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The grand opening last Saturday of Just Book-ish drew a crowd of more than 150 people, including youngsters who were treated to in-store readings from Mayor Wu and Congresswoman Ayanna Pressley, seen in center of photo. *Isabel Leon/Mayor's Office photo*

Introducing a page-changer in Fields Corner; Just Book-ish opens to enthusiastic crowd

BY BILL FORRY
EXECUTIVE EDITOR

Just Book-ish, a new bookstore and community space on the ground level of the Dot Crossing building in Fields Corner, celebrated its grand opening with more than 200 exultant guests on Saturday, including Congresswoman Ayanna Pressley and Mayor Wu, who read to children and hailed the new Dot Ave business.

"This is a time for new ideas," said Pressley, who helped cut the ribbon outside the storefront's entrance at 1463 Dorchester Ave. She later added in a statement: "With book bans on the rise, I'm grateful for spaces like these that protect our intellectual freedom



and right to read."

The event was a particularly triumphant moment for the two people who worked with an ever-growing team of boosters over the last three years to make the project happen: Bing Broderick and Porsha Olayiwola, both residents of Dorchester.

The two became close while organizing poetry events at the Haley House Bakery Café in Roxbury's Nubian Square about ten years ago. Olayiwola has

served as Boston's poet laureate while Broderick formerly managed the Haley House. Together, they marshalled support for a competitive bid that earned them the right to build out the retail space in the Dot Crossing building, which rose from what was once the single-story Gallagher Insurance office. The new five-story building, which opened to tenants in 2023, also includes 29 units of affordable housing on the upper floors built by

developer Travis Lee.

The Just Book-ish project was aided by tens of thousands of dollars in grants from large foundations and small dollar contributions from individual donors, including neighbors who pitched in as little as \$10 to aid the cause, according to Broderick. Viet-AID, the community organization located about a block away on Charles Street, served as the store's fiscal agent, helping it win funding from the city of Boston to further assist in start-up costs.

In an interview with The Reporter earlier this year, Broderick said more than \$1 million had been raised for the bookstore's nonprofit entity — Words **(Continued on page 14)**

Morrissey re-build cost put at \$350m at high end; some ask more plan time

BY SETH DANIEL
NEWS EDITOR

A state-led commission charged with accelerating plans for an ambitious and costly re-construction of Morrissey Boulevard called for its work to continue deeper into 2025 during a three-hour public meeting held last Thursday night at the Holiday Inn Express on Boston Street.

Residents and some members of the commission said that the state Department of Transportation (MassDOT) should widen its scope to discuss related projects in more detail—like coastal flood-protection barriers and utility routes—along the Morrissey corridor between Neponset Circle and South Boston's Preble Circle.

The meeting also offered up the latest budget estimate for flood mitigation and improvements to the roadway, which officials say could now cost between \$273 million—on the low end—to \$352 million on the high end to build out over a five-year period. Actual construction would not likely begin until five years from now, in 2029 or 2030.

That price range does not include repairs or replacements of the Beades drawbridge or the usually clogged Kosciuszko Circle rotary.

The commission had already extended its own deadline to offer a report to the Legislature by Dec. 31, 2024. The current timeline calls for a final set of recommendations to be reported after the next **(Continued on page 13)**

Geiger Gibson Health Center back to hosting on-site medical visits

BY CASSIDY MCNEELEY
REPORTER STAFF

In 1965, the Geiger Gibson Community Health Center opened on Columbia Point as the nation's first community health center. In 2020, the facility was closed to in-person appointments due to the pandemic. Last week, some five years later, medical services were renewed at 250 Mt Vernon St, where Geiger Gibson, with an in-house pharmacy, offers same-day appointments for medical, dental, and behavioral health and community members can find convenient care for their families, all in one building.

"Geiger was the heart of the Columbia Point Housing Development. It was a place that was considered safe and welcoming," said Ami Bowen, VP of marketing and community engagement for Harbor Health Services, the parent agency for the health center. "We would love to have that kind of role in the community again. It's exciting to bring services back because the community has been asking for them."

The medical team is led by a new medical director, Dr. Caroline Mullin, a primary care provider who has been in practice in Boston for the past seven years and is excited to bring her expertise to Dorchester.

"I've been trained in a broad range of skills and the whole idea is that I can go into a community and be a little bit of a chameleon to provide the community what it needs," Mullin told The Reporter. "It was a deliberate choice by Harbor Health to open a family **(Continued on page 12)**



Dr. Caroline Mullin

FLAG ON THE PLAY Bobby Jenkins makes calls, teaches the game

BY SETH DANIEL
NEWS EDITOR

Mattapan's Bobby Jenkins has become known around Greater Boston for carrying a whistle and throwing flags, but the long-time football referee said there's a whole lot more to calling a game than wearing a striped uniform and making sure no one is offside.

In fact, after more than 10 years calling football games for the youngest divisions of youth football all the way to championship high school games, Jenkins said it's as much about being a friend of the game as calling penalties. And while the kids will be front and center for any Thanksgiving rivalry games coming up this week, it will be the officials like Jenkins who will keep the games moving along safely.



"We're referees. We're negotiators. We're mediators. We're teachers" — Bobby Jenkins *Seth Daniel photo*

"We are a number of things as officials," he said. "We're referees. We're negotiators. We're mediators. We're teachers. We're a lot of things other than just officials. Football is near and dear to me because I played it. I get joy out of it and being around the kids. When I count down to the last games of the season around Thanksgiving, you realize you're going to miss it."

Jenkins, who has lived across from Almont Park most of his life, has also officiated basketball for 32 years, and is certified to call tennis matches as well. He began his love of football as a high schooler at Madison Park Technical and Vocational School and it was a classmate who later in life roped him into football officiating.

At a recent game this month **(Continued on page 11)**

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Police, Courts & Fire

Dot man found guilty of killing cousin

A Suffolk County jury last week found Raymond Castro, a 45-year-old Dorchester resident, guilty of voluntary manslaughter for the fatal stabbing of his cousin, Ronald Reed, 33, and assault and battery with a dangerous weapon for the non-fatal stabbing of a second man in January 2022. He will be sentenced on Dec. 5.

Castro was removed from a relative's home on Rockville Park in Roxbury following a dispute with family members. The situation escalated into a physical altercation between Castro and his cousin. Prosecutors say Reed came outside to assist and was returning to his home when Castro approached, stabbed him in the chest, then fled the scene.

"I want to thank the surviving victim for his brave testimony. It is never easy to relive such horrific events," said DA Kevin Hayden.

Boston Police arrested an 18-year-old Dorchester man on gun charges last Friday (Nov. 22) and the BPD gave the following account of the incident: Officers watched a car involving the teen and others zoom past them heading toward Columbia Road around 1:20 a.m. The driver stopped for a red light, but when the light turned green, he "accelerated quickly" and the officers turned on their lights and sirens and stopped the driver at Quincy and Magnolia streets and asked the people in the car to get out.

After a pat frisk, a front-seat passenger was found to be carrying a loaded Glock handgun with "an extended magazine that was capable of holding 31 rounds." The suspect—Jociel De Los Santos-Santana—was charged with unlawful possession of a firearm, unlawful possession of a large-capacity feeding device, and unlawful possession of ammunition.

A Mattapan man who was pulled over by Boston Police officers for allegedly speeding and swerving down Blue Hill Avenue early on the morning of Nov. 18 was arrested after, police say, they found an automatic rifle loaded with 30 bullets, two loaded handguns, a switchblade, and cocaine in his car. At the time of his arrest, Jeffrey Salvant, 38, was free on personal recognizance on gun and drug charges stemming from a 2022 arrest in Chinatown.

Police say that Salvant caught the attention of officers in a cruiser at Blue Hill Avenue and American Legion Highway when he sped past them. Officers stopped his vehicle about a mile-and-a-half away at Blue Hill Ave and Mattapan Street, where Salvant surrendered to officers, who reported that there were two female passengers and opened alcoholic beverage containers in the vehicle.

Police say they found a switchblade knife on Salvant and two loaded firearms in his jacket—and an "AR style firearm" in a black bag in the car.

At Salvant's arraignment in Dorchester Municipal Court, Judge Jonathan Tynes revoked his bail from his 2022 case and set a hearing to review his status for Dec. 16.



Members of the Dearborn STEM Academy boys' soccer team, shown above, played in the Division 5 state championship game on Sat., Nov. 23 at Curry College. The Roxbury-based team, nicknamed the Wolverines, lost to Sutton, MA in penalty kicks, 3-1. The Wolverines previously had defeated fellow BPS rivals TechBoston Academy in the semifinal game on Nov. 19 to advance to the title match.

Patrick O'Connor photo

Former Dot gang member gets 15-year term; pled guilty to multiple charges of racketeering

A federal judge this week sentenced Eric "Bubba" Correia to 15 years in prison for his role in the activities of the Cameron Street Gang that included targeting for assassination a rival gang member whose life was saved by surgeons at Boston Medical Center.

Correia pleaded guilty in April to a RICO violation and distribution of marijuana, according to the US Attorney's office in Boston, which noted that the RICO plea covers a range of crimes and threats of violence, many against the rival NOB/Wendover Gang, and includes armed robberies.

Correia is the latest Cameron Street member to be sentenced following a federal roundup of its members in 2022.

In a sentencing memorandum calling for a 16-year sentence, assistant US attorneys Christopher Pohl and Charles Dell'Anno wrote: "There are only two reasons why

Correia is not facing murder charges – random chance and the close proximity of the victim to excellent medical care."

Prosecutors say Correia enlisted other Cameron Street members to set up the murder of a rival on Clayborne Street and also robbed a victim at gunpoint in a different incident. In 2020, he was convicted of assault and battery with a dangerous weapon for assaulting an individual outside Suffolk Superior Court. He served 132 days in prison and was placed on probation for two years for that crime.

Correia's attorney, Mark Shea, argued for a sentence of no more than 10 years, saying the father of two and the member of "a close-knit and supportive family" has turned himself around while in a federal prison in Rhode Island awaiting sentencing.

Shea wrote that Correia's spiral into a world

of violent drug dealers began in 2014, when his brother, Jeffrey Gonçalves, committed suicide. Eric, who was 16 at the time, spiraled into untreated mental health problems and self-medication with street drugs and alcohol. He began skipping school, dropped out of basketball, and sought refuge with friends, many of whom were Cameron

Street gang members. "After his federal arrest, and since his confinement, Eric has made tremendous strides in acknowledging the harm he has done, and seeing what his future holds for him, his family, and his community, by making the difficult changes that are before him," Shea wrote.

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Franklin Park Coalition's Thanksgiving Turkey Trot revs up this Thursday (Nov. 28) at 9 a.m. Don't miss the biggest, best, and only chip-timed 5K walk/run in Boston on the holiday. Bring the whole family. Kids, teens, seniors, strollers, and race-friendly dogs on leash are all welcome. Prizes for age group winners and best costumes. Sign up here: fpc5k.com

Wampanoag Nation Singers and Dancers perform at the John F. Kennedy Presidential Library and Museum this Friday (Nov. 29) at 10:30 a.m. as part of the library's Celebrate series for family audiences ages 5 and up. Visit jfklibrary.org/celebrate or call 617-514-1644 for more information. The Ashmont Holiday Market and tree lighting will take place this Saturday (Nov. 30) from 3 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the Parish of

All Saints, 209 Ashmont St., with a tree lighting set at Ashmont Plaza at 6:45 p.m. After-party at Tavolo, 8 p.m. to 10 p.m. Also on Saturday, the Lower Mills Merchants Association and partners will stage its annual Holiday Stroll in Lower Mills and Milton Village from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. The popular event includes free trolley rides, open houses at several participating businesses, and a holiday tree lighting at 6:15 p.m. This year's lighting will take place at a new location— 1133 Washington St., Vargas & Vargas Insurance. The event will also feature an exhibition of art and music at the Walter Baker Artists' Lofts. For more information about how to participate or sponsor the event, email cvargas@vargas-insurance.com. The city's Planning Dept. will host a virtual

public meeting on Wed., Dec. 4, at 6 p.m. to discuss a proposal for a new 7-story, 22-unit building at 2-8 Bowdoin St., Dorchester. See Page 3 for details. The city's Planning Dept. will host a virtual public meeting next Monday (Dec. 2) at 6 p.m. to discuss a resident petition to amend the Squares + Streets Zoning. The proposed changes include adding two additional zooming districts. See bit.ly/Text_Petitions for more. A public meeting has been set for Thurs., Dec. 5, at 6 p.m. to discuss a proposed cannabis establishment at 1102A Blue Hill Ave., Dorchester. The meeting will take place in person at that address. Call Conor Newman in the Mayor's Office of Neighborhood Services with questions: 617-635-2093 or email conor.newman@

boston.gov. The Edward M. Kennedy Institute for the US Senate will host an in-person and virtual program next Tuesday (Dec. 3) at 6 p.m. on "The Senate in 2025: Post-Election Analysis from US Sens [Roy] Blunt and [Heidi] Heitkamp." See emkinstitute.org for more information. Leland Faulkner will present "World of Wonder," a shadow-theatre performance at the JFK Library on Fri., Dec. 27, at 10:30 a.m. This multi-cultural theatrical "feast" using silhouettes made only with his hands is called "sophisticated and humorous." See jfklibrary.org/celebrate or call 617-514-1644.

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House approves Boston tax bill, sends on to Senate

By MICHAEL P. NORTON, SAM DORAN, AND SAM DRYSDALE
STATE HOUSE NEWS SERVICE

The House of Representatives on Monday approved the City of Boston's request to temporarily reconfigure the way it splits property taxes between commercial and residential taxpayers.

Norwell Rep. David DeCoste slowed the bill's advancement last week but was not in the House chamber when Democrats put the bill up for a vote at the immediate outset of their 11 a.m. session and moved the legislation over to the Senate.

The Senate met briefly Monday but adjourned until Wednesday without acting on the legislation, which reflects compromise language reached in October between Boston Mayor Michelle Wu and leaders of four business groups.

Wu and the City Council have pushed for the bill's passage to mitigate the extent of coming increases in residential property taxes, while critics of the bill say the city should pull back on spending and be more mindful of tax impacts on commercial real estate owners and the struggles that sector faces due to post-pandemic changes.

Last week, Wu said she needs the tax shift bill to be "signed by the governor within the next two weeks" as the city prepares its January 2025 tax bills. Her office has forecast a nearly \$500 increase in property taxes for the average homeowner without action.

Democrats were able to advance the bill during an

informal session where there's no quorum and any legislator can stall a bill's progress.

House Republican Leader Bradley Jones Jr. was briefly in the chamber during Monday's session, which also featured Republican Reps. Steven Howitt and Donald Wong and Democrat Boston Reps. William MacGregor, Rob Consalvo, Jay Livingstone, and Dan Ryan.

"I'm just very grateful we were able to pass that today," Consalvo told reporters after session on Monday. The Boston Democrat filed the home rule petition on behalf of Wu's administration twice.

"It's a hugely important issue for the city of Boston, hugely important for my constituents, we're literally receiving hundreds of phone calls. So just glad we were able to get it done, and now it's off to the Senate, and hopeful that they'll move on it expeditiously," he said.

Consalvo said he spoke with DeCoste over the weekend on the phone and had a "very cordial conversation. At the end of the day this is, like I said, for our constituents in Boston so important, and it's something that it has, to make sure we're keeping our property taxes as low as possible in the city, given this quirk that's happening this year," he said.

Mass. Senior Action, a local advocacy group, came to the State House Monday to urge representatives to pass the bill. They have been involved with advocating for the tax redistribution for months.

"We had been downstairs

as folks were coming into the chambers to send them a strong message that [impending residential rate hikes] is something that will harm a lot of people, and particularly seniors on fixed incomes, and to urge passage of the bill," said Executive Director Carolyn Villers.

Amir Shahsavari, vice president of the Small Property Owners Association, criticized the House vote.

"We are sorry to see the House pass this bill and hope the Senate will resist it, as it harms small businesses and commercial owners," Shahsavari said. "It's like throwing ice water on the city's economy. We do not support Mayor Wu's bill as any tax should not be considered without budget cuts."

Republican Sen. Ryan Fattman, who was present in the Senate chamber during Monday's session, would not say whether Republicans in that branch planned to further delay the bill, but expressed "concerns."

"We'll see," he said. "I've heard a lot of concerns. A lot of people have reached out. Actually, surprisingly, some of my constituents who have business interests in Boston. You know, Boston's a little bit unique in that it's not your typical home rule petition. It affects a lot of people."

Sen. Nick Collins of South Boston, a Democrat, was on hand for Monday's sparsely attended Monday session.

Asked by reporters if he and Collins talked about their mutual concerns about Wu's

tax plan on Monday, Fattman replied that "there's a lot of concerns out there."

"I asked him what his thoughts are, and he was like, you know, there's just a lot of concerns out there, and I'm going to try to do my research in the next few days. Eat some turkey and stew on it," Fattman said.

Members of Mass. Senior Action crowded the hallway hoping to catch Collins on his way out of the Senate suite after Monday's session. Villers said some of the activists were his constituents and had been trying to connect with him about the tax bill for around a month.

Fattman said that if he were "a betting person" he would guess the Senate will not take up the bill before Thanksgiving.

Sen. William Brownsberger, a Democrat who presided at Monday's session, did not reveal the Senate's timeline to reporters when asked.

Asked if the bill would come up for a vote before or after Thanksgiving, Brownsberger said, "Working on that very quickly."

He said he would vote for the bill.

DeCoste, a five-term lawmaker, said he "made commitments" to constituents from his South Shore district, which includes Norwell, Haverhill, Rockland, and Hanson, to counter the bill's advance last week.

He was convinced, he said, by business leaders, property owners, local chambers of commerce, and the South Shore

Chamber of Commerce, who all "made a very convincing case ... that they are going to be suffering inordinately and this could have significant negative economic consequences to the state."

"This tax increase would have huge impacts not only on the city of Boston but on the entire Commonwealth," DeCoste said in a press statement issued later in the day by MassGOP. "My constituents have a vested interest in Boston thriving as it's a major business hub for the state. Overburdening commercial real estate with tax increases will inevitably lead to foreclosures, and there's no doubt about that. We already have vacancy rates averaging over 40 percent in properties that are highly leveraged. The majority of the Legislature quietly agrees with this concern, even if they won't say it out loud."

On Monday, the Mass Fiscal Alliance slammed the bill's passage in the House and criticized Republican Minority Leader Jones for "failing to stand against" the measure.

"This vote represents a betrayal of taxpayers, businesses, and anyone who values a vibrant and competitive economy in Boston," said Paul Diego Craney, the group's spokesman. "Instead of standing up for the hard-working entrepreneurs and small business owners who are the backbone of our capital city, House leadership allowed this reckless bill to sail through."



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The Planning Department is hosting a Public Meeting for the 2-8 Bowdoin Street project located in Dorchester. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss the Small Project Review Application. The meeting will include a presentation followed by Q&A and comments from the public. This meeting has been rescheduled from 11/19/2024.

The project entails the construction of a seven-story building comprising 22 residential units, 2,400 square feet of commercial/restaurant space, and 1,500 square feet of share tenant amenities, including bike parking, storage space, and an accessible roof deck for all building residents.

At this time, the Planning Department is continuing to host public meetings in a virtual setting for the health, safety, and accessibility of Boston residents. For more information and updates, visit bostonplans.org.

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T on cusp of lifting all speed restrictions, GM Eng asserts

By CHRIS LISINSKI
STATE HOUSE
NEWS SERVICE

The speed restrictions that have plagued the MBTA for more than a year and a half should be gone by next month, and agency leaders will then turn their attention toward similarly important — but less disruptive — work on signals and station improvements.

MBTA General Manager Phil Eng said the T is on the “home stretch” of a costly year-long program that featured more than a dozen partial shutdowns of the subway system, giving workers more time to fix track defects that forced sluggish travel.

In September 2023, 36 miles of track across all four lines — representing more than a third of the subway network — had “slow zones” in place due to infrastructure problems that prevented trains from running at designed speeds, according to Eng.

Today, only seven-tenths of a mile of track still requires speed restrictions. Part of that will be lifted by the time the full Red Line reopens Monday, and the rest on the Green Line will be wiped out in December, Eng said.

“Come Monday morning, when we reopen the Red Line, that Red Line will be [speed] restriction-free from end to end. That will be the first time probably in over 15 years,” Eng told the T’s Board of Directors. “We don’t have any data beyond that, but most of the folks that have historical knowledge believe it was



In this 2023 photo, General Manager and CEO Phil Eng, visited an MBTA station to assess new vehicles on the Green Line. Eng says the Red Line is now “slow-zone free” for the first time in 20 years.

State House News Service photo

longer than that.”

Riders still face occasional disruption, but Eng pointed to several statistics showing an increase in available service.

Compared to the winter 2024 schedule, the winter 2025 schedule will boost weekday scheduled trips 18 percent on the Blue Line, 36 percent on the Orange Line, 53 percent on the Red Line, and 12 percent on the Green Line, he said. Wait times and headways are also down on the Blue, Orange, and Red Lines anywhere between 15 percent and 31 percent year over year.

Eng attributed some of the success of the past year to laying out a clear plan before the repair campaign began, which helped both crews and riders better prepare.

Commuters should expect to learn more “very soon” about sim-

ilar closures planned in 2025. “While there will be some outages needed to continue the work, it won’t be to the level that we had this year,” Eng said. “The public can really be able to now start to enjoy the fruits of what we’ve been able to put together for 2024.”

Eng listed three priorities for track and infrastructure work in 2025: maintaining a state of good repair to “make sure that we do not fall backwards,” signal improvements, and station accessibility.

T officials will focus much attention on accelerating work on Red and Orange Line signals, though Eng said he doesn’t expect those upgrades will be complete until early 2026.

“That is really the next key piece to running reliable service, improving our ability to respond and the ability to ensure

that the system can run even better than it runs today,” he said.

Although he did not share ridership data Thursday, Eng said “anecdotally” that he thinks ridership is increasing on Mondays and Fridays, expressing hope that more reliable service will attract more people back to the system. Like most other transit systems, the T’s ridership is stuck well below pre-pandemic levels.

The year ahead could also be a pivotal one on the financial front. MBTA officials have been warning for months that the agency faces

a roughly \$700 million budget gap in fiscal 2026, which begins July 1, with no more federal aid or savings to offset it.

Many onlookers expect a renewed debate about transportation financing on Beacon Hill next year, and one MBTA board member suggested Thursday that ridership data could help the agency’s pitch for more money.

“We’re going to be making a big case to the Legislature to fund public transit next year. Having the numbers demonstrating what the ridership has been, making the case that transit

needs to be the first mode of travel, is going to be a really big part of that,” said Mary Skelton Roberts, the city of Boston’s representative on the oversight panel.

Riders also gained a new tool last Thursday for navigating the system. The T launched “MBTA Go,” an app that offers real-time train and bus tracking, a system map, and estimated arrival times.

The app is available to iPhone users to start, and officials expect an Android version to roll out in February.

Some third-party apps already use MBTA data to offer live train and bus tracking, but officials say the new tool developed in-house “serves as the most authoritative source for MBTA information.” They forecast that future updates will provide live crowding information and a “trip planner that provides route recommendations.”

“You can use this app to find out where the trains are. You could see them in the system. You can also see if there’s any issues. If we have a planned outage and we have shuttle buses, that will be shown on this,” Eng said. “This will show all the modes. This will show buses. This will show commuter rail. This will show subways.”

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Lewis Center sees good things happening on the financial front

By **SETH DANIEL**
NEWS EDITOR

A flurry of wins for the Reggie Lewis Track and Athletic Center in Roxbury over the last month includes newly announced state and private investments – one of them a historic new partnership with the Boston Athletic Association (BAA) – as the facility approaches its 30th anniversary next year.

Late last month, the Reggie, as the center is popularly described, and the BAA announced a groundbreaking collaboration that could bring in \$1.3 million for the facility over three years. In addition, said Michael Turner, the center's executive director, Gov. Healey and legislators have included \$22 million for the Reggie in their capital plan for Fiscal Years 2026-2030, essentially making help for the facility a priority in the state's funding outlays during those years. For their part, local legislators said they were confident the measure had enough support to get into an upcoming capital spending bill.

On the fundraising front, Roxbury Community College (RCC) and the Reggie kicked off a \$5 million fundraising campaign that will run through 2025.

The Reggie and BAA collaboration includes a \$700,000 grant for programming over the next three years, and permission to fundraise via the



Officials from the city, state, Roxbury Community College, and the Boston Athletic Association (BAA) celebrated a historic collaboration on Oct. 24 that included programming money and the ability to fundraise for the Reggie Lewis Center via the Boston Marathon. Pictured from left: Stephen Chan from the City of Boston; Reggie Center Board Chair Sheriff Steven Tompkins; Reggie Center Director Michael Turner; BAA President Jack Fleming; Roxbury Community College President Dr. Jonathan Jefferson; and state Rep. Chynah Tyler.

Reggie Lewis Center Executive Director Michael Turner said it runs a statewide facility with state funding and must host more than 100 indoor high school track meets per year, which makes it hard for the center to accommodate traditional practice and meet times for BPS students.

Boston Marathon as well – an initiative that could hike the overall support to \$1.3 million.

“There’s no better way we can live out our mission than by putting on good events and channeling that back into the community,” said BAA Director Jack Fleming



of the announcement on Oct. 24. “This is a perfect example of that. This partnership is a first of its kind for the BAA, but we believe this is the kind of community support through grass-

roots activities that we will be doing more of... It is a journey of fitness that we believe in.”

At the same event, RCC President Dr. Jonathan Jefferson announced the fundraising effort, the money from which will supplement the BAA and state commitments to refurbish the basketball courts and the track.

“We are kicking off the celebration of Reggie 30, and we are announcing the fundraising campaign ... to support this esteemed institution,” he said. “Thanks to the generosity of the BAA, we are at least \$1.3 million closer to that \$5

million goal.”

Finding the funding necessary for maintenance and upgrades has been a nagging issue for the facility as it looked toward 30 years in business, but optimism is high that the center will be in tip-top shape by its 30th birthday.

“The first thing that will help is we need to replace the roof and the HVAC system,” Turner said. “They have to be replaced and that’s \$12 million right off the bat. From that we’re going to talk to them and see how we can spend the remaining \$10 million. To replace everything that

we need in this facility and the fieldhouse is \$6.2 million.”

State Reps. Russell Holmes and Chynah Tyler were instrumental in getting state money secured in the capital budget. “We still need the governor to actually do it,” said Holmes. “I can say, though, when we can get private money secured like with the BAA collaboration, that helps me to advocate for public money at the State House.”

Steven Tompkins, Reggie board chair and the sheriff of Suffolk County sheriff, said there are several events planned for the 30th anniversary celebration, including a 5K run in Franklin Park, a golf tournament in Franklin Park, a Night at the Reggie Gala, and a health and healing forum.

“These are the things people will talk about 30 years from now,” Tompkins said.

For his part, Turner said, he already has plans for the BAA programming money that would benefit BPS students and the surrounding communities with a youth fitness program.

“That’s one of the things we’re continuing to develop and launch at the end of track season,” he said. “We’re looking to finalize development of that by April. That’s going to be opened to the community, to BPS, and anybody that can get here to take part in it.”

Access to the Reggie for BPS students is unlikely to improve this track season

By **SETH DANIEL**
NEWS EDITOR

The excitement around kicking off the 30th anniversary of the Reggie Lewis Track and Athletic Center likely won’t ensure better access for Boston Public School (BPS) students – an ongoing point of contention as city students continue to get squeezed by the growing number of suburban schools competing for access to one of the best indoor facilities in the country.

Last month, as officials at the Reggie announced the kick-off for the 30th anniversary of the facility and noted new partnerships to help make improvements, the news regarding BPS access wasn’t an improvement on what has been the case.

“We’re a state-run facility that is supported through state funds,” he said during the anniversary announcement on Oct. 24. “Once track season starts [Dec. 2 this year], our job is to put on track meets for high school. We are trying to accommodate everybody.

What our job is is to put on track meets for all high schools... The very first track meet starts Dec. 10 – that squeezes the whole practice time for everybody. So, we have to provide the space and time to get the track meets in and make sure they get home at a proper hour.”

Last fall, The Reporter highlighted that practice times, typically 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. daily, and meet times, typically 3 p.m. to 6 p.m., have been squeezed down, with schools like Dorchester’s Tech Boston Academy (TBA) completely blocked out from practices. As more suburban schools seek to use the Reggie due to increased indoor track participation statewide, and with few facilities in the suburbs to lean on, long-time BPS schedules have become compressed, and Reggie Executive Director Michael Turner said it likely won’t.

Turner said the issue lies with BPS’s differing release bell schedules. So, while schools close to the Reggie, like the abut-

ting John D. O’Bryant High School, get out at 1:45 p.m. and can utilize the facility, schools like TBA get out at 2:30 p.m. and they cannot make it there in time for useful practices.

“BPS has four different release times, and because of the change of their release times, that is what affects the practice schedule,” he said. “From the Reggie’s inception, practice has always been from 2-5 p.m. That has never changed. What has changed is the BPS release times. We have to house all state high school track and field, which is more than 100 meets at this point in time, that makes it very, very tight for us to push around the schedule. We’re doing our job by providing the space for all Massachusetts state high school track and field.”

BPS Athletic Director Avery Esdaile said when he took over his position 10 years ago, there were already certain things in place at the Reggie that compressed practice time for BPS. He said

Turner and staff have a tough job to make sure everyone statewide can use the Reggie, and maybe expecting practice time from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. every day is too much.

“From our seat, we have to continue to work and make sure when there’s time and space, we can be in there to practice and make sure we take full advantage of that opportunity but knowing that whether [that’s being prevented by] other schools or our dismissal times, you can still have a successful track program and a quality experience without being [at the Reggie] for practice every day,” he said. “We have to continue to work at it from that angle. Obviously, the staff wants to be as accessible as possible, but it’s still got to be used at a high rate.”

Metro West public schools and schools from the Catholic Central League are frequent users, with some meets last season starting at 3 or 3:30 p.m. In April 1993, according to a Land Disposition Agreement

(LDA) secured by The Reporter, the city sold the land for the Reggie to the state for \$800,000. In the Boston Redevelopment Authority (BRA) memorandum within the LDA, access to city schools is promised, noting, “The Facility will be available for community use as well as available to the students of the adjacent Hubert Humphrey Occupational Resource Center and Madison Park High School.”

TBA conducts its indoor practices in the hallways and stairways of its 100-year-old school. Madison Park no longer has an indoor track team, and the Hubert Humphrey is defunct.

City Councillor at-Large Erin Murphy, who filed a hearing on access to the Reggie last spring, said she remains frustrated with the situation – particularly because BPS hasn’t answered her questions.

“This is disappointing all over again,” she said. “In fairness to the Reggie and anyone who has to deal with BPS, they’re their own worst enemy

and not a good partner. Who loses out on this always? It’s the students and the athletics.”

State Rep. Russell Holmes, a recognized advocate for the Reggie, added that the suburban coaches and parents are a powerful lobby, and the center is a statewide facility.

“That is a concern I have heard from my constituents,” he said. “I do believe the priority should be BPS students... I have heard the complaint that many feel the facility seems to be more heavily used by folks not from Boston and we don’t have enough access for our own kids.”

A solution often discussed as a concept is putting a temporary, three-season “bubble” over the English High School track in Jamaica Plain that could be used by city track programs. The bubble would be removed in warmer months. “That’s certainly an ongoing conversation; that’s the best way to put it,” said Esdaile.

Reporter's People News about people in and around our Neighborhoods

Memorial tourney, 'gift-back' recall fallen hoopster Terrence Clarke

By SETH DANIEL NEWS EDITOR

Hundreds of turkeys made their way into the hands of community members, and hundreds of points were scored on the basketball court by high school athletes during the 2nd annual Terrence Clarke memorial event last Saturday (Nov. 23) at Roxbury's Vine Street Community Center.

The event is named for the hoop star from Dorchester who died in 2021 at age 19 after a car accident in Los Angeles, where he was training for the NBA draft. He was expected to be a marquee pick after having had a standout season at the

University of Kentucky. "This year's TC5 Community Gift Back event was a powerful celebration of unity and love," said organizer Russell Martin. "We gave away nearly 600 turkeys, bringing families and the community together in Terrence Clarke's honor. With incredible support from all corners, we turned a moment into a movement, spreading the peace and compassion the world needs."

Clarke's father, Adrian Briggs, was in attendance again. "This event is near and dear to my heart because this is absolutely what Terrence would have wanted," Briggs said.



Event organizer Russell Martin with Councillors Brian Worrell and Julia Mejia and state Rep. Chris Worrell. *Seth Daniel photos*

NBA Raptor Brown returns to Dot YMCA



NBA star Bruce Brown, left, with one of the happy recipients of a turkey at the Dorchester YMCA on Nov. 17.

Dorchester's own Bruce Brown, who now plays for the Toronto Raptors, returned home on Nov. 17 for a turkey give-a-way at the Dorchester YMCA.

Brown, who won an NBA championship with the Denver Nuggets in 2023, was in town for his team's game against the Celtics on Nov. 16. He made time to give back to the community he grew up in, joining with YMCA Director Anthony Attride. With DJ Carlito's Wave providing the soundtrack, families were treated to free turkeys, snacks, and more.

Dot's Aliya Lambright to perform in Boston Ballet's 'The Nutcracker'

The role of Lamb. in Boston Ballet's production of Mikko Nissinen's "The Nutcracker" will be played by Aliya Lambright of Dorchester, who started as a student at Boston Ballet School this year. This role will mark her first year performing in "The Nutcracker."



Aliya Lambright

All children performers in the production are students at Boston Ballet School. They auditioned and started rehearsing for the production in October.

The nine-year-old Lambright is a 4th grader at the Murphy Elementary School in Dorchester, and enjoys gymnastics, cooking, reading graphic novels, playing soccer, and unicorns.

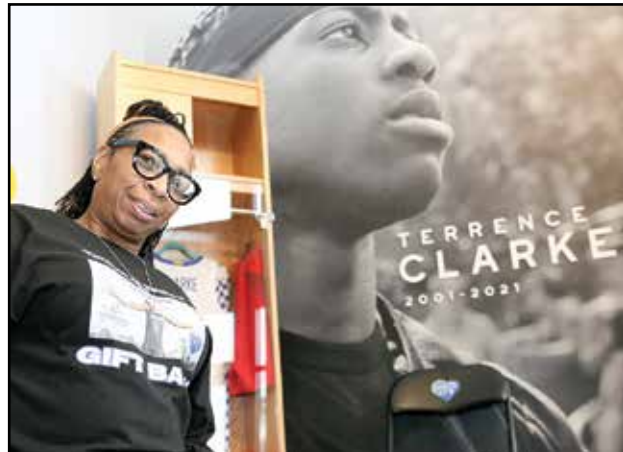
The show opens Nov. 29 at the Citizens Opera House with performances through Dec. 29. PNC Bank is the presenting sponsor.

"Every time I went up and watched the games, I could see him there playing ball. It's hard for me, but it is also a joy and I hope we can continue it for as long as possible."

Clark's college coach, John Calipari, chimed in by video, saying: "What you all are doing in Terrence's name is incredible. To keep his name alive and do it through charity and helping others and families and creating hope - all the things Terrence was about - I encourage you to be involved and let's keep Terrence's name alive."

Mayor Wu, who attended the event, said: "It's a hard time for everyone to be able to make ends meet and put food on the table; it's so encouraging to see everyone here and coming together in Terrence's name to make sure every family can have a special holiday," she said. "That means so much."

On the basketball court named for Clarke, a raucous and competitive pre-season high



Dorchester volunteer Lisa Searcy stands in front of the Vine Street memorial to Terrence Clarke.



Charlestown High's Jerry Brown goes up for an easy two during a tournament game against Brookline High.



Dorchester residents Carla Hands and Miles Graham, volunteers from the Shirley Public Schools METCO program, handed out more than 600 turkeys.

school basketball tournament played out between Brookline High School, Fenway High School, Charlestown High School, and the Jeremiah Burke High School. Coordinated by Nugget (who commonly doesn't use his full name in print), a Dorchester hoops coach and organizer, the tournament was very competitive and a nice peek into what to expect in the upcoming winter season. Brookline prevailed over the Burke in the championship.

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The Herne Sisters

Chrystal and Julie Herne were the daughters of James A. Herne, a playwright, and his wife Katherine Corcoran, an actress. Both girls grew up in Dorchester as the 19th century drew to a close; they lived on Beale Street.

Chrystal (1883-1950) began her stage career at age 16 in Washington D.C. She went on to appear in nearly 40 Broadway plays. Julie and Chrystal once acted together in Sag Harbor taking roles in one of their father's plays.

Julie (1881-1955) was always interested in writing and became a playwright and screen writer. She worked for Paramount developing film scenes until about



Chrystal Herne, a favorite on Broadway stages.

1925 when she turned to writing for the stage.

Chrystal and Julie Herne have a stop on the Dorchester trail of the Boston Women's Heritage Trails. See bwht.org/explore/childhood-home-of-julie-and-chrystal-herne/.

The archive of these historical posts can be viewed on the blog at

Today's illustration is a composite of photographs of the actress Chrystal Herne owned by the New York Public Library. The second photo of her is courtesy of the Boston Women's Heritage Trails.

society.org. The Society's William Clapp House and James Blake House are open to the public on the third Sunday of the month from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Editorial

The Urban Gardener

Rep. Hunt delivers big in the bond bill

Last week, Gov. Maura Healey signed House Bill No. 5100 into law. Known formally as an “Act relative to strengthening Massachusetts’ economic leadership,” the legislation authorizes the Commonwealth to raise funds through the issuance of bonds and maps out the priorities for spending the funds raised.

Much of the bill’s language deals with statewide funding plans, like setting aside almost \$1 billion to fund projects identified as “life science companies, hospitals, and research institutions.” But it is also customary for lawmakers to add amendments to fund projects in their home districts. In that context—and with the caveat that securing a line item does not guarantee that those funds will ultimately be spent—Dorchester did *very* well in this latest economic bond bill.

The “big ticket” item was an amendment written and secured by Rep. Daniel Hunt authorizing “that not less than \$20 million shall be expended for a grant to the Martin Richard Foundation and the Boys and Girls Clubs of Dorchester, Inc. to support the construction and renovation of the fieldhouse in the Harbor Point neighborhood in the Dorchester section of the city of Boston, a facility utilized for advancing the social, intellectual or physical needs of children and youth.”

That’s \$20 million that can be used to help build or renovate the Fieldhouse+, the state-of-the-art facility that will be operated by the BGCD. The total construction cost is about \$75 million, according to the latest estimate.

Two weeks ago, the BGCD’s Bob Scannell and Bill Richard, co-founder of the foundation named for his late son, announced that a groundbreaking will take place in the spring. In brief remarks at Saturday’s Grand Drawing fundraising event for the BGCD at the Fairmount Copley Hotel, Scannell gave Rep. Hunt—who was in attendance—a big shout-out. It was well deserved. Hunt has always been an enthusiastic champion for non-profits and community projects throughout his career on Beacon Hill. But securing \$20 million for a single project is a major achievement and a testament to how well Hunt is regarded by his peers in leadership. It also reflects very well on the Fieldhouse+ project. There’s clearly recognition from the governor’s office on down that this is a very special project. It’s a major boost and one that is richly deserved.

This Thanksgiving, please be sure to offer a special word of thanks to Rep. Hunt for his advocacy and behind-the-scenes skills to secure this financial support.

-Bill Forry

Other bond bill highlights

The following are other amendments of local note in the bill:

\$5 million to Harvard Street Neighborhood Health Inc. for its new facility; \$2.5 million to the city of Boston “for the design and construction of the BCYF Dorchester Community Center”; \$300,000 for the Irish Pastoral Centre “for resources and staffing to provide educational and workforce training to low-income and marginalized residents”; \$250,000 for Gallivan Boulevard median for greening through tree cover”; \$500,000 to VietAID “for improvements of facilities and for support of its community programming”; \$500,000 to the Helen Y. Davis Leadership Academy Charter Public School in Dorchester “for infrastructure and facility improvements”; \$500,000 for “Boston Little Saigon, Inc. to establish and maintain ‘1975: A Vietnamese Diaspora Memorial’ in Fields Corner”; \$1 million to “Fields Corner Main Streets to develop and maintain a transit-oriented, vibrant and diverse business district”; \$1 million for the Cape Verdean Association of Boston Inc. for “the acquisition of their building”; \$1 million shall to the Leahy-Holloran Community Center for fixes and maintenance of “the pool, locker room and restroom facilities.”

The Urban Gardener’s Thanksgiving Day Schedule

BY MARY CASEY FORRY

6:15 a.m. - Rise and attempt to shine. Find way to kitchen without falling over sleeping animals on the dark, narrow back stairs. Remove cold, dead fowl from refrigerator and give it a sponge bath, remembering to remove innards in little plastic bags which butcher hides in any number of cavities throughout carcass. Preheat oven.



Mary Casey Forry

6:30 a.m. - Remove celery and onions from refrigerator; cut them into small pieces and saute them in pan while attempting to keep stomach under control. Add bread and spices and prepare to insert them into fowl. Do not, under any circumstances, attempt to cut corners by stuffing the fowl the night before, or everyone at table will die of food poisoning before sundown.

6:35 a.m. - Rummage through dark house looking for needle and thread with which to sew fowl back together again. Contort the fowl to fit into roasting pan by bending its little wings behind its back. If this does not work, cut them off (he’s finished using them).

6:45 a.m. - Massage fowl liberally with butter or some other lubricant (other than motor oil) to keep it moist while cooking. This procedure never works, but it makes us feel like Julia Child.

6:50 a.m. - Put fowl in oven and check cooking chart for time. Figure anywhere between 5 and 36 hours until fowl is done. If anyone asks later what time dinner is, be optimistic and say, “Sometime today.”

7:00 a.m. - Remove bakery pies from trunk of car and line them up where everyone can see them. Throw boxes away and when family asks if you made them, look offended, lie and say, “Of course.”

7:05 a.m. - Sit down and have morning beverage of your choice.

7:10 a.m. - Remove appropriate vegetables from refrigerator and peel or otherwise ready them for cooking. It is best to do this early because some juggling for burner space on stove is in order since there are only 4 burners and 17 side dishes. Neighbors are of no help at this time, since they are in same boat.

8:00 a.m. - First family member appears in kitchen demanding bacon and eggs for breakfast. Give them a dollar and point them in the general direction of the nearest McDonald’s.

8:15 a.m. - Husband suggests that you accompany him to a football stadium where you can sit in 20 degree weather watching high school students maul and maim one another. Tell him you are much too

busy, but to go and have a wonderful time and don’t forget to take the children with him. Use next several hours attempting to make up lost sleep.

10:30 a.m. - Catch glimpse of Thanksgiving Day parade on television. Notice how spectators are smiling and waving at the camera. That’s because they’re having dinner at someone else’s house and don’t have to cook.

11:00 a.m. - Set dinner table with best linen, china, crystal and silverware and candles. Stop and admire it, because now is the best it’s going to look all day.

12:45 p.m. - Husband and children arrive home and want to know when dinner will be ready. Smile and try to contain yourself.

1:00 p.m. - Set cooked fowl on platter. Assemble various vegetables, sauces, gravies, condiments, etc.

1:30 p.m. - Announce that dinner is ready. Husband will want to know if you can hold everything for 10 more minutes until halftime in the Stuffing Bowl. Tell him if he’s not at the table in 20 seconds, he’ll be the first casualty of the holiday weekend.

1:32 p.m. - Family assembles at table. Say Grace. At this point some family member, usually the youngest, announces how bad they feel for the turkey, spoiling everyone’s appetite.

1:50 p.m. - Dinner and halftime over. Remove dishes and food from table. Wash dishes, pots, pans, silver and crystal. Attempt to remove gravy and candle wax stains from linen.

2:30 p.m. - Set out desserts and beverages.

2:40 p.m. - Remove dessert plates and silverware, cups and saucers, and wash same.

3:30 p.m. - Finish removing debris from kitchen and dining areas. At this point, husband usually saunters into kitchen and asks what he can do to help. This way you know that the Stuffing Bowl is over and the Squash Bowl has not yet begun. Tell him thanks a lot, but his concern and good wishes are more than enough.

6:00 p.m. - Finish last chore and sit down with youngest child to watch “Santa and the Million Dollar Parents” on television.

6:30 p.m. - Husband and children want to know what’s for supper. Tell them the kitchen is closed for repairs.

7:00 p.m. - Tell children for the last time that under no circumstances are there any Christmas decorations going up in this house tonight!

8:00 p.m. - Sit down to relax with newspaper. Realize from the ads that there are only 26 shopping days left until Christmas. Take a Prozac, wish one and all a Happy Thanksgiving, go to bed and cry self to sleep.

Mary Casey Forry co-founded *The Reporter* in 1983. She passed away in December 2004.



Robin Lubbock/WBUR photo

Turkey facts to pass around the table this Thanksgiving

BY HANNA ALI
WBUR

Had you asked me what I knew about turkeys last week, I would have only been able to share what little I’ve gleaned through observation: The birds are a central part of Thanksgiving dinner for many. They rule the streets of Boston. And, of course, they gobble.

That was *before* I spoke with Tia Pinney.

Pinney has worked for Mass Audubon for more than 25 years and has a wealth of knowledge about our local birds, including turkeys, which have a colorful history in Massachusetts, and according to Pinney, their [abundant] presence in the commonwealth today isn’t by accident.

Here are some tidbits about turkeys to pass around the table this Thanksgiving:

- Turkeys were nearly wiped out in Massachusetts.

Wild turkeys are native to our state. But when European colonists arrived, they began clearing out the woods the turkeys inhabited to build cities and towns. “With that, and the fact that turkeys were such a good food source, there were no native turkeys left in the commonwealth by 1851,” Pinney told me.

The state made nine unsuccessful attempts at reintroducing the birds to the region between 1911 and 1967. Then in the 1970s, 37 wild turkeys were placed by Mass Wildlife in the Berkshires. “Their population absolutely exploded,” said Pinney. “Now they’re everywhere. There’s like 30,000 in Massachusetts!”

- Turkeys can identify their relatives.

For male turkeys, maintaining that Number One status also means eliminating any other males in your flock who could end up being romantic competition. But there are some exceptions. “Tom turkeys will only

tolerate other toms — or jakes, which are young male turkeys — in their flock if they are genetically related,” said Pinney. “They will tolerate their brothers, cousins, uncles and grandfathers, but no one else.” This fact still mystifies Pinney. “Our gene pool for our turkeys is pretty small,” she said. “How do they know that this individual is genetically related to them? How do they know that?”

- Turkeys vibe with urban and suburban living

“Turkeys are now becoming human-habituated in a way that Mass Wildlife would have never predicted,” said Pinney. “We’ve created a habitat that’s perfect for turkeys. There are insects, acorns, and plenty of things to eat here. There are some areas with [tree] cover and brush. And in the eastern part of the state, there is no room to hunt them.”

- To avoid turkey attacks, be the “bigger turkey.”

With so many turkeys in the Boston area, you can expect to run into one (or a flock!) at some point. But if they seem aggressive, don’t fret — Pinney has a few tips on how to de-escalate the situation.

The turkey attacking you is usually a tom. “He needs to establish that he’s the Number One turkey,” said Pinney. “So he’s not attacking you in particular; he’s just attacking a bigger turkey. Turkeys are not antagonistic towards humans. They just want to establish their place.” Why does that matter? Well, it means you should “never, ever” let the turkey intimidate you, Pinney said.

“You need to be in charge. Never turn around and run away. Be big, be loud, and maintain that status. Carry a broom and wave it around if you have to. Be the bigger turkey.”

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Looking Up Longfellow Street

Can we talk, please?

BY EDWARD M. COOK
SPECIAL TO THE REPORTER

Joan Rivers enshrined the phrase, “Can we talk?” in her comedic persona. I hope she will forgive me from her mansion in heaven for using her line to capture my conviction that the best reaction to the results of the November election is to fight against isolation and loneliness and just talk to each other as the essential, simple, and direct beginning of recovery.

When I woke up ten days after the election, the last thing that I felt in the mood to do was to co-chair the monthly meeting of the Ward 15 Democratic Party Committee. I was emotionally on the mat and asked my co-chair, Karen Charles, to take the lead in our discussion, which she did with admirable energy. At the end of the hour and a half meeting I was astonished to find myself in a very different place.

I offer this meeting as a hopeful sign to fellow Democrats and progressive Independents: Get together. And a warning to Republicans: Keep us apart. At this meeting a subtle but crucial thing happened: By the simple act of coming together, we broke out of the isolation that each of us found ourselves in after Nov. 5. We spent more than an hour just exchanging experiences, feelings, observations, and lessons from the earthquake in our lives caused by the presidential election results.

Rays of hope filtered through the rubble of the overall defeat: Tammy Baldwin (D-WI) was re-elected to the US Senate in Wisconsin in spite of Trump’s victory there. Ruben Gallego (D-AZ) was elected to the Senate in Arizona, the first Hispanic to do so, in spite of Trump’s victory there. Millions of Democrats did not vote, suggesting that Trump’s victory was slimmer than it appeared. (And we have since learned that his majority in the popular vote was 49.9 percent in the latest accounting, lower than initially reported.) We are hopeful that Jack Smith will release his report on the case he built against Trump. Likewise, it is hoped that the House Ethics Committee investigation of former AG nominee Matt Gaetz regarding the evidence of his alleged pedophilia and sex trafficking will become public. We did not come up with any wide-ranging solutions or conclusions, but the breaking of our individual isolation was invigorating and brought out some stars in our darkest night, to paraphrase Kamala Harris.

As I looked at the faces on the Zoom screen it occurred to me that we all had skin in the game for the next few years: immigrants, lesbians and gay men, African Americans, Puerto Ricans, senior citizens, young activists, et al. Interspersed were lessons for moving forward, like fundraising to pay for voter registration (in a ward that has the lowest turnout in the state), advocating for senior elected officials to step aside and let new people come off the bench (Elizabeth Warren will be 82 at the end of her latest term and Ed Markey is 78 and wants to run again in 2026), fighting for affordable housing and other kitchen table issues. There was a lot of sentiment to advocate for improvements to weaknesses within the party: most legislators run unopposed, the just re-elected MassDems chairman is a half-time employee, demanding that the Great and General Court and Senate not be run like Politburos.

The message to our fellow Democrats is: “Start to climb out of the hole by just finding a way to get together.” As the guy who woke up Saturday as the Big Grump and ended by getting my mojo back, I can tell you that Michelle Obama was right when she said, “Do something!” Otherwise, we will find ourselves like frogs in a pot, failing to notice that Trump is increasing the heat until we are boiled.

To avoid being boiled frogs, we can learn from some of the great thinkers, like Hannah Arendt, author of the seminal “The Origins of Totalitarianism.” In that book, Arendt points out that “Terror can rule absolutely only over men who are isolated against each other... Therefore, one of the primary concerns of all tyrannical government is to bring this isolation about. Isolation may be the beginning of terror; it certainly is its most fertile ground; it always is its result.”

Remember Joan Rivers, “Can we talk?” and fight the isolation.

Another poet and philosopher, the beloved Irish writer John O’Donohue, makes the case that our insistence on belonging, community, and human connection is one of the greatest acts of courage and resistance in the face of oppression, when he says, “the ancient and eternal values of human life — truth, unity, goodness, justice, beauty, and love — are all statements of true belonging.”

We are not alone. We were not the majority in this election, but we were close: there are tens of millions of us throughout the country. And with help from us, we can add to those numbers. Those “trees that voted for the ax,” (some Latinos, black men, Arab Americans, women, union members) will see that Trump has no answers, only complaints. We live in hope and work to prove that democracy has answers and solutions. Start simply by channeling Joan Rivers.

Families affected by homicide continue to press for bill on bereavement leave

BY ALISON KUZNITZ
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A network of Bay Staters who lost their loved ones to homicide urged lawmakers last Thursday (Nov. 21) to pass a bill requiring employers to provide bereavement leave and to prioritize funding for victim and survivor services.

Advocates and lawmakers gathered to recognize Survivors of Homicide Victims Awareness Month, which runs from Nov. 20 through Dec. 20. Timed to offer support around the holiday season, the month promotes education, advocacy, and “peace-building” efforts among survivors, according to the Dorchester-based nonprofit Louis D. Brown Peace Institute.

“This is a time to reflect upon the lives of our loved ones and to honor the peacemaking efforts of survivors,” Alexandra Dorrelus, co-executive director of the institute, said ahead of emotional remarks from mothers who lost their sons to violence. “We’re not just remembering — we’re impacting policy for sustainable change, and we’re centering healing as a basic human right.”

Massachusetts employers for now have discretion over whether to give their employees time off to grieve.

The patchwork of policies can create disparities between higher-paid workers with comprehensive benefits and those in working-class, blue-collar positions, said Pace McConkie Jr., policy and advocacy manager



Mothers who lost their sons to homicides embraced during a ceremony in the Great Hall last Thursday (Nov. 21). SHNS photo

at the institute. Workers without bereavement leave may lose their jobs as they struggle to cope with a family death, with that impact disproportionately felt among Black and Brown communities, he said.

Bill S 2562 entitling workers to up to 10 business days of bereavement leave, which employers can choose to make paid or unpaid, has been lodged in the Senate Ways and Means Committee since Jan. 22.

“It may not pass this year, but we’ll be filing it again next year and building on the progress that we’ve done,” McConkie said. “This is the first legislative session where a community organization like the Peace Institute is really championing it from a community perspective, and it’s the furthest the bill has ever gotten.”

The Labor and Workforce Development Committee gave the bill a favorable report in Jan-



Louis D. Brown

uary, but the legislation can’t emerge for votes in the House and Senate until it makes it through other committees.

Bereavement leave would cover workers who have lost a “family member,” which the bill defines as a child, parent, guardian, sibling, spouse or “person in a substantive dating or engagement relationship with an employee and who resides with that employee.”

Asked whether Senate Ways and Means intends to bring the legislation to the floor this session, a spokesman for Chair Mike Rodrigues said

committee staff is “actively reviewing the bill. The chair stands with all survivors of homicide victims and their families,” Sean Fitzgerald said.

Ahead of advocates visiting lawmakers’ offices, Liam Lowney, executive director of the Massachusetts Office for Victim Assistance, encouraged them to seek more state money for victim and survivor programs. The Legislature committed \$60 million over the last three years to fill gaps caused by federal cuts.

“We’re looking at so many other avenues to try to bring funding in because the picture is really, really grim right now for victim service programs across the state,” Lowney said. “If we don’t secure more funding, whether it’s from the Legislature or someplace else, there’s likely to be about a 40 percent drop-off in funding available in FY ‘27 (and) 10 percent drop-off in FY ‘26.”

Pancreatic cancer bill falters despite a long list of sponsors; refiling in ’25 is promised

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A day ahead of World Pancreatic Cancer Day, lawmakers vowed last Wednesday to refile bills next session to bolster prevention and screening efforts, and improve access to treatment.

Legislation aimed at reducing lives lost to pancreatic cancer, which Sen. Jo Comerford’s office said is estimated to be the second-leading cause of cancer-related deaths in Massachusetts this year, was sent to study in May by the Joint Committee on Health Care Financing. The proposals, which were sponsored by nearly 100 lawmakers, had earlier cleared the Joint Committee on Public Health.

“We’re going to need all of us to say this is a priority coming into the next legislative session to get done,” Comerford, a bill sponsor, said during a briefing with the American Cancer Society Action Network and Pancreatic Cancer Action Network. “It really is time we got it done.”

Gov. Healey has signed a law expanding access to follow-up breast cancer screenings and exams.

The American Cancer Society estimated there would be 1,470 new cases of pancreatic cancer this year in Massachusetts and 1,140 deaths. The five-year survival rate for pancreatic cancer is 13 percent, according to PanCAN.

“I have a colleague, I have friends, and I have constituents who have or are battling pancreatic cancer and feel the weight of the pressure that every moment our legislation isn’t passed is a moment that somebody’s potential survival rate hangs in the balance,”

bill sponsor Rep. Hannah Kane said.

Comerford said she’s not planning to make any major changes next session to the legislation, which tasks the Department of Public Health with administering a “comprehensive” pancreatic cancer initiative to offer coordinated prevention, screening, education, and support programs across Massachusetts.

It also establishes an advisory council, which would work with DPH to study the prevalence of pancreatic cancer, unmet needs of patients and their families, time-of-diagnosis statistics, and “likely risks for the disease.”

Comerford called DPH Commissioner Robbie Goldstein a “tremendous ally. His staff is tuned into this issue, as are the leadership of both of our chambers,” she noted. Referencing the next session, she added, “This is the session, friends, that together we will push this bill over the finish line in honor of so many people who have struggled with this disease.”

The bill directs the commissioner of insurance to analyze the status of coverage for genetic testing for pancreatic cancer, and the Center for Health Information and Analysis to update its mandated benefit review and cost analysis reports of pancreatic cancer screenings.

The legislation largely reflects recommendations from a commission on pancreatic cancer, which produced a report in October 2019.

“People are literally dying, and this bill will make a difference so fewer families will have to go through what mine and so many others have suffered through,” said Brock Cordeiro, who chaired the commission and lost his father to pancreatic cancer.

Thanksgiving rivalries just a memory at White Stadium

By **SETH DANIEL**
NEWS EDITOR

Thanksgiving Day in Massachusetts has long been the day for high school football rivalries. Before families carved their turkeys, or fortified their cranberries, they hit the local stadium to cheer for their team against a familiar annual foe.

In Boston, two matchups dominated the Turkey Day conversation for most of the last century and a third – Boston Latin vs. Boston English, beginning in 1887, with Game 137 set for Thursday at Harvard Stadium; East Boston vs. South Boston, beginning in 1903 and ending in 2022 with a 48-0 Eastie victory in Game 105 at White Stadium in Franklin Park.

But there will be no touchdowns at White Stadium this year. South Boston (now Excel) High School forfeited last year's game due to a lack of players and no longer fields a football team. East Boston will play Chelsea High in Chelsea as its holiday rival on Wednesday this week.

Excel High is not alone in the world of Boston Public Schools football.

"We need kids as well to play football," said Bobby Jenkins, a Mattapan-based football refer-



Eastie wins North Title in 2011 annual Thanksgiving Day clash with Southie
Patrick O'Connor photo

ee. "There's been a major change with football. We need more participation across the board, especially our high schools...I played for Madison Park and scored the first-ever touchdown in Madison Park history. But Madison Park hasn't had a football program in five years at least."

Madison Park Technical Vocational School used to face off against O'Bryant High School on Thanksgiving. Now, it's Boston Latin Academy (BLA), whose home field is White Stadium, against O'Bryant at West Roxbury High School Academy Field.

There was a time less than 20 years ago when Charlestown High won state championships, as did Brighton High – but now the two programs must form a collabora-

tive just to field a team. The same is true of The English High School, which collaborates with New Mission High in Hyde Park.

City high schools with teams now include BLA, BLS, O'Bryant, TechBoston Academy, English/New Mission, Brighton/Charlestown, and East Boston. Gone are the Burke High School, Madison Park, Excel/Southie, any Hyde Park team.

There is no public high school now in West Roxbury, where one of the best football teams in the state, Catholic Memorial, is located with several Boston players on its roster.

BPS Athletic Director Avery Esdaile said there has been an overall decline in football participation over the years at all levels, but the loss

feels more pronounced for high school.

"Everyone remembers when we had larger football teams and larger schools," he said. "Obviously, there were more teams across the city. You had a lot of the teams that weren't able to withstand changes in numbers... What I tell people is you can't fake football. It's a very unique sport."

He said the length of the season, the varying weather, frequent injuries, a move to soccer, and grade restrictions have been an obstacle. He added that BPS feels it's important to field a junior varsity as well as a varsity because kids need to be able to safely learn the game and participate.

"It's not fair for someone to devote themselves to a season and never be able to participate in a

game – a junior varsity game," he said. "It's important we do it right, safely, and consistently."

Jenkins said BPS programs are not only losing students for lack of losing them because there usually aren't cheer teams without football. "But the Charter Schools, they have football and cheer," he said. "Because of a lack of BPS programs, kids are opting to go to options other than BPS. They go to private schools, or Catholic schools, or METCO. If you can't meet the demand, it will go somewhere else. That's a big, major issue in the city."

Jenkins said he sees that as a referee, noting there are few city games to work. "I did six games last week in Braintree because there was not one football game in Boston. The demand is out in the suburbs now," he noted.

While some point to the fact that youth football has seen great success lately, with the Dorchester Eagles winning a Pop Warner National Championship last year, the Boston Raiders winning a cheer championship, and the Mattapan Patriots routinely sending teams to the national tournament, some doubt the assertion.

Both Jenkins and Es-

daile said you might see a lot of kids out there playing, but many quit before high school, and they contend there were more in the past.

"I don't think the youth scene is as vibrant as we might think it is," said Esdaile. "I think there's been some loss on that front as well."

Jenkins noted that there are only three Pop Warner programs left in Boston, and others have switched to the American Youth Football (AYF) league. He said many of the programs that existed even last year have folded this year. He sees flag football – which he also officiates – as a potential solution.

"The decrease in football is lining up with the emergence of flag football, but flag football in Boston is very rare still," he said. "There are only two significant flag football organizations in Boston."

Esdaile said they do need to break down "silos" between youth programs and BPS coaches, and he said they won't give up on city football. "The football conversation is always going to be ongoing," he said. "We will continue to work together as a group, and we need to meet people where they're at."

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Mattapan Patriots to field a football team, 2 cheer squads in national play in Florida

BY CASSIDY MCNEELEY
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In a trifecta of accomplishment, three teams from the Mattapan Patriots Youth Football & Cheer program have advanced to the American Youth Football (AYF) and Cheer Nationals next month. The question for program President Mike Brunache, who coaches the 14-under football team, is how will he get all 65 participants to Florida?

"Right now, we have a GoFundMe page," he said, "and we're trying to raise \$60,000. I'm not going to leave any child behind. I want to make sure every child gets down no matter what and that's why I'm fighting hard fundraising and making sure that they get that opportunity."

His team isn't the only one that qualified to head south. The 12U and 16U cheer teams won the right to go, too.

"This is the first time in Mattapan history that our cheer has advanced to AYC Nationals," Brunache told The Reporter. "Just last year we only had about ten cheerleaders and now the program has grown to over 60 cheerleaders with 30 girls advancing to nationals, so this is monumental for these girls as well."

The two teams will compete at the AYC National Championships in Kissimmee, FL, from

Tues., Dec. 3 to Sun., Dec. 8. As the cheerleaders begin to wrap up their time on the mat, the football players will take the field in Naples from Dec. 7 to Dec. 15.

"Going to nationals is so important to me because of the adversity and the disappointment these kids went through this season," Brunache said. "The season has been extremely different and not normal because we're promised a seven to eight-game schedule for the regular season and we weren't given that."

Instead, several teams canceled their games against the Patriots, oftentimes, without reason.

Said Brunache: "As the president and head coach, to keep going back to my kids and saying these programs don't want to play you, it was very disappointing and kind of sad and hard for these kids to understand. At the end of the day these are kids, yeah, they're 14, but they just want to play football like everyone else."

Added defensive coach Charles James Rosco: "I didn't like the fact that people didn't give us explanations. There were games that were forfeited when we were supposed to be home and we would tell teams, 'Hey, we'll come to you' and they would say 'Oh no you don't have to come.'"

The players, too, were frustrated by the forfeits.

"It's disappointing because we do put in a lot of effort every season. When teams don't want to play us, it's not a waste of time but it's like what's the point?" said Jayce, who has played for the Patriots since he was six years old.

In Florida, things will be different. Jayce, now 14, and his teammates will finally have the chance to prove that their hard work pays off. Last year the team made it to nationals but fell short; this year they want to win it all.

"I hope the teams we do play, we put our best foot forward and win each game and then bring home some rings," Jayce told The Reporter.

Brunache described Jayce as a quiet but dedicated player. While his voice may not be the loudest, he stirs up noise on the turf, where he often plays receiver, corner, linebacker, and some safety.

Though Jayce leads by example, teammate Tracey, the only girl on the team, captains the squad and leads with both her words and actions.

"Tracey is our fearless leader," said Brunache. "She is the most caring individual on the team. Everybody treats her like one of the bros and I'm super proud of her."

He added, "She's such an inspiration, not only for the boys but also for

all the girls that play football."

Tracey started football seven years ago and has not just kept up with the boys but has dominated. Sometimes opponents don't even notice they're lining up against a girl.

"My helmet usually hides it, sometimes they don't even realize," said Tracey. "It's funny because if I'm beating someone really badly, my friends will yell 'You're being beaten by a girl.'" While that could sound like an insult, Tracey sees herself as just another player. "It's okay that I'm better than you," joked the 14-year-old.

Some of Tracey's confidence can be credited to her coach. The high school freshman said that she could tell Coach Mick about anything, even boys.

"I'm just preparing him for when he has a daughter," said Tracey with a laugh.

She added that Brunache "can be a little crazy but that's always a good thing because I know he is very much into this team. He cares about us a lot and he always says he would go through a brick wall for us and I know that's true."

Brunache doesn't just want to see his players excel on the field but in all aspects of life. "It's bigger than wins and losses, it's really about trying to raise future



Coach Mick Brunache (right) has coached 14-year-old Jayce (left) for years. Since this is Jayce's last year of youth football, the pair's final games together will be at nationals this December.

Cassidy McNeeley photo

young men and women," he said. "It's also just kind of giving a lot of these kids that family and camaraderie that some of them lack at home. It's more than football."

For some of his players, including both Jayce and Tracey, this season will be the end of their youth football careers. While Jayce will continue to play football in high school, Tracey may be saying a final goodbye to the game. Next year she plans on focusing on her track and field career, another sport she has proven to be a star in.

"I do shotput. I hold the state record for middle school girls. I broke it when I was in 7th grade and broke it again in 8th grade and it's still not my PR," she said. "My goal is to try and be in the Olympics by the time I graduate when I'm 18."

In the meantime, Brunache and Rosco hope they can help Tracey

and her teammates bring another dream to life: winning the nationals.

"Most of these kids, this will be their last season playing youth football, so I really want to make it special to them because they didn't have a fair season," Brunache told The Reporter. "I want them to have the fairy tale ending."

Rosco added, "It would be sweet to come back home with a national title but what's better than that is knowing where helping our kids get into schools, our kids are on a stronger path, our kids are staying out of trouble. I think we're making a difference here in Mattapan so I'm proud to say that even if we don't get a national title ... but we will."

To help get the Patriots to nationals donate at gofundme.com/f/send-the-mattapan-patriots-to-nationals.

Mattapan's Bobby Jenkins makes the calls, teaches the game

(Continued from page 1) at Nobles & Greenough School, Jenkins's unique style was on display, animated in his calls, but also stopping to explain to the kids and coaches what went wrong and how to fix it. Hence, his role as a teacher of the game, as well as an arbiter of the rules.

"I've heard from coaches that they want me to call a game because they know they'll get a fair game," said Jenkins. "Whether I know you or don't know you, I'm calling a game fairly. I'm going to make sure kids don't get hurt on my watch. I've seen refs be very petty if they don't like a coach or another team. If a call is close, they'll throw a flag because they don't like them. You aren't going to get that from me."

Tom Kerrigan has officiated for many years with Jenkins and said he can always be counted on. "He is requested by many communities," said Kerrigan, who does most of the assigning of officials in the region. "He does a great job and loves working with the kids. He has the ability to keep calm even in chaotic situations. He always has a smile on his face. He is



Mattapan's Bobby Jenkins is well-known in the community for his activism, but in sports circles he's known as one of the more reliable football officials in the area. A certified referee, Jenkins travels all over the region to officiate games from the youngest youth players to the high school contests. He said officials are more than just rule enforcers, but also mentors and teachers of the game.

Seth Daniel photos

a great ambassador for the game of football and sports in general. He is one of my 'go-to officials' and has always been available when needed."

Bob Denise, a long-time official with the Association of Interscholastic Football Officials (AIFO), said Jenkins is not only an official, but also an advocate for the community who works quietly to get kids opportunities.

"When he came to us,

he was very, very good in terms of wanting to learn more," he said. "What Bobby has done in the inner city is bring other men to us that want to be officials, and we welcome them. Bobby isn't just a football official, he's deeply involved in the political scene to make sure the kids get what they need and it's a place to be and a place to learn teamwork."

Jack Arouca, an offi-

cial and secretary of the Eastern Massachusetts Association of Interscholastic Football Officials (EMAIFO), said there is a lot of training that goes into getting an official prepare for live action. Meanwhile, they are looking for new, younger officials and already count some members from Dorchester.

"Our next training will be in May via Zoom," he said. "Then we do in-person classes in the summer and by September they are ready to get on the field. It's a big commitment for people because the rules of football are forever changing and complicated."

Jenkins said he is grateful for the weekly classes conducted by Denise's referee organization in Braintree, and said many people don't realize how much work off the field officials put in. He said changes in safety for illegal hits and concussions are things now that he and his colleagues have to be prepared for during games.

"People might think we're out there and don't know what we're doing," he said. "You have 22 people out there going at each other, so we have to know. There are so many

new rules for safety. What people think is a good hit is a flag now... What used to be allowed is a penalty now. We look at film in our classes to know what to look for. It may look like a clean hit, but it isn't."

Behaviors have also changed, he said, and it is the job of the officials to keep the game orderly and keep kids at all levels from losing their cool. He said he believes one of his strengths is being able to reason with kids.

"There are times you have to just talk to the young men," he said. "At the end of the game, you can have a conversation with him. Cooler heads can often prevail in those moments."

But, as many officials in all sports have said, it is the behavior of parents and spectators that often gets way out of hand. That is as true for high school sports as it is for little kids in youth leagues. He said officials can overlook heckling, but at times it can get in the way of the game or hinder an official's focus. Jenkins said those situations can usually be worked out by getting help from coaches or league officials. However, there are times when parents or others lose

control and find their way onto the field.

"There is a very well-known solution for that, and it has three digits - 9-1-1," said Jenkins. "It should never get to that, and we try to keep from that, but we will stop the game and tell players to go to each side and call out the head coaches or league presidents and tell them to handle the problems."

He said he has only had to call 9-1-1 one time when officiating, and that was a youth league game six years ago at Madison Park that quickly got out of control.

But mostly, Jenkins said, it's an enjoyable occupation and a great way to help kids to love and understand the game he grew up loving.

"I do love it. It's a good time to be out there with kids," he said. "I do enjoy the younger kids the most, though."

Anyone who might be interested in becoming a referee can contact Arouca, whose group meets in Whitman, at secretary@emaifo.net. Or write to Denise, whose group meets in Braintree, at Bob Denise; 9 Gibbs Rd.; Middleborough, MA 02346.

Geiger Gibson Health Center back to hosting on-site medical visits

(Continued from page 1) saw about six patients a day but expects these numbers to increase quickly. "I hope that if you come through here a year from now, and you ask the residents where they are getting their care, they're going to say, 'that building over there and we're really happy with the care they provided.'"

During the first week of services, Mullin said, she

While the center was closed for services, patients were directed to seek care at the Daniel Driscoll Neponset Health Center, but with heavy traffic and unreliable public transportation from point to point, the transition was a challenge for many. Geiger Gibson practice manager Jamila Pucker-

in, who is from Dorches-

ter, understands firsthand the importance of an accessible center.



Geiger Gibson Community Health Center is open for medical, dental, and behavioral health appointments. Here Harley Davidson, senior VP of community health centers stands behind his excited team. From left to right: Ngoc Tran, registered nurse; Jamila Puckerin, practice manager; Ami Bowen, VP of marketing and community engagement; and Dr. Caroline Mullin, primary care provider and medical director. Cassidy McNeeley photos

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ter, understands firsthand the importance of an accessible center.

"This area, it's one way in, one way out. We have a huge development here with low-income families and market-rent families. This area lacks health care, and dental," said Puckerin. "All the families here were taking a cab or using public transportation. Being able to come here and walk here is phenomenal for them."

Puckerin said the center's physical location isn't the only thing that makes its services accessible: "We do not turn anyone away for lack of health insurance. We have sliding scale fees depending on your income." The center also helps patients sign up for insurance.

Resuming medical services at Geiger Gibson became even more important after the closing of Carney Hospital earlier this year.

"By taking away some access to primary care, you're already increasing the demand for primary care. I'm hopeful this will be a comfortable place for people to land who feel like they have lost their primary care home prior," said Dr. Mullin.

While the health center hopes to relieve some of the blow of Carney's abrupt closure, it is not a complete solution.

"When you work at a community health center, you don't have all your auxiliary services," said Mullin. "We don't have radiology on-site, for example, and Carney was a place we leaned on for support services. It means that our patients have to look and go further for those services, which will make things



One of the newly refurbished exam rooms where residents can receive treatment the same day they booked an appointment.

more challenging."

Fortunately, many patients will find the help they need right at the center.

"We're a smaller clinic so they're going to get that individualized treatment," Puckerin said. "They're going to get extra care and help with their referrals and making their appointments. They're going to get all the assistance that they need here."

While services are off to a good start, the senior VP of Harbor Health's Community Health Centers, Harley Davidson, hopes to see the center flourish.

"I want us to continue growing and being able to expand our hours to where we are there when the community needs us," he said. "Also stepping outside of these four walls and meeting the needs of the community in other ways."

The health center is open on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Tuesdays and Thursdays from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Call 617-288-1140 to make an appointment.

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Morrissey re-build cost put at \$350m at high end

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public meeting, which is expected in mid-January. MassDOT's David Mohler, who now serves as chair of the Commission, said deadlines would probably be stretched an additional 60 days, but seemed hesitant about extending the group's purview further.

"The final meeting is going to be beyond mid-January and we're just going to have to deal with that," he said. "This has been an interesting and good process, but we don't want to lose momentum at the end."

Thursday's meeting largely focused on design elements of the roadway itself, including new traffic signal schemes, turning lanes, and options to reconfigure the lane system that flows into Kosciuszko Circle.

Much of the curb-to-curb roadway designs, which had been vetted and discussed at previous commission meetings, have been largely embraced by neighbors and commissioners.

"The road is great," said Commissioner Jake Wachman, a Savin Hill resident appointed to the commission by state Sen. Nick Collins. "Everything else is the problem, particularly an 11-foot wall between Dorchester and the sea. My suggestion is we keep going until we get a better result. MassDOT has a significant responsibility to get this right and it isn't right."

The sea wall that Wachman referenced was a frequent point of contention during last Thursday's meeting, in part because officials have not focused much on the exact placement and design of the wall, which neighbors worry might dramatically change the look of the boulevard and the waterfront.

Councillor John FitzGerald and former Councillor Frank Baker, who serves as a commissioner representing state Rep.

Preliminary Cost Estimate

- Base (2024\$) construction cost range: \$182M (low end) to \$234M (high end)
- Year-of-Expenditure construction cost range (2036\$): \$273M (low end) to \$352M (high end)
- Contingency ranges from 20-50% depending on category
- Variance (low end vs. high end) primarily determined by central section options

Central Section Options

Flood Gate Options

- No Tide Gate
- Tide Gate
- Hybrid

Harborside Options

- Steep slope / riprap wall
- Gradual slope / living shoreline

Construction Cost Range (Year of Expenditure)	Neponset Circle to Freeport Street	Central Section	Bianculli Boulevard to Columbia Road	Total Cost
Low End of Range (2036)	\$115,000,000	\$65,000,000	\$93,000,000	\$273,000,000
High End of Range (2036)	\$115,000,000	\$141,000,000	\$96,000,000	\$352,000,000

Notes/Assumptions

- Assumes maximum 5-year project development process until construction start
- Assumes 3% yearly escalation year over year
- Assumes 5-year construction duration
- Labor is based on local Davis Bacon wage rates
- No water line or water services construction accounted for
- Does not include K Circle or Reades Bridge projects (with the exception of climate resiliency improvements)

David Biele, both want more detail about the wall idea.

Savin Hill Andy Donovan spoke for many at the meeting when he said: "I'd like that wall to be as minimal as possible, so you don't wall us off from the ocean and prevent us from getting to the ocean. We live here because we want to be near the ocean. We don't want to live behind an 11-foot wall."

Other concerns raised by members of the public include worries that public utilities—like electricity and sewer lines—are not sufficiently plugged into the planning process.

Don Walsh, a longtime Savin Hill resident, said he would like to know how the estimated 10,000 new housing units being built-out in the Morrissey and Dorchester Avenue corridor adjacent to Savin Hill will impact existing homes. He thinks more time should be spent on those details before the commission ends its work.

"I was encouraged by what was on paper for this commission, but not by what actually happened," Walsh said. "I say we forget about deadlines. Let's not worry about December, or January. Let's worry about doing it correctly."

Barney Carney echoed Walsh's comments.

"The road, the obvious thing was dealt with," Carney said. "If one were to choose to think way outside the box, you would go further than transportation in thinking about what comprehensive planning means."

These sentiments came after MassDOT officials worked their way through an 88-slide presentation about the roadway over two hours.

Kairos Shen, the city of Boston's new planning chief who attended the meeting — his first as a commissioner— said he also favored more comprehensive planning.

Mostly, the meeting focused on the road, with the state showing the first renderings of possible changes to Kosciuszko Circle, which is a separate planning process likely to start next spring. Some of the initial concepts

there included diverging diamond entries to the Southeast Expressway with a modern roundabout or signalized intersection at the circle.

Neponset Circle was one of the few places where alternative designs didn't seem to make congestion any better. Studies used to inform the commission's work show back-ups from I-93 and the Neponset River Bridge will nearly double the traffic and pedestrian delays at the Circle, though westbound traffic will find new relief.

At Freeport Street, a new design eliminating left turns and implementing a new signalized intersection at Victory Road has been chosen and is expected to increase east-west connections between the waterfront and the neighborhood. The entryway to Bianculli Boulevard (by UMass Boston) would be re-designed to reduce lanes and add an acceleration/deceleration lane at Old Colony Terrace, a change

that planners say would drastically reduce delays for motorists. Just north of the Southline building (former Boston Globe headquarters), a new signalized intersection called First Street would be added to connect new development and the existing neighborhood to the waterfront. Finally, Preble Circle would become a signalized intersection instead of a rotary as it is today.

FitzGerald argued against adding bike lanes on the road in both directions as the new Neponset Greenway runs adjacent to the project. Instead, he has called for a dedicated bike lane to be sited along the new ocean wall, or berm, and connected to the new Greenway terminus near Beades Bridge.

"I don't want to be duplicative when there is already one there," he said. "I think it's safer and already under construction."


For more details — and the complete slide-deck from last Thursday night's meeting, see dotnews.com.

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CITATION ON PETITION FOR ORDER OF COMPLETE SETTLEMENT
Docket No. SU23P0465EA


ESTATE OF: ABEEKU BARROW
DATE OF DEATH: 02/04/2022

A Petition for Order of Complete Settlement has been filed by Mark T. Stopa of Foxboro, MA requesting that the court enter a formal Decree of Complete Settlement including the allowance of a final account, of the Personal Representative and other such relief as may be requested in the Petition.

IMPORTANT NOTICE
You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before 10:00 a.m. on the return day of 12/24/2024.
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Introducing a page-changer in Fields Corner; Just Book-ish opens to an enthusiastic crowd

(Continued from page 1) as Worlds—through May, with more fundraising planned.

The co-owners say the space will be programmed frequently to include author talks and book signings and other community-centered events. The timing of the bookstore's opening

is fortuitous in that the Fields Corner branch of the Boston Public Library—located about a block from the store—has just closed for a two-year reconstruction project.

The store's inventory of books is described as "culturally curated, radically influenced, and

locally inspired."

[The store] "seeks to shift the narrative in the publishing world by housing a collection of books by writers whose work often challenges political paradigms," the co-founders explain on their website. "Partnering with numerous organizations and artists, it

offers a centralized hub and networking space in a cozy and comfortable book-cafe setting. In addition to philanthropic support, revenue from books and beverages will help to offset the cost of operations and programming."

The store also features a small counter-service café, which will feature coffee and small bites.


Just Book-ish is open Tuesday through Friday from 2 p.m. to 7 p.m., and on Saturdays and Sundays from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. It will be closed on Monday. One of its first scheduled events is a "Lyric Lounge Youth Open Mic" from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. on Dec. 13. For more information, see justbook-ish.com.



The scene at the corner of Dot Ave and Charles Street on Saturday morning. *Conor Forry photo*



Bill Walczak, an early supporter of the Just Book-ish project, with his daughter Elizabeth Walczak and grandchildren Emi, right, and Siena Carapezza. *Bill Forry photo*



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Pepper Realty LLC	Fantasy LLC	302 Norwell St	Dorchester	11/08/24	\$605,000
Limage, Emmanuel P	Limage, Paul V	71 Wheatland Ave	Dorchester	11/08/24	387,500
Son, Won-Je	Frankie & Peter LLC	41 S Munroe Ter	Dorchester	11/08/24	1,499,000
Sepulveda, Andrew	Francis, Elita D	56 Mora St	Dorchester	11/08/24	665,000
Nasr, Amine	Borowski Ft	11 Dorset St	Dorchester	11/07/24	1,075,000
Flaherty, Patrick J	Margaret A & E Zywiwicz RET	31-A&B Huntoon St	Dorchester	11/07/24	416,667
Marcial, Aixa	Martinez, Jose A	161 Colorado St	Mattapan	11/04/24	500,000
Lormil, Ludger	1553 C & E Rt	1553 Blue Hill Ave	Mattapan	11/08/24	843,000
Smith, Samantha	Sykes, Abigail	124 King St #C	Dorchester	11/05/24	595,000
Lydon, Brian R	Hill, Stephen C	3 Pleasant St #3	Dorchester	11/06/24	433,000
Jones, Melvin	City Living Dev LLC	69 Houghton St #1	Dorchester	11/04/24	840,000
Woldemariam, Adanech	Skybridge Properties LLC	25 Brinsley St #1	Dorchester	11/04/24	510,000
Defour, Duane	Crowd Lending Fund One LL	17 Standard St #2	Mattapan	11/08/24	595,000
Valdez, Yunuel	41 Stockton Street LLC	41 Stockton St #2	Dorchester	11/08/24	459,000
Kelly, Kenneth	Cohen, Hayden	12 Bloomington St #2	Dorchester	11/08/24	710,000

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**COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
SALE OF REAL ESTATE
UNDER M.G.L. c. 183A:6**

By virtue of a Judgment and Order of the Suffolk Superior Court (Civil Action No. 19-2865G), in favor of the Board of Managers of the Blue Hill Place Condominium Association against Denise Wright, establishing a lien pursuant to M.G.L. c. 183A:6 on the real estate known as Unit 362 of the Blue Hill Place Condominium with a street address of 362 Blue Hill Avenue, Dorchester, Suffolk County, Massachusetts for the purposes of satisfying such lien, the real estate is scheduled for Public Auction commencing at 11:00 a.m. on December 30, 2024 at 362 Blue Hill Avenue, Dorchester, Massachusetts. The premises to be sold are more particularly described as follows:

DESCRIPTION:

The Post Office address of the Unit is: 362 Blue Hill Avenue, Dorchester, MA 02121

The Unit is shown on a plan recorded with the Master Deed, to which is affixed a verified statement in the form provided by M.G.L. Chapter 183A section 9, and is conveyed subject to and with the benefit of the obligations, restrictions, rights and liabilities contained in M.G.L. Chapter 183A, the Master Deed, the documents establishing the organization of unit owners and the By-Laws as amended of record. The Unit is conveyed subject to, and with the benefit of, all easements, restrictions and encumbrances of record insofar as the same are now in force and applicable.

Each of the units in the Condominium is intended for residential purpose as set forth in the Master Deed.

The undivided percentage of interest of the Unit in the Common Elements is 14%. Notwithstanding the foregoing, Grantee, and Grantee's successors in title, take title to the Unit subject to the rights of Grantor, as Declarant under the Master Deed, to add additional phases and additional units to the Condominium. The Unit's undivided percentage interest is subject to reduction in case of addition to the Condominium of additional phases and additional units.

If Grantee intends to sell or otherwise transfer any interest in the Unit, including without limitation, the granting of a mortgage interest therein, Grantee shall so notify Grantor in writing, describing the details of the proposed transfer. Within sixty (60) days after receipt of such notice (the "Notice Date"), Grantor may elect, by notice to such Grantee sent by certified or registered mail, to purchase such Unit at the ten fair market value thereof, which shall be determined by an independent third party appraisal. If Grantor elects to purchase the Unit, the transfer shall take place on the business day specified in Grantor's notice of election (which day shall not be more than ninety (90) days after the Notice Date), at the Suffolk County Registry of Deeds. Grantee shall convey the Unit to Grantor by quitclaim deed, with all tax and documentary stamps affixed and paid for by Grantee. Grantee shall pay all other taxes arising out of such sale. If Grantor shall fail to make such election within such 60-day period, then Grantee shall be free to sell or transfer the Unit or any interest therein at any time within one hundred twenty (120) days after the Notice Date. If such sale or transfer is not consummated within such 120-day period, then Grantee shall not sell his or her Unit or transfer any interest therein unless s/he first complies again with the provisions of this paragraph. Grantor may release or waive its rights under this paragraph, either before or after receipt of notice from Grantee, in which event the Unit may be sold or conveyed free and clear of the provisions of this paragraph. A certificate executed and acknowledged by Grantee, stating that the rights under this paragraph have been duly waived or terminated, shall be conclusive upon Grantor in favor of all persons who rely thereon in good faith. Such certificate shall be furnished upon request to any Grantee who has in fact complied with the provisions of this paragraph.

For title, see Deed to Denise Wright dated May 9, 2006 and recorded with the Suffolk County Registry of Deeds in Book 39558, Page 71.

In the event of a typographical error or omission contained in this publication, the description of the premises contained in said Unit Deed shall control.

TERMS OF SALE:

1. A non-refundable deposit payable in cash, certified or bank check in the amount of \$5,000.00 for the unit shall be payable at the Auction.
2. The balance of the purchase price is to be paid within thirty (30) days of the auction.
3. An Auctioneer's Release Deed will be issued to the purchaser, upon payment of the balance of the purchase price, within thirty (30) days of the auction. The Deed shall convey the premises subject to, and with the benefit of, all restrictions, easements, improvements, outstanding tax titles, municipal or other public taxes, assessments, liens, or claims in the nature of liens, and existing encumbrances of record senior to the lien hereby being satisfied, whether or not reference to such restrictions, easements, improvements, outstanding tax titles, municipal or other public taxes, assessments, liens or claims in the nature of liens or encumbrances is made in the deed.
4. Additionally, and not by way of limitation, the sale shall be subject to and with the benefit of any and all tenants, tenancies, and occupants, if any.
5. No representation is or shall be made as to any amount of taxes due and outstanding.
6. The successful bidder shall pay the future condominium common charges commencing with the date of the auction.
7. No representation is or shall be made as to any other mortgages, liens, or encumbrances of record.
8. No representation is or shall be made as to the condition of the Premises or the Condominium. The Premises shall be sold "as is."
9. Other items, if any, shall be announced at the sale.
10. The sale is subject to and in accordance with the Judgment and Order, a copy of which may be obtained from the seller's counsel, Attorney Dean T. Lennon, Marcus, Errico, Emmer & Brooks, P.C., 45 Braintree Hill Park, Suite 107, Braintree, MA 02184, (781) 843-5000.

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By its Board

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**CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION
Docket No. SU24P2447EA
ESTATE OF:
FRANCISCO GOMES DE BARRO
DATE OF DEATH: 08/30/2024**

To all interested persons:
A Petition for Formal Adjudication of Intestacy and Appointment of Personal Representative has been filed by Armenian Nursing and Rehabilitation of Jamaica Plain, MA requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition. The Petitioner requests that: Jacqueline Cook of Amherst, NH be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve With Personal Surety on the bond in unsupervised administration.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: 10:00 a.m. on the return day of 12/30/2024.

This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you.

UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION UNDER THE MASSACHUSETTS UNIFORM PROBATE CODE (MUPC)

A Personal Representative appointed under the MUPC in an unsupervised administration is not required to file an inventory or annual accounts with the Court. Persons interested in the estate are entitled to notice regarding the administration directly from the Personal Representative and may petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including the distribution of assets and expenses of administration.

Witness, HON. BRIAN J. DUNN, First Justice of this Court.
Date: November 18, 2024
Stephanie L. Everett, Esq.
Register of Probate
Published: November 27, 2024

**COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
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**CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION
Docket No. SU19P1294EA
ESTATE OF:
EILEEN P. GILLAN
a/k/a: EILEEN PATRICIA GILLAN
DATE OF DEATH: 12/07/2018**

To all interested persons:
A Petition for S/A - Formal Adjudication of Intestacy and Appointment of Personal Representative has been filed by Stephen Gillan of Wakefield, MA requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition. The Petitioner requests that: Stephen Gillan of Wakefield, MA be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve Without Surety on the bond in unsupervised administration.

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Witness, HON. BRIAN J. DUNN, First Justice of this Court.
Date: November 15, 2024
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**CITATION FOR PUBLICATION
MARITAL
Case Name:
IN THE MATTER OF ALEXANDER
RODRIGUEZ AND CESARIN
GUZMAN
Case Number:
659-2024-DM-00361**

On July 19, 2024, Alexander Rivera Rodriguez of Nashua, NH filed in this Court a Petition for Divorce with requests concerning: granting of a divorce.

The original pleading is available for inspection at the office of the Clerk at the above Family Division location.

Until further order of the court, each party is restrained from selling, transferring, encumbering, hypothecating, concealing or in any manner whatsoever disposing of any property, real or personal, belonging to either or both parties except (1) by written agreement of both parties, or (2) for reasonable and necessary living expenses or (3) in the ordinary and usual course of business.

Cesarin Mateo Guzman shall file a written Appearance Form with the Clerk of the Family Division at the above location on or before **December 21, 2024** or be found in DEFAULT.

Cesarin Mateo Guzman shall also file by **December 21, 2024** a Response to the Petition and by **December 21, 2024** deliver a copy to the Petitioner's Attorney or the Petitioner, if unrepresented. Failure to do so will result in issuance of Orders in this matter, which may affect you without your input.

BY ORDER OF THE COURT
Date: October 22, 2024
Sherry L. Bisson
Clerk of Court
Published: November 21, 2024
November 27, 2024, December 5, 2024

SJC overturns murder conviction of man who drove the killer in '18 Mattapan killing

BY REPORTER STAFF
The Supreme Judicial Court last Wednesday (Nov. 20) overturned the convictions of a man for a murder on Deering Road in Mattapan in which he drove the killer – who has never been found or

publicly identified – to and from the scene. Dewane Tse of Providence was convicted in 2022 for a triple-shooting in 2018 that left Yashua Amado dead. Around 9:45 a.m. on Aug. 18, Tse, driving an SUV he had

rented, followed Amado down Blue Hill Avenue to Deering Road, where another man got out, opened fire, and got back into the vehicle, which Tse drove away. Suffolk County prosecutors convinced a Suffolk Superior Court jury that even though the actual gunman had not been located, Tse was guilty of first-degree murder and armed assault with intent to murder on a legal theory known as “joint ven-

ture,” in which somebody who contributes to the planning or pre-shooting events leading up to a murder is as guilty as the person who actually pulls the trigger. But in its ruling, the state’s highest court concluded that prosecutors did not actually make the case beyond a reasonable doubt that Tse knew what his passenger was planning before he opened fire, or even that he knew the man had a gun.

But, the court wrote, this argument rested on “a chain of speculative assertions,” not hard facts, noting: “The Commonwealth did not present direct evidence of the defendant’s lethal intent or evidence that, at any point, the defendant was a witness to, or participant in, the shooting. In their arguments before the high court, prosecutors said the length of time Tse followed Amado’s car – some 13 minutes – was more than enough for a “rational jury” to conclude that Tse was out for more than a ride around the neighborhood that day, especially as it included making a U-turn on Blue Hill Avenue and at one point slamming on the brakes to avoid hitting another, assertions based on surveillance video. But the court did not buy that presentation.

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BGCD Dance Program Hosts an Instructive Family Fun Dance Night: As part of Boys & Girls Clubs of Dorchester's ongoing Family Engagement Series, our Dance Program recently hosted a Family Dance Night in the Marr gym. Members and their guardians enjoyed the night learning dances that our members have been practicing for their upcoming Recital in December. A special thanks to all the members and families who joined the fun, and to our Dance Teacher Shannon for hosting the group. BGCD's Family Engagement Program offers free play groups, a parent support group, family engagement events, home visits and developmental screenings for families with young children. For more information on the Dance program at BGCD, please contact Shannon Zarnoch at szarnoch@bgcdorchester.org.

FIND OUT WHAT'S INSIDE:

BGCD Celebrated in Style at Annual "Bright Futures" Grand Drawing Gala: On Saturday, November 23rd we hosted our Annual "Bright Futures" Grand Drawing Gala at the Fairmont Copley Plaza. It was a fabulous night with nearly 350 guests who helped raise critical funds for our Clubs. The theme was "Lights, Camera, Inclusion" and highlighted all of our amazing inclusion programs. Members participated in all aspects of the event from creating artwork to being Club ambassadors. A special thanks to Jack D. for acting as Co-host with HGTV's Taniya Nayak! A special thanks to Club parents Brendan McDonough and Mari McLennon for their heartfelt remarks on our Clubs. We're thankful to sponsors, volunteers and all who came together to make this a special event! We're close to hitting our goal, so if you would like to donate, please visit bgcdorchester.org/grand-drawing.

DID YOU KNOW:

The Barking Crab To Host Jingle & Mingle to Benefit BGCD on December 5th: Our friends at The Barking Crab Restaurant will host the annual and ever popular Jingle & Mingle holiday event fundraiser on Thursday, December 5th at 6 pm! This fun and festive event will take place in the Crabby Shack Tent which is beautifully decorated and will surely get you in the holiday spirit. Event highlights include unique raffles, holiday music and a meet & greet with the Grinch! Each ticket includes an open bar selection of wine and beer with cocktails for purchase. The Barking Crab also provides delicious seasonal bites included with your ticket. Tickets are \$100 per person and can be purchased at bit.ly/bgcdjingle24. Note, this is a 21+ event. All proceeds will benefit BGCD. For more information, contact Patty Lamb at plamb@bgcdorchester.org.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Happy Thanksgiving!
Thanksgiving Break - BGCD Closed
November 28-29

Quest Diagnostics
Career Exploration
December 4

Marr-Lins Swim Host Arlington BGC
December 7

Elevate Youth Ice Skating Trip
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Ugly Sweater Party
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Wampanoag Nation Singers and Dancers

Native American Heritage Month
10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.
Friday, November 29, 2024

The Wampanoag Nation Singers and Dancers will share stories of both their history and modern culture in an educational program that culminates with a full-audience dance in honor of Native American Heritage Month. Join us and learn new movements and words in this participatory experience for all ages.



Leland Faulkner

World of Wonder
10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.
Friday, December 27, 2024

Stimulate your imagination through shadow-theater, illusion, and characters from around the world. Coming from an international background, Leland's multi-cultural theatrical feast is a sophisticated, humorous, and accessible exploration of the possibilities of light and shadow to create a menagerie of silhouettes with only his hands.



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Visit jfklibrary.org/celebrate or call 617-514-1644 or email JFK.celebrate@nara.gov to make a reservation. Children are seated on the floor with their caretakers. Space is available on a first-come, first-served basis. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

Mask wearing is encouraged but not required. This is an inclusive program and both people with and without disabilities are always welcomed. A Quiet Space is available for anyone who needs a break from the program at any time. Parking is free at the JFK Library.

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RECENT OBITUARIES

Long-serving former Massachusetts State Representative Gloria L. Fox passed away in her beloved neighborhood, Roxbury, MA on November 11, 2024. She was 82.

A memorial service for Rep. Fox is planned for December 10, 2024, at Charles Street AME Church, 551 Warren St, Boston, MA 02121. A repass will immediately follow next door at the ABCD Thelma Burns Building, 575 Warren St, Boston, MA 02121.

The memorial service will begin promptly at 11:00 am. Doors will open at 10:00 am.

A fierce advocate and champion of Roxbury, social justice, foster care, and anti-racism measures, Gloria aligned her work to serve the people of her district and her family. She leaves behind her two sons, Joseph D. Fox, Jr., of Boston, MA, and Durrell J. Fox, of Atlanta, GA, eight grandchildren, five great-grandchildren, and a host of immediate and extended family members.



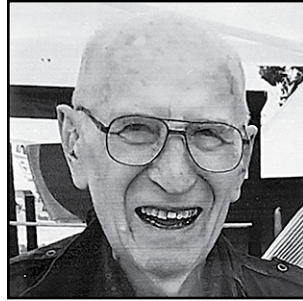
CHEONG-HOW, Jennifer, 76, of Jamaica Plain. Jennifer was a member of the Episcopal church. For many years she hand laundered and cared for all the church's altar linens, through the liturgical seasons. She was also very artistic and enjoyed painting and needlework. Jennifer worked as a certified nursing assistant in the care of elderly and disabled individuals and she served as a volunteer with the Blue Hills Boys and Girls Club. She was a sister of the Society of St. Margaret. Jennifer was the daughter of Gloria Adele Pow and Howard Cheong-How. She leaves her sister Diane and brother-in-law Carl of Trinidad; and her cousin Hazel of Ottawa. Her brother Garvin and another sister, Patricia, predeceased her. Memori-

als may be made to: The Sisters of St. Margaret, 50 Harden Hill Rd., PO Box C, Duxbury, MA 02331-0605, as well as to The Cathedral Church of St. Paul, in support of altar linens and paraments.



DEVANEY, Margaret A. "Peggy" (Duncan), 81, of Braintree, formerly of Dorchester. Daughter of the late Edward and Margaret (Cook) Duncan. Peggy was the wife of Peter Devaney. Sister of Edward Duncan of Stoughton and Jean Marie Duncan of Quincy. Peggy was predeceased by her brother, Thomas Duncan. She dedicated over 30 years to teaching high school students in the Town of Braintree. Peggy also made her mark in Milton and Hull, enriching the lives of countless students with her knowledge and

empathy. Member of the Milton Book Club. Should friends desire, memorial contributions may be made in her name to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude's Place, Memphis, TN 38105.



ELSNER, Herbert, 93, of Randolph, formerly of Holbrook and Dorchester. Husband of the late Helen Elsner. Father of Mark Elsner and his wife, Marcia; Sharon Kolikof and her husband, Jeffrey; and Susan Lit and her husband, Barry all of Randolph. Papa to 6. Great-grandfather to 4. He was a Past Master with the Freemasons. Donations can be made in Herb's name to Hebrew Senior Life, 1200 Centre St. Roslindale, 02131

GARLICK, Grace A. (Andrews), 91, of Watertown, formerly of Dorchester, Cambridge, and Stoughton. Grace was preceded in death by her husband, Francis Garlick; sisters, Anna Andrews, Mary Boen, and Elizabeth Hart; and brothers, Buddy, Charles, John, and Joseph Andrews, Jr. She is survived by many nieces, nephews, great-nieces, and great-nephews.



GILBODY CARR, Marie (Lee), 97, of Weymouth, formerly of Dorchester. Mother of Deborah Gilbody of Dorchester, and the late Robert E. Gilbody. Sister

of the late Paul H. Lee and his surviving wife Rose Lee of Weymouth. Marie is also survived by many family members and friends. Please consider making a donation in memory of Marie to Massachusetts Fallen Heroes at massfallenheroes.org.



GREENE, Julia, 59. Born in Dorchester, she was the daughter of the late John and Mary Downey. Wife of Stephen Greene, of Milton, mother of Bridget. Sister to John Downey Jr. of Athol, Marian Wilson and her husband Joseph of Weymouth, and Monica Ferguson and her husband Edward of Winchester. She was a teacher in the Boston Public School system, focusing on Special Needs children. Julia also made significant contributions as a Peer Facilitator for The Recover Learning Center for a decade, where her empathetic nature and creative problem-solving skills made a lasting impact.



HOURIHAN, Dennis J., 73, of Marshfield originally from Dorchester (OFD). Son of the late Virginia (McViney) and Joseph Hourihan. Husband of Joanne (McCarthy) Hourihan. Ffather of Carrie Stack, Craig D. Hourihan and Corey A. Hourihan. Grandfather of 2. Brother of

Joseph, Kevin and Nancy Hourihan. Retired MBTA Chief Inspector and retired Lead Court Officer for the US Marshals Service and current Deputy Sheriff with the Plymouth County Sheriff's Office. Veteran, US Army Military Police Officer. Donations in Dennis' memory may be made to Wounded Warrior Project at woundedwarriorproject.org



MANSEAU, Mary Doherty of Tewksbury, formerly of Dorchester. Daughter of the late Margaret and Michael Doherty. Mary joined the Sisters of Saint Joseph of Boston. She served the Catholic Church for ten years as a teaching sister in parish schools. While stationed at her final parish assignment, St. Francis de Sales in Roxbury, Mary met a young priest, William Manseau. Though Mary left the convent and William stepped away from diocesan ministry, their wedding made headlines around the world as a sign of the times for the Church. Mary is survived by her husband, Dr. William J. Manseau; their children Sean, Kathleen, and Peter; son-in-law James Salter; daughter-in-law Gwen Sez nec Manseau; 3 grandchildren; and her extended Doherty and Manseau families, and many beloved nieces and nephews. Donations may be made in Mary's memory to the Sisters of Saint Joseph of Boston: csjboston.org/ways-to-give/make-a-gift.

MCCARTHY, Joanne M., 74, of South Boston. Daughter of the late Marie A. (Kelley) and Joseph B. McCarthy. Sister of Paul (Wladzia) of Lincoln, Edmund (late



Manette) of CA, Peter of Dorchester, Patricia (Brian) of South Boston, Kevin (Marie) of Weymouth, Nancy (Michael) O'Donnell of NH, Carol of Braintree, Robert (Theresa) of Braintree and Barbara (Jack) of South Boston. Aunt of 9. Joanne is also survived by many cousins and dear friends. Please consider making a donation in memory of Joanne to the Dana-Farber Cancer Institute.



O'BRIEN, Gerald J. "Jerry", 79, of Deerfield Beach, FL, Bowie, MD, and formerly of Dorchester. Brother of Ann O'Brien of Dorchester. Cousin of Jack Hogan and his wife Annmarie, and their children of Canton. Also survived by many cousins. Son of the late Joseph and Florence O'Brien. Gerald retired from his position as Senior Division Manager at the National Security Agency in Fort Meade, MD in 2001 after 34 years of service.



TAYLOR, Robert Stanley, 88, of Hyannis. Bob grew up in Westwood, and was born to Stanley and Helen Taylor in Dorchester. Bob is survived by his wife Carole, his children Jeff (Amy), Neal (patricia), Susan (David) Derosier, and Gary (Tiffany) Taylor. Papa also leaves behind his 8 grandchildren. Besides his parents, he is predeceased by his daughter Kathleen Taylor and his brother Charles Taylor. He is survived by his sister Linda Dunlap, numerous nieces, nephews, and extended family. He served in the U.S. Army Reserve. Bob worked at Cambridge Electric, then was brought to Cape and Vineyard Electric to implement the underground utility systems for the Cape and Nantucket. He retired from Comm Electric in 1991 after 37 years of service.

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