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'Dot Days' — Weekend celebration draws huge crowds



Let's face it: Dorchester's too big for a one-day party. Boston's best neighborhood gathered last Saturday and Sunday to celebrate, dance, and commune with neighbors in what is best-described as Dot Day weekend.

On Saturday, well over 1,000 people descended on the side streets in the Ashmont-Adams section for the third annual DorchFest, which featured live performances by bands, dancers and musicians from a variety of genres and ethnic traditions. The "porch-fest"-style event benefited from a "top-ten" day weather-wise and a devoted crew of volunteers who made it all possible. At left: A Samba Viva dancer entertained the crowd on Beaumont Street during the DorchFest. More, Pages 12-13.

On Sunday, the party got even bigger as the 118th Dorchester Day Parade hit Dot Ave between Lower Mills and Columbia Road, with tens of thousands of participants and spectators turning out under blue skies and temps into the 80s. At right: Members of the national championship-winning Boston Raiders cheer squad danced their way through Fields Corner. More, Pages 4-5.



'Voice of Celtics,' Dot native Gorman, sees greatness in the Green

BY BILL FORRY
EDITOR

Mike Gorman's basketball journey began on the court at Toohig Park, where he'd practice his roundball skills most days after class at St. Brendan School. Like a lot of Dot kids who dreamed of a pro career, the scrappy neighborhood kid had a crisp jump shot and was a defensive pest.

But this kid from Crockett Ave. couldn't "go left" on his drives to the basket. "That was the end of my career," he jokes.

Instead, the Boston Latin School alum's hoop dreams led him to a remarkable 43-year career as a broadcaster and as the "voice of the Boston Celtics."

On May 1, the 76-year-
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Mike Gorman still has a courtside seat at Celtics games. Image courtesy NBCUniversal

Resolution of property tax dilemma puts mayor, council in fretful mode

BY CHRIS LOVETT
REPORTER CORRESPONDENT

Four years into economic recovery from the pandemic, city officials are still trying to figure out how to flatten the curve on future property taxes while working to convey enough urgency to get legislative help from the State House without sounding too much alarm.

At a virtual hearing May 30, the City Council's Government Operations Committee gathered testimony on how the curve might be affected by a home rule petition proposed by Mayor Wu. If approved by the council and at the State House, the measure could temporarily

smooth out a possible spike in tax bills on residential property, triggered by an expected slump in assessed values for some of Boston's commercial property—especially less desirable "class B" and "class C" office space.

Even the optics of the hearing told the story: Instead of a single spacious Iannella Chamber proceeding, participants could behold a jump-cut montage of screens, with different faces shown in different settings. On one screen, a councillor holds forth from the passenger side of a motor vehicle, strapped in place with a seatbelt while a brick streetscape behind her reels off

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St. Mark – St. Ambrose combine ends this month

BY SETH DANIEL
NEWS EDITOR

Two Catholic parishes in Dorchester that have been paired together for the last decade will end their collaborative model this month. St. Mark's and St. Ambrose, both

of which serve strong congregations of distinctive ethnic and linguistic communities, will move forward as independent parishes under a directive from Cardinal Sean O'Malley.

The decision was an-

nounced to parishioners in late May via a letter to both congregations. Father Marcos Enrique, at left, will be the pastor of St. Mark's and Father Linh Nguyen will serve as the pastor of St. Ambrose.

Both parishes shared their Mass schedules, staff, and priests during the collaboration, but not their finances. Both are seen as thriving, though St. Ambrose boasts larger attendance and more weekly giving. St. Mark's
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Police, Courts & Fire

Women slain on Edson Street; fourth slaying in city this year

An unnamed woman was shot to death on Edson Street in Dorchester last Friday night (May 31), according to Boston Police, who say the victim was found "suffering from gunshot wounds" in the area of 36 Edson St. around 11:15 p.m. She was rushed to a local hospital, where she was pronounced dead, making her the city's fourth reported murder victim of the year. Police have asked the public to call in any tips on the incident to homicide detectives at 617-343-4470.

Loaded gun in waist pack

Boston Police arrested a 14-year-old with a loaded gun in a fanny pack at a Harambee Park event Saturday night (June 1). Separately, police arrested a 16-year-old with a gun magazine loaded with 10 bullets at a Mattapan party on Sunday night.

The first arrest happened shortly before 7 p.m. when officers monitoring an event at Harambee Park say they "observed a young male clenching a fanny pack underneath his left arm" near Talbot Avenue and Wales Street. Police say that when officers went over to check on him, he tried to escape through a crowd.

After detaining him, police say, they found he was carrying "a Smith and Wesson with one round in the chamber and twelve rounds in the magazine. The firearm's serial number was also removed."

The 14-year-old was charged with being delinquent for illegal possession of a firearm, illegal possession of a large-capacity feeding device, possession of a firearm with a defaced serial number, and illegal possession of ammunition.

Around 9 p.m. on Sunday, officers responded to 72 Wildwood St. in Mattapan after somebody called 911 to report spotting a person with a gun. Police found a "large house party with 100-150 people in attendance" and located a suspect who they say had a 9mm Lugar with 10 rounds in a fanny pack. The 16-year-old was charged with being delinquent for illegal possession of ammunition, police say.

A fight, a gun, and crack cocaine

Police say they arrested a 42-year-old Dorchester man late last Friday night after they responded to a report of a fight near 469 Blue Hill Avenue. The suspect, William White, was charged with unlawful gun and ammunition possession and possession of what police say was crack cocaine.

A ghost gun in the trunk

A 21-year-old Dorchester man and his 19-year-old passenger were arrested by Boston Police on May 29 after police say they stopped a speeding car with "excessively dark window tint" near Peabody Square around 10:50 p.m. The two men in the car allegedly "became agitated" and were "non-compliant" when the police found a "loaded Glock ghost gun" that was concealed in the car's trunk.

Feeney property near Fields Corner has been sold to Wakefield developer

By SETH DANIEL NEWS EDITOR

A key industrial building near Fields Corner serving the Feeney Brothers Co. operations was sold last month for \$8.5 million to a Wakefield developer that focuses on transitioning industrial property into e-commerce distribution centers.

The building at 95 Gibson and 90 Parkman streets was owned by an LLC associated with Brendan and Aidan Feeney and transferred on May 7 to an LLC controlled by Dean Atkins of Northbridge Partners. The building has historically been the equipment storage and repair shop for the Feeney Brothers excavation company.

Northbridge Partners did not return an email from the Reporter seeking



95 Gibson and 90 Parkman Streets.

comment on their plans. However, the company is known to focus on what is termed "last-mile distribution" centers for e-commerce companies like Amazon and E-Bay.

According to their website, "Northbridge identifies assets near major markets on the

East Coast: (i) that are critical to the modern e-commerce supply chain and infill logistics and (ii) are located in densely populated areas where industrial tenant demand is high, but lack of available land restricts new supply."

The Feeney Brothers

operation also owns a large industrial building abutting Park Street near the Gibson/Parkman building that is in the Alsen-Mapes Industrial Park. They own substantial land holdings on the northern side of Park Street that serve as offices and parking lots.

Neighborhood leaders in Fields Corner were initially concerned about what the sale would mean to the Feeney Brothers operations, as the building was the key spot for them to service their fleet of trucks and heavy equipment.

Also, with Sturtevant Street being a major cut-through for traffic, but also a private way not officially open to vehicles, a concern was whether the new owners might block use of Sturtevant in the future.

Wu endorses Cartwright in SJC clerk court contest



Mayor Wu with Allison Cartwright

Mayor Wu on Monday endorsed the attorney Allison Cartwright as the next clerk of the Supreme Judicial Court for Suffolk County. She is running against current at-large City Councillor Erin Murphy, whose background is as a BPS teacher and city councillor. Both Murphy and

Cartwright hope to replace Maura Doyle, who is retiring. Wu noted Cartwright's extensive legal experience in her endorsement.

"In a moment where our independent judiciary is more important than ever, I'm excited to endorse a supremely qualified, honest, and hardworking candidate for clerk of the Supreme Judicial Court," Wu said. "Attorney Allison Cartwright has decades of legal experience as a lawyer and leader within the court system, ensuring that families have access to justice. From working in the Dorchester District Court during law school, to launching her career with the Roxbury

Defenders, to her current work at CPCS [the Committee for Public Counsel Services], Allison knows the ins and outs of the legal system and its impact on community."

In addition to Boston residents, voters in Chelsea, Revere, and Winthrop will get to pick the new clerk this fall.

-REPORTER STAFF

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UPCOMING CIVIC MEETINGS AND COMMUNITY EVENTS

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The Friends of Ronan Park plan a community social on Thurs., June 6, 6-7:30 p.m. at Home.stead café, 1448 Dorchester Ave. Food, beer, and wine. Learn more about summer events at the park.

Savin Hill Shoreline cleanup is planned for Sun., June 9, from 9 a.m. to noon. Meet at Malibu Beach parking lot along Morrissey Blvd. Questions, email katrinamartin9787@gmail.com

Dorchester Historical Society hosts a free, 90-minute Walking Tour of Port Norfolk on Sat., June 15, at 10 a.m. led by DHS President Earl Taylor. Meet at the pavilion next to Venezia, 20 Ericsson St. A meeting billed by organizers as the

Morrissey Commission's "3.5" meeting will be held on Mon., June 10, at 6 p.m. at Southline Boston, 135 Morrissey Blvd., Dorchester. A flyer says that the meeting will be "an informal conversation regarding the Morrissey Boulevard Commission prior to the 4th MassDOT meeting." The commission was formed by an act of the Legislature for the purpose of planning infrastructure improvements to Morrissey Boulevard and Kosciuzsko Circle. The commission has held three formal meetings and is expected to host a fourth in the coming weeks, although that meeting has not yet been announced.

The BPDA will host a virtual public meeting on Tues., June 11, at 6

p.m. to discuss a proposal for 21-29 Fernboro St. For more info see bit.ly/FernboroRegister1.

Dorchester Juneteenth observation at Town Field is Wed., June 19, from 1 p.m. to 6 p.m., with food truck, live music, local vendors, kids' activities.

Red Line service will be suspended between Broadway and Braintree stations on the Braintree Branch during the weekends of June 8-9 and June 15-16. Free and accessible shuttle buses will make all stops between Broadway and Braintree. Riders are encouraged to use the Commuter Rail express shuttle bus service from Braintree if possible. Express shuttle buses will operate directly be-

tween South Station and Braintree. Riders should note that regular Red Line train service will operate on the Ashmont Branch between JFK/UMass and Ashmont. This service change is in place to allow crews to perform necessary work as part of the Dorchester Avenue bridge replacement project.

A "friendship social" for people of all abilities will be held on Sun., June 23, from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. at Florian Hall, 55 Hallett St., Dorchester. Music provided by DJ Joe Peters "Gifted Fingers." \$15 admission appreciated.

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Via Cannuccia plans outdoor dining, patio at St. Mark's Dot Ave location

By SETH DANIEL
NEWS EDITOR

The owners of Via Cannuccia restaurant told the St. Mark's Area Civic Association (SMACA) last Tuesday (May 28) that they are planning to add outdoor dining in the next few weeks and are planning to build a back patio behind the restaurant for next year.

The successful Italian restaurant and bakery operating at the southern edge of St. Mark parish property celebrated its one-year anniversary on April 9, and its owners, Dorchester's Stefano Quaresima and Tsendenia Kiros, said they have rolled out more hours and will have present outdoor options very soon.

"We just got approved for the Main Streets street patio outdoor dining," said Kiros. "We're going to start [constructing] that within the next week or so. We are also open a lot more hours now, including for breakfast and lunch. This operation is moving fast in all different directions...It's been an interesting, fun, and intense ride this first year."

The outdoor dining option has proved to be a hit with the neighbors and patrons of the restaurant, with it being the only *al fresco* option in the St. Mark's parish stretch of the Dorchester Avenue corridor. The new hours were introduced last month to fanfare as well. Though an Italian restaurant, Quaresima is a classically trained chef, Kiros said, and his baked goods have proved as popular as the main courses.

The restaurant is now open for breakfast and lunch during the week from 7 a.m. to 2 p.m., and for weekend brunch from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Dinner is



The Via Cannuccia Restaurant on Dorchester Avenue next to St. Mark's Church – once home to longtime businesses like Steve the cobbler's shop and Benny Schwom's catch-all store – will feature outdoor dining this summer.

Seth Daniel photo

served as usual from 5 p.m. to 10 p.m.

Quaresima and Kiros said that as they ease into the changes, they have started working more with the city on their plans. "We're now in the process of working with the city and Greater Ashmont [Main Streets] to open a patio in the back" for next spring and summer, said Kiros.

She noted that Crawford Drug, which

owns the strip behind the restaurant, has agreed to allow Via Cannuccia to build out the space this year.

Civic leader Michael Folan indicated an abutters' meeting on the back patio was held recently, and all were in favor of the expansion.

Neighbors have been very supportive of the restaurant in its first year, said Kiros and Quaresima. Now, said

Kiros, they are seeing patrons from the South Shore, Quincy, and Milton along with their Dorchester regulars. "The success we've having is due to this association in St. Mark's, Ashmont-Adams, and Ashmont Hill in particular, but all of Dorchester, too," said Kiros. "You stepped up to support us when we were just starting and continue to do so."

SPEEDHUMP STRATEGY

Virtually everyone in District 3 Councillor John FitzGerald's area have asked for speed humps and traffic calming, but he says his neighbors aren't likely to see them on the city's schedule for several years. He has told civic members that he has asked Mayor Wu to allow each councillor to be able to choose 10 miles of priority area speed-humps outside of the regular budgeted city schedule. He said that would let every councillor to hit the worst areas to get some relief immediately.

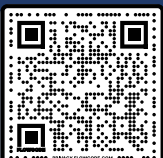
"Otherwise," he said, "I'll be honest; you're not getting them anytime soon."

PUBLIC SAFETY

Last year at this time several areas of St. Mark's were experiencing a lot of crime, including armed robberies, shootings, and assaults. That has changed significantly this year, according to SMACA and CSO Michael Keaney. That said, Keaney reported that on May 12 at 10:20 p.m., an alert neighbor called 911 to report five teens in the Florida and Wrentham streets area trying to break into cars. Police located them very quickly and found a 16-year-old in the group with a loaded .22 calibre handgun. He was charged with four felonies.



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Morrissey panel recommends timeline extension to year's end

BY TAYLOR BROKESH
REPORTER CORRESPONDENT
The Morrissey Boulevard Commission voted unanimously to recommend an extension of the project deadline to Dec. 31 of this year at a virtual meeting held last Friday morning (May

31). The previous statutory deadline was set for last Saturday (June 1). State Rep. Daniel Hunt, a commissioner, specified in the recommendation that the upcoming series of community meetings meant to come up with options for the reworking of the

Northern Zone | Morrissey Boulevard (Proposed Alternative 1)



Morrissey Boulevard corridor wrap up before Thanksgiving, and that the remaining time be used for commissioners and MassDOT to draft an official plan for the Legislature to consider.

Added state Sen. Nick Collins, also a panel member, "An unending commission is not what the public is looking for, but to maybe give a little more breathing room to both public discourse and the production of a report. That's something I would be in favor of. The folks that we represent are looking for action."

Chris Osgood, the City of Boston designee on the commission and Mayor Michelle Wu's senior advisor on infrastructure, reiterated a past theme that the panel



State Rep. Daniel Hunt

should focus on "near term" improvements, as recommended in the commission's formative legislation, and that both a new blueprint and an implementation plan be considered part of its mandate.

"We have to build from the good momentum of this commission to

actually put in place the recommendations that come from community consensus," he said.

In the public comment portion of Friday's meeting, a few residents took issue with the commission's exclusion of renovation plans for Kosciuszko Circle. In past meetings, MassDOT officials have said that K Circle's redesign is being dealt with as a separate endeavor from the Morrissey Boulevard project. MassDOT project manager Ethan Britland, who works in the K Circle project's planning department, said on Friday that the planning is actually ahead of the Morrissey project in terms of process, calling it "a good thing."

Looking forward, panel

member and City Councillor John FitzGerald said on Friday that he will be hosting an informal public gathering at Southline Boston (the former Globe building on Morrissey) on Mon., June 10, at 6 p.m. to allow for community members to discuss previous designs in detail and maybe reach a more informed consensus ahead of the next official public meeting. FitzGerald said he was open to inviting MassDOT representatives to attend on the 10th and take questions from attendees.

On hearing Britland's comments on K Circle, FitzGerald said he would like MassDOT to share more about its progress, preferably before the June 10 meeting, as a way to help the public reconcile the plans for K Circle with ideas for the Morrissey corridor.

MassDOT's David Mohler said that commissioners and the public should expect the next official meeting to take place sometime in July, with none held in August, and monthly sessions into December, as necessary.

More details concerning the Morrissey Boulevard project can be found at mass.gov/info-details/morrissey-boulevard-commission.

LEGAL NOTICES

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A Petition for Formal Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative has been filed by Shandell D. Hughes 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: Shandell D. Hughes of Boston, MA be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve Without Surety on the bond in unsupervised administration.
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State reps agree to 205 targeted alcohol licenses in Boston neighborhoods

By ALISON KUZNITZ
STATE HOUSE
NEWS SERVICE

Boston would gain 205 alcoholic beverage licenses and an opportunity to bolster restaurants and revitalize neighborhoods and communities of color, under legislation that the House approved last week.

The redrafted bill steers 180 non-transferable licenses over three years to 12 ZIP codes in Roxbury, Dorchester, Mattapan, East Boston, Roslindale, West Roxbury, Hyde Park, Charlestown, and Jamaica Plain. The licenses must be awarded to establishments that prepare food on site, according to Blake Webber, spokesman for the House Ways and Means Committee, which released the bill last Friday (May 30).

Each of the ZIP codes would get three non-transferable restricted licenses for the sale of all alcoholic beverages to be drunk on the premises and two non-transferable restricted licenses for the sale of wines and malt beverages to be drunk on the premises annually over a three-year period.

Three non-transferable licenses are also earmarked for the Oak Square neighborhood in Brighton, with another 15 non-transferable licenses designated for “community spaces,” including outdoor spaces, theaters and nonprofits. The bill also carves out seven transferable licenses that

do not have location restrictions, Webber said.

Bill sponsor Rep. Chris Worrell called the legislation’s momentum “game-changing” and an “incredible win” for spurring economic opportunity for communities of color. Worrell invoked the potential of Blue Hill Avenue, describing it as one of the busiest streets in the commonwealth but one with only about three to five sit-down restaurants.

Restaurants that gain coveted liquor licenses could double their profits, the Dorchester Democrat said. “Any day when you’re fighting for one [license] every time, and now you’re getting 205 for the city of Boston. It’s an incredible win. I think the demand is there,” Worrell said.

As the House approved the bill during a sparsely attended informal session, Worrell told staffers in the chamber, “There you go guys — we did it.”

The redrafted bill slashed 45 liquor licenses for targeted communities contained in the original filing, Worrell said. Asked about the cut, Webber told the News Service, “We will reevaluate the effects of the legislation after the three years is up.”

“After speaking with the Boston Legislative delegation, 15 licenses per zip codes over three years is what delegation members from those areas felt was an appropriate step, especially given the food provision being a require-

ment for those particular licenses,” he said.

The Legislature often passes bills that grant cities and towns just a handful of additional liquor licenses, even as municipalities look for greater control to boost economic activity. While Gov. Healey’s office in January previewed a policy allowing “local governments to set their own liquor license quotas and bypass the existing home rule petition process,” the governor ultimately did not include the reform in her “Municipal Empowerment Act.”

During an October committee hearing on Beacon Hill, Mayor Wu and city councillors lamented the scarcity of licenses and the hefty \$600,000 price to purchase a license from an establishment going out of business.

The dynamic has helped fuel a racial wealth gap and disproportionately concentrated restaurants and bars in wealthier Boston neighborhoods, such as the Seaport, elected officials said. Poorer neighborhoods, in turn, have been left with fewer dining options, especially sit-down restaurants.

“We are, I believe, in such dire need of licenses across the board that we very well may be coming back to you in the future as we see where things go,” Wu told the Joint Committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure on Oct. 3. “I’m confident that



State Rep. Chris Worrell (center) marched in the June 2 Dorchester Day Parade with a New Orleans-style street band. Seth Daniel photo

with this first threshold and first set of permits, we’ll be able to make some significant headway on that and very likely we will need more as the success grows.”

The committee on Oct. 30 had reported out Worrell’s bill favorably, accompanied by Sen. Liz Miranda’s parallel proposal (S 2380), and shipped it to the House Ways and Means Committee.

Wu, in a statement to the News Service last week, expressed appreciation for House lawmakers, saying the bill they advanced will “help provide economic opportunity and vibrancy to neighborhoods across the city.”

“These needed liquor licenses will help bring new life to vacant retail

spaces in neighborhood commercial districts and strengthen our economy and community,” Wu said. “The parameters in the legislation tying nontransferable licenses to specific zip codes will help counter the current inequities where licenses are concentrated in a few areas and are unavailable or unaffordable for new entrepreneurs due to scarcity from the cap.”

Worrell implored the Senate to “see the urgency” of the bill. “I don’t drink, but I know the importance of this legislation,” Worrell said.

Miranda, in a statement, applauded the House’s action. “This legislation is essential in rebuilding sit-down restaurants in our community — an essential piece of

thriving neighborhoods, which have become a distant memory for so many in our community,” the Boston Democrat said. “Whether it’s Mass Ave in South End and Lower Roxbury, or down Blue Hill Ave from Roxbury to Mattapan, many neighborhoods in my district were once the cultural hubs of the City of Boston — known for their unique restaurants, nightlife, and strong sense of community. The secondary market, without this measure as a first step, has perpetuated the racial wealth gap, but also created an ecosystem in our City where only affluent property and restaurant owners can afford the cost of operating.”



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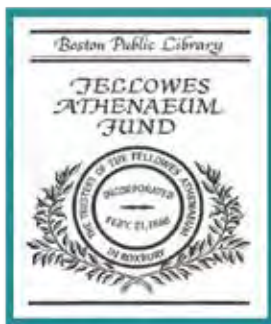
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How the Dot Day Parade — edition No. 118— rolled up the avenue

By SETH DANIEL
NEWS EDITOR

The Dorchester Day Parade travelled up Dorchester Avenue under sunny, blue skies on Sunday afternoon with folks lining the route all the way.

After the dreary weather during last year's parade weekend, Dorchester residents past and present were primed for a lively afternoon along the avenue. The Blarney Stone Dot Day 5K, which organizers say drew a record turnout, was coordinated by the Dorchester Running Club and got the fun started in the late morning, making its way along the parade route from Fields Corner to Lower Mills and back.

The parade was to kick off at 1 p.m. at Dorchester Avenue and Richmond Street, but it got off to a late start. However, things got back in line and the parade proceeded all the way to Columbia Road. Mayor Wu, a group of elected and administration officials, Dot Mayor Maeghan Driscoll, and Grand Marshall Jeff Buckley led off the procession.

The Boys and Girls Club of Dorchester (BGCD) staged a big showing to kick off the celebration of their 50th anniversary with their Baton and Dance Team, and the Kenny School Elementary Marching Band made a notable appearance under the direction of longtime band leader Jerry Chu.

Wu, Driscoll, and Buckley stopped in Fields Corner to lay a wreath as a memorial to fallen veterans from Dorchester, per tradition, and Little Miss Dorchester Nicole Adkins and Young Miss Dorchester Isabella Robbins greeted the gatherings along the route.

The Boston Little Saigon Cultural District and several Vietnamese American entries were warmly welcomed as they arrived in Fields Corner, and the Dorchester-based baton group Estrellas Tropicales—now 51 years old—kept everyone moving on the beat.



Honorary Dorchester Mayor Maeghan Driscoll, second from right, fired off a squirt gun while her many friends in cowboy boots took aim.



Four Star Dancers performed a Caribbean dance routine.



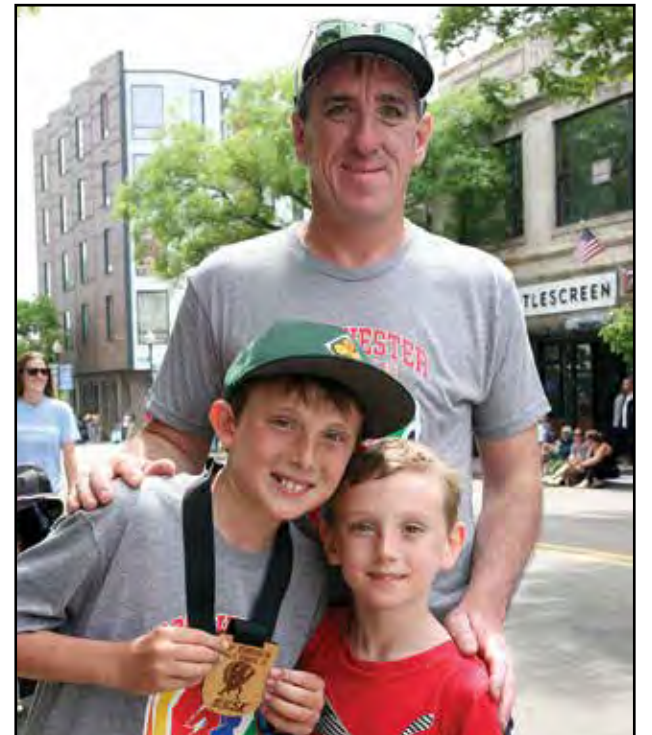
The contingent with the Boston Little Saigon Cultural District promenade in front of the District's headquarters.



Shirley Jones was all smiles on the parade route marching with Meeting House Hill Civic Association.



Young people and staff from the Boys and Girls Club of Dorchester (BGCD) carried their banner proudly as the organization kicked off its 50-year anniversary celebration.



Finian Doyle finished first in the Dot Day 5K for the 10 and under division, while his brother Francis took second. Their father, Jim Doyle, had a good run in the adult division.



The Tony Barre Band played their way through Fields Corner.



The Thomas J. Kenny Marching Band, the only BPS elementary school marching band, was a hit with parade-goers.



BGCD Baton Team member Leonana Addo-Fung led the team in Fields Corner.



Councillor at Large Henry Santana, of Dorchester.



Cassidy Conboy with Mayor Michelle Wu.



Nylah Randolph of the 51-year-old Estrellas Tropicales baton team based out of Franklin Field.



Members of the Dorchester Baseball league panned for the camera as they marched up Dorchester Avenue.



The percussion section in the Quincy/North Quincy High School marching band.



The DotOUT float carried messages as it rolled up the avenue.



Little Miss Dorchester Nicole Adkins.



Youngsters who play on teams in the Dorchester Baseball program marched along Dot Ave near Dorchester Park on Sunday. Photos by Seth Daniel and Chris Lovett

'Voice of Celtics,' Dot native Gorman, sees greatness in the Green

(Continued from page 1) old grandfather called it a career and was saluted with a raucous ovation by the TD Garden faithful. It was time to put the microphone down, but Gorman has kept his courtside seat warm as the C's have stormed through the NBA Playoffs to earn their spot in the finals, which begin with Game One tonight against the Dallas Mavericks.

Like most close observers of the game, Gorman is bullish on Boston's chances against Luka Doncic and Kyrie Irving. He expects it to be a close series—and he isn't making a specific prediction on the duration. But, he says, this Celtics roster has the experience and talent to seize Banner 18.

"I think it's going to be very much like the Indiana [Pacers] series," said Gorman, referring to the Eastern Conference match-up that saw the Celtics prevail in a four-game sweep. "Boston can win close games. This bunch now knows how to win."

Does Mike miss calling the games? Nope, not yet at least. "I don't think I'm going to miss the games that much, because I'll get to see any games I want. The Celtics always have a seat for me. I don't miss all the prep work. It was beginning to get to be like Groundhog Day, the same thing over and over again."

There's also this: "I just felt it was time," he said. "I didn't want to be the guy that people said 'get him out of here.'"

He'll miss the people—his co-workers at NBC10 Boston, the Garden ushers, and staff like Jim at the security desk, and the Celtics owners who have treated him like family.

"The Celtics didn't want me to leave. NBC



Mayor Wu presented Mike Gorman, and his granddaughter, with a city proclamation that observed April 14 as "Mike Gorman Day" in his hometown.

Sports didn't want me to leave," Gorman says.

It was his call, he said, motivated by "selfish reasons."

One stormy night last winter, Gorman says he stepped off a bumpy charter plane ride into Hanscom Air Force base. As he scraped ice off his car to drive himself home at 2:30 a.m. and then tried to follow a snowplow home on I-95, he did some math in his head. "I'm almost 77 years old. I'm literally twice as old as everyone on the crew. I said to myself, 'Why am I doing this?'"

The other calculus involves his seven-year-

old granddaughter, who Gorman and his wife "are head-over-heels in love with," but who lives in Arizona.

"I want to be a part of her life," he says.

Gorman also factored in the probability of this Celtics squad making a Finals run—and him riding out on a Duck Boat as part of his own swan song. He rode one with the 2008 Paul Pierce-Kevin Garnett-Ray Allen championship team, and he can see himself on board "Dot Dottie" in a few weeks, if all goes well.

How does this Jayson Tatum and Jaylen Brown-led crew measure up to

the Celtics teams that Gorman and the late, great Tommy Heinsohn followed in earlier eras?

"They're right there with the teams in the 1980s. If they close the deal, they'd be in the top three or four since I've been covering them," he said.

Of course, there's no question in Mike's head that the current crop of Celtics have the potential to crack into the elite ranks of legendary players. Gorman's top five all-time Celtics greats, by the way, are Bill Russell, Bob Cousy, John Havlicek, Larry Bird, and Paul Pierce.

Could Tatum or Brown eventually break through into that lofty starting five? Given his youth and range, Tatum has the best shot at it, says Gorman.

"Jayson used to catch the ball and dribble it for eight seconds. Now he catches it and it's gone. He's learned that the ball will go back to him eventually. I think he has a chance to be remembered for a long time," says Gorman.

But the strength of this Celtics line-up means that virtually anyone could end up snatching a Finals MVP trophy. Derek White and Jrue Holiday are in the mix,

he says. But Gorman is keeping an eye trained on the 38-year-old veteran Al Horford, the Dominican-born power forward who can drill three-pointers, defend the paint, and snatch big rebounds.

"He has shown tremendous leadership this season and he's just a remarkable player for his age. He has a real chance to be a factor and has a chance to emerge and hit that big shot," says Gorman.

Of White and Holiday, he adds: "We might have the best defensive backcourt in the game, and that's the matchup to watch."



Fans sitting courtside with Mike Gorman's likeness at TD Garden on April 14. Photos courtesy NBC Universal

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



Ruth Georges-Innis



Marilyn Forman

'Heroines' include two from Dot, Mattapan – Each year the Massachusetts Commission on the Status of Women (MCSW) partners with state legislators to identify women who have made outstanding contributions to their organizations and their communities. Last week, the MSCW announced the full list of awardees, which included Marilyn Forman of Dorchester, who was nominated by state Rep. Christopher Worrell, and Ruth Georges-Innis of Mattapan, who was cited by state Rep. Brandy Fluker Oakley.

This year's Class of Commonwealth Heroines comprises more than 125 women from across the state, leaders in industry, business, nonprofit, advocacy, and more. The MCSW will celebrate with an event at the State House on June 14.

REPORTER STAFF



The Latin Academy softball team celebrate their 20th year-in-a-row city league championship on Sat., May 25, at Boston College. The Dragons beat O'Bryant, 11-1, and ended their regular season at 13-10. Patrick O'Connor photo

A permanent remembrance of Father George A. Carrigg

In appreciation for his many years of service to St. Christopher Parish and the Harbor Point community, a memorial was unveiled at a site along the boardwalk at Harbor Point and blessed last Saturday morning (June 1) honoring the late Rev. George A. Carrigg. Members of his family, three priests, and neighborhood residents attended the ceremony and a light luncheon that followed.



Tran Le re-appointed to MARA Board – The managing member of Pho Le Restaurant in Fields Corner has been re-appointed to the board of the Massachusetts Asian Restaurant Association (MARA) for another term. Le plays a pivotal role in her family's business, which includes her restaurant in Cambridge. Tran is passionate about fos-



Tran Le

tering small business and has helped with the ElevAsian Asian Business Pitch Contest, which debuted in 2022 and was recently held at VietAid in Fields Corner. She also serves on the board of the Fields Corner Civic Association (FCCA) and balances her career with being a mother of three children. She has served on the MARA board since 2022.



Eric Mendoza was the overall winner of Sunday's Dot Day 5k, sponsored by the Dorchester Running Club and the Blarney Stone. Mendoza, 39, finished with a time of 19:48. The female leader—finishing 11th overall—was Jennifer Tolland, 31, with a time of 24:14. There were 349 registered runners in this year's event, although others participated by walking and supporting other runners and walkers. The Dorchester Running Club gathers year-round on Saturdays at 7 a.m. at Garvey Park.

Photo by Bill Forry

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Stearns Lumber Company

The adjacent image from the 1910 atlas shows that the Laban Pratt's Lumber Company in Port Norfolk extended on both sides of the train tracks at the Neponset River, but the Albert Thomas Stearns Lumber Company to the east (outlined in red) dwarfed Pratt's operations.

Stearns started in the lumber trade in 1843, in Waltham at Buttrick's lumberyard, and in 1849 moved from there to Neponset. In the 1850s, two wharfs and several boat slips flanked the railroad tracks at their point of entry to the port. According to the taxable evaluation of the Town of Dorchester for 1869, Taylor Street was lined with the lumber companies of Laban Pratt and Albert T. Stearns.



Pratt's business was made up of a counting room, stable, "lumber buildings" and two wharves. All that remains of Pratt's lumber business are granite block bulk heads and

shore retaining walls. Both Pratt and Albert T. Stearns are cited by William Dana Orcutt as being among "the several active businessmen who moved to Dorchester

and did much to build up the easterly part of the town."

There is no longer any remaining physical feature from the Stearns Company with the exception of the circa mid-19th century Greek Revival brick office structure at 98 Taylor St. This structure is labeled "office" on the 1910 atlas. The half dozen Stearns buildings that once stood across Taylor Street have all disappeared although several foundations appear to have survived amidst the underbrush.

On the morning of Sept. 25, 1884, a fire broke out in the engine room of the A.T. Stearns complex. The Boston Daily Globe reported, "Before 8 o'clock the place was a mass of ruins, the only buildings

standing being a part of the carpenter shop, a large shed, the boiler house and office. The two latter are brick buildings, with iron shutters." Of those two brick buildings, the "office" that survived must have been 98 Taylor St. Damage resulted in the loss of the wharf, stores of wood, and machinery that amounted to at least \$200,000.

The Stearns Company rebuilt and continued business until 1968.

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

Editorial

Boston goes to the mattresses



A state law that banned the curbside disposal of used mattresses and box-springs kicked in back in November 2022. It's well-intended and over time will relieve pressure on landfills. But it's been a nuisance in our neighborhoods since many uninformed people still assume you can pitch your old, crummy bedding on trash days. That's led to frequent eyesores, hazards on the sidewalks, and more dumping on vacant lots – definitely not a good look.

This week, the city is taking new steps to make it easier to recycle your old bedding. On Tuesday, the Public Works Department went live with an online system that allows residents to schedule mattress and box-spring pick-ups. Go to [Boston.gov/mattress](https://boston.gov/mattress) to get it done.

There are a few caveats.

First, the free pick-ups are only offered for tenants and homeowners who live in properties with six or fewer units— which accounts for the vast majority of housing units here in Dorchester and Mattapan. If you live in a bigger complex, talk to your property manager instead.

Second: “Do not crush or cut your mattress or box spring for collection.” Also: Soiled, dirty, or bed-bug infested mattresses “must be bagged.” And residents are also asked to wait until 6 a.m. on the scheduled appointment pick-up day if there's wet weather.

According to the mayor's office, the city will “accept memory foam, box springs, innerspring, hybrid, latex, and airbeds. We will not accept futons and other similar non-mattress items. Those items may be placed out for curbside trash collection.”

This innovation won't solve all the woes of trashed-out vacant lots, but it's a step in the right direction. Please pass the word to your neighbors, tenants, and list-servs.

–Bill Forry

Hurrah for the Dot doers

A few words of gratitude are owed to men and women who made this past Dorchester Day weekend such a triumph. From the volunteers at the Dorchester Running Club and their friends at the Blarney Stone who staged a very successful 5k road race; to the neighbors and businesses who pitched in to organize the DorchFest music event in Ashmont-Adams on Saturday; to the parade committee leaders who hustled for months to get Sunday's logistics well in hand for the annual march up the avenue; and to the first-responders who worked overtime to be on hand to support all of these events... we say thank you. It's not easy to pull it all together, but these traditions make our community a stronger, safer, more vibrant, and fun place to work and live. Cheers to you all for making it happen. – BF

Meeting Housing Needs: Two Views

Fund more housing with high-end transfer fees

By PHIL HILLMAN AND REV. BURNS STANFIELD
SPECIAL TO THE REPORTER

The housing crisis in our state is well documented. So well, in fact, that it may be one of the only topics in today's political discourse that doesn't trigger an immediate debate when mentioned.

By now, most folks shouldn't have to look far to observe the ripple effects of housing insecurity. Even those fortunate enough to not have been personally impacted by rent spikes or an increasingly exclusive real estate market can feel residual effects. Employers face staffing challenges, elders are losing their children to more competitive states, and attendance is falling within community groups and places of worship.

There aren't many ways that municipalities can combat these worrying trends at the local level. Rental assistance programs are running out of pandemic-era supports, and affordable housing projects such as Drexel Village in Roxbury need more funds to accelerate development. As it stands, we simply cannot outpace the housing crisis without making new tools available.

For nearly two years, the Greater Boston Interfaith Organization (GBIO) has advocated for the passage of enabling legislation that would allow municipalities to assess fees on high-value real estate sales and use the proceeds to fund affordable housing trusts. Known generally as “real estate transfer fees,” this funding mechanism could unlock hundreds of millions of dollars across the state that would ultimately help keep people around and even create new pathways to homeownership for historically marginalized groups.

Governor Healey's proposed Affordable Homes Act, which is currently being debated on Beacon Hill, includes the transfer fee enabling legislation that we hoped for. If passed, it would not impose a mandate. In fact, cities and towns that determine they would benefit from taxing big ticket property sales can choose to do so, or not. While the thresholds and percentages associated with the tool certainly warrant debate, we are hopeful that our elected officials will uphold community choice and agency by at least making it an option by the end of this legislative session.

According to estimates from groups like MACDC,

Boston alone could be leaving over \$100 million on the table annually if some form of transfer fee doesn't get passed. The impact of adding that much money to the pot, especially in communities like Dorchester, would be game-changing. Funding for the development of affordable units would only be the start. Other services like rental assistance and subsidies for first-time homebuyers could also be greatly expanded with these funds. Middle and lower-income families would benefit from more housing options, shortening commutes and fostering diversity in the process.

As a broad-based organization made up primarily of faith institutions representing over 100,000 people across Greater Boston, GBIO is uniquely positioned to demonstrate just how hungry people are for anything that will put a dent in the housing crisis. We've stood in the thousands alongside nonprofit executives and healthcare employers, local real estate agents and major developers, public housing tenants and homeowners. People are ready for a shift, so the omission of this critical funding mechanism in the House Ways and Means Committee's version of the Affordable Homes Act is perplexing, to say the least.

Under most models, real estate transfer fees would only be applicable to property sales in excess of \$1 million, immediately protecting most average buyers or sellers from any impact. Additionally, sales for the purposes of affordable development can be made exempt from the tax, as well transfers to relatives or nonprofit organizations. With that in mind, one begins to wonder who even stands to “lose” here, aside from big name brokers and property flippers who have undoubtedly enjoyed a windfall from skyrocketing home prices over the years. From our perspective, a small 0.5 percent to 2 percent fee on major sales is worth it if it means that young families can settle down, elders can keep their loved ones close, and more people can live in the towns where they work. More than 30 other states in the nation have implemented some form of transfer fee with success, so why is “progressive” Massachusetts late to the party?

Phil Hillman and Rev. Burns Stanfield are co-chairs of the Greater Boston Interfaith Organization.

Use Preservation Act funds, not new fees, to create housing

By MIKE EDWARD
SPECIAL TO THE REPORTER

We hear it time again and time again: Massachusetts must build tens of thousands – if not hundreds of thousands – of homes to meet demand. Failure to do so means residents moving out of state, which harms not only our economic competitiveness, but also things like the world-class healthcare and education systems we treasure.

Few communities have felt the pain of the housing crisis as heavily as Boston. Whether it's seniors looking to downsize, families looking to purchase their first home, or recent graduates hoping to call Boston home for the long term, all are struggling to find somewhere they can afford in the city.

However, the city's most vulnerable residents are struggling the most. Low-income families hoping to afford a home have to rely on Boston's subsidized public housing program, which has left tens of thousands of applicants on a massive waitlist. Not only does this leave low-income residents in a state of uncertainty, but also it requires Boston to make major investments to meet the needs of all eligible families.

The real estate industry knows better than anyone that Boston and Massachusetts, as a whole, needs more housing, and that further investment in affordable housing is paramount. Yet one solution many claim to be essential – transfer taxes – would do far more harm than good.

A recent report we created in partnership with the Center for State Policy Analysis at Tufts University makes this clear. Implementing just a one percent tax amid a healthy real estate market, the report states, would cause communities to lose 34 cents for every dollar they raise.

Yet if, as Boston officials hope, the city had a two percent transfer tax in 2023, it would have lost nearly 60 cents for every dollar raised.

The flaws of transfer taxes don't end there. The report points to a 2019 study commissioned by the City of Boston itself, which notes that a one percent transfer tax would lead to a one percent decline in property values, while impeding home sales.

The study also points out the immense damage a transfer tax would do to the region's commercial real estate sector. Placing a greater financial burden on an industry whose property tax dollars play an immense role in funding essential city services, from public safety to trash collection, harming Boston in the long-term.

City and state leaders must resist passing inefficient policies like transfer taxes. Instead, officials must focus on policy solutions that will actually create more

affordable housing funding and reduce barriers to housing creation.

Boston, and more than half of the communities across Massachusetts, already have an underutilized tool to create affordable housing at their disposal: the Community Preservation Act. This property tax surcharge, which cities and towns must opt into, mandates that communities invest at least 10 percent of funds in three separate areas: affordable housing, open space and recreation, and historical preservation.

Unfortunately, many CPA communities have failed to invest the required 10 percent minimum into affordable housing. Additionally, only around 20 percent of CPA funds have gone to affordable housing, according to the report done with Tufts University, while around 40 percent have gone to both open space and recreation and historical preservation. On top of this, communities lack transparency and oversight around how they spend CPA dollars, making it difficult for taxpayers to know where their money is going.

Instead of passing a new tax levied on a struggling industry, leaders should bolster the CPA, directing more funding towards affordable housing, and increasing transparency. Communities that have failed to invest the 10 percent minimum in affordable housing need to take steps to make up for this failure and play their part in overcoming the housing crisis.

Boston, as well as the state, must also embrace new policies to address the housing crisis. A number of elements in Gov. Healey's Housing Bond Bill would do just this. The policy would invest more than \$1 billion in affordable housing, including the creation of around 22,000 units. These funds will prove paramount to not only ensuring our most vulnerable residents finally secure fair housing, but also those already in housing receive repairs they have waited far too long for.

Healey's Bond Bill would also reduce barriers around the creation of Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs). Around 950,000 Massachusetts homes have the space for at least one ADU – units ideal for housing aging parents or for renting out. Boston alone has space for more than 7,000 ADUs. These units have proven a key component in helping California confront its housing crisis, so Boston and Massachusetts should waste no time in following suit.

The last thing Boston and Massachusetts should do amid this housing crisis is pass a policy that will increase costs and inhibit production. Transfer taxes, while well-intentioned, are an incredibly flawed policy, and simply not the way forward.

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West Side Stories

In recovery from the pharmacy coupon racket

By SETH DANIEL
NEWS EDITOR

Perhaps ignorance is bliss when it comes to my obsession with the pharmacy coupon racket. I was never much for visiting the pharmacy and rarely shopped at Walgreens, CVS, or the bankrupt Rite-Aid chain. But a few years ago in West of Washington they put a CVS at the top of the street, and I began to shop there.

One day I made my purchases, gathered in the six-foot long receipt, and moved quickly to the rubbish to throw it away. A buddy of mine from the next street over stopped me before I could toss it, pulling me aside. “Hey, what are you doing?” he said, pointing at the receipt. “You can save a *\$%x@ load of money with that.”

We walked out to the parking lot, and he went over the secret dynamics of CVS rewards coupons. He explained the ‘ExtraBucks’ program whereby the coupons are worth between 25 cents to \$10 automatically with no restrictions. Then there was the ‘Save 30 percent on your next order,’ followed by the same percentage of savings on the most expensive item in the cart. He detailed toothpaste deals, and how to parlay a coupon and the buy-one-get-one-half-off mouthwash so both bottles are nearly free. Speaking carefully, and looking around to see if we were being watched, he whispered instructions about how to pull the trifecta – using the coupons to get toothpaste, dental floss, and deodorant for free – while also getting money back!

“Who knows about this?” I asked. “Not too many people; just be careful,” he warned.

I was never the same after that. It was like the day years ago when an old man from Revere explained the ins and outs of betting on horses at Suffolk Downs. I remember my first win, and



my second win. But I retired after a massive loss on my third try. With that, you kinda know what you’re in for. It’s horse betting.

CVS coupons seemed more innocent, but those receipts became a high-stakes game of household frugality. Soon, I was cutting them with scissors, they were in my car on the dashboard, and carefully placed in my wallet.

Here and there I had some early victories, and with that came fliers in the mail offering more savings on frequently purchased items. That’s where the fishhook caught my gills and one day everything lined up just right.

I watched the register in wonder as one coupon after another wiped away large chunks, and by the end I had taken the bill from a Benjamin down to two Jacksons. “Ohhhh, there’s one to remember,” said the cashier with a wink my way.

It was consumer euphoria. I walked out with free stuff: a humidifier and

accompanying filters, a wrist brace, Dr. Scholl’s shoe liners, and toothpaste for far into the future.

But I wanted more. I set to plotting my next trip, engineering even more savings, and went about building up the household needs while I gathered coupons. I encouraged everyone in the house to brush frequently. I took an extra length of dental floss every morning. And we needed more vitamins, E, K, B Complex and D – the whole supplement alphabet. I was going for it all – everything for free with cash back.

The day came and the game plan was set. I went to the CVS on Washington Street up from the house. I had coupons for everything, plus extra savings from the mail and a couple of 30 percent off jobs that expired the next day. I gathered my items carefully and proceeded to the counter. The anticipation while waiting in line was close to unbearable.

What would be the look on the cashier’s face? Would they have to call

over the manager to double check? Was there a secret ‘Hall of Fame’ for this stuff? Anything seemed possible.

The cashier scanned my many items, and I handed over the goods with a smile. The coupons showed up on the screen, but no savings popped up like the last time. Instead, it read ‘PEND,’ or ‘pending’ where the savings should have been. People behind me in line grew impatient. The cashier punched buttons fruitlessly, and I began to sweat. Where was that half-price deodorant now?

Then the cashier delivered the hammer. It seems there were two loyalty accounts – one for the pharmacy and one for the store. Half of the coupons were on the pharmacy account, and half were on the home account. I could only use one or the other. Plus, it turned out that a relative was surreptitiously tapping into my ‘ExtraBucks’ rewards and had drained them dry.

My careful plan was shot all to hell. My three large bottles of mouthwash were no longer buy two, get one free; the singing cat Hallmark card laughed at me as I paid full price for a stack of sympathy cards to console deaths that hadn’t yet happened; and my three sale-priced twin-packs of dental floss had to be full price to get 30 percent off – a new trick they rolled out quietly last year. So there I stood at checkout, over-flossed and overly sympathetic. The evil lure of bargain candy bars and cut-rate hygienic products had broken me.

I don’t know how it got that far, but I have recovered. Time has passed, and I’ve gathered the pieces of my failure at frugality by coupons and come to terms that full priced toothpaste isn’t the end of the world. Humidifiers and air filters can be purchased before getting coupons in the mail. And sympathy sentiments can be arranged after the fact.

Marking a big moment for women athletes past, present – and future

By CASSIDY MCNEELEY
REPORTER STAFF

Growing up playing hockey, I dreamt of becoming the first girl in the NHL. Today, little girls everywhere have an even better dream: playing in the Professional Women’s Hockey League (PWHL).

Last Wednesday, Minnesota beat Boston, 3-0, in the inaugural PWHL championship game, but it was female athletes worldwide who were the true winners. As I listened to fans chanting “Thank you, Boston” and then watched Kendall Coyne Schofield of Minnesota raise the Walter Cup for the very first time, I was surprised to find myself tearing up.

The PWHL has been a long time in the making. Throughout my hockey career, I have witnessed the founding and failure of various professional leagues, but 2022 marked an entirely new era for women’s hockey. That was the year when the Professional Women’s Hockey Players Association teamed up with Los Angeles Dodgers owner Mark Walter and tennis legend Billie Jean King to acquire the assets of the Premiere Hockey Federation (PHF). The group then shut down the federation’s operations and established the PWHL, hoping to create a unified and sustainable professional league.

The first PWHL draft was in September 2023 and by January 2024 games had begun. Since then, the play of the league’s six teams have captivated thousands.

I have to be honest: At first, I wasn’t confident the league would be successful. I thought we would have to add another chapter to the failed attempts of professional women’s hockey leagues.

I am so happy I was wrong.

As the games continued, dedicated fan bases were quickly established. On



Cassidy McNeeley proudly shows off her college logo prior to her senior season.

May 20 of this year, history was made at the Bell Centre when 21,105 fans watched Montreal take on Toronto. This has since been recorded as the largest attendance ever for a women’s hockey game worldwide.

The playoffs proved to be just as exciting as more than 13,000 fans formed a sea of purple and cheered on Minnesota in Game 4 at the Xcel Energy Center. After 60 minutes of play, the game went into double overtime and was thought to have ended when Minnesota’s Sophie Jaques scored. After further review, the goal was overturned due to goalie interference.

Boston’s Alina Muller responded less than a minute later, sending the puck

over the left shoulder of Nicole Hensley to force a Game 5.

Those who weren’t already PWHL fans quickly hopped on the bandwagon after the dramatic finish to five periods of hockey. At the end of the game, tickets for the next one were already being re-sold for thousands of dollars. While the crowds were impressive, seeing how passionate the fans were made watching the game so special.

I’ve played hockey since I was three years old. That’s what happens when you have two older brothers you idolize. Despite being given pink snow pants and bright white figure skates, I wanted to be just like them. Whether it was my lack of grace or my immense amount of energy, it didn’t take long for my parents to switch me over to hockey.

For most of my childhood, I was the only girl on my team but I still shared the same goal as all my teammates. Like them, I imagined myself taking my rookie lap in my first NHL game. Preferably in the black and gold.

As I got older, and more all-girls teams were established, I realized I wasn’t good enough to skate alongside my childhood idols. So, college hockey became the new dream. It was the highest level of women’s hockey that I watched, so it was the level I wanted to reach.

The road to college hockey was great, but my junior hockey teammates and I often joked that it was “dress like a seat night” at each game. No one around us seemed to care about women’s hockey. Still, somehow my love for the game only grew.

After high school, I attended Trinity College where I was a member and captain of the women’s ice hockey team. Those were the best years of my life to date. After four seasons (if you count our unusual Covid year), my lifelong

journey with hockey ended abruptly in the NESCAC quarterfinals.

On Feb. 26, 2022, I took my last faceoff with tears streaming down my face. I hoped that if I won the puck back to my defenseman and skated fast enough, somehow, I would beat the clock. After the final buzzer rang, I left the ice slowly as I looked up at my mom and dad in the stands. I went to the locker room where I hesitantly took off my gear. I haven’t put it back on since.

Even though I’ve spent countless hours in the rink and on the ice coaching the past two years, I can’t help but feel as though I lost a large part of my identity that day. When I watched Game 5 of the PWHL finals last Wednesday night I felt as though I had found that tenacious little girl once again. As I ate dinner at a restaurant in Norfolk, I scanned the room and noticed that each and every TV was broadcasting the game. Better yet, people were paying attention. It wasn’t just background noise.

Between the second and the third period, I returned home to watch the game’s final period. While I’m a die-hard Boston sports fan, I wasn’t upset when Minnesota won. Instead, I watched the players cry tears of joy as they raised the beautiful Tiffany & Co. Walter Cup and I cried along with them.

I cried for the little me who lacked female role models, I cried for the college me who said goodbye to the game, I cried for all the women on the ice that day and everything they’ve done, but, most importantly, I cried for the little girls in the stands who were watching across the world.

Soon enough the 35-pound sterling silver cup will be engraved with the Minnesota roster, and while these names will forever go down in history, the future for so many others has just begun.

DORCHFEST 3.0 HITS ALL THE RIGHT NOTES

By SETH DANIEL
NEWS EDITOR

The 3rd annual DorchFest music festival attracted a big turnout last Saturday (June 1) as an estimated thousand plus observers fanned out across side streets along Carruth Street to enjoy live performances and conversation at 20 properties in the Ashmont-Adams neighborhood.

With ideal weather this year, the third edition of the precursor to Sunday's Dorchester Day Parade was bigger and better than the inaugural edition in 2022 (last year's efforts were subdued by rain and cold weather). With nothing but sun and blue skies, Dorchester residents and visitors from outside the

neighborhood flocked to Beaumont, Bushnell, Carruth, Ashmont, and other streets to take in some 40 bands and musical acts over the 4-hour event.

On the main stage at 30 Beaumont St., children and adults were captivated by Samba dancers and drummers, while a heavy blues vibe was in play on Fairfax Street – much to the enjoyment of Congresswoman Ayanna Pressley, who pulled up a chair and took it all in.

The free event was made possible by a volunteer group of neighbors and co-sponsors Santander Bank, Boston Medical Center Health System, Trinity Financial, and the Dorchester Reporter, the media sponsor.



Samba drummer Julio Santos kept the beat and the whistle going.



Michelle and Jake Miller had a shady spot on a picnic blanket, listening to music and reading the Reporter.



The Main Stage on Beaumont Street was a hotbed of activity all afternoon.



Oliver Sun and Glenn Milliker hosted several bands on their Bushnell Street porch.



Slapback was a late afternoon delight on Bushnell Street, with singer Michele Gear-Cole giving it her all.



The bluegrass duo of Stanley & Grimm performed on Carruth Street.



Paul, Mike, and Tom Bearce with Colbey Kennedy.



State Sen. Liz Miranda, Councillor Julia Mejia, Kiara Montes De Oca, and Ariel Burey get ready to enjoy the Samba dancers on the Main Stage.



Rachel Felix, Estevan Brouillard, Erin Caldwell, state Rep. Brandy Fluker Oakley, and Luc Brouillard.



Samba Viva dancer Melissa emerges from the Carruth House and dances down the front steps.



Krista Hall, Calla Gaffey and Kori Hall enjoyed flowers and music.



Samba dancer Melissa of Samba Viva and the rest of the group engaged the crowds on Beaumont Street.



Sarina Georges got into the music scene with a tambourine. Congresswoman Ayanna Pressley pulled up a chair and enjoyed a lively blues-rock band on Fairfax Street.



Young Helen Senn opted for some light reading while she enjoyed one of the acts.



Brad Faucher and Tim Foxx Gibson of Session450 drew a crowd on Fairfax Street.

Seth Daniel photos

June 24 bid deadline for Steward hospitals gets judge's approval

BY COLIN A. YOUNG AND ALISON KUZNITZ
STATE HOUSE NEWS SERVICE

A federal bankruptcy court judge on Monday blessed the process that bankrupt Steward Health Care plans to use to sell or auction its 31 nationwide hospitals and physicians' network in the coming weeks, including eight in Massachusetts.

"Today we're just outlining procedures and process, and that is what

this motion is really about," Christopher Lopez said after hearing about half an hour of arguments, almost entirely in support of the timeline Steward proposed. "So, today's just step one in the process. And I understand that, but an important one. You can't get to step two without step one, and today I will approve the motion."

The timeline that Lopez approved sets a deadline for bids on Steward's

Massachusetts hospitals (and hospitals in other states aside from Florida) of June 24 and schedules sale hearings to be held before the judge on July 11. Steward is proposing to sell its physician services network, Stewardship Health, along the same timeline.

In a court filing ahead of Monday's hearing, Attorney General Andrea Campbell's office said Massachusetts did not object to Steward's expe-

ditioned offloading schedule - "Indeed, Massachusetts supports the arrival of a new operator or operators who can provide high-quality patient care to Massachusetts residents," the AG's office said. But a lawyer representing both Campbell's office and the Executive Office of Health and Human Services chimed in during the bankruptcy court hearing to remind the judge that the state officially reserves its rights

to review and act on hospital transfers.

"Many of the sales, all of the sales, are going to require some kind of regulatory approval, and the rights that are being reserved include all those rights with regard to regulatory approval. We all support a fair, as-quick-as-possible sort of timeline to move people forward, but whether, when these sales hearings are set, the information that will be required from various regulatory agencies will be in place is, at best, unclear and most likely unlikely if the winning bidders are chosen a mere couple of weeks before a sale hearing," Andrew Troop, a lawyer who leads the Insolvency & Restructuring Practice Group in the New York office of Pillsbury Winthrop Shaw Pittman, said.

A lawyer for the US Department of Justice spoke at the hearing to highlight for Lopez how the timeline, especially as it applies to the sale of Stewardship Health, could conflict with the US government's antitrust review of the transaction. A lawyer for Steward said the company has been talking with the DOJ about ironing out any potential issues.

Gov. Healey, House Speaker Ron Mariano,

and state Senate President Karen Spilka have all ruled out a bailout of Steward. But their comments have also not ruled out that the state might need or want to provide some other kind of assistance to make the transition from Steward to other operators a smooth one.

Katie Murphy, president of the Massachusetts Nurses Association, put pressure on top state officials to maintain care at Steward facilities during a press conference in Ayer on Monday afternoon, warning the loss of any hospital would be "catastrophic" for communities and for remaining health care providers.

"We as a state and those in charge of protecting the state have ultimate responsibility to do whatever is needed to protect this and all communities from the loss of any essential health care services. And that means the governor and her administration, the attorney general, and the two leaders of our legislative body cannot be silent and must be active, pushing any and all levels of government power at their disposal to save these hospitals," Murphy said.



1894 Bromley Atlas of the City of Boston, Dorchester, Mass. Plate 32

Known as Pine Neck in the 17th century, Port Norfolk experienced significant development with the arrival of the Old Colony Railroad in 1844. Businesses such as the A.T. Stearns Lumber Co., Putnam Nail Co., and Dorchester Mutual Fire Insurance Co. provided goods and services for a growing city. Fine homes as well as workers' housing were built. Come learn the history of this fascinating but lesser-known neighborhood.

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Kathy Bowes was a dedicated, knowledgeable, and engaged member of our Board of Directors since 2016. She volunteered for a number of our community activities, including Men of Boston Cook for Women's Health, and our annual children's holiday gift giveaway.

Kathy was a financial expert and served on Codman's Finance Committee, offering guidance on our investment approach and policies. She was a Certified Financial Planner in the Boston area and held a number of securities licenses.

A graduate of UMass Amherst, Kathy always gave back to her community and those in need. She will be missed.



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\$750k grant to aid MAHA's homebuyer efforts

The Dorchester-based Massachusetts Affordable Housing Alliance (MAHA) will receive \$750,000 over the next 10 years from the Cummings Foundation, the non-profit announced last

week. MAHA works to increase access to affordable homeownership through homebuyer education.

"We are absolutely elated that our work of closing the racial homeownership gap has

been recognized with the 10-year grant from the Cummings Foundation," said MAHA executive director Symone Crawford. "We are especially excited about the positive impact this funding will have on our work and how many first-time and first-generation homebuyers we will be able to reach over the next decade."

The Woburn-based foundation, established in 1986 by Joyce and Bill Cummings, awards a minimum of \$50 million annually to various nonprofits throughout Massachusetts. In total, the Cummings have given more than \$500 million and most recently distributed \$30 million to 150 local nonprofits

through its major annual grants program.

With the help of this grant, MAHA hopes to sustain its STASH First-Gen Home pilot program, which offers matching-funds for down payments.

"It is having a specific impact on the racial wealth and homeownership gap because we're actually providing the opportunity for first-generation homebuyers to be able to enter the homeownership market," Crawford told the Reporter.

Along with MAHA, another 149 nonprofits from 49 towns and cities across the state were awarded grants to address immigrant needs and food insecurity.

-CASSIDY MCNEELEY



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Luc, Richardson	Mendez, Ray J	260 Norwell St	Dorchester	05/17/24	940,000
Youn Properties LLC	Fitzgerald, Richard	12 Hewins St	Dorchester	05/13/24	650,000
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Robinson Development Ltd	Marius, Lucille A	104 Norfolk St	Dorchester	05/13/24	460,000
Hearts To Hands LLC	Johnson, Gail D	30 Nightingale St	Dorchester	05/16/24	875,000
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Resolution of property tax dilemma puts mayor, council in fretful mode

(Continued from page 1)

into the distance. Even when a councillor is backgrounded by City Hall's Brutalist concrete, the once-familiar expanse of the chamber shrinks to little more than the confines of a cubicle. In the age of remote connectivity and smart phone commerce, scattered-site testimony can render a single physical venue less a functional necessity than a ceremonial frill.

Applied to office space and accelerated by the pandemic, the same repositioning has affected real estate values in cities around the country—and how the resulting property tax burden is split between commercial and residential classes.

Wu's proposed adjustment of the split is similar to the modified version of what had been filed by former Boston Mayor Thomas Menino, which was approved by the state in 2004. At the time, Boston's residential values were on the rise and commercial values were either flat or slumping. Instead of paying a 41 percent jump in the property tax bills, the adjustment allowed residential owners to start with an increase of only 14 percent.

If the adjustment sought by Menino had been a temporary fix for a temporary problem—partly caused by a passing economic downturn, Wu's proposed home rule petition would address a change that some believe is less reversible.

Among those making that point during the council hearing was Matthew Osborne, executive VP and chief credit officer for Eastern Bank.

"This is a paradigm shift, certainly for the foreseeable future," he told the committee, "and that makes this market disruption very different from the tech crash that we saw in the early 2000, around 2001, and the great financial crisis of 2008. You know, Boston bounced back quite strongly from those events, and quickly. But, with the change in work patterns, it's highly unlikely we're going to see that bounce-back this time without some structural changes and changes to some of these properties."

Currently, commercial property in Boston can be taxed up to 175 percent of its assessed share of the levy. Under Wu's measure, the figure could increase to as much as 200 percent before a gradual return to the normal maximum over the next four years. If the measure is adopted, the city would have three years in which to apply the change.

According to the Boston Municipal Research Bureau, keeping the current limits would increase the average tax bill for a single-family home by 16.5 percent or \$910 in the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025. If the city were to apply the new maximum levy on commercial property, the Bureau estimated in a recent report, the increase over the same period for residential property would be 2.5 percent or \$138.

Daniel Swift, a principal with the global tax consulting firm Ryan LLC, estimated that the new maximum rate for commercial property would "directly decrease the assessed value for the commercial class by billions of dollars," shifting even more of the value share—and tax burden—onto residential property.

Swift's figure and scenario were disputed by the city's commissioner of Assessing, Nicholas Ariniello. Officials in the Wu administration have noted that, even with the new limits, some commercial properties with declining values could end up with lower tax bills. But, during the May 30 hearing, councillors were cautioned that other commercial properties would be hit with higher taxes, often paid directly by commercial tenants.

The president and executive director of the Back Bay Association, Meg Mainzer Cohen, warned that businesses would be "hit enormously" on Newbury Street, an area with a much lower rate of commercial vacancies than Downtown Crossing.

"What I'm saying is that the successful districts in the neighborhoods, because of the lack of vacancy, the city will assess those based on occupancy and based on the leases that they have, and it will be passed along to the people who are less able to absorb the inflationary costs of other goods and services along with this," she said, "so we do think that this is going to do a lot more harm, and I think there are going to be a lot of unintended consequences."

The interim president of the Boston Municipal Research Bureau, Marty Walz, predicted similar problems in other business districts in Boston's outlying neighborhoods.

"This is a cost increase to operate in the city for restaurants, retail shops, nail salons, barber shops, convenience stores, on any nonprofit organization that's a tenant in a commercial building," she explained, "so this is going to have an impact on every small business, large business, every commercial property, whether it's in East Boston, Hyde Park, Allston, Brighton, and everywhere in between."

To ease the burden under the classification measure, Walz suggested using a bulk rate for commercial property somewhere below the maximum that would be allowed.

Officials in Wu's administration agree that could happen, but that a decision would have to be made after property values are calculated, near the end of 2024—at least four months after the measure could be acted on this year in a normal legislative session at the State House.

"We would have all of those options and we would be able to figure out what that right balance point is," said Ariniello, "which I think leads a lot into what people have brought up today, which is this concept of shared sacrifice and how we shouldn't be pitting one group against another."

While vacancy rates have been rising for Boston's commercial property, the Municipal Research Bureau found that, since 2020, the average single-family tax bill has already gone up by almost 44 percent. And the residential tax burden—for owners and renters—was highlighted in testimony from organized labor and grassroots organizations.

"Our service workers," said Tom McKeever, president of SEIU, Local 888, "cannot afford a dramatic increase in property tax or rent and continue to either live in the city they love or provide support through their valuable contributions to the city."

Ariniello noted that without a change in tax rates allowed by the home rule petition, the full FY 2024-25 tax increase for residential owners would appear on the two quarterly bills that would be due in the first half of next year, adding up to a 32 percent spike that would have to be paid within 30 days.

"And so, all of a sudden that plays an enormous amount of risk with people's ability to come up with money that they have not budgeted for," he said, "and it kind of gives me heart palpitations just thinking about it."

According to the city's chief financial officer, Ashley Groffenberger, that was why the mayor wanted the home rule petition to be enacted before the tax bills are sent out.

"If we don't have this flexibility," she told councillors, "we will have a very narrow-to-no timeline available to us to get this in place if we see commercial values decline in such a way that we see a 17-or-higher percent increase in residential taxes." And she emphasized that allowing the commercial levy to go as high as 200 percent of assessed value was a ceiling, not a floor.

"Personally, I think that being in the middle is a good idea," Ariniello suggested, "but I wouldn't change the legislation as proposed. I think that the time for figuring out that right level is when we actually know what the property values are, and we actually

know what the potential consequences are going to be."

District 3 City Councillor John Fitzgerald argued that an increase in the commercial rate could do "irreparable harm" to Boston's downtown core and neighborhood business, without sparing residential owners an eventual return to the normal tax differential.

But the executive director of the Mass. Affordable Housing Alliance (MAHA), Symone Crawford, told him that homeowners would need time to adjust. "I think it would give me an opportunity to plan for the future," she said. "Hopefully, the city by then would have some way to mitigate me having to pay more than I should at a later date."

Reports by the Municipal Research Bureau and the Boston Policy Institute have drawn attention to Boston's heavy reliance on property taxes as a share of its revenue base, making a case for more diversification of revenue. Groffenberger credited the dependance on property taxes with enhancing the city's rating for municipal bonds, though she did not rule out remedies in addition to the classification measure.

"This particular thing is one solution for one particular issue," she acknowledged, "but there is so much work that the city is engaged in to ensure that we are doing what we can to ensure that our local economy is vibrant and preserves value."

The Municipal Research Bureau report suggested other ways to relieve the burden of the tax shift, including a slowdown of city spending increases—especially in the Boston School Dept., and an increase in the exempted value for owner-occupants of residential property.

Administration officials countered that an increase in the exemption would shift the burden onto other residential owners, as well as their tenants. They also said a reduction or slowdown in spending wouldn't necessarily change the city's tax levy.

And, Ariniello said, if the levy were to fall short of the maximum annual increase allowed by Proposition 2½, catching up later to the full increase

allowed would require a spike in taxes.

Officials questioned the practicality of other suggested remedies—giving relief to some residential owners by tapping the city's reserve funds and allowing an exemption to the tax on personal property used by businesses. Ariniello said there was no way to make sure that relief from the exemption would go to businesses that do not own the property where they operate.

At the beginning of the hearing, the chair of the Committee on Government Operations, District 1 Councillor Gabriela Coletta Zapata, declared herself "generally supportive" of the mayor's proposal. At the end of the hearing, she put more emphasis on trying to flatten the curve in sentiment on the council.

"The very least we can do, again, going back to what I said earlier," she said, "is limit the policy harms and explore and exhaust all of our options. I'm interested in producing something that the council can opt into, and just demonstrating to our small businesses that we are thinking of them and we're doing everything we can to limit the negative impacts to their business operations."

Four days after the hearing, Wu and her top aides modulated from urgency around the classification measure to highlighting signs of Boston's economic recovery. According to the Boston Planning and Development Authority's annual report on the state of Boston's economy, released on June 4, there were positive indicators about employment, visitors, public safety, even spending and foot traffic in downtown areas.

In its report for the first quarter of 2024, the commercial real estate services firm Cushman Wakefield cited "continued softening market fundamentals" for Boston's office space, with a vacancy rate of 17 percent, with rates around 19 percent for the Financial District and "Midtown/North Station." But, in its outlook, the firm predicted that the expiration of "a slew of leases signed in 2017-2019" would lead to a "rebound" throughout the remainder of this year.



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Dorchester, Charlestown face off in Fenway Park kickball game

By SETH DANIEL
NEWS EDITOR

Plenty of baseball has been played at Fenway Park, as has professional and college football and international soccer – but a game of schoolyard kickball? That was a first for everyone when state Rep. Chris Worrell of Dorchester and Rep. Dan Ryan of Charlestown put together teams of middle schoolers from the neighborhoods who squared off on May 21 in “friendly” Fenway.

With basepaths and home plate aligned in centerfield abutting the Green Monster and the Red Sox bullpen, members of the grounds crew, who noted that they thought they had seen everything, in fact had never seen

kickball at Fenway until the kids from Dorchester and Charlestown rolled in.

Dubbed the “Honor Roll Rivalry” between young people who merited a place on their academic honors lists, Charlestown students from the Eliot School downtown faced off against an array of students from Dorchester schools, including the Lilla Frederick Middle School, Mother Caroline Academy, Bridge Boston Charter School, Roxbury Prep, and the Conservatory Lab Charter School.

With the full support of the Red Sox, students alternated between kickball competition and a tour of Fenway Park – while also taking a break with water in the shade on what was a very hot

and sunny day.

While the competition was stiff, Charlestown put more runners on base and ended up winning the overall contest, 8-2, and taking home bragging rights in the inaugural matchup.

“We all had a great day at Fenway Park,” said Ryan, whose district now includes Fenway Park. “Kickball on those hallowed grounds was an amazing way for these students to share their last few moments of the school year and reward them for their hard work. The Red Sox really stepped up as they always do. Coach Worrell and I now have a bitter rivalry going. Wait until next year.”

Worrell said he and Ryan brain-

stormed the idea to reward honor roll students at the end of the school year with a fun game of kickball, and a pizza party afterward at ‘Game On!’ Worrell said students from different neighborhoods and schools were able to connect over a day of fun, which he said was a great result.

“Decked out in our ‘Worrell 5’ jerseys, kids from five middle schools in my district formed Team Worrell,” he said. “The game was intense, but more importantly, it was a chance for students to connect and have fun. I’m so excited to turn this into an annual tradition. It’s not just about kickball; it’s about building bonds and celebrating our students.”



Dorchester’s London Lopes, who attends Bridge Boston Charter, kicked one down the third base line for a single.



With the Fenway Park grandstand in the background, Team Worrell regrouped in the middle of the game.



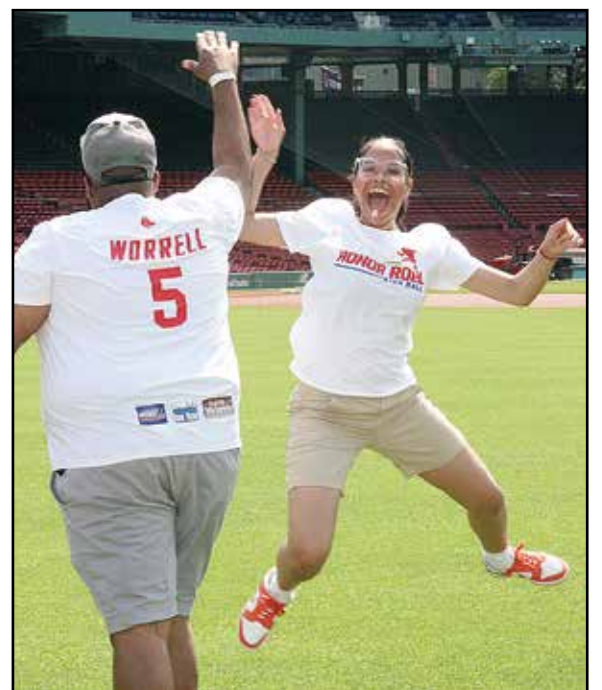
Dorchester’s Claire Durant, senior director of business and government affairs for the Red Sox, escorts state Rep. Chris Worrell and his team to the field.



Myles Austin of Team Worrell makes a catch.



Dorchester Rep. Chris Worrell and Charlestown Rep. Dan Ryan started the game with a ceremonial pitch.



Dorchester’s Chantal Chala-Soto, of Bridge Boston Charter, gave a high five to Rep. Worrell after making a diving catch in left field to end an inning.



Students from Dorchester and Charlestown pose for a photo together in centerfield at Fenway Park on May 21.

Seth Daniel photos



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BGCD Members Take Part in Annual Dorchester Day Parade: See details below.



BGCD Holds 3rd Annual Alumni Reunion During Dot Day Weekend: See details below.

CONNECT THE DOT:
BGCD Members Take Part in Annual Dorchester Day Parade: This past Sunday, over 30 members of Boys & Girls Clubs of Dorchester took part in the Annual Dorchester Day Parade to recognize the Clubs 50th Anniversary! BGCD's Baton Club and Dance Team performed while walking the 3.2 mile Parade route with some of our staff volunteers. Our members worked on special routines for the parade and were beaming with pride to represent the Club and their community. The Parade route starts in Lower Mills and travels along Dorchester Ave, ending at Columbia Road. The parade is a yearly tradition in Boston's largest neighborhood, dating back to 1904. Our members were honored to take part in this fun day! Thanks to the Dorchester Day Parade Committee for organizing another great event and thanks to our members, volunteers and staff for representing BGCD.

FIND OUT WHAT'S INSIDE:
BGCD Holds 3rd Annual Alumni Reunion During Dot Day Weekend: During the Dorchester Day weekend, Boys & Girls Clubs of Dorchester held our 3rd Annual Alumni Reunion to help celebrate the Club's 50th Anniversary. The event included a 3 on 3 Basketball Tournament in honor of beloved former staff member Bruce Seals as well as an alumni hall of fame induction, family fun activities, delicious food, tours of the building, and more. A very special thanks to the Alumni Committee who were part of the planning process. The BGCD Alumni Association now has over 500 members and growing. If you are a former member, parent, staff or volunteer and would like to join please, reach out to Chad Hassey at chassey@bgcdorchester.org. Don't forget to join our Alumni & Friends Rodman Ride team today at bgcdorchester.org/rodman-ride.

DID YOU KNOW:
Join Team BGCD for This Year's Rodman Ride for Kids: Join us on Saturday, September 21st for the 34th Annual Rodman Ride for Kids! In partnership with Rodman for Kids, the Club has the unique opportunity to participate in this collaborative event which helps to support 42 charities supporting at-risk youth. The event will feature a 25 or 50 mile route that will begin and end in Foxboro. After the event there will be a barbeque and celebration for all who participated. If you can't Ride in September, you can be a "Choose Your Own Adventure" virtual participant. The options are unlimited with participants choosing to run, walk, bike or what ever you like to do on your own time. Please note, in-person riders must commit to a \$1,000 fundraising minimum, and virtual riders must commit to raising at least \$300. To join our team, please visit <http://do.nr/a98n66d1>.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Juneteenth Celebration
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LET'S GET REAL
ABOUT GAMBLING

Officials stress water safety at Carson Beach event

By Cassidy McNeely Reporter Staff
 State officials joined beachgoers in South Boston on a sunny 80-degree afternoon on Fri., May 24, to talk about water safety and services on the waterfront before the start of the Memorial Day

weekend. Brian Arrigo, commissioner of the Department of Conservation and Recreation, said, "We're here today to highlight some of the work that the Healey-Driscoll administration is doing to ensure that those folks that enjoy

our spaces have a fun and safe experience." He added, "Over the next month, we'll expand our lifeguard services to 32 of our waterfronts and our pools." The next day, certified lifeguards took their posts at 16 of those

guarded properties, one of which is Carson Beach. They receive Red Cross training for pools, beaches, and waterfronts as well as 16 hours of additional training over the national standard. This year, DCR continued to enhance its team by

recruiting and hiring bilingual lifeguards and water safety staff. At the talk session, Rebecca Tepper, the state's Secretary of Energy and Environmental Affairs, encouraged residents to join the lifeguard team. "As you may know, the Healey-Driscoll administration has continued to offer competitive pay and bonuses with hourly rates ranging from \$22 to \$27. This is not just a job; it's an opportunity to develop important skills," said Tepper. "We are still hiring for the summer, so we encourage you to apply."

While signs help encourage water safety, several officers stressed taking these precautions seriously. Massachusetts State Police Sgt. Michael Pederson explained that each year he and other police respond to reports of drownings across the commonwealth, most of which could have been prevented. He said one way to avert tragedy is to be self-aware and conscious of your surroundings.

State Sen. Nick Collins noted that he once worked as a lifeguard at Carson Beach and to this day, he said, it was his favorite job. State Rep. David Biele offered that "with warm weather upon us we're anticipating thousands of visitors to our wonderful beaches, pools, and natural resources and amenities here in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts."

"Understand your limits as a swimmer. If you cannot swim do not go under the water without a flotation device. Be conscious of currents and other moving water," was his advice to everyone. "And always wear a flotation device while boating. Wearing one similar to a seatbelt in a vehicle is a necessary safety measure."

In addition to continuously onboarding lifeguards, DCR is also improving signage throughout each property. "There is a new detail on the visitor sign here at Carson Beach. It welcomes visitors to the beach in nine different languages," Arrigo said. "We're adding those details and additional sig-

nage to beaches all across the Commonwealth." The languages include Spanish, Portuguese, Vietnamese, Haitian Creole, Traditional Chinese, Arabic, Cape Verdean Creole, Mandarin, and Russian.

Morgan Mattioli, a Massachusetts Environmental Police Officer, emphasized the importance of abiding by boating protocols. "The easiest and most efficient way to prevent boating deaths is to wear a life jacket," she said.

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St. Mark – St. Ambrose combine ends this month

(Continued from page 1) will move to expand its reach westward to Blue Hill Avenue to serve a large “unchurched” gap created by years of parish consolidation

In a statement, a spokesman for Cardinal O’Malley called the move “a recognition about the uniqueness of each parish with a specific ethnic ministry and community. “The parishes each have predominantly Hispanic (St. Mark’s) or Vietnamese (St. Ambrose) communities/parishioners. We think to respect this uniqueness and to best serve the pastoral needs of each parish, particularly given the language dimensions and richness in each of the two communities, [it’s best] to have the Hispanic parish overseen by a Hispanic pastor and likewise the Vietnamese parish led by a Vietnamese pastor.”

“In the end this is a good step for the two parishes and the people of God,” read the statement. The de-coupling is effective on June 17.

Linh had no immediate comment on the matter for St. Ambrose, which will likely see very little change and will be freed up to perhaps pursue an official designation as a Vietnamese parish as was done recently with St. Clement Church in Medford that includes the Blessed Andrew Phuy-Yen School.

Unofficially, St. Ambrose has functioned as a Vietnamese community church with several Vietnamese language Masses, and a very large program for religious classes and Vietnamese language instruction for children and teens. By all accounts, the parish is thriving in attendance, growth, and donations.

More substantive changes are likely at St. Mark’s Church under the direction of Marcos, a 40-year-old priest who is a bi-lingual (English and Spanish). He has led the church for five years but has not been the administrator – a role Father Linh has filled under the collaboration.

Marcos said he was very enthusiastic for the new mission. “My primary job now is to help people understand that nothing is changing,” he said. “The first question people ask me is if we will be changing the Mass schedule. The answer is ‘no.’ Why would we? We are going to build on what we have and grow... We do want to grow and with growth will eventually come changes, I’m sure. There is no agenda, though, but to announce the Gospel.”

That growth is likely to come from within the surrounding neighborhood, as the church has been pulling in new parishioners from west



Rev. Marcos Enrique playing the guitar during a recent youth group meeting at St. Mark’s Church on Dorchester Avenue. Cardinal Sean O’Malley has called for the 10-year collaboration between the St. Mark and nearby St. Ambrose parishes to end on June 17.

of Washington Street. Cardinal O’Malley has also identified a large gap in services to Catholics living beyond Codman Square where there is no church now, especially for Spanish-speakers. St. Katherine of Drexel in Grove Hall is specifically for African Catholics, St. Leo’s Church is long-closed, St. Peter’s is deemed too far away and serves mostly Cape Verdean populations, and Our Lady of Mt. Carmel (formerly St. Angela’s) is almost two miles away and serves a heavily

Haitian Kreyol speaking community.

Marcos said he sees St. Mark’s as becoming one of the most diverse parishes in Dorchester, with a heavy concentration of Spanish speakers, but also a meltingpot of Irish, other white Americans, Cape Verdeans, Vietnam-

ese, and Caribbean folks, among others.

“People have already begun to ask if I’m turning this into a Hispanic parish,” said Father Marcos. “That is not the case and that has to be emphasized right now...I

see St. Mark’s as having this two-fold mission. The priority mission is to attend to and build what we have here now – this neighborhood with its diversity of ethnicities and languages. The second priority is to have a mission territory and to expand... For us, our mission ground is everything that is west of Codman Square, as well as some other places. No one has even begun to address the Central American population now locating in the Bowdoin-Geneva areas.”

The effort will also include strengthening the youth program that

exists, with the parish commencing the fourth year of a summer, faith-based youth camp this July and August.

The reception to the revised arrangement so far has been careful with some noting skepticism, but most expressing to Marcos that it is seen as an “affirmation” from the cardinal.

“Whenever there are changes or collaborations, the first questions are always when is one of the churches going to close?” said Marcos. “This decision affirms that St. Mark’s Parish has an important mission ahead of it.”

LEGAL NOTICES

**COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS THE TRIAL COURT
PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT DEPARTMENT
SUFFOLK, ss
DOCKET NO. SU23E0026PP
IN THE MATTER OF:
AMENDED PETITION TO PARTITION
60, 64 AND 66 ELMONT STREET, DORCHESTER MA**

TO: All Interested Persons

A petition has been presented to said Court by Cheryl Soto of 15 Cedar Hill Terrace, Holbrook, MA 02343 in the County of Norfolk, and Rita Lemar of 4350 East Orchid Lane, Gilbert, Arizona 85296 representing that each holds as joint tenant a 10% undivided part or share of certain property lying in Dorchester, in the County of Suffolk and briefly described as follows:

The land with the buildings thereon, situated in that part of Boston, Suffolk County, Massachusetts, known as Dorchester, being No. 64-66 Elmont Street, situated on the Westerly side of said Elmont Street, bounded and described as follows:

Beginning at a point in the Westerly line of Elmont Street at the Southeastly Corner of the granted premises and the Northeastly corner of land now or formerly of McKay, thence running:

WESTERLY: on said land of McKay, sixty-five (65) feet, thence turning and running NORTHERLY: on land now or formerly of Greenwood, ninety-nine (99) feet, thence turning and running

EASTERLY: on said land now or formerly of Kent, sixty-five (65) feet to said Elmont Street, thence turning and running

SOUTHERLY: on said Elmont Street, ninety-nine (99) feet to the point of beginning

Said premises contain 6,455 square feet of land, more or less.

See Deed from Michael F. Kinealy to Hugh D. Mattison and Rita Mattison dated October 23, 1968, recorded with the Suffolk Registry of Deeds at Book 8237, Page 709 (Attached to the Petition as Exhibit A).

AND

The land with the buildings thereon, situated in that part of Boston, Suffolk County, Massachusetts, known as Dorchester, being No. 60 Elmont Street (Dorchester District; Ward 14, Assessor’s Parcel Number 02392), situated on the Westerly side of said Elmont Street, bounded and described as follows:

Being the same premises described in the final decree and order against Sebastian Melvin dated November 17, 1987, and recorded in the Registry of Deeds on December 17, 1987 in Book 14340, Page 14.

Said premises contain approximately 2,080 square feet of land.

For further reference see Suffolk County Land Court Tax Lien Case No. 77669.

See Deed from City of Boston to Hugh D. Mattison and Rita Mattison dated May 13, 1998, recorded with the Suffolk Registry of Deeds at Book 22451, Page 102 (Attached to Petition as Exhibit B).

The title to said land is derived through intestate inheritance from the Petitioners’ Father, Hugh David Mattison Sr. who took title with his wife, Rita Mattison, as tenants by the entirety via quitclaim deed dated October 23, 1968, and recorded with the Suffolk County Registry of Deeds, Book 8237, Page 709. Rita Mattison died on November 6, 2016. A certified copy of her death certificate has been filed with this petition.

Title remained solely with Hugh Mattison, Sr. of Dorchester until his death on October 28, 2019. A certified copy of his death certificate has been filed with this petition. He died without a will.

The Suffolk County Probate and Family Court adjudicated on or about January 28, 2020, that Hugh Mattison, Sr. died intestate and that he left ten living children who are the heirs to his estate (Suffolk County Probate and Family Court Case No. SU19P1587EA). A copy of the Court’s Order and Decree dated 1/28/2020 has been filed with the petition.

The land is all of the real estate held under that common title.

Your petitioners further represent that the names and residences of all the tenants in common and their respective shares and proportions and the nature thereof, are as follows:

NAME	RESIDENCE	SHARE	NATURE
Cheryl Soto	15 Cedar Hill Terrace, Holbrook, MA 02343	10%	Tenant in common
Rita Lemar-Mcneil	4350 E. Orchid Lane, Gilbert, AZ 85296	10%	Tenant in common
Hugh D. Mattison Jr.	34 Junction Square, Concord, MA 01742	10%	Tenant in common
Roy A. Mattison	784 Washington St., Apt 512, Dorchester, MA 02124	10%	Tenant in common
L.A. Mattison	73 Stanton Street, Boston, MA 02124	10%	Tenant in common
Barbara J. Mattison	66 Elmont Street, Boston, MA 02121	10%	Tenant in common
Charles L. Mattison	94 Chester Street, Apt #12, Allston, MA 02134	10%	Tenant in common
Darlene T. Hodges	120 Adams Street, Apt 2, Dorchester MA 02122	10%	Tenant in common
Rasean Benton-Mattison	10 Woodruff Way, Boston, MA 02126	10%	Tenant in common
Edward L Mattison	7A Holland Ave., Cheektowaga, NY 14225	10%	Tenant in common

Setting forth that the petitioners desire that all said land may be ordered to be sold at private sale of auction for not less than SIX HUNDRED AND FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$650,000.00) and praying that partition may be made of all the land aforesaid according to law, and to that end, that commissioner be appointed to make such partition and be ordered to make sale and conveyance of all, or any portion of said land, which the Court finds cannot be advantageously divided, either at private sale or public auction, and be ordered to distribute and pay over the net proceeds thereof in such manner as to make the partition just and equal.

If you desire to object thereto you or your attorney should file a written appearance and answer in said Court at Boston before ten o’clock in the forenoon on 27th day of June, 2024 the return date of this citation.

Witness, Hon. Brian J. Dunn, Judge of said court, this 17th day of May, 2024

Stephanie L. Everett, Esq.
Register of Probate Court

Published: June 6, 2024

LEGAL NOTICE

**COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS THE TRIAL COURT
PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT
Suffolk Probate & Family Court
24 New Chardon Street
Boston, MA 02114
(617) 788-8300**

CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION
Docket No. SU24P0841EA

**ESTATE OF:
CLARINDA PISCOPO
a/k/a: CLARINDA E. PISCOPO
DATE OF DEATH: 03/01/2024**

To all interested persons:
A Petition for Formal Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative has been filed by Rita Laughlin of Canton, 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: Rita Laughlin of Canton, 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 07/09/2024. 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.

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Witness, HON. BRIAN J. DUNN, First Justice of this Court.
Date: May 28, 2024
Stephanie L. Everett, Esq.
Register of Probate

Published: June 6, 2024

LEGAL NOTICE

**COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS THE TRIAL COURT
PROBATE & FAMILY COURT
SUFFOLK PROBATE & FAMILY COURT
24 NEW CHARDON STREET
BOSTON, MA 02114**

CITATION GIVING NOTICE OF PETITION FOR APPOINTMENT OF GUARDIAN FOR INCAPACITATED PERSON PURSUANT TO G.L. c. 190B, §5-304
Docket No. SU24P1070GD

**IN THE MATTER OF:
FABIO PIRES SANTOS
of DORCHESTER, MA
RESPONDENT**

Alleged Incapacitated Person

To the named Respondent and all other interested persons, a petition has been filed by Mass. Dept. Of Mental Health of Westborough, MA in the above captioned matter alleging that Fabio Pires Santos is in need of a Guardian and requesting that (or some other suitable person) be appointed as Guardian to serve Without Surety on the bond.

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

You have the right to object to this proceeding. If you wish to do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance at this court, on or before 10:00 A.M. on the return date of 06/20/2024. This day is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline date by which you have to file the written appearance if you object to the petition. If you fail to file the written appearance by the return date, action may be taken in this matter without further notice to you. In addition to filing the written appearance, you or your attorney must file a written affidavit stating the specific facts and grounds of your objection within 30 days after the return date.

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

Witness, Hon. Brian J. Dunn, First Justice of this Court.
Stephanie L. Everett, Esq.
Register of Probate

Date: May 23, 2024
Published: June 6, 2024

LEGAL NOTICE

**COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS THE TRIAL COURT
PROBATE & FAMILY COURT
SUFFOLK DIVISION
24 NEW CHARDON STREET
BOSTON, MA 02114
Docket No. SU24D0167DR
DIVORCE SUMMONS
BY PUBLICATION AND MAILING
ROGER BOYER
vs.
KETTLY COLASSAINT**

To the Defendant:
The Plaintiff has filed a Complaint for Divorce requesting that the Court grant a divorce for Irretrievable Breakdown. The Complaint is on file at the Court. An Automatic Restraining Order has been entered in this matter preventing you from taking any action which would negatively impact the current financial status of either party. SEE Supplemental Probate Court Rule 411.

You are hereby summoned and required to serve upon: Roger Boyer, 12 Elmhurst St., Apt #2, Dorchester, MA 02124 your answer, if any, on or before 07/10/2024. If you fail to do so, the court will proceed to the hearing and adjudication of this action. You are also required to file a copy of your answer, if any, in the office of the Register of this Court.

Witness, HON. BRIAN J. DUNN, First Justice of this Court.
Date: May 17, 2024
Stephanie L. Everett, Esquire
Register of Probate

Published: June 6, 2024



The Massachusetts Water Resources Authority

is seeking bids for the following:

BID NO.	DESCRIPTION	DATE	TIME
WRA-5477	CDL Training	06/19/24	3:00 p.m.
OP-477	Fire Alarm and Suppression System Services Central and Western Facilities	06/27/24	2:00 p.m.
S619 (Revised)	Oxygen Generation Facility Service at Deer Island Treatment Plant	06/27/24	2:00 p.m.

To access and bid on Event(s) please go to the MWRA Supplier Portal at <https://supplier.mwra.com>

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Cedar Grove Cemetery is looking for 1 full-time and 2 part-time seasonal positions.

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RECENT OBITUARIES



CUMMINGS, Annette Dawn, 78. Daughter to Lance Gay (deceased) and Eureka Niles (deceased). She was born and raised in Trinidad & Tobago. Wife of the late Philbert R. Cummings. Annette was the mother of Gail D. Cummings, Philbert Cummings Jr, Erica I. Cummings (deceased) and Jillian J. Cummings. Annette had a career in health care, working at City Missionary of Boston where she was employed as a home health worker. In 1999 she began her career as an Administrator at Harvard Street Neighborhood Health Center where she worked for over 20 years. Grandmother of 7; great-grandmother of 5. She also leaves two brothers-in-laws Ellis (Glenda) Cummings and Everald (Rosalynn). Annette is preceded in death by her two sisters Roslin and Annmarie and one brother Horace; survived by three brothers James, Martin, and Basil, three sisters Janice, Janet and Lucille; One honorary son Shurland Bootman, and one honorary daughter Felicia Van Allen, and a host of extended family and close friends.

DOWNES, Gwendolyn "Gwennie", 63, of Dorchester. Daughter to Stephen and Luella Downes. Gwennie is sur-



vived by her parents; her older brother, Stephen Jr. (Maureen) Downes of Kingston, MA; her younger brother, Gerald (Kimball) Downes of Amherst; her nephews, Calvin and Reece Downes; and her niece, Milena Downes.



HOBAN, Daniel L., 64, of Providence, R.I., originally of Dorchester. Danny was the son of James and Carol Hoban. Danny dedicated over two decades of service as a security guard at South Shore Hospital. He leaves behind his parents, James and Carol Hoban; his former wife and longtime friend, Katherine Rondinelli; his children, Bridget Robitaille and her husband Ronald Jr. of Providence, R.I., and Rachael Hoban of Quincy; his siblings, James Hoban III and his wife Patricia of Pembroke, and Lynne Marie Hoban of Quincy; and his nephews.

JACKSON, Pearl Mary, 95, of Mattapan.

Daughter of Byron and Mildred Smith of Trinidad. Wife of Emmanuel Sonny Jackson: mother of Claudette, Leslie, Winston, Annette, Marilyn, Wayne, Anthony and Gillian. Grandmother of 10 grandchildren and 14 great grandchildren. Pearl was preceded in death by her husband (Emmanuel) daughter (Claudette) and son (Wayne). Left to cherish Pearl's memory is six of her children, two daughters-in-law and one son-in-law. She also leaves a host of cousins and close family friends.



JONES, Theora Lucille (Jackson) "Red Bird", 81, of Dorchester, a proud Mashpee Wampanoag. Daughter to Theora Tobey and Charles Jackson. She was married to Willie L Jones of Enfield, NC. Theora spent her life taking care of children whether it was through her role as Secretary/Director of Academy of Musical Arts, as a foster mother to many, or as a lunch mother at Paul A Dever and McCormick schools in Boston. Prior to her role as Director Theora was also employed as a Certified Nursing Assistant. She was also a member of Twelfth Baptist Church and a pillar to the Harbor Point community for 55+ years. Theora leaves behind her children Theora J. Jones, Rosezina Z. Jones, Willie L. Jones, Brian A. Jones (Nichole), Christopher C. Jones, Ester M. Ellis, Veronica M. Ellis, and her dear niece Dee Bowles, 18 grandchildren and 17 great-grandchildren. Theora was predeceased by her siblings Constance, Marie, Melvin,

Priscilla, and Charles along with her adopted son/great-grandson Seneca.



KELLY, Catherine J., 71, of Mansfield, formerly of Dorchester. Daughter to the late Paul and Elizabeth Kelly. She is now reunited with her daughter Jeana, as well as her parents and siblings, Sheila Barends, Jane Kelly, Eileen Kelly and Sean Kelly. She is survived by her daughters Jennifer Kelly of Hanover, Danielle Garlinger of Mansfield, and Sherelle Swanson of Dorchester. Kathy is also survived by her siblings, Pauline Kelly of Stoughton, Michael Kelly of East Bridgewater, and Paul Kelly of Stoughton, as well as her 9 grandchildren, and 2 great-grandsons.



LE, Thanh, 54, of Dorchester. Thanh was born in Quang Ngai, Vietnam. Son of Van Le. Husband of Lina Kim Le. Father of Tina Le. Brother of Dung Le of Houston, Texas.

MAKAR, Maria (Slowinska), 97, of Dorchester. Wife of the late Michael Makar and mother of Danuta Wiktorowska and her husband Wincenty and Marcela Tanona and her husband Janusz. She was preceded in death by her older sister Hela, younger brother Antoni



and close family members in Poland. Babcia of 5. Great-grandmother of 3. She was the loving Aunt of Ella, Karol and Great Aunt of Kayla. Born in Zagorze, Poland, she was the daughter of Antoni and Weronika (Pelka). During the war in 1940 at the age of 14 years she was taken from her home and family to Germany for forced labor. She remained in Germany until April 30, 1956 when she immigrated with her daughters to the United States and settled in the West End of Boston. Eventually moving to South Boston and Dorchester. In Maria's memory donations can be made to the Hebrew Rehabilitation Center, 1200 Center Street, Roslindale, or to your favorite charity.



McGOVERN, Thomas F., of Quincy, "OFD". US Marine Corps veteran. He was a member of the Boston Fire Department Local 718 for 34 years before retiring and a member of the Quincy Lodge of Elks. Husband of Janet F. (Hawe). Father of Meredith Lombardi (Mark) of Hanover, Thomas McGovern (Marylou) of Squantum, and Lindsey Higgins (Steven) of Braintree. ("Deda" of 7. He was predeceased by 9 siblings and is survived by Dorene Dugas of Braintree and Teresa McGovern of CT. Son of the late William and Ida McGovern. Donations may be made in his memory to Accent Care Hospice 1 Edgewater Dr. Suite 103, Norwood, MA 02062.



MITCHELL, Andre Raphael "Butta" Sr., 50, of Mattapan. Andre was employed as an Inspector, working for the MBTA Green-line for 24 years. He is survived by his mother, Christine

Mitchell, his sons, Andre Raphael Mitchell Jr., and Anton Mitchell, his Brother Eric Mitchell, Uncle Darrell Washington, Uncle Marty Washington, his sons mother Monique Moody her children, Aniya, Iyana, Emmanuel, Stephen, and their dog Ollie, as well as many aunts, uncles, cousins, and innumerable friends.



MULCAHY, Stephen Francis, 77, of Milton, formerly of Dorchester. Son of Francis Mulcahy and Virginia (Hardiman) Mulcahy He was a reservist in the U.S. Army, and an attorney at the Boston Juvenile Court. Husband of Alice Tuffo Mulcahy. Together they raised six children, eventually settling in Milton.

He is survived by his wife Alice, his children Stephen Jr. and fiancé Tami Forbes of Dartmouth, Christopher and his wife Megan of Scituate, Mark and his wife Kelli of Franklin, Laura Frey and her husband JR of Plymouth, Debra of Brooklyn, NY, and Peter and his wife Amanda of Lynn. "Goo-Goo" to his 10 grandchildren. He is also survived by his siblings, Kevin Mulcahy of Quincy, Phillip Mulcahy of Milton, Ann Marie McIntyre of Milton, and Ellen Porter of Melrose. He will also forever be remembered by his many nieces and nephews, cousins, and many friends.



SKRZYNIARZ, Stanislaw "Stanley", in Dorchester formerly of Poland. Stanley is survived by his son Edward Skrzyniarz and step-son Adam Pieniazek and his grandson Jones. Stanley is also survived by his cherished life partner of four decades, Krystyna Pieniazek, and his sisters Teresa, Krystyna and Marysia. Stanley was predeceased by his wife Janina, father Franciszek, and brothers Kazimierz and Stefan Chlastawa. Owner of Stanley Construction.



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LEGAL NOTICES

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS THE TRIAL COURT PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT SUFFOLK PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT 24 NEW CHARDON STREET BOSTON, MA 02114 617-788-8300 CITATION ON PETITION FOR SALE OF REAL ESTATE BY A PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE Docket No. SU23P0585EA ESTATE OF: RUTHLYN GLENTINE BENJAMIN a/k/a: RUTHLYN BENJAMIN, RUTHLYN G.D. BENJAMIN Date of Death: 10/28/2022

To all interested persons: A Petition For Sale of Real Estate has been filed by: Duane G. Sullivan, Esq. of Quincy, 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 06/20/2024.

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: May 23, 2024
Stephanie L. Everett, Esq. Register of Probate
Published: June 6, 2024

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS THE TRIAL COURT PROBATE & FAMILY COURT SUFFOLK DIVISION 24 NEW CHARDON STREET BOSTON, MA 02114 Docket No. SU24D0453DR DIVORCE SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION and MAILING FRANTZ COMPERE vs. MIRLANDE DUPONT

To the Defendant: The Plaintiff has filed a Complaint for Divorce requesting that the Court grant a divorce for Irretrievable Breakdown. The Complaint is on file at the Court. An Automatic Restraining Order has been entered in this matter preventing you from taking any action which would negatively impact the current financial status of either party. SEE Supplemental Probate Court Rule 411.

You are hereby summoned and required to serve upon: Frantz Compere, 109 Mount Pleasant Ave., Apt. 8, Roxbury, MA 02119-1176 your answer, if any, on or before 08/01/2024. If you fail to do so, the court will proceed to the hearing and adjudication of this action. You are also required to file a copy of your answer, if any, in the office of the Register of this Court.

Witness, HON. BRIAN J. DUNN, First Justice of this Court. Date: May 9, 2024
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