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Two Dot stalwarts hailed

Bernie Fitz: One of a kind

BY JAMES W. DOLAN
SPECIAL TO THE REPORTER

The chief probation officer at Dorchester District Court recently retired after 42 years of public service that started when he joined the probation department just out of college. Born and raised in Mission Hill, the oldest in a large Irish family, Bernie Fitzgerald brought dedication, compassion, and strength to a job that requires those qualities every day. He also brought a sharp wit that made him fun to be with.



Bernie Fitzgerald
Harry Happeny photo

When things were tense, you could always count on Bernie to lighten the load with an amusing observation. He took his responsibilities seriously, but never himself.

That quality endeared him to the beleaguered probation staff at the court.

All too often those jobs that affect lives like probation officers, social workers, and teachers are

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Bob Scannell greeted Precious Ruiz, left, and Damaris Nova, who made him impromptu thank you cards on Tuesday. *Photo by Bill Forry*

Bob Scannell: Mr. Dependable

BY BILL FORRY
MANAGING EDITOR

There has been talk about hosting a gala dinner to mark Bob Scannell's 25th year as the leader of the Boys and Girls Clubs of Dorchester — a milestone that passed rather quietly, in true Bob Scannell style, last week. Maybe the City Council will declare it 'Bob Scannell Day' in Boston. It should.

But whatever the councillors do, it will pale in comparison to the daily rewards that Bob gets from kids like Precious Ruiz and Damaris Nova.

On Tuesday, as Bob stood chatting with parents in the lobby of the McLaughlin Center, the two pre-teen girls approached bearing hand-made signs singing the praises of their friend Bob. Nothing fancy, just

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Hit parade on the Ave.

Little Miss Dorchester Delia O'Toole, center, and her court pass by Peabody Square during Sunday's Dorchester Day Parade. Young Miss Dorchester MyChalia Elizabeth Sanfilippo's car followed. Below, US Sen. Scott Brown and Democratic nominee Elizabeth Warren worked the sidewalks. See Page 11.

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Geiger Gibson easing off its practice of primary care

BY GINTAUTAS DUMCIUS
NEWS EDITOR

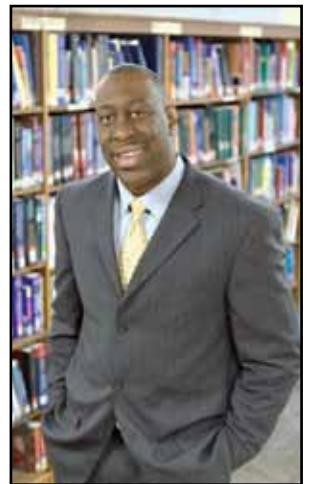
Citing changing demographics in the Columbia Point neighborhood, the Geiger Gibson Community Health Center started this week focusing on walk-ins and same-day service with primary care shifting to the Neponset Health Center.

The first urban community health center in the US, Geiger Gibson will maintain dental, foot, and eye care, but the four primary care doctors who have been stationed there will be spending more time over at the Neponset facility, according to Daniel Driscoll, president and CEO of Harbor

Health Services, which oversees Geiger Gibson and Neponset.

Driscoll said that Geiger Gibson, which has a high walk-in rate, has experienced little growth over the last few years, and with a dwindling number of patients, it has become harder for the health

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Andrew Davis has been engaged in something of a full-court press across Dorchester and Mattapan since he took the helm at the Carney Hospital on May 7. An interview, Page 3.

Goal: affordable hockey

BY SHARON NG
SPECIAL TO THE REPORTER

A youth hockey development program with deep Dorchester roots has launched this spring with the goal of making affordable instruction available to more local families.

ProEvolution Hockey was rolled out two weeks

ago by a trio of Dot men who share a passion for hockey and teaching kids.

"We want to develop young people into better, more well-rounded people," said President and CEO Michael Roberts. "Our focus is on development and individualization, catering

to our students' unique needs."

Working with boys and girls between 5 and 18 years old with a range of skills, the Ashmont Hill resident wants to give back to the community through affordable hockey.

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Reporter's Notebook

Councillors weigh in on teachers' contract stalemate

BY GINTAUTAS DUMCIUS
NEWS EDITOR

Eleven city councillors fired off a letter to Superintendent **Carol Johnson** and the head of Boston Teachers Union Tuesday that expressed their disappointment in the two sides' inability to reach an agreement on a new teachers' contract and called for a "swift" resolution. The two councillors who did not sign were **Charles Yancey** (District 4) and **Rob Consalvo** (District 5).

The letter comes as state mediation efforts get underway, and if the clash between city officials and the firefighters' union is a guide, the fight will be nasty, brutish, and not at all short.

"We are encouraged that you have agreed to engage a mediator to help resolve issues that are delaying agreement on a new contract," the councillors wrote. "This is a positive step, but after 22 months of negotiations, we expect both parties to make a concerted effort to build on agreements already reached and to work with the mediator to come to final resolution of a reformed contract in a reasonable time."

The letter calls for a number of reforms, including "timely and effective" teacher evaluations, more flexibility in teacher hiring, and an extended school day. "A determined, sustained effort should be made to come to agreement in a reasonable time on other areas under discussion, such as peer assistance review, compensation incentives, tenure, graduate credits, extended time, and salary increases," the letter says. The letter is signed by City Council President **Stephen Murphy** and City Councillors At-Large **Ayanna Pressley**, **John Connolly** and **Felix Arroyo**. Connolly is a frequent critic of Boston Public Schools administrators, while Arroyo is a staunch union supporter. Dorchester Councillors **Frank Baker** and **Tito Jackson** also signed on.

Connolly, the education chair, is heading up a 3 p.m. hearing at City Hall today (June 7) that will focus on the lack of a contract. The impasse between the two sides has already cost the school district \$9 million in federal funds.

Pressley taps Taubner for chief of staff post

Councillor Pressley is promoting a top staffer and former campaign manager to chief of staff. **Jessica Taubner**, who has worked as Pressley's policy director, is moving up after the former chief of staff, **James Chisholm**, left last month for a consulting firm.

Taubner took a leave last year to manage Pressley's reelection campaign and helped her boss top the ticket in the November election. The Jamaica Plain resident also worked on **Deval Patrick's** 2006 and 2010 campaigns for governor as well as for former City Councillor **Sam Yoon's** mayoral run in 2009.

Day after convention rout, Warren makes Dot Day debut

US Senate candidate **Elizabeth Warren** made her debut at the

Dorchester Day parade on Sunday, 24 hours after winning the Democratic Party's endorsement to take on incumbent **Scott Brown** in November. Brown, clad in a Red Sox jacket, also marched in the parade, which stretched for 3.2 miles down Dorchester Avenue. Both candidates know their way around the neighborhood, which has been featured in television ads. Recent polls show the race is statistically tied, with a small number of undecided voters likely to make the difference at the polls.

Nearly all of the members of the Dorchester delegation at City Hall and the State House marched together behind a single banner reading "Happy Dorchester Day." Councillor Pressley marched with the Big Sister Association, which has 100 Big Sisters and 500 Little Sisters in Dorchester.

Quote of Note: Rev. Eugene Rivers III

Rev. **Eugene Rivers III** said this week he plans to ask Sen. Brown and Warren to meet with members of the black community. "The support she receives should be earned," he told the *Boston Globe*.

The problem with that statement? Warren has been meeting with communities of color for months, including local folks like **Shirley Shillingford**, **Clarence Cooper**, and the NAACP's **Michael Curry**.

In January, she attended the Martin Luther King breakfast in Boston (which Brown has attended as well). She also attended a house party in Springfield held by longtime Democrat **Ray Jordan**, who is black.

Newton Mayor **Setti Warren** had her over to meet with African American leaders at his home in March. And Mothers for Justice and Equality met with Warren in Dorchester in March. Later, they met with Brown. Warren has met with African American and Caribbean American organizers, and attended a Charles St. AME Church service.

Warren rang in the Cambodian New Year in Lynn and in Lowell, and held a meet-and-greet in Roxbury's Hibernian Hall during the month of April. At the Democratic convention in Springfield, where Warren picked up the nomination by a wide margin, she attended a minority caucus breakfast.

How much time the candidate should spend genuflecting to a minister is a decision up to the Warren campaign. But with various surveys showing church membership in a continuous decline and polls indicating more people breaking from church orthodoxy on issues like gay marriage, the answer for future candidates running in an America that is becoming more and more secular would seem to be clear: Not much.

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On The Record

A Bumper crop at UMass Boston



Chancellor **J. Keith Motley** poses for a photograph with graduate **Jessica Hayes**, of Dorchester, after the University of Massachusetts Boston's 44th commencement ceremonies on Friday, June 1. More than 3,800 students received degrees, making this the largest graduating class in university history.

C-11 commander warns merchants after flurry of break-ins along Dot Avenue

The commander of the Boston Police Area C-11 issued a warning to Dorchester Ave. merchants this week following a flurry of commercial break-ins along the avenue in the last ten days. In a letter, Captain **Richard Sexton** says that there have been a series of "commercial burglaries along Dorchester Ave from Fields Corner to Lower Mills during the overnight hours."

Sexton told the Reporter that there have been seven commercial break-ins in the last ten days, including one on Adams Street in Fields Corner. The other six were on Dorchester Ave.

"The common method of entry has been through the rear door via force," Sexton wrote. "One of the burglaries involved the removal of the hinge pins of the rear door and the cutting of alarm wires. This particular method of entry has been occurring in various parts of the city over the past few months including Dorchester."

Sexton added that the last incident of this particular nature in C-11 occurred in mid March. He urged merchants and property owners to make their doors as "secure as possible."

He added: "All Officers on the overnight shift are aware of this activity and extra attention is being paid to the commercial buildings in the area."

-BILL FORRY

Moving for Life event is Saturday

Mattapan Food and Fitness Coalition's annual promotion of health and active living will take place on Saturday and features a two-mile walk through Boston Nature Center. Enjoy nutritional demonstrations, fun activities for children, raffles and more. Call 617-348-6292. Register to let MFFC know you're coming at <http://movingforlife2012.eventbrite.com/> and receive a free t-shirt. In collaboration with the Boston Nature Center: 500 Walk Hill Street Mattapan.



The Dorchester delegation marched in the Dot Day parade, united behind the banner. Second from the right is neighborhood activist **Peter Sasso**.

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Davis dives in as new president at Carney Hospital

By BILL FORRY
MANAGING EDITOR

The new president of Carney Hospital is a 41-year-old native Floridian who grew up in a two traffic light town and was the point guard for his high school and college basketball teams.

Andrew Davis has long since traded in his high top sneakers for wingtips. But he and his 6-foot-7 frame have been engaged in something of a full-court press in Dot and Mattapan since he took the helm at the Carney on May 7. Davis has been spotted at the First Parish Church banquet, the Mother's Walk for Peace and in a Lower Mills village meeting with merchants.

And when he marched up the avenue alongside Carney's float in Sunday's Dot Day parade, he was seen pressing the flesh like a candidate for the US Senate.

It's that energy and willingness to put himself out there as the face of the hospital that Davis thinks will help him lead the Dot Ave. facility into the future.

"I love being able to take an organization and push the people and myself to believe in a higher mission," Davis told the *Reporter* in an interview recently. "And to promote that ideal

Wants Carney and himself to 'believe in a higher mission'

that although we may be at this place at this moment, that we'll be at a better place at another moment."

Davis came of age in small-town Bonifay, Florida in the 1980s, where his mother was a schoolteacher and his father a retired command sergeant major-turned-minister. The tight-knit nature of the deep-south lifestyle impressed upon Davis and his older sister a certain core set of values that he says remains his touchstone.

"I look at myself as a very positive individual," Davis says. "Watching my parents, they were very committed and very involved in church and youth activities."

Davis was a three-year letterman at Graceville High— where his mom taught— and he helped lead the team to a Division A state championship in hoops. He then went on to Alabama's Troy State University, where he similarly helped the basketball squad make it to the Division 2 NCAA finals in Springfield, MA. Troy was also where he met his wife Sonya and where he earned an undergrad degree in accounting— his chosen field.

After next earning his public accounting certificate, Davis cut his teeth in the health care field working as an auditor in Pensacola. In 1998, he joined Baptist Health Care and began transitioning into the role of hospital administrator. He has led two community hospitals thus far— including a 75 bed hospital in Hamlet, North Carolina and, most recently, a 140 bed hospital in Statesville, NC.

He joined Steward Health Care — the corporate owners of Carney since 2010— earlier this year and leapt at the chance to run an urban teaching hospital, even if it meant a big move north with his wife and 15 year-old daughter.

"This one attracted me for several different reasons: the opportunity to come to a hospital with a 150 year history— next year we'll celebrate 150 years at the Carney— that's a big deal," Davis said. "It was teaching hospital and it gave me the opportunity to be on leading edge of the accountable care organization movement throughout the country."

Dorchester's demographics also appealed to him.

"The makeup of Dorchester being as multicultural as it is was another avenue to be able to touch people from all different backgrounds. That was enticing to me," said Davis. "I've always been in community hospitals that needed good sound leadership and principles. I've always believe that you can get your health care close to home and that will help your community. I wanted to be part of a community that would do that."

Davis said that his five years as the hospital CEO in Hamlet, NC presented a tough test of his leadership skills.

"People wanted someone who would stay and I felt like the hospital needed me to infuse some energy and be a good community hospital. It sounds very similar to the Carney," Davis said. "Hamlet and Richmond County became home for us. We built better brand recognition, the volume improved and we grew the number of beds."

Carney will no doubt be Davis' biggest professional challenge to date. The last Carney president— health center legend and Savin Hill resident Bill Walczak— was dispatched as presi-

dent by Steward's brass after just over one year in office, a discordant departure that cast a pall of anxiety over the hospital and the larger community.

Davis has been careful to show respect for Walczak's profile in Dorchester, where he is highly regarded as a civic and health pioneer. Davis instead has focused on what he needs to do next to promote the hospital and stabilize it financially.

"What I see in the Carney over the last three weeks goes back to the passion. Everyone wants it to be successful," said Davis. "How we do that: we have to focus and be very attuned to taking care of the patient one patient at a time. As big as Dorchester is, it's a very small place. And word of mouth is still the best marketing. And what we want to do is give every patient the best outcome and experience that we can. If we do that from the inside that's going to resonate to our community and people who come here."

Davis says he's committed to building on one of Walczak's key initiatives: the creation of a family medicine department led by Dr.

Glenn O'Grady, a well-respected practitioner who was recruited to bring in new primary care talent focused on family care. But Davis also sees the need to beef up other niche positions on the medical staff.

"Our emergency services are a big component of what we do here and I feel strongly that we can continue to enhance our ER by adding additional specialists to support them so we don't have to transfer patients to other places," Davis said. "Our E.R. has 30,000 visits in a year and each year its grown between 2-4 percent."

We have to recruit additional specialists. That is how the Carney is going to grow. We have three state of the art [operating rooms] that have just started and having that as a plus where we can offer the physicians a great place to practice medicine."

"So far that's still the mission, to be an acute care hospital," Davis added. "We're going to be an acute care hospital. There are many things we do very well at the Carney. We have wonderful outcomes. If you look at our data, it's some of the best. We just have to continue get the word out."

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City's 'Best Educators' include four with Dot connections

By ELIZABETH MURRAY
SPECIAL TO THE REPORTER
"She helps me to love school."

This was the simple explanation of one second-grader at the Dr. William W. Henderson Inclusion Elementary School when she wrote a letter recommending that her teacher Amy Gailunas be chosen as one of Boston's Best Public School Educators.

On Tuesday, Gailunas, a grade two inclusion teacher, was one of eleven educators to receive the recognition from Mayor Thomas Menino, Superintendent Carol Johnson and the members of the Boston School Committee.

Three Dorchester school teachers were honored at this event, including Gailunas, Harry Gilliam of the Richard J. Murphy K-8 School and Clifford Tette of Oliver Wendell Holmes Elementary School. Patricia Flakes, a Dorchester resident and teacher at Madison Park Technical Vocational High School, was also honored.

The group of 11 was narrowed down from 50-60 educators by a 10-member selection committee made up of parents and administration members. Kathleen Colby, a parent and member of the selec-



Boston's Educators of the Year: (seated from left) Emily Bozeman, Brighton High School, Amy Gailunas, Dr. William W. Henderson Inclusion Elementary School, and Jayme Drzewinski, Thomas Edison K-8 School; Standing from left: Richard Stutman, Boston Teachers Union, Mayor Thomas Menino, Clifford Tette, Oliver Wendell Holmes Elementary School, Dora Yu, Charlestown High School, Rosemary George White Henry Dearborn Middle School, Harry "Chuck" Gilliam, Richard J. Murphy K-8 School, Gregory Holt, Boston Arts Academy, Patricia Flakes, Madison Park Technical Vocational High School, Jennifer Muhammed, Joseph Hurley 2-Way Bilingual K-8 School, Superintendent Carol Johnson, and Rev. Gregory G. Groover Sr., Boston Public Schools Committee Chairman.

tion committee, said the criteria boiled down to selecting educators who go above and beyond in their profession in different ways and show a clear commitment to urban public schools.

"This year was an extraordinary group of

nominees," Colby said. "We all commented on how difficult this year it was to actually decide on the winners. Almost everyone who didn't win could have."

Gilliam, an 8th grade English, Science and Spanish teacher, has

spent 17 years with the Boston Public Schools. He adopted his style from the many different mentors he's had throughout his years of teaching. His students refer to him as Mr. G, and he enjoys being the support for the middle schoolers he teaches as they navigate the "minefield" that is now adolescence. He was especially touched by the letters his students sent in to help in his selection as Educator of the Year.

"It's not about the names or title, but it's about the relationships we share," Gilliam said. Tette, a music teacher

for almost 20 years, employs a very humorous and hands-on style of teaching to try to stimulate interest in children from kindergarten to fifth grade. He said receiving the recognition was a complete surprise.

"I really believe in humor," Tette said. "I do some funny things in the class to make them laugh because that's important, and after they laugh, I always say 'Mr. Tette likes to have fun, but he likes to get schoolwork done.'"

Flakes, a resident of York Street, has been teaching for 35 years

in the Boston Public Schools. She said she was inspired to teach by her first black teacher in 2nd grade in Roxbury, and she remembers teaching her own friends on the porch of her house during her childhood. Flakes said she was very overwhelmed and humbled by the recognition.

"I'm just really passionate about my students being successful," she said. "It just means so much to them to accomplish even the smallest task. . . It's my life's work and it's what I enjoy, just giving back."



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Murphy, Frederick schools win honors for Wellness Initiatives

By ELIZABETH MURRAY
SPECIAL TO THE REPORTER

Two Dorchester schools are proving that a healthy body improves a student's learning. The Richard J. Murphy K-8 School and Lilla G. Frederick Pilot Middle School were two of seven Boston Public Schools that received a 'Healthy Connections School Award' at the fifth annual Boston Public Schools Wellness Summit on May 30. The Murphy School is also one of four Boston Public Schools eligible for a national recognition from the Alliance for a Healthier Generation for its efforts.

About 40 schools total were represented at this event, and nearly 200 people were in attendance, including teachers, nurses, counselors, principals, and elected officials and representatives from community organizations. Superintendent Dr. Carol Johnson honored the schools recognized for their wellness initiatives.

"The schools we recognize today have shown innovative, collaborative, and service-oriented approaches to delivering Coordinated School Health to BPS students and families," Johnson said at the event. "Best of all, we know that these best practices represent the tip of the iceberg, with exciting efforts underway across the city to ensure that our students are healthy in mind and body, ready to learn."

The Wellness Summit is a day-long event that celebrates the work of schools across the district to improve the health and wellness of students and raise awareness on the issues regarding health and wellness found in schools today. The event involves community speakers, student performances, physical activities and a healthy breakfast and lunch. Jill Carter, the director of the Health and Wellness Department at the Boston Public Schools, helped put on the Wellness Summit and said the advantages of the Summit are to bring schools together to share wellness practices and also connect with community partners.

This was the first year the 'Healthy Connections School Award' was given out by the Boston Public Schools, Carter said. The process involved first looking at school climate surveys, school opportunity indexes, wellness plans and the schools' healthy school inventories. A committee then chose a smaller group of schools who passed these examinations and these schools were interviewed.

"We considered ev-

erybody," Carter said. "We had data on all the schools, so everyone was in the pool from the start . . . We were actually targeting to give out five awards, but then we ended up with seven because it just was too close to call, and this is the first year we've done this award and this kind of process."

"This is the first year we've done it from this lens of coordinated school health. We didn't feel like our methods were so perfect, but we'll get better."

Principal Daquall Graham of the Lilla G. Frederick Pilot Middle School said the effort to educate students about health and wellness is a whole-school approach. Teachers at the school look for any opportunity to bring movement into everyday learning, he said. Some teachers have even involved students in measuring the outside of the school or incorporating Greek Olympic Games into a unit on Ancient Greece. Graham said he is grateful for the teachers in his school because they all believe the student should have this holistic education, and they are all invested in giving them just that.

"We are here to serve the whole child, mind, body and spirit," Graham said.

Graham said the school makes sure fruits and vegetables are served everyday and that healthier options have been put into the vending machine. He has even installed an app on his iPhone called "Fooducate" so he can deliver food lessons right on the spot.

"When I walk into the cafeteria, kids literally scurry because they'll get a lesson," Graham said. The trick to his lessons are not just telling the students 'No,' but explaining why a certain food might be an unhealthy option.

Graham said he and his school are honored that they received the 'Healthy Connections School Award,' and that the school would be making this effort whether they were recognized or not.

"It simply means that with what we're doing, we're on the right track," Graham said. "We still need so much more as we look at the obesity rates of our nation, and quite frankly our school."

Principal Karen Cahill of the Richard J. Murphy K-8 School said the school has been taking part in the Wellness Summit for two years, but this year the school community really got serious about it. Physical activity periods have been scheduled during both before and after school hours, and the



The Richard J. Murphy K-8 was one of seven Boston Public Schools presented with a Healthy Connections Award for innovation in student health and wellness at the 5th Annual BPS Wellness Summit, held at the Salvation Army Kroc Center on May 30. Pictured, left to right: John Riordan, Children's Hospital Boston; Anne McHugh, Boston Public Health Commission; Sheri Doucette, New England Dairy & Food Council; Jonna Casey, Director of Special Education, and Karen Cahill, Principal, Murphy K-8 School; and Superintendent Carol R. Johnson.

school has founded a walking club and worked with the students on healthy food choices. Cahill said the school also signed up with BOKS, a program funded by the Reebok Foundation, so students and their parents could take part in an hour of physical activity before the school day begins.

"A lot of kids at 8:15 or 8:30 a.m. are exhausted, they're just getting out of bed and it takes them a while to adjust, but we don't have any time to lose in

terms of instruction," Cahill said. "When these kids come first thing in the morning, and also parents and teachers, the energy levels are up, they're excited and they're ready to go. I've seen a difference in the kids going through the program and then the success they're having in the classes. When your body feels good, every part of you feels good."

Cahill said students and staff alike are excited about and committed to the changes being implemented at

the school. Through a grant and facilitated programs, teachers and other staff members who had been smokers were able to quit their addictions. She said she even sees students looking at the calories and grams of fat on their snacks and sees more fruits coming in versus chips every day.

Cahill is proud of her students, their parents and her staff for all investing in the effort to improve overall wellness, and she said she is very excited to be in the

running for a national recognition from the Alliance for a Healthier Generation.

"I can honestly say just to be one of four schools in the running for the [recognition], we've done what we should have done and I'm just proud," Cahill said. "If it doesn't go any further, we'll try it again next year, but I know the strides we've made and I know the improvement of my kids' physical, academic, and emotional health, and that's what my job is."



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Arts & Entertainment

Local talent among worldly offerings at next week's Roxbury film fest

By CHRIS HARDING
SPECIAL TO THE REPORTER
Mattapan director/writer Jacqueline Hicks joins fellow filmmakers from around the world in screening their work at next week's 14th annual Roxbury International Film Festival (RIFF).

From Wednesday, June 13 thru Sunday, June 17, RIFF, New England's largest film festival celebrating people of color, will show both local works as well as movies from Cape Verde, France, India, Israel, Mexico, Nigeria, Uganda, South Africa, and the United States.

Presented by The Color of Film Collaborative over the course of four days, RIFF is screening more than 50 features, shorts, documentaries, and youth-produced works including "Your Girl...Is Mine: The Beginning," an hour-long thriller about a sadistic evil twin who wreaks revenge on his brother's girlfriend (played by Ms. Hicks, who also wrote the screenplay).

Also of local interest is the world premiere of a documentary about



A scene from the film *Le Bonheur D'Elza*, which will be screened on June 16. Inset: S. Epatha Merkerson

the prominent Boston artist, "Paul Goodnight: A Prime Time Image Maker," a title that refers to the use of his work on *The Cosby Show*. Goodnight's vibrant and emotional work has often been a reflection of his life--from the demons he faced during the Vietnam War to the time he was incarcerated. Of his work he says, "I've learned that art is making me, rather than me creating it."

The short doc screens on Saturday, June 16 at the Museum of Fine Arts. "We're really looking

forward to this year's festival," remarked Lisa Simmons, Director of RIFF. "We have made a few changes that I think will benefit the festival and our audiences, and the list of films that we'll be screening are nothing less than outstanding. We will definitely have a very exciting and memorable festival this year."

Matthew A. Cherry's "The Last Fall" opens the festival on Thursday, June 14 at the Museum of Fine Arts at 7pm. It's the story of a budding NFL star torn between rekindling a relationship



with an old high school flame and resuming a lucrative sports career.

The festival's closing film (Sunday, June 17, MFA) is "The Contradictions of Fair Hope" directed and produced by Rockell C. Metcalf and S. Epatha Merkerson (best known for her role as Lt. Anita Van Buren on "Law and Order.")

Set in post-Emancipation rural Alabama, "Contradictions" focuses on ill-prepared freed slaves who formed associations throughout the South to respond to the threats of abject hunger, illness and a pauper's grave. The film traces the development, struggles and gradual loss of tradition of one of the last remaining such self-help groups, known as "The Fair Hope Benevolent Society," and provides an unprecedented look at its complex and morally ambiguous world.

In between these standout features, the festival offers a dynamic mix of entertainment and networking opportunities including a workshop led by Faith Kakulu called "The Ins & Outs of Getting Heard and Seen in Hollywood" and a fun-filled, no-cost Youth Day at the John D. O'Bryant African-American Institute at Northeastern University (featuring films for kids, a teen screenwriting workshop and screenings of youth films).

To purchase festival passes, go to www.brownpapertickets.com. For information on the festival, workshops and special guests, please visit roxburyinternationalfilmfestival.org.

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ADAMS STREET BRANCH

Friday, June 8, 10:30a.m. – Babysing Spring Session. Songs, puppets, and rhymes, with a wee story for the very young. For children ages 8 - 18 months. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Adult participation required for this time for actively playing with your baby.

Tuesday, June 12, 10:30 a.m. – Toddler Story Time Spring Session. Stories, songs, stretches, and crafts for ages 2 - 4 1/2. Themes vary weekly. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

CODMAN SQUARE BRANCH

Friday, June 8, 10:30 a.m. – Preschool Story Time. Every story time has three stories on a theme and a craft. 4pm Knitting Club. Vashti Massaquoi of Inspiring Young Role Models for Empowerment (IYME) will teach a knitting class for school-aged children until the end of the school year.

Tuesday, June 12, 11 a.m. – Preschool Story Time. If your child is between the ages of 3 and 5, bring them to the Codman Square Branch of the Boston Public Library for story time. Be sure to call in advance to verify that this event has not been rescheduled or canceled.

Wednesday, June 13, 4 p.m. – Knitting Club. Vashti Massaquoi of Inspiring Young Role Models for Empowerment (IYME) will teach a knitting class for school-aged children until the end of the school year.

Thursday, June 14, 6 p.m. – Girl Scouts. The Girl Scouts of America now have a troop at Codman Square. To join the group that meets at Codman Square branch, please email aknight@girlscouteasternmass.org.

FIELDS CORNER BRANCH

Tuesday, June 12, 6 p.m. – Hatha Yoga. Free Hatha Yoga class taught by integral yoga instructor Alicia Zipp.

Wednesday, June 13, 10:30 a.m. – Preschool Films and Fun. Preschool fun for kids ages 2 and up.

GROVE HALL BRANCH

Thursday, June 7, 5 p.m. – Henna Tattoo. Get a henna tattoo by artist Nimmi. Please visit the library to obtain a permission slip.

Friday, June 8, 10:30 a.m. – Preschool Storybook Films. Preschoolers are welcome to watch beloved classic stories spring to life on the big screen with four short films. Meet in the children's activity room.

LOWER MILLS BRANCH

Thursday, June 7, 6:30 p.m. – Romance & Mystery Book Club. The group will be discussing: *The Witness* by Nora Roberts. Daughter of a controlling mother, Elizabeth finally let loose one night only to have her life changed forever.

Monday, June 11, 5:45 p.m. – How to Buy a Home that Needs Work In this free, two-hour seminar presented by the City of Boston's Department of Neighborhood Development, learn about mortgage options for buying a home that is in need of significant repairs, learn valuable tips about how to keep your home improvement project on track, and find out about how to find the right contractor. Please register in advance by calling 617-635-HOME.

Tuesday, June 12, 10:30 a.m. – Preschool Story Time. Enjoy stories, songs, and rhymes for preschoolers.

Wednesday, June 13, 10:30a.m. – Toddler Circle Time. Enjoy songs, stories, and rhymes for toddlers.

UPHAMS CORNER BRANCH

Tuesday, June 12, 10:30 a.m. – Family Story Time. Pre-reading children and their parents or caregivers are invited to join us as we read stories, sing songs, do rhymes and fingerplays, and have fun. Story time lasts about 20 to 30 minutes and is followed by a craft and an open play time.

Thursday, June 14, 6:30 p.m. – Author Talk with James Redfearn. In the novel, *The Rising at Roxbury Crossing*, Mr. Redfearn brings a lesser known Roxbury event to life: the Boston Police Strike of 1919. Redfearn skillfully spins a tale that would be relevant today: filled with class warfare, racial and ethnic tension, and political extremism. Many of his characters walk a fine line between good and evil. His characters seethe with anger, fear, and frustration. Come relive a part of Boston's almost forgotten history, as Mr. Redfearn reads portions from his book, and offers fascinating anecdotes from his research. He will also share writing tips.



Key Bus Route Improvement Program

Improved Reliability - Faster Service - Passenger Amenities

Bus Routes 15, 22 and 28 Community Meetings

Monday, June 11, 2012

6:30 PM - 8:30 PM

The Salvation Army Kroc Center
650 Dudley Street, Boston

Tuesday, June 26, 2012

6:30 PM - 8:30 PM

Grove Hall Community Center
51 Geneva Avenue, Dorchester

Tuesday, June 19, 2012

6:15 PM - 7:45 PM

Boston Public Library - Mattapan
1350 Blue Hill Avenue, Mattapan

Thursday, June 28, 2012

6:00 PM - 7:45 PM

Boston Public Library - Dudley
65 Warren St., Roxbury

Note: This meeting will focus on Route 28, only.

The MBTA has been working with the community to develop a series of improvements to **Bus Routes 15, 22 and 28**. Based on community feedback, the MBTA will be presenting revised recommendations, which will be considered for design and implementation. Recommendations include the addition of customer amenities and bus stop consolidation. *Bus stop consolidation will result in changes to the location of some bus stops. Bus stops may be relocated and/or eliminated.*

If you have a disability or need an accommodation to fully participate in the meeting, American Sign Language interpreters, assistive listening devices, handouts in alternate formats, etc., will be provided upon request. Please contact Regan Checchio, Regina Villa Associates, at (617) 357-5772 ext. 14 or at rchechchio@reginavilla.com at least one week before the meeting.

For detailed project information, please visit www.mbta.com/keybusroutes.

Neighborhood Children's Theater performed in Philly for Memorial Day

By ELIZABETH MURRAY
SPECIAL TO THE REPORTER

Ten years ago, just after 9/11, the 40 members of the Neighborhood Children's Theater of Boston traveled to Philadelphia to present a half-hour patriotic salute at the Betsy Ross House on Memorial Day. This Memorial Day, the group returned with their families for the tenth anniversary of the event.

The theater group is based in Dorchester and Jamaica Plain and members from Dorchester who went on the trip on Memorial Day weekend included **Hannah Murphy, Zachary and Cole Pessia, Amy and Anna Pham, Jennifer Browne, Olivia Fenton, Caroline O'Brien, Ben and Maxine Baker, Annie and Sarah McDonnell, Kaitlin Schleicher, Meg, Rosemary and Billy Gould, Michelle Beazley, Suba Vincent, Tamira Cavalho, Erin Sheil, Madison**



The Neighborhood Children's Theatre performed at the Betsy Ross House on Memorial Day. Photo courtesy NCT.

Coughlin, Sarah Evans, Sidney Quaelly, Raianne Mullen, Nora Aolta, Carrie Doherty, Melaina Cooke,

Matthew Tully, Mia Grimes, Aria and Olivia Kelly, and Allyn McCourt. A group of 60 adults and children total went on the trip.

The trip began on Friday May 25 with an evening stop in Times Square in New York City where the group saw former NCT actor-singer member **Greg Hildreth** appear on

Broadway in "Peter and the Starcatcher." The group continued on to Philadelphia and sang at the Betsy Ross House on Saturday. They also attended a Pentecost Mass at St. Christopher Parish and spent time touring historic Philadelphia and exploring Hershey Park, according to NCT Executive Director **Michelle McCourt**.

On Monday, the children visited the Independence Seaport Museum and witnessed the Memorial Day celebration there with the firing of canons on the cruiser Olympia (1892) and the submarine Be-cuna (1918).

The Neighborhood Children's Theater Inc. was incorporated in 1981 in Jamaica Plain as an

outgrowth of the Saint Thomas Aquinas Youth/Teen Choir. Annual membership is \$100 per child, and all children ages seven to 18 are invited to join, McCourt said.

McCourt said this Memorial Day concert was successful and "we look forward to the 2012-2013 season."

Bubbles' Birthdays And Special Occasions

By BARBARA McDONOUGH

The Sony Corporation introduced the videocassette recorder, the Betamax, costing \$995, on June 7, 1975. Larry Bird signed with the Celtics on June 8, 1979. Donald Duck was introduced in a short film called "The Wise Little Hen," on June 9, 1934. WBZ-TV began telecasting on June 9, 1948. Dr. Robert Smith and William Wilson found Alcoholics Anonymous on June 10, 1935. Lazlo Biro patented the ball point pen on June 10, 1943. John Hull opened the first American mint in Boston on June 10, 1652. Judy Garland would have been 90 on June 10. Steve LeVeille began his (overnight) broadcast on WBZ on June 10, 1999.

Mount Pinatubo erupted in the Philippines on June 11, 1991. Lee Richmond, of the National League's Worcester Ruby Legs, pitched American baseball's first perfect game on June 12, 1880. Pres. Ronald Reagan gave his "Tear Down This Wall" Speech on June 12, 25 years ago. "The Closer," with Kyra Sedgwick, began on the TNT Network, on June 13, 2005. The first roller coaster opened at Coney Island on June 13, 1884. QVC began broadcasting on June 13, 1986.

Celebrities having birthdays are: Tom Jones, 72 on June 7; Liam Neeson, 60 on June 7; former First Lady Barbara Bush, 87 on June 8; James Darren, 76 on June 8; Joan Rivers, 79 on June 8; Nancy Sinatra, 72 on June 8; Jerry Stiller, 83 on June 8; Tedy Bruschi (sigh), 39 on June 9; Johnny Depp, 40 on June 9; Michael J. Fox, 51 on June 9; Prince Philip, 91 on June 10; Hugh Laurie, 53 on June 11; Gene Wilder, 73 on June 11; Jim Nabors, 80 on June 12; and Mary Kate and Ashley Olsen, 26 on June 13.

Those celebrating their birthdays are: Alan Duffy, Andrea Coleman, Carol Delehanty, Maire White, Cora Flood, Keri MacNaught, Charlie Cook, Julie Pearce, Maureen McDonagh, Jane (McArdle) Griffin, Matt Doyle, Rebecca Brennan, and Jeanne (McDonough) Pratt.

Also observing their birthdays are Maureen McKinnon, Jackie Hobin, Jennifer Leonard, Chris Naoum, Stephanie Maneikis, Ryan Costello. Chris Lovett, Meghan Cook, Billy Watson, and Annabelle Carey. Craig MacNaught shares his birthday (June 12) with his nephews, quads Craig, Matt, Peter, and Dan. Best wishes are sent to Jimmy Kenney on his special birthday.

Those celebrating their anniversaries are Joe and Karen Sammartino, Paul and Doreen Wynne, "Flash" and Jeannie Saverse, Dick and Dolores Miller, Jerry and Ann Quinn (their 62nd!), Desmond and Denise Queally, and Richard and Doreen Bielecki.



Ashani Logan

Ashani Logan, a senior in the Wheelock College Teacher Bound Upward Bound program, is one of 15 Massachusetts students to be awarded a prestigious Gates Millennium Scholarship. The scholarship, which is a good-through-graduation award to use at any accredited

college or university of the recipient's choice, is awarded to just 1,000 students each year based on academic success, community service and leadership activities.

Logan, who will graduate from Melrose High School this year, plans to attend the School of Architecture at Syracuse University. Selected from a field of more than 24,000 applicants from across the country, Logan will also be eligible for Gates Millennium Scholarship funding if he chooses to pursue graduate studies at the master's and doctoral levels in selected fields.

"The entire Wheelock community couldn't be prouder of Ashani for achieving The Gates Mil-

lennium Scholarship," said Wheelock President **Jackie Jenkins-Scott**. "The award is a reflection of Ashani's hard work and dedication and validates this new and unique education program."

Logan was part of the unique Teacher Bound program for four years. Wheelock's Teacher Bound is the only Upward Bound program in the country specifically designed to encourage

high school students to become teachers. Students complete a six-week program each year on Wheelock's campus that features classes in math, science, and foreign languages, and student-teaching experiences in elementary school classrooms. They also participate in a homework academy and tutoring, SAT prep, college tours, cultural enrichment programs and a mentoring program.

Reception kicks off art exhibit at Flat Black

Flat Black Coffee, in partnership with the Dorchester Arts Collaborative (DAC), will launch a community art show featuring local artists and craftspeople with a reception this Saturday at their Ashmont location from 1-3 p.m. Each of the six artists will exhibit for two months at the three Flat Black cafes in Dorchester and the Financial District. The Ashmont reception will focus on the work of Dot native **Martha**

Glavin Kempe, who teaches at the Mather School on Meetinghouse Hill. A portion of the artwork proceeds will be put right back into the community to help support DAC operations, which includes sponsoring gallery shows, Open Studios, a new annual Fringe Festival and other arts events in Dorchester. Contact Flat Black Coffee to submit your art work at info@FlatBlackCoffee.com



State Rep. Linda Dorcea Forry received an honorary Doctor of Law degree from Pine Manor College on May 13. Forry spoke to the graduating class of 62 students at the 101st commencement for the college, located in Chestnut Hill.

Photo courtesy Pine Manor College

Happy birthday to our neighbors across the river

Our good neighbors on the other side of the Neponset River are having a big celebration this weekend: the town of Milton this year is observing its 350th anniversary and three days of events are scheduled.

Officially, it's Milton's "Semiseptcentennial." The town was settled in 1640, ten years after Dorchester, and incorporated in 1662, some 350 years ago.

This weekend's events get under way on Friday night with a band concert at the high school just off Blue Hill Parkway, followed by a fireworks display at the lower fields of the high school at 9:15 p.m. Neighbors in Mattapan, Lower Mills, and Cedar Grove can expect to hear and perhaps see the display.

On Saturday, the anniversary parade ("The biggest in Milton's History!") begins at the high school at 2 p.m. and follows a route along Canton Avenue to Reedsdale Road to Pleasant Street to Cunningham Park on Edge Hill Road. Organizers say that some 25 bands will march.

Saturday night brings a band and drum corps concert at the high school field, featuring five bands, with the Mummies Woodland String Band as "special guests." On Sunday, a town-wide picnic is planned for the town green on Canton Avenue. Organizers caution that there will be detours and road closings all weekend, especially during the parade on Saturday afternoon, which begins at 1 p.m.

Congratulations to the town of Milton and its 27,000 residents and best wishes for a warm, rain-free weekend of events.

— Ed Forry

Keep the spirit of Dot Day alive

Now that Dot Day has come and gone, there are still good opportunities to celebrate our community's rich history. The Dorchester Historical Society, always at the leading edge of such observations, will help keep things going this month with a series of events meant to celebrate Dot's Descendants. On June 23, Dot native Emily Sweeney will come to the Historical Society's Boston Street headquarters for an illustrated talk on her book, "Boston Organized Crime." On Sun., June 24, they're planning a trolley tour of the neighborhood with a focus on history, of course. And, on June 29 the Dorchester Arts Collaborative plans to host a reception called "Dorchester Artists – Then and Now" that will be on display during the weekend of June 30 and July 1. Much more information on these events can be found online at the Dorchester Historical Society's website or at facebook.com/DorchesterDescendants.

Sunday's Dorchester Day Parade was another huge success, thanks largely to the volunteer committee that put it all together over the past several months. Thanks to all of the men and women who played a role, including Parade Committee president Marty Hogan, vice-president Christine Hogan, Parade Adjutant and webmaster Ed Geary, Jr., Secretary Mary DeMarino, Treasurer Joe Chaisson, historians George Hacunda and Dick Bennett, and Judge Advocate Karen MacNutt. Members include Jill Cahill Baker, Ruth Brown, Kelly Butts, Caroline Cahill, Kim Kostka Delano, Jean Donovan, Annissa George, Chris Hogan, Marie Marshall, Binh Nguyen, Pat O'Brien, Ed Pimental, Allyson Quinn, Peter Sasso, Pam Smith, Barbra Trybe, Suzyn Walsh, Joe Zinck and Lisa Zinck.

— Bill Forry

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Neighborhood funding provides youth with positive, safe, healthy activities

BY TIMOTHY P. MURRAY
SPECIAL TO THE REPORTER

Childhood memories of playing hockey with my three younger brothers at a local rink in Worcester flashed through my mind recently as I entered the Emmons Horrigan O'Neil Memorial Rink in Charlestown. Whether it was after school or on the weekends, trips to the skating rink provided an opportunity for quality recreation while building teamwork and sportsmanship skills.

In Charlestown, I met a gentleman with longtime roots in the neighborhood and close ties to the local rink. As he reminisced about memories coaching youth hockey over the past several decades, he shared a story of a Charlestown mother describing how the hockey program saved her child's life. Her son had lost his brother and father to violence, but the hockey program at the O'Neil Memorial Rink surrounded him with positive, adult role models who reinforced in him that through hard work and commitment good things can happen on the ice.

They also told the hockey player that the same attributes or skills can also be applied in the classroom and other settings. These lessons and those taught to him by his mother allowed this young man to go on to college and a successful career.

Governor Patrick and I want all children to have access to a safe and bright future. We have a moral obligation and responsibility to build a stronger Commonwealth for future generations, and a stronger Commonwealth means investing today in education, innovation, and infrastructure.

Investing in infrastructure includes improving the quality of our park and recreational facilities for youth and families to enjoy. Through the Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR), our administration continues to support investments in more than 400 properties and recreational activities across the state.

When I visited the O'Neill Memorial Rink in Charlestown, I joined Rep. Eugene O'Flaherty, Sen.

Sal DiDimenico, and the community to celebrate the installation of energy efficiency improvements at the rink. With \$625,000 in federal stimulus funding awarded to the Massachusetts Department of Energy Resources, that rink as well as the Devine Memorial Rink in Dorchester and rinks in South Boston, Hyde Park, and Weymouth were able to improve ceilings and other needs over the last year. This investment will increase energy efficiency at each rink, delivering significant cost savings to support programs like *Learn to Skate*, public skating, and youth hockey programs.

We are making similar investments in DCR facilities across the Commonwealth to protect, promote, and enhance our communities. We invested more than \$300,000 to rebuild and improve the McMorrow Playground and Ball Fields in Dorchester. Once reconstruction is complete, there will be new bleachers, bullpens, backstops, and equipment storage.

In neighboring Roxbury, we worked closely with local elected officials, community leaders, and residents to resurrect the former Melnea Cass Outdoor Skating Rink. After the rink had remained dormant for more than 20 years, we made it a priority to revitalize the facility. Now, after investing \$4.2 million, the Melnea A. Cass Recreational Complex is a four-season indoor facility. Adjacent to the Melnea A. Cass Memorial Swimming Pool, the complex provides youth with a wide range of programs including tennis, martial arts, track, and soccer. The facility also hosts special events and meetings for the community.

Investments in our neighborhoods provide positive, safe, and healthy activities for our youth. I had the chance to experience this as a young kid playing hockey in Worcester, and I am committed to supporting parks and recreational facilities in Boston and communities across the Commonwealth.

Timothy P. Murray is lieutenant governor of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Mini-thoughts for 2012 graduates

BY TOM MULVOY
REPORTER STAFF

Commencement orations at all scholastic levels contain the same basic ingredients: praise for what the student congregants have done to get to that point in their lives; thanks to teachers and parents; a woe-is-us contemplation of the present; and hopeful words about the future of the addressees.

The graduates, especially the new college alumni/alumnae, are told that they are part of a generation of individuals that will shape the future of their country in an increasingly complex world, and that they need to sign on to their upcoming obligations. That is the traditional mega-thought for the occasion; it's expected and it seems it has to be said to make the commencement official.

As the father of two sons who have commenced on new responsibilities in the last few weeks – one is preparing for college in the fall and the other is on his new job in New Hampshire – I have listened to a fair share of speechifying in recent days, most all of it written well and given well, some of it sparkling with new takes on ancient themes, and all of it well intended. What I had hoped to hear over those hours, but didn't, is a speaker's offering mini-thoughts about life in the adult lanes of life, about the sorts of values that parents and family members often practice in front of their children and at their workplaces but then don't promote to their offspring as simple keys to individual success.

- When someone does something nice for you, the first step when you get home should be to a desk where you pick up pen and paper and send a thank-you note to your benefactor. Or, this being the 21st century, where penmanship seems to have given way to extremes of cursive individuality, a word processor will do as long as you sign it in your hand and mail it. Save delivery by e-mail, texting, Facebook for lesser communication fare.

- When you find a job, no matter the size of the operation, do some research about the company's founders and their values, and get to know the people beyond peers in your work area and those to whom you report. The fellow who empties the wastebaskets around the office, the woman who takes your money in the cafeteria, the guard at the front door, the secretaries along the corridor all play a role in making your workplace attractive and efficient and they deserve your day-to-day respect – delivered personally, by name.

- Greet everyone whom you pass by even if there is no reciprocation. Don't try to figure out if the person is a snob or is shy or is pre-occupied by big thoughts; just say hello and move on. Many of the

people who count will remember this about you.

- Salute the golden rule of treating others as you would want them to treat you. Groups in high school and college have their own values about friendship, and it's easy in those settings to leave others out of whatever the groups are up to. But in the workplace, leaving people out of the loop for reasons of personality or varying personal interests can be costly; they just might have the answers.

- Finally, though the list can go on and on, a friend recalls getting this pithy prescription from one of his elders: Keep things simple; think out loud [so that others will know what's on your mind]; and be kind.

I'll close with another saying that rings with truth: Little things mean a lot.

Letter to the Editor

Kudos all around for parade committee

To the Editor:

Congratulations to the Dorchester Day Parade Committee for another great event. You clearly have clout with the powers upstairs – it didn't rain on our parade! And thank you to the hundreds of Dorchester neighbors along the route who signed our petition for a ballot question in November. On Election Day we'll be able to vote for creating jobs, saving Social Security and other vital services, taxing corporations and wealthy people fairly, and reducing military spending so we can pay for domestic needs.

Mike Prokosch
Dorchester People for Peace

Memorial June 16 for Julio Ricardo Henriquez

Friends and family of the late Julio Ricardo Henriquez will be holding a public memorial service in Roxbury on June 16. The service is set for St. Patrick's Church on Magazine St. at 10 a.m. Julio Henriquez, born in Panama in 1936, died in January 2012 after a long illness.

He worked for the Boston School Committee and Mayor Ray Flynn. He was also a member of the Dudley Street Neighborhood Initiative. He was the father of state Rep. Carlos Henriquez and the husband of Sandra Henriquez, an Obama administration official.

— REPORTER STAFF

Bernie Fitz: One of a kind, who served 42 years at Dot District Court

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not highly compensated or appreciated. We tend to put a higher value on selling products than on helping others. Bernie Fitzgerald knew the importance of helping young people in trouble get back on track. He saw the value in lives that had gone astray, often for reasons beyond the control of those born into poverty or dysfunctional

families.

I had the pleasure of working with him for many years and looked forward to his hulking but amiable presence. He was a big guy, not just in stature but by virtue of his expansive personality. He introduced me to the books of Robert Parker, author of the "Spencer" series. I told Bernie that when I read those books (and I read

them all), I imagined him as the lead character -- tough, irreverent, funny, and smart, but a softy when it came to people in trouble. A talented actor, Bernie performed with a Mission Hill theater group in a number of their productions. His comedic roles were particularly memorable.

He touched a lot of lives in the over 40 years he worked in Dorchester

and often went beyond the call of his normal duties to provide guidance, support, and encouragement to those in distress. While his loss will be felt, he had the opportunity over the years to train many young probation officers who will continue his legacy of hope and perseverance.

In a culture where success is measured in the accumulation

of things, Bernie and those like him leave their mark in the lives of the people they touch, using whatever it takes to rehabilitate, including advice, help, motivation and, when necessary, coercion. Success may be a direction changed or even a life saved. Such achievements too often go unnoticed.

Bernie has a great family and had an out-

standing career. He was honored for his achievements the other night at Venezia's. At 63, he now has the time to enjoy family and friends. Knowing Bernie, I suspect he will also find a way to continue to influence the lives of those less fortunate. You see: For him it's a labor of love.

In the interim, he's off to Paris. Bon Voyage!

'Mr. Dependable' has been Boys and Girls Clubs mentor for 25 years

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two more grateful kids who know that with Bob, as Damaris's card read: It's 'Love all the time.'

This is why Bob Scannell and so many of his colleagues—like Mike Joyce—are still here after so many years.

And it's not like folks haven't tried to lure him away.

Kevin Chapman, the Dot born-and-bred actor who serves on the clubs' board, has been a close friend to Bob and his wife Mary for 20 years. Chapman marvels at the sacrifices both have made to devote their lives to Dorchester's kids.

"There's companies out there that have offered him huge sums of money — and that's happened multiple times," says Chapman. "People say to him, 'Bob, why don't you take this — you've got three kids of your own to put through school.' He always says the same thing: 'Who's going to take care of the kids?'"

"Bob's never wavered from that reply. I've never seen anyone serve with such humility and grace," Chapman says.

Scannell, a Quincy native who attended BC High and Suffolk University, arrived here as a 25 year-old in 1987 — a pivotal time in the neighborhood's history

as it turned out. A huge wave of youngsters was flooding the streets, gang activity was on the rise nearby, and the demand for a sanctuary was at an all-time high.

Don Rodman, who was on the board of the clubs for ten years before Scannell was hired, says Bob recognized the changing needs and "brought the club up to another level."

In 1990, Scannell launched an expanded program — dubbed Safe Summer Streets — to add after-dark programming hours to the clubs' schedule, especially for teens who were most at-risk from gun violence. He recruited talented young people from the neighborhood and plugged them into much-needed jobs working with younger kids. He found other passionate role models like former NBA star Bruce Seals — who has himself become a mainstay at the club's Deer Street gym — to coach and mentor.

Most of all, Bob made a difference by being Bob — a fun-loving, warm person who greets every kid by name and immediately makes them feel at home when they walk through the doors.

Scannell can be a disciplinarian when he needs to be — just ask Mark Wahlberg, whose teenage antics got him an

extended time-out from the club on Bob's watch. (Scannell now serves on Mark's foundation board and Mark, a generous benefactor, serves as a club trustee.)

But Bob has bonded with each new wave of youngsters by doing what you're supposed to do at a kids' clubhouse: Have fun. Scannell is a gym rat at heart whose trademark half-court jump shots (off the ceiling and in!) have won over legions of tough-to-impress Dot teenagers.

Bob's ability to let loose and bond with his members is all the more impressive when you consider the constant pressure he's been under to run a growing organization with scores of employees and millions of dollars in bills each year. Scannell has successfully navigated the

Boys and Girls Clubs of Dorchester through two tough recessions, a challenging identity change (BGCD was formerly known as the Marr Club, a name that still graces the original Deer Street facility), and an expansion to include the Denny Youth Center on Columbia Point. Working closely with Mayor Tom Menino's administration, Scannell got control of a former drug den on Melvinside Terrace and replaced it with the impressive, four-story Paul R. McLaughlin Youth Center, named for the assassinated West Roxbury prosecutor. The building, which opened in 2000, gave the Boys and Girls Clubs a high-profile presence on Dot Ave. and expanded critical child care and after-school slots for teens and toddlers.

Scannell has done all of this so well that his organization was called upon recently to take over the management of Brockton's club, which has fallen on difficult financial times. Scannell and his management team from Dorchester stepped in six weeks ago and are currently doing double-duty: prepping for Dorchester's busy summer season and re-tooling Brockton's club to make it self-sufficient, hopefully within the next two years.

Lee Kennedy, who has served as the board chairman for the Boys and Girls Clubs of Dorchester for several years now, says the Brockton project "says it all" about Bob Scannell:

"When people have problems, they call Bob for help and direction. He's the go-to guy in

this community and he's viewed that way by his peers. That's why the national Boys and Girls Club organization asked for his help in Brockton, where they've been having some real difficulties. He's got no real connection to Brockton! And, typical Bob, he says, 'We've got to do this. These kids really need this place to stay open.'"

Dorchester folks know how true that is. No one wants to even think about what our neighborhood would be without a Boys and Girls Club on Deer Street and Dot Ave. Many hands have made the campus what it is today — countless donors, politicians, even a movie star or two. But none of it happens without one guy: Bob Scannell, Dot's Mr. Dependable.

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Non-emergency line for seniors: 617-343-5649. The "Party Line" phone number, to report loud gatherings, is 617-343-5500.

POLICE DISTRICT B-3 NEWS

For info, call B-3's Community Service Office at 617-343-4717.

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The Mattahunt Wheelock Advisory Board invites Mattapan and surrounding communities to an open forum on Thursday, June 7, 5:30 p.m. to discuss updates on programs and activities offered at the Mattahunt Community Center. Attendees will also have the opportunity to share ideas with other members of the community as well as with the MW Partnership Advisory board. Child-care and dinner will be provided. The Mattahunt Community Center is a partnership between the City of Boston, the Mattapan community, and Wheelock College that is committed to bringing forth a quality, sustainable community center filled with programs and services designed to respond to the needs and assets of the people in Mattapan.

CLAM POINT CIVIC ASSN.

The meetings are usually held on the second Monday of each month (unless it's a holiday) at WORK, Inc. 25 Beach St., at the corner of Freeport (new meeting place); on street parking available; at 6:30 p.m. The upcoming date is June 11. Info: clampoint.org.

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Goal: Make hockey accessible to more kids, parents

(Continued from page 1) one at the Jr. Terriers Ice Center in Canton and the other at the Mark Bavis Arena in Rockland, ProEvolution Hockey is reaching out to blue-collar families, including those who may have passed on the sport before for cost or convenience sake.

In his research of comparable programs, Roberts found that there

were limited affordable hockey alternatives for kids. He also noticed that hockey became less about the sport and more about writing checks. Roberts then took nearly eight months to develop a concept that became what it is today.

"I looked at what other hockey programs are charging, and I found that few were affordable for families," Roberts said. "We wanted to make hockey affordable. In 2012, we are charging what people were paying in 1980. We were determined to bring back affordable hockey for families without sacrificing quality."

By "we," he is referring to a team of people who go way back. Handling the business planning and marketing is Brendan McDonough, a Savin Hill resident who has been best friends with Roberts for 25 years. Along with his wife, Luisa,

McDonough focuses on business and program development.

"The creation and implementation of ProEvolution was a total team concept," said McDonough, a hockey parent who is best known locally as the founder of Project DEEP, the popular after-school program based at the Leahy-Holloran Center in Neponset. "Oddly enough, all of the architects have deep Dorchester roots, which probably fueled a strong desire to make best-in-class hockey training affordable to working class families."

The community seems to be responding positively to ProEvolution. Two hundred kids have already signed up for membership, reports Roberts, who played professional hockey for three years after graduating from Northeastern University in 1991.

"Parents pay one up-front fee, and that brings many membership benefits," Roberts explained. "Kids have access to many programs such as camps, week-long clinics in the summer, skill sessions, practices, seminars, videography, and nutrition and fitness education. They also work with staff members who were part of Division I hockey teams, college coaches and NHL players."

McDonough is excited about the turn out.

"We have already experienced a spike in our weekly hockey skills programs and summer program registrations," said the 43-year-old father of four. "Families are really taking advantage of the free hockey skills sessions and the ability to lock in free skills for the whole family for the entire year. Importantly, we are excited to see that the majority of our current members of families with two, three, four, even eight kids!"

Roberts decided to cap off at 250 sign-ups to keep the coach-to-student ratio low (ideally, one coach for every 10 students). Until he figures out how many kids ProEvolution can handle, he doesn't want to take on too many students at once.

Roberts encourages



Dylan McDonough, age 8, skates in a ProEvolution practice.

kids to sign up at any time online at proevolutionhockey.com. He believes this program has many benefits beyond the hockey rink. With three kids of his own who are getting into the sport, the 45-year-old

is planning to be more involved in coaching.

"Kids who stay in sports are more likely to finish college," he states. "There is less crime, less truancy and less drug abuse."

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Community Health News

A few thoughts on what makes for good oral hygiene?

BY DANIELLE COLLINS
MATTAPAN COMMUNITY
HEALTH CENTER

Maintaining good oral hygiene is one of the most important things you can do for your teeth and gums. With healthy teeth you look and feel good, and you eat and speak properly. Good oral health is important to your overall well-being.

Mattapan Community Health Center (MCHC) strives to improve the quality of life for residents of Mattapan and surrounding communities by providing comprehensive, accessible, affordable, and culturally appropriate community health care services, including primary and preventive health services.

MCHC's dental department's responsibility is to improve the overall oral health of the public by providing clinical services and education. As dental healthcare professionals, we show

the public the relationship between oral health as it is a part of a person's overall health by promoting healthy mouths with prevention and/or arrest of dental disease. The department has three dentists and two hygienists. The clinic is open, Monday, Thursday, and Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., Tuesday and Thursday from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m., and Saturday 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. We also offer emergency services Monday through Friday if a patient calls the clinic in advance.

Gum Disease: Our mouths are full of bacteria that form a sticky, colorless "plaque" on the teeth. Brushing and flossing helps to get rid of plaque, but when it hardens and becomes "tartar," only a professional cleaning by a dentist or dental hygienist can remove that substance.

The longer plaque and tartar are on teeth,

the more harmful they become. The bacteria cause "gingivitis," an inflammation of the gums, which become red, swollen, and can bleed easily. Gingivitis is a mild form of gum disease that can usually be reversed with daily brushing and flossing, and regular cleaning by a dentist or dental hygienist every six months. This form of gum disease does not include any loss of bone and tissue that hold the teeth in place.

When gingivitis is not treated, it can advance to "periodontitis," an inflammation around the teeth where the gums pull away from the teeth and form spaces (called "pockets") that become infected. The body's immune system fights the bacteria as the plaque spreads and grows below the gum line and bacterial toxins and the body's natural response to infection start to break down the

bone and connective tissue that hold teeth in place. If periodontitis is not treated, the bones, gums, and tissue that support the teeth will be destroyed and the loosened teeth may eventually have to be removed.

Some of the risk factors that play a role in gum disease are:

Smoking is one of the most significant risk factors associated with the development of the disease; hormonal changes in girls/women can make gums more sensitive and make it easier for gingivitis to develop; and diabetes will put one at higher risk for developing infections, including gum disease. Uncontrolled glucose levels show a higher risk for severe periodontal disease. Periodontal treatment improves the metabolic control of diabetes, which does not cause oral disease but may lower the resistance and increase susceptibility to different oral findings such as caries and a decrease in saliva.

Other illnesses, such as cancer or AIDS, and their treatments, can also negatively affect

the health of gums. Medications, prescribed and OTC (over the counter), can reduce the flow of saliva, causing "dry mouth." Other medications can cause gingival enlargement which hides plaque under the gums and increases the potential for periodontal infections. To help prevent dry mouth and reduce gum enlargement, patients should chew sugarless gum, take frequent sips of water, or suck on ice chips to relieve these symptoms. Avoiding tobacco, caffeine, alcohol and carbonated beverages may help those with this condition. Your dentist may recommend using saliva substitutes or oral moisturizers to keep your mouth wet.

There are a number of ways to keep your gums and teeth healthy:

Brush your teeth twice a day (with fluoride toothpaste) for at least two minutes; floss regularly to remove plaque from between teeth (studies show that 75 percent of plaque removal is done by brushing and the remaining 25 percent is removed by flossing); remember that home care is the most important form of a healthier mouth; and visit the dentist routinely for a check-up and professional cleaning.

For more information, contact Mattapan Community Health Center at 617-296-0061 and ask for the dental department or visit: mass.gov/dph/oralhealth.

Danielle Collins is a dental hygienist at the Mattapan Community Health Center.

State's small businesses stand to get penalty relief on key health insurance requirement

Some Massachusetts employers who have been hit with fines for failing to meet state health insurance requirements for so-called fair share assessments will be able to get relief under a change adopted as part of the House's health care cost containment legislation.

House lawmakers adopted an amendment, sponsored by Rep. Linda Dorcena Forny (D-Dorchester), that allows small businesses to eliminate employees who have qualifying insurance coverage from a spouse, parent, veterans' plan, Medicare, Medicaid, or a plan tied to disability or retirement when calculating their assessments.

Forny said the change will ease the burden on small business owners who were at a significant disadvantage in trying to comply with a rule they cannot enforce. "Small businesses often struggle to convince employees to utilize their plans," she said from the House floor. The amendment passed 155-0.

Organizations representing package and convenience stores, retailers, restaurants, and staffing groups urged House lawmakers to agree to the change, which had been approved in the Senate last month when the upper branch passed its version of health care cost containment legislation. Supporters say many

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Boys and Girls Clubs of Dorchester

Summer Program

In addition to the 23rd season of Safe Summer Streets, which provides programming for 13-18 year old members from 5-11p.m. six nights a week, the Club will offer an on-site, 7-week program for members ages 5 to 12. This drop-in style program will operate on an 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. schedule (Monday to Friday). Session #1, which will begin on 7/2 will run to 7/20, while session #2 will run from 7/23 to 8/15. For members ages 5 & 6 there will be a \$150 fee per session while members ages 7 to 12 will have a \$100 fee per session. The daytime program includes a breakfast and lunch component for all members as well as field trips, special events and a session concluding Olympics. The program will see participating members traveling through all core program areas each day. After our initial registration there are a limited number of spots remaining, which will be filled on a first come, first serve basis. Please note there is a \$50 late fee to register for these remaining spots. Registration forms are available at our McLaughlin Center reception desk. For more information please contact Director of Program Development, Laurene Plourde at ext. 2120.

Boys & Girls Club to Host Annual Recognition Night

We are pleased to announce that the Annual Member Recognition Night will be held on Thursday, June 28th

with dinner provided through our Patriot's Kids Café program at 6:00, followed by the awards ceremony at 6:30. The Recognition Night is the highlight of the program year and a chance to recognize participation and achievement in all of the Club's program areas. On this night members and their parents can look forward to the presentations of the prestigious Youth of the Year Awards, Program Director Awards and many individual program awards. Invitations will be mailed to all of the award winners and their families. Parents will need to purchase their seats (\$3 per person) in advance which will be accepted on a first come first serve basis until capacity has been reached. Please note that reservations will not be accepted over the phone and that the Recognition Night spots will fill fast. For more info on the Recognition Night please contact Chad Hassey, Program Director at our Denney Center Unit at ext. 3130.

Intramural & All-Star Soccer Program

With the regular season of the Intramural League complete, the play-off tournament was held over the past two weeks with the semi-finals played last week followed by a thrilling championship game held last Saturday. In the semi-final games the opener saw Celtic F.C., behind the scoring of Bryan DeLaCruz (3 goals) and Armani Monteiro (1 goal) defeating F.C. Barcelona by



Thanks to the Marilyn Rodman Theater for Kids program, members of the Boys and Girls Clubs of Dorchester attended a performance of "Beauty and the Beast" last week. This month, members will be treated to another outing to see "Mamma Mia" at the Orpheum Theater.

a score of 4-3. Angelo Henderson (1 goal), Tahron Allen (1 goal) and Justin Carvalho (1 goal) provided the offense for F.C. Barcelona. In the second game Manchester United defeated Inter Milan by a score of 6-0. Keyshawn Barnes-Lacy (2 goals), De'Andre Dew-Hollis (2 goals), Carina Balde (1 goal) and Bellami Howell (1 goal) led the offense for Manchester United. For the semi-final games the Defensive Player of the Week Awards go to Freddie DePina (Inter Milan) and Nahom Haile (F.C. Barcelona) while Bryan DeLaCruz (Celtic F.C.) and De'Andre Dew-Hollis (Manchester) were declared the Offensive Players of the Week. The championship game was a thriller, needing overtime and a shoot-out, to see Celtic F.C. come away with a 6-5 victory. Messiah Monteiro (2 goals), Bryan DeLaCruz (2 goals), Armani Monteiro (1 goal) and Luis Rodriguez (1 goal)



Members of the Boys and Girls Clubs of Dorchester recently took part in the Drawing and Painting Class. Spring Fine Arts Classes will continue through to the close of the school-year program.

provided the offense for Celtic F.C. while De'Andre Dew-Hollis (3 goals) and Octavius Nunes (2 goals) scored for Manchester United. De'Andre Dew-Hollis (Manchester United) and Bryan DeLaCruz (Celtic F.C.) were voted the Offensive and Defensive Player of the Game respectively. Congratulations to all four

teams on another great season. Meanwhile, our two All-Star teams, which competed in the N.E.N.E.A.P.C. league have wrapped up play as well. Our Denney Center Stars lost their final game to the Nashua Boys and Girls Club while our Marr Clubhouse Stars finished up with a win over the Salesian Boys and Girls Club of East

Boston. Congratulations to our Stars on a great season.

Art Program News

Our final school-year semester of Spring Fine Arts classes for ages 5 to 12 (photography, girls art, sculpture, boys art & fuse bead Fridays) as well as our evening classes for ages 10 & older (drawing & painting, sculpture, open art and teen art) will wrap up the week of 6/18. Special events for the month of June include an exhibit of artwork and photographs to be included in a statewide exhibit at the Massachusetts State House (opening on 6/6). Congratulations to the following members whose works will be included: Emily Espinal, Karla Santana, Kelly Anne Talavera, Kyla Sneed, Kora Bazile, Aja Credle, Barry Pritchard, Michelle Beazley, Najwah Nelson and Ivanildo DaMoura. Later in June (6/21) we will partner with the Marilyn Rodman Theater for Kids program to host a trip to see "Mamma Mia" at the Opera House. Please note that this trip requires pre-registration. For information on the Fine Arts program please contact Donna Seery at 617-288-7120, ext. 1320.



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Santana 'no-no' sends Mets aficionados into orbit, but for the rest of us, it was hardly a big deal

All of New York is agog, and it takes a fair amount of juice to get the worldly-wise sophisticates of lofty Gotham in this much of a lather. The mayor may proclaim a five-borough holiday, once he brings the soft beverage industry to its knees. Might a ticker-tape parade be in order next?

The Mets, who in recent years have looked more than ever a sad-sack outfit wallowing deeply in the muck and mire of Bernie Madoff's Ponzi scheme, are again being acclaimed "Amazing." All this the result of an odd sporting moment called the no-hitter. It could only happen in baseball.

Some background may be useful in the event your leisure time has lately centered on what may seem worthier pursuits, like devotion to the Celtics' quixotic playoff quest, or your annual re-reading of *War and Peace*.

On a balmy evening June evening in the village of Queens, the New York Mets' oft-sore-armed lefty, Johan Santana, defeated the defending world champion Cardinals, 8-0, scattering five bases-on-balls among the 134 pitches that he threw but allowing no -- we repeat, NO -- base hits. Or at least none that were ruled hits. Replays affirmed that a hard bouncer smote by the Cards' Carlos Beltran (an ex-Met) in the 7th inning (as the drama was approaching impossible heights) was really a fair ball and legitimate double. Nor was the call close.

But that's not how the ump saw it and if his judgment was blurred by a sentimental yearning to preserve an elegant moment, that's his secret and so it shall remain. As for New Yorkers, they're not letting yet another blunder by a poor umpire spoil such a good story.

And so Santana prevailed, and when he finished with a dramatic whiff of Yadier Molina, there was an explosion of raw glee in Queens unmatched since that unforgettable evening 26 years ago when Mookie Wilson's squiggly grounder squirmed through Billy Buckner's fragile wickets. For this was the very first no-hitter a Met had ever thrown. "So what," says you. But here in the provinces we never suspected how much this deficiency had weighed on their self-esteem. Mets' diehards had somehow seen themselves as so many accursed Ishmaels aimlessly adrift in the lost hope of redemption. So for them, Santana's triumph was a Biblical moment.

Said Jay Horwitz, the

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Mets' legendary public relations don who has been trumpeting their ups and downs for exactly 50 years:

"It's almost like that... 'Now I can die in peace' ... type of thing."

As another New York legend, Phil 'the Scooter' Rizzuto, liked to say when faced with the inexpressible: *"Holy Cow!"* And we thought all that stuff about The Curse of the Bambino had gotten a bit silly.

Actually, these stray no-hit items aren't so odd. In baseball's interminable annals, there's been an average of more than two per year, which reasonably qualifies them as unusual but hardly rare. Red Sox hurlers have spun 20 and have had 13 spun against them. Earlier this season, hitherto unknown Phil Humber of the White Sox not only no-hit the Mariners but he also pitched a perfect game, and "perfectos" are significantly more difficult, there having been only 19 in the modern era, dating back to 1901.

If there's no denying the journeyman Humber his magic "moment," the odds are strong that's all it will be: just a "moment." At 29, he started the season with a mere 11 wins and since his masterpiece six weeks ago, he has won just one more. It would hardly be surprising if Mr. Humber found himself back in the minors next season. Another still active member of this illustrious perfect-game club is the little less obscure Dallas Braden of the A's. His 26 lifetime wins include a 2010 "perfecto" against the Rays, but he has been chronically sore-armed since.

That many authors

of no-hitters have been obscure, even bush-leaguers, says plenty about both the nature of the achievement and that innate mystery that makes baseball, among all games, most compelling. When you get right down to it, this game, with its "Euclidian geometrics" (John Updike's hallowed words), often defies reason. On any given day, something nutty can happen.

What do no-hit maestros Welden Henley, Bobbie Burke, Don Black, Nick Maddox, Mal Eason, Daffy Dean, Ed Head, Rex Barney, Cliff Chambers, George Culver, Don Nottebart, and our own Dave Morehead have in common? None of them won even 50 games in their entire careers.

After Charlie Robertson of the White Sox pitched a "perfecto" against Ty Cobb's Tigers in 1922, nobody turned the mighty trick for 34 years until the Yankees' Don Larsen famously broke the spell in the '56 World Series versus the Dodgers. Lifetime, Robertson was 49-80. As for Larsen, his magic moment kept him gainfully employed 14 years, but he never escaped the shackles of "unlimited promise," finishing just 81-91.

It's remarkable, really. Rookie Bill McCahan no-hit Washington for Connie Mack's A's in 1947 and subsequently won just five more games. The Braves' George Davis no-hit the Phils in 1914, then won only six more. In 1981, the Expos' Charlie Lea no-hit the Giants, finished with five wins, and promptly disappeared the next year. My favorite example, though, is the immortal Bobo Holloman. In

his first start with Bill Veeck's legendarily awful '53 St. Louis Browns, dear Bobo no-hit the A's, won two more, and slid into history -- along with Veeck's Browns -- at season's end. Bobo's lifetime log was 3-7, but gallant.

All no-no's are memorable but few parlayed a single great performance into more celebrity than the supremely wacky Robert (Bo) Belinsky. Wild-eyed and left-handed, Bo's epic came in the LA Angels' first month of existence (1962), making him an instant darling of Hollywood's smart-set, which introduced him to a string of starlets. Alas, that considerable strain took its toll. Bo lasted -- mainly for his comic-relief -- seven more seasons while compiling an appalling lifetime mark of 28-51.

Another favorite is Dave Morehead's gem in September 1965, fashioned before about a thousand people in what had become the Fenway wasteland. The occasion is best remembered for having been the same day that Tom Yawkey finally woke up and fired his loathsome GM, Pinky Higgins. Then toiling for WBZ-TV, Ch-4, I'll let history observe that it

was my first big sports story.

No-hitters have contributed hugely to baseball's lore and legendry. Many, though not all, of history's greatest hurlers have spun them. The most notable are Messrs. Ryan, Koufax, and Feller with the likes of Mathewson, Young, Joss, Spahn, Hunter, Haddix, and Bunning not far behind. With their no-hitters in hand, contemporaries Roy Halladay and Justin Verlander might yet join such privileged company if they stay healthy, as might the young BoSoxers in the club, Masters Lester and Buchholz, although I wouldn't bet on either.

Back in the good old days, there was the wonderful case of Johnny Vander Meer, still the only fellow to throw two no-no's in a row. It was an accomplishment deemed dazzling in the summer of 1938, which was late in the Depression and before WWII, when we were all, admittedly, more easily dazzled.

In 1934, the Cards' Dizzy Dean blanked Brooklyn in the opener of a double-header. In the nightcap, Dizzy's less capable kid-brother, Paul, unfairly known as "Daffy," blanked the



Clark Booth

Dodgers again while also holding the Bums hitless. "Jeez," Dizzy is purported to have said to Daffy, "why didn't you tell me you was going to throw a no-hitter and I'd have thrown one too." Just wonderful, is it not!

Surely no-hitters have a certain magic quality even if they only translate into just one more W in the grueling season's essential win-loss column. Does it really matter whether you win 1-0 with high "perfection" or 11-10 in a jangled, jumbled, artless, awkward, messy affair? Not really, at the end of the day.

In their desperate striving for redemption, the Mets can ascribe as much meaning to their first no-no as their hearts desire. But they are better advised to worry about whether the heroic Santana, who lost *all* of last season to complicated shoulder surgery, can rebound from his hugely strenuous 134-pitch effort. In the end, that is what matters most.



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COLUMBIA-SAVIN HILL CIVIC ASSN.

Meetings the first Mon. of each month, 7 p.m., at the Little House, 275 East Cottage St. For info: columbiasavinhillcivic.org.

PRO SOCCER TEAM SEEKING LOCAL TALENT

Boston Victory Soccer Academy is a new premier soccer club with a United Soccer League professional team affiliation, seeking to develop young men and women who share a passion for soccer. The coaching staff at BVSA uses techniques used by the top European clubs to create highly skilled and intelligent players. BVSA is holding tryouts for its premier boys and girls teams, from June 10-21 in Quincy. For more information, check out the 2012-2013 Tryout Schedule online at bostonvictorysa.com. BVSA will also offer a Youth Academy program for players in the U7-U10 age groups, that does not require a tryout.

ASHMONT HILL ASSN.

Meetings are generally held the last Thursday of the month. For info, see ashmonthill.org or call Message Line: 617-822-8178.

CEDAR GROVE CIVIC ASSN.

The monthly meeting, usually the second Tues. of each month, 7 p.m., in Fr. Lane Hall at St. Brendan's Church. Info: cedargrovecivic.org or 617-825-1402.

CUMMINS VALLEY ASSN.

Cummins Valley Assn, meeting at the Mattahunt Community Center, 100 Hebron St., Mattapan, on Mondays 6:30 p.m., for those living on and near Cummins Highway. For info on dates, call 617-791-7359 or 617-202-1021.

EASTMAN-ELDER ASSN.

The association meets the third Thurs. of each month, 7 p.m., at the Uphams Corner Health Center, 636 Columbia Rd, across from the fire station. The meeting dates are: June 23, July 21, Aug. 18, Sept. 15, Oct. 20, Nov. 17, and Dec. 15.

FREEMANTLE-ADAMS ASSN.

The meetings will be held the second Wed. of the month, 6:30 p.m., at the Fields Corner CDC office

(the old Dist. 11 police station), 1 Arcadia St.

GROOM/HUMPHREYS NEIGHBORHOOD ASSN.

The GHNA meets on the third Wed. of each month, 7 p.m., in the Kroc Salvation Army Community Center, 650 Dudley St., Dor., 02125. For info, call 857-891-1072 or maxboxer@aol.com.

HANCOCK ST. CIVIC ASSN.

The next meetings are June 21, and July 19, in the Bird St. Community Center, (second floor), 500 Columbia Rd., from 6:30 to 8 p.m. The next meetings: Aug. 16 and Sept. 20. Info: hancockcivic@yahoo.com.

LOWER MILLS CIVIC ASSN.

The monthly meetings are held the third Tuesday of the month in St. Gregory's Auditorium, 7 p.m. (Please bring bottles and cans to the meeting.) Now is the time to become a member: send a \$7 check to DLMCA, 15 Becket St., Dor., 02124-4803. Please include name, address, phone, and e-mail address.

MCCORMACK CIVIC ASSN.

Meetings the third Tues. of each month (June 19), at 7 p.m., in Blessed Mother Teresa Parish Hall. Please bring canned goods to the meeting for a local food bank. Info: McCormackCivic.com or 617-710-3793. Membership is only \$5, Elections in June.

MEETINGHOUSE HILL CIVIC ASSN.

The monthly meeting usually on the third Wednesday of the month, 7 p.m., at the First Parish Church. meeting. Info: 617-265-0749 or civic@firstparish.com.

MELVILLE PARK ASSN.

Clean-up of the MBTA Tunnel Cap (garden at Shawmut Station), the first Sat. of each month, from 10 a.m. to noon. The meetings are held at 6:30 p.m., at the Epiphany School, 154 Centre St., Dor.

PEABODY SLOPE ASSN.

The Peabody Slope Neighborhood Assn's next meeting the first Mon. of each month, at Dorchester Academy, 18 Croftland Ave., 7 p.m. For info: peabodyslope.org or 617-533-8123.

POPE'S HILL NEIGHBORHOOD ASSN.

Neighborhood E-Mail Alert system; sign up at philip.carver@popeshill.com, giving your name, ad-

dress, and e-mail address. PHNA meetings, usually the fourth Wed. of each month at the Leahy/Holloran Community Center at 7 p.m. The next meeting will be in Sept. The annual Summer Block Party will be held on Sat., June 23, from noon to 6 p.m.

PORT NORFOLK CIVIC ASSN.

Meetings the third Thurs. of everymonth at the Port Norfolk Yacht Club, 7 p.m.. Info: 617-825-5225.

ST. MARK'S AREA CIVIC ASSN.

Meetings held the last Tues. of each month in the lower hall of St. Mark's Church, at 7 p.m. Info: stmarkscivic.com.

DORCHESTER HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The headquarters of the DHS is the William Clapp House, 195 Boston St., 02125, near Edward Everett Square. The DHS seeks volunteers and donations to help preserve the society's artifacts. Contact ERMMWWT@aol.com. Now is the time to renew dues; \$25 for one, \$35 a couple, and seniors, \$15. Send to above address.

DORCHESTER BOARD OF TRADE

It's time to pay DBOT dues: \$75 for 10 or fewer employees, or \$125 for 11 or more employees. Send check to the DBOT, P.O. Box 220452, Dor., 02122. Contact the Board at 617-398-DBOT (3268) for info. Fundraiser for the DBOT Scholarship Fund, "Doo-Wopp Twilight" with Tony Fuentes, lead singer of Herb Reed's Platters plus special guests, at Phillips' Windsor Room, 780 Morrissey Blvd, Sat., June 16, 7 p.m. to 1 a.m., with cocktail reception and hors d'oeuvres. Tickets, \$30; call to reserve a table: 617-824-0194.

MAYOR'S COFFEE HOUR

The Mayor will hold a Coffee Hour, in conjunction with a park-opening celebration, at the Rev. Loesch Playground, 81 Brent St., on Mon., June 11, from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. on Mon. All are welcome.

KENNEDY LIBRARY

David McCullough, on "Americans in Paris," Thurs., June 7, 5:30 to 7 p.m. "Remembering Sargent Shriver," at the library on Sat., June 16, 1:30 to 3 p.m., with his son Mark's discussing his book about his father. For reservations for the free programs and forums: 617/514-1643 to be sure of a seat or visit the web page: jfklibrary.org.

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City Counsel cautions would-be sober housing operators on their proposal for the Molloy property in Lower Mills

BY GINTAUTAS DUMCIUS
NEWS EDITOR

The head of the city's legal department this week sent a letter to the operators of a proposed sober housing business in Lower Mills warning them that documents they provided to city officials cite one law that does not exist and another that does not apply in Boston.

William Sinnott, corporation counsel for the city, also noted in the letter that one of the buildings the operators are leasing is a former funeral home and may require a zoning change.

The Molloy family owns the property and is leasing it to John Ingram and James Lamarr, who have spoken of plans to convert four buildings

on Washington Street into "sober" housing for veterans.

The city's letter, dated May 30, was sent in the wake of a meeting at the Washington Street properties several weeks ago that was attended by three city attorneys, city and state health officials, and several local elected officials.

The letter from Sinnott is addressed to Ingram and Lamarr. "In reviewing the materials you sent to the City of Boston, I noticed a form entitled 'Program Contract and House Rules,' which appears to contain incorrect legal information," Sinnott wrote. "This is concerning because it appears that you intend to have potential residents read and sign this form.

The documents cite a section of the state's general laws on zoning, but those do not apply to Boston because the city has its own zoning code enforced by the Inspectional Services Department.

"As a result, your 'Program Contract and House Rules' could be misleading to residents," Sinnott wrote in also noting that Ingram and Lamarr also provided city officials with a copy of a statute that has been proposed but not yet made into law.

Lamarr, who said he could not comment on a letter he hadn't yet seen, told the *Reporter* that the proposed statute was included in documents they provided to city officials because it highlighted several aspects of sober housing they would like to incorporate into their

potential project. They also included it as a way to lessen concerns about the project, he said. He added that the references to the proposed statute and the state code have been removed after discussions with City Hall officials.

Lamarr said he and his colleagues have been forthright with city officials and any plans they have would adhere to city laws. He indicated that the sober housing proposal is not set in concrete, saying they are conducting a feasibility study on developing the property into affordable housing or commercial space. "We have a lot of options on the table," he said.

The sober housing business may fall under the jurisdiction of the state Department of Public Health if it is deemed a "treatment

facility." At a March community meeting, Ingram said they may provide psychological and treatment services to residents.

"In fact, on May 2, 2012, the DPH issued a report which signaled a renewed effort to investigate complaints related to facilities that conduct unlicensed treatment," Sinnott wrote. "The unlicensed operation of a treatment facility can result in severe penalties...As a result, I strongly encourage you to contact DPH prior to the opening of your business to be sure you are in compliance with the law."

Lamarr said he has been in contact with officials from the city and DPH, and conversations are ongoing. He acknowledged a "mistake in March" with a merchants' association

meeting. He said his group was not aware merchants expected them to come with a solid proposal and was taken aback at the skeptical reception to their vague plans.

The city's letter came up at a meeting last night of Lower Mills merchants who have raised questions about the size and scope of the project. Lamarr said his group was not invited to that session.

At City Hall, councilors have said they're concerned with the largely unregulated operation of sober homes. Frank Baker and Tito Jackson have scheduled a hearing on the sober home industry tonight (June 7) at six o'clock at the Frederick Pilot School on Columbia Road.

Geiger Gibson easing off its practice of primary care

(Continued from page 1) center to maintain a full level of service. "The demographics in that place don't support that approach anymore," he said.

Records at the health center, which was founded in 1965 and is located at 250 Mt. Vernon St., show that 13 to 14 percent of its patients are from Columbia Point, a sharp drop from the 50 percent of 15 years ago and the almost 100 percent clientele number when the health center opened in the 1960s, according to Driscoll.

Columbia Point was a different place then: A housing project dominated the neighborhood and the relocation of UMass Boston from Park Square was nearly a decade away. Today, most housing on Columbia Point is market rate, converted from affordable housing in the 1990s, and many of the residents are students who go to UMass Boston, a commuter school that has its own health services available on campus.

According to city estimates, 2,900 residents live in the Harbor Point community, and 380 residents live in the luxury Peninsula apartments. It's likely that about a fourth of those residents are UMass students, according to the university. The number is likely to grow, with UMass plans to eventually build dorms in the neighborhood.

Most Geiger Gibson patients come from other parts of Dorchester,

and South Shore communities like Quincy, Randolph, Braintree, and Weymouth.

Some of the primary care providers will be staffing Geiger Gibson, but only for a few days a week. Patients who call for an appointment the day before or the night before won't notice much of a difference in service, and nurse practitioners will be available, Driscoll said.

If patients end up needing to be treated for more than a day, follow-up visits will occur at the Neponset Health Center and low-income patients who live in Columbia Point will be provided with cab service to Neponset, Driscoll said.

UMass officials are exploring ways to partner with Geiger Gibson. "What we're doing right now is evaluating how we can collaborate more," said Dr. Kathleen Golden McAndrew, assistant vice chancellor and executive director of health services at UMass Boston.

Her health services see 12,000 students a year, mostly for primary care. They have nurse practitioners, psychologists, and social workers, she said.

McAndrew said UMass health services are not available 24 hours a day - their offices are open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. - and university officials are interested in highlighting Geiger Gibson as an after-hours option. "They're a great operation," she said.

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RECENT OBITUARIES

BLAKE, Richard "Dick" A. of Milton. Son of the late William Blake and Margaret Murphy. He grew up in Somerville and attended Bentley College before moving to Milton where he and his late wife, Joan (Corkery) Blake, raised their four children. He served in the Air Force Reserve before starting his career with Ford Motor Company. Dick later co-founded Blake & Blake Genealogists, where he actively worked up until several months ago. Dick's real passion was helping others through their struggles with substance abuse. He gave tirelessly of his time and resources supporting their recovery. He is survived by his four children and their spouses; Richard and his wife Jill of Hingham, Pamela Frederick and her husband Dave of Scituate, Robert and his wife Catherine of Durham, NH, Lisa Carstou and her husband Nick of Scituate. Also surviving are three grandchildren; Lauren Blake of New York City, Jaclyn Blake

of Boston, Alec Carstou of Scituate and a brother William of Newmarket, NH. Donations in Dick's memory may be made to either, Edwina Martin House, 678 North Main St., Brockton, MA 02301-244 or Gavin House, 675 East 4th St., South Boston, MA 02127-3063.

GRIMM, Dorothy M. (Gibbons) R.N. in Dorchester. Wife of the late Ret. Lt. Ernest J. B.F.D. Aunt of Janice M. and her husband Gerald Carey of Marshfield. Great-aunt of Brian, Jennifer, and Timothy Carey. Godmother of John W. Curley of Marshfield. Donations in Dorothy's memory may be made to the American Heart Assoc., 20 Speen St., Framingham, MA 01701.

POLLIS, Richard of Neponset. Husband of Elizabeth (Ellis). Father of Michael Pollis and his wife Denise of Weymouth, Regina and her husband Robert Kendrick of Quincy, Ann and her husband Fred Ratta of Weymouth, David and his wife Christine Pollis of Hyde Park, Joyce Pol-

lis and her fiance Steffon Ashley of Dorchester. Brother of John of Attleboro, Rev. Robert Pollis of Boston, Edward of Milton and the late Jean Busa of Weymouth. Also survived by his greatest joy, his 9 grandchildren. D.A.V. Korean War. Richard worked with the Naval Sea Cadets for 40 yrs. and enjoyed his many trips to Canada. Remembrances may be made to the American Cancer Society or the American Diabetes Association.

TOBIN, Maureen F. (O'Hara) in Dorchester. Wife of Randall J. Mother of Patricia A. and her husband Robert Guerrini of Foxboro, Randy Tobin of Dorchester, Janice T. and her husband Mark E. Boyle of Milton, and John P. and his wife Donna Tobin of Juno Beach, FL. Sister of Patricia Bowen of Hanover, Paul

O'Hara of Quincy, and the late James J. "Bud" O'Hara, John O'Hara, and William O'Hara. Grandmother of Kevin and Daniel Boyle, and Connor Tobin. Survived by many nieces and nephews. Donations in Maureen's memory may be made to the Society of St. Vincent DePaul at Blessed Mother Teresa Parish, 800 Columbia Rd., Dorchester, MA 02125.

DEVER, Jeanne M. on May 27. Long-time Mattapan resident and community activist Jeanne Dever leaves behind her children, (predeceased Deborah Salisbury), Donna Diggin, Denise Monahan and husband Garry, Darlene Dever and grandchildren Elizabeth Diggin, Jessica Diggin, Paul Salisbury, Edward Salisbury, Philip Clark, and Julia Clark. Jeanne was an avid activist for welfare rights,

human rights, and legal rights most of her life. She was a member of the Tenants Task Force with the Boston Housing Authority. She had served as Vice President of Greater Boston Legal Services for many years; she was a member of the National Welfare Rights Union and a current board member of Survivors Inc. Jeanne was the lead plaintiff in the 1983 federal District Court class action lawsuit against the DTA, Dever v. Spirito, which resulted in a Consent Decree ordering DPW to not terminate food stamps when a household lost cash assistance. A federal court order and food stamp regulation changes that benefitted thousands of Massachusetts food stamp recipients. Jeanne was arrested many times while exercising her right to protest by civil disobedience, she

believed in breaking a small law in order to expose bigger crimes perpetrated against poor and homeless people in this country. Jeanne always credited her beloved Grandfather for bringing her to visit the State House in Boston at a very young age where she first acquired her fiery spirit for advocating and told her this is your house and you can create change for making and changing laws that affect people's lives. Jeanne was an excellent cook and loved feeding people, she made gorgeous floral arrangements and gave them to friends and family at Christmas. Although she was sick for a long time she was still active and attended and spoke at, The History and Legacy of Welfare Rights in Massachusetts in March 2012.

-Dottie Stevens

Neighborhood Notables

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DOT YOUTH SOCCER

Last day to register for DYS's fall league, June 30. Fee: \$50 for one child; \$90 for two; and \$105 for family. DYS will provide game shirt and socks for each child. The child will need black shorts, shin guards, and cleats. Register: dysoccer.com. Season begins of 9/9/12 for eight weeks.

IRISH PASTORAL CENTRE

The IPC, now located in St. Brendan Rectory, 15 Rita Road, welcomes seniors to a coffee hour each Wed. morning, from 10 a.m. to noon. There will be a speaker each week. Call 617-265-5300 for info. The IPC has a "Music for Memory" program, with Maureen McNally, with welcome and refreshments at 4 p.m., and singing from 4:30 to 6 p.m. Call the IPC for dates and further info.

The singing is free; donations for refreshments are welcomed.

MURPHY/LEAHY-HOLLORAN COMMUNITY CENTER

Youth Beginner 1, on Tues. and Thurs., 4:20 to 4:50 p.m. @\$25 pp. For info, check with the Aquatic Staff at 617-635-5150. Membership is just \$20 per family. Irish step dancing classes on Thurs. evenings from 7 to 8:45 p.m.

ADAMS ST. LIBRARY

Become a member by sending dues to Friends of the Adams St. Library, c/o M. Cahill, 67 Oakton Ave., Dorchester, 02122. Family membership is \$5; individuals, \$3; seniors, \$1; businesses, \$10; and lifetime, \$50.

HEALING/ANointing MASS AT ST. MARK'S

A Healing/Anointing Mass will be held at St. Mark's Church on Fri., June 15, beginning at 11 a.m., with a light lunch following. Call St. Mark's at 617-825-2852 for reservations (to get a count for the luncheon). All are most welcome.

IRISH SOCIAL CLUB

ISC dates: Sat., June 9, Erin's Melody; Sat., 6/16, Boston Irish; Sat., 6/23, Wild Rovers; and 6/30, Andy Healy, at the club, 119 Park St., West Roxbury. Donation is \$10. Music begins at 8 p.m.

TEMPLE SHALOM

The temple has relocated; the office, 38 Truro Lane, Milton; the mailing address, P.O. Box 870275, Milton, MA 02187; and the sanctuary, The Great Hall, 495 Canton Ave., Milton. The phone number remains the same: 617-698-3394 or e-mail: office@TempleShalomOnline.org for info.

LEGAL NOTICE

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS THE TRIAL COURT PROBATE & FAMILY COURT SUFFOLK DIVISION Docket No. SU12P0968GD IN THE MATTER OF MAXWELL HECTOR OF DORCHESTER, MA CITATION GIVING NOTICE OF PETITION FOR APPOINTMENT OF GUARDIAN FOR INCAPACITATED PERSON PURSUANT TO G.L. c. 190B, §5-304 RESPONDENT

Alleged Incapacitated Person To the named Respondent and all other interested persons, a petition has been filed by Dep. of Mental Health, in the above captioned matter alleging that Maxwell Hector is in need of a Guardian and requesting that Dept. of Mental Health (or some other suitable person) be appointed as Guardian to serve on the bond.

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

You have the right to object to this proceeding. If you wish to do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance at this court on or before 10:00 A.M. on the return date of 06/28/2012. This day is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline date by which you have to file the written appearance if you object to the petition. If you fail to file the written appearance by the return date, action may be taken in this matter without further notice to you. In addition to filing the written appearance, you or your attorney must file a written affidavit stating the specific facts and grounds of your objection within 30 days after the return date.

IMPORTANT NOTICE The outcome of this proceeding may limit or completely take away the above-named person's right to make decisions about personal affairs or financial affairs or both. The above-named person has the right to ask for a lawyer. Anyone may make this request on behalf of the above-named person. If the above-named person cannot afford a lawyer, one may be appointed at State expense.

Witness, Hon. Joan P. Armstrong, First Justice of this Court. Sandra Giovannucci Register of Probate Date: May 23, 2012

LEGAL NOTICES

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS THE TRIAL COURT PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT INFORMAL PROBATE PUBLICATION NOTICE Docket No. SU12P0962EA IN THE ESTATE OF FRANCES A. CONTI DATE OF DEATH: April 14, 2012 SUFFOLK DIVISION 24 New Chardon Street, Boston, MA 02114 617-788-8300

To all persons interested in above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner Louise S. Conti of Revere, MA, a Will has been admitted to informal probate. Louise S. Conti of Revere, MA has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve without surety on the bond.

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

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS THE TRIAL COURT PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT INFORMAL PROBATE PUBLICATION NOTICE Docket No. SU12P0996EA IN THE ESTATE OF SARAH E. BEACH DATE OF DEATH: March 02, 2012 SUFFOLK DIVISION 24 New Chardon Street, Boston, MA 02114 617-788-8300

To all persons interested in above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner Warren Beach of Boston, MA, a Will has been admitted to informal probate.

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

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS THE TRIAL COURT PROBATE COURT DEPARTMENT SUFFOLK, ss. Docket No. SU12P0078

To all persons interested in the matter of guardianship of Genesis Phoenix Vega, of Boston in the County of Suffolk, a minor child.

A petition has been presented to said Court by Iris Pimentel of Boston in County of Suffolk and is the maternal grandmother of the minor child.

Praying that this Honorable Court grant her visitation with her granddaughter, and for such further relief as this Honorable Court may deem just and proper for the reasons more fully described in said petition.

If you desire to object thereto, you or your attorney should file a written appearance in said Court at Boston before ten o'clock in the forenoon on the 9th day of August, 2012 the return day of this citation.

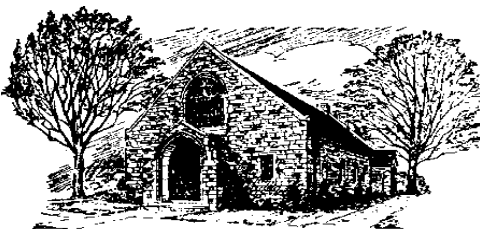
Witness, JOAN P. ARMSTRONG, ESQUIRE, First Judge of said Court, this 29th day of May, 2012. Sandra Giovannucci Register of Probate

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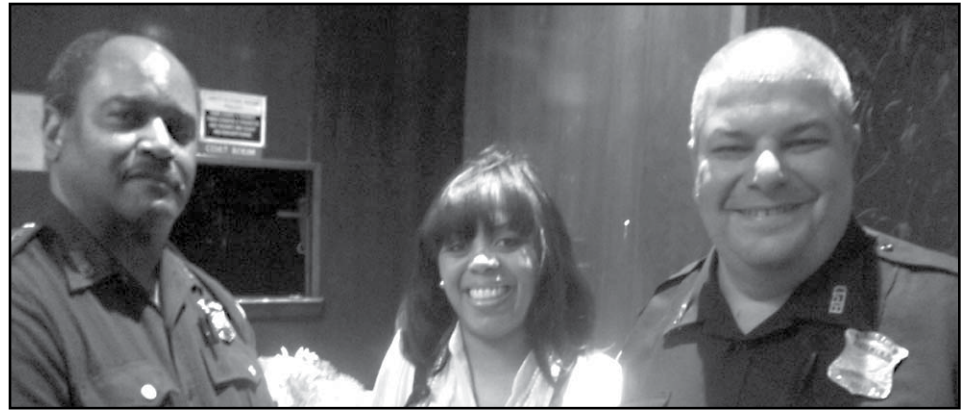
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REPORTER'S CALENDAR



Officer Tami Espinola serves Gwen Edge and Dorothy Pryor as Nichelle Hodge of Mt. Washington Bank greets table members.



Nichelle Hodge, Asst. Vice President of Mt. Washington Bank, receives thanks for the Bank's assistance from Boston Police Dep. Supt. Randall Halstead and Sgt. Tim Torigian.



Boston Police Officers Brigido Leon and Jose Ruiz welcome Mary Palmer to the Annual Seniors Ball.

Annual Seniors Ball - BPD Area B-3

The popular Seniors Ball organized by the Community Service Office of Area B-3 of the Boston Police was held on Friday, June 1st at the Unity Sports Club on Dunbar Ave. in Dorchester.

This year's event drew 150 senior citizens for an evening that included a sit down dinner, music and dancing. As they arrived each attendee received a rose.

Organized by Sgt. Tim Torigian (617.343.4700), this has become an annual social event sponsored by the Area B-3 staff with financial assistance from Mt. Washington Bank.

Thursday, June 7

- The Mattahunt Wheelock Advisory Board invites Mattapan and surrounding communities to an open forum at 5:30 p.m. to discuss updates on programs and activities offered at the Mattahunt Community Center. Childcare and dinner will be provided. 100 Hebron St., Mattapan.

- A City Council hearing regarding the regulation of Sober Homes and the Services Provided to Residents before the Committee on Labor, Youth Affairs and Health and sponsored starts at 6 p.m. at the Lila Frederick Pilot School, 270 Columbia Road, Dorchester.

Friday, June 8

- Friends of John Joe Quinn benefit fundraiser, Florian Hall, 7p.m.-midnight. \$20 per ticket. Contact: friendsofjohnjoequinn@gmail.com.

Saturday, June 9

- The Boston Parks and Recreation Department hosts ParkARTS Landscape Watercolor Painting Workshops, 12 noon- 2 p.m. weather permitting. Geneva Cliffs Urban Wild, 275 Geneva Avenue, Dorchester. Call 617-961-3051 or visit cityofboston/park

- Hazardous waste, tire and propane tank drop-off for Boston residents only 9 a.m.-2 p.m. UMass parking lot, Morrissey Blvd.

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COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS THE TRIAL COURT PROBATE & FAMILY COURT SUFFOLK DIVISION Docket No. SU11P1637GD IN THE INTERESTS OF DELORES BROWN OF DORCHESTER, MA CITATION GIVING NOTICE OF PETITION FOR REMOVAL OF GUARDIAN OF AN INCAPACITATED PERSON RESPONDENT

Incapacitated Person/Protected Person To the named Respondent and all other interested persons, a petition has been filed by Shirelle Irvin of Mattapan, MA in the above captioned matter requesting that the Court: Remove the Guardian.

The petition asks the Court to make a determination that the Guardian and/or Conservator should be allowed to resign; or should be removed for good cause; or that the Guardianship and/or Conservatorship is no longer necessary and therefore should be terminated. The original petition is on file with the court.

You have the right to object to this proceeding. If you wish to do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance at this court on or before 10:00 A.M. on the return date of 07/03/2012. This day is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline date by which you have to file the written appearance if you object to the petition. If you fail to file the written appearance by the return date, action may be taken in this matter without further notice to you. In addition to filing the written appearance, you or your attorney must file a written affidavit stating the specific facts and grounds of your objection within 30 days after the return date.

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Witness, Hon. Joan P. Armstrong, First Justice of this Court.

Sandra Giovannucci Register of Probate

Date: May 24, 2012



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