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City Councillor Michelle Wu put an #UnfairHikes sticker on Edward Harris, 47, of Dorchester during a Monday morning conversation on the platform at the JFK/UMass station. *Jennifer Smith photo*

On the day that MBTA fare hikes take effect, riders, elected officials lead protests at stops

By JENNIFER SMITH
NEWS EDITOR

The morning rush started and the timing of the next train from Ashmont was a mystery – but the ride did cost more than it did the day before.

Fare increases took effect Monday morning, raising costs for MBTA riders by six percent on average. Subway fare with a CharlieCard increased from \$2.25 to \$2.40 for a one-way trip, and monthly passes rose from \$84.50 to \$90. Costs for commuter rail fares, which vary by zone, saw monthly pass hikes ranging from an extra \$5.50 in Zone 1A inside Boston to \$27.75 for Zone 10 at Wickford Junction, R.I.

Fares that did not change include local bus one-

way, the local bus monthly pass, and the reduced one-way fares for local bus and subway and monthly passes for seniors, TAP riders, youths, and students.

The increases did not go down easily for commuters, and local officials piled on in protest. Organized by City Councillor Michelle Wu, a #BostonTParty rally on Sunday transitioned to a system-wide #UnfairHikes effort on Monday morning with more than 300 volunteers and 50 elected officials and candidates at stations looking to engage riders in discussion and activism on behalf of a better MBTA.

"The idea is people are frustrated, they're tired of service getting worse, and fares are going up, and

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\$3.49b city budget gets council okay; 3 members critique BPS spending plan

By JENNIFER SMITH
NEWS EDITOR

The mayor's full \$3.49 billion city budget made it through the city council last week despite sharp critiques on the public schools spending plan from three councillors who voted against adopting the BPS budget.

Andrea Campbell, Lydia Edwards, and Michelle Wu cited issues of equity, school cuts, and stability in the public school system in voting against its spending request.

Up about \$50 million from last year – to a total of \$1.18 billion – the school budget includes items like funding for a full-time nurse in every school, additional paraprofessionals and mental health professionals, free menstrual products for students, free MBTA passes for 7-12 grade students, and moves toward universal pre-K.

"The education budget is not a perfect budget, but these are investments that we cannot ignore and say no to," said Councillor At-Large Annisia Essabi-George at the council's meeting last week. "These are investments that will help improve the services and support the needs of our students. My vote today serves to recognize the importance of those investments, but also the work that still is needed to

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Witness speaks of police restraint on Penhallow Street

By BILL FORRY
EDITOR

A neighbor who witnessed last Monday's police shooting of a 19-year-old suspect on Penhallow Street says that he joined officers in pleading with the young man to drop his weapon – to no avail.

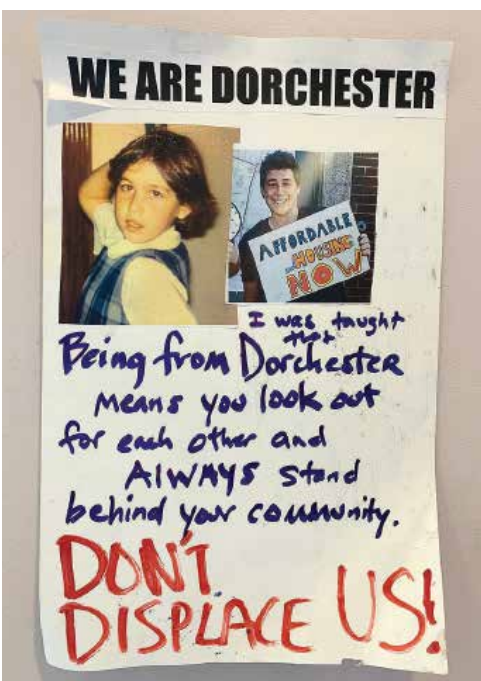
Leonard Lee, a long-time resident of the normally quiet, tree-lined side street off of Melville Avenue and Mather Street, said that he believes that the young man – who has been identified as Jaymil

Ellerbe – essentially "committed suicide" by cop.

"I thought that I would never say this, but these officers were amazing in trying to save this young man's life," Lee wrote in a post on Facebook. "They did not want to shoot him. ... this young [man] committed suicide."

The incident that unfolded in front of Lee's house stemmed from an earlier shooting in Town Field, just two blocks away, according to Boston Police.

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Above is one of the posters featured at an assembly and rally on Sunday in the Fields Corner neighborhood to discuss a Boston-wide housing plan catered toward residents facing displacement. Story, page 3.

Perille recalls a year of many hard choices

By MAX LARKIN
WBUR REPORTER

Another school year in the books – another transition at the top of Boston Public Schools. On Monday, interim superintendent Laura Perille passed the post on to Brenda Cassellius.

Cassellius – a lifelong educator and administrator – is the seventh person to hold the post of superintendent since 2006.

The evidence shows that being superintendent can be an uncomfortable position. It's caught between an obligation to serve tens of thousands of students, teachers and families, and a duty to elected officials and advocates who want to see reform and improvement in the state's largest school district.



At a meeting at Boston English High School, Laura Perille joked with school principal Caitlin Murphy.

Jesse Costa/WBUR photo

In her final weeks on the job, Perille spoke to WBUR about what makes the job such a challenge – and ultimately, so rewarding.

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Development beat

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DOT BY THE DAY
July 4 - 20, 2019
A snapshot look at key upcoming events in and around the neighborhood for your weekly planner.

Thursday (4th) – Independence Day.
Friday (5th) – The Ashmont-Peabody Square Farmers Market opened for the season last Friday, June 28 at the Ashmont MBTA plaza. The market will be open every Friday from 3-7 p.m. through Oct. 18. It includes farm-fresh produce, local meats, artisan breads and pastries, live music and more. See the weekly vendor line-up at tinyurl.com/AFMCal.
Saturday (6th) – JFK Library’s Celebrate series welcomes families for Bright Star Touring Theatre’s show “Jack’s Adventure in Space,” at 10:30 a.m. Free. Register at jfklibrary.org.
Tuesday (9th) – City of Boston’s Artists in Residence workshops will be held from 10 a.m. to 12 noon on at McConnell Park, Dorchester. Free for kids ages 3-10.
Thursday (11th) – U2 cover band The Joshua Tree performs in a live, free concert at Hemenway Park, 540 Adams St., Dorchester, 7 p.m. See boston.gov/parks for more info.
Tuesday (16th) – Fenway Challenge featuring the Red Sox Showcase at Town Field, 1545 Dorchester Ave. from 10:30 a.m. – noon. The free series gives children ages 7 to 14 the opportunity to test their pitching accuracy, swing in a batting cage, and practice base stealing. Food and entertainment including virtual reality, a replica Green Monster, and Red Sox mascots Wally and Tessie will provide participants with an unforgettable field day. Participants will also have the opportunity to win Red Sox tickets. To register go to mlb.com/redsox/forms/fenway-challenge.
Saturday (20th) – Neponset RiverFest will be held at DCR Neponset Park, Dorchester (at the corner of Granite Ave. and Hilltop St.) Hosted by Neponset River Watershed Association. This is a family-friendly, public event. The public is encouraged to bring a blanket and a picnic, and spend the day. Activities include: free canoeing/kayaking, biking, rock wall climbing, soccer demonstrations, bouncy house, and casting clinic. Multiple food trucks, live musical performances, environmental and science exhibits, kid’s activities, and more. See Neponset.org for more info.
• The 9th annual Mattapan on Wheels Bike-a-Thon, a youth-led event., will be held today from 8 a.m.-3 p.m. Ages 8 and up, 12 and under accompanied with an adult. All routes will begin at George H. Walker Playground, 528 Norfolk St., Mattapan. Contact mattapanonwheels@gmail.com or call 617-433-7050. Or visit mattapanonwheels9.eventbrite.com.

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Morton St. apartment building wins Zoning Board approval

BY REPORTER STAFF
The Zoning Board of Appeal on June 25 approved a 27-unit apartment building at 775 Morton St. on the corner of Wildwood Street. The vote followed some confusion caused by a shortage of board members due to holdups by city councillors on questions for proposed new panel members involving marijuana-related zoning.
Mayor Walsh’s appointment of several new members to the zoning board has been held up by City Councillors Lydia Edwards and Michelle Wu, in part because of questions on how the new members will interpret a city ban on marijuana establishments less than a half mile apart - an issue that surfaced in East Boston when the mayor’s office supported applications for two bidders located a few blocks away from each other.
The holdup meant that six, rather than seven, zoning-board members heard developer Anthony Ruscitto’s proposal, which left him with little room for a winning margin; the board requires a two-thirds favorable vote for a project to be approved. The board initially

Architect rendering shows what 775 Morton St. would look like when completed.

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voted 5-1 in favor of the project, with member Bruce Bickerstaff casting the lone vote against, but board chairwoman Christine Araujo then declared that the vote was not sufficient and that the project was denied.
At the request of Ruscitto’s attorney, John Pulgini, the board then agreed to withdraw the motion on the project and let Pulgini ask for a deferral on the vote - in the hope that by the time the board re-heard the proposal, it would have seven members. After a recess - and after residents who had opposed the proposal had left - Araujo announced that due to confusion over the quorum issue, she had incorrectly ruled the project denied.
Member Craig Galvin then moved to approve the project, and the

vote was once again 5-1. This time Araujo ruled the project had been approved. She asked the mayor’s neighborhood liaison to tell the opponents who had left about the approval.
Ruscitto’s proposal calls for a four-story building on what has long been a vacant lot, with ground-floor retail space and a 29-space garage accessed via Wildwood Street. Four of the units will be sold as affordable.
The mayor’s office supported the proposal, but some residents said the building was too tall and too dense and would cause traffic problems because of the way the way the busy Morton Street curves near the site.
The BPDA board had approved the project in January.

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Police Courts & Fire
Janvier found guilty in 2011 double-murder

A Suffolk Superior Court jury last week convicted a 36-year-old man who murdered two sisters inside their Harlem Street apartment in 2011. Jean Weevins Janvier fled to Haiti after the double-homicide and was eventually captured by Haitian police and US Marshals in 2017. He was sentenced by Judge Jeffrey Locke to two life sentences in prison.
Janvier was indicted in 2012 for the murders of Stephanie and Judith Emile in their Harvard Street apartment. The two women were found shot to death with a two-year old toddler nearby unharmed. Janvier eluded capture and was on the US Marshals’ 15 Most Wanted List prior to his arrest by Haitian police at his mother’s house. He was extradited after being held by Haitian police, who offered “exceptional performance” in capturing Janvier, according to a statement by US officials.

Condo project on Aspinwall under review

The public will have a chance Monday to review plans for a 34-condominium project proposed for 3 Aspinwall Rd. near Codman Square.
Developers Shanti Acquisition LLC hopes to build a 34,200-square foot building with 29 underground parking spaces at the former site of Nelson Manor Nursing home. A meeting on the project is scheduled for July 8 at the Codman Square Health Center’s Great Hall on Washington Street from 6:30 to 8 p.m.
In filings with the city, the project team describes a new four-story building with

Above, a rendering of the proposal at 3 Aspinwall Rd. by RODE Architects, Inc.

underground parking and 7,800 square feet of landscaped open space surrounding the building. The above ground floors would have a combination of studios, one-bedroom, two-bedroom, and duplex residential units.
“The proposed project would create a residential development combining market rate and affordable housing opportunities in a contemporary aesthetic appropriate in scale, massing, and design within the surrounding neighborhood,” project filings read.
A public comment period for the 3 Aspinwall project is open until July 19.

UPCOMING CIVIC ASSOC. MEETINGS • FULL LISTINGS ON PAGE 10

Adams Street BPL branch to close for renovations— The Adams Street branch of the Boston Public Library will close for renovations on Fri., July 12. The project will enlarge and modernize the branch, which is expected to re-open in early 2021. The Lower Mills branch on Richmond Street, which was closed for several weeks for minor renovations, will re-open on Sat., July 13. See bpl.org for more details.
Fundraiser for Old Morton Street fire victims on July 27— The Lower Mills Civic Association will host a fundraiser on Sat., July 27 for neighbors displaced by the nine-alarm fire on Old Morton Street. The fundraiser will be held from 5-8 p.m. at St. Gregory’s auditorium, 2200 Dorchester Ave. Tickets: \$25. Donations made be sent via LMCA to 15 Becket St., Dorchester, 02124.
Multicultural Day in Codman Square on July 13 — Celebrate the variety of cultures that make up our neighborhood at Dorchester Multicultural Day on Sat., July 13, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. at Codman Park & Second Church in Dorchester parking lot, corner of Washington St. & Talbot Ave., Codman Square. Live Entertainment, music, dance and fashion. Local vendors, food for sale, community choir, arts for kids and more. Bring a folding chair and relax all day or stay for as long as you can. No cost to attend.
Vendors may register for a table at this outdoor event

(indoors in case of rain) by July 6. Includes: One 6-foot table, 1 chair. You may bring your own tent. For further information contact: secondchnaz@gmail.com or 617-825-2797. Sponsors are: Second Church in Dorchester, Codman Square Neighborhood Council, Codman Farmers Market, Codman Square Neighborhood Development Corp.
Greater Mattapan Neighborhood Council meeting on July 8— The Greater Mattapan Neighborhood Council meets on Mon., July 8 from 6:30 p.m.- 6 p.m. at the Mildred Ave Community Center, 5 Mildred Ave., Mattapan. The agenda includes presentations from several people including State Senators Sonia Chang-Diaz and Nick Collins, Frank O’Brien of the Allandale Coalition and Marvin Martin of Action for Equity. Healthy desserts and refreshments planned. See g-mnc.org for more info.
College essay workshop at Project D.E.E.P.— Project D.E.E.P. will host a college essay workshop on Wed., Aug. 7 at 5:30 p.m.- 8 p.m. for the class of 2020 featuring coach nAnita Doar. \$50 fee advance registration required by July 24. See writeupcoaching.com/register.
Pear Square Art Fair on July 20— The second annual Pear Square Art Fair will be held in Richardson Park (near intersection of Mass Ave. and Columbia Rd.) Over a dozen art vendors including handcrafted leather, pottery, fused

glass, painting and more! Artists will be making art and selling their work in the shade of Richardson Parks trees. There will be food vendors and light entertainment all afternoon from local folk, pop and soul artist on the lawn of Boston’s oldest house, The James Blake House!. Free tours available. Vending hours 12-5 p.m.
MR8K - A Run for Gratitude set for Sept. 2— The Martin Richard Foundation, in partnership with the Boston Bruins Foundation, New Balance and DMSE Sports, will host the second annual *MR8K - A Run for Gratitude* on Labor Day, Monday, Sept. 2 at Warrior Ice Arena at Boston Landing in Brighton. Registration is \$45, with proceeds benefiting the Martin Richard Foundation. Participants who choose to fundraise and commit to raise a minimum of \$300 for the Foundation will receive free entry into the race and a limited edition 2019 MR8K Team MR8 race shirt. The event is open to runners, walkers and para-athletes of all abilities, as well as families with small children. Register now at BostonBruins.com/MR8K.

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Fields Corner assembly, rally make case for more affordable housing

BY KATHERINE MARTIN
SPECIAL TO THE REPORTER
About 200 people gathered at VietAID Community Center in Fields Corner last Saturday afternoon to discuss a Boston-wide housing plan catered toward residents facing displacement.

This was the third assembly in a series of five organized by Right to The City Boston, a coalition that includes ten groups whose neighborhoods are being impacted by rising housing costs and evictions.

The event kicked off at 11 a.m. with five residents from various advocacy groups taking turns reciting the “Homes For All” core principles in different languages. Throughout the day, interpreters were available for non-English speaking community members. In the crowd, many returning activists and some newer faces represented a number of Boston’s neighborhoods. Posters that hung on the walls included phrases such as, “Don’t sell out our community to billionaire investors,” and “We have the right to the city.”

These posters were later carried to a rally at the site of the forthcoming mixed-used DotBlock development in Glover’s Corner.



Marchers made their way to Glover’s Corner on Saturday after discussions about housing in Fields Corner.
Katherine Martin photo

“We are marching over there and saying we don’t want this to happen anywhere else in this city,” said Helen Matthews, communications manager for City Life/Vida Urbana, one of the organizations that planned the event. “What we do want is a master plan for Glover’s Corner that calls for 65 percent of new housing in that area to be affordable at real income levels. Not 100 percent AMI (Area Median Income), but real AMI levels.”

James Michel, co-founder of Boston Clean Energy Coalition began attending meetings because he felt he needed to learn more. “I have spent the last five years or so focusing on climate change, but it’s all connected. It’s the same power we are fighting against,” he said.

Attendees broke off into groups to further discuss the Boston People’s Plan’s three main objectives: establishing anti-displacement zones; ensuring that at least half of new housing is affordable; and empowering neighborhoods in the face of development.

Under its Inclusionary Development Policy (IDP), last updated in 2015, the city mandates that buildings with more than nine units that need zoning approval must designate at least 13 percent of their on-site units and either 15 or 18 percent of off-site units as “affordable.” In some cases, developers are allowed to pay into an IDP fund that goes toward affordable housing production.

The affordability standards are federally

determined and include a region larger than just Boston proper, which critics point out includes income levels not reflective of many neighborhoods.

Meetings are under way now to reassess the affordability requirements for Boston. There is also a city-backed effort to apply IDP standards to projects that do not require zoning relief, which would result in more affordable units.

At a Dorchester Not For Sale group meeting in February, advocates asked Mayor Martin Walsh to commit then and there to the 65 percent standard in Glover’s Corner.

Walsh said at the time that practical limitations like precipitously dropping federal funding and tax-dependent city revenue meant he could

not honestly make that promise.

“Sixty-five percent affordable — a great goal, a brilliant goal,” he said, later adding: “The answer is yes, but the reality isn’t yes. This is where honest conversations have to happen. We’d like to say zero displacement, but there’s no way any person can commit to that. I can’t commit to 65 percent affordable, because how do you get there?”

Reconvening after an hour of discussion and lunch on Saturday, the groups summarized their conclusions. Community members waved green sheets of paper in the air, signaling their agreement to the demand for a board of community members that will have veto power over developers in the review process. They agreed that they need to be able to say, “We don’t want this if it doesn’t meet community needs and standards.”

Another policy proposed at the meeting was to change the value and definition of AMI.

“We need to align the different neighborhoods because what’s affordable in Roxbury isn’t affordable in Mattapan or East Boston,” said Darnell Johnson, coordinator of Right to The City

Boston. “We are trying to find that through line that we can say, ‘When you’re coming to build in Boston, affordable housing and equitable development mean this to Bostonians city-wide.’”

Organizers founded the rally to reflect the common needs and demands the communities share. “This is not just an isolated incident to Dorchester. ... This is a city-wide crisis that nobody has yet to address with real solutions,” said Andres Del Castillo, a resident of East Boston and community organizer for City Life/Vida Urbana.

“In a lot of the planning meetings our communities are left out whether strategically or systematically, through complete lack of language access or appropriate outreach, so these moments are really important,” Del Castillo said, adding, “We’re also modeling a process for the government. We’re able to say this is what it should look like when you make a plan for the city because this is not what it looks like anymore.”

Along the march to Glover’s Corner from VietAID, participants chanted, “Luxury condos, they’re no good. Get them out of our neighborhood.”

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(Continued from page 1) the last thing we want people to do is disengage and feel like their voices don't matter," Wu said at Ashmont Station around 7 a.m. She is encouraging the state to look at new revenue options like a gasoline tax to bolster the system.

The action on Monday was designed to connect riders for future coalition work and make their frustrations known. Wu rode the Red Line through to Park Street, talking to riders on board and taking half an hour on the JFK/UMass platform to meet up with commuters near the site of last month's major derailment. Signal clocks between Ashmont and JFK/UMass were still inoperable on Monday, as signal bungalows were heavily damaged in the derailment.

"It kind of ruins the beginning of your day knowing what's coming," said Lower Mills resident Jeffrey Drayton as he waited for the train to depart. The senior, and daily Mattapan Trolley and Red Line rider, said the extra 25 minutes he has to book in since the derailment have been "awful, awful," and he opposes the fare hikes, though the commute



City Councillor Michelle Wu, at center, talks with MBTA rider and medical technician Hyacinth at JFK/UMass station on Monday. Hyacinth was waiting for the Ashmont train to take her three stops to Shawmut to go home and sleep after work.

itself is generally "very good."

Carey Adams, of Roxbury, was only on the Red Line to visit a friend. He and Wu, both typically Orange Line riders, discussed the worst performing T branches.

"I was kind of hesitant to take the Red Line because of all the trouble they've had," he said, adding that with the transit chaos it can take "hours to get downtown."

He told Wu, "the Red Line's the worst line, if I'm going to be honest."

The fare hikes are ill-advised at this stage, the 19-year city employee said. "Someone should have done something a long time ago. The fares keep going up, the service gets lousier and lousier."

The MBTA tweeted at the start of service that the \$30 million expected to be generated by the new fares "will help sup-

port the \$8 billion, 5-year capital investment program that began July 1, 2018... We know it's hard to see the progress of our capital investments as you ride the system, but tangible benefits like new Orange Line cars and the re-opening of Wollaston station are around the corner."

The trip from Ashmont to JFK/UMass station was slow and halting, with the train sitting for 15 minutes at Ashmont and stopping for a handful of minutes at Savin Hill

and JFK/UMass. Each train pulling through JFK/UMass was full and stayed at the platform for around 5 minutes during the morning rush.

Congresswoman Ayanna Pressley, who made transit equity a central argument in her 2018 midterm run for office, tweeted that this is "first and foremost an issue of civil rights. It is unconscionable that in [the Massachusetts 7th District] - a district that has the worst rush hour traffic in the nation - residents are forced to struggle to afford their commute. #UnfairHikes."

Pressley's district office is near the Shawmut stop on the Red Line, where volunteers from her office congregated in support of the protest.

City Council president Andrea Campbell spent the morning at Ashmont station. "We need faster service on all of our lines," she said. "The Red Line is very special to me because it's the heart of my district, which is mostly Dorchester and Mattapan. But most importantly, all of these upgrades and repairs should not fall on the backs of our residents, who are hard-working and coming to the T hoping today it's working, which sometimes it doesn't. So the system really needs to get it right, and that means the administration and, of

course, the State House."

In 2015, the Legislature voted for the creation of the MBTA control board and authorized fare hikes. Many elected state officials have voiced opposition to the hikes, including State Sen. Nick Collins and state Reps. Liz Miranda and David Biele.

Mayor Martin Walsh, attending a mayors conference in Hawaii, reiterated his objection to the hike on Twitter: "Today the MBTA increased its fares, despite continued delays on the Red Line and beyond," he said. "Boston needs a seat on the board to fight for Boston residents to finally have public transit that gets them where they need to go, when they need to get there — a service that they are already paying for & that they deserve."

Wu is calling for a bigger rider presence on the MBTA's Fiscal Management and Control Board. The Gov. Baker-appointed panel approved the fare increases, 4-0.

In a Boston Globe op-ed article, Wu said the board should "include a rider representative, a permanent seat for the City of Boston, a rotating seat for municipalities in the T's inner core service area, and a rotating seat to represent communities served by commuter rail."

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Police cite ‘significant spikes’ in break-ins, car thefts in C-11

By DANIEL SHEEHAN
REPORTER STAFF

Following a two-week window that saw higher-than-normal rates of car breaks and auto thefts, police from District C-11 are urging residents to be wary of leaving their automobiles unsecured. According to Sgt. Brian Dunford, the span from June 13 through June 25

saw “significant spikes” in vehicle-related crime, with 19 incidents of larcenies from a motor vehicle and 14 auto thefts recorded during those two weeks. Dunford stressed the importance of taking simple precautions like locking car doors, noting that over half the larcenies occurred in

instances where doors were left unlocked, and that 8 of the 14 cars that were stolen were left running with keys in the ignition. “Essentially, a lot of these instances are preventable,” he told the Reporter. The recent rash of crimes was not concentrated any one street

or locality, however, with incidents occurring across the district at different times of day. “The frustrating thing is that there is not a geographic pattern,” said Dunford. “This tells me that it is not the work of one individual, or even a group of people working together.” The sergeant sug-

gested that the opioid crisis may be a driving factor in the uptick of small larcenies, noting that addicts tend to commit “passive crimes” and avoid confrontation. Despite the hike in vehicle-related robberies, Dunford pointed to statistics that show C-11 continues to become safer: armed robberies

have dropped from 82 at this time last year to 54 this year; homicides have been cut in half; and violent crime is down 12 percent citywide. “Dorchester is a good and safe neighborhood, but if cars are consistently broken into, it won’t feel that way to residents,” he said.

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(Continued from page 1) provide our kids with the education they deserve.” She added that she is still disappointed by the lack of investments to renovate facilities at Madison Park High School. Other councillors said their neighborhoods were facing unacceptable cuts.

that Casselius is “thinking about making some changes in central office, making some cuts that can then redirect those dollars to our schools, to our teachers, of course, to our parents, and to our students.” Wu was the third voice to speak against the BPS budget. As did her

colleagues, she pointed out that Casselius was not involved in setting the current budget. “My vote on the school budget is mostly around the need for actionable plans, for accountability, for stability,” Wu said. “And it is an expression of wanting to do my job and setting a baseline



Andrea Campbell
“Equity” concerns



Lydia Edwards
Question of “values”



Michelle Wu
Seeks “stability”

in welcoming the superintendent with huge arms and tremendous

excitement ready for her leadership.” All councillors voted

in favor of passing the broader city budget.

Edwards noted a \$2.6 million loss for District 1 schools, the most for any district, with \$1.2 million of the cuts coming directly from East Boston High School.

“I’m sorry to say that this budget is not a response in any way shape or form from a BPS that is listening to District 1,” Edwards said in voting against it. She added: “If a budget is a reflection of the values of a government, then it’s very clear that BPS does not value District 1... we are dealing with a displacement crisis and the weighted student formula does not account for displacement that the community is dealing with.”

Council President Andrea Campbell, who last week released a plan that calls for time-sensitive changes to BPS operations, cited concerns about equity in achievement, resources, and system-wide measurable improvements.

“I do not think we are demonstrating the values of equity, transparency, and accountability by merely adding money to our budget and celebrating that this is the highest BPS budget in the history of the City of Boston,” Campbell said, noting that she cast the sole vote against the school budget last year.

New BPS Superintendent Brenda Casselius agrees that inefficiencies exist in the system, Campbell said, though she is working to figure out just what they are.

“So whether it is a transportation budget that is just skyrocketing and going up with no end in sight” or “a central office with positions of four folks and I don’t really know what they do and how they actually necessarily serve our schools,” Campbell said, she noted

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Fields Corner-based non-profit gets \$100K boost from Cummings grant

By DANIEL SHEEHAN
ARTS & FEATURES EDITOR

Mujeres Unidas Avanzando (MUA) was one of several Dorchester-based nonprofits to receive a \$100,000 grant from the Cummings Foundation earlier this month as part of a “100k for 100” initiative that saw the foundation invest \$10 million in local nonprofit organizations.

The Fields Corner organization, formerly known as “Mujeres Unidas en Acción,” provides low-income Latina women and their families the tools and resources needed to empower themselves and join the workforce. As MUA enters its 40th year of work, co-director Johannah Malone reflected on the organization’s humble roots and how it has grown in recent decades.

“Back in the late 1970s there were really no adult education programs serving the city,” she explained. “But there was a group of volunteers called WE Can who were going around knocking on doors looking to help people with fuel assistance, weatherizing apartments, and other home heating services.

“Out in Dorchester, they came across a lot of Latina women living by themselves in isolation who didn’t speak



Cummings Foundation deputy director Joyce Vyriotes (left), presents MUA co-directors Johannah Malone and Zoila Diaz with their “\$100k for 100” grant at a ceremony at Tradecenter 128 in Woburn on June 6.

English, and who had kids at home instead of in early education. So, some of the volunteers started an English language volunteer program in a church basement.”

That initial language program gradually evolved to include the holistic range of services offered by MUA today out of their headquarters on Clayton Street in Fields Corner. These services include English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) classes, Hi-SET (formerly GED) secondary education preparation in Spanish, career counseling, job training, computer skills

training, SNAP referrals, onsite child care, transportation costs, and any necessary clothing, books, or materials—all for free.

While MUA’s client base is 95 percent Latino, the organization accepts all English learners into its education programs; native speakers of Cape Verdean creole, Haitian creole, and Vietnamese make up the remaining 5 percent of enrollment.

Joel Swets, executive director of the Cummings Foundation, explained that the Dorchester-based organization was chosen from a total of 574 applicants during

a competitive review process.

“By having such a local focus, we aim to make a meaningful positive difference in the communities where our colleagues and leasing clients live and work,” he said in a press release. “We are most grateful for the non-profit organizations that assist and empower our neighbors, and we are proud to support their efforts.”

In most cases, learning English or developing job skills are crucial first steps towards employability. But as Malone explained, MUA sets its sights on measurable, long-lasting change when it works with low-income trainees.

“To learn English or develop job skills, you know, those are wonderful, but our main focus is really on the next steps: employment, or entering college,” she said.

MUA plans to put the \$100,000 grant towards expanding its “Health-care Careers for the Future” program over the next two years, which will allow the organization to train more future phlebotomists, nursing assistants, and home health aides. Normally, MUA’s course schedule roughly mirrors the BPS schedule, but additional resources could make an evening cycle of classes a reality, or a future session during the summer months. Extra programming could mean more women admitted to the program, and, according to Malone, such growth is needed to meet the demand for bilingual professionals at Boston’s health centers.

“There’s a massive need,” she said. “There are so many openings that we just refer them, and they get placement.”

To learn more about programming at Mujeres Unidas Avanzando or to support its mission, call 617-282-3500 or visit their website at muaboston.org.

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ADAMS STREET BRANCH

Friday, July 12th will be the last day of service before the Adams Street branch closes for the construction of a new building. We will reopen early 2021. Museum passes, holds and other items will be transferred to the Lower Mills Branch.

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Fri., July 5, 10:30 a.m. – Stories, Stories, Stories; Super-Cold Science. **Sat., July 6, 9:30 a.m.** – Citizenship Class; 2 p.m. – Dorchester Speaks. **Tues., July 9, 11 a.m.** – Stories, Stories, Stories; 11:15 a.m. – ReadBoston. **Fri., July 12, 10 a.m.** – Tech Help Time; 10:30 a.m. – Stories, Stories, Stories. **Sat., July 13, 3 p.m.** – USCIS Information Desk at Boston Public Library.

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Fri., July 5, 10:30 a.m. – Preschool Storytelling. **Wed., July 10, 10:30 a.m.** – Preschool Films and Fun. **Thurs., July 11, 3 p.m.** – Drop-In Tech Help. **Fri., July 12, 10:30 a.m.** – Preschool Storytime. **Sat., July 13, 9 a.m.** – USCIS Information Desk at Boston Public Library. **Wed., July 17, 10:30 a.m.** – Preschool Films and Fun. **Thurs., July 18, 3 p.m.** – Drop-In Tech Help.

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Sat., July 6, 2 p.m. – Teen Resume Building. **Mon., July 8, 2 p.m.** – New England Aquarium - Summer Youth Focused Workshop. **Wed., July 10, 11:15 a.m.** – ReadBoston. **Sat., July 13, 1 p.m.** – Family Yoga. **Wed., July 17, 11:15 a.m.** – ReadBoston; 3 p.m. – Anime Club. **Thurs., July 18, 3 p.m.** – USCIS Information Desk at Boston Public Library. **Sat., July 20, 2 p.m.** – Teen Resume Building. **Wed., July 24, 11:15 a.m.** – Read Boston. **Thurs., July 25, 3 p.m.** – Cooking with Miss Debbie - Cupcake Wars.

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The Lower Mills branch will be closed for an interior refresh through mid-summer 2019.

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Fri., July 5, 11 a.m. – Fab Foundation: Open Lab; 1 p.m. – Fab Foundation: Vinyl Cut Stickers; 3 p.m. – Fab Foundation: Open Lab. **Sat., July 6, 10:30 a.m.** – Poppin Beans Storytime. **Tues., July 9, 3 p.m.** – Tinker Tuesdays; 6 p.m. – Hip Hop Dance with Thy. **Wed., July 10, 3 p.m.** – Crafternoons. **Thurs., July 11, 5 p.m.** – Evening Movies; 6:30 p.m. – Free Gentle Yoga. **Fri., July 12, 1:15 p.m.** – ReadBoston. **Sat., July 13, 9 a.m.** – USCIS Information Desk at Boston Public Library. **Tues., July 16, 3 p.m.** – Tinker Tuesdays; 6 p.m. – Hip Hop Dance with Tyh. **Wed., July 17, 3 p.m.** – Crafternoons. **Thurs., July 18, 3 p.m.** – Cooking with Miss Debbie - Cupcake Wars; 5 p.m. – Evening Movies; 6:30 p.m. – Free Gentle Yoga.

UPHAMS CORNER BRANCH

Mon., July 8, All Day - Communicate Like a Champion Drop In Activities. **Tues., July 9, All Day** - Communicate Like a Champion Drop In Activities. **Wed., July 10, All Day** - Communicate Like a Champion Drop In Activities. **Thurs., July 11, All Day** - Communicate Like a Champion Drop In Activities. **Fri., July 12, All Day** - Communicate Like a Champion Drop In Activities. **Sat., July 13, 2 p.m.** – Historic New England - Girl Running: Bobbi Gibb and the Boston Marathon. **Mon., July 15, All Day** - Explore the Library Scavenger Hunt; 10:30 a.m. – Baby and Toddler Lapsit. **Tues., July 16, All Day** - Explore the Library Scavenger Hunt; 2 p.m. – Historic New England - Girl Running: Bobbi Gibb and the Boston Marathon; 3 p.m. – Cover Letter Tips. **Wed., July 17, All Day** - Explore the Library Scavenger Hunt. **Thurs., July 18, All Day** - Explore the Library Scavenger Hunt; 6:30 p.m. – Pajama Story Time. **Fri., July 19, All Day** - Explore the Library Scavenger Hunt; 10:30 a.m. – Story Craft Hour. **Mon., July 22, All Day** - Explore Science: Drop In Activities; 10:30 a.m. – Baby and Toddler Lapsit. **Tues., July 23, All Day** - Explore Science: Drop In Activities; 2:30 p.m. – Wally’s Making Books Come Alive. **Wed., July 24, All Day** - Explore Science: Drop In Activities. **Thurs., July 24, All Day** - Explore Science: Drop In Activities.

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Eight from Dorchester earn \$10K Red Sox scholarships

By JASMINE BRASWELL
REPORTER CORRESPONDENT

Eight Dorchester students are among the 12 Red Sox Scholars selected to receive \$10,000 scholarship grants from the Red Sox Foundation this summer. The students — a group of 13 seventh graders attending Boston schools — were introduced at a pregame ceremony before the Red Sox-Toronto contest on June 23.

The programming for the class of scholars focuses on participation in community service activities, on encouraging strong academic habits, and on navigating the high school application process. As the scholars advance through high school, the focus of the program shifts to preparing them for job opportunities and the college application and financial aid processes.

In college, the Red Sox Foundation connects with the scholars to determine their scholarship disbursement schedule, prepare resumes, and position themselves to succeed post-graduation.

The Dorchester scholarship winners are:

- Blessing Adedji, 14, an honor roll student at Brooke Roslindale Charter School with a passion for dance and spoken word. She is involved in her church community;
- Ayden Cardoso, 13, a “student ambassador”



The Red Sox Scholars in front of the Green Monster.

and honor roll student at Boston Collegiate Charter School. He enjoys playing baseball and soccer and performs in musicals including ‘Beauty in the Beast’ and ‘Cinderella’;

- Jaleel Cardoso, 13, another scholar with honors from Boston Collegiate Charter School who serves as a ‘student ambassador’ with many other leadership roles in the school. He has a passion for theatre and music.

- Alyssa Mascarenhas, 13, gets straight A’s at the John D. O’Bryant School and is an active member of her church. She also mentors children at a youth camp and aspires to start her own business after graduating from college;

- Naimbi McKibben-Mills, 13, attends Martin Luther King Jr. K-8 School and has a passion for dancing and the arts. She is on the honor roll and has spent years learning ballet, tap,

and jazz dances. She is interested in modeling

and fashion, but after college wants to become

Dot drummer a finalist in Blue Man Group contest

A Dorchester native has been named a finalist in the 2019 Blue Man Group Boston Drum-Off competition.

Christina Edwards, 19, beat out 13 other semi-finalists and 44 applicants to make to the finals along with four other contestants.

Edwards, the only female in this year’s competition, will perform at the Drum-Off finals as part of a Summer Block Party event on Sat., July 6, at 5 p.m. at the Lawn on D in South Boston.

Each finalist will perform a three-minute solo in front of the audience and the judges. The winner will perform with the Blue Man Group and receive \$5,000 in prizes from Blue Man Group, DW, Sabian, and Vic Firth.

“The drumming talent we’ve seen during this

competition has been phenomenal, so we know that these five finalists are going to put on a great show during the Summer Block Party on July 6th,” said Scott Toomey, Blue Man Group Boston’s Music Director, in a press release.

“Along with the drummers, this is a great opportunity to see Blue Man Group do a live pop-up performance with one finalist performing with them right after they’ve won, so it’s a fun event for all ages.”

This year’s competition will be hosted by Danny Babel of ImprovBoston.

Edwards, who is currently attending Holland College in Prince Edward Island, Canada, dreams of becoming a touring drummer when she graduates.

-DANIEL SHEEHAN

a computer hardware engineer.

- Jordan Michel, 13, has perfect attendance and Honors grades at the McKinley South End Academy. He is a member of the Boys and Girls Club where he participates in various social and athletic activities;

- Arianny Romas Rondon, 13, goes to STEM Academy. She prides herself on her strong work ethic, which is evident through the many academic achievement awards she has received.

She also participates on the school’s volleyball team, swim team, step team, and is a part of the reading club;

- Tyra Swaby, 14, goes to Boston Teachers Union K-8 Pilot School. She received ‘Student of the Month’ and ‘High Honor Roll’ awards throughout her academic career. She is the publicity manager for the Literary Magazine Club, promoting its contributors’ work throughout her school community.



Christina Edwards dreams of getting on the road as a touring drummer.

YESTERYEAR ARCHIVE

DORCHESTER HISTORICAL SOCIETY

We have heard that the Howe House at 16 Howe Street is the subject of a petition to demolish. The city of Boston Assessor’s website shows that the lot where the house is located comprises 5200 square feet, and a small separate lot of vacant land at the back has another 1260 square feet. We have heard that the developer has proposed building six units on the two lots. Reportedly, the application to demolish will be the subject of a hearing before the Boston Landmarks Commission to determine whether the Commission will approve a 90-day demolition delay.

Today’s illustration shows the house in earlier times. It comes from the Dorchester Historical Society’s collections and is apparently a published photograph. There is no indication of its source, but it appears to be from the 19th century. There is also a photograph showing its more recent appearance.

Although the 1977 survey produced under the auspices of the Boston Landmarks Commission estimates the construction date as about 1800, it is likely the building was not erected until the mid 1830s. Hannah Bragg, widow of Nahum Bragg, sold the property out of her deceased husband’s estate to Samuel B. Howe in 1842. She referenced a deed from Thomas Bird to Nahum Bragg dated April 8, 1835, which makes no mention of buildings on the land. It is likely that Nahum and Hannah built the house after they acquired the land in 1835. The house appears on the 1850 map of Dorchester.

Samuel Howe was an inspector of leather at 28 N. Market Street, Boston. He conveyed the property to Leonard Howe in 1848. It is unclear what their relationship may have been. Leonard was born in Sturbridge in 1792 and married Ann Evans in Newton in 1811. They were in Dorchester by 1820 when Leonard and his family members



Two versions of the Bragg-Howe House at 16 Howe Street, Dorchester.

were counted in the US Census. Ann died in 1874, and Leonard died in 1879. They are buried in the Dorchester Old North Burying Ground.

Christopher Kingsley, who lived in this house in the past, reported a couple of years ago that some of the elements of the house may be original. These include interior details combining Federal-period forms with Greek Revival elliptical moldings and fluted pillars. He says the house is probably the vernacular product of a creative local housewright.

However, the house does not seem to meet the level of significance that would be required to designate it as a landmark. A Boston Landmark must be of at least regional significance, and in spite of its age, this house appears to be significant only at the local level. Proposed changes to a Boston Landmark must be approved by the Boston Landmarks Commission. Other designations, including National Register of Historic Places, do not prevent demolition.

We wish the house could be saved. The 90-day



demolition delay, if imposed, will give interested parties a chance to come up with a plan that might save the house. If anyone has a bunch of money and wants to buy a historic house, here’s the opportunity.

The archive of these historical posts can be viewed on the blog at dorchesterhistoricalsociety.org. The Dorchester Historical Society’s historic houses are open on different dates. The Lemuel Clap House (1712 and remodeled 1765) at 199 Boston Street is open on the third Saturday of each month. The James Blake House, 735 Columbia Road (1661) and the William Clap House, 195 Boston Street (1806) are open on the third Sunday of each month. Open hours are 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Boston’s own version of the ‘Lost Cause’

Boston’s perennial bogeyman – “forced busing”– has once again surfaced for another shift in the public stocks.

Blame Kamala Harris, if you’d like, for having the audacity to challenge Joe Biden’s record in a presidential candidates’ debate.

(Isn’t that the time to do it, by the way? Aren’t debates supposed to give candidates a chance to ding their opponents and draw distinctions? When does one begin competing for the nomination against the guy who is considered by some to be the favorite?)

Or, you can blame Joe Biden for not having the good sense to step back and acknowledge that the whole sequence of white resistance to desegregation was – and is – a stain in just about every corner of the republic. Instead, perhaps caught off guard, Biden regurgitated some of the old talking points of the Restore Our Alienated Rights (ROAR) crowd.

“What I opposed was busing ordered by the Department of Education,” Biden sputtered, telling Harris that it was her local city council who failed students of color.

Nonplussed, Harris rightfully countered: “That’s when the federal government must step in. There are moments in history where states fail to preserve the civil rights of all people.”

Biden’s lament is familiar in these parts. It’s propagated by revisionist busing opponents who want us all to fixate on the mean old federales coming in and disrupting our idyllic way of life, persecuting otherwise innocent city dwellers, and letting the tonier suburbs watch, unaffected, from the sidelines. This is the Northeast version of the “Lost Cause” ideology— the spin of the old South maintaining that Northern “aggression,” not Southern secession and treason— was the impetus for the Civil War and its catastrophic aftermath.

Like the “forced busing” revisionists in our midst, the Lost Causers of the South simply brush aside the deep-seated racial violence and state-sanctioned white supremacy that caused the Civil War. Like white Bostonians—many of whom fled city limits— they focus on the flaws of the remedy, not on the evils of slavery and its successor system, Jim Crowism. Bostonians who sympathize with the Biden position at that time— that federal overreach into a local matter was heavy-handed and wrong—choose to ignore the run-up to the order by US Judge W. Arthur Garrity.

Last week, a reader reacting to my take on Biden’s response asked me: “Was there a solution to the mess of a public school system into the ’60s and ’70s that wouldn’t have driven middle class whites out of the system?” The answer is simple: Probably not. There is no way that bigoted whites intent on living sequestered from black neighbors could live and move through their daily lives without enduring the “hardship” of encountering black folks on their streets or in the school. Good riddance to them.

But, obviously, the reader asked the wrong question. The object wasn’t to make life cushier for whites uneasy about black folks. It also wasn’t to make everything fine for their black neighbors. The object was to comply with the Racial Imbalance Act. Newly built schools would need to include students of color and white kids. Boston school officials— then under the direction of an elected school committee— could have simply devised a plan to achieve that.

Instead, despite warnings from all directions about what would become a federal takeover, school committee members elected to flout the law. They



US Sen. Edward W. Brooke, foreground with hand up, faced members of ROAR (Restore Our Alienated Rights) in Boston on Dec. 23, 1975 during a confrontational meeting regarding “forced school busing.” At center, James Kelly, then-president of the South Boston Home and School Association, addressed the senator with City Councillor Louise Day Hicks to his right. *AP Photo*

decided to ignore it and damn the consequences. They enlisted allies in the Legislature to seek to repeal the Racial Imbalance Act. They hoped that the problem could go away or be undone. They were wrong.

One of the triggers for the crisis came with the opening of the Lee School on Talbot Avenue. Even some otherwise vocal “busing” opponents stood up at meetings ahead of its opening and warned their fire-eating allies that to proceed without a desegregation plan of their own making would be folly— and lead to an inevitable lawsuit that the city would lose. They pressed ahead anyway.

The majority white electorate of Boston elected the men and women who made these decisions. They routinely voted in leaders who expressed hostility to desegregation and promised to resist attempts to change the system. These politicians then did exactly what they promised. They led us off the cliff. They did it because it was politically expedient to mollify

a largely racist electorate in the city at the time.

People who want to pretend that these events did not happen— or are somehow unrelated to the federal court edicts that followed— are close cousins to those southern whites who seek to justify their long-ago and more recent wrong-doings by blaming federal overreach.

It’s apologist nonsense.

It’s true that Democrats will need a big tent to compete nationally. But there’s a reason why Joe Biden wasn’t the nominee in 2008.

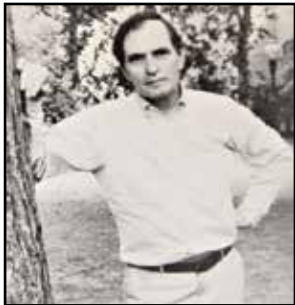
The former vice-president can, and should, play a role. But he and his allies should think long and hard about their own shortcomings in the desegregation era. Here in Boston, that means coming to terms with the complicity of a white power structure that did everything it could to resist desegregation— and then blamed everyone else for the debacle they caused.

– Bill Forry

He has been gone now for 30 years; we miss his clear-tone political voice

By ROY LINCOLN KARP
REPORTER COLUMNIST

Politics was like a religion in my family. My father – the freelance political writer and historian Walter Karp – was our high priest. He had a deep and abiding love for the American republic and little tolerance for lazy thinking or conventional wisdom. When others took aim at the American people, he turned his critical eye toward those in power. He did not believe in social forces; he preferred to name names and misdeeds. Perhaps most of all, he did not believe you could be apolitical. “Apolitical is political,” he would say, “it just means you support the status quo.”



Walter Karp, circa 1988. *Jerry Bauer photo*

kid from Brooklyn became such an avid small ‘r’ republican. I don’t know how my father responded to that question and I’m still searching for a good answer.

My grandfather had put himself through law school, but the fall of 1929 was not a great moment to launch a legal career, so he became a bookkeeper and part-time house painter, while my grandmother worked as a secretary in the Coney Island housing projects. From these modest beginnings, my father thrived academically at James Madison High School (around the same time as Bernie Sanders and Ruth Bader Ginsberg) and went on to become valedictorian of Columbia College in 1955.

After college, he studied anthropology under the tutelage of Margaret Mead, but he left the field before getting his graduate degree, eschewing both anthropology and academia. His early aspiration to write about the history of science is reflected in two early books: a history of the Smithsonian Institution and an illustrated biography of Charles Darwin that

was widely used in American high schools.

Like many Americans in the 1960s, he became politicized during the civil rights movement and the Vietnam War. In 1968, he started a bi-monthly political journal called *The Public Life*, which he produced from the apartment on the Upper West Side where I grew up. This was also the site of Sunday brunches with the political philosopher Hannah Arendt, who once brought along her poet friend W.H. Auden.

The Public Life lasted only three years, but it helped establish my father’s reputation as a thoughtful and independent thinker. He did not fit easily into those political camps labeled “Liberal Left” or “Conservative Right,” but he found a home for his writing in *Harper’s*, *American Heritage*, and the short-lived *Channels* magazine. He also wrote three books that have thankfully been kept in print by *Harper’s*: ‘Indispensable Enemies: The Politics of Misrule in America’ (1973), ‘The Politics of War’ (1979), and ‘Liberty Under Siege: American Politics, 1976-1988.’ (1989).

My father died on July 19, 1989, from complications related to a colon infection. The republic lost one of its most passionate and articulate defenders and my family lost our beloved father, husband, brother, and son. In the ensuing years, we have been left to debate what my father would have thought about political developments during the Clinton, Bush, Obama, and Trump years.

During the 1980s, my father viewed Trump as a vulgar product of Reagan-era materialism and he no doubt would have been appalled by the fear mongering and demagoguery that led to his election as president. But he would also have laid a great deal of blame on the Democratic Party establishment, which he believed is sometimes willing to lose elections in order to maintain control of the party.

My father believed our experiment in self-government was under constant threat from tyranny and that the only real check on those in power was an active and engaged citizenry. He had great faith in the American people, even though that faith was often tested. “America is not as free as it should be,” he once said, “but it’s not so unfree that a voice like mine can’t be heard.” It’s a voice we have missed for the last 30 years and one that we need now perhaps more than ever.

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Violence victims talk of fear of risking deportation

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Standing before a packed room, with tears in their eyes, Maria Teresa Rodriguez and her 16-year-old daughter Sandy recounted abuse at the hands of Sandy's stepfather and how terrified they were to seek help.

He hit Maria and then Sandy one night, they said, but as their minds raced, they decided not to call the police. For years, he had warned them that any law enforcement involvement would end in Maria's deportation — a move that domestic violence experts say is a tactic abusers often use to perpetuate the status quo.

While the truth eventually came out, in a recent interview, Maria and Sandy stressed that their story underlines the need for action, renewing calls for legislation that would prevent local police from inquiring about immigration status. That change, advocates say, would empower domestic violence and sexual assault survivors to contact law enforcement without triggering immigration proceedings that could tear apart their families.

"We want something to be done for the Safe Communities Act to be passed," Sandy said. "We need this to be done as soon as possible because I've seen so many cases where families are broken up because they're trying to defend themselves and trying to get help. Those people that are trying to help you put you even more down instead of picking you up."

Supporters of the legislation rallied before meeting with lawmakers, focusing specifically on how the legislation could protect immigrant survivors and broadcasting personal stories of those most affected.

In addition to banning police from asking about immigration, the legislation (H 3573 / S 1401) would also prevent law enforcement from notifying Immigration and Customs Enforcement when a suspect wanted by the federal authorities is set to be released except for cases in which a criminal sentence is ending.

Advocates say the clear firewall between local departments and federal immigration would ensure that increasingly diverse communities

maintain trust in police and feel comfortable calling for help — or cooperating in cases — without worrying that it will lead to deportation, particularly as the Trump administration ramps up enforcement.

"A lot of people pay attention to the border, but you don't have to look just to the border for families to be separated," said Rep. Liz Miranda, who co-filed the House bill. "We need Massachusetts residents to wake up and understand that separation and fear is being handed out right here in our commonwealth. That's an important thing, because we can't keep patting ourselves on the back for being a liberal state if this is happening in our state."

Miranda, the daughter of immigrants, shared her own personal story, too. She told the room that she was also a survivor of domestic violence and sexual abuse and that her father and brother had both been deported.

About half a dozen of Miranda's colleagues and members of several immigration advocacy and domestic abuse prevention groups joined her at the June 26 event.

Maureen Gallagher, policy director of the anti-sexual assault and domestic violence coalition Jane Doe Inc., highlighted the results of a recent national survey that found 76 percent of immigrant domestic violence survivors are hesitant to contact authorities and more than half decide to drop their cases, afraid of drawing ICE attention.

"Their access to justice is blocked when they can't safely contact law enforcement or seek health care or advocacy without the very real possibility of removal or potential separation from their families," Gallagher said. "Those who abuse often exploit victims' immigration status to maintain power and control by reinforcing fears of deportation."

That fear was the case for Zoila Lopez, too. She recalled one instance after her husband assaulted her when she pleaded with him not to take her to the hospital to avoid getting in trouble over their undocumented status.

The abuse continued and Lopez eventually called police, but she told advocates last week that better protections outlined in the Safe Communities Act would have prevented her from waiting so long. "Give us more support," she said.



Zoila Lopez, speaking at a Wednesday rally in support of the Safe Communities Act, said she was afraid to go to the hospital after her husband physically abused her because she did not want to get in trouble over her immigration status.

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"That way, all the victims can feel confident and secure and safe to call the police."

The legislation generated significant debate on Beacon Hill last session. The Senate approved its language as part of its annual budget. The House never voted on the measure, and Gov. Charlie Baker threatened a veto.

Rep. Ruth Balser, who co-filed the bill with Miranda, said she is optimistic about the legislation's chances, noting that personal stories shared last week may sway minds.

"Most bills take time,"

she told the News Service. "I think for this bill, like all bills, we need to educate. Today, for instance, was part of that education process. I'm not sure that most of my colleagues are aware of the number of people who are afraid to go to police to protect themselves because of the fear of a connection to (Immigration and Customs Enforcement)."

Miranda described the issue as one urgent enough to warrant immediate action. "It is a life and death situation in many of our communities," she said.



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FARMERS MARKET IN PEABODY SQUARE

The Ashmont-Peabody Square Farmers Market opened for the season last Friday, June 28 at the Ashmont MBTA plaza. The market will be open every Friday from 3-7 p.m. through Oct. 18. It includes farm-fresh produce, local meats, artisan breads and pastries, live music and more. See the weekly vendor line-up at tinyurl.com/AFMCal.

PUBLIC MEETING ON PROPOSAL FOR 3 ASPINWALL RD.

The Boston Planning and Development Agency will host a public meeting on Mon., July 8 to discuss a proposal to construct a four-story, residential development at 3 Aspinwall Rd. in Dorchester. The meeting will take place at 6:30 p.m. at the Codman Square Health Center's Great Hall, 637 Washington St., Dorchester. This meeting was originally scheduled for June 24. More info: bostonplans.org or call John Campbell at 617-918-4282. The close of public comment on this proposal in July 19.

RIVERFEST AT NEPONSET PARK ON JULY 20

Neponset RiverFest will be held on Sat. July 20, at DCR Neponset Park, Dorchester (at the corner of Granite Ave. and Hilltop



The Dorothy Curran Wednesday Night Concert Series returns to City Hall Plaza from July 17 to August 14 for another season of outdoor music. All shows begin at 7 p.m. The series kicks off on Wed., July 17 with Total Access, a tribute to the band Chicago. Charlie Thomas' Drifters return on July 24 for a Rock and Roll Reunion Night with La La Brooks. On August 7 enjoy a journey through the greatest decades of Motown funk with the Hipshot Band. The series closes August 14 with Disco Night featuring the legendary Tavares (pictured above) performing hits including "Heaven Must Be Missing an Angel" and "More Than a Woman." For more information, call 617-635-4505 or visit boston.gov.

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MATTAPAN ON WHEELS BIKE-A-THON ON JULY 20

The 9th annual Mattapan on Wheels Bike-a-Thon, a youth-led event., will be held on Sat., July 20 from 8 a.m.-3 p.m. Ages 8 and up, 12 and under accompanied with an adult. All routes will begin at George H. Walker Playground, 528 Norfolk St., Mattapan. There are three courses based on skill level: Family Ride, 9 miles to destination Pope John Paul II Park, Dorchester; Intermediate Ride, 17 miles to destination Carson Beach, South Boston; and Advanced/Expert Ride, 23 miles to destination Castle Island, South Boston. Contact mattapanonwheels@gmail.com or call 617-433-7050 if you have any questions or want to volunteer. For further information, please visit mattapanonwheels9.eventbrite.com.

GREATER MATTAPAN NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL MEETING ON JULY 8

The Greater Mattapan Neighborhood Council meets on Mon., July 8 from 6:30 p.m.- 6 p.m. at the Mildred Ave Community Center, 5 Mildred Ave., Mattapan. The agenda includes presentations from several people including State Senators Sonia Chang-Diaz and Nick Collins, Frank O'Brien of the Allandale Coalition and Marvin Martin of Action for Equity. Healthy desserts and refreshments planned. See g-mnc.org for more info.


COLLEGE ESSAY WORKSHOP AT PROJECT D.E.E.P.

Project D.E.E.P. will host a college essay workshop on Wed., Aug. 7 at 5:30-8 p.m. for the class of 2020 featuring coach Anita Doar. \$50 fee advance registration required by July 24. See writeupcoaching.com/register.

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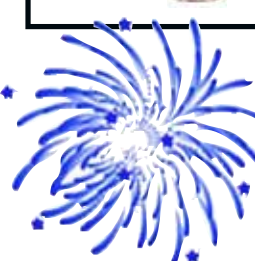
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Pressley takes on local, federal questions at Mattapan forum

By Kevin Perrington-Turner
Reporter Correspondent

About 100 people assembled in the auditorium at the Brooke Charter School on American Legion Highway on Saturday to hear Congresswoman Ayanna Pressley speak at a forum that she had organized with the Greater Mattapan Neighborhood Council.

"Mattapan has very often been left behind and forgotten," Pressley told the crowd. "And so that's why I wanted to begin as a member of Congress my series of town halls in Mattapan."

"I also want to lift up the fact that my district office is in Dorchester, not downtown. It's at 1700 Dorchester Avenue. It's accessible by bus and the T when it's working," she said.



US Rep. Ayanna Pressley, seated at right, addressed the audience at a forum organized by the Greater Mattapan Neighborhood Council last Saturday at the Brooke Charter School.

Kevin Perrington-Turner photo

Pressley addressed a variety of issues at the local and federal level, including concerns raised by seniors about the affordability of medications.

"Companies may say the drugs have this exorbitant cost because of research and development. None of us want to stand in the way of research development

cures. But show us! There's not transparency. It's another example of people choosing profit over people," Pressley said.

Pressley said she is advocating for "incarcerated men and women to be included in the census [according to] where they're from and not where they're warehoused."

"If 1 in 4 people in this district has an incarcerated loved one, and we know that most correctional facilities are private prisons [that] exist in suburban com-

munities, that means," she said, "that black and brown bodies are being counted, and these communities are getting the benefit of federal dollars."

The meeting ended with people lining up to have their pictures taken with the congresswomen and her team collecting contact info from residents. The forum earned strong reviews from attendees who spoke to the Reporter.

"I thought it was excellent. I just wish there were more people," said Mattapan resident

Jeri McNair. "It takes organizations. We have to organize. We have to come out there."

Pascale Thomspan of Mattapan described the event as "inspiring" and said it "makes me want to run. I think the congresswoman was on point with all of the questions that were asked about gun violence, NRA, and housing affordability. And the work that she's doing, it's really powerful."

"I see a change happening," added Ayana Bean of Mattapan. "I think that my concern for the community is the crime. And also how we move forward with people that have criminal histories. And how we come together as a community and not shun or shame. Let's move forward and let people be productive and still be able to live and thrive in their community."

The Greater Mattapan Neighborhood Council will host its next meeting on Mon., July 8, at 6:30 p.m. at the Mildred Avenue Community Center. State Senators Sonia Chang-Diaz and Nick Collins are scheduled to speak.

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Perille recalls a year of many hard choices

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'55,000 Children!'

The BPS superintendent earns around \$250,000 a year, and oversees a billion-dollar operation. And yet — in Boston, as in many other big urban districts — the job tends to wear people out pretty quickly.

First of all, Perille said, the “awesome responsibility” can be panic inducing. As she began last summer, she remembers telling friends, “I wake up every morning and I think, ‘55,000 children! 55,000 children!’” Perille sent so many early-morning emails that district staff wondered when she slept.

There is, of course, an element of unpredictability that requires rapid response: from late buses to lawsuits to an MCAS question many students judged to be racist.

Until last summer, Perille had spent her career in nonprofits, most notably as head of EdVestors, which supports “best practices for school improvement” in city schools and is backed by Boston philanthropists like Amos Hostetter and Seth Klarman.

Back then, Perille was mostly an MBTA commuter and walker. But after she was named superintendent, her family’s one car became inadequate — “showing up,” she explained, is essential. So she and her husband bought a Ford hatchback that matched her specifications — small, efficient, American (“essentially a roller-skate,” she joked). As she steps down, Perille said she has logged 5,600 miles crisscrossing Boston over the course of the year.

Even over the course of a single hour, a superintendent can travel vast cultural distances in a city marked by such extreme inequality.

For instance, one morning earlier this month, Perille drove to a gilded boardroom full of philanthropists in the Back Bay to encourage continued investment in arts education — only minutes after leaving English High School in her own neighborhood of Jamaica Plain.

English High hosts several programs for students with acute disabilities, as well as many who travel back and forth from family homes in the Dominican Republic or elsewhere. Partly as a result of those “high-needs” demographics, it has struggled academically and been subject to state monitoring for nearly a decade.

Perille asked questions and offered encouragement in a meeting with English’s principal, Caitlin Murphy, who



Former BPS Superintendent Laura Perille jokes with Boston English High School principal Caitlin Murphy during a recent visit to the school in Jamaica Plain.
Jesse Costa/WBUR photo

spoke to promising results in the school’s test scores — and a few ongoing struggles with chronic absenteeism and low graduation rates. Afterward, she checked in on English’s marching band — the only one in the city’s schools. Then she got back on the road.

Following a superintendent is a little like being on the campaign trail — except that Perille isn’t keen to seek out the spotlight. She’s in her element in meetings: sharing ideas, parsing data, working through an agenda.

“Laura is A-to-B. She’s a straight line,” said Mayor Marty Walsh, who said he appointed Perille without knowing her particularly well. There’s a sense of humor there, but also a strong drive, Walsh added: “She comes in here, she’s very focused. She has her cards, her situations, the issues she wants to brief me on.”

If she has a difficult job, Perille demurred, so do teachers: “They get very little recognition, and often little understanding of the complexity of their work.”

Perille herself hasn’t been an educator. She came to know BPS as head of EdVestors and as the parent of two Boston Latin graduates. Many community members raised doubts as to whether Perille was prepared for the rigors of the job a year ago.

Parent Latasha Williams said the main thing she knew about the woman who’d be overseeing her children’s schools was that “she’s brought funds in” through her work at EdVestors. She added: “If she’s good at that, well, make a position for her just for that! Give somebody else the position to run the schools!”

And for veteran activists like Bob Marshall, it was only the latest episode in a long trend of district leaders in circumventing the popular will. “I’m not even talking about [Perille],” Marshall said. “What

I’m talking about is the process. It’s people in a smoke-filled room, making decisions that impact our children.”

As it happened, Perille did make big decisions this past year. First and foremost, she rebooted “BuildBPS,” Mayor Walsh’s billion-dollar overhaul of the district’s buildings and school configurations.

Under her watch, BPS planned the gradual phase-out for the city’s remaining middle schools, which have suffered from declining enrollment. To compensate, at least 16 elementary schools will expand to include a sixth grade.

‘The Most Painful Thing’

Most dramatically, in October, Perille asked to close the two high schools inside the West Roxbury Education Complex (WREC) at the end of the school year. (Boston’s school committee approved the decision two months later, and after their final graduations, the schools closed for good earlier this month.)

Perille said the WREC decision was “dropped in her lap” just a week after she got the job. City inspectors raised problems with the complex’s roof, windows, masonry and HVAC system that had been exacerbated by heavy rain last spring. The district did \$312,000 worth of emergency repairs, but ultimately, Perille said, they couldn’t make the building safe for the long term.

“It is the most painful thing that one can do, to close a school,” Perille said, “even if you don’t have any good choices, which we did not in this case.”

Walsh believes that sort of “bold” change is necessary to set BPS up for the 21st century. Still, he said Perille showed rare political courage in carrying it out.

“I think a lot of times, adjustments weren’t made because of the advocacy or the concern of parent groups and

teachers and everyone else,” Walsh said. “Sometimes you just have to make those decisions. And Laura, when she was here, made those decisions.”

If the closures were painful for Perille, they were devastating for the two schools’ students and staff. Ultimately the district made few accommodations, allowing only rising seniors and specialized strands for students with acute disabilities to travel together next year.

Allison Doherty, who taught special education inside the WREC for 20 years, said the building really was in bad shape. But she argued that it got that way only after a parade of superintendents set the school up for failure, subjecting it to unworkable reforms even as they deferred necessary repairs.

By the end of this school year, Doherty said, much of the community had lost its trust in district leaders.

“Even if their intentions are pure,” Doherty said, “It’s kind of like ‘The Boy Who Cried Wolf.’ People feel like they’ve been burned so many times that they just don’t believe anything that is said.”

Doherty will not travel with students in the specialized program for autistic students she created years ago.

She said she and others felt vindicated last month, when blogger and advocate Alain Jehlen surfaced a draft report in November 2018 in which district officials say they might have leased temporary space to keep the WREC communities together but did not, citing an “overarching need for BPS... to right-size its high schools.”

BPS’s trust crisis isn’t limited to West Roxbury; you come upon it across neighborhoods and generations.

For some it goes back decades, as far as the crisis over busing and school integration. Others cite more recent instances of what they

saw as double-speak. Back in 2015, district officials privately weighed a plan to close or consolidate dozens of city schools. (According to former education chief Rahn Dorsey, those plans never progressed very far, and were based on an erroneous analysis by the consulting firm McKinsey.)

And Perille’s predecessor, Tommy Chang, tried to push through reforms — like reshuffling school start times or getting ‘BuildBPS’ under way — only to hold them back in the face of public resistance. After he lost the mayor’s support, Chang resigned last summer, with little explanation.

A year later, even fewer people seem ready to criticize Perille personally. But both Doherty and Marshall called for a move to an elected school committee, as a means to foster public accountability that they see as lacking.

Being ‘Planful’

Perille — born and raised in Illinois — has lived in Boston for more than 30 years. Still, she’s not at peace with her adoptive hometown’s native pessimism, what she called its “penchant for hanging on tightly to its narratives of mistrust and failure.”

Asked what she would change about the job, Perille said she wished people were a little less skeptical, or more open to change. “It’s a little simplistic to say ‘assume good intentions,’ because we all have had our hearts broken,” Perille said. “But there’s also dozens of examples of people pushing themselves to find solutions.”

Perille argued that, since the disappointment at the WREC, she’s tried to be one of those people. For example, her plan to close the McCormack Middle School in Dorchester met with fierce pushback from students and teachers. In response, district officials worked with the school to modify that plan. Now, the McCormack is set to merge

with a high school on its original site in two years, and most people are satisfied.

It wasn’t exactly elegant, but affected staff do credit Perille with listening and being flexible.

Maritza Ciliberto, principal of the Horace Mann School for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing, said she had to press Perille to find a better home for the school than its current building in Allston. But eventually, Ciliberto said, Perille did just that. Now the school is on track to move to a new location within two years.

“It was a leap of faith — she was a new person,” Ciliberto said. “I just decided: ‘I’m going to trust her.’ And I’m so glad I did.”

Perille clearly hopes that what she calls her “planful” approach — giving people plenty of advance warning and opportunity for meaningful feedback — will guide other big changes down the road.

“So much of the work in Boston Public Schools is reactive — some of it because you never know what’s going to happen,” Perille said. “But there’s also reacting when you just haven’t analyzed the data -- haven’t pushed yourself to figure out what’s coming around the corner.” With robust planning, she said, you can prevent “unintended firestorms.”

Brenda Cassellius takes over on Monday. A career educator and administrator from Minnesota, she said in public interviews that she comes to Boston determined to listen and learn, even planning to give her personal cell phone number to anyone who requests it.

And for now, Perille plans to step away from the district completely. (She said she has no definite plans for her next role, though she said she discovered “an interest and a knack for public-sector management.”) She encouraged Walsh to do away with his cabinet-level education position, in hopes that Cassellius will have a “clear field of play” as she establishes herself as a leader in a new and opinionated city.

Perille said she was grateful for the job, despite its stresses, the feeling that “every day matters.” But starting this weekend, she said, she’ll be on a vacation mandated by her husband — and wishing her successor the best of luck.

WBUR 90.9FM and the Reporter share resources and stories through a media partnership. This story first appeared on the WBUR website on June 26.

Neighborhood Notables

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MULTICULTURAL DAY IN CODMAN SQUARE ON JULY 13

Celebrate the variety of cultures that make up our neighborhood at Dorchester Multicultural Day on Sat., July 13, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. at Codman Park & Second Church in Dorchester parking lot, corner of Washington St. & Talbot Ave., Codman Square. Live Entertainment, music, dance and fashion. Local vendors, food for sale, community choir, arts for kids and more. Bring a folding chair and relax all day or stay for as long as you can. No cost to attend. Vendors may register for a table at this outdoor event (indoors in case of rain) by July 6. Includes: One 6-foot table, 1 chair. You may bring your own tent. For further information contact: secondchnaz@gmail.com or 617-825-2797. Sponsors are: Second Church in Dorchester, Codman Square Neighborhood Council, Codman Farmers Market, Codman Square Neighborhood Development Corp.

PEAR SQUARE ART FAIR ON JULY 20

The second annual Pear Square Art Fair will be held in Richardson Park (near intersection of Mass Ave. and Columbia Rd.) Over a dozen art vendors including handcrafted leather, pottery, fused glass, painting and more! Artists will be making art and selling their work in the shade of Richardson Parks trees. There will be food vendors and light entertainment all afternoon from local folk, pop and soul artist on the lawn of Boston's oldest house, The James Blake House. Free tours available. Vending hours 12-5 p.m.

ADSL T-BALL SIGN-UPS UNDERWAY

Sign-up for the ADSL t-ball league (\$40) at alldorchestersports.org. Program fee: \$40.

AUDITIONS ONGOING FOR BOSTON CITY SINGERS

New programs for the Boston City Singers start in September. Auditions are happening by appointment at the Epiphany School, 154 Centre St., Dorchester. More audition sessions are planned on Sept. 6 and 7 or by appointment. See bostoncitysingers.org or call 617-825-0674.

FREE HEALTHY COOKING CLASSES IN NEPONSET

Daniel Driscoll – Neponset Health Center will offer a free four-week healthy cooking class for 5th and

6th graders in the community over four Wednesdays starting on July 10. The class sessions will take place 5 p.m.-6:30 p.m. through July 31. All classes will take place at the health center, located at 398 Neponset Ave. in Dorchester. Space is limited and registration is required. Visit <http://bit.ly/DDNHCsummercooking> to register or contact Harbor Health's prevention programs team at 617-533-2228 or prevention@hhsi.us with questions about the class.

BNBL SIGN-UPS NOW UNDERWAY

Registration is now open for the 50th annual season of Boston's favorite summer basketball league, the Boston Neighborhood Basketball League (BNBL), kicking off on Monday, July 8. BNBL is the oldest municipal basketball league in the country serving young men and women in three divisions each for boys and girls: 13 and under; 15 and under; and 18 and under. BNBL is played at Boston Centers for Youth & Families (BCYF) community centers and selected city parks. The 2019 BNBL season ends with the championship games played in mid-August. BNBL also offers a free Pee Wee Developmental Program for boys and girls ages 6 to 11 offered at various locations across the city in Dorchester, Mattapan, Roslindale, South Boston, West Roxbury, and Roxbury. This program teaches young players the basics of basketball in a fun and non-competitive setting. Registration for Pee Wee BNBL is done on-site at the Pee Wee locations. For more information, please email Charlie Conners at Charles.Conners@boston.gov or call 617-961-3093.

FENWAY CHALLENGE COMES TO TOWN FIELD IN JULY

The Boston Parks and Recreation Department, the Boston Red Sox, and Highland Street Foundation team up once again to present the Fenway Challenge featuring the Red Sox Showcase in local parks on three Tuesdays in July and August. The free series gives children ages 7 to 14 the opportunity to test their pitching accuracy, swing in a batting cage, and practice base stealing. Food and entertainment including virtual reality, a replica Green Monster, and Red Sox mascots Wally and Tessie will provide participants with an unforgettable field day. Participants will also have the opportunity to win Red Sox tickets. The Fenway Challenge will be held from 10:30

a.m. to 12 noon. The dates are July 16 at Doherty Playground (Town Field), 1545 Dorchester Ave., Dorchester; July 30 at Lee Playground, 775 East First St., South Boston; and August 6 at Carter Playground, 709 Columbus Ave., South End. For more information, contact Cheryl Brown at 617-961-3085 or cheryl.brown@boston.gov. To register please go to mlb.com/redsox/forms/fenway-challenge.

FREE PARKARTS WORKSHOPS FOR KIDS

The Boston Parks and Recreation Department's annual ParkARTS program sponsored by Holly Bruce returns in July for kids ages three to ten at the Artists in Residence Workshops held from 10 a.m. to 12 noon in parks across the city. Participation is free and all materials are provided, but children must be accompanied by an adult. Groups of eight or more must make prior arrangements by calling the Parks Department at 617-635-4505 or emailing boston.gov/parks. In addition, the New England Aquarium will bring its traveling tide pool exhibit to four locations and the Marionette Puppet Show series will return in July and August at 11 a.m. at various children's workshops. Experience the unique charm of Rosalita's Puppets featuring marionettes made by professional actor-puppeteer Charlotte Anne Dore. Artists in Residence Workshops will be held from 10 a.m. to 12 noon on Tuesdays, July (9, 16, 23) at McConnell Park, Dorchester. They will be held on Tuesday, July 30, and August 6, 13 at Town Field, Dorchester; and on Fridays— August 2, 9, 16— at Hunt/ Almont Park, Mattapan. The New England Aquarium will be at McConnell Park in Dorchester from 10 a.m. to 12 noon on Tuesday, July 16. Rosalita's Puppets Marionette Performance will be at 11 a.m. on Tuesday, August 13, Town Field, Dorchester.

MR8K - A RUN FOR GRATITUDE SET FOR SEPT. 2

The Martin Richard Foundation, in partnership with the Boston Bruins Foundation, New Balance and DMSE Sports, will host the second annual MR8K - A Run for Gratitude on Labor Day, Monday, Sept. 2 at Warrior Ice Arena at Boston Landing in Brighton.

Produced by DMSE Sports, Inc., the 5-mile course will take place at Warrior Ice Arena at Boston Landing. More than 2,000 people participated in last year's inaugural event at TD Garden, which resulted in a \$100,000 donation to McLean Hospital's LEADER program to support first responders. Registration is \$45, with proceeds benefiting the Martin Richard Foundation. Participants who choose to fundraise and commit to raise a minimum of \$300 for the Foundation will receive free entry into the race and a limited edition 2019 MR8K Team MR8 race shirt. The event is open to runners, walkers and para-athletes of all abilities, as well as families with small children. Register now at BostonBruins.com/MR8K

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Witness speaks of police restraint on Penhallow Street

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Commissioner William Gross told reporters that two BPD officers on bicycle patrol chased the two suspects from the park. Both men were armed, according to the police account. One initially eluded capture (he has since been arrested), while the second young man— Ellerbe—engaged the police in a standoff and shooting on Penhallow Street.

Lee told the *Reporter* that he was eating a late lunch in the second-floor of his house at the corner of Mather and Penhallow when he heard something amiss outside.

He said he heard a man yelling, “Drop the gun!” at which point, he said, “I looked out the window and saw a young man holding a gun in his

right hand, right in front of my car. I saw two cops on bicycles; they were holding their bikes.”

Lee said that the man was “walking back slowly” as the police yelled commands for him to drop the weapon. He said he started screaming out the window as well.

I said, “Drop the [expletive] gun.” Instead, Lee said, the man fired two rounds at police.

“One hit the back of my car, and the other one, I don’t know where it went. But the cops still didn’t shoot back. And they had clear shots. They could have put 16 into him with no problem. He was standing straight up and he backed up further and between two driveways. And we are all screaming at him, “Drop the gun!”

The suspect instead opened fire again— two additional shots, according to Lee. One of the rounds hit his neighbor’s car. “The one cop aimed at him and hit him in his thigh, on his left leg. He went down and was still holding the gun up in the air. And we’re screaming at him, and he swings the gun towards the cops.”

That’s when the police fired a new volley at the man. Lee said he was hit twice.

“One of the cops ran over and grabbed the gun and he started to give him CPR. He was trying to save his life,” Lee told the *Reporter*. Minutes later, he says, one of the people treating the young man made it clear that he “was gone.”

The officers, Lee said,

were traumatized by the incident— as was he.

“It was an extremely dangerous situation and the police definitely had an advantage, but they didn’t use it,” said Lee. “I thought they would put 20 bullets into him. But, they did everything they could not to shoot. I’ve really got to talk to them- and let them know they did the right thing. I appreciate them,” said Lee.

Two other neighbors who live on Penhallow Street— who asked not to be named— said that Lee’s account of the incident was consistent with what they— and other neighbors— saw and heard.

Lee said that in looking back he probably should have hit the floor and not leaned out his window

to shout at the young man. “I was so close, he easily could have turned and shot me. I could see the hopelessness in his eyes, like he wasn’t there. He seemed numb and was backing up slowly,” said Lee, who has worked in social services for decades and at one point ran the Dorchester branch of the ABCD service center.

“All I thought about in that moment was I saw a kid with a gun and thought, he’s gonna die,” said Lee. “These past two days I’ve been searching to see what could we have done differently. And wondering, why did it happen to me in front of my house in one of

the safest streets in Dorchester.”

Two days later— on the afternoon of June 26— police returned to search for a gun that was allegedly discarded by a second suspect— Ernest Watkins, who was arrested on Wednesday. Sources tell the *Reporter* that police did in fact locate a discarded gun in a backyard.

“There’s a real sense of sadness that came over me,” Lee said, reflecting on the normally tranquil side street that even 48 hours later remained clogged with media and first responders. “We are a very tight street. We all look out for each other around here.”

Man who fled scene of Town Field shooting is held on gun charges

By JENNIFER SMITH
NEWS EDITOR

Police arrested a 21-year-old Dorchester man they day after he allegedly fled from an incident in Town Field that led to a second man exchanging gunfire with police before being fatally shot. Ernest Watkins was located and arrested last Tuesday night near Melville Avenue and Dorchester Avenue, Boston Police said.

He was arraigned in Dorchester District Court on charges of assault by means of a dangerous weapon, unlawful possession of a firearm, unlawful possession of ammunition, and discharging a firearm within 500 feet of a building, according to the Suffolk District Attorney’s office. He is being held on \$25,000 bail. Release terms include wearing a GPS monitor and remaining in home confinement.

“The defendant is also charged as a Level 1 armed career criminal based on his 2015 conviction for involuntary manslaughter in connection with the 2012 homicide of 39-year-old Cherby LaJoie,” the DA’s office noted. “Prosecutors in 2015 recommended that the defendant be sentenced to 12 to 15 years in state prison for his role in LaJoie’s stabbing death; Judge Kenneth Fishman sentenced the defendant to an incarcerated term of four to five years.”

Prosecutors believe Watkins is one of two suspects who ran from police responding to reports of gunfire near Town Field around 5:15 p.m. last Monday. The police saw two black men fleeing the scene, one of whom ran up to Mather Street and escaped. He was later identified as Watkins.

The second man — identified Wednesday as Jaymil Ellerbe, 19, of Dorchester — ran to Penhallow Street and, police said, ignored calls from officers to drop his gun; instead, he opened fire. An officer who was part of the city-wide bicycle unit shot and killed the man.

District Attorney Rachael Rollins said in a statement on Tuesday that “the sequence of events last evening that began with a shooting in a crowded park in the Fields Corner section of Dorchester and ended with a loss of life on Penhallow Street has left the city shaken.

“I am thankful for the immediate response of the Boston Police Department and that none of those officers were injured. I would be remiss if I did not thank the many witnesses from the community who came forward to

aid investigators at the scene. If there is anyone in the community with additional information, please bring that to my office directly.

“I also acknowledge that a family has lost its loved one; to them, I express my sympathy. As your district attorney, it is my office that holds exclusive jurisdiction over any death investigation, including police-involved shootings. I assure that family, members of law enforcement, and this community that there will be a complete, impartial, and transparent review by my Discharge Integrity Team, and we will make our findings available to the public.

“As we lead our independent investigation into the events that

unfolded yesterday, we ask for patience and calm; violence or the threat thereof have no place in our community.”

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Bayside deal finalized with \$235 million long term lease

source other state funds. There'll be a lot of focus in coming months."

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"We are excited to have reached this important milestone, which will allow us to begin the next phase and launch a process for listening to the many voices interested in this project, including neighbors, the community, and students, faculty and staff at UMass Boston," said Kirk Sykes and Dick Galvin of Accordia Partners.

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BROWN, Joseph D. of West Roxbury, formerly of Dorchester. Father of Lisa Gagnon and her husband Jeffery of Weare, NH. Grandfather of Joshua and Jillian. Brother of Marie T. McPhee and her late husband Jack of Abington, and the late Edward J. Brown and his wife Mary. Uncle of William McPhee and his wife Cheryl, John McPhee and his wife Loran, Mary McPhee, Nancy Lewis, and Michael Brown. Also survived by many great-nieces and nephews. Late Korean War

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CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION
Docket No. SU19P1417EA
ESTATE OF:
ROSE MARIE DUPLESSY
DATE OF DEATH: 10/19/2016

A petition for Formal Adjudication of Intestacy and Appointment of Personal Representative has been filed by City of Boston by its Public Fac of Boston, MA requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order for and such other relief as requested in the Petition.

IMPORTANT NOTICE
You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: 10:00 a.m. on the return day of 07/31/2019.
This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you.

Unsupervised Administration Under The Massachusetts Uniform Probate Code (MUPC)
A Personal Representative appointed under the MUPC in an unsupervised administration is not required to file an inventory or annual accounts with the Court. Persons interested in the estate are entitled to notice regarding the administration directly from the Personal Representative and may petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including the distribution of assets and expenses of administration.
Witness, HON. BRIAN J. DUNN, First Justice of this Court.
Date: June 19, 2019
Felix D. Arroyo
Register of Probate
Published: July 4, 2019

Army Veteran. Donation may be made in Joseph’s memory to Korean War Veterans Memorial Foundation Inc., 10301 McKinstry Mill Road, New Windsor, MD 21776-7903.
CALOS, I. Nicholas P. (Ret. B.F.D.) of Milton, 83. Husband of Christine C. (Adams) Calos. Father of James J. Sullivan and his wife Leslie, of State College, PA, the late Paul C. Sullivan and his wife Suzanne, of Milton, Michael R. Sullivan of Dorchester, Joanne M. Peterson and her husband Terry, of Maynard, John P. Calos of Milton, Benjamin A. Calos, and his wife Mary Lou, of North Reading, Nicholas P. Calos, II and his husband Jay Hargis, of New York, NY, Christopher E. Calos, of Marshfield, Susan L. Keane, of Avon. Also survived by his grandchildren, Adam, Christina, Corryn (Corry), Jason, Michael, Shela, Michael, Matthew, Alicia, Emily, Tyler, Brendan, John (Jack), Gerlaise, (Jessi), Nicholas, and 8 great-grandchildren. Late member of Boston Firefighters Local 718.
CZMUT, Marie A. (Lally) of South Boston. Wife of the late Edward P. Czmuto. Mother of Richard of South Boston, Maryanne Hannon of Hanson. Daughter of the late Mary I. (Morgan) and George R. Lally, Sr. Sister of George R. Lally, Jr. and his wife Donna of Norwood, Margaret O’Brien and her late husband Martin of Dorchester, Joe Lally and his Diane, Kevin Lally and his wife Kathy, Betty Bain and her husband James all of South Boston. Grandmother of William Hannon and his fiancée Kaleigh Miller of Lisbon, ME, Edward and Jesika Hannon both of Hanson. Great-grandmother of Naliyah Davis of Hanson.
FOLEY, Sarah A. (Saidel) of Raynham, formerly of Randolph, Dorchester, Roxbury and New Hampshire, 80. Wife of the late Michael J. Foley. Mother of Adrienne E. Foley of Brockton, Michael J. Foley, Jr. of Waltham and Steven S. Foley of NH. Daughter of the late Zachary and Elsie (Shattuck) Saidel. Sister of Goldie Morrow of NH, Sylvia Saidel of Randolph, Ann Fitzpatrick of NH and the late William G. Saidel. Also survived by many nieces and nephews. Memorial contributions may be made in her name to the American Cancer Society, PO Box 22478, Oklahoma City, OK 73123.
MURPHY, Kenneth M. of Dorchester, 67. Ken was a linguist and international aid worker for the UN, Peace Corps and many NGOs. Fluent in nine languages, his enduring love for other cultures served him well in leading teams to assist refugees and local citizens in Africa, Asia, the Pacific and Eastern Europe. Ken is survived by his brother, Jerry Murphy (and wife Jane) of New York City; sister, Jane Murphy (and husband Marc Jasmin and family) of Waltham, MA; sister, Nancy Murphy (and husband Bill Anderson and family) of Rutland, VT; brother, Dan Murphy, of Waltham; niece, Caitie Murphy, and nephew, Noah Murphy, both of Brooklyn, NY; predeceased by niece, Cristi Gadue. Donations in Ken’s honor should be made to Partners in Health, bringing modern medical care to those most in need.
NAUGHTON, Patrick J. of Dorchester. Native of Béal a’ Daingin, Co. Galway, Ireland. Husband of Bridget A. (Mulkerin) Naughton. Father of Patricia A. Naughton (Antonio Bruno) of Weymouth, Joseph P. Naughton of Dorchester, Sheila A. Naughton (Joseph Duffy) of Rockland and the late

Maureen Margaret Naughton, Michael Patrick Naughton and baby Naughton. Brother of Martin, Thomas and Chalm Naughton, all of Connemara, Michael Naughton of Dublin, Brid Reaney of Mayo, Mairead Curran of Meath and the late Josie Naughton, Billy Naughton and Mary Ruddy; grandfather of Makayla, Kaitlyn, Avah and Connor; also survived by many nieces and nephews. Memorials in his name may be made to American Red Cross, 274 Tremont St., Boston, MA 02116.
OLSON, Theresa “Terry” Marie (Smith), 65 of Boston. She was born to the late Francis “Buddy” and Theresa “Teasie” Smith of South Boston, sister to the late Marybeth Conley of Hyannis, former wife of the late James “Jim” Olson of Boston. Terry is survived by her children Amy and her husband Daniel Downey of East Bridgewater, her son Matthew Olson of Boston, brother Paul and his wife Irene “Renie” Smith of Dorchester, her sister Nancy Pickup of South Boston, brother-in-law Kenneth Conley of Hyannis, her nieces and nephews: Annemarie Smith Tutor and her husband Shannon of Smithland KY, Patricia Smith and fiancé Christopher of Quincy, Andrew Smith and his wife Lindsey of Norwell, Timothy Smith of Chicago, IL, Patrick Pickup and his wife Christine of Dorchester and Jamie Lee Pickup of South Boston. Also survived by 4 great-nieces and 3 great-nephews. Terry insisted memorial contributions may be made to: Autism Services Association, 47 Walnut Street, Wellesley Hills, MA 02481 or The Dream Foundation, 1528 Chapala Street, Suite 304, Santa Barbara, CA 93101.
WALSH, Martin F. “Matty” Of Dorchester, native of Callowfeenish, Carna, Co. Galway. Husband of Margaret “Mary” (McCarrick) Walsh. Father of Una Connolly (Michael) of Effort, PA, Margaret M. “Peggy” Carroll (Christopher), Barbara A. Walsh and Kathleen T. Walsh, all of Dorchester; grandfather of Kristina, Kathleen and Ciara Carroll and Erin Connolly; brother of Sr. Mary Walsh of San Antonio, TX, Bridget Christopher of Braintree, Sally Noding of England, and the late Joseph, Thomas, Patrick and John Walsh, Kate Cotter, Barbara Carroll, Ann Davis, and Peggy King; also survived by many nieces and nephews. Memorials in his name may be made to Steward Hospice, 30 Perwald St., Westwood, MA 02090.

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