesday through Sunday, but city officials may approve changes to the operating schedule, according to the RFP.

The mayoral spokes-

man did not answer questions about whether alcohol would be served the entire time the vendor is operating. Bor said he hoped officials and vendors would work to prevent drunk driving, especially if the chosen parks didn't have readily accessible public transit.

"Keeping the safety aspect in mind — people coming and then imbibing and leaving is something worth really thinking through how to do that safely. But I think people are generally responsible," Bor said.

The vendor has to provide seats and restrooms for patrons and is responsible for trash removal, according to the RFP. And officials are encouraging the vendor to host music as well in order to contribute to a "lively atmosphere," although "the vendor shall ensure that noise from the Entertainment cannot be heard beyond the boundaries of a respective Selected Location,' according to the RFP.

The pilot program will run for a year with a twoyear option for renewal, and the vendor will pay the parks department a flat fee of a minimum of \$14,000 a month for the concession — as well as a minimum 8 percent monthly percentage of gross receipts.

And besides alcohol, officials want to see a superior menu than what's available at many Boston

"The City is particularly interested in receiving proposals from individuals or firms whose current venues offer settings and $menus\,widely\,recognized$ to be more creative and of higher quality than the average city venue," the RFP reads.

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LEGAL NOTICES

COMMONWEALTH OF PROBATE & FAMILY COURT
SUFFOLK PROBATE & FAMILY COURT
24 NEW CHARDON STREET 24 NEW CHARDON STREET
BOSTON, MA 02114
CITATION GIVING NOTICE
OF PETITION FOR
APPOINTMENT OF GUARDIAN
FOR INCAPACITATED PERSON
PURSUANTTO G.L. c. 1908, §5-304
Docket No. SU24P0359GD
IN THE MATTER OF:
LUCETTE HALL
of DORCHESTER, MA
RESPONDENT
Alleged Incapacitated Person
To the named Respondent and all other
nterested persons. a petition has been

nterested persons, a petition has been filed by Mass. Dept. of Mental Health of Westhorough MA in the above cantioned westwood up, while the above capturing matter alleging that Lucette Hall is in need of a Guardian and requesting that (or some other suitable person) be appointed as Guardian to serve on the bond.

The petition asks the Court to determine that the Respondent is incapacitated, that the appointment of a Guardian is neces sary, and that the proposed Guardian is appropriate. The petition is on file with this court and may contain a request for certain specific authority.

You have the right to object to this

proceeding. If you wish to do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance at this court on or before 10:00 A.M. on the return date of 03/26/2024. This day is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline date by which you have to file the written appearance is you object to the petition. If you fail to file the written appearance by the return date action may be taken in this matter withou further notice to you. In addition to filing the written appearance, you or your attorned must file a written affidavit stating the specific facts and grounds of your objectior within 30 days after the return date. IMPORTANT NOTICE

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pense. ess, Hon. Brian J. Dunn, Firs Justice of this Court.
Stephanie L. Everett, Esq.

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COMMONWEALTH OF THE TRIAL COURT
PROBATE & FAMILY COURT
SUFFOLK PROBATE & FAMILY COURT 24 NEW CHARDON STREET 24 NEW CHARDON STREET
BOSTON, MA 02114
CITATION GIVING NOTICE
OF PETITION FOR
APPOINTMENT OF GUARDIAN
FOR INCAPACITATED PERSON
PURSUANT TO G.L. c. 190B, §5-304
Docket No. SU24P0362GD
IN THE MATTER OF:
GEORGE LEWIS
of DORCHESTER, MA
RESPONDENT

RESPONDENT Alleged Incapacitated Person To the named Respondent and all other interested persons a petition has been filed by Boston Medical Center of Boston, MA in the above captioned matter alleging MA in the above captioned matter alleging that George Lewis is in need of a Guardia and requesting that (or some other suitable person) be appointed as Guardian to serve

The petition asks the Court to determine that the Respondent is incapacitated, that the appointment of a Guardian is neces sary, and that the proposed Guardian is appropriate. The petition is on file with this court and may contain a request for certain

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24 NEW CHARDON STREET 24 NEW CHARDON STREET
BOSTON, MA 02114
CITATION GIVING NOTICE
OF PETITION FOR
RESIGNATION OF A GUARDIAN
OF AN INCAPACITATED PERSON
Docket No. SU19P1985GD
INTHE INTERESTS OF:
LUCETTE HALL
of BOSTON, MA
RESPONDENT
Incapacitated Person/Protected Person
To the named Respondent and all
her interested persons, a petition has

other interested persons, a petition has been filed by Karen J. Kearns, Esq., of Cambridge, MA in the above captioned matter requesting that the court: Accept the Resignation of the Guardian.

The petition asks the Court to make determination that the Guardian and/o onservator should be allowed to resign hat the Guardianship and/or Conservator ship is no longer necessary and therefore should be terminated. The original petition s on file with the court

You have the right to object to this proceeding. If you wish to do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance at this court on or before 10:00 A.M. on the return date of 3/26/2024. This da s NOT a hearing date, but a deadline date by which you have to file the writter appearance if you object to the petition f you fail to file the written appearance ov the return date, action may be taken in this matter without further notice to you. In addition to filing the written appearance, you or your attorney must file a written affidavit stating the specific facts and grounds of your objection within 30 days fter the return date

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LEGAL NOTICE

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
THE TRIAL COURT
PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT Suffolk Probate & Family Court 24 New Chardon Street Boston, MA 02114 (617) 788-8300 CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION Docket No. SU23P0585EA ESTATE OF: RUTHLYN GLENTINE BENJAMIN a/k/a: RUTHLYN BENJAMIN. RUTHLYN G.D. BENJAMIN DATE OF DEATH: 10/28/2022

A Petition for Appointment of Special Person al Representative has been filed by Anthony L. Benjamin of Milton, MA requesting tha the Court enter a formal Decree and Orde and for such other relief as requested in the Petition. The Petitioner requests that: Duane G. Sullivan, Esq. of Quincy, MA be appointed. as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve With Personal Surety on the bond in unsupervised administration

IMPORTANT NOTICE You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court You have a right to object to this proceeding To do so, you or your attorney must file a vritten appearance and objection at this Court before: 10:00 a.m. on the return day of 03/11/2024.

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Witness, HON, BRIAN J. DUNN, First

Witness, no....titce of this Court.
Date: February 5, 2024
Stephanie L. Everett, Esq.
Register of Probate Published: February 29, 2024

LEGAL NOTICES COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

MASSACHUSETIS
THE TRIAL COURT
PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT
Suffolk Probate & Family Court
24 New Chardon Street
Boston, MA 02114
(617) 788-8300
CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION Docket No. SU23P2021EA ESTATE OF: MARCUS MERRITT a/k/a: MARCUS BRAXTON SMITH MERRITT

To all interested persons: A Petition for S/A - Formal Adjudication of Intestacy and Appointment of Persona Representative has been filed by Makeiyal Dambreville-Merritt of Milton, MA requestin hat the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition IMPORTANT NOTICE

DATE OF DEATH: 12/27/2022

IMPORTANT NOTICE
You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: 10:00 a.m. on the return day of 03/26/2024.
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UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION
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Date: February 21, 2024
Stephanie L. Everett, Esq.

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COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS THE TRIAL COURT PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT Suffolk Probate & Family Court 24 New Chardon Street Boston MA 02114 Boston, MA 02114 (617) 788-8300 CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION Docket No. SU23P1833EA ESTATE OF: VITAL DEANDRADE DATE OF DEATH: 12/29/2020

To all interested persons: A Petition for Formal Adjudication of Intestacy and Appointment of Personal Representative has been filed by Maria Andrade of Boston MA requesting that the Court enter a formation Decree and Order and for such other relie as requested in the Petition. The Petitioner requests that: Maria Andrade of Boston, MA he appointed as Personal Representative(s of said estate to serve Without Surety on the bond in unsupervised administration.

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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 03/22/2024.

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UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION UNDER THE MASSACHUSETTS UNIFORM PROBATE CODE (MUPC)

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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 netition the Court. 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 16, 2024 Stephanie L. Everett, Esq. Register of Probate Published: February 29, 2024

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BGCD Hosts Family Skate Night for Members at Devine Rink: See details below.

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CONNECT THE DOT:
BGCD Hosts Family Skate Night for
Members at Devine Rink: Thanks
to the generosity of Dorchester Youth
Hockey and DCR, Boys & Girls Clubs of
Dorchester hosted its annual Family
Skate Night at Devine Rink during
February School Vacation Week.

Dorchester Family Engagement
Network participants, BGCD members,
families, and youth volunteers from
BGCD's Keystone Club enjoyed an
inclusive night of skating, music and
warming up with hot chocolate. Our
friends at Boston Police Department's
Bureau of Community Engagement
even laced up their skates to join in on
the fun.

For more information on BGCD's Challenger Program, please contact Director of Behavioral Health Services Erin Ferrara at eferrara@bgcdorchester. org.

FIND OUT WHAT'S INSIDE:
BGCD School Age & Early Ed Enjoy
Boch Center Interactive Reading:
During the School Vacation week, Boys
& Girls Clubs of Dorchester's Early
Education & Care and Licensed School
Age members were treated to a Book
Reading with our friends from the Boch

The readers presented "The Word Collector" by Peter H. Reynolds via a fun interactive session for all that participated. BGCD would like to thank the team at the Boch Center for making this opportunity possible. At BGCD, we believe that learning takes place with a continuous process of interaction between a child and his/her environment through exploring and experimenting. For more information on BGCD's Early Education & Care, please contact EEC Enrollment Coordinator Amanda Brock at abrock@bgcdorchester.org.



BGCD School Age & Early Ed Enjoy Boch Center Interactive Reading: See details below.

<u>DID YOU KNOW:</u> New England Women's Leadership Awards (NEWLA): BGCD will host this year's New England Women's

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

Black History Month Living Museum

@ Walter Denney Youth Center
February 29

Winter Dance Showcase March 8

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Youth of the Year Program March 13

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of Arlington, formerly of Dorchester. Husband of late Gloria (Najjar) Balich. Father of Joseph Balich and wife, De-Paula of Bedford, Louise Jackson of Hanson, Lydia Earle and husband, Bartholomew Gloucester, Joyce Balich of Lexington and Paul Balich and wife, Donna of Ipswich. Grandfather "Jido" of Great-grandfather of 7. Also survived by many nieces and nephews. Contributions in Antoun's memory may be made to the Church. Interment in Fairview Cemetery, Hyde Park.

DaCORTA, Rose M., 84 of Dorchester. Daughter of the late Frank and Luce (Fumei) DaCorta.

GRABOWSKI, Kazimiera, 98, of Dorchester. Wife of the late Tadeasz Grabowski. Mother

BALICH, Antoun Y. of Edward Grabowski retired employee of Verof Dorchester. Grandmother of 2. Kazimiera is also survived by her 2 great-grandchildren.



KEELER, Kathryn Gail (Buckley), 72, of Plymouth, formerly of Randolph and Dorchester. Wife of the late Warren E. Keeler. Daughter of the late Michael J. Buckley and Rosemary T. (Sullivan) Buckley. Cousin of Daniel J. Sullivan III and his wife Sally Sullivan of Plymouth, and the late Cheryle Nardo. Kathryn was a

izon for many years.



MacLEAN, Mary Ellen (Pimental), 80, of Dorchester formerly of South Boston. Wife of the late Harold M. MacLean. Mother of Scott, Sean, and the late Brian and Robert MacLean.
Daughter of the late
Frances (Perkins) and John Pimental.

Grandmother of 5. Sister of Janice Hardy of Maine, Edward and his wife Janis Pimental of Massachusetts, Daniel and his wife Shirley Pimental of Florida and Arthur Pimental of Florida. Also survived by many loving nieces and nephews and friends. Donations in Mary Ellen's memory may be made to the American Heart Association, 20 Speen Street, Framingham, MA 01701 (heart. org) or the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund, 3303 Wilson Blvd, STE 300, Arlington, VA 22201 (vvfm.org.)



MALONEY, Marilyn (Wajcium), a lifelong resident of Dorchester. Wife of James Maloney Jr. Mother of Jennifer McCarthy and husband Edward McCarthy, and her son James Maloney III, all of Dorchester. She was the Nana of Edward "Teddy" McCarthy IV. Marilyn is also survived by her siblings Jean Sheehan, Jack Wajcium, Helen Morse, and Mary Tilley, as well as many nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her parents, John and Mary Wajcium, daughter Lauren, and her sisters Barbara Shaughnessy, Betty Whyte. She dedicated her life to caring for the residents of the Boston Home for over 40 years. Donations may be made in Marilyn's memory to the Boston Home, Attn: Ali Cahill, The Boston Home, 2049 Dorchester Avenue, MA 02124 or the Dana-Farber Cancer In-

McDONOUGH, Mary Bridget (Duf**fin**), 94, of Dorchester, formerly of Jamaica Plain. Wife of the late Patrick F. McDonough. Mother of Anne Marie Wald of Wellesley and her late husband Stephen, Barbara J. Gaski

stitute, P.O. Box 849168,

Boston, MA 02284-9168.



and her husband Mark of Dorchester, Michael J. McDonough and his wife Alicia of Arizona, Thomas P. McDonough of Hanover, Joseph F. McDonough and his wife Kennon of Belmont, CA, John C. McDonough and his wife Amanda of Milton, and Patrick F. Mc-Donough, Jr. and his wife Amelia of Malden. Sur-vived by 19 Grandchildren and 8 Great Grandchildren. Daughter of the late Bridget (Cooke) and Patrick Duffin. 'Idella' was predeceased by her siblings – Margaret P. "Peggy" Goggin, Anna D. Long, William M. Duffin, Frances K. Mac-Donald, Patrick F. Duffin and John R. Duffin. Mary leaves behind her sister-in-law Maureen Duffin of Weymouth and her cousin Mary "Tina" Duffin of Malden. Also survived by many nieces and nephews and their families. Late employee of both the Boston Public Schools and Verizon until her retirement in 1998.



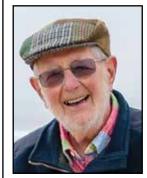
O'BRIEN, Margaret A. "Peg," "Peggy" (Gippert), 68, of Whitman, originally of Dorchester. Daughter to the late Joseph and Mary (Keeley) Gippert.

Peggy was an educator with a career spanning four decades across several Catholic schools including, Saint Brendan's School, Saint Kevin's School, Saint Margaret's School, and Holy Family School, Rockland. Wife to the late Paul E. O'Brien. She is survived by their son, Kevin and nis wife, Lauren O'Brien of Raynham; sister, Mary Beth (Gippert) and her husband, Marty Walsh of Dorchester; sister-in-law, Karen (O'Brien) and her husband, John Donahue of Kingston; 2 grandchildren; and mny nieces, nephews, and friends whom she considered family. Donations in memory of Peggy can be made to the O'Brien Family Endowed Scholarship, Cardinal Spellman High School, 738 Court Street, Brockton, MA 02302.

PORTER, Arthur J., 83, of Dorchester. Husband of the late Donna M. (Giandello) Porter. Son of the late Samuel and Ida (Minsky) Porter. Father of Jacquelin and her husband Clifton Maskell of Hanson, Eliz-

Dr. Walter George Hagenbuch

Dr. Walter George Hagenbuch, 98, passed away at home in Dorchester, MA, on February 24, 2024, surrounded by family. Born on March 10, 1925, in Nazareth, PA, to Katie (Bensing) and John Hagenbuch, he was the oldest of six siblings. He is survived by his loving wife of 47 years, Sandra Iger Kohler; their son Charles and his spouse Jenn Cartee; two grandchildren, Kit and Sam Hagenbuch; his sister Irene Neel; and many, many nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his parents; his children David and Kathy Hagenbuch; and his sisters Marion Fair, Dorothy Hagenbuch, Bernice Butz, and Regina Fritchman.

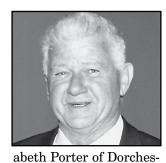


Walt graduated from Nazareth High School in 1942. He enlisted in the US Navy in 1943, serving during WWII. When he returned home, he used his GI Bill benefits to attend Lehigh University and then pursued a PhD in Education at Temple University with a research focus in physics. His first teaching assignment was

in Belvedere, NJ, but he spent most of his professional career in the Colonial School District in Pennsylvania, first at Plymouth Whitemarsh High School and ultimately as the District Science Coordinator. After his retirement, the family moved to Selinsgrove, PA in 1992, where he filled his time with involvement in his son's extracurricular activities, gardening, and becoming an incredibly efficient tennis player. In 2006, Walt and Sandra moved to Dorchester to be closer to family.

Over the course of his entire life, Walt delighted in learning new things. He played the baritone horn in several different ensembles, sang as a bass in glee clubs, choirs, and choral societies, and was passionate about marching bands, classical music, and opera. He was an avid and skilled film and digital photographer and woodworker. He loved to cook and delighted in the travel he and Sandra have been able to enjoy together. Always the educator, he never stopped teaching, including years of training volunteers to prepare tax returns for elderly and low income filers, serving as an instructor for the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (OLLI) at UMass Boston, and in every interaction with his beloved grandchildren. His friendship was treasured by many and he will be dearly missed.

A Celebration of Life will be held at First Parish Milton (Unitarian Universalist), 535 Canton Ave, on Sunday, March 10, at 4pm, where he was a long-standing member. The service will be hybrid and you are welcome to join in person or via zoom at http://tinyurl.com/WaltHagenbuch. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that any memorial gifts be made in the form of charitable donations to First Parish Milton, https://fpmilton.org/.



ter, Kathleen Porter of Dorchester, Mary Ellen Porter of Hanson, Mark and his wife Kristen Sullivan of Wilmington, Richard and his wife Jen Sullivan of Abington, and Kelly Sullivan of Dorchester. Brother of Francine Leventhal and her late husband Norman of Oregon. "Pup" to 10 grandchildren and 6 great-grandchildren. Arthur is also survived by many nieces and nephews. Arthur was a veteran of the Vietnam War, serving in the US Marine Corps and the US Army. He was a retired police officer for the City of Boston, after serving for over 36 years. He proudly started and served as

the first editor of the Pax

Centurion, a monthly

police publication. Af-

ter retirement from the

Boston Police, he worked

as a court officer at the Moakley Federal Courthouse in Boston.



POWER, ald "Donnie". 64. of Dorchester. Son of the late Donald and Marjorie Power of Dorchester. Brother of Donna Power of Dorchester, Patti Arnault and her husband Jeff of New Hampshire, Carol Dudley of Dorchester, and the late Larry Power. Also survived by several nieces, nephews and their children whom he adored. Donnie enjoyed years working at Road To Responsibility at the Hingham location, where the staff took excellent care of him. Contributions in Donnie's name may be sent to Road to Responsibility, 1831 Ocean Street, Marshfield MA 02050.



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COMMONWEALTH OF THE TRIAL COURT PROBATE & FAMILY COURT
SUFFOLK DIVISION 24 NEW CHARDON STREET BOSTON, MA 02114 Docket No. SU23D1287DR DIVORCE SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION and MAILING SILVIA PATRICIA PEREZ MARIA

JUAN JOAQUIN TATIS NOBOA To the Defendant:

The Plaintiff has filed a Complaint fo Divorce requesting that the Court gran a divorce for Irretrievable Breakdown o the Marriage. The Complaint is on file at the Court. An Automatic Restraining Order has been entered in this matte preventing you from taking any action which would negatively impact the cur rent financial status of either party. SEE Supplemental Probate Court Rule 411

rou are hereby summoned and required to serve upon: Silvia Patricia Perez Maria, 397 Dorchester Street Apt. 2, Boston, MA02127 your answer any, on or before 04/18/2024. 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 Reaister of this Court. Witness, HON. BRIAN J. DUNN

First Justice of this Court. Date: February 6, 2024

Stephanie L. Everett. Esa Register of Probate Published: February 29, 2024

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS THE TRIAL COURT PROBATE & FAMILY COURT SUFFOLK DIVISION 24 NEW CHARDON STREET BOSTON, MA 02114 Docket No. SU24D0180DR DIVORCE SUMMONS
BY PUBLICATION and MAILING
CHINH THI PHAM

BAO QUOC NGUYEN

To the Defendant: The Plaintiff has filed a Complaint for Divorce requesting that the Court grant a divorce for Irretrievable Breakdown o the Marriage. The Complaint is on file at the Court. An Automatic Restraining Order has been entered in this matte preventing you from taking any action which would negatively impact the cur ent financial status of either party. SEE Supplemental Probate Court Rule 411

You are hereby summoned_and required to serve upon: Dan Tran, Esq., Law Office of Dan N. Tran, 1377 Dorchester Ave., 2nd Floor, Dorchester MA 02122 your answer, if any, on or before 04/25/2024. 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 Witness, HON. BRIAN J. DUNN, First

Justice of this Court.
Date: February 9, 2024

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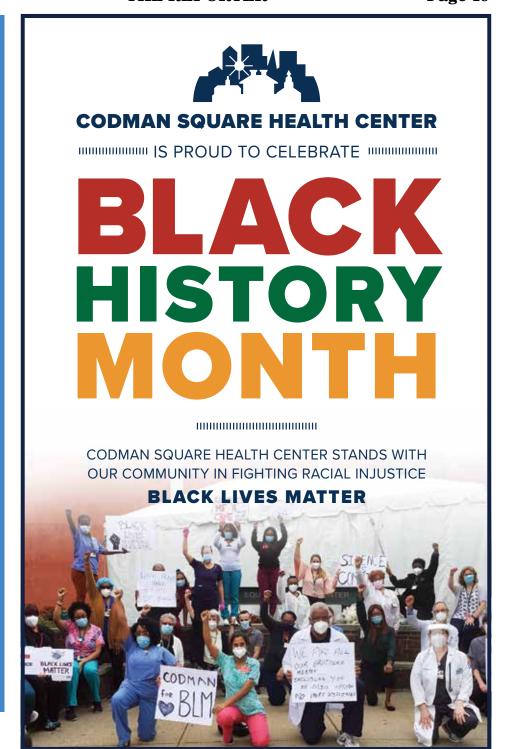


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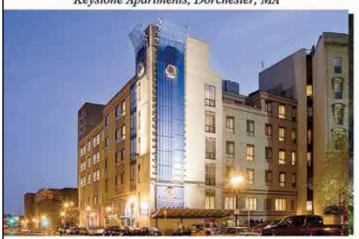
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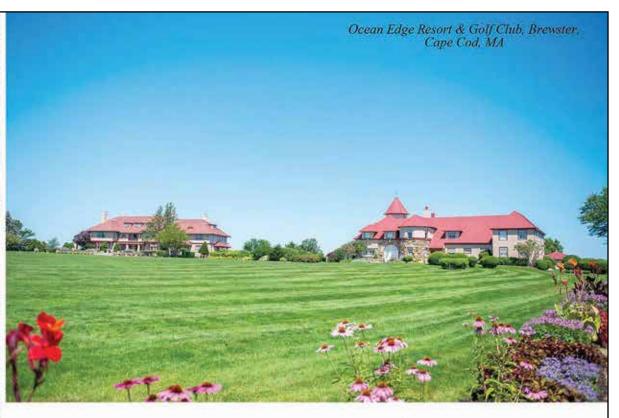
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