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Fernandes Anderson charged in kickback scheme, fraud

BY REPORTER STAFF

FBI agents arrested Boston City Councillor Tania Fernandes Anderson at her Dorchester home last Friday morning (Dec. 6) and federal prosecutors later accused her of orchestrating a kickback scheme with a staffer to obtain thousands of dollars in cash. US Attorney for Massachusetts Joshua Levy announced that she had been indicted by a grand jury on five counts of wire fraud and one count of theft concerning programs receiving federal funds.

Her arrest and arraignment prompted

immediate calls for Fernandes Anderson to resign from her District 7 seat from Mayor Wu, Council President Ruthzee Louijeune, and four other colleagues on the council, including Gabriela Coletta Zapata, Sharon Durkin, Ed Flynn, and Erin Murphy.

In an 11-page indictment, prosecutors alleged that Fernandes Anderson struck an agreement with a staffer by which she instructed city personnel to pay her employee a \$13,000 bonus without disclosing that the staffer would give most of the money back to the councillor.

Prosecutors say Fernandes Anderson and the staffer met in a City Hall bathroom on June 9, 2023, where the staffer handed Fernandes Anderson \$7,000 in cash to complete the alleged kickback.

"Using public office for personal gain is a crime. Her behavior, as alleged in today's indictment, is a slap in the face to the hard-working taxpayers in the city of Boston who have every right to expect that the city's funds are in good and honest hands," Jodi Cohen, special agent in charge of the FBI's

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City Councillor Tania Fernandes Anderson

CHECKING OUT MCGONAGLE'S PUB



The downstairs stage features a colorful mural depicting Oran McGonagle's hometown, the coastal village of Moville, Co. Donegal, Ireland. Cassidy McNeeley photos

Irish-themed Neponset Ave. venue opens after major work at the site

BY CASSIDY MCNEELEY
REPORTER STAFF

Dorchester's newest eatery — McGonagle's Restaurant & Pub on Neponset Avenue—is the latest property in the portfolio of Oran McGonagle, a native of Ireland's County Donegal who has built an empire of pubs and restaurants across the region over the last decade.

But McGonagle's — which opened to the public on Monday morning— may just be his masterpiece.

From the dark-wood finishes and Victorian-style tin ceilings, the two-level establishment has the look and feel of a centuries-old Dublin pub, complete with a small stage for live music. But it also



Oran McGonagle pours a pint inside McGonagle's on Neponset Ave.

offers subtle modern flourishes and an expansive menu that the owner hopes will make it a cherished neighborhood destination. "The whole idea of an Irish bar

is to be warm, inviting, and cozy. It's an Irish pub and everyone is welcome," McGonagle told The Reporter during an exclusive tour of the premises on Wednesday. "We're going to try and make it a really vibrant part of Dorchester where people can have their events. Someone might have their christening here and end up having their 21st here. I want it to be somewhere that really feels like it's a part of the community."

Located at 376 Neponset Ave. at the corner of Chickatawbut Street, McGonagle's replaces an earlier bar and eatery— Dorset Hall, which closed earlier this year. McGonagle and his business partner, William McCarthy, en-

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Wu's tax plan hits a wall: No vote in Senate

BY ELLA ADAMS AND CHRIS LISINSKI
STATE HOUSE NEWS SERVICE

The controversial property-tax shift bill proposed by the Wu administration that has driven months of debate will not receive a vote in the Senate, the chamber's top Democrat said on Monday night. Senate President Karen Spilka released a statement confirming that she will not bring the Boston property tax shift proposal to the floor for further debate.

Despite compromises struck between the city and stakeholders, Spilka said she has "heard clearly that there currently is not sufficient support for this proposal. As this compromise legislation has progressed through the Senate, the Department of Revenue recently released new certifications of data submitted by Boston that predicted a much more modest tax increase for residents than previously presented by the City," she noted, adding:

"This new understanding has left stakeholders and Senate members with serious concerns about the bill's impact on the competitiveness of the state as a whole. Many in the Senate believe that this proposal tips the scales too far in one direction, with a stalled economic recovery in Boston as an unfortunate potential outcome."

Spilka said the Senate is "acutely aware" of affordability issues statewide, pointing to the recent housing bond bill and tax relief package that were signed into law as ways the Senate helped protect its "most

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Cannabis operators pivot from Mattapan to Fields Corner space

BY SETH DANIEL
NEWS EDITOR

Cannabis entrepreneurs Drudys Ledbetter and Leslie Pascual presented their plans to open an adult-use dispensary in Fields Corner at an abutters' meeting last month and will bring their proposal before the Fields Corner Civic Association next month.

The duo — both with deep roots in Boston's neighborhoods — previously sought to open their Zeb Boutique retail shop at locations in Mattapan, but now have an agreement to lease the space at 1524 Dorchester Ave. that once housed a Radio Shack and then EBlens Fashions.

"This is going to be our third try at a location and the fourth time we've presented to the Boston Cannabis Board," Ledbetter told The Reporter during an interview at the Fields Corner site, where the company held its annual meeting for investors and friends last Saturday night.

"This is a marquee location, and we feel great about

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Codman Health looking to build full-service center in Randolph

BY SETH DANIEL
NEWS EDITOR

With many former Dorchester residents now living in their new homes in Randolph and other South Shore communities, Codman Square Health Center (CSHC) is planning to follow them by opening a full-service facility in Randolph that will pave the way for conversations about changes at the center's Dorchester hub.

"That's a trend we noticed, and our patients have told us that they have moved away and still come back to Codman," said Codman's new CEO, Dr. Guy Fish. "They are coming in for their visit and want to change their address and, commonly, it's now in Randolph."

Fish discussed the plans in an appearance before the Codman Square Neighborhood

Council last Wednesday. He also spoke with The Reporter in an interview afterwards.

Since taking the CEO position last August, Fish said he has discovered that many patients who now live south of the city routinely come back to Codman Square for health care, as there are not any options in communities like Randolph. To respond to that changing health care dynamic,



Dr. Guy Fish, CEO of Codman Square HC. Seth Daniel photo

he said, Codman began by rolling out a satellite

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Police, Courts & Fire



BFD photo

Boston firefighters responded to 679-683 Columbia Road in Edward Everett Square (above) around 6:50 a.m. on Sunday for what quickly turned into a two-alarm fire. Arriving firefighters saw heavy flames from the second floor and attic of the unoccupied wooden building. Firefighters attacked the fire from all four sides and from the roof of a neighboring house to keep the fire from spreading, according to a BFD account.

Part of the roof collapsed, and firefighters had to be careful to avoid getting hit by any of “the numerous slate tiles flying off the roof.” No injuries were reported.

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A man was shot and killed on Monday night (Dec. 9) on Devon Street, a side road off Columbia Road, and Boston Police said that they arrested two men who are suspects in the fatal incident. According to a BPD account, officers, who were alerted to the gunfire by the ShotSpotter system just before 10:30 p.m., found the victim— whose identity has not yet been made public— already deceased.

A BPD report indicates that detectives viewed cameras to help identify suspects while officers on the scene “observed two individuals leaving an alley in the rear of 270 Columbia Road.” After a foot chase, the men were arrested and two firearms were recovered along their “flight path.” The suspects— Darius Powell, 25, of Woonsocket, R.I., and Daiquan Miller, 25, of Dorchester— were to be arraigned on gun charges in Dorchester court on Tuesday. They have not yet been charged in the homicide. Anyone with information is urged to contact detectives at 617-343-4470.

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Boston Police arrested a teenager on Dec. 4 after officers on patrol in the Franklin Field development noted that he had stashed a handgun under a car. The young man, 17, was walking on Stratton Street around 9:40 p.m. when officers approached the teen and a second person who, police say, “quickened their pace to avoid the interaction.” Police recovered a handgun under the car that was loaded with one in the chamber and 18 rounds in the magazine, according to a BPD account.

The teen, too young to have his name released, was charged with being delinquent for unlawful possession of a firearm, unlawful possession of a loaded firearm, unlawful possession of a large-capacity feeding device, and unlawful possession of ammunition, police said.

Spukies owners win okay for four-story condo, pizza outlet

The Zoning Board of Appeal on Dec. 3 approved plans by the owners of Spukies N Pizza at 1159 Washington St. in Lower Mills to replace their building and parking lot with a 4-story, 14-unit condo building with ground-floor space for them to resume making pizzas and subs once construction is finished.

Stavros and Theodora Retzos took ownership of Spukies – named for a once-common pointy-ended Boston sub roll – in 1997. Their proposal is meant to leave a legacy for their family on a lot that is appropriately shaped like a slice of pizza, their attorney, Nicholas Zozula, told the board.

The proposal calls for 6 residential parking spaces, a Washington Street curb cut of 12 feet, down



Rendering of proposed building by Derek Rubinoff.

from the current 22, and the planting of several street trees along both Washington Street and a private way that runs along one side of the property, he said.

He added that two of the units would be sold as affordable. The couple’s architect, Derek Rubinoff, noted that all 14 units would be handicap accessible.

The building would go next to an apartment building that will transform the site of the Metamorphosis convenience store. The project required variances because the proposed building would not meet the lot’s zoning for minimum number of parking spaces and “open space” for residents and was closer than allowed by zoning to a side

boundary. Zozula said the project deserved variances because of the lot’s unusual triangular shape and its slope.

The board approved the project unanimously, pending the signing of a formal agreement on the two affordable units and a design review by the Boston Planning Department.

—REPORTER STAFF

Adams Village ‘holiday stroll’ is this Saturday

By Cassidy McNeeley Reporter Staff

Inspired by similar events in Lower Mills and other parts of Boston, merchants and neighbors in Adams Village are organizing a “holiday stroll” for this Saturday (Dec. 14) from 3 to 7 p.m. to celebrate the season and the successes of the business district.

A section of Minot Street and Ross Road, which leads from Minot to Gallivan Blvd., will be closed to traffic during the event, which will include visits with Santa and the Grinch, caroling, ornament-making, cookie decorating, and other seasonal events. Many of the restaurants and pubs in the area will feature signature drinks and specials.

“I see a lot of places doing it and this is just a

fun place, and everyone is so supportive of each other,” said Lynn Monahan, owner of Fringe Boutique, one of the organizers. “Adams Village hasn’t done something in a while, and I thought it would be fun.”

Nicole Flaherty of Boston X is also helping to pull the stroll together. “We’re trying to kind of go out with a bang here,” she said. “There are lots of new businesses this year. This is our first year of Boston X; it’s Scobies’ first year; and Chubbs just opened. We’re just super excited the neighborhood has exploded. We just want to give back to the community, show that we appreciate them, and hopefully they can do a little small business shopping at the same time.”

Gifts from artisan ven-

dors will be featured inside shops, some of which will raffle off prizes. Flaherty will let out for bid a full-face Botox for one lucky customer.

Said John O’Toole, owner and partner at Olde Towne Real Estate, who is helping to plan to

event: “Adams Village is thriving right now. It’s really great for somebody like myself who has been along for way too long. It’s great to see the vibrancy of the businesses and the new faces that we see in Adams Village.”

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Youth hockey teams from across Boston – including Dorchester Youth Hockey (DYS) – will hit the ice to compete for the title of “Boston’s Best” at the 2024 Mayor’s Cup Ice Hockey Tournament. Hosted by the Boston Parks and Recreation Department with support from the Boston Bruins Foundation and P&G Gillette, it begins this Friday (Dec. 13) with 136 games scheduled at eight rinks throughout the city – including Devine Rink and UMass Boston in Dorchester. Nearly 1,300 youth hockey players from seven programs will participate in 16 divisions. Returning to host games are some of the

colleges in the area, who previously hosted games for the Mayor’s Cup, but hadn’t done so since 2019. College rinks being used include UMass Boston, Matthews Arena at Northeastern University, and Conte Forum at Boston College. For a full game schedule, go to boston.gov/sports. The city of Boston’s Public Health Commission will host a “Community Listening Session” about the closure of Carney Hospital on Thurs., Dec. 12, at 5:30 p.m. at the Sheet Metal Workers Union Hall, 1181 Adams St., Dorchester. Register at boston.gov/carney. 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. The 26th annual Haitian Independence Day Gala is Sat., Jan. 4, at 7 p.m. at IBEW Local 103 in Dorchester. Join us for a night of music and cultural pride as we commemorate Haiti’s independence. For tickets call (617) 417-8421. Proceeds to support the Toussaint Louverture Cultural Center (TLCC) of Massachusetts

Organ Concert & Singalong – First Parish Dorchester will host an organ concert this Saturday (Dec. 14) at 7 p.m. featuring music director Ana Sorina Popa performing seasonal music on the historic Skinner organ in the 1897 sanctuary. The program will include works by J.S. Bach, A. Vivaldi, C. Wesley, C. Balbastre, and traditional holiday carols. A reception will follow the concert. First Parish is located at 10 Parish St, Meetinghouse Hill, Dorchester. For more information, contact 617-981-5201.

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Developer planning 25 condos for Granite Ave. parcel

By **SETH DANIEL**
NEWS EDITOR

A Dorchester-based developer unveiled plans for a 5-story, 25-unit condo building on Granite Avenue abutting Cedar Grove Cemetery during a virtual meeting organized by the Boston Planning Dept. on Monday evening that drew about 50 participants.

The building, with 25 below-grade parking spaces, would rise on what is now an unoccupied lot at 157 Granite Ave. between the Shields MRI commercial building and a 40-unit apartment building.

The proponent, Denis Keohane, secured the lot from the cemetery several years ago in a bid process, but the pandemic and extensive rock ledge on the site have made it a challenge to build on.

Keohane's proposed building features stone, brick, and metal panels for materials, with a pitched roof at 55 feet. The first floor would contain parking, while floors two to four would be living space, and the fifth floor attic living space. Units would be two-bedrooms (from 965 to 1,300 square feet) and one-bedrooms (from 670 to 810 square feet).

Keohane said the effects of construction



Developer Denis Keohane has proposed a five-story, 25 condo unit building at the busy confluence of Hill Top Street and Granite Avenue.

Renderings courtesy of Spaulding and Tougias Architects



work on the site will be minimized due to a new process using a large drill bit and expanding liquid that breaks up the rock.

"There will be no blasting, and the hammering will be very minimal because we'll just be able to pull out the broken rock," he noted.

George Morancy, Keo-

hane's attorney, said that city planning officials have also requested that Keohane seek a zoning change for the lot and the adjacent lots to re-designate them as a Multi-Family Residential (MRF) district. The Shields MRI building owner has agreed to the change, but the existing

condo building ownership next door has not, Morancy said.

Participants on the call were largely supportive overall, and many said the building looked very nice. However, some raised concerns about parking and the building's height and density, and more information

was requested for how the intersection at Hill Top Street and Granite Avenue would operate with the entrance/exit right at the light.

Lynn Woods, Eddie Welch, and Jamie Joyce of the abutting area were wary of parking being on the "outskirts" of Boston, fearing overflow would spill onto residential streets.

"[The policies] force people to not have a car, but people still have cars," said Woods. "You can't look at this development in this neighborhood like every other neighborhood in Boston."

Morancy noted they are at the "optimum" for parking, and feared if they added more, it "might run afoul of the city's parking policies."

Keohane said units would be targeted to millennials (age 30-40) and trends show many don't have cars while noting that his developments in Dorchester have many empty parking spaces. "We're putting in 25 spaces and we probably won't fill half of them," he said.

Some neighbors were skeptical.

"The theory that young people do not have cars with them is nonsense," said Sean Feeney. "In

many homes in the area that are converted to condominiums, the high cost of rent causes numerous additional tenants who bring with them their vehicles. Look at the area of Minot Street between Adams and Branton."

Woods, a police officer, said they find young residents do bring cars, but they register them in the suburbs with their parents to save on insurance costs.

Tom Cox was supportive of a project on the site, but felt this specific building is too big. "It seems a little much for this site," he said. "There's no other five-story building from the exit all the way to Adams Village."

Morancy noted that city planners are supportive of the height and size of the building, saying, "The plan didn't get developed in a vacuum; we did go through an agency planning process."

Questions remain on the zoning change to an MFR zone and what that will mean for other commercial buildings at the corner, and concerns about the functionality of the stoplight need a more thorough review in upcoming meetings, according to Planning Department project manager Zoe Schutte.

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Gourmet Kreyol plans sit-down restaurant for Codman Square Eyes separate ‘fast-casual’ eatery at Blue Hill & Morton

BY SETH DANIEL
NEWS EDITOR

The owners of a popular Haitian-American food truck operation are looking to open a 49-seat restaurant in Codman Square, hopefully with a new liquor license and, separately, a “fast-casual” location on Blue Hill Avenue near Morton Street.

The expansion of the Gourmet Kreyol catering business comes after several years of bootstrapping on a food truck and working out of Commonwealth Kitchen, according to co-owner Nathalie LeCorps, who briefed members of the Codman Square Neighborhood Council (CSNC) about the plans on Dec. 4.

“There are a lot of Caribbean restaurants in Dorchester, but the twist is we would like to have a really nice sit-down restaurant that is friendly to families and a place to gather and come together as a community instead of going outside the community,” LeCorps said, adding: “Gourmet Kreyol is very community oriented.”

The restaurant would be located at 657 Washington St. and the owners are hoping to get community support for an all-alcohol liquor license available through a new state law. The deadline for the first round of the licenses was last Friday (Dec. 6), with another round likely happening in the late spring, according to the Boston Licensing Board.

Gourmet Kreyol is the second eatery to come to CSNC for approval of a sit-down expansion and the addition of a liquor license. Fresh Food Generation on Talbot Avenue went the process earlier this fall. The council has been supportive of independent restaurateurs seeking to expand and add liquor licenses and Codman Square has been identified by city officials as an area with a demand for more permits.

Gourmet Kreyol’s overall concept



Nathalie LeCorps, co-owner of Gourmet Kreyol food truck and catering, announced at the Codman Square Neighborhood Council that she plans to open a 49-seat full-service restaurant at 657 Washington St. and asked the group to support her application for one of the new all-alcohol restaurant liquor licenses. She aims to open the restaurant and an office headquarters there by April.



Residents and members of the Codman Square Neighborhood Council gathered on Dec. 4 for their monthly meeting and celebrated the holidays afterward.
Seth Daniel photos

was greeted with enthusiasm, as LeCorps said it would be something very different and stressed there would be excellent customer service and a mind to grow the business outward.

CSNC President Cynthia Loesch-Johnson said the news is “very exciting” for the community,

which, along with CSNC, has fought against fast food establishments in recent years, most famously Popeye’s Louisiana Kitchen, by expressing a preference for local, healthier options.

“You know how hard we as neighbors have fought to bring sit-down restaurants to Codman Square so we can experience what other neighborhoods get to experience routinely,” she said. “We had Fresh Food Generation here and now we have Gourmet Kreyol here. This is a really exciting time, and we have worked hard for this.”

LeCorps, who was raised in Miami, where her parents operated Gourmet Kreyol restaurant for many years, started her food truck and catering business in 2021. She brought the same flavors and energy – and name – to her adopted city.

She told The Reporter that they hope to open the restaurant and office headquarters by April and have already begun renovating the space – which has been vacant since the closing of Next Step Soul Food Café.

There are also plans to open a take-out, fast casual location at 1210 Blue Hill Ave. in Mattapan at the former Caribbean Flavors Restaurant in the small shopping center across from Morningstar Baptist Church on a similar time frame.

LeCorps said Gourmet Kreyol is attempting to bring Haitian food not just to Haitians, but also to the masses, using traditional recipes with their own twist. They also are gluten-free and are accommodating to food allergies. They hope their blend of traditional and modern will make their Codman Square location just the starting point for a significant expansion.

“We’re looking to be the Chipotle of Haitian food,” she said. “We want to franchise it and start in New England and then take it down all the way.”

The CSNC will not meet in January due to the regular meeting falling on New Year’s Day. Members will convene again on Feb. 5.

CODMAN SQ. NOTEBOOK Schools in the crime log

Several incidents involving schools and staff were noted in this month’s crime report from area police.

• On Nov. 19 at 1:30 p.m., a vehicle pulled up to Neighborhood House Char-

ter School at 197 Centre St. and began questioning the staff in what they saw as a suspicious manner. Staff notified police, who reported that the car had been stolen. The car fled the scene and tried to make an escape up dead-end Cheverus Road adjoining the St. Mark Church property. Once cornered, two men fled and after a brief chase, were caught and found to have a loaded firearm. Both were arrested.

• On Nov. 8 at 12:30 p.m., near 637 Washington St., a teacher and students were walking and two men on a scooter nearly ran them down, according to a police account. Words were exchanged on site, and about an hour later the men on the scooter returned and threatened the teacher with a firearm. Officers got a description and found the scooter on Fuller Street, and after a short chase, they arrested the men and took possession of the firearm.

• On Nov. 27 just after 2 a.m., police responded to Codman Academy at 622 Washington St. for a burglar alarm in the school. During a sweep, police found a man inside who had a warrant out for his arrest. He said he had been dropped off at the wrong place. He was charged with breaking and entering.

Winter Farmer’s Market

Market Manager Richard Scott announced that the Codman Square Winter Farmer’s Market will open on Jan. 25 in the Great Hall from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. It will be open every Saturday until March 25. This year, the operators say they have secured two farmers every week in addition to the other numerous vendors.

Holmes on Legislature audit

State Rep. Russell Holmes told the CSNC that the process of the audit of the Legislature that the voters approved last month will likely be decided by the state’s highest court, and that legislators are “going to wait for them” to act. He said that while legislators have allowed the will of the voters to proceed, they aren’t convinced that elected Auditor Diane DiZoglio is the right person for the job.

“I can tell you we’re going to fight like cats and dogs to keep separation of powers and fight to make sure it’s not this auditor,” he said. “I’m a firm believer that we need an honest broker for this, and I’m not convinced this auditor is an honest broker.”

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Big hike in city-cost estimates for the White Stadium project Lease agreement near, says Wu spokesperson

By SETH DANIEL
NEWS EDITOR

The city of Boston's share of the funding needed to rebuild White Stadium has risen sharply in the last few months, according to new figures revealed during a hearing of the city's Public Facilities Commission (PFC) last month.

The new cost figure that will be assumed by city taxpayers is \$91 million, up from an earlier estimate of \$50 million that Mayor Wu and other leaders have pledged to put toward demolition and reconstruction work at the city-owned stadium.

The additional funds needed for the job would come from Boston Unity Partners (BUP), owners of a women's soccer franchise that will use and program the sta-



dium for much of the year. The public-private split in terms of cost has been put forth as a 50-50 proposition.

City project manager Brian Melia mentioned

the increase when a commissioner from PFC asked about total construction costs at a Nov. 20 meeting. This week, a spokesperson for the Mayor's Office said that

despite cost increases, the Wu administration plans to move forward with signing a lease with the BUP, which will trigger the start of demolition work at the stadium.

"Over the past 17 months, substantial changes to the design of the stadium, based on community feedback, and escalating costs of construction have refined our cost estimate," said the spokesperson. "We are confident that this project will benefit thousands of BPS student athletes, community groups, and park users for decades to come, and we hope to sign a lease in the coming days."

The city noted that the playing surface and track will cost roughly \$10 million, the Boston Public Schools amenities wing and East Grandstand renovation will be \$70 million, and \$10 million will be for landscaping. Boston Unity has not publicly updated construction cost estimates for their half of the

project.

Members of the Franklin Park Defenders, a grass-roots opposition group that is suing the city to block the stadium project, say the escalating costs underline their position.

"It's outrageous that the city wants to spend \$91 million in taxpayer money to build an oversized professional sports complex for the benefit of a few millionaire sports investors," said Renee Stacy Welsh, an Egleston Square resident. "This project was already being jammed down the throats of our neighborhoods, and now we're being asked to pay through the nose to subsidize the new stadium's luxury boxes and beer gardens."

Residents can apply for fuel aid grants with a call to ABCD

Residents of Boston, Brookline, and Newton can apply for fuel assistance grants this season by calling ABCD at 617-357-60. Previous grant recipients have received recertification forms in the mail, which they should fill out and return.

For FY25, as much as \$1,050 can be provided in fuel assistance for eligible households. Last year, ABCD assisted 21,521 households across Greater Boston.

The program pays benefits directly to vendors that supply a household's

primary heat source. In addition, ABCD helps households with arrearages work with the utility companies to reduce payments.

"ABCD is so grateful to the US Department of Health and Human Services for making this funding available for

families and seniors who are in need of oil deliveries and other heating payments," said ABCD President and CEO Sharon Scott-Chandler. "Utility companies have confirmed significant rate increases for natural gas, and oil and propane are

both high at \$3.50 a gallon. Both are untenable for most consumers, and especially for residents who are already struggling to keep up with mortgages, rent, food, and other essentials."

Benefits are awarded based on household size

and annual income. All Massachusetts residents can apply online at mass.gov/heap. More information, including a list of Boston-area neighborhood site locations and phone numbers may be found by visiting: bostonabcd.org/HEAPFY25.

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Patriot players, BGCD youth tackle AI drills at club program

By **CASSIDY MCNEELEY**
REPORTER STAFF

Football players are used to acronyms like QB, OT, and WR, but last Tuesday night, New England Patriots players Demontrey Jacobs, Caleb Jones, and Tyrese Robinson had a new one to work with: AI, or artificial intelligence.

On Dec. 3, the three players and the team's assistant QB coach and director of management, Evan Rothstein, joined up with NWN Carousel and Intel to lead over 40 local youth through interactive AI activities at the Boys and Girls Club of Dorchester.

"NWN Carousel came to us with this idea about introducing kids to AI in such a unique and special way and it was a no-brainer for us," said Josh Kraft, president of the New England Patriots Foundation.

Being a Boston-based company, the collaboration was obvious to NWN, too. "We deliver AI-powered technologies that are helping to shape the future of the Commonwealth," said NWN chief operating officer Andrew Gilman. "We believe that AI will play a crucial role in empowering communities and kids and that's why we're excited to partner with Intel, The New England Patriots, and the Boys and Girls Club here to bring you Boston's first AI Athletics Day."

Hosting this event in Dorchester was especially important to Gilman, who has deep roots in the neighborhood.

"My grandparents are from here, my father grew up on Lawrence Street just down the street, and now I'm living here and raising my two kids," Gilman said. "Here, we're surrounded by incredible people, innovative institutions, and outstanding sports teams. We're so excited to bring many of these people, organizations, and technologies together for today's programming."



Above, New England Patriots Guard Tyrese Robinson helped club kids navigate through physical and virtual mazes at one of four interactive AI activities last Tuesday night.

Below, From left to right, Pat's players Caleb Jones, Demontrey Jacobs, and Tyrese Robinson ended the night posing for pictures and sharing autographs with over 40 local youth. Cassidy McNeeley photos



One of the people who joined in on the fun at last week's event was state Rep. Christopher Worrell.

"This is a tremendous opportunity for our youth to explore the world of AI through the lens of sports and I'm especially proud that it's happening right here in the Fifth Suffolk district, which represents the largest population of people of color in the Commonwealth," said Worrell.

He added: "The event is about more than just introducing people to technology; it's about giving

them the tools to turn their dreams into reality. We're providing young people with not just access to cutting-edge technology but also an opportunity to learn, to grow, to thrive in the industries of the future. We're teaching them how to harness the power of AI, to work within teams, to problem solve, and to use their creativity while having fun. These skills will serve them no matter what path they choose to make it in their future."

Beginning at 4:30 p.m. the youngsters were split among four stations: Re-

lay race, Pixel Playoff, GenAI Tales, and AINavigation. At each one, with the help of a Pats' player or coach, the kids learned new skills on AI PCs donated to the club by NWN Carousel.

At each activity, the kids were presented with challenges off and on the screen. Gilman told The Reporter the idea was to "demystify the concept of AI through motion and sports and have an adjacent curriculum that has hands-on keyboards where they're actually learning."

The players were learn-

ing, too.

"They're kind of teaching me," said Patriots guard Tyrese Robinson. "When I was in school, we didn't have AI. It's exciting to see how much technology has changed. It's a good tool to have outside of and inside school."

Robinson, who is from McKinney, Texas, added, "I grew up in the Boys and Girls Club, so coming back to help is a great experience. I'm enjoying my time here. I'm glad I'm making the kids happy but they're making me happy, too."

While Robinson led the kids through virtual and physical mazes at the AI Navigation station, fellow teammate Caleb Jones spent his afternoon at the Relay Race. Despite towering over the kids, Jones who is 6 feet 9 inches and weighs 370 pounds, had no problem connecting with the club members. "I was once a Boys and Girls Club kid in Indianapolis, Indiana," he said, "so to come back and be able to give back to the community means a lot to me and it is everything I stand for."

The offensive tackle added that if nothing else, he hopes the kids discovered that learning can be fun and that he and his teammates are not all that different from them. He noted that he was once a kid sharing the same experiences.

"I distinctly remember having Colts players from way back in the day that I was able to see, and it was really an inspiration to me," said Jones about his time as a club kid. "One of them donated his shoes to me. I was a big kid, wore size 17 shoes, and couldn't find them anywhere. He hooked me up."

BGCD president & CEO Bob Scannell expressed his gratitude to all involved, saying, "Thank you for coming together to support our kids. You are here bringing cutting-edge technology to all of our kids and leaving us with some great equipment and training, and I know they're going to learn a lot."

Added Kraft: "We hope when the kids get introduced to AI in school or maybe down the line at a job they're like, 'Oh, yeah, I did this with professional football players.'"

As the night wrapped up, the kids ate pizza, posed for pictures with the players, and took home certificates declaring them official AI Athletes.

Bridgestone donates new 15-passenger van to BGCD

By **CASSIDY MCNEELEY**
REPORTER STAFF

Each year, the tire and rubber giant Bridgestone gives 10 Boys & Girls Clubs of America the money to purchase a brand-new passenger van. This year the Boys and Girls Club of Dorchester was selected for one of the grants and on Nov. 21 the kids at the club were surprised to see a beautiful, new 16-seat van sitting in the rain outside the club.

"This generous gift by Bridgestone provides members of Boys & Girls Clubs of Dorchester a significantly greater opportunity to travel to events and partner orga-



Shown above is the brand-new van gifted by Bridgestone to the BGCD as a part of the Driving Great Futures initiative.

nizations for specialized programming. The van will also allow the club to continue offering a safe ride home during the summer evenings," said BGCD president and CEO Bob Scannell.

In 2015, Bridgestone partnered with the Boys & Girls Clubs of America through the Driving Great Futures program, an initiative that provides children with safe and reliable transpor-

tation. Over the last decade, the company has raised more \$25 million to help kids and teens access Boys & Girls Club's resources nationwide.

"We're an automotive company, we deal with cars, but cars get you from point A to point B," said Bridgestone Area Manager, Patrick Cassella. "Getting you there safely is our main initiative, so to be able to provide a level of that to a local community at the Boys & Girls Club speaks volumes as to who we are as a company and what we stand for."

He added: "It's awesome to see how impactful it truly is to the kids

and to the staff as well to have that kind of peace of mind and security that they have a new van they can trust to not break down or be unsafe."

The van will allow the club to offer more field trips to off-campus locations, between clubhouses, and back home when needed. Specifically, it will be significant for families with no access to transportation of their own and allow those members to enjoy the fun of offsite activities, too.

Since its arrival, the van has already been put to good use. In the last few weeks children and teens have sat comfortably on their way

to and from an Esports competition and to an arts program as a part of the fashion design workshop.

When the van arrived at the BGCD last month it was a dark and rainy day, but the children radiated excitement.

"I can't count how many kids piled in the van just to sit in it and get the experience of what it feels inside," said Cassella. "They pile in there, it's like a clown car when they file out because I don't even know how they get that many kids in the van. Of course, it doesn't go anywhere, it's just parked, but they're just so happy."

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

Cop v. firefighter cook-off delights all at Florian Hall

The second annual Get LIT Thanksgiving Cook-off took place on Nov. 16 in Florian Hall and pitted rival cooks from Boston's fire and police departments whose offerings were judged by elected officials and community leaders.

The event was put on by Witherspoon Institute (WIN), led by Dorchester's Alda Witherspoon, with partners like Harvard Street Health Center, Whittier Street

Health Center, and Commonwealth Kitchen to help draw attention to reading, writing, and literacy. The organization started in Boston but has spread to other locations around the country.

This year, the Boston Police came away as the winners of the contest with the best turkey and trimmings. A citywide cupcake contest for teenage cooks was very competitive, but Dorchester's St. Peter's Teen Center

won the top prize of \$500.

Councillor Julia Mejia was the emcee along with Attorney Joe Feaster. The judges included Councillors Erin Murphy, Henry Santana, Enrique Pepen; Shirley Shillingford, president of Caribbean American Carnival Association of Boston; Charlie Titus, Titus Foundation; Dawn Duncan, Massachusetts Center for Native American Awareness Inc. Council President Ruthzee Louijeune and



Boston Fire cooks were sad they lost this year, despite winning last year. Vulcan President Alector Tavares; Boston Fireman and Vulcan member Dana Robinson, WIN Founder Alda Witherspoon, and MAMLEO's (Boston Police) Janine Busby.

Dot mom's suicide prevention work hailed

Dorchester's Troylene Ali been recognized for her efforts to combat bullying and to prevent suicides among autistic kids and teens. She won an award from Vinfen, a non-profit in the Health and Human Services space at their recent family celebration in Norwood.

Vinfen's Family Support Center first met Ali and her son Tylee Gaston as he faced struggles and regular bullying. On September 13, 2021, Ali shared the tragic news that Tylee had taken his life. Deciding that



Troylene Ali

something good had to come from Tylee's passing, Ali and the director of the Family Support

Center presented the first of many informational sessions on 'Suicide Prevention in the Autistic Population' in 2023. During each presentation, the audience responds to Ali's raw honesty and emotion. Vinfen says she is changing, and saving, lives. Since its inception, the program has been shared at numerous gatherings and, most recently, at the statewide conference for the Department of Developmental Services Autism Service Coordinators.

- REPORTER STAFF



Councillor Julia Mejia announces the winner of the GET LIT Thanksgiving Cook-Off - the Boston Police. Photos courtesy WIN



Nichole Sillice

Mattapan dancer lands role in 'Urban Nutcracker'

Mattapan's Nichole Sillice, 13, a student at the Tony Williams School of Dance who attends the Edith Baker School in Brookline, will be featured in the 'Urban Nutcracker' production at the Shubert Theatre beginning this Saturday (Dec. 14) when she will dance in the role of Samantha, Clarice's sister,

in the holiday classic, which will run from Dec. 14-22 in the Boch Center at the Shubert.

This enchanting production showcases winter scenes set against the backdrop of downtown Boston, blending the vibrant rhythms of Duke Ellington with Tchaikovsky's timeless compositions. Anchored

in classical ballet, this year's performances feature a diverse array of dance styles—including tap, hip-hop, breakdance, flamenco, and jazz—all accompanied by an 8-piece live ensemble of talented local musicians.

Tickets are available at the Boch Center Box Office, or by calling 866-348-9738.

Councillor Ed Flynn made guest appearances.

"With heartfelt gratitude for Boston's unwavering support, we stand on the brink of transformation as we bring to life the 2nd annual

GET LIT Thanksgiving Cook-Off and introduce the innovative five-week course, the W.I.N.K. SMART GET LIT Financial Literacy Game," said Witherspoon. "Together with the community, we

empower minds, ignite passions, and illuminate futures. We are thankful for the support that fuels our mission to educate, inspire, and uplift our community."

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DORCHESTER HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Cedar Cottage

William Edward Coffin was born in Gloucester, Mass., in 1813. He married Margaretta Cotton in Boston in 1840. The following is taken from Memorial Biographies of the New England Historic Genealogical Society: "William Edward Coffin was a principal owner of the Boston Machine Company, the Pembroke Iron Works, and the Franconia Iron Works. He became one of the merchant princes of Boston." The map is from the 1884 Bromley Atlas for Dorchester.

The couple and their children moved to Dorchester in 1852. For a time, they lived at the Tuttle House, a hotel that was located in Savin Hill where the Cristo Rey School is now. In the late 1850s, William and Margaretta built Cedar Cottage in the Gothic Revival style on the south side of Savin Hill Avenue.

When the estate was subdivided in the late 1890s, Cedar Cottage was moved to its current location on Playstead Road; much of the architectural detail has been removed.

Margaretta died in 1882, William in 1894. On Sept. 16, 1894, the Boston Herald printed a lengthy obituary, which was reprinted in The Boston Globe. Source: Memorial Biographies, Volume IX,



1890-1897. (Boston, 1908), 207-208.

The archive of these historical posts can be viewed on the blog at dorchesterhistoricalsociety.org. The Society's William Clapp House and James Blake House are open to the public on the third Sunday of the month from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Editorial

Fernandes Anderson should resign

City workers who are credibly accused of criminal fraud and stealing are routinely suspended and often fired, just like private sector employees would be if they were accused of the same misconduct.

Councillor Tania Fernandes Anderson, who has been indicted for concocting a kickback scheme to purloin \$7,000 from the city coffers that she's not entitled to, should be no exception. Because her colleagues probably cannot expel her in the near term, the councillor should resign from her seat and allow for a new leader to step in and represent constituents in District 7, which includes sections of Dorchester.

The fact that there's even a debate about whether or not she should step down is a disheartening testament to the erosion of the public's trust in elected office-holders writ large. But just because our national political spine may be broken does not mean that Bostonians should settle for anything other than honorable public servants working on our behalf.

Fernandes Anderson's oversight role in the budgeting and disbursement of city funds, licenses, and other decisions about how public money is spent is far too sensitive to entrust to someone who has been charged with fraud and misuse of those funds. Her colleagues should expect to work alongside a fellow councillor who is focused on delivering for her district, not lining her own pockets and thereby impugning the reputation of the council.

The sum in question – \$7,000 in cash payments – is perhaps less troublesome than the hubris on display in this councillor's behavior. Having already been caught and fined for employing her sister and son on her office payroll, Fernandes Anderson's scheme as alleged in the court documents made public last week once again involved hiring a relative, though more distant, and lying about that to other city officials. It was the act of someone who was apparently desperate for money, which is never a good look for someone entrusted with our taxpayer dollars. But it's symptomatic of someone who is utterly disdainful of the norms of good government in our city.

Those who protest that Fernandes Anderson is somehow being singled out should hit pause and reflect on previous crimes in City Hall that have been exposed and punished. A former senior BPDA manager from Dorchester, John Lynch, was charged with bribery and fraud for accepting \$50,000 from a developer to influence a Zoning Board decision in 2017. He was fired and eventually convicted and jailed for the offense. The late Councillor Chuck Turner was sentenced to three years in prison for accepting \$1,000 from a federal informant in 2008. Turner was expelled from the council by his colleagues before his conviction, a move that the state's Supreme Judicial Court later ruled was improper since he had not yet been found guilty.

Fernandes Anderson has not been proven guilty, either. Other than offering a plea of "not guilty" last week in federal court, she has not addressed the allegations laid out in great detail by prosecutors. That is her right as a citizen.

But elected officials should hold themselves to a higher standard and so should we. They've been entrusted with our money and the expectation that they will make ethical and transparent decisions on how to spend it. In the case of this councillor, it appears that that trust was misplaced.

District 7 and, in fact, all Bostonians deserve an honest broker in the halls of power at Government Center. We hope that Councillor Fernandes Anderson will step aside and allow for that transition to begin.

-Bill Forry

To the Jesuits in my life, thank you

BY SYLVESTER L. SALCEDO
SPECIAL TO THE REPORTER

Lighthouse 1 Conference Room
Boston Seaport Hotel, South Boston

The aging priest sits in his wheelchair in front of a makeshift altar, his hand tremors palpable and heart stopping as he struggles to raise the large communion wafer. His voice is strained, but familiar. As he recites, "This is the body of Christ..." my mind wanders as I scan the room full of aging men meeting to pray.

It is July 27, 2024, and this is the 50th reunion of the Class of 1974, Cranwell School, the former "Jesuit Prep School of New England" in Lenox, Massachusetts.

The priest is the Rev. John W. Keegan, of the Society of Jesus (S.J.). He was born in Dorchester in 1937. When we were freshmen, he was a math teacher and our cross-country coach. By junior year, he was our headmaster. His decisions, counsel, and letters charted many of our college careers and life paths. For all of us, he is a beloved teacher, headmaster, mentor, and an omnipresent moral guide in our lives during and after the Cranwell years.

He is a Jesuit of Dorchester, a man who dedicated his life, selflessly and entirely, to his God, his faith, the Society of Jesus, his parishioners, and to us, his students. But he is not alone.

There is also Fr. William Eagan. In 1970, he was then "Mr. Eagan," a young novitiate taking his first steps to join the Society of Jesus. A fresh-faced, 22-year-old brand-new graduate of Boston College, he served as my first dorm master helping a homesick 14 year old navigate the pain and self-doubt that went with the demanding academic workload of Jesuit schools, and the challenging world of boarding school life. He went on, like many Jesuits, to pursue higher academic credentials, to serve as a chaplain in distressed communities, and, finally, to teach and head the department of Theology at Fairfield Prep in Connecticut.

And there was the late Fr. John Spencer, S.J. Again, then only "Brother John" to us as another young novitiate, dorm master, and guidance counselor, he is remembered by generations of Emmanuel College students and faculty as a chaplain and then as a vice-president. At the Jesuit Urban Center, the spiritual eleemosynary institution of the South End during the AIDS Crisis is, well, Fr. John being present, listening and ministering with compassion, empathy, and love to those in need during their darkest and most vulnerable days, and, to some, their last hours.

New mortgage law raises 'floodgate' opening concerns for AG Campbell

BY COLIN A. YOUNG
STATE HOUSE NEWS SERVICE

Attorney General Andrea Campbell made it clear last Tuesday that she doesn't agree with the Legislature and Gov. Healey that a Boston nonprofit that has been accused of predatory lending should be shielded from the state's consumer protection laws.

The state's top law enforcement official said on GBH Radio that she and her office let the governor know that they were opposed to Section 269 of the economic development bill that lawmakers sent to Healey on Nov. 14, and which Healey then signed on Nov. 20.

That section of the new law effectively protects BlueHub Capital, a Roxbury nonprofit that was sued in 2020 over predatory lending allegations, from being held liable for "monetary relief, injunctive relief or other equitable relief at common law or by statute."

The nonprofit buys properties from banks that are foreclosing on homeowners, then resells them to their original owners while taking on part of a shared appreciation mortgage that entitles BlueHub to a portion of an increase in the home's value.

"Let me be crystal clear: We have opposed this, and we have lended our advocacy to constituents in that opposition. We've also flagged that, yes, there's a court litigation right now by constituents who felt as though this program did not benefit them. That is ongoing and there could be a result soon," Campbell said. "We don't win every battle at the State House, and I don't want to suggest that we don't work closely with the folks there. There are some things, of course, in the econ bill that we appreciated, we worked with the governor on, we worked with the state legislature on. But on this particular provision, we did not think it should have passed."

Homeowners suing BlueHub allege that the nonprofit misled them into debt without sharing necessary information that they're entering into a shared appreciation mortgage, but the nonprofit says the program has helped hundreds of families stay in their homes and that they have complied



Vintage photo of Cranwell Prep in Lenox, Mass.

They are the Jesuits of Dorchester.

I think of all their brothers in the New England Province of the Society of Jesus as I stare blankly at the Commonwealth Pier building behind Fr. Keegan's head during his sermon and I wonder how to say thank you after all these years when words alone will sound inadequate and my delivery likely appear awkward and inept.

Beginning with our four years with them at Cranwell, our Jesuit teachers and counselors set the stage to be a forceful influence on us throughout our lives, at 14 or at 68, as I am now. I'm not relying on memory alone; our 1974 Yearbook is handy as I type their names, all ending with S.J.

Fr. Raymond J. Swords, Fr. Robert Ferrick, Fr. James Benson, Fr. Francis Moy, Fr. John Foley, Fr. Patrick Sullivan, Fr. Joseph Fennell, Fr. John Doolan, Fr. Joseph Moynihan, Fr. Arthur Paré, Fr. Thomas Mulvehill, Fr. Edward Fayne, Fr. Thomas Grogan, Fr. Edward Hallen, Fr. Robert Farrell, Fr. James Shea, Brothers Vincent Brennan and Larry Foley, and other visiting Jesuit teachers.

In the end, perhaps, the best way to say "thank you" to these Jesuit Fathers and Brothers of our youth is to say nothing at all and live our lives, as they have, for others.

Sylvester L. Salcedo received his BA degree from Holy Cross College (1978), MA degree from the Naval War College (1991), and JD degree from Suffolk Law (1994). He is a retired US Naval Reserve Intelligence Officer (1978-1999) and a retired private practice attorney (2003-2020). He purchased and lived in his first house at 33 Gibson Street from 1984 to 1998.

with the law.

Campbell said she never talked about the BlueHub Capital part of the bill with the governor directly, "but we made it crystal clear to folks in the State House and the administration that we were opposed to this."

An anti-BlueHub protestor interrupted Healey during a speech at a Retailers Association of Massachusetts event in Waltham last week after she signed the legislation. Healey, who has political and personal connections to BlueHub's CEO Elyse Cherry, responded by pointing to her own tenure as attorney general.

"I went after the subprime predatory lenders. I'm pretty well-schooled in this. And we took them on and took them down. So, I, probably more than anybody, know what it means to stand up for homeowners and fight predatory lending," the governor said.

Campbell said her opposition stems from her time on the Boston City Council representing a district that included parts of Mattapan and Dorchester. She said companies that operate in a forthright way should have no problem complying with the state's consumer protection laws because they're designed to weed out unscrupulous operators.

"We have some of the strongest consumer protection laws in the country. And if you give one product or one company an exception, you open up the floodgates potentially for others to also then begin to seek out an exception. And that's concerning to us," the attorney general said.

Campbell said she is still deciding what comes next. The new law says that the attorney general "may promulgate rules and regulations to implement this subsection." Perhaps seizing upon the "may" rather than the more forceful "shall," Campbell said on Tuesday that the BlueHub-related language in the economic development law is "not necessarily mandatory."

"And so now we are sitting with the possibility of having to come up with some regulations. So, we're figuring this out," she said.

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DotHouse Health awarded key federal grant

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DotHouse Health has won a grant valued at close to \$600,000 from the Health Resources and Service Administration, an agency of US Department of Health and Human Services, that will help the Dorchester facility expand its mental health and substance use services by interacting with local partners.

“The Behavioral Health Service Expansion grant is an opportunity for DotHouse to grow and sustain critical behavioral health and addiction treatment services,” said Dr. Monica Vohra, DotHouse Health’s chief medical officer.

“The communities we serve have been disproportionately impacted by opioid overdoses, drug-related deaths, and rising mental health needs,” she noted. “The funds from this grant will have a significant impact on access and our ability to meet patient needs.”

Several other Massachusetts health centers were also awarded funding, including Dorchester’s Harvard Street Neighborhood Health Center, which received a similar near \$600,000 award.

A new program at DotHouse Health, its Newcomers Clinic, which was established last year and

managed by Dr. Rohini Rau-Murthy, a family medicine physician, is helping to connect recent arrivals to Boston.

“DotHouse has been having this specific focus on people who are new to the country, said Rau-Murthy. “The health center as a whole is really to provide high-quality care to people who are the most vulnerable. I think people who are new to the country really fit that.”

The clinic is focusing mainly on people who are new to the United States in the last year and do not yet have a primary care doctor. At DotHouse, they can find on-site medical care and get connected to community resources.

Funded in part through the Boston Public Health Commission, the facility helps new residents get oriented in the country.

“They’re coming here because they had to,” Rau-Murthy told The Reporter. “They had to leave where they were and through incredible strength and resilience were able to make that journey to Boston. Here you’re faced with a whole new set of challenges. You have different food, clothing, healthcare, school systems, and languages. We’re hoping to demystify a little bit of that.”

At the clinic, Rau-Murthy and certified community health worker

Maria Ortiz help patients of all ages, languages, ethnicities, genders, and immigration statuses, regardless of insurance coverage, get the services they need.

While Rau-Murthy handles the medical side of things, Ortiz does just about everything else. “I think everyone has a starting point in their life and newcomers have a starting point here. They come here for a reason; they want a better life for themselves, for their children, even for the people back home,” she said.

Just last month, Ortiz and Rau-Murthy assisted a family of four that has re-settled from Haiti. While Rau-Murthy made sure the family was up to date medically, Ortiz got the kids into school and helped the parents find shelter and work.

“I think we can be the role model for the rest of the country so they can support these people who come here,” Ortiz told The Reporter. “They need that support because they have a new beginning here, a foundation for them to move forward in their life.”

Those interested in learning more about Newcomers Clinic can reach out to Ortiz at 617-740-2556 or visit DotHouse Health at 1353 Dorchester Ave.

Supreme Court won’t take up lawsuit over Boston exam-school admissions

By **REPORTER STAFF**

The US Supreme Court on Monday (Dec. 9) formally declined to consider a lawsuit by White and Asian-American parents against the way BPS now uses Zip codes as part of its algorithm for determining who gets offered admission to Boston’s three exam schools.

The decision lets stand a ruling by the US Court of Appeals for the First Circuit in Boston last year that BPS could continue with a post-Covid policy to use a blend of standardized test scores, grades and Zip codes weighted by family income as a way to help ensure demographically diverse student populations at Boston Latin School, Boston Latin Academy, and the O’Bryant School without specifically looking at the race or ethnicity of applicants.

The justices voted 7-2 against hearing the case, with justices Samuel Alito and Clarence Thomas saying they would have taken it up. For his part, Justice Neil Gorsuch wrote that the vote doesn’t mean the court won’t take up the issue of possible anti-White bias in a future case; it’s just that the Boston Parent Coalition for Academic Excellence ultimately did a bad job with their specific arguments.

In their dissent, Alito and Thomas first brought up the infamous 2020 School Committee meeting on Zoom at which the chairman, not realizing he wasn’t muted, mocked the names of Chinese American parents testifying that night, and at which two Latina committee members

exchanged texts about “Westie whites.”

The two justices pointed to that meeting, plus the fact that Black and Hispanic enrollment at the exam schools has

gone up since the change in policy as proof of “overwhelming direct evidence of intentional discrimination.” And they criticized the appeals court for its role in spread-

ing what they consider a dangerous holding that “facially race-neutral” policies – such as BPS’s use of income-weighted Zip codes – could not be discriminatory.

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For the mothers that turn to us, often isolated and alone, St. Mary's Center becomes their village of support as they navigate the challenges of motherhood while experiencing homelessness in a city that is increasingly unaffordable for young families.

The reality is that our work at St. Mary's Center has never been more crucial, with Massachusetts climbing to the **second more expensive state to live in**, while Boston specifically has the **second highest rate of family homelessness in the United States**.



By supporting St. Mary's Center this holiday season, you support mothers like Deja, pictured above, who arrived at St. Mary's Center's Adult Family Shelter with her newborn daughter.

The St. Mary's Center team was with her every step of the way, providing much-needed behavioral health services, helping her navigate the incredibly complex housing system in Boston, and encouraging her to reach her goals.

Today, Deja and her daughter are thriving, thanks to the support they received during their time at St. Mary's Center. Your holiday gift to St. Mary's Center helps hundreds of families just like Deja's to see a brighter future for themselves and their families.

Please use the QR code below or visit www.stmaryscenterma.org/holiday-2024 to make your year-end gift today. Thank you for your support!



Irish-themed Neponset Ave. venue in 'soft' opening over the weekend

(Continued from page 1) listed the help of fellow Irishman Keith Gill of KJ Carpentry to completely transform the space into the essence of an Irish pub with dark woods, ornate stools, and memorabilia from Ireland, with an emphasis on McGonagle's hometown, the seaside village of Merville in Donegal.

To further root the space in Irish tradition and his own story, McGonagle's features glass-stained windows and a shop display full of Irish "bric-a-brac" on the top floor, a nod to his father, who was a shopkeeper back home.

A colorful new mural behind the lower-level stage depicts Merville and proudly carries the name: "McGonagle's" with "Dorchester" centered below it.

In fact, the Dorchester connection is just as prominent and meaningful in the space as the Irish ancestry—and that's no accident. After graduating from Ulster University in 2009, the young Oran left Ireland and headed straight to Dorchester Avenue, where he spent the summer working as a bartender at The Banshee up near Columbia Road.

When his student visa expired, McGonagle returned to Merville and tried to "do all the stuff they tell you that you have to do after you graduate," he said. But he'd found his calling back in Boston and before long he was back in Beantown working his way up through the city's restaurant industry.

That hard work paid off with interest. Today, McGonagle owns or directs operations at seven pubs and restaurants spread out around Boston. He owns The Dubliner Irish Pub across from City Hall and The Cottage Bar in Weymouth and he's the director of operations for Emmet's Irish Pub and Restaurant and Roxanne's Cocktail Bar at 6 Beacon St.; Carrie Nation Restaurant & Cocktail Bar at 11 Beacon St.; and Scholars on School Street.

Once known as The Kinsale, the recast Dubliner is known for lively night life, live music, and excellent food created by Chef Aiden McGee, who is also the executive chef at McGonagle's.

"I had an opportunity to buy The Kinsale [in 2022] and decided to go for that and The Dubliner was born," McGonagle said. "It was our version of an Irish bar, a modern one with different styles of food and not just what I call your mom and dad's Irish music."

Now, he said, the Neponset Avenue establishment can bring a similar vibe to the neighborhood.

"Dorchester has a big



Irish influx in it. We think there needs to be a modernization of the Irish bar here," said McGonagle, who laughs when asked how he feels about opening his seventh establishment.

"It's probably because I'm crazy. Honestly, I still have the little itch there, but didn't think I could do something in Dorchester. I've lived here for most of my time in America. I lived three blocks up the street here, North Munroe [Terrace]. I've just seen the opportunity and thought, 'There's room for what we're doing in the city out here,'" said McGonagle, who now lives in Weymouth.

In the new space that carries his name, McGonagle hopes to reach the children of Irish people who moved to Dorchester, other Boston neighborhoods, and nearby towns in the 1970s and '80s.

"We're looking at that demographic being like 'This is your version of the Irish pub, not your mom and dad's version,'" he said.

There are echoes of the traditional pub vibe peppered throughout the space with vintage photos, signs, and Guinness memorabilia. The updated features are subtle, but critical to the pub's success. They include tubes brought in from Ireland to try to match the "lines" that pump the Guinness stout from keg to tap.

It's McGonagle's intent to serve the best pint in Boston.

"Obviously, in Ireland it's fresh and from there. We'll never be able to recreate that, but what we've done here is we basically looked at the specs of an Irish pub in Ireland and what they put in here and we realized that our lines in America are smaller," he noted.

In Ireland, he said, Guinness is poured through a one-half-inch beer line while the bars in America use quarter-inch lines. That difference, McGonagle said, makes all the difference in the quality of a pour.

Not only is Guinness pressurized differently than these other beers, it also needs to be kept at a higher temperature. To make this happen, a



A seating area inside the McGonagle's dining room.

separate beer trunk line was installed.

"I cool [the Guinness] separately so I can set it two degrees higher. It's a lot creamier. The colder the pint, the cream and everything becomes thinner," McGonagle said. "We put the pressure where we want it, we put the temperature where we want it. So now, we just have to make sure that we're doing all the other little things that we need to do."

This includes pouring and presenting the Guinness properly in a 20-ounce McGonagle's glass. Now, McGonagle said, instead of participating in the trending challenge of 'splitting the G'—that is, swallow enough beer on the initial intake so that the line between foam and liquid settles halfway through the "G" on a Guinness brand glass—those drinking on Neponset Ave. can "split the Mac G here."

At the start of each week, every custom glass will be "beer cleaned" to make sure the quality of the cup is up to par with that of the drinks. McGonagle's uses separate lines for ten drafts like Samuel Adams and Fiddlehead and Dorchester Brewing Co.

Guests who are so inclined can pass up a pint for cocktails such as an Aperol margarita, seasonal sangria, or espresso martinis. Those interested in premium liquor are encouraged to join the whiskey club, where

customers can purchase high-end bottles to keep in their own lockers and access them when they visit the pub.

McGonagle hopes the 30 lockers the pub has set aside will add a new dynamic to the Dorchester bar scene. Regulars can visit for meals or nightcaps with family and friends and sip on their own signature cocktail.

"I'll give you a locker. I'll give you a little gold plaque with your name on it. You'll come in in the evening and say, 'We're having a couple of drinks, I want to get a couple out of my whiskey locker.' We'll say, 'What's the name? No problem' and we'll come down with really nice glassware and pour your own bottle," McGonagle explained.

The menu is in the hands of Aiden McGee, who in addition to The Dubliner has worked at multiple Michelin-star restaurants. On weekends, the restaurant will serve a classic Irish breakfast and a traditional Sunday lunch. During the week, the lunch menu will feature popular Irish dishes like steak sandwiches and a warm tuna melt.

McGonagle, however, is most excited about an innovation that's probably strange to a lot of Americans. "It's called a spice bag, it's an Irish Chinese dish," he said. "It's basically like battered chicken, fries, peppers, onions mixed in a spice mix."

The dinner menu will offer grilled pork chops, fish and chips, chicken pie, steak tips, and even pizza. The menu has been crafted to appeal to neighbors who visit the restaurant regularly.

"We're offering a way bigger side selection here," McGonagle said.

"If you do something like steak tips, you could change that meal completely by ordering two different sides with it instead of a set menu like we do in The Dubliner."

He added: "There's an element that will compare to The Dubliner definitely but the neighborhood style of this place is a little different. The Dubliner is very touristy ... where I feel like with this place, we might get someone two, three times a week."

What makes the place so special to the owners is that restaurant goers can get multiple experiences in one location.

On a weekday afternoon, neighbors can sit in the upstairs pub for a post-work pint and bite of food. "I don't want anyone to feel like they're not welcome," McGonagle said. "The more modern bars get now, the more I feel like they're turning away from that person who just wants to be here after work. They feel like 'I have to go home and change first.'"

When the weekend rolls around, patrons can venture downstairs to eat in the larger dining area and end the night listening to live music, which will be offered every Friday and Saturday night. The first performers will include five-member country rock band Over-served Again and Irish singers like Gerald Ahern and Jinty McGrath, all of whom will perform in front of a beautiful mural of McGonagle's hometown overlooked by an image of a Guinness Toucan. When the stage isn't being used, the backroom can be closed off for private events.

"We're hoping that we have really good energy in the room on a Saturday night where people feel like they can go there, have something to eat, have some drinks, and stay for live music and really have a night out where you're not jump-

ing in Ubers going to all different places," he said.

Those looking for another form of entertainment can enjoy domestic and international sports across a dozen different televisions and two 20-foot projectors. Though the pub will show all sports, McGonagle is especially excited to bring Gaelic football fans together.

"Not many people have the right to [Gaelic football]; you have to buy the rights off a company in Ireland to show that in America," he explained. "I have it in The Dubliner, in The Cottage, and I purchased it for here also. We're kind of looking after the city, so hopefully everyone will have a home to watch the game on a Saturday or Sunday. That's kind of where you represent your county where you are from in Ireland. It's quite part of our culture, so we're happy to have that in here."

McGonagle is already planning to partner with local youth athletic programs. He will be teaming up with St. Brendan's Gaelic Athletic Club and those playing soccer and hockey just across the street at Garvey Field and Devine Rink.

"The biggest thing I learned was how to treat people and invite them into your space and make them feel comfortable," said McGonagle. "The rest, honestly, we're cooking food and drinking beers. Everyone can do it. It's the little things that will set us apart, making people feel really welcome."

The sense of home McGonagle wants people to feel at his bar is communicated in its name. Throughout the years many have suggested that he name his businesses after himself. But that didn't feel right to him, until now.

"It's come up over the last few bars to do it; it's been other people telling me to do it; but it didn't suit what we were doing," said McGonagle. "The Dubliner, I felt like that had the be the generic Irish hit where people knew straightaway what it was for tourists and things like that. The reason why I thought McGonagle's worked here is the neighborhood. I feel like a neighborhood can connect more to the surname than what the city would."

He added: "I wanted people to know there was a family behind it, there was a person behind it. This was the neighborhood that made me in America."

McGonagle's is open Monday to Friday from 11 a.m. to 2 a.m., and Saturday and Sunday from 10 a.m. to 2 a.m. The address is 367 Neponset Ave., Dorchester.

Cannabis operators pivot from Mattapan to Fields Corner site

(Continued from page 1) it. When we started engaging with Main Streets here, we found it's a lot of young business owners and first-generation owners and a passion for homeownership in Dorchester – all things we share with them.”

Pascual and Ledbetter met in 7th grade at Boston Latin School (BLS), and took up separate careers before coming together to form Zeb Boutique. They first attempted to locate in a refurbished building on Blue Hill Avenue near Morton Street, but that plan was upended at the last minute due to a change in the landlord's conditions.

A second location on River Street in Mattapan Square resulted in a long negotiation with neighbors, and the Church of the Holy Spirit across the street in Mattapan Square – resulting in many concessions and changes in operating hours. That was all in vain, however, as a landlord issue again surfaced at the 11th hour to stop the proposal. The company also had to change course to remove a business partner, and to change its name.

Officially, they are licensed with the state and need only to complete a change of location in that process. At the city and community level, though, they have to start over with the neighborhood and with the Boston Cannabis Board and Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA). As of now, they have signed a Letter of Intent with the



Investors and friends chatted at the potential new location for Zeb Boutique in Fields Corner on Saturday evening prior to the company's annual meeting.

landlord and are working out the final touches on a lease.

“I remember toasting to just an idea with my best friend in 2021 and I was so excited that we survived this long and now we are so close to the starting line here in Fields Corner,” said Pascual. “It's been a great journey and a fulfilling one for me... We've only fallen forward and gotten better at making decisions and pivoting the company. We're still surviving four years later pre-revenue. That's unheard of and shows our drive to move to another community and try to get started here.”

Added Ledbetter, “I sat down with the church in Mattapan and 120 people showed up on Zoom and I cried after the meeting because I grew up in the



Drudys Ledbetter and Leslie Pascual, owners of Zeb Boutique, are proposing to locate their cannabis dispensary at 1524 Dorchester Ave. at the corner of Park Street and Dot Ave. Seth Daniel photos

church and what they were saying in that meeting about me was hard. So, I'm not afraid of the

tough conversations. A lot of times people are mad at us until they meet us and find out we're regular people – we're moms and we're community people.”

Pascual noted that she spent a great deal of time in Fields Corner as her father operated a business on Geneva Avenue near the MBTA bridge when she was growing up, though her family's home has been in Uphams Corner for more than 30 years.

Both came to learn about cannabis and its medicinal effects as adults and have fashioned their boutique to be as much about wellness and education as it is about cannabis products. On the logistics side of things, the dispensary

will be required to have an extensive security plan, and that includes an array of video cameras right at the nexus of Park Street and Dorchester Avenue – creating what they believe will be a much greater security situation there.

Meanwhile, they will also be renovating about 3,300 square feet of vacant space in the building – a location where they will pay homage to the former Park Street theater with touches like a movie-style ticket booth to check IDs and the refurbished original chandelier that once graced the foyer of the old showplace.

All that said, there are both concerns and some initial skeptics over what's being planned. The Buddhist Temple on Park Street has logged early concerns, as have some of its members who are prominent in the Vietnamese American community. FCCA has placed Zeb Boutique on its January agenda, and it has been noted that Brian Chavez, a Fields Corner businessman, was not supported when he was looking to open a cannabis shop nearby several years ago – though he eventually established one of the first cannabis shops in Dorchester on Freeport Street.

For all that, Ledbetter and Pascual said they remain excited about their prospects and are ready to work with the community and its leaders in the months ahead.

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Wu's tax plan hits a wall: No vote in Senate

(Continued from page 1) vulnerable residents.”

The statement follows South Boston Sen. Nick Collins's procedural delay of action on the bill for the third time on Monday. He said the negotiations that led to the revised property tax bill were based on “false information,” citing Department of Revenue property tax valuation data certified last week that he said proves “the sky isn't falling” in Boston.

Collins said the data the city submitted to the DOR is “materially different” from what city officials presented at a stakeholder meeting weeks ago; he blamed the city for the “unfair characterization that they were waiting on the DOR” for data, when officials didn't submit city data to the DOR until the day before Thanksgiving. Collins called the city's pleas for the shift a “campaign of fear and manipulation.” Other senators joined him in speaking out against the measure.

Belmont Sen. William Brownsberger, a Democrat, said he has “always had strong reservations”



Senate President Karen Spilka.

Jesse Costa/WBUR photo

about the measure, and suggested the city move forward setting its tax rates without the shift.

“Numbers matter. Now that we fully understand that Boston taxpayers are not looking at a 33 percent tax increase, but rather a 10 percent year-over-year increase. It is clear that we should lay this proposal aside,” Brownsberger said on the Senate floor.

Republican Sen. Peter Durant of Spencer said that while his district is far from Boston, “as the city of Boston goes, so does the rest of the state.”



Sen. Nick Collins talks to reporters after a Senate session on Dec. 5, 2024.

Sam Drysdale/SHNS

Sen. Liz Miranda, Dorchester, Mattapan, and Roxbury, was the

bill's only voice of support on the Senate floor on Monday. She said the bill will help protect low-income seniors and the city's most vulnerable homeowners who “can't afford a property tax increase of any percent.” Miranda homed in on the long-term impacts that residents could see over the next three years.

Wu for months has been urging the state to give her administration the power to push a greater share of the city's property tax burden onto commercial owners, arguing that it's the best way to prevent an all-at-once spike from hitting residential owners in 2025.

The first version of her plan cleared the House and stalled in the Senate, and Wu then decreased the proposal's scope in a compromise with business groups. That second iteration also won House approval, but for weeks has idled in the Senate.

Last week, the state Department of Revenue certified property valuations for the city of Boston, which altered projected tax bills.

Wu's office previously forecast that residential bills would increase 14 percent year over year under a “worst case” scenario without action. Now, her team thinks bills would climb 10.5 percent annually with no shift and 5.2 percent with the legislation in place and utilized to its maximum.

Opponents quickly jumped on the new figures and argued they are no longer serious enough to warrant action that would shift more burden to commercial property owners.

“Whether that was intentional or not, we don't know,” Collins said, soon adding, “Now we know the sky isn't falling.”

Wu, however, did not change her position based on the DOR certification. She continued to argue that even a 10.5 percent increase — which Collins said would amount to about \$40 per month for the average homeowner — is too much for Bostonians to absorb during a period of high housing costs.

In a Sunday letter to leaders of business groups who supported the compromise legislation before changing course and calling for a pause last week, Wu said city officials repeatedly emphasized during debate that the numbers were “estimates and that they should not be taken as final.”

“That caveat was explicit on every example sheet given in writing throughout the last eight months, and it was expressed verbally every single time any of these numbers were

discussed,” Wu wrote.

Ashley Groffenberger, Boston's chief financial officer and collector-treasurer, pushed back against arguments that the impact without action would be roughly in line with the average 9 percent annual increase in residential tax bills over the past five years.

“The average annual tax increase for a single-family home in Boston was 5 percent over the last decade, 4.8 percent over the last 15 years, and 4.1 percent over the last 18 years,” Groffenberger wrote in a letter to city councillors on Monday. “Without legislation, this would be the second-highest annual residential increase since 2010, and the jump in the residential share of total taxes would be the highest single-year increase since 2007. This would be a significant burden of compounding high tax increases for families and especially seniors struggling to afford to stay in Boston.”

Labor and senior activist groups who had been advocating for the bill voiced frustration Monday.

“Today's terrible, even though we knew it was going to happen. We were hoping against hope,” said Sherry Peterson, a Mattapan resident and member of the Mass Senior Action Council. “We're on a fixed income, even if they tell us it's not that much. And even when you work, you're on a fixed income. We're very frustrated.”

Darlene Lombos, president of the Greater Boston Labor Council, said Collins's opposition to the measure will “absolutely” weigh on the group's consideration of whether to support him moving forward. “If they won't call us back for this issue, I'm not sure we can count on them for other issues,” she said.

It was not immediately clear what city leaders will do now. The City Council was scheduled to meet on Wednesday for what is supposed to be its final session of 2024. Assessing Commissioner Nicholas Ariniello said last week that the council needs to vote by Wednesday on property tax rates “to make sure that we still did everything that needs to happen to get bills printed” on time.

Collins called on the council to “cancel their planned three-week vacation and get this matter right before the end of the year. It puts the onus on the City Council to come forward with a new home-rule petition that can target relief for residential homeowners. I think that's something that's viable, that would have support here in an expedited fashion,” he told reporters.

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Math error cited for Election Day ballot snafu in city

By Chris Lovett
Reporter Correspondent

A cascade of problems with Boston's general election on Nov. 5 from ballot shortages to a flood of phone calls stemmed from a single math error. That was the explanation Election Department officials gave on Dec. 6 at a hearing of the Boston City Council's Committee of the Whole. Taking the blame for the miscalculation was Head Assistant Registrar of Voters Sabino Piemonte, who told panel members that instead of subtracting the number of returned early and absentee ballots to determine the remaining pool of eligible voters, he made the subtraction twice. Supplying enough ballots for an estimated 80 percent of the estimated remainder, he explained, resulted in shortages. The head of the department and chair of the board for Boston's Election Commission, Eneida Tavares, said there were shortages at about 14 locations. She also cited problems with the size of the boxes for containing ballots, and with the electronic tabulators for ballots at polling places. "We received over 15,000



Voters are shown lined up outside the Lilla G. Frederick School on Columbia Road in Dorchester on Election Day, Nov. 5, 2024.

Maya Maroni/The Scope photo

calls, and we also experienced a large number of machine breakdown issues," Tavares said, "so the machine breakdown issues, coupled with the ballot issues, just caused a large influx of calls." Among the callers failing to get through was the state agency that oversees elections under Secretary of the Commonwealth William F. Galvin.

On Nov. 12, Galvin announced an investigation of "irregularities" in Boston's election. Eighteen years ago, he placed the city's Elec-

tion Department under receivership, following ballot shortages and long waits for voters in the 2006 state election. City election officials credited the Boston Police Dept. with help in distribution of additional ballots. Not specified was how long it took to get from reports of isolated ballot shortages to the realization of a general problem. But District 6 (West Roxbury/Jamaica Plain) Councillor Ben Weber said he was first alerted about a ballot shortage in Ward 20 around 10 a.m. on elec-

tion day. He also asked whether voting problems could be reported to the Election Department in other ways, such as email or text messaging.

Piemonte told councillors about one change that will be followed in future elections: Providing enough ballots at each polling place for 100 percent of the expected turnout. According to Tavares, the decision to distribute a smaller percentage "was just based on the capacity of the ballot boxes." Tavares also acknowledged that a new tabulator model would be faster, but she noted that the current machines—dating to 2019—could only be replaced through a bidding process with a request for proposals.

At the Dec. 6 hearing, District 2 (South Boston, South End, Chinatown) Councillor Ed Flynn reiterated his call for placing the Election Department

under receivership. But his resolution calling for that action failed to win approval at a council meeting last month. In public testimony, Ed Shoemaker, the executive director of Voter Choice Massachusetts, denounced criticism of city election officials as "unwarranted and unfair. The ballot shortages during the 2024 election were a logistical miscalculation, not a reflection of incompetence or systemic failure," he said, adding: "The department is already taking steps necessary to ensure such issues do not occur, including adopting a data-driven planning model of improving communication channels with polling locations."

Council reaffirms line between BPD federal officials on immigrant issues

The Boston City Council last week reaffirmed the Trust Act, which stipulates how local law enforcement does — and doesn't — work with federal immigration officials. The council adopted the resolution to reaffirm legislation originally enacted in 2014 and updated in 2019.

Mayor Wu had also reaffirmed Boston's status as a so-called "sanctuary city" in November following Donald Trump's re-election. He has promised to begin mass deportations as soon as he takes office on Jan. 20.

In the resolution adopted last Wednesday, city councillors acknowledged how immigrants have "enriched the city's culture, economy, and community, yet proposals for mass deportations represent a direct attack on Boston's immigrant families, and threaten to tear communities apart."

The Trust Act distinguishes the different responsibilities of the Boston Police Department and US Immigration and Customs Enforcement, and only permits police to collaborate with ICE on matters of significant public safety like human trafficking or child exploitation — not deportation.

In the resolution, the councillors wrote the city must protect "our immigrant residents by creating a safe environment where all residents,

regardless of immigration status, can report crimes, seek assistance, and live without fear of discrimination."

The ACLU of Massachusetts has been pushing for municipalities to limit police coordination with ICE ahead of Trump's inauguration in January. Carol Rose, the organization's executive director, praised Boston City Council's recommitment.

"State and local governments should use their limited resources to provide the highest possible quality services to residents, keeping communities safe and ensuring all people have

what they need to thrive — not enforcing federal immigration efforts that leave children without their parents, employers without their workers, and send fear throughout our schools, workplaces, and neighborhoods," she said in a statement.

—AMY GOREL
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CITATION GIVING NOTICE
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APPOINTMENT OF GUARDIAN
FOR INCAPACITATED PERSON
PURSUANT TO G.L. c. 190B, §5-304
Docket No. SU24P2562GD
IN THE MATTER OF:
LE HUYNH
of DORCHESTER, MA
RESPONDENT
Alleged Incapacitated Person

To the named Respondent and all other interested persons, a petition has been filed by Boston Medical Center of Boston, MA in the above captioned matter alleging that Le Huynh is in need of a Guardian and requesting that Thoa Trinh of Dorchester, MA (or some other suitable person) be appointed as Guardian to serve on the bond.

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

You have the right to object to this proceeding. If you wish to do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance at this court on or before 10:00 A.M. on the return date of 01/08/2025. This day is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline date by which you have to file the written appearance if you object to the petition. If you fail to file the written appearance by the return date, action may be taken in this matter without further notice to you. In addition to filing the written appearance, you or your attorney must file a written affidavit stating the specific facts and grounds of your objection within 30 days after the return date.

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The outcome of this proceeding may limit or completely take away the above-named person's right to make decisions about personal affairs or financial affairs or both. The above-named person has the right to ask for a lawyer. Anyone may make this request on behalf of the above-named person. If the above-named person cannot afford a lawyer, one may be appointed at State expense.
Witness, Hon. Brian J. Dunn, First Justice of this Court.
Stephanie L. Everett, Esq.
Register of Probate
Date: November 27, 2024

Published: December 12, 2024

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TO CHANGE NAME
Docket No. SU24C0536CA
IN THE MATTER OF:
SUELI SOUZA RODRIGUES

A Petition to Change Name of Adult has been filed by Sueli Souza Rodrigues of Boston, MA requesting that the court enter a Decree changing their name to:

Sueli Pereira Souza
IMPORTANT NOTICE

Any person may appear for purposes of objecting to the petition by filing an appearance at: Suffolk Probate and Family Court before 10:00 a.m. on the return day of 12/26/2024. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance if you object to this proceeding.

Witness, HON. BRIAN J. DUNN, First Justice of this Court.
Date: November 27, 2024
Stephanie L. Everett, Esq.
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This meeting is organized by the Dorchester region working group.

 **CITY of BOSTON**  

Codman Health looking to site full-service center in Randolph

(Continued from page 1) health center for students at Randolph High School earlier this year. “We’ve done it in phases, and we do have footprint in Randolph High School with mostly behavioral health services for the students, and that’s gone super,” he said. “We’re delighted with our partnership at the high school... We are looking forward to, and anticipating, the opening of a more robust set of services with full health services there at the school.” He said they will start construction on the expansion at Randolph

High in January with an eye to an opening in August or September. That facility will have two zones. The first will continue to serve students with full health services and will have an entrance from the high school. The second will welcome a new group. “That second zone will serve parents with children from other public schools – the middle schools and elementary schools – who need health services,” he said. There will be four exam rooms, two counseling rooms, and clinical services like blood drawing areas.

But the full clinic at the school is just an “interim” step for their plans in Randolph, said Fish. “There is a developing consensus at the Codman Square Board to explore the establishment of a full-fledged community health center in Randolph serving the general public and not just the school community,” he said. “The location of that is to be determined, the timeline for that is to be determined. It’s really something we have a desire to do but right now we are in the early workings of where, when, and how.” He said the school health center has brought a “wonderful” collaboration with

the Town of Randolph and other stakeholders there, and they hope to “leverage that into this full community health center site” in the town.” Right now, that effort is the priority for CSHC, but there are conversations some want to have about the headquarters in Dorchester’s Codman Square. Once Randolph is “off the runway and cruising in the air,” they want to turn their attention to serving patients with more resources in Dorchester. Fish said that right now he is welcoming comments from Dorchester patients – good or bad – and said he needs to have an honest assessment from the public on

how they are doing. He said one thing the CSHC would like to advance on is doing more to connect people to services and resources. He told the audience at the meeting that he would hold up the center’s care to any private practice. However, he said, more can be done with helping patients get healthier by solving transportation, food, and housing problems. “While that isn’t the primary type of services the health center delivers, we are looking for organizations to partner with,” he said. “Other community-based organizations, that have that as a primary mission and then work in partnership

with them for these services and combine that with the 80 percent we do that makes up the medical and health services.” This week marks the 50th anniversary of the humble beginnings of the CSHC, when on Dec. 10, 1974, a community civic association called on health leaders to site a community health center in the vacant Great Hall. It was the spark generated by those conversations that eventually made the health center a reality in the Great Hall, and its expansion of the campus to its building on Washington Street. See *DotNews.com* for more on Codman’s 50th anniversary.



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Aljoy Sawyer LLC	Tunon, Brenda	19 Sawyer Ave	Dorchester	11/15/24	1,250,000	
Nguyen, Linh A	Westfield, Joseph C	278 E Cottage St	Dorchester	11/15/24	1,000,000	
Carroll Ft	Wilson, Monica	140 Devon St	Dorchester	11/14/24	500,000	
Pete LLC	Chancholo Theresa Est	1606 Dorchester Ave	Dorchester	11/18/24	900,000	
Nguyen, Michael H	Nguyen, Phuong	11-15 Ballou Ave	Dorchester	11/15/24	495,000	
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Stallings, Lakeisha C	Murray Hill Group LLC	11 Richmere Rd	Mattapan	11/15/24	650,000	
Richer, Meghan	Hanney, Karen E	14 Verdun St #1	Dorchester	11/15/24	615,000	
Dac, Vy T	Malone, Eric S	86 Savin Hill Ave #2	Dorchester	11/15/24	370,000	
Fitch, James R	Oriordan, Tara	19 Roseland St #1	Dorchester	11/18/24	510,000	
Ceasar, Toren	Gcl Homes LLC	14 Bearse Ave #2	Dorchester	11/15/24	440,000	
Boginski, Holly	Plakias, Andrew S	11 Everett Ave #2	Dorchester	11/15/24	525,000	
Idowu, Jessica	Ashmont Park 4 LLC	4 Ashmont Park #1	Dorchester	11/15/24	740,000	
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Fernandes Anderson charged in kickback scheme, fraud

(Continued from page 1)

Boston Division, said in a statement. "This case illustrates how the FBI, and our partners are working hard every day to battle public corruption and the corrosive damage it does to people's faith in government."

The staff member in the indictment was not a member of Fernandes Anderson's immediate family, according to the court records, so that person's hiring did not conflict with state ethics laws, unlike the cases of her sister and son, whose hiring led to a \$5,000 fine by the state Ethics Commission. However, the indictment continued, when Fernandes Anderson hired the third relative in November 2022 at a salary of \$65,000, she hid that the new employee was related to her.

The indictment continues that when Fernandes Anderson ran into personal financial difficulties starting in early 2023, including missed rent and car payments, bank overdrafts and the \$5,000 state ethics fine, she hatched a plan to give the relative "extra pay in the form of a large bonus," part of which the employee would then have to give to Fernandes Anderson.

To cover up the scheme — since staff bonus information was public information — the councillor told all her staff workers they would be getting bonuses but that the relative, dubbed "Staff Member A" by the indictment, would be getting a larger bonus for alleged prior volunteer work.

On May 3, the indictment states, Fernandes Anderson sent an e-mail to a City Hall employee to process a \$13,000 bonus payment to Staff Member A — more than twice as much as the entire total of bonuses for the rest of her staff.

The bonus was included in a May 26 salary check, which the employee deposited in their account



City Councillor Tania Fernandes Anderson left federal court in Boston after her arraignment on public corruption charges last Friday (Dec. 6).

Jesse Costa/WBUR photo

at Santander bank. At Fernandes Anderson's direction, the indictment states, the relative then made three withdrawals over a ten-day period totaling \$10,000.

At 4:11 p.m. on June 9, the indictment states, Staff Member A sent Fernandes Anderson a one-word text: "Bathroom." The councillor replied: "Ready."

"Shortly following these texts, Staff Member A handed Fernandes Anderson approximately \$7,000 in cash at a bathroom in City Hall," the charging document alleges.

The five wire-fraud abetting counts relate to the five specific alleged acts Staff Member A took — starting with depositing the check with the bonus, the three withdrawals and then the handover of cash. The federal-funds charge relates to the fact that the city of Boston receives more than \$10,000 a year in federal funds.

When asked for her reaction last Friday, Wu told reporters that Fernandes Anderson should step down.

"There's a legal process to play out and everyone in our community deserves the right to a fair legal process," she told reporters. "With that being said, these charges are serious enough that I believe that it is of the nature that it will undermine the ability for the public to trust and have effective representation in this case."

Later, Louijeune agreed in a written statement: "Public trust is para-

mount in our line of work, especially at the local level. Councillor Fernandes Anderson has every right to due process in a court of law, [but] given the severity of the allegations brought against her, and the direct impact that they have on residents' ability to see the Boston City Council as their faithful stewards, it is in the best interest of the body that she resign. This would allow the legal process to unfold without undue disruption to the body."

On Monday, Fernandes Anderson chaired a virtual council hearing on planning and development but did not address the criminal charges she faces or the calls for her to resign. Last week, before her arrest, she discussed news reports that indicated she was under federal investigation, but did not offer specifics.

"My job is to show up and fight for you, and I will continue to do just that — the people's work," she said in a statement. "Unfortunately, I am not able to comment on this matter at this time. As soon as I can, I will be sure to share more with you."

If Fernandes Anderson, who is 45, were to resign in the coming days or weeks, the vacancy would prompt a special election to replace her in the District 7 seat that she has held since Jan. 2022. She was re-elected in November 2023 in a contest against perennial candidate Althea Garrison.

State House News Service reports were used in compiling this story.

**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. Anon-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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CITATION ON PETITION FOR SALE OF REAL ESTATE BY A PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE
Docket No. SU24P1799EA
ESTATE OF:
HAROLD BARRETT
Date of Death: 12/17/2020

To all interested persons:
A Petition For Sale of Real Estate has been filed by: Charmaine Barrett of Norwood, MA requesting that the court authorize the Personal Representative to sell the decedent's real estate at a private sale.

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 12/26/2024.

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.

Witness, HON. BRIAN J. DUNN, First Justice of this Court.
Date: November 27, 2024
Stephanie L. Everett, Esq.
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CITATION ON PETITION FOR SALE OF REAL ESTATE BY A PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE
Docket No. SU24P1199EA
ESTATE OF:
PATRICIA HENRY
Date of Death: 12/17/2019

To all interested persons:
A Petition For Sale of Real Estate has been filed by: Michael F. Curley of Duxbury, MA requesting that the court authorize the Personal Representative to sell the decedent's real estate at a private sale.

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 12/26/2024.

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CITATION ON PETITION FOR SALE OF REAL ESTATE BY A PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE
Docket No. SU23P0592EA
ESTATE OF:
EDNA GREENE MURRELL
Date of Death: 10/06/2022

To all interested persons:
A Petition For Sale of Real Estate has been filed by: Janice I. Bowen of Clayton, NC requesting that the court authorize the Personal Representative to sell the decedent's real estate at a private sale.

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 12/26/2024.

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Witness, HON. BRIAN J. DUNN, First Justice of this Court.
Date: November 26, 2024
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**Docket No. N024A0204AD
CITATION
G.L. c. 210, §6
IN THE MATTER OF:
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**Younique Grice of Randolph, MA
Ashleigh Grice of Randolph, MA**
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If you desire to object thereto, you or your attorney must file a written appearance in said court at: **Canton** on or before ten o'clock in the morning (10:00 AM) on: **01/08/2025.**
Witness, Hon. Lee M. Peterson, First Justice of this Court.
Date: November 27, 2024
Colleen M. Brierley
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**CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION
Docket No. SU24P0520EA
ESTATE OF:
MARY F. JACKSON
DATE OF DEATH: 11/30/2023**

To all interested persons:
A Petition for Formal Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative has been filed by Donna P. Forbes of Boston, 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: Donna P. Forbes of Boston, MA be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve Without 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 01/17/2025.

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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: December 6, 2024
Stephanie L. Everett, Esq.
Register of Probate
Published: December 12, 2024

**COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
THE TRIAL COURT
PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT
Suffolk Probate & Family Court
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**CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION
Docket No. SU24P1972EA
ESTATE OF:
KIET VAN NGO
DATE OF DEATH: 05/09/2024**

To all interested persons:
A Petition for S/A - Formal Adjudication of Intestacy and Appointment of Personal Representative has been filed by Tina Do of Boston, 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: Tina Do of Boston, MA be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve With Personal Surety on the bond in unsupervised administration.

IMPORTANT NOTICE
You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: 10:00 a.m. on the return day of 01/07/2025.

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Witness, HON. BRIAN J. DUNN, First Justice of this Court.
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On December 5th, our friends at The Barking Crab restaurant hosted another fabulous Jingle & Mingle holiday event to benefit Boys & Girls Clubs of Dorchester. Led by Director of Operations Alex Morris and Manager Matt White, the staff helped to deck the halls of the Crabby Shack Tent for our attendees. The night was full of festive holiday fun including delicious food, cocktails, raffles, photos with the Grinch, and more. All proceeds raised that night directly benefited BGCD. A huge thank you to The Barking Crab owners and incredible staff for your continued support. We're so grateful to everyone who helped support by joining us at this very special holiday tradition. For more information or to get involved with BGCD's special events, please contact Patty Lamb at plamb@bgcdorchester.org.

FIND OUT WHAT'S INSIDE:

BGCD Hosts First AI Athletics Day with NWN Carousel, Intel & Patriots Foundation:

On Giving Tuesday, our Club was excited to host Boston's first-ever AI Athletics Day! Thanks to our amazing partners at Intel Corporation, New England Patriots Foundation and NWN Carousel who helped bring this one-of-a-kind event to life. A special thanks to Representative Christopher Worrell, New England Patriots Foundation President Josh Kraft, and Anshul Sonak, who supported the interactive AI workshop. A special shoutout to Patriots players Demontrey Jacobs, Tyrese Robinson & Caleb Jones who worked one on one with the kids. Fifty members rotated through the 4 interactive booths, met the players, got autographs and enjoyed dinner together. The new AI curriculum will now be available to our members as we continue to allow our members to learn and grow with this program.

DID YOU KNOW:

Don't Miss our 11th Annual Ugly Sweater Party at Harp + Bard on December 12th:

Our friends at Harp + Bard are helping to host the annual and ever popular Ugly Sweater Holiday Party fundraiser on Thursday, December 12th at 7pm! Enjoy a festive night with friends, taking part in our silent auction, 50/50 raffle, and more. Make sure to come dressed in your best ugly sweater to try and win our competitive Ugly Sweater Contest! Tickets are \$30, will be sold at the door, and will include food and drink tickets. Please note this is a 21+ event. We would appreciate attendees to bring a new, unopened toy that will support our holiday toy drive. All proceeds raised will help us purchase toys for children who attend our Clubs. Harp + Bard Restaurant is located at 1099 Dorchester Ave. For more information on the event, contact Chad Hassey at chassey@bgcdorchester.org.

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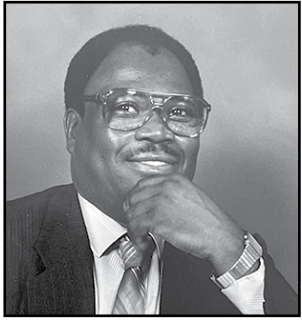
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RECENT OBITUARIES



ANTOINE, Eugenio Pierre of Dorchester, on Dec. 1 at age 84. Born in Jacmel, Haiti, a devoted husband, father, and grandfather, Eugenio touched countless lives with his warmth, generosity, and infectious kindness. He is survived by his beloved wife of over 50 years, Clemence Jabath Antoine; his daughter, Marise Antoine; his son, James Antoine; his daughter-in-law, Gintare Antoine; his adored grandson, Lukas Alexandre Antoine; his sister,

Marie Irène Antoine; his stepbrother, Fransillion Alcindor; and his large extended family. A dedicated and hardworking man, Eugenio served at both Beth Israel Hospital and Boston Children's Hospital for over three decades. Throughout his career, he was celebrated for his gregarious personality and the genuine connections he made with colleagues and patients alike. His unwavering commitment to service left an indelible mark on all who knew him. Eugenio will be remembered for his boundless generosity, extending kindness beyond his immediate family to anyone in need. The life of every gathering, he filled rooms with laughter and a vibrant spirit. An avid Boston sports fan, Eugenio loved boxing as well as cheering for the Bruins, Red Sox, Celtics,

and Patriots. His legacy of love, compassion, and resilience will forever inspire those who had the privilege of knowing him. The family will host a memorial service on Sat., Dec. 14, at 9:30 AM at 1000 Blue Hill Ave., Dorchester. A wake is Friday, Dec. 13, 5 to 8 p.m. at Dolan Funeral Home, 1140 Washington Street, Dorchester. In lieu of flowers, the family kindly requests donations to MIRA (Massachusetts Immigrant & Refugee Advocacy Coalition) in his honor.

AMADEI, Anne Marie, 85, of Dorchester. Daughter of the late Victorio Amadei and Josephine (Trolez) Amadei. Sister of Lydia Micheli of Dorchester. Aunt of Carlo and his wife Jeanice Micheli of Vermont, and the late Rene Micheli and Mario Micheli.



COLLIGAN, Marie J. (Noris), 95, of Milton, formerly of Mattapan. Wife of the late Henry T. Colligan Jr. Marie is survived by her children: Henry T. Colligan III (and his late wife Lorraine) of Bourne, Laura M. Rich (and her husband Michael) of Middleboro, and Diane M. Colligan (and her husband David Conlin) of Milton. Grandmother of 7, great-grandmother of 10. Marie was a cafeteria worker in the Milton Public School. In honor of our Maria's love of family, we ask that you keep your family close to your heart.

GHUBLIKIAN, Maureen Anne, 74, of Mashpee, peacefully passed away on November 30, 2024, after a protracted battle with Alzheimer's Disease. In her final days, she was surrounded by loved ones.



Maureen was born on December 31, 1949 in Boston, the daughter of John F. McCarthy and Eleanor McCarthy (née Berlo). Maureen graduated from St. Gregory's High School in 1967, then went on to Boston State College, earning a B.S. in Mathematics, and later received her M.B.A. from Suffolk University. Maureen married Jack (John R. Ghublikian) on July 7, 1973 at St. Joseph's Chapel at Boston College, with Father Jack Roach officiating. They met while teaching together at Holbrook Junior High School and quickly fell for each other. Their 51-year marriage was full of love, laughter, and adventure. They raised three children, traveled the world, boated around Cape Cod and Florida, spent time with cherished friends and family, and watched countless sunsets together. They even managed to play golf together without getting divorced. Maureen was a math teacher and basketball coach, during which time she fought for pay equity for female coaches. She then shifted her career to finance, working at State Street Bank, Boston International Advisors, John Hancock, and Bank of New York Mellon. She worked tirelessly to support her family while also breaking glass ceilings. Maureen loved the arts, especially dance and music. She regularly attended the ballet and symphony, as well as community theater and - most importantly - her children's recitals and plays. In her time at Harbor Point, she came to life most when listening to live music there. Maureen was very active and enjoyed swimming, skating, dancing, basketball, and any chance to best her children in a pushup contest. She also knew how to relax and could often be found reading on the beach or watching a sunset with a gin and tonic in hand. While not known for her driving skills, she was an expert at evading traffic and never failed to show up for a sports game or music recital on time. She was also a devoted lifelong friend, living by the mantra "if you want to have friends, you have to be a friend." She loved taking care of others, never hesitating to plan a party to celebrate a happy occasion, or to organize a meal train of support during difficult times. Remaining to cherish Maureen's memory are husband John R. Ghublikian; children,

Anna Eunjoo Ghublikian (Stephanie Noll), John Inkook Ghublikian, and Jane Rose Ghublikian (Christopher Wiley); and brother Jack McCarthy (Cathy McCarthy). Preceding Maureen in death are parents, John F. McCarthy and Eleanor McCarthy (Berlo); brothers Michael A. McCarthy and Paul F. McCarthy. A visitation will be held on Friday, December 13, 2024, from 1-3 PM, with a service to follow at 3 PM at Chapman Funerals & Cremations, 74 Algonquin Ave. (RTE 151), Mashpee, MA 02649. For those unable to attend the services in person, livestreaming will be made available by visiting www.streampros.net/ccgMashpee at the scheduled service time. Following the service, the family invites you to join for music and light refreshment at the Cotuit Freedom Hall, 976 Main St., Cotuit, MA 02635 from 4-6 PM. Interment will be at a later date. Memorial donations in Maureen's memory may be directed to Save Popponeset Bay, P.O. Box 920757, Needham, MA 02492 or online at savepopponesetbay.org or to Cape Cod Healthcare Dementia & Alzheimer's Caregiver Support, P.O. Box 370, Hyannis, MA 02601 or online at support.giveto-capecodhealth.org. For online guestbook and directions please visit chapmanfuneral.com.



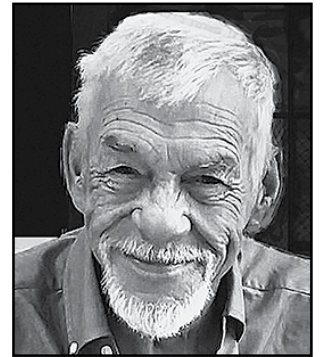
HINDS, Masalene Martina "Marty", 90, of Mattapan. Daughter to the late Ursula Hinds and Kenneth Brathwaite. She began her career in the medical field at Children's Hospital medical records department, before retiring. Marty dedicated her retired years to patient sitting services at Beth Israel Deaconess Hospital. Preceding her in death are her sons Carl and Jeffrey Hinds, daughter-in-law Beverly Keaton-Hinds, grandson Erskine Hinds, sister Minthy Blades (Barbados), and cousin Naomi Alleyne (Barbados). Marty leaves her sons Radford and David Hinds, 1 grand daughter; 2 great grands; brother Kenneth Hinds (Joyce) (UK), sister Francena Holder, cousin Marjorie Marshall (Barbados), several nieces and nephews and close friends.

HUTCHINSON, Jomane O. "O'Neil", 51, of Dorchester. Son of Alton E. Hutchinson and Angella A. Levy. He worked as a trailer driv-

er, traveling across the United States for many



years. Husband of Marie Depina. Father of Jomane Hutchinson, and Lathania and Jomeilia Hutchinson. Grandson of Rebecca Haughton; brother of Leeroy, Theodore (Junior), Kimeta (Nancy), Camille, and Monique (Bella). He also leaves numerous nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles and cousins and friends



MUNCH, Bruce Gregory, 77, of Essex, formerly of Dorchester. Brother to Joyce M. Jenkins; uncle to Meredith Fuson-Hill, Monica McGarvey and Natalie Atsou, and partner, to Nina Fletcher. US Navy veteran. He worked as an arborist for 31 years at the Arnold Arboretum. He was a longtime member of the Savin Hill Yacht Club.



SUPITKOWSKY, James (Jim, Jimbo), 61, of Hyde Park, originally from Dorchester. Son to the late Joseph and Jean (Porter) Supitkowsky. He is survived by his siblings: Joseph Supitkowsky and his wife Maureen of East Bridgewater; Jean Dibble and her husband Stephen of Salem; Judi Mahon and her husband Gerry of Braintree; Jackie Delaney and her husband Paul of Weymouth; and Joann Viselli and her husband Peter of Salem. He was predeceased by his sister Janet (Supitkowsky) Melchionda. Jim was an uncle to many nieces and nephews. US Army veteran. Jim continued to serve his community with the United States Postal Service. He developed many lifelong friendships with the residents on his route in Hyde Park.

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Fats the cat finally rescued after 90 hours atop a tree

A cat named Fats, who climbed high up a tree in an Uphams Corner backyard and got stuck there for four days, was rescued by an intrepid staffer from the Animal Rescue League of Boston on Nov. 29. According to a spokesman for the non-profit, Fats “had perched itself on a limb about 30 feet off the ground, and ARL Field Services agent David Anderson was able to scale the tree and by talking calmly to the cat and offering him food, was able to lure him close enough to safely be corralled and placed into a carrier for the return trip to solid ground.”

The rescuers brought Fats to their Dedham Animal Care and Adoption Center for a medical evaluation and signs of ownership— and found that he’d been microchipped by his owner using the ARL’s Wellness Waggin’, a mobile veterinary clinic offering low-cost, high-quality pet wellness services in several Greater Boston communities, including Dorchester.

The owner, Tolga Shields, had been searching for Fats for several days. The ARL says she “had even heard him meowing during one of her searches; however, she did not realize that the sound had been coming from above her.”

The ARL provides technical rescues like tree climbing and water rescues for injured animals, livestock, and raptors, including turkey vultures, ospreys, hawks, eagles, falcons, and owls. Contact the ARL hotline at 617-426-9170, Ext. 563. —REPORTER STAFF



David Anderson of the ARL Boston made the ascent to retrieve Fats the cat from his treetop perch in Uphams Corner on Nov. 29.



Fats reunited with his owner Tolga Shields.

Photos courtesy ARL Boston



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Stay Safe from Holiday Scams



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- **Missed packages or problems with delivery:** Expecting a package? Be cautious of phishing messages through email or text impersonating delivery services like UPS or FedEx with links to view “missed deliveries.” These links may lead to fake sign-in pages or malware-infected sites. Do not respond to messages requesting personal or financial information, including money or cryptocurrency. Be wary of unexpected packages and avoid scanning QR codes, as they may be attempts to steal your information.
- **Online deals that are too good to be true:** When shopping online or on social media, buy only from trusted websites and vendors. If purchasing on a platform or marketplace, stay on the platform to complete transactions and communicate with sellers, as protections often only apply when you use the platform. Use payment methods that offer buyer protection, and never send money to strangers or use Zelle for purchases, especially when you can’t confirm the goods exist.

The holidays are a time to celebrate with loved ones, not falling victim to scams that can steal your cheer. Falling for a scam can lead to losing money and putting your account and personal information at risk, which can be both time consuming and costly.



- **Phony charities preying on your generosity:** The Holidays is also a season of giving. Before you donate money, double-check contact and payment information for your charity of choice and watch for text, email or phone call solicitations. Like any other unsolicited message, don’t click on links or open attachments that may contain malware or attempt to steal your information.

“Scammers do not discriminate and can target anyone during this festive season. Don’t let your guard down. Always remember that if something seems off, it likely is. By staying alert and informed, we can protect ourselves and our loved ones from falling victim

during this holiday season,” said Darius Kingsley, head of Consumer Banking Practices at Chase.

Tips to Avoid Scams:

- Don’t send money to unknown individuals or for goods or services that you can’t confirm exist.
- Be cautious of friendly messages from strangers on social apps. Scammers might try to build trust before asking for money.
- If a deal seems too good to be true, it probably is. Watch out for deep discounts or low prices that may be scams.

- If you shop on social media marketplaces, never pay using Zelle—it is the same as cash and you may not get back if there is an issue.

For more information about ways to help protect yourself from scams, visit chase.com/scamspotting —it’s a free resource that offers information in English and Spanish.

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