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Tears, farewells marked final hours at the Carney

By BILL FORRY AND SETH DANIEL REPORTER EDITORS

Carney Hospital, discarded by its bankrupt for-profit operators and dismissed as too costly to salvage by state officials, closed to the public on Saturday morning, shutting off access there to 24-hour emergency care for tens of thousands of Bostonians in Dorchester, Mattapan, and surrounding communities.

On Friday, just hours before its doors were locked, the Dorchester Avenue campus was a bevy of activity with patients, employees, and other individuals coming and going alongside public health officials from state and city government. City Councillor John FitzGerald, a vocal proponent of keeping the Carney open in some capacity, was also on scene where he engaged in intense conversations inside and outside the facility with staff from the Healey and Wu administrations.

After touring the hospital with state officials, FitzGerald told The Reporter: "This building is being shut down tomorrow and we all know that and there's nothing we can do to stop that. However, we want to get this place back up and running in some way, shape, or form as a healthcare facility that is great for what the community needs."

On Friday afternoon, the Healey-Driscoll administration issued a press release outlining "steps it is taking to support impacted communities and hospital staff" at Carney and Nashoba Valley Medical Center in Ayer, which also closed on Saturday.

"We've heard the concerns raised (Continued on page 9)



Noreen Keely, center, came by the Carney Hospital to thank all of the doctors and staff that helped her and comforted her dad before he died there. After getting permission, she and her friend took one of the pieces that hung in the lobby. *Seth Daniel photo*

MEET MR. THREE-DECKER

Developer sees Dot's iconic stock as filling city's housing needs

By Seth Daniel News Editor

Sean George loves a good three-decker. In fact, he and his business partner, Darren Maguire, are so enamored of the signature Dorchester housing stock that they have built one on Meetinghouse Hill, with another under construction on Morton Street.

George, who emigrated to Boston from Ireland in 2015, has become a vocal proponent of using the three-decker as one means to address the city's shortage of affordable housing.

"Three-deckers are great from a builder and construction perspective," said the Jones Hill resident who spoke to The Reporter outside of the house that he and Maguire are wrapping up on Morton Street. "You can build a solid, attractive three-family for \$1 million."

Starting last year, George took to social media – mainly Twitter/X – to chronicle the journey of the Church Street project on Meetinghouse Hill, which filled a vacant lot that had housed a three-decker before it was "knocked down by the city in the 1990s," according to George.

"We just tried to recreate what once sat on Church Street," he said. "During design and presentations, we wanted to build a narrative that we could rebuild a part of Boston's history – the three-decker. New housing doesn't have to look like a spaceship from Interstellar."

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Dorchester's Sean George has branched out from his consulting company to begin developing properties bolstered by the belief that the traditional three-decker style could be the newest thing in housing – if permitting were easier to get done. *Seth Daniel photo*

Cartwright tops Murphy to win SJC clerkship

BY BILL FORRY EXECUTIVE EDITOR

Allison Cartwright won the Democratic nomination to be the next Supreme Judicial Court Clerk for Suffolk County, defeating Boston City Councillor Erin Murphy in a state primary election on Tuesday that featured few competitive races and just a trickle of voters. Cartwright was the clear winner in Boston by a 60-40 margin, according to preliminary results from the city's Election Department, and her lead was called "insurmountable" by allies who gathered in Jamaica Plain to celebrate her victory.

The race for the administrative seat, which has been held by Dorchester's Maura Doyle for nearly three decades, attracted outsized attention in part, because Murphy—a sitting Boston city councillor would have moved on from her at-large council seat (Continued on page 11)

Dressing to impress

Preschooler Yamiyah 'Yaya' McGhee strutted her stuff, in this case clothes designed by teen designers from Dorchester who created the brand The New Generation during the summer, last month at the first-ever back-to-school fashion show held at the new Civic Space room next to City Hall.

An audience full of parents applauded as the stage beckoned and each student gathered up the courage to confidently



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On Centre Street, a 'celebratory' return for Neighborhood House Charter School

By Seth Daniel News Editor

Neighborhood House Charter School welcomed students back to their Centre Street campus last Thursday with warm greetings and big hopes that this academic year will be more peaceful and less menacing than last year, when the end of the term was interrupted by threats and a shooting incident near Shawmut station that police said targeted a student attending the school.

The first day vibe was upbeat, even joyful, with administrators, neighbors, and special guests on hand to cheer the teens' arrivals. School leaders, who spent much of the summer planning for this day,



Students like Ronnie Etienne, Jr., were surprised to find teachers and community members welcoming them back to school and many found comfort and encouragement in the experience.

Seth Daniel photo

said stronger bonds with neighbors and other stakeholders in the busy St. Mark's area has already borne fruit.

"We're just trying to put the neighbor back into Neighborhood House," said NHCS's new executive director Edverette Brewster, who noted during the celebration that "today is literally day one for that."

Aveteran Boston Public Schools (BPS) school leader, Brewster succeeded long-time director Kate Scott in July.

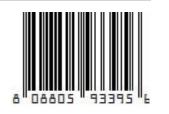
Outside the school that morning, a crowd of adults from NHCS and the nearby Epiphany School were joined by local businesses and church leaders who wel-(Continued on page 5) show out their unique digs.

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Red Line 24-day shutdown scheduled to start this Friday See Page 2

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Police, Courts & Fire

Two shot, one killed in Four Corners barber shop

Two men were shot, one in the head, inside the Exclusive Barber Shop, 184 Washington St. in Dorchester's Four Corners neighborhood shortly before 1 p.m. on Monday. The Boston Police Department reports both victims were taken to local hospitals, where one was pronounced dead. The other person is expected to survive. "Preliminary information indicates that this is not a random act," police said.

The double shooting happened across the street from where a 38-year-old man, Jashun Cooley of Roxbury, was fatally shot last Sunday. No arrests have been reported at this time. Anyone with information is asked to call BPD detectives at 617-343-4470.

Boston Police arrested two 17-year-olds they say shot five people on Greenwood Street in Dorchester in July, including an 11-year-old. Police say they arrested one of the two on Castlegate Road on Aug. 24 and the other on Aug. 28 at an apartment complex in Norwood, where detectives "recovered a firearm with a Glock 43X upper and a Polymer 80 lower, with two fully loaded magazines.²

Both suspects, too young to have their names released, were charged as delinquent on four counts of assault and battery with a dangerous weapon, illegal possession of a firearm, illegal possession of ammunition, and discharging a firearm within 500 feet of a dwelling, police say. The Norwood teen will face additional charges related to the gun and magazines.

When police arrived at 10 Greenwood St. around 9:50 p.m. on July 10, they found two injured people in an apartment and three on the street outside. Police also found a car that had been shot up - but none of the bullets hit the mother behind the wheel or her baby in a car seat in the back.

A federal judge last Thursday sentenced Herbert Small, 33, to two years in prison and six years of probation following his guilty plea to charges he sold two guns and cocaine to a man working with the federal Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives in Dorchester last year.

Small had earlier spent three years in prison for his role in the Columbia Point Dawgs, a once-notorious gang named for the former housing project that had expanded along the East Coast, at least until the feds and local and state police rounded up 48 members including Small - in a series of raids in 2015.

Small, whose father and brothers were also part of the gang, was released in 2019. He was arrested again in November 2023 by ATF agents who conducted an investigation in which Small sold two guns - one with a magazine loaded with 11 bullets - and 25 grams of cocaine to an informant on Lyndhurst Street in Dorchester on Aug. 16 for \$1,900. Small reduced the amount of cocaine he sold so that the informant could afford to buy the second gun, according to an affidavit by an ATF agent on the case. He then sold crack to the informant in Dorchester on Oct. 16, according to the affidavit.

Red Line's Braintree branch will be out of service for 24 days – starting this Friday

Train service on the Braintree branch of the Red Line will be suspended for more than three weeks starting this Friday (Sept. 6) as the MBTA's latest "surge" project gets un-derway to repair tracks and eliminate so-called "slow zones" between JFK-UMass and Quincy and Braintree stations. Shuttle buses will be in place to service T customers as improvements are made along the 18-mile stretch of track through Sept. 29.

The surge is intended to remove speed restric-



Above, an Alewife-bound train at JFK-UMass sta-**MBTA** photo tion.

tions that T officials say could improve "roundtrip Braintree Branch travel times by as much as 24 minutes.

"Fare-free" commuter rail service to Braintree, Quincy Center, JFK/ UMass, and South Station will be offered on weekdays on the T's Middleborough, Kingston, and Greenbush (Old Colony) Commuter Rail lines. Extra coaches will be added to the commuter rail trains lines. Free shuttle buses will make stops at Braintree, Quincy Adams, Quincy Center, Wollaston, North Quincy, and Ashmont for connections to further Red Line subway service. However, T officials say, "there will be no direct shuttle bus service to or from JFK/UMass.'

"There will be in-creased subway service on the Ashmont Branch in order to maintain train frequency through the Red Line core between JFK/UMass and Alewife," the agency said. "Trains will operate at about an eight-minute frequency between Ashmont and Alewife."

See mbta.com/RedLine for more information. - REPORTER STAFF

The project needed

zoning board approval

because it will be larger

and taller than allowed

under its lot's zoning.

Also, the cafe and juice

bar will offer takeout,

90-unit, 57 parking-space apartment complex on Boston Street gets Zoning Board okay

The Zoning Board of Appeal last Tuesday approved a local developer's plans for a 90-unit apartment building at 115-121 Boston St. in Dorchester.

The units in Adam Burns's new development, with one wing five stories, the other six, will be smaller in size than normally allowed, per the city's "compact living" pilot: between 450 square feet for studios up to 950 square feet for three-bedroom units. About 15 units will be rented as affordable.

The proposal calls for a garage with 57 parking spaces - 41 for residents, the rest for patrons of the gym and cafe/juice bar planned for the ground floor. Burns's attorney, George Morancy, said the site is a short walk from the Andrew Square Red Line stop and the Newmarket Square stop on the Fairmount Line.



A rendering showing the proposed Boston Street complex by Khalsa Design.

In addition to new housing, the complex will include what some see as an unusual public benefit: An easement that will let the owner of the Scrubadub car wash next door on West Howell Street add a queuing area for cars once the car wash is upgraded.

Morancy said this queuing area should end neighborhood complaints about people with dirty cars clogging up West Howell and Boston streets waiting for a wash.

which requires a onceover by the board. The BPDA approved the project in April. -REPORTER STAFF September 5, 2024 Boys & Girls Club News 17 **Dorchester Reporter** (USPS 009-687) Published Weekly Periodical postage Opinion/Editorial/Letters......8 paid at Boston, MA.

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The Savin Hill Neighborhood Yard Sale is this Saturday (Sept. 7) from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. (rain date: 9/14). For more information or for a copy of the map that will guide you to all the sales, email savinhill@ outlook.com.

The annual Dorchester Park Classic Car Show will be held this Sunday (Sept. 8) from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The show features cars and trucks many visitors will remember from their youth and some that were in use early in the last century. The sound of classic hit tunes will add atmosphere to the display of beautifully restored vehicles and local venders will provide refreshments. Visitors can also tour the park in a horse and wagon and students from the Boston School of Music will perform contemporary and classic music. The car show is organized by the

Dorchester Park Association, a volunteer organization responsible for the Spring Egg Hunt, tours of the park and for assisting the park department with the removal of litter and leaves. Children can select free recycled books during the event. Parents may bring books their children have outgrown to the car show or leave them on the porch of the big red house at 42 Milton Street any time before the event. For more information about the car show, contact Paul Mooney at 617-506-1939. JFK Library presents "Say It Well: An **Evening with Obama Speechwriter Terry** Szuplat" on Wed., Sept. 18, 7 p.m. One of President Barack Obama's longest-serving speechwriters and former deputy director of the White House Speechwriting Office, Szuplat will discuss his new book and be joined in a panel discussion. Register at



ifklibrary.org.

The MBTA's Braintree branch of the Red Line will be closed for 24 days starting this Friday (Sept. 6) as part of the agency's ongoing track improvement program aimed at eliminating "slow zones" and modernizing the railway's infrastructure. Train service along the Red Line between Braintree and JFK-UMass will be interrupted until Sept. 29 and replaced with shuttle buses during that time. For more info see MBTA.com/RedLine.

BMC's Vital Village Networks to host a Community Leadership summit on Oct. 1-2 at Artists For Humanity EpiCenter in South Boston. The summit brings together "trailblazers from around the country who are dedicated to helping children and families get equitable access to the resources they need to thrive." Learn more



and register at vitalvillagesummit.org. Children's auditions for the Jose Mateo Ballet Theatre's "The Nutcracker" will be held on Sat., Sept. 7, at JMBT's Cambridge studios, 400 Harvard St., Cambridge. The production will be staged at Dorchester's Strand Theatre from Dec. 6 to Dec. 22. Open to all dancers ages 6-18. No dance experience required for youngest roles. See ballettheatre.org for more info. The Neponset River Watershed Association will lead the annual fall cleanup of the Neponset River at various locations on Sat., Sept. 28. at 9 a.m. Volunteers needed for all kinds of tasks. Details at

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Construction is moving along on Cummins Highway.

Seth Daniel photo

Developers expressing interest in city land on Cummins Highway

By Seth Daniel News Editor

Two city-owned parcels along Cummins Highway in Mattapan are generating significant interest from potential developers who will detail their ideas at a pair of community meetings in September. This summer, city officials put out a Request for Proposals (RFP) for the parcels, which total more than 16,000 square feet at the corner of Regis Road.

Companies submitting proposals so far include: Velney Development and Jamaica Plain Neighborhood Development Corporation (JPNDC); Norfolk Design & Construction and Immigrant Family Services, Inc. (IFSI); Dorchester Bay Economic Development Corp., Caribbean Integration Community Development(CICD) and Escazu Development; DVM Housing Partners; Cummins Regis Partners (KZ Builders, SVP, and Caste Capital); and Genuine Construction/ Erise Builders.

Ruth Georges, who chairs the Cummins Highway Neighborhood Association (CHNA), sees the redevelopment opportunity as a key indicator for how growth in the area might unfold with public investments like the \$32 million reconstruction of Cummins Highway that is ongoing. "The Cummins High-

Adams Village eatery cleared for more seating, live music

way area is experiencing rapid development, and it is essential that the priorities of our community remain at the forefront of these changes," said Georges. "As an association, we are committed to having a strong voice in the selection of the developer for these projects. We want to ensure that the development aligns with the needs and values of our neighborhood, and we look forward to continuing our collaboration with the city to achieve this goal." The meetings will take place on Sept. 19 and Sept. 24 in person at Cote Village community room, 820 Cummins Hwy. On Sept. 19, Velney, Norfolk

Design & Construction, and the Dorchester Bay EDC team will present. On Sept. 24, DVM, Cummins Regis Partners, and Genuine/Erise will present.

The Mayor's Office of Housing (MOH) will coordinate and run the meetings with help from CHNA.

City board okays plan for lots in Grove Hall



An imagining of the proposed 12-unit affordable homeownership building that will be constructed via a partnership of three local developers on vacant, city-owned land.

Rendering courtesy Dorchester Bay EDC

Three local developers have been tapped to build an affordable homeownership building on cityowned land on Fernboro Street in Grove Hall. On Aug. 15, the Boston Planning and Development Agency (BPDA) recommended tentative designation of Dorchester Bay Economic Development Corporation, Caribbean Integration Community Development Inc. (CICD), and Escazú Development LLC as co-developers of 12 new homeownership units at 21-29 Fernboro St.

"Our goal is to prevent displacement and generate wealth," said Kimberly R. Lyle, Dorchester Bay EDC's CEO. "We can accomplish this through units like these, which will facilitate intergenerational wealth building and stability for local first-time homebuyers. This team has an indepth understanding of the Grove Hall history and culture through lived experience.

The proposed development will activate five vacant city-owned parcels located at the intersection of Fernboro and Intervale streets. The project will consist of two and three-bedroom housing units, aligning with the community's expressed desire for family-friendly housing, as outlined in the City's Request for Proposals.





The city's Zoning Board of Appeal last week approved plans by the owner of Chubbs Taco & Tequila Bar, at 750 Adams St., to increase its number of seats and to add live entertainment at night-with no more than two acoustic instruments at a time.

Chubbs attorney Ryan Spitz said the eatery's owners, who include Julian Bolger, were able to increase its seating from the 151 seats it got when it took over the location from the Industry through better use of the space, rather than adding more room.

Spitz added that on nights when Chubbs hosts music, it will close any open windows at 9 p.m. He added that the music will be all live performances – there won't be any DJs.

Technically, the restaurant needed approval of a conditional permit for takeout from the board - city zoning regulations require the board to

approve all takeout in the city.

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On Centre Street, a 'celebratory' return for Neighborhood House Charter School

(Continued from page 1) comed grades 8-12 back to the building. Students seemed shocked, but reassured, by the reception.

The NHCS campus, located in a building that once housed St. Mark's parish's grammar school, went virtual for the final days of school last term due to threats of violence to students from outside the school community. School officials said the $menace\,stemmed\,from\,an$ incident two years earlier between some students and young adults from outside the school that morphed into frequent threats to NHCS students.

In June, a brazen afternoon shooting outside Shawmut Station targeted at least one NHCS student, according to school and police officials. No one was physically hurt, but the gunfire prompted the school to move to online instruction for almost two weeks while police investigated.

Since then, Scott and Brewster-along with the school's director of Family Engagement, Tanisha Cooper – reached out to community members for help. It came from Cynthia Loesch-Johnson, chair of the Codman Square Neighborhood



Community leaders applauded students at NHCS's Centre Street campus on Thursday morning to encourage them in their return after a troubled ending to school last June. Shown here are Bishop John Borders of Morningstar Baptist Church, Neighbor T'Sheba Martin, Epiphany School Principal Michelle Sanchez, City Community Engagement specialist Eric James (a former NHCS teacher), Mattapan Mayoral Liaison Asiah Wotring, and Dorchester Mayoral Liaison Maddie Foley. Seth Daniel photos

Council and Friends of Loesch Family Park, as well as from Michael Folan, of St. Mark's Area Civic Association. Also jumping in were leaders from the neighboring Epiphany School, local businesses, religious leaders, and neighbors.

"We've been meeting with community members and collaborated on a group effort to form what we call 'Neighborhood Watch," said Brewster. "It's formed of the schools, business owners, and community leaders and we've had two good meetings so far."

Their plan includes a closer relationship with the nearby Epiphany School. NHČS leaders attended that school's Back

to School BBQ last week and Epiphany staff were on hand for the NHCS welcome celebration. Epiphany's principal, Michelle Sanchez, stood in the NHCS welcome line with Bishop John Borders, of Morningstar Baptist Church in Mat-

tapan, to encourage the

teens filing in for their

first day.



Bishop John Borders, of Morningstar Baptist Church, with NHCS Director Edverette Brewster.

"Hopefully this will help with a lot of what happened," said Sanchez. "When the kids see me, I'm not a stranger anymore. They will know me. We're all in this together. They're all our kids and it's our job to take care of them."

Added Borders: "I grew up in the Boston Public School system and I was never clapped for when I came to school. This is a memorable experience for the kids whether they admit it or not...It's young people being encouraged to expand their consciousness and awareness by the village elders."

Brewster noted another important step: "We wanted to bring the community to the school. We're going to bring our Jamboree that is usually held at the Lower School to Loesch Family Park [formerly Wainwright Park] this year. A lot of times we invite people for the first day and then we don't see them again. My belief is it is this is the beginning of a partnership that is sustained for years to come."

Loesch-Johnson said they are excited about the new leadership and new connections to NHCS. She said Brewster joined the Friends of Dr. Loesch Family Park for their Picnic in the Park in July, and new Principal Emily Weiss and some teachers joined the BOLDTeens for a movie night in August.

"They are committed to both establishing new relationships in the neighborhood and also enhancing their existing relationships with the community," she said. "We know that these relationships and efforts will benefit both the school and the larger community."





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Page 6 Back-to-school kids get backpacks, supplies, goodies at Dot Park event

By Cassidy McNeeley **Reporter Staff**

Dorchester Park's "bowl" along Adams Street was filled with food vendors, fun activities, music, and hundreds of school-age children last Wednesday for the annual Corey Č. Griffin Foundation's (CCGF) Back to School Backpack Giveaway.

Each youngster left with a brand-new bag filled with school supplies, thanks to the foundation and the Massachusetts Association of Minority Law Enforcement Officers (MAMLEO),

Griffin Foundation, **MAMLEO** are hosts

the event.

The foundation, named for a young Scituate man who died in 2014 at age 27, is dedicated to keeping his memory alive through service to young people in Boston. According to Corey's mother, Cathleen A. Griffin, the foundation's director, "He was inclusive. Everybody in his life, no matter what he was doing, he brought them along. This

which helped organize is what this is about too, just bringing everybody along.'

So as Boston schoolkids start their new academic term, many of them will be "bringing along" a little bit of Corey, carrying his legacy on their backs.

Many of the students who attended last week's "backpack" day were from Saint John Paul II Catholic Academy, one of the foundation's main partners.



Former Boston Celtics player and now TV analyst Brian Scalabrine (left) joined the annual CCGF Backpack Giveaway handing out bags alongside Corey's mother, Cathleen (middle), and father, Robert (right). Cassidy McNeeley photos



Saint John Paul Lower Mill's principal, Lisa Warshafsky (left) about MAMLEO president Jeffrey Lopes (right): "Jeffrey is my counterpart in this. We've been doing it ten years together and opened it up city-wide five years ago.'



Corey's mother, Cathleen A. Griffin, got to hand out backpacks and school supplies to thousands of kids at the city's largest back-to-school backpack drive.

"When we started working with Saint John Paul, originally we started smaller and then we've just grown and grown and

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grown and this year we have 3,000 backpacks," Cathleen shared. Each backpack included things like markers, crayons, and pens, notebooks and

loose-leaf paper. Said Lisa Warshafsky, the academy's Lower Mills principal, "The foundation supports several of our students under their Corey's Kids Scholars Program. They support in lots of different ways in scholarship opportunities, but more through experiential philanthropy efforts."

She added: "They have curated events and support three major programs, Saint John Paul's, Boston Children's Hospital, and the Ron Burton Training Village. Our students have multiple touchpoints with them throughout the year and one of our largest events together is the Corey C. Griffin and MAMLEO backpack event.'

After carefully choosing their bags, the students were encouraged to stick around the park. eat barbeque, have an ice cream, and play on the inflated slide. Some even shot hoops with former Boston Celtics player now TV analyst Brian Scalabrine. Nicknamed the "White Mamba," Scalabrine seemed to be on the same page as Jeffrey Lopes, the president of MAMLEO, in noting, "I understand that, in my house, my kids write down everything they need, and mom goes on Amazon. They need a backpack; they get five and take the other four back. My kids live a life of privilege," he said. "Sometimes opportunity doesn't present itself if you don't have the basics.

I think promoting that education is important and giving kids the basic stuff could be a catapult to something great." Lopes called the Dot

Park event a great way to kick off the school year in the neighborhood. "Not every young person has the access and opportunity to pick out a backpack," he said. "Here we give them the opportunity. They get a ticket so they can get a backpack and then they go get food and ice cream and enjoy the activities.'

The children didn't leave with just their bags and supplies.

'We did something special this year where each kid will receive a handwritten note that says we wish you a happy school year, you have greatness, you're going to do great things," said Chandra Clark, the foundation's president.

Anton Melchionda, a friend of Scalabrine who serves on the CCGF board, said Scal "just got involved with the foundation within the last six months. Already, he has helped us raise a ton of money and gotten a lot of attention. He's all in. 'This is one of many events we do through the course of the year and there are thousands of families and thousands of young kids whose lives have been changed forever in Corev's memory. which is brilliant." Added Cathleen Griffin, "Look at how many people are here, it's amazing. They're all so excited and there is so much to offer. They can have food, they can have ice cream, so there's something for everybody. It's really nice for everyone just to come together."



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Reporter's **People** in and around our Neighborhoods



Meetinghouse Hill Civic enjoyed its 2nd annual community block party on the grounds of historic First Church on Aug. 17. Seth Daniel photo Meetinghouse Hill Civic hails summer with 2nd block party

The Meetinghouse Hill Civic As- a second edition on Aug. 17 that President Shirley Jones coordinated First Church and enjoyed a visit from sociation followed up on last year's brought more neighbors out for an

first-ever summer block party with afternoon of socializing and fun. Civic

Mattahunt named one of 3 finalists for EdVestors 'School on the Move' award

Mattapan's Mattahunt School has been named a finalist for a coveted EdVestors School on the Move Award that over the last 19 years has highlighted the schools, leaders, and teachers at Boston Public Schools (BPS) who "create and continuously improve learning environments where all students thrive."

The winner of the \$100,000 prize will be announced on Oct. 22 at the Westin Copley. The two other contending schools will each receive a \$10,000 award.

'We are pleased this year to recognize the achievements of three schools that successfully serve students who come to Boston from all over the globe," said Marinell Rousmaniere, of EdVestors, an educational non-profit.

"Each of these schools has utilized innovative and culturally responsive approaches to prepare their students



for their next step: be it high school, college, career.'

Mattahunt Elementary School reopened in 2017 with a new shared vision: the first dual language Haitian Kreyol program for early childhood and elementary students in the nation, Toussaint L'Ouverture Academy. The program allows for teachers to create precedent setting Haitian Kreyol curriculum and assessments for both academic rigor and cultural learning in a school where half of the students speak a first language other than English.

In the years since the school has reopened, it has been seen as a major success for its students, as Mattahunt's multilingual students are far outperforming their peers across the district in English language progress and attendance.

- REPORTER STAFF

the event with a team of neighbors. The party was held on the grounds of

Mayor Wu.

Louis D. Brown Peace Institute hosts 9th Annual Peace B'Que

Keeping to its goal of fostering community spirit and promoting peace through a joyous, inclusive gathering, the Louis D. Brown Peace Institute hosted its 9th annual Peace B'Que on Sat., Aug 10, at Town Field in Dorchester. The free summer celebration is designed to provide a safe, fun-filled afternoon of food, music, games and connection for residents.

Elected officials attending the event included Mayor Wu, state Rep. Chris Worrell, Council President Ruthzee Louijeune, and Councillors John FitzGerald, Henry Santana, and Brian Worrell.

Participating organizations included Bowdoin Street Health Center, Dorchester Cares, Good Shepherd Community Care, Gun Violence Me-



Aretha Maugé, outreach coordinator for Mothers for Justice and Equality, with Mayor Wu and Peace Institute Director Rev. Clementina Chery Photo courtesy Mayor's Office/John Wilcox

morial Stones, Grassroots 4 GVP, MA Coalition to Prevent Gun Violence, Mothers for Justice and Equality, Parent/Professional Advocacy League, Rhythm Riders, LDBPI Unsolved Homicides and Up-

hams Community Care. Sponsors and supporters included the City of Boston, Lower Roxbury Coalition, Fields Corner Crossroads Collaborative, Boston Police Department and Gerly's Ice Cream.

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The following information is excerpted from the entry for Joseph Clapp in "The Clapp Memorial. The record of the Clapp Family in America" ... Ebenezer Clapp, compiler. (Boston: David Clapp & Son, 1876):

"Dr. [John] Codman graduated at Harvard College in 1802, studied for the ministry under the Rev. Henry Ware, then of Hingham, and in 1805 embarked for Europe, to finish his theological studies there [at Edinburgh University]. After spending three years broad, he returned home, and in August 1808 first preached to the Second Church in Dorchester,



Today's illustration of the Codman mansion was torn from the same notebook as last week's drawing (Blaney Memorial Baptist Church), by an artist who signed the image: F.G.H. We are still trying to find out more about this artist.

then recently organized, their new meeting-house having been dedicated Oct. 30, 1806. He was ordained pastor of this church Dec. 7, 1808, the Rev. Dr. Channing (from whom he very soon after

separated in theological belief) preaching the ordination sermon.

"In about a year after his settlement, commenced the celebrated controversy between him and many members of

the parish, which lasted for three years, but neither the merits nor the details of which can be here entered into. The position attained by Dr. Codman as pastor of the Second Church, and as a leading and able minister in the denomination to which he belonged, was elevated, and his death, which took place Dec. 23, 1847, in his 66th year, was much lamented." Dr. Codman bought a house on the hill at the northwest corner of what is now the intersection of Washington Street and Gallivan Boulevard. After his death, his heirs rented out the property, which was used in the second half of the 19th century as a school for young ladies and in the first half of the 20th century as a dairy farm. The archive of these historical posts can be viewed on the blog at dorchesterhistoricalsociety.org. The Society's William Clapp House and James Blake House are open to the public on the third \bar{S} unday of the month from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

A win for Sen. Miranda - and vulnerable moms

There has been a fair bit of criticism levied here and in other quarters for the shortcomings of the recently ended state legislative session, and the executive branch's failure to protect Carney Hospital from closing last weekend. But there have been positive developments, too, from both lawmakers and the governor.

One of them crystalized last Friday when Gov. Healey signed a new maternal health bill into law at a State House ceremony. Front-and-center next to Healey was Sen. Liz Miranda, the key lawmaker on the Senate side who has led the charge for new policies for moms and the people who care for them and their newborns. Miranda, who lives in Roxbury and represents a big chunk of Dorchester in her district, wrote last week that "with the birth justice bill, we are taking a crucial step forward in tackling the Black maternal health crisis, while enabling the growth of free-standing birth centers across our Commonwealth."

Her work takes direct aim at the well-documented health disparities that have long preyed on her constituents disproportionately. The state's Department of Public Health reported last year that rates of labor and delivery complications among Black women nearly doubled in the state from 2011 to 2020. According to that report, the rate of "severe maternal morbidity" for Black moms was 2.5 higher than that of white moms, a 25 percent increase in the racial gap in that timeframe.

Much of the bill was informed by a special commission on "Racial Inequities in Maternal Health" that was led mainly by Black women, who are "midwives, doulas, nurses, researchers and community members who have been most impacted by inequities in maternal health outcomes," Miranda noted.

Among the reforms in the new law: Establishing a universal postpartum home visiting program and a new system of licensure for midwives and lactation specialists. The law will codify coverage of doula services and allow for more "birth centers" and other "out-of-hospital" delivery options. This is more good news for the state's 120 doula providers, whose services are now covered by MassHealth. Some, as we have reported, have set up clinics right here in Dorchester, Mattapan, and Roxbury - where their services are most needed.

"Massachusetts is home to the best health care, but there was work to be done to improve birth options and health equity for families across the state, the governor said in a statement reported by State House News Service. "These important expansions in the law will help make it both safer and easier to start and grow a family here in Massachusetts, while making sure that women can make the best health care decisions for themselves."

According to the News Service, the new law "develops resources for perinatal mood and anxiety disorders, boosts access to postpartum depression screenings and doula services, and improves oversight of ultrasound services. It also creates a new grant program for nonprofits and community-based health centers serving perinatal individuals dealing with mental or behavioral health conditions or substance use disorders.'

At a time when women's reproductive rights are under assault nationally, it's reassuring to see our state's leadership stepping up to further strengthen protections for moms and their families. Sen. Miranda, the members of the commission, and her colleagues are to be congratulated for finding innovative ways to change the way we care for our neighbors and their children.

Disowned by our state, Dot area residents, healthcare experts should lead renewal effort

BY BILL WALCZAK **Reporter Columnist**

Commentary

I walked the grounds of the now-closed Carney Hospital on Saturday, a few hours after they locked the doors. I heard the stone-cold silence of state leaders who violated their own regulations in their rush to shutter the Carney after its service to our community dating back to the Civil War.

What was left there was an ambulance from a Gloucester company parked next to the Emergency Room door. The EMT told me that people were driving up, seeing the closed sign, and driving on. People en route to an ER don't have time to ask questions.

I had thought that the purpose of the state's Department of Public Health (DPH) and Executive Office of Health and Human Services (EOHHS) was to protect the health of Massachusetts residents. I was wrong. In the case of our Dorchester community, DPH, led by Commissioner Robbie Goldstein, and EOHHS, led by Secretary Kate Walsh, protected the interests of the very flawed marketplace, which includes equity firms that purchase hospitals. The health of the public didn't rate.

How else to explain the decision to allow Steward to close two hospitals, one in a rural area many miles away from other hospitals, and the other in a low-income area with large numbers of people of color that records some of the poorest health outcomes in the state.

That these state officials also allowed Steward to close the hospitals in just 30 days, in violation of their own state regulations requiring 120 days, indicates that they were not interested in addressing the health consequences of the hospital closures. Thirty days is not enough time to determine how emergency care will happen, where primary care and specialty patients will be seen, and how medical records will be transmitted to other sites. Just the basics of communicating with a community of more than 200,000 people in the Carney service area is not possible in such a truncated timeline.

Our local health care system does not have the primary care and urgent care capacity to replace the now-lost Carney services. Community health centers have long waiting lists for primary care services, and do not have the urgent care capacity to service any part of the 31,000 annual visits by patients to the Carney ER who will now need to go elsewhere.

Several of the health centers do not have urgent care at all, and, for those that do, weekend hours are extremely limited. Health center requests to the state for funding for expansion of urgent care hours have not been supported as yet. Even if they were granted at the level of financial support necessary to staff these services, it would take months to ramp them up. Beyond that, community health centers have no capacity to replace lost geriatric, adolescent, and adult inpatient psychiatry services.

When Steward closed Quincy Hospital in 2014, the state required the company to continue emergency

Letter to the Editor

Don't take bus lanes off the table yet for Columbia Road

services there for several years. When Quincy's ER closed in 2020, patients were referred to the Carney ER. In contrast, Carney's ER was closed with just 30 days' notice. Boston's Public Health Commission put up a sign that says: "Hospital Closed, for info/ resources call 617-534-5050." When you dial that number, you hear: "If this is a medical emergency, please hang up and dial 911. Hello, you have reached the Mayor's Health Line at the Public Health Commission. Our regular business hours are Monday through Friday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.'

This is a disaster. Secretary Walsh and Commissioner Goldstein should never have allowed the hospitals to close. When they did, they hid behind the judgment of a federal bankruptcy judge from a court in Houston known to do the bidding of corporations in bankruptcy.

At the very least, they should never have allowed a closing in 30 days without a plan for dealing with the health care needs of those 31,000 ER visits, the residency training of 45 physicians, 70 psychiatry beds, and 60,000 ambulatory and specialty care visits seen last year at the Carney.

What makes our pain even worse is the coldness and prevarication of Kate's and Robbie's leadership. We were told that "the market has spoken," that they could do nothing to save the hospitals, that the bankruptcy judge had all power, that the state couldn't use eminent domain, and that it couldn't declare a health emergency. Then we found out that they indeed could do these things, but maybe only to assist Boston Medical Center in improving its insurance mix.

We were told that Carney and Nashoba couldn't be saved because there were no "qualified bidders," yet government leaders in Pennsylvania acted to find a qualified bidder to save their Steward hospital when faced with the same challenge. We were told there was no money to maintain services at the Carney, despite \$8 billion in the state's "rainy day fund," and a recent \$600+ million settlement with the tobacco industry. We were told that the state didn't want to get into the business of running a hospital, when, in fact, it currently runs four hospitals.

Kate and Robbie have gotten their way, and the Carney is now closed, leaving many residents and patients without health care recourse. They didn't even try to save the emergency room and the psychiatry beds; they essentially redlined these essential services and made this care more difficult to procure for the Dorchester/Mattapan/Hyde Park/ Quincy communities.

A rebuilding of community health capacity is now essential to create a health care system for this large part of metro Boston. The community's residents and health care experts - not those who turned their backs on our community – should lead this effort.

Bill Walczak is a resident of Dorchester and the former CEO of Codman Square Health Center, which he co-founded. He also served as president of Carney Hospital under Steward Healthcare for 14 months in 2011-2012.

-Bill Forry

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To the Editor:

In an article published on Aug. 24, the Dorchester *Reporter* profiles the efforts of two anti-bus lane crusaders in the Uphams Corner area: "Petitioners seek to blunt idea of a Columbia Rd. bus lane." Glynn and Papadopoulos would have the city take certain types of transit improvements off the table, before even considering their benefits and drawbacks. In spite of the fact that about half of the city's residents don't have access to a private car to get around, all of Columbia Road's six lanes (when including parking lanes) are dedicated to private motor vehicles. We are heartened that the design team spends time walking the area and talking to residents, local business owners and workers, and transit users to ensure that all voices are heard as decisions are made.

There is plenty of room for improvement on Columbia Road.

Even with parking lanes dedicated to their exclusive use, motorists routinely stop in Columbia's bike lanes (installed about a decade ago between Blue Hill Ave and Mass. Ave). This endangers cyclists already navigating risks from both sides in lanes that (1) place them fully within the car door opening zone and (2)

offer no buffer from the cars and trucks zooming just feet away – at speeds that regularly exceed 40 mph. In spite of its 80- to 100-foot-wide roadway fully dedicated to private motor vehicles, traffic on Columbia Road is either at a standstill or moving at very unsafe speeds, with little in between. If we collaborate and innovate, there are better ways for Columbia Road to operate. Faster and more frequent buses will reduce the need for single occupancy motor vehicle trips. The bus lane priority model already exists in a few parts of the city and Dorchester shouldn't be left out when it comes to innovations that improve the lives of residents who depend on transit on a daily basis. If our goal as a city is to improve accessibility, equity, reduce pollution and carbon emissions, and promote better health by cleaning up our air and encouraging physical activity, Columbia Road must be redesigned to accommodate these priorities. We hope that our local elected officials and neighbors will participate in a process that continues to include all residents and users and support a Columbia Road redesign that can better serve all of us.

> Ann M. Walsh and Vivian Girard Dorchester

Tears, farewells marked final hours at the Carney

by the communities and staff impacted by Steward's plans to close Carney Hospital and Nashoba Valley Medical Center. We share their frustration – Massachusetts communities should never have been put in this position," Gov. Healey said

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in a statement. "Our teams have been preparing for this, and we will ensure that residents continue to have access to high-quality medical care and that all staff is connected to new employment opportunities at other facilities.⁷

The statement also said that the governor's office "is engaged in ongoing discussions with UMass Memorial Health and other providers in the region with the goal of reimagining future care on the Nashoba Valley Medical Center campus," adding that UMass Memorial Health "is considering alternative possibilities, such as converting the hospital's emergency room into an urgent care facility."

"While these discussions are in the early stages, there will be continued collaboration with UMass to attempt to provide an alternative healthcare option for residents."

There was no mention in the governor's press release about any such contingency plan for Carney Hospital.

FitzGerald, reacting to the



Dr. Gregg Meyer, the Department of Public Health's Incident Command Manager, spoke to the leaders in front of the Carney on Friday.



Councillor John FitzGerald met with city, state, and private leaders at the entrance to the Carney Hospital on Friday afternoon to give them his ideas for the hospital site's productive future. Seth Daniel photos

new development with Nashoba and UMass, said: "That's great. Great for the town of Ayer and for the desert they had out there. It just begs the question, and I think that's what we were working on today, the 'why not us?' It's a little more difficult, and I understand that, but I'd like to see the same happen here.²

During the Friday afternoon shift change, long-time Carney staffers hugged, shed tears, and said their goodbyes. Two nurses driving out of the main parking lot waved to everyone on the sidewalk and, seemingly, to the hospital itself.

"Bye Carney, bye forever," one of the nurses said as they drove up Dorchester Avenue.

Members of the public came to say their goodbyes, as well, including Noreen Keely, who stopped in to thank doctors and support staff who had helped her when her father died, and when she went through her own medical troubles. She and a friend ended up leaving with one of the framed pictures that had been on the wall of the front lobby - with permission, she said.

"I grew up here, got treated here, and my father died here," she said, noting that she has followed her doctor from Carney to St. Elizabeth's Medical Center in Brighton. "There are memories here I had to



Zanna Diosa, a Carney Hospital patient, sat at the front door to the hospital Friday and sang her protest song, "Save the Carney, Save our Sirens."

acknowledge, and even though I had tragedies here, there were a lot of good times and people that helped me. I came by to say thank you to them before they left. They helped me when I needed it. You have to say thank you and that's what's on my mind today."

Zanna Diosa, who wrote an original song, "Save the Carney, Save our Sirens," to comfort workers and patients, played her ukulele and sang outside the front door on Friday afternoon.

"So, if the streets are silent. and there's nowhere else to go," she sang. "It's time to save the sirens that seek to save our souls. Save our sirens, save our souls. Save the Carney."

Steward and BMC ink deal for St. Elizabeth's, Good Samaritan

By ELISABETH HARRISON AND PRIYANKA DAYAL MCCLUSKEY WBUR

Steward Health Care, the national for-profit hospital chain whose bankruptcy kicked off months of anxiety about the future of Massachusetts's health care industry, has reached an agreement to sell Good Samaritan Medical Center in Brockton to Boston Medical Center and transfer the operations of St. Elizabeth's Medical Center to BMC management. In court documents filed last Friday evening, Steward said the sale price of the Brockton property was \$140 million.

 $St.\,Elizabeth's is the largest hospital in the Steward$ system, and its sale has been mired in a dispute over the hospital property in Brighton. The agreement for a new operator at both facilities brings the future of Steward's Massachusetts hospitals significantly closer to being settled. Just days earlier, Steward revealed deals to sell three other hospitals in the state.

According to court documents, Boston Medical Center will receive state funding and take on debt to finance the purchase of the two Steward Hospitals. It was not immediately clear how much state assistance will be part of the deal.

Boston Medical Center is a nonprofit, safety-net hospital with more than 500 beds and an emergency department. It is also a teaching hospital affiliated with Boston University's Chobanian & Avedisian School of Medicine. All of the hospital sales still have to be approved by a bankruptcy judge in Texas and reviewed by state and federal regulators. The parties are scheduled to appear for a sales hearing before the judge in Houston on Wednesday. In a statement, Gov. Healey cautioned that the deal for St. Elizabeth's does not resolve the disagreement over the hospital's real estate, which is controlled by outside investors. "We'll continue to press ahead with our plans to take St. Elizabeth's by eminent domain to keep that hospital open," she said in a statement. Healey previously said her administration would seize St. because the property owner refused to negotiate a fair price. She offered to pay \$4.5 million for the property. But Apollo Global Management, the firm that controls the real estate, rejected that offer, noting that the property is assessed at over \$200 million. Apollo said it would "vigorously challenge" an eminent domain proceeding in court. The dispute suggests the ultimate sale price could be different from what Steward listed in its filing with the bankruptcy court. Boston Medical Center's chief executive, Alastair Bell, thanked the Healey Administration for "averting

a public health crisis," and said the integration of Good Samaritan "aligns with our mission of ensuring high quality and equitable access to care while also providing vital health services for these communities."

He said his staff's focus will now shift to "finalizing the transaction, integration planning, and efforts to support the workforce and community.'

On Aug. 29, Steward revealed the Lifespan health system of Rhode Island has signed an agreement to

buy St. Anne's Hospital in Fall River and Morton Hospital in Taunton for \$175 million. And Lawrence General Hospital has agreed to take over Holy Family Hospital, which has campuses in Methuen and Haverhill, for \$28 million.

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Negotiators agree on 225 new alcohol licenses for neighborhoods

By SAM DRYSDALE AND SAM DORAN STATE HOUSE NEWS SERVICE

After years of debate, lawmakers finally came to an agreement on a heady expansion of available alcohol licenses in Boston.

There are 225 new licenses authorized in a compromise bill filed by House and Senate negotiators Tuesday afternoon, including 195 "restricted" licenses specifically marked for neighborhoods encompassed in 13 city ZIP codes. Five would be added to each ZIP code annually during a three-year phase-in period, according to the lead conferees.

"This is about economic development for many of our underserved neighborhoods," City Councillor Brian Worrell said. "Opening more sitdown restaurants in our neighborhoods will boost our local Main Streets such as Blue Hill Avenue and Columbia Road. We know the demand is there in so many of our neighborhoods and I commend the legislature for taking action to help our communities succeed."

The agreement also adds 12 unrestricted licenses to the city's supply, three specifically for Oak Square in Brighton, and 15 "community licenstheaters, and outdoor spaces.

In a joint statement, Senate President Pro Tempore Will Brownsberger of Belmont and House Majority Leader Michael Moran of Brighton said they see the bill "dramatically expanding equity for restaurant owners in neighborhoods across the city, and increasing economic opportunity in communities of color that have been left out for too long.

The House bill had called for 205 new licenses, while the Senate's version would have authorized 260.

The branches were "verv close, if not done" with the negotiations on Aug. 1, Moran said at the time, but the fourpage deal took weeks to finalize.

The conference report was filed shortly after 2 p.m. Tuesday in the House clerk's office. Moran and Brownsberger said that the goal is to send it to Gov. Maura Healey "by the end of the week." Both branches will meet next on Thursday.

According to Mayor Michelle Wu, who along with the Boston City Council sponsored the original petition, the city currently has a total of 2,200 licenses — but

es" for nonprofits, small they aren't spread evenly across the city.

> About an hour before the bill was filed, but after legislative leadership had announced they had come to a compromise, Sen. Liz Miranda of Boston told Spark FM's Jacquetta Van Zandt on radio show "Politics and Prosecco" that the bill would allow for more equitable investment in Black and brown communities in the city.

"A street like Blue Hill Ave., which runs throughout my whole district. 4.4 miles, has mavbe two or three licenses. And in some neighborhoods, Mattapan, for example, just got one liquor license," she said. "And Newbury Street, which is a mile long, has 15-plus. Right? So, this is an issue of racial equity, but also economic equity."

Miranda's 2nd Suffolk district includes large chunks of Dorchester, Roxbury, Mattapan and Jamaica Plain, which she's called "the blackest district in the state."

Shesaidsheremembers a time when, growing up, people used to be able to go into restaurants and bars in those neighborhoods where getting dinner and a drink was more accessible. But with a state-imposed cap on liquor licenses, if a restaurant or bar

closes, its license may be transferred to a new restaurant in a different neighborhood of the city.

"Almost all the licenses in our neighborhoods went to other communities," Miranda told the News Service. "When I was growing up there wasn't anything in the Seaport. Then the ICA came, now it's the number one community for tourists and there's hundreds of restaurants. The prices of liquor licenses go up and when a restaurant closes in Roxbury, and it costs \$500,000, it's private equity firms or developers who are buying it, not a family pouring their savings into it."

The bill that negotiators filed on Thursday, however, designates that licenses for certain low-income ZIP codes are "non-transferable" and "neighborhood restricted."

"This is about making dreams a reality," Miranda said in the interview. "Thriving businesses make communities safer and cleaner. And other Boston residents get to come down from their apartments and walk to a bar or restaurant and be part of their community, my constituents should too."

Wu also appeared on the "Politics and Prosecco" program following Miranda. Wu has repeatedly hit hurdles trying to get municipal priorities over the finish line on Beacon Hill this session, and the expanded liquor licenses would be one of the first major wins her administration brings home from the State House during the 2023-2024 session.

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"Restaurants are really part of the underpinning," Wu said. "It's not only jobs, it's not only economic opportunity for the restaurant owner and the workers who are working there. It's community. If you think about what makes you feel at home, most of the time when you ask someone, they'll point to their

favorite local neighborhood restaurant, place they go hang out.

Miranda told Van Zandt the Senate plans to vote on the bill on Thursday, where, she said, "it will pass, and then it'll be on the governor's desk."

This is the third major agreement that the Legislature has crossed off its thick docket of unresolved business following the close of formal lawmaking on Aug. 1. Omnibus bills addressing maternal health and nursing homes were approved during sparsely attended sessions last month after six-person conference committees came to agreements.

Cartwright wins SJC job

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to take the SJC role. The contest also took on the dynamics of a proxy battle between political rivals, with Mayor Wu and other prominent progressives like Congressowman Ayanna Pressley and Council President Ruthzee Louijeune pushing hard for Cartwright, an attorney, while Murphy drew support mostly from Wu critics and more centrist allies.

Several local elected positions featured Democrat incumbents with no opposition in their primary elections this year, including Rep. Pressley, Congressman Stephen Lynch, state Sen. Liz Miranda, state Reps. Brandy Fluker Oakley, Chris Worrell, and Dan Hunt.

State Sen. Nick Collins handily defeated opponentJuwanSkeens, while Rep. Russell Holmes won decisively over two opponents: Haris Hardaway and Samuel Pierce.

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Dot kids dress to impress at back-to-school fashion show

By Seth Daniel News Editor

Back-to-school events don't usually involve a catwalk, clothing designed by local teens, or the backstage rush of a fashion show. But most back-to-school events aren't put together by Dorchester's Shiaka McIntosh.

At her first-ever back-toschool fashion show last month, a bopping bass line pulsed through the new Civic Space room next to City Hall as the emcee announced one young "model" after another. The audience full of parents applauded as the stage beckoned and each young person gathered up courage to confidently show out the original teen-designed clothing they were wearing.

The scene had all the makings of Paris in the fall, but it was high-energy Dorchester all the way.

Instead of offering backpack giveaways or school-supply handouts, McIntosh and a devoted group of volunteers and donors earlier this summer decided to stage the fashion show. There were no sign-ups or registrations; kids just had to show up, while at the same time receiving school clothes, new sneakers, and donated supplies.

After three Wednesday evening practices ahead of the Aug. 14 show, they hit the runway for what was a very successful first attempt.

"When I was a kid, I was a part of the fashion shows and rap talent shows we always

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Wynter Taylor with Eurmajesty Toney showcased some new clothes from teen designers from Dorchester who created The New Generation (TNG).

had," McIntosh said. "It developed my confidence to get on radio and speak and promote other people and their kids. I was a part of that world, but there just isn't much of that around for kids now. We don't have pageants here and I see a lot of basketball tournaments going on, but if you're not an athlete there isn't much.

So, she decided to create that place come what may. "When I saw how engaged the kids were at the practices I knew I had to go hard," she said. "This couldn't be some flimsy thing."

McIntosh has become known for her 'Parties from Above' in creating free celebrations for kids who have lost a parent, or parents, to murder, overdoses, or illnesses. Putting smiles on the faces of those who are suffering has become her calling, but she felt that kids also needed something different for



Aminah Toon-Davis walked with confidence on the modeling runway.



Teens Na'Ara Spence and Jezziah Kilgoe modeled The New Generation designs, their first-ever attempt at modeling and fashion.

back-to-school. One of those kids is Dorches-



Abriya Cousin-Mack, 5, of Dorchester, gets ready to model exciting back-to-school fashions. *Seth Daniel photos*



Journee Aahliyah Wallace is packed and ready for school in her TNG outfit.

ter's Thamel Thomas, whose summer job with Action for Boston Community Development (ABCD) at South Street Youth Center in Jamaica Plain became a designer's showcase, where he and several friends created their own apparel brand, The New Generation (TNG). They showcased and modeled their designs at McIntosh's show.

"Really what we're trying to do is teach ourselves and others to become entrepreneurs through designing our own clothing and products," Thomas said. "I just thought it would be something different and fun at first, but now I think I'm considering it as a career."

His friends Na'Ara Spence and Jezziah Kilgoe, of Dorchester, did some of the modeling for TNG's teen designs.

Supporters of the event called it an immediate success, and those like MissionSafe's Jumaane Kendrick are on board with McIntosh's vision for Parties from Above and side projects like the fashion show – much of which she now bootstraps or pays for herself. MissionSafe donated more than 300 pairs of new sneakers and other back-to-school supplies, Kendrick said.

"We need to do this every year because this is the first year and it really exploded," he said.

Sponsors for the first annual fashion show included Mac Hudson, Josh Kraft at the Patriots Foundation, Diaspora Math, MissionSafe, Councillors Brian Worrell and Julia Mejia, state Rep. Chris Worrell, and Madrugada Designs.







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THE REPORTER September 5, 2024 Page 14 Union hotel workers hold 3-day strike over Labor Day

About 900 hotel workers in Boston went on a cluding those at the Democrats opted not to planned three-day strike

Sunday morning, in- where union leaders and Hilton Park Plaza hotel hold their Labor Day

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Fairmont Copley Plaza are also out on strike to protest staffing and service cuts and unsuccessful efforts to gain higher wages in contract talks. The striking workers include room attendants, front desk agents, doormen, cooks, dishwashers and banquet servers. "I'm on strike because I'm literally tired of working in multiple departments and having

26 announced Sunday

morning that workers

at Hilton Logan Airport,

Hilton-Hampton Inn

Boston Seaport, and

an unpredictable weekly schedule just so I can make 40 hours a week," Michael Correa, a bar-

back at the Hilton Boston Logan Airport Hotel for 17 years, said in a statement. "Going on strike is a huge sacrifice, but it's something I have to do for myself and my two daughters."

Unions are a core constituency for Democrats and breakfast organizers said Friday they have contingency plans for the event if there's a strike but wouldn't share specifics. They also declined to say why they chose Hilton Park Plaza as the venue, given that workers there have endured months of unsuccessful contract talks.

-MICHAEL P. NORTON SHNS





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Developer sees Dot's iconic stock as filling city's housing needs

(Continued from page 1) become his forte.

George, who grew up in Dublin and earned a degree in business before moving to Boston, likes to use the word "space-ships," a term he has adopted after hearing Dorchester neighbors describe the boxy, steelclad residential buildings that have proliferated in city neighborhoods in recent years.

He landed his first construction job while playing Gaelic Football in Moakley Park. It was there that he met Patrick Hayden, owner of Haycon, a contracting company based in the South End. After time spent "sweeping and picking up trash" on company sites, George wanted to get more experience. Soon, he discovered that by mastering Boston's complicated permitting labyrinth, he could add real value to other developers' plans.

He became – and still is – a fixture at 1010 Massachusetts Ave., the building that houses the city's Inspectional Services Department (ISD) and offices where all permitting for building, zoning, and the like is approved. He started his own company, Dunmoe Consulting, to advise builders on their projects – and in so doing he saw that three-deckers could

directly to:

Now that he and Maguire have set out to build as many three-deckers as possible, they naturally started in Dorchester.

The city's Mayor's Office of Housing, it seems, agrees with them on the structure's housing value. The Wu administration launched the 'Future Decker' program last year as an effort to adapt three-deckers for future building projects in the city.

"From a construction standpoint, not much can go wrong," George says. "It's three stories and so that cuts down on things like sprinklers and there's no elevator. It's hard for the construction process to get away from you. It's all very predictable and you just have to be organized, and you can move fast."

George's pitch won over neighbors on Meetinghouse Hill. In addition to the three-decker there and the one in offing on Morton Street, he's now going through a community vetting process to build another one on Bird Street in Uphams Corner.

"Coming into the neighborhood meeting [on the Hill], we were surprised when we got a good reception because we were doing a three-decker and many of the other projects they reviewed were

bigger and described as being like a spaceship," George said. "They like the three-decker; they want something that fits in."

Jennifer Johnson, of Meetinghouse Hill Civic, was president of the organization at that time, and is now vice president. She said all the members liked his project.

"I would say most of us at Meeting House Civic were surprised at the hoops he had to go through to build a three-decker on an empty lot in a neighborhood that is full of three-deckers," she said. "I think this is one of the things where the zoning codes should be changed in these neighborhoods so three-deckers can be built as-of-right, with certain exceptions for green space related to flooding concerns...We were very happy for once to be able to say, 'yes' to a project that we felt really should be as-of-right."

Johnson noted that permitting difficulties only raise developers' costs, which they pass on to renters and prospective buyers and contribute to making housing unaffordable. "We have to find a way to get out of this doom loop," she said.

George, of course, believes he has found it with the three-decker-provid-

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ed the city can make some common-sense changes. He's not shy about making his thoughts public on his social media feeds. and many of his followers chime in with similar positions.

"A lot of guys in the smaller space say, 'I'm wanted to hurry things up, they could make it easier to get going on a three-family that fits on the street. Make it quick to make it fit."

Meanwhile, he and his partner are on the lookout for other sites where they can move fast, be

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bag. I understand the frustration from a neighbor's perspective. If the numbers don't work and you went out and paid too much for it, that's not your neighbor's fault."

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Adult has been filed by Miguel J. Lilly of Dorchester, MA requesting that the court enter a Decree changing their name to: Lilly Rose Valore

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DUNN, First Justice of this Court. Date: August 28, 2024 Stephanie L. Everett, Esq. Register of Probate Published: Sept mber 5, 2024





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An important message about the Red Line Braintree Branch closure September 6-29

from MBTA General Manager & CEO Phil Eng



Phillip Eng, General Manager & CEO

Dear Riders,

We have made significant progress since launching our unprecedented year-long Track Improvement Program last Fall and are committed to our promise of giving all of you the safe, reliable, and robust service you deserve. To accomplish this as quickly and completely as possible on the Red Line, we will need to suspend service between JFK/UMASS and Braintree for 24 days, from **September 6-29**.

During this time, our MBTA crews and contractors will be working around the clock to repair or replace 18 miles of track and perform critical maintenance to the signals system and stations. When this work is complete, we'll have removed more than 20 slow zones and with increased speeds later this year will improve round-trip Braintree Branch travel times by as much as 27 minutes.

All of us at the MBTA understand how this closure at the start of the school year will impact our riders, and we are very sorry for the inconvenience. Completing this work will be the next important step toward making the T what I hope will become the preferred choice of travel for the Greater Boston area.

Thank you for your patience and understanding as we move forward with these vital improvements.

Phil Eng

General Manager & CEO MBTA

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BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS OF DORCHESTER



BGCD Board Member Lee Kennedy Hosts Charity Golf Tournament in Support of Fieldhouse+ Project: See details below.

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BGCD Board Member Lee Kennedy Hosts Charity Golf Tournament in Support of Fieldhouse+ Project: Boys & Girls Clubs of Dorchester would like to thank our Board Chair, Lee Michael Kennedy, Lee Kennedy Co., and all the incredible staff and volunteers who participated and organized the hugely successful Charity Golf Tournament last week. With the support of players and sponsors, the tournament raised \$325,000 for BGCD and the Martin Richard Foundation for the construction of our new State of the Art Fieldhouse+ Project coming to Dorchester.

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To learn more about The Fieldhouse+, please visit fieldhouseplus.org, or contact Craig Welton at cwelton@ bgcdorchester.org.

FIND OUT WHAT'S INSIDE: **BGCD's Mike Joyce To Be Featured** on WCVB Channel 5 - "5 for Good" Segment: This week our very own Mike Joyce was interviewed by Erika Tarantal from WCVB Channel 5 for the news segment "5 for Good" which reports on uplifting, feel good stories in the Boston area. Mike was recognized for his incredible contribution to our Clubs and for his 45 years of service. Erika spoke to Alumni, staff and our CEO to discuss Mike and the amazing career he has had at Boys & Girls Clubs of Dorchester. On behalf of all of BGCD, we thank and congratulate Mike on this well deserved recognition and for helping to support thousands of members and families at BGCD over the past 45 years! You've had a lasting impact on every person that has come through the Club doors. We are so lucky to have you as you inspire the next generation. Check out the episode on Tuesday September 5th!

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BGCD's Mike Joyce To Be Featured on WCVB Channel 5 - "5 for Good" Segment: See details below.

DID YOU KNOW: Boston Business Journal Selects Club Staff Erin Ferrara as a 2024 40 Under 40 Honoree: BGCD proudly congratulates our Director of Behavioral Health Services, Erin Ferrara, on being honored as one of Boston Business Journal's 2024 40 Under 40 recipients! Erin's leadership and her significant contributions to the city's civic landscape earned her this prestigious recognition. Her work in inclusion and disability support programs has made her a true advocate for youth mental health and accessibility. As the force behind the development of BGCD's Behavioral Health Services program, Erin has played a critical role in connecting children of all abilities with vital support while continuously innovating to meet the evolving community needs. We're so proud of Erin's achievements and look forward to seeing her continued impact. Congrats Erin!

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RECENT OBITUARIES



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GILLEN, Patricia (McCarthy), 82, of Braintree, formerly of Dorchester. Wife of Charles J. "Charlie" Gillen. Mother of Michele Gillen and her wife Maggie of West Newton, and



Kate McKeever and her husband Tom of Hanover. Grandmother of 4. Please consider making a donation in memory of Patricia to the Alzheimer's Association at act alz org

act.alz.org. GORHAM, Sister Barbara, SC (Sister Barbara Michael), a Sister of Charity, Halifax, for 65 years. Sister Barbara was born in Dorchester, the only daughter of the late

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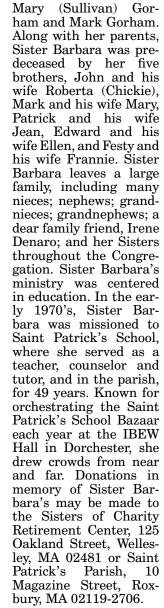
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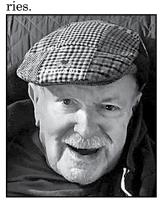
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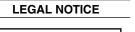


JACKSON, James E., aka JJ and Junda, 50, of Mattapan. He worked in various local restaurants like Legal Seafood, the Smoke Shop and eventually worked as a chef's assistant in Quincy. James survived by his mother, Norma Lawrence (Earl); father, James Jackson, Sr. (Roberta); stepbrothers Camara and Kenyatta Grant-Lawrence; sister, Jamie Jackson; long-time best friend, Wendy Mapson and a host of aunts, uncles, cousins and friends who will cherish his memo-



LEYDON, William "Bill" of Dorchester. Bill is survived by his wife, Maureen (Sweeney) Leydon; his son, Michael Leydon; his daughter-in-law, LeeMarie Kennedy; and his two grandsons. He was pre-deceased by his stillborn sons, Kevin and Liam. Son of the late John and Rose (Shepard) Leydon. Brother of Fran Leydon, Jack and his late wife, Aurora, Bob and his wife, Carole, Therese Campbell and her late husband, Jack, the late Mary Ploughman and her husband, Chuck and Eddie Leydon and his wife, Mary. Brother-in-law of John and his wife, Kathleen Sweeney, Linda Sweeney and her late husband, Jerry and Patricia Sweeney and her late husband, Denis. He is also survived by many nieces and nephews. Bill worked as a librarian at the Boston Police Academy, The Library at Logan Inter-national Airport, AVCO Everett Research Labs and as the Assistant Director of the Hingham Public Library. He was quietly pleased to be of-fered a fellowship to the prestigious MacDowell Artist Colony. Donations may be made to Doctors Without Borders, Smile Train, the Pine Street Inn or Cops For Kids With Cancer. NELSON, Allan A.,

NELSON, Allan A., Jr., 90, of Mattapan. Husband of Mary Nelson. Father of Clayton Lemon of Goose Creek, SC, Yvonne K. Nelson





and Allan A. Nelson, III both of Boston. Grandfather of 3. Brother of the late Marcia Conte. He is survived by a host of extended family and friends.



RIVOIRA, Jeanne (Coyne) of South Weymouth, formerly of Dorchester. Daughter of the late Michael J. and Helen (Flaherty) Coyne of Dorchester. Mother of Steven Rivoira and his wife, Stacy, Scott Rivoira and his wife, Michelle and Stacey Rivoira and her husband, Bill Molina. Grandmother of 6. Sister of Ellen Leary, Michael Coyne, Jr. and Claire Coyne. Please consider making a donation in memory of Jeanne to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.



ROSE, Evander, Jr., 76, of Dorchester. Son to the late Evander Rose, Sr. and Lydia Rose. Evander worked in construction throughout Boston and took great pride in contributing to the city's growth and development. Evander leaves his wife Dolly, his daughters Alicia (Dana), Angela, Ashley (Higor), his sister Geraldine, sister-in-law Brenda, brothers-in-law, James, David, John D., Tony, Leroy, 8 grandchildren; 3 great-grandchildren; and a host of nieces and nephews, family and friends. RUSSO, Thomas J. "Tommy" 64, of Weymouth, formerly of Dorchester. Born in Dorchester to Helen Milroy, Tommy was a proud longtime member of Roofers Union Local 33. Husband of Jennifer (Conley) Russo. Tommy was the father of Maggie Russo, Mackenzie Rus-



so, and Michael Russo. He was the brother-inlaw of Jimmy, Michael, and Christopher. He is also survived by many family members and friends. Please consider making a donation in memory of Tommy to the American Cancer Society.



SCANLAN. Ruth A., 93, of Dorchester. Daughter of the late James F. and Mary V. Scanlan. Sister of John T. Scanlan and his late wife Monica of Holbrook, Thomas F. Scanlan and his wife Virginia of Duxbury, and the late James F. Scanlan Jr. and his late wife Ruth of Braintree, and the late Marie Sybertz and her late husband Nor-bert of Weymouth. Also survived by many nieces and nephews. Ruth had a long career as in investigator for the F.B.I. in Boston. Please consider making a donation in memory of Ruth to Boston Veteran's Center, 7 Drydock Ave., Boston, MĂ 02210.



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SPERANZO, Carolann (Carol) M., 70, of Quincy, formerly of Dorchester. Daughter to Fred and Madeleine Speranzo. Carol opened Second Sight in Quincy in 1979 and was in business for 45 years. She also worked as an emergency medical technician (EMT) for the Boston Ambulance Squad. Carol is survived by her twin daughters, Sara (Quillin) Monaghan and her husband Evan Monaghan of Quincy and Alessandra Quillin of Malden; her brothers, Charles (Charlie) and Neal Speranzo of Arizona and their spouses and children; and 2 grandchildren.



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