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UNDERGROUND POTENTIAL



Singer K'Loni Sky (Kalonie Smith) continues to turn heads with her vocals while Mattapan's Shea Rose, shown below performing at last week's SXSW festival in Austin, TX, mixes rock and R&B traditions.

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Dorchester eighth-grader Willie Hobson III hopes to follow his mentor Russell Ferguson into a career as a dancer.

Is your 'hood home to Boston's next break-out artist?

BY MELISSA TABEEK
SPECIAL TO THE REPORTER

Boston's neighborhoods have launched their share of music superstars into orbit in past decades. Donna Summer, the original disco diva, hailed from Dot. Gang Starr's legendary MC Guru (aka the late Keith Elam) honed his rap chops in Four Corners. And, of course, New Edition and New Kids on the Block served as the twin pillars of boy band stardom in the 1980s and 90s.

The landscape that spawned those artists has changed dramatically. Local artists are now

able to utilize tools such as social media, pirate radio stations, and the Internet to market their music and create hype for themselves, rather than having to depend on a record company or promoter to do it.

This autonomy has made it easier not only for musicians to share their music and build a fan base, but to capitalize on opportunities also. Through a Twitter competition among Red Bull Soundstage artists, Shea Rose — an up-and-coming singer who has lived in Dorchester, Braintree, and now Mattapan — was able to

rally her fans to help her win an all-expenses paid trip to Austin, Texas, to this year's South by Southwest (SXSW) Festival. She performed at the Red Bull Soundstage at the Universal Music Group Showcase.

"It was crazy, like Mardi Gras for musicians," said Rose, who spoke of the Boston music scene as supportive, vibrant, and a huge part of her success. Not all musicians share her sentiment though. Some — such as solo artist and CEO of the label Groundup Entertainment, Mike Biggs —

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B-3 detective Vance Mills with contraband confiscated at Lily's Market in a raid last Friday.
Photo by Bill Forry

Stolen goods seized from Mattapan store

BY BILL FORRY
MANAGING EDITOR

Boston Police plan to file criminal charges against the owners of a Mattapan convenience store that was raided last Friday afternoon following a probe into the alleged re-sale of goods stolen from nearby chain pharmacies. Detectives

from Area B-3 say that the operators of Lili's Market at 1286 Blue Hill Ave. purchased items from undercover officers who presented the goods — including baby formula, diapers and cosmetic supplies — as items that had been shoplifted from other nearby stores.

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Savin Hill airs traffic concerns

Conditions unsafe, residents say; lower speed limits asked

BY LISA HAGEN
SPECIAL TO THE REPORTER

A treacherous stretch of Savin Hill Avenue is getting renewed scrutiny from city officials after complaints from neighbors who say that speeding, reckless drivers, and the narrow nature of the street itself pose a serious safety risk.

City Councillor Frank Baker and the city's transportation chief, Thomas Tinlin, went on a walkthrough of the area with neighbors six weeks ago, an expedition that resulted in the installation of new signs urging caution on the two-way stretch of the avenue. Still, Baker says, the street cannot handle all of the traffic.

Earlier this month March, Baker took a second walk with residents that focused primarily on Savin Hill Avenue and Sydney Street and took up requests for stop signs and traffic signals in that section.

Noting another stop-sign request for Gramplan Way and Castlerock Street, Jim Mansfield, the city's transportation department's director of community affairs, said that all traffic change requests have to meet certain criteria and undergo a volume and speed study that will monitor traffic flow.

The city had been looking into the possibility of placing a double

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Parent meetings on school placement on tap this Saturday

BY GINTAUTAS DUMCIUS
NEWS EDITOR

Dorchester's Harbor Pilot Middle School will be one of four places on Saturday where parents will have a chance to weigh in on the Menino administration's attempt to overhaul the school assignment process.

The community meeting will last from 9 a.m. to noon at the Fields Corner school on Charles Street. Vietnamese translators will be available, the school department said.

"This is really the opportunity that residents have to be a part of the change that will be presented later this year," said Matthew Wilder, a Boston Public Schools spokesman, referencing the ongoing work of an advisory group on a plan to revamp the placement policy that the School Committee would take up at the end of the year.

Saturday's meeting likely will follow the template set on March 10 at the Orchard Gar-

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Campaign finger-pointing can backfire on pointers

BY GINTAUTAS DUMCIUS
NEWS EDITOR

At the annual St. Patrick's Day breakfast in South Boston, elected officials attempt to manufacture laughs. This year was no different, with an added dollop of Democrats attempting to manufacture a scandal.

"I see that both **Newt Gingrich** and **Rick Santorum** now have Secret Service with them on the campaign trail," US Sen. Scott Brown said during his turn on the Boston Convention and Exhibition Center's stage. "And in Santorum's case, I think it's the first time he's actually ever used protection."

Santorum, the former US senator from Pennsylvania, is an easy target. While campaigning for the Republican nomination for president, he often comes across as a twist on Mr. Rogers, pushing a theocratic Neighborhood of Make-Believe.

So it's no surprise that Brookline's own **Conan O'Brien** made a joke similar to Brown's quip weeks earlier.

Democrats, eager for any opportunity to take Brown (R-Wrentham) down a peg, leapt at a report from the D.C.-based website *Talking Points Memo* pointing out the similarities between the two jokes and blasted out an e-mail to reporters calling it a "Plagiarism Scandal."

The e-mail did not mention that Senate President **Therese Murray** (D-Plymouth), in a video segment her office made for the breakfast, used a joke about former Gov. **Mitt Romney** that can be found on numerous right-wing message boards and websites. State Rep. **Nick Collins** (D-South Boston) deployed a joke that has frequently appeared in in-boxes as a chain e-mail.

All of which underscores an issue Democratic and Republican Party officials deal with frequently at the national and local level: Whatever they accuse the other side of doing, it's very likely there are examples of several of their own doing the same things.

Many of the jokes told at the breakfast focused on Lt. Gov. **Timothy Murray** and his car crash last year. Explanations have varied, ranging from Murray, who said he was out looking at storm damage, falling asleep at the wheel to black ice causing his car to skid. He walked onto the stage clad in a NASCAR outfit and said he had signed an executive order raising the state speed limit to 108 miles per hour – the same speed that his car had accelerated to just before the crash.

U.S. Rep. **Stephen Lynch** played on the conventional wisdom that Treasurer **Steve Grossman** is a likely candidate for governor in 2014, saying, "His campaign leaked a slogan for governor just the other day: Vote for Steve Grossman: He'll put the goober back in gubernatorial."

Brown's likely Democratic opponent, consumer advocate **Elizabeth Warren**, made her debut at the breakfast and poked fun at herself,

MWRA pipe project in last stages; one last closure to come

Lower Mills will see another street closure, this one during the last week of May and the first week of June as the Massachusetts Water Resources Authority puts the finishing touches on the rehabilitation of a major water pipeline.

The pipeline was built in the early 1900s, and serves Milton, Quincy and the southeast corner of Boston. The MWRA has poured \$14.5 million into

saying that she was once a centerfold for the only magazine that would have her: *Consumer Reports*.

Former Rep. Wallace gets probation, some \$36k in fines

Former state Rep. **Brian Wallace** and his former campaign treasurer reversed course on Tuesday and pleaded guilty to campaign finance violations. Superior Court Judge **Frances McIntyre** did not accept the guilty pleas and instead ordered the pair to pay fines over the course of a probation period of several years.

Wallace, a 62-year-old former Democrat from South Boston who represented the Fourth Suffolk District at the State House, was charged with not reporting or keeping records of thousands of dollars in campaign contributions. The Fourth Suffolk includes the Harbor Point neighborhood and a part of Uphams Corner.

Wallace, who was a representative from 2003 to 2011 and now lives in Westwood, was ordered to pay a \$1,000 fine and \$35,329.11 to the Office of Campaign and Political Finance. He agreed to serve five years of probation while paying at least \$588 a month. His treasurer, **Timothy Duross**, a 51-year-old South Boston sprinkler fitter, was fined \$2,000 and is on probation for three years.

The Office of Campaign and Political Finance first opened the investigation in 2009, eventually referring it to Attorney General **Martha Coakley's** office after finding that Wallace and Duross were unable to document \$6,345 in contributions in 2008. The two men were indicted by a grand jury in July 2011.

According to court documents, Wallace initially told OCPF officials that Duross had all the bank records and he always would review what Duross prepared for filing with OCPF. But in a separate sitdown several months later, Wallace said he trusted his treasurer and did not always look at OCPF reports that he filed.

His attorney, **Bill McDermott**, maintained in court documents that Wallace was "responsive" to OCPF's requests for information, and pointed to other cases covering campaign finance violations that did not end up in the state attorney general's hands.

"The accurate reporting of campaign contributions and expenses is critical to ensuring the integrity of our campaign finance system and preventing the misuse of campaign funds," Coakley said in a statement. "We will continue to work with the Office of Campaign Finance to enforce these laws."

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the project, which shut down several area streets last year as workers went below ground to lay down new pipes.

The latest phase of the project, which will start on April second and wrap up at the end of July, involves paving, fixing sidewalks and the Adams St. island, and a wheelchair ramp replacement.

— REPORTER STAFF

On The Record

Veteran teacher Ms. Breen feted by St. Ann's community



Pictured above, Ms. Kate Brandley, principal of Pope John Paul II Catholic Academy-Neponset, Ms. Jane Breen, Sr. Gail Donahue, Director of Guidance for the Academy, Fr. Sean Connor, and Mr. Russ Wilson, regional director of the Pope John Paul II Catholic Academy. Photo courtesy Caitlin Romano

It's pretty much impossible to sneak anything past a fourth-grade school teacher, especially Ms. Jane Breen. The Savin Hill native been a fixture at St. Ann's in Neponset — now called Pope John Paul II Catholic Academy's Neponset campus — for 40 years. But, somehow, her colleagues and students managed to surprise Ms. Breen last Friday with a morning Mass and celebration in honor of her four decades of service to the parish and school. Breen was lauded by local elected officials — including State Senator Jack Hart and his wife Michelle, who is a former student of Breen's. Other former students on hand to offer testimonials included Neponset's Michelle Hobin, now a K-1 teacher at the school, and Boston Police officer Richard Driscoll.

Breen, surrounded by her family in the front row throughout the Mass and subsequent celebration, rose to speak at the end: "I don't ever say that I'm going to work or to my job; I say I'm going to school. Please know that you have made my life full and I thank you so much."

Topic: traffic calming along Geneva Ave.

Fields Corner Community Development Corporation and a host of other community groups will host a meeting on Wed., March 28 to discuss potential traffic calming measures for Geneva Avenue (Park Street to Bowdoin Street). The meeting — hosted as part of the annual Five Streets Neighborhood Association — will take place at Ditson Street Senior Housing, 25 Ditson Street, Dorchester. For directions and information please call Barry Mullen at 617-265-4913. The meeting agenda will include asking Boston officials to consider a traffic study for the area.

Bowdoin-Geneva NRT to meet; public invited

The community is invited to a meeting this Saturday morning to discuss the city of Boston's recently created Bowdoin-Geneva Neighborhood Response Team. The meeting is set to run from 10 a.m.-noon at St. Peter's Teen Center, 278 Bowdoin St., Dorchester (rear building of Compass School). Meet people on the team, learn what's been accomplished so far and how you can be involved.

Hurley bowl-a-thon to boost Dot Day parade

Katie Hurley, candidate for Mayor of Dorchester, will host a "Pins for the Parade" bowl-a-thon at Boston Bowl this Sunday afternoon (March 25) at 5p.m. Tickets are \$25 per person, covering your bowling, shoe rental, slice of pizza, drink, and Katie for Mayor t-shirt. There will be teams of 5, with raffles, 50/50 and other prizes. All the money raised goes towards the Dorchester Day Parade.

Easter egg hunt on for March 31

The Easter Bunny is scheduled to drop by the Phillips Candy House on Sat., March 31, as children and parents participate in an Easter egg hunt that will start at 11 a.m. at Pope John Paul II Park. The Phillips Candy House, which is sponsoring the twentieth annual search for eggs, invites participants to join them at their Morrissey Boulevard store after the hunt. Samplings of hot cocoa will be available.

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Final meetings set for state's transit needs study

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Officials from the state's Department of Transportation are making the last rounds at community meetings in Dorchester and Mattapan beginning this week to wrap up two separate transportation studies.

This Thursday, residents will get an update on the Roxbury/Dorchester/Mattapan (RDM) Transit Needs Study that was launched in January 2011. Planners have combed through 1,400 surveys and community responses at meetings to come up with short, medium and

long-term suggestions.

Project manager Scott Hamwey says his team and the advisory group will continue to hear local's concerns, but have to remind attendees of the MBTA's strained budget. The study does not have a dedicated funding stream lined up for medium and long-term recommendations.

"There's not funding available today, so it's going to require ongoing advocacy from stakeholders and Mass DOT officials," he said.

The advisory board has received suggestions ranging from increasing service on the 19 and

21 bus lines to adding new express routes, which Hamwey notes are all much-needed improvements, but they are outside of the state's current financial means.

But there are some smaller scale upgrades backed by federal programs that residents can look forward to this year. Officials are aiming for improving sales and fare collection with better enforcement around the terminals. The group is also soliciting more retail vendors as places to activate Charlie Cards.

The minimum amount of money you can add to your card at the fare

box may also increase. Hamwey says these proposals will need to be better publicized to see riders take advantage of them. There has been no date set for these improvements.

MBTA police officers will also be asked to better enforce no parking zones at bus stops and operator safety. Police will be asked to ticket more vehicles and submit numbers in order to monitor progress.

The last of these three public meetings will be the final opportunity to submit recommendations and solicit ideas for other areas of funding.

This Thursday's meeting will be held at the Mattapan Branch Library, 1350 Blue Hill Ave. at 6 p.m. The advisory board will continue to meet on a quarterly basis with MBTA officials.

"There are still things that we're going to look for in the recommendations. But it's going to take sustained advocacy and community meetings for other areas of funding," Hamwey said.

After the RDM transit study comes to an end, the "Key Bus Routes" study will continue next month. MBTA has identified 15 "Key Bus Routes" across its sys-

tem, for which it has allocated \$10 million in federal stimulus funding for improvements. Four key routes are located in the RDM study area: 22, 23, 28 and 15. Hamwey says changes to route 23 will be implemented later this year.

The Morton and Galivan Street intersection project will also hear more community input at a meeting on Tuesday, April 3 at 7 p.m. at the Taylor School, 1060 Morton St. Representatives from MassDOT will provide an update on where the study stands.

Parent meetings on school placement on tap this Saturday

(Continued from page 1) dens K-8 Pilot School in Roxbury. Attendees will first meet in a large group before splitting off into smaller groups. The conversations of the small groups will be reported back to the larger group and then folded into the work of the mayorally appointed advisory committee.

Members of the 27-person advisory panel and the school committee, which is also mayorally appointed, could be in attendance. The advisory committee is co-chaired by Dean Hardin Coleman

of Boston University and Helen Dajer, a former Boston School Committee member and BPS parent who co-chaired the 2004 student assignment task force with Dr. Ted Landsmark.

In his recent State of the City address, Mayor Menino again called for a "radically different" school assignment process, cited rising transportation costs, and pledged to have the overhaul done this year.

The next meeting of the advisory group is scheduled for April 23 at English High School.

The school assignment policy divides the city into three zones for elementary and middle school students, while high schools are city-wide. As of 2001, race and ethnicity have no longer been factors, and a new algorithm for assigning students has been in place since 2007, according to the school department.

The concerns of parents whose voices will be heard at the community meetings will likely echo the laments of those who have spoken up at past attempts to revamp

the school assignment policy. As the 2004 task force noted in its report at the time, "The paramount concern among all who commented was that all schools need to be of high quality."

The other locations for community hearings and public comment this Saturday include the Shelburne Community Center on Washington Street in Roxbury, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.; East Boston High School on White Street, from 9 a.m. to noon; and the Jackson/Mann K-8 School, on Armington Street in

Allston, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

On the following Saturday, March 31, the Mildred Ave. K-8 School in Mattapan will be the site of a community meeting, from 9 a.m. to noon.

Additional meetings, tentatively planned for April, are still in the works.

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The City Council, which has an Education Committee chaired by Councillor At-Large John Connolly, is expected to hold its own hearings on the school assignment policy.

More information on the BPS effort is available at bostonpublicschools.org/choice.

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Is Boston's next big star your next-door neighbor?

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believe that there is a lack of unity, particularly among Boston hip-hop and R&B artists, that have impeded Boston from being bigger on the national stage than it is now.

"I could live on one street, look out my window to another street, and people will have a problem with that other street. That's how it is all throughout Boston...I try to get real people from each hood. I reach out to all the artists," said Biggs.

Andre Lang — a solo artist and co-founder of Top Gunnaz Inc. — who is also known as "Dre Tha Cyclone," shares Biggs' view. In an effort to bring the Boston hip-hop and R&B artists together, the Dorchester native has organized six free showcases called "No I In Team," at Sammy's Patio on Revere Street.

"What I try to do is bring more unity into the scene. Everyone is for themselves and their crew. But that's not going to get us the win," said Cyclone.

Regardless of differing musician opinions on Boston unity, there is one fact they all agree on: Boston has a plethora of talent. In this week's issue, the Reporter has highlighted a sampling of that promising talent in Boston neighborhoods.



Sharell Jacobs performs as Bay Holla.

Sharell Jacobs a.k.a "Bay Holla"

Sharell Jacobs, known to the scene as "Bay Holla," said rapping is her first love, but not her only one. She is also a model, promoter, activist, and actress as well. The 30-year old Roxbury native began writing and performing when she was only nine. About six years later, in 1997, Bay Holla became part of Michael Biven's group, Boston's Big Ten. This was back when she was still "Relly Rel."

Relly Rel became Bay Holla in October 2006. Since then, she's opened for Roc a Fella's Freeway at the Dublin House, Dipset and Young Money, and provided support for G-Unit's artist, "Trav."

For the past year, Bay Holla has not been as active in the music scene as before. She lost her niece to homicide more than a year ago and she is just starting to get back into her music. Her current project — called "What Is Beautiful Never Dies" — is organized by Anonymous Boston, a project that pairs families of victim of violence with recording artists to create an album with a message.

Bay Holla said her music has transformed as well. "I've transitioned from the hardcore hip-hop to doing now music with a message. Eighty-five percent of hip-hop is now about selling crack, holding guns, selling drugs. We need to stop supporting these hip-hop artists who are promoting killing and shooting," said Bay Holla.

Bay Holla said Boston can look forward to more music with a positive hook, starting with her newly wrapped EP *Rebirth*, which she'll be releasing snippets of this month. The first single is called, "No More Murder."

Willie Hobson

Eighth grader Willie Hobson III is not your typical middle-school student. The 14 year-old dancer not only strives for high grades and perfect attendance, but to dance well enough to make a career of it.

Hobson will be moving one step closer to that



Willie Hobson III

goal when he leaves Lilla G. Frederick Pilot Middle School to join Boston Arts Academy this September. Though he auditioned for both dance and visual arts, Hobson ultimately decided that dance where he wanted to develop his skills.

"It's all about the dance," said Hobson.

His mother, Kenyatta Moon-Sprinkle, said that her son has been dancing since he was two years old, honing his skills through programs like Origination, Incorporated, a non-profit organization dedicated to teaching dance, theater, and African history. Hobson also had the opportunity to attend AileyCamp Boston, which is a 6-week day camp for middle school students combining personal development and dance instruction — which changed his viewpoint on dance.

"I used to just think it was people jumping around," said Hobson.

For the past three years at his school, Hobson has also had the opportunity participate in the program, "Boys in Motion," part of Boston Ballet's Taking Steps. Each year, the group gets to participate in a performance at the Strand Theater with the Boston Ballet. Dancing in this program has gotten Hobson thinking about what he wants to do in the future.

"Sometimes I teach the class, showing them different moves in a performance. I did a part of choreography in a performance with my group members. It came out really good. I want to teach younger kids how to do the styles that I do so that they can dance too," said Hobson.

Teaching, developing his own style, and following in the footsteps of his friend and mentor, Russell Ferguson are all goals that Hobson is chasing. Ferguson, who won the televised national competition "So You Think You Can Dance?" is Hobson's biggest inspiration.

"One day that'll be me," said Hobson.

Mike Biggs

Mike Biggs is a 30-year old hip-hop and R&B solo artist and CEO of the label Groundup Entertainment. Though the Mattapan native did a mixed tape called *The Rebirth* in 1997, he said that he didn't start performing in earnest until 2008, the same year he started his own label.

In his career thus far, Biggs has had the opportunity to open up for notable artists such as Jadakiss here in Boston, as well as Fabolous in Providence,

Rhode Island. He also has a network that stretches down south to North Carolina and Tennessee, where he spent part of his childhood. His parents did not allow him to listen to rap or hip-hop growing up, so his first musical influences were in the church, where he sang in the choir. Then he discovered Biggie Smalls and Tupac.

Biggs moved to Dorchester four years ago and is hoping that area that is rich in artists, but not in venues, will become more united in the hip-hop and R&B community.

"We're trying to put Boston on the map," said Biggs.

Looking forward, Biggs hopes to get more artists and a major distributor on his label, and to keep "going hard."

Shea Rose

Shea Rose is an artist with a mosaic of influences. The 2011 R&B/Soul/Urban Contemporary Artist of the Year winner of the Boston Music Awards describes herself as "Lenny Kravitz meets Lauryn Hill," with inflections of soul, rock, rap, and jazz in her music.

She attributes much of this to her upbringing. Rose has bounced from Dorchester to Braintree to now Mattapan, where her family has been for about 15 years. Rose says that growing up in Braintree is what introduced her to rock music such as Guns 'N Roses.

"Braintree is a suburb. I don't know if I would've gotten that influence if I was in urban Boston," Rose said.

Rose started off her music career the same way most girls do: singing in their mirror, desperately wanting to be Whitney Houston. But she says it wasn't until she went to the Berklee College of Arts that things really started to take off for her.

"Berklee and the Boston music community have had a big influence in launching my career. They have both helped support my career tremendously, more than I ever dreamed," said Rose.

A highlight of her time at the college, Rose was able to participate in Berklee professor Terri Lyne Carrington's Grammy winning jazz release "The Mosaic Project" as part of a directed study.

Rose points to the Boston music venue's willingness to embrace her at a variety of clubs has been crucial to her success.



Shea Rose: "Lenny Kravitz meets Lauryn Hill." Photo courtesy Rox-www.roxrollin.com



Morgan Jankie a.k.a. Natural JahVybz

Performers look to make more from underground buzz to stardom

“Being able to play the variety of clubs, from Paradise to Middle East to Matt Murphy’s (when he still had music) to Berklee Performance Center, has given me the ability to weave through all those different venues and audiences and not be put in one category,” said Rose.

Rose has big plans for her future. “My dream is to work with some of my mentors like Andre 3000, Lenny Kravitz, Pharrell [Williams], Ron Fair and tour the world,” she said.

Darrell Clay

Darrell Clay, also known as “OGB” is the founder of the production company, Helltowne Soundz. The 45 year-old has built a team of Dorchester natives, including Matthew Hall Jr., “Ebony,” Lloyd Poindexter, “DJ LP,” and Steve Barnes, “DBILLZ,” and up-and-comer Chris Robinson, “FredyBlas4Me.”

OGB started the production company in 1990 from a studio in Dorchester. OGB started first as an artist, but wanted to build a career in producing.

He says they do have many different types of artists who record in their studio, but the majority is hip-hop, reggae tone, jazz and, gospel genres.

“We have a pretty eclectic group of productions,” said OGB.

Right now, OGB says there are three artists working primarily with Helltowne Soundz, including DBILLZ, Kali Robinson also known as “Blak Luv,” and Saquan Robinson. He believes that these three artists are going to be big.

OGB says what makes Helltowne Soundz different from other production companies is that rather than just looking for money, the people working there want to cultivate the talent that comes into the studio and help young artists learn how to navigate the industry.

“We help the guys in that respect. Whatever level they’re on, I try to give them a little bit more information that they didn’t have before. I learned it the hard way coming up and I want to help them avoid it,” said OGB.

Ultimately, he thinks this is a good strategy for bringing the hip-hop scene together and raising the quality of new talent’s work.

“At the end of the day what can make the scene better is that we have to unify the areas,” said OGB.

Alex Mendez a.k.a. “Floetic”

Alex Mendez, “Floetic,” is a 21-year old sophomore at Bennington College in Vermont, studying architecture and music. Mendez grew up in Dorchester and has been making music since he was 14.

Although he first went into a studio when he initially began making music, he did not start working on professional singles and mixtape until he reached out to Ron Mendez-McFarland, also known as Rudament the Producer.

With Rudament producing, Floetic was able to recently drop his first single, “Floetic-Jetlife,” which has been played on both Big City 101.3 and Touch 106.1. Floetic is happy that he has finally found some direction.

“I’ve always had an interest in music and I didn’t know how to reach out, or what to do,” says Floetic, whose performances are enhanced by his dancing skills.

“I do pop-and-lock, hip-hop, and krump dancing. I do African dance as well,” he said.

Professional music is relatively new for Floetic, but writing lyrics is not. His rap music developed out of poems he would write based on life in the neighborhoods he knows best.

“Dorchester, Roxbury, Mattapan, those areas are hard to pull yourself out of in certain situations, it’s like you’re in a bubble,” he said.

Floetic is motivated and looking forward to the end of the semester, when he can get back to focusing on music.

Dre the Cyclone

Andre Lang, also known as “Dre the Cyclone,” considers himself an artist first. But this hip-hop and R&B artist also cares passionately about bringing together his fellow artists, both in Boston, and in the New England area.

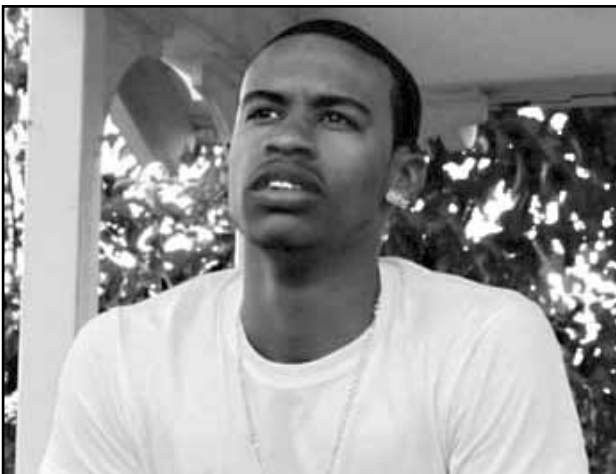
Cyclone grew up in Dorchester before moving to Providence, Rhode Island, five years ago. He has been performing since 2003, opening for artists such as Lil’ Flip, Carl Thomas, 112, and Young Gunz. Cyclone recognizes the value of these gigs, but he said that opening for these artists does not necessarily launch a career.

“From 112 to Cassie, those are good gigs, but those industry artists don’t care about Boston artists because they’re already established. That’s what I want to put into the brains of New England artists, is that we have to care about each other,” said Cyclone.

Cyclone’s first effort to encourage artist collaboration and support was creating and producing a CD/DVD called “The Movement Begins” series. He filmed musicians in the Boston scene, highlighting them



Darrell Clay, also known as “OGB,” and Matthew Hall Jr. in a recent show.



Alex Mendez, “Floetic,” is balancing an emerging rap career with college.

Jemuel J. Stephenson photography

during their shows, freestyles, and studio time.

More recently, Cyclone has been able to create a tangible unification among hip-hop and R&B artists through the label that he started in 2006, Top Gunnaz Inc. In January 2011, he organized a showcase called “No I in Team,” at Sammy’s Patio in Revere, Massachusetts. Cyclone said it provides a place for artists to mingle, then perform.

“Boston is small but at the same time we don’t see each other that often. One part of it is the meet and greet, and the performance is the icing on the cake,” said Cyclone.

Cyclone said it remains to be seen if what he does will eventually be successful. But if it’s not, he has a back-up plan.

“I don’t plan on doing this forever. If we don’t make it, if people aren’t pushing, I’m going to go off into movies or different scripts or filming,” he said.



K’LoniSky

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Kalonia Smith, also known as K’Loni Sky, is a multi-time New England Urban Award winner. She is also a 30-year old woman of many trades: R&B and gospel singer, songwriter, motivational speaker, modeling instructor, student, and mother.

Growing up at the crossroads of Roxbury and Dorchester, Sky said that her mother often made her sing to her company because she had such a good voice. She hated it.

“I was her show. It bothered me. I didn’t like her to push me,” she said.

Sky’s first time in the studio was in high school was difficult for her. She was nervous. But when she went back into the studio in 2008 to record her debut album Controversy, it was a completely different experience.

“When I got into the studio, I felt like I was at home. In June or July 2008 I recorded ‘Oh La La’ from my first album. It felt amazing,” she said.

Local shows have been important for Sky’s success, such as when she performed at the Strand Theater for the Urban Music Awards and at the Lee School in Dorchester.

Sky — a self-proclaimed networking-queen — said she is just going to keep on doing what she is doing to succeed.

“My plans are to stay on course, continue to make the music I like, 100 percent creativity control, and eventually music will get back into letting real artists with real talents and something with feeling to it,” she said.

Morgan Jankie

a.k.a. Natural JahVybz

Morgan Jankie, also known as Natural JahVybz, is originally from the Caribbean Island of St. Lucia. Since emigrating to the United States, JahVybz has had the opportunity to experience success both in Boston and in Europe performing reggae music.

JahVybz said social media and the Internet are what have allowed him the success he has had so far. By using Youtube and Facebook, he was able to get much more exposure than through traditional means.

Though JahVybz mostly performs in the reggae scene here in the city, he is quick to point out that he also will sing anything with has a beat.

“I write about everything, a lot of social commentary, spiritual music, lover’s rock, it depends on the mood. If I hear the beat and it catches me, I just sing whatever comes,” said JahVybz.

JahVybz moved to Mattapan in 2003, which he said is a place that has given him the quiet and creative space to think.

“Mattapan is different from the stereotype. It just has a vibe. Hit Quarters, Hear I studios, Fyah Base. The music is right here,” he said.

He added that although Mattapan is a great space for artists, Cambridge — for reggae artists in particular — is where he performs most often. He said, “it’s like a home for reggae artists.”

JahVybz is currently focusing on his new EP that is out, Seven in Seven, and has another tour abroad in the works. But in six months, he is looking to open a studio solely to nurture young local talent. He laments the lack of a major label in Boston and thinks the local talent is being wasted.

“The talent is being suppressed because we don’t have the avenues. I will build them and make them into professionals, then take them with me around the world,” he said.

You can be sure of one thing, JahVybz said, that will happen when he does get the studio and the youth together.

“We’ll be making a lot of noise and everybody will hear about us.”



Mike Biggs: “Trying to put Boston on the map.”

Arts & Entertainment

Boston Ballet, students team up for free Strand shows

By CHRIS HARDING
SPECIAL TO THE REPORTER

Tomorrow young male dancers from a Dot middle school will join Boston Ballet professionals and students in two free public performances at the Strand Theatre as part of a now annual springtime tradition. The fast-paced educational sampler/showcase will play before completely packed houses at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.

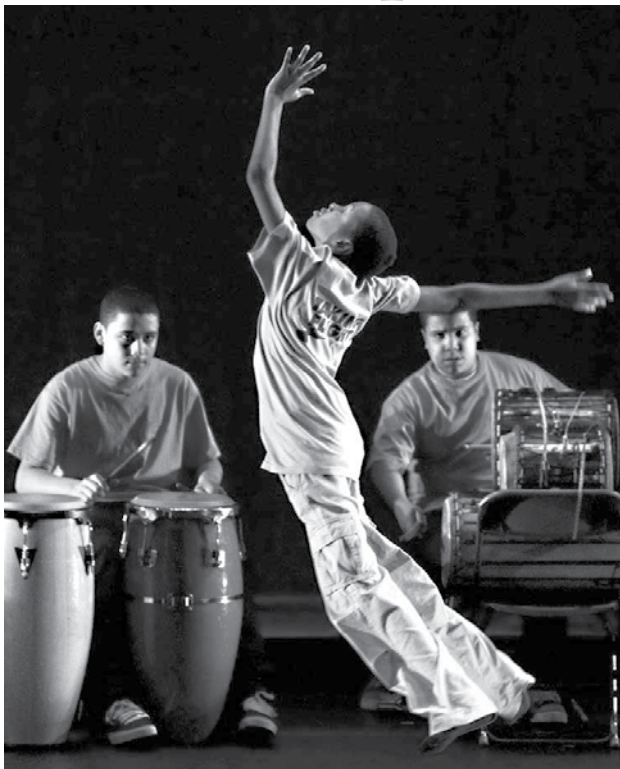
"Boston Ballet is excitedly preparing for our third annual performances at The Strand Theatre," said Boston Ballet Artistic Director Mikko Nissinen. "Boston Ballet is the city's dance company and our deep roots in the community continue to grow through extensive outreach programs and our mission for excellence and access to the art form of dance. We look forward to celebrating the Dorchester community with the

Mayor's Office on March 23."

The morning school showcase, developed specifically for Boston Public Schools, offers a dynamic introduction to a variety of dance forms through an interactive and diverse program. Boston Ballet is proud to reach more than 10,000 children every year through its education and outreach programming.

On Friday at 11, all the Strand's 1400 seats are expected to be filled with BPS students, the majority from the following record-setting 21 Dorchester and Mattapan schools: Chittick, Clap, Dever, Everett, Henderson, Holland, Holmes, Kenny, King, Lee Marshall, Mattahunt, Mildred Avenue K-8, Neighborhood House, Russell, S. Greenwood, Trotter, Winthrop and Young Achievers.

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Performers from the group Boys in Motion, shown during a Strand show last year, will again join with the Boston Ballet for a pair of free performances this week.

Photo by LizaVoll.com

ick Pilot Middle School will turn out in full force to support fellow students who will be performing including Zuri Fernandes, Christopher Gayle, Jovanny Grullon, Jamaal Rene, and Jordan Washington.

Boys in Motion, an extended learning time option at the Frederick School, is part of Boston Ballet's Taking Steps, which teaches "movement as a path to healthy self-expression for adolescents." The sessions are run by choreographer Yo-el Cassell.

"The boys are absolutely thrilled and proud to have the opportunity to perform alongside Boston Ballet at The Strand," Cassell told the Reporter. "In class, I can see from the beginning of our preparation for the performance that they are not taking the opportunity lightly. They are thinking like artists - rehearsing, fine-tuning, clarifying, developing and owning their movement. To them this is not just a class, but an outlet to express themselves and their

voices."

To increase the teen-friendliness of the show, young Boston Ballet company members and Boston Ballet II dancers will share their personal experiences with the art form of dance. During an audience participation section, soloists Joseph Gatti and Jeffrey Cirio will audience members up onstage.

Both the morning and evening programs will be hosted by the company's new Director of Education and Community Initiatives, Zakiya Thomas. Both shows will feature Boston Ballet's signature range of repertoire including classical and contemporary works performed by dancers from Boston Ballet, Boston Ballet II, Boston Ballet School, and students participating in Boston Ballet's Education and Community Programs. This year's selections will include excerpts from Christopher Bruce's "Rooster," Christopher Wheeldon's "Polyphonia," Rudolf Nureyev's "Don Quixote" and a new work by Boston Ballet principal Yury Yanowsky.

So many Dorchester community groups have requested seats that the 7 p.m. performance is now at capacity. However, the company notes, "There is still a chance we may be able to accommodate walk-up requests if any tickets are unused that evening."

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Friday, March 23, 9:30 a.m. – Open Winter Playgroup. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

11 a.m. – Introduction to Email. Class for those wanting to start with an email account.

Tuesday, March 27, 10:30 a.m. – Reading Readiness – Spring Session. Includes games, manipulatives, songs and activities for children ages 3 - 5. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

Wednesday, March 28, 6:30 p.m. – Yoga. Bring your own yoga mat and strap, and stretch.

CODMAN SQUARE BRANCH

Thursday, March 22, 6 p.m. – Girl Scouts. Please email aknight@girlscoutseasternmass.org.

Friday, March 23, 10:30 a.m. – Preschool Story Time.

4 p.m. – Knitting Club. Vashti Massaquoi of IMYE programs will teach a knitting class for school aged children until the end of the school year.

Tuesday, March 27, 11 a.m. – Preschool Story Time. Be sure to call in advance to verify that this event has not been rescheduled or canceled.

Wednesday, March 28, 4 p.m. – Knitting Club.

FIELDS CORNER BRANCH

Friday, March 23, 11 a.m. – Play to Learn Playgroup and Story Time.

Tuesday, March 27, 6:30 p.m. – Hatha Yoga. Free Hatha Yoga class taught by integral yoga instructor Alicia Zipp.

Wednesday, March 28, 10:30 a.m. – Preschool Films and Fun. Preschool fun for kids ages 2 and up.

GROVE HALL BRANCH

Friday, March 23, 10:30 a.m. – Preschool Storybook Films. Meet in the children's activity room.

Monday, March 26, 1:30 p.m. – ESL Conversation Group. Improve your English language skills at the ESL Conversation Group.

Tuesday, March 27, 10:30 a.m. – Preschool Story Time. Join Ms. Maija for stories and dances about animals who love springtime.

Exhibition – Water Color Paintings by Vanessa Kelly-Loud. A native of Roxbury, Vanessa Kelly-Loud brings to life through her work the rich cultural traditions of Black women. Through March 31.

LOWER MILLS BRANCH

Tuesday, March 27, 10:30 a.m. – Preschool Circle Time. Come read stories, sing songs, and make crafts.

Wednesday, March 28, 10:30 a.m. – Toddler Circle Time.

MATTAPAN BRANCH

Friday, March 23, 10:30 a.m. – Toddler Films.

Saturday, March 24, 10 a.m. – Free Practice SAT Test for Teens. Please register in advance at princetonreview.com.

10:30 a.m. – Laptop Classes. Please call the Mattapan Branch Library for more details. Participation in the class is on a first-come first-served basis.

Monday, March 26, 10:30 a.m. – Preschool Storytime and Craft.

Tuesday, March 27, 4 p.m. – John Harvard Book Celebration College Life Series. Join a Harvard student for a discussion on what life is like in college.

5:30 p.m. – Disney Movie Tuesday: Peter Pan. Join us in the Children's Room.

Wednesday, March 28, 10:25 a.m. – Fun With Books. Kids up to age 3 with parents and caregivers join Kate and Nicole for story-themed songs, finger plays and a simple craft.

10:30 a.m. – City of Boston Elderly Commission Site Visits.

11:30 a.m. – Laptop Classes. Please call the Mattapan Branch for more details. Participation in the class is on a first-come, first-served basis.

4:30 p.m. – Laptop Classes.

UPHAMS CORNER BRANCH

Tuesday, March 27, 10:30 a.m. – Family Story Time.

Wednesday, March 28, 11 a.m. – iTunes Basics.

Thursday, March 29, 5 p.m. – Puppet Making Workshop with Rosalita's Puppets.

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Bubbles' Birthdays And Special Occasions

By BARBARA McDONOUGH

The first patent for a laser (light amplification by stimulated emission of radiation) was granted to Arthur Schawlow and Charles Townes on Mar. 22, 1960. Barney Clark, the first human to live with a permanent artificial heart, died on Mar. 23, 1983, 112 days after receiving his heart. The ExxonValdez ran aground, spilling 11 million gallons of oil into Prince William Sound, on Mar. 24, 1989. Elvis Presley was inducted into the US Army on Mar. 24, 1958. March 25 is the Feast of the Annunciation, when the Angel Gabriel told Mary that she was to be the mother of Christ. Queen Elizabeth I died on Mar. 25, 1603.

Mar. 27 is the 35th anniversary of the collision of two Boeing 747s on the ground in the Canary Islands, killing a total of 570 people, making it the worst accident in the history of civil aviation. An 8.4 earthquake hit Alaska on Mar. 27, 1964, making it the strongest earthquake in North American history. (I believe it was on Good Friday.) "Singin' in the Rain" premiered in New York on Mar. 27, 60 years ago! Three Mile Island Nuclear Power Plant's accident occurred on Mar. 28, 1979, at 4 a.m. The two and one-half hour final episode of "M*A*S*H" aired on Mar. 28, 1983, with 125 million viewers watching.

Celebrities having birthdays are Bob Costas, 60 on Mar. 22; Andrew Lloyd Webber, 64 on Mar. 22; William Shatner, 81 on Mar. 22; Amanda Plummer, 55 on Mar. 23; Star Jones, 50 on Mar. 24; Aretha Franklin, 70 on Mar. 25; Elton John, 65 on Mar. 25; Alan Arkin, 78 on Mar. 26; James Caan, 72 on Mar. 26; Keira Knightley, 27 on Mar. 26; Leonard Nimoy (born in Boston), 81 on Mar. 26; Michael York, 70 on Mar. 27; and Reba McEntire, 58 on Mar. 28.

Those celebrating their birthdays are Peg Stafford, John White (from NH), Nora Boyle, Maureen Sullivan, Kathy Gould, James Murray, John Keefe, Maeve Finn, and Tom Harrington.

Also observing their birthdays are Bob Madden, Ginny Mullen, Daniel Beaton, Katie Flaherty, Brian Queeney, Jacklyn Keenan, Mike Sullivan, Bishop Richard Lennon, Patriots' great Gino Cappelletti, Margaret Lydon, Mary Joyce Morris, Bob Scannell, Bill Ryan, Jennifer Coleman, and JoAnn (Parodi) Leary. Betty Finnegan and Marybeth Bernard are celebrating special birthdays this week. Best wishes are sent to Ruth Gallagher, who was 90 on Mar. 15.

Those celebrating their anniversaries are Jim and Mary (Joyce) Morris, John and Kathy Sweeney, Bill and Mary (Rahilly) Keenan, Paul and Renie Smith, and Mike and Pat Lydon.

Friday time helps Camp Fatima in memory of Neponset man

By BILL FORRY
MANAGING EDITOR

Larry Doyle was many things in his all-too-brief 42 years: a son, a brother, an uncle. He was a product of St. Ann's, president of his class at Don Bosco, cooked at Gerard's Adams Corner, a Red Sox fanatic and a proud Dorchester kid.

But, if there was one thing that captured Larry Doyle's true character, it was the one week every summer that he volunteered at Camp Fatima. Doyle is one of scores of Dot volunteers who flock to the New Hampshire lakeside camp every August to assist special needs campers who get the chance to enjoy camp life, at no expense, as part of "Exceptional Citizens Week" at the Catholic-run camp.

Larry passed away after a brief illness in 2010 — and now his nephew Steve Doyle, 26, is carrying on Larry's legacy by raising money for the Fatima Family, as he calls it. Steve honchoed a first-annual fundraiser

in Larry's memory last year that raised more than \$20,000 for the camp. Proceeds from last year's event are helping to build a special shower house that will be used by Fatima campers in time for the new summer season.

Steve thinks that he and his friends can raise at least that much again this year.

"We'll at least get very close to it again. Even if we don't, to me personally, the bigger the better. The more we raise, the more we honor my uncle," who Steve considered more like a dad as a youngster growing up in Neponset.

"He basically raised me," Steve says. "I grew up without a dad, so he was my father. I'd tell people, I spent more time with him than most people do with their own father. We were that close."

These days, Steve and his brother spend much of their time caring for Larry's parents at their Cape Cod house. Like his beloved uncle, Steve



Larry Doyle

of Dorchester friends led by Rob McIntyre.

"You can start volunteering there at 16 as a waiter serving food. There are some people there in their 60s and 70s who've been doing this for 40 years now," explains Steve. "It really is like one big family. It's a different breed of people."

Even those who can't make the week-long commitment to volunteer can help out by coming to Friday's fundraiser at Florian Hall or by making a donation. The party runs from 6:30 p.m. to midnight and will feature a special appearance by Rene Rancourt, the Boston Bruins crooner, who will perform. There will be many Bruins related raffle and silent auction items along with other prizes, Steve Doyle says.

"We had t-shirts made up this year that say: Larry Doyle and then Family-Faith-Friends. To me that's what Larry was all about. That's what camp Fatima's all about too."



Pierre Monette Jr.,

The Sisters of Charity, Halifax, will celebrate their 125th Anniversary in the Archdiocese of

Boston on April 12 at Lantana in Randolph. This year's Elizabeth Ann Seton honoree is Pierre Monette Jr., an attorney who attended St. Kevin School, Dorchester, is a member of the Archdiocese of Boston Black Catholic Choir, and a mentor to many youths and young adults.

The congregation, established in 1849 in Halifax, Nova Scotia, arrived in Boston in 1887 to teach at St. Patrick School, Roxbury. They continue

to have a significant impact throughout New England, where they teach students from kindergarten to the university level, and work in healthcare, social service and pastoral care.

Mrs. Mary Joyce Morris will serve as the honorary chair for this celebration. She has served as a consultant on many events in and around Boston.

As an attorney, Monette has represented juveniles in various courts within

the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. Because of his work ethic and commitment, his alma mater, Boston College High School, bestowed on him the St. Ignatius of Loyola Award for being "a man for others." The Office for Black Catholics for the Archdiocese of Boston has also honored him with the Bishop James Augustine Healy Award, named after the first African American Catholic Bishop in the United States, who was once a priest in Boston.

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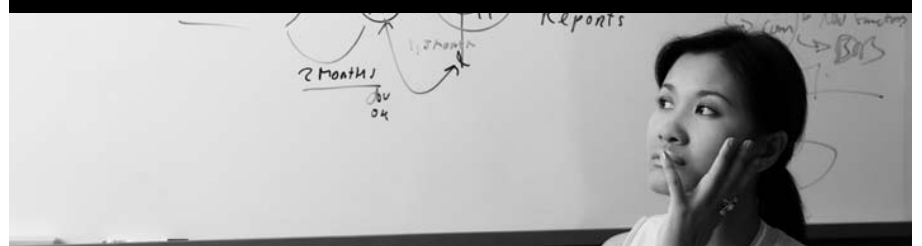
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Florida isn't safe for our families

Florida's beaches and theme parks make it the top tourist destination in the United States. But based on certain recent events, it's time for those of us making travel plans for the next couple of years to stop and re-think everything.

One thing is clear so far from the outrageous murder of 17-year-old Trayvon Martin on Feb. 26 in Sanford, Florida: Our black children and teens are not safe when walking the streets in the so-called Sunshine State.

Reasonable Americans from the rest of the country need to send a message to our countrymen in Florida: Until you undo the ridiculous law that gave an armed predator a virtual license to blow away an unarmed minor on a public sidewalk – and then allowed him to walk away from the scene free from arrest – we will find another place to vacation and do business.

Legal experts say that George Zimmerman, the gunman who shot and killed Trayvon Martin, likely has a reasonable chance of beating any criminal charge lodged against him. That's because current Florida law permits its citizenry to be armed and use lethal force to counter a perceived physical threat from another person in a public setting.

So, despite the fact that the unarmed teenager was the one who was stalked and accosted by a gun-packing vigilante, there's a good chance that his murderer will be acquitted on the basis of current state law, in part because Trayvon Martin is dead and buried and can't give his side of the story.

The public outcry from across the country over the failure of local authorities to arrest and prosecute Zimmerman for killing an innocent child is heartening. But it doesn't go far enough.

Americans of all backgrounds – particularly black Americans – must mount a campaign to make Florida an outcast state based on the dangers inherent there to black children and teens that have been laid bare by this case. Until the state legislature and the governor repeal the so-called "Stand Your Ground" law, there should be a national boycott on tourist travel to Florida by popular entertainers, cruise lines, convention planners, and all others who have come to see that state as a premier destination for fun and relaxation under the sun.

Florida has declared open season on black children. It's time for the rest of us to reciprocate by sending a message with our feet and our wallets.

Trayvon Martin, a kid with no criminal record whatsoever, is dead because a crazed "neighborhood watchman" found him "suspicious." But until it gets its house in order, Florida is the real suspect in this case.

– Bill Forry

All hail the Pee Wee A team

The Pee Wee A team's players and coaches of the Dorchester Youth Hockey league put an exclamation point on an outstanding (32-1-1) season on Sunday by beating a Springfield squad to win the state championship in their division. The "grinders and muckers" – as parent Tommy Mannion describes the boys – won five games over the St. Patrick's weekend to secure another banner for the Devine Rink in Neponset. "They are so proud to be in the same company as the Pee Wee A team of 2004 with Kevin Hayes, John Mlescko and Eddie Nolan, the last Pee Wee A team to win states," Mannion told the *Reporter*.

The team showed true grit and teamwork all season long and especially in the final three-day grind to the big win. Dorchester is deservedly proud of the boys, their parents, and their coaches who have made this a season to remember.

Thank you, Pee Wee A's, for giving Dorchester something to cheer about!

– BF

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Project D.E.E.P

Project D.E.E.P. student 'proud Dot rat'

The following essay was written by Brendan Neal, a seventh grade student in the Project D.E.E.P. program in Neponset.

**Who would want to live with rats?
Answer this question carefully
because they are everywhere!**

I just happen to be one of these rats and a proud resident of Dorchester, Massachusetts. Dorchester is one of the 21 designated neighborhoods in Boston and is also one of the biggest. The people who live here are known as "Dot Rats." Don't judge us by our name, but by what we have to offer. We have a lot of fun family places, delicious places to eat, and a very friendly environment.

You can always feel safe and at home in Dorchester with all the family friendly places and activities to get involved in. We have Dorchester Youth Hockey (DYH) which is played at the Devine Rink, Dorchester Youth Soccer which is played at Pope John Paul II Park and along with this we have St. Ann CYO basketball which is played at Pope John Paul II and at the Leahy Holloran Community Center gyms.

These places host public games for everyone to enjoy. We have a countless number of community centers in Dot but my favorite is the Leahy Holloran Community Center. The LHCC includes activities ranging from the classic free swim and open gym to sign language and Project D.E.E.P.

If you happen to get hungry after the game you can go to one of Dorchester's amazing restaurants. Some of my favorites include Greenhill's, Gerard's,

Currach, and the always convenient McDonald's. Let's start off with my absolute favorite, the Currach; they have everything from fried oreos to mac'n cheese pizza. Then there is Greenhill's Irish Bakery; they have pastries, stew, sandwiches and more! Next, we have Gerard's – the breakfast, lunch AND dinner restaurant. Personally, I love to get up in the morning and enjoy a delicious breakfast there. Last but not least, the infamous McDonald's - the hang out/meet up spot for younger crowds in Adams Village.

Dorchester may not look like Hawaii but it feels like paradise. What makes this place feel like this is the welcoming environment. Dot is a friendly place because of the respectful families and population of kids. Neponset is my neighborhood and there is very little violence. For example, kids can go to parks without being scared or nervous. People can also walk at night without feeling like something will go wrong. People in Neponset trust their neighbors and can leave their doors unlocked during the day and not worry about bringing in the children's bikes right away because they might get stolen. As you can see Dorchester is a wonderful place.

Next time you come to Boston to hit up this magnificent city, be sure to take a break and stop on by! Come on over and see for yourself all the wonders of Dorchester! When you come, you'll be surprised about how many fun places you can go to watch a good game or grab a bite to eat with your family and friends. When you're here don't be shy because everyone is nice and Dorchester is a safe place for you and your friends. And of course, don't forget to drive slowly and watch out for us kids!

Garden banners hang out on Dudley Street

Twenty-one championship banners from the TD Garden rafters are on temporary loan to Dorchester's own Salvation Army Kroc Center this week. The banners are now on display in the Kroc's gymnasium, providing a rare opportunity for the community to experience these revered symbols of Boston's sports triumphs in a more intimate setting. The banners were relocated during the NCAA Eastern Regional Finals, taking place at the Garden this week.

Among those on hand to welcome the banners to Dudley Street on Wednesday morning were John 'Chief' Bucyk, Boston Bruins legend and NHL Hall of Famer, former Celtic Dana Barros, Major Ivan Rock, the General Secretary of The Salvation Army Massachusetts and Major Robert Kountz, Kroc Center Administrator.

The public can view the banners – 17 NBA World

Championship banners and six NHL Stanley Cup Champion banners – for free on March 21 and March 22 in the Kroc Center gymnasium, before they return to the Garden on March 23. Local youth will also get the chance to play under the legendary 10-by-15-foot banners. The two most recent banners are traveling from the Kroc to a new public location, based on a TD Garden social media fan campaign.

The display was made possible through Garden Neighborhood Charities, the philanthropic arm of TD Garden, which has enjoyed a long-standing partnership with The Salvation Army and its newest community center.

This is open to the entire community at no charge. For more information, call 617-318-6900, visit boston.salarmyroc.org, or see the Kroc Center Boston Welcome Desk for assistance.



One of the 21 championship banners is set up at the Kroc Center.

Kroc Center photo

City studies traffic calming, safety in Savin Hill

(Continued from page 1) yellow line down Savin Hill Avenue and posting signs about corner restrictions at Sydney Street and Savin Hill Avenue.

"The issue with the double yellow line is that the roadway is too narrow and we'd have to remove parking," said Mansfield said. "That is something the neighborhood did not want, so it doesn't look like that will happen."

Aileen Sandler, 86, is mainly concerned about handicap crossings on the Savin Hill Avenue bridge over the Southeast Expressway. While waiting for the lines to be repainted, she said it is difficult to see the crossing signs on the fence.

"I live in a condo with 64 units, many of them occupied by seniors," said Sandler, who has macular degeneration. "I need all the help I can get to be able to get around

and am thankful I'm still able to use the "T."

The crossing at the bridge, Sandler said, is "an accident waiting to happen."

Heidi Moesinger, 26, who has lived in Savin Hill her entire life, said she has heard complaints about traffic patterns for years. The area between Playstead Road and Denny Street has cars parked on a narrow street where many accidents occur.

She has floated the idea of either making that stretch of the avenue one-way or restricting parking if it remains a two-way street. Moesinger also suggested parking at the beach lot, but acknowledged that most people living in the area would be opposed to that.

Although more of a seasonal problem, the traffic and parking by the Savin Hill Park tennis and basketball courts is another concern, with

drivers using the area as short cut from Morrissey Boulevard to Dorchester Avenue during rush hour.

"One idea is that when you come up Old Colony Terrace you will have a choice of turning left or right where, right now, you must turn left," she said. "However, neighbors to the right would be very unhappy because their quiet end of the neighborhood would get an increase in traffic."

Anne Drury also has concerns about Playstead Road, where she lives, and parking on the bridge. Since Donovan's Restaurant — now Savin Bar & Kitchen — opened, she said the bridge area has become a "safety hazard."

"Before Donovan's opened, there was never any parking allowed on the bridge," she said. "Once Donovan's opened, all of a sudden it was allowed."

Drury also mentioned the speed issue on Savin Hill Avenue and Sydney Street and the danger it brings to both drivers and pedestrians. A number of commuters also use her street as a parking lot for the day, she says.

"They park here for the day, take the T and people who live here have a difficult time finding a place to park," she said.

Maureen Marotta notices rush hour traffic from Morrissey Boulevard to Old Colony Terrace, using Savin Hill Avenue by the tennis courts. Creating an alternative path will "alleviate" traffic on the hill," she says.

"I think if cars were allowed to take a right off of Old Colony Terrace onto Savin Hill Avenue, making that portion to the bridge one way, it would take the burden off the bulk of the Savin Hill neighborhood and

perhaps alleviate some of the dangers of the Playstead to Denny stretch," she said.

Baker said the city cannot install speed bumps since they will impede emergency vehicles. But Baker said the city is considering reducing the speed limit on side streets, which is currently 30 mph. He said 25 mph. is on the

table, but thinks that the speed limit should be no more than 10 or 15.

"Every meeting I go to, there are complaints about people driving too fast and crosswalks needing to be repainted and people want more stop signs," he said. "But sometimes the city can't just put them any place by law."

Ups and Downs goes before licensing board on April 3

The Neponset Circle bar known as Ups and Downs has a hearing scheduled for April 3 before the Boston Licensing Board after a February

fracas that sent seven people to the hospital.

The bar's liquor license was revoked following the melee during which a bouncer was stabbed

in the leg while trying to break up an altercation.


The bar, once known as the Pony Room, has a violent past and a thick folder on file at the

licensing board's offices.

Phil Carver, head of the Pope's Hill Civic Association, wrote a letter to the board on March 12 asking that the liquor license be permanently revoked, calling the bar "blight" and an "ongoing headache for the city."

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Preliminary recommendations include the addition of customer amenities and bus stop consolidation, which will result in changes to the location of some bus stops. *Bus stops may be relocated and/or eliminated.*

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

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POLICE DISTRICT C-11 NEWS

The Police/Community meeting is usually the second Thurs. of each month, 7 p.m., at a place TBA. Call the Community Service officers at 617-343-4524. The Detective Unit will be checking all premises licensed to sell alcoholic beverages to make sure they check the I Ds of persons attempting to purchase alcohol and to prevent the sale of persons under the age of 21. Non-emergency line for seniors: 617-343-5649.

POLICE DISTRICT B-3 NEWS

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

ASHMONT-ADAMS ASSN.

Meeting on the first Thursday of each month at the Plasterers' Hall, 7 Fredericka St., at 7 p.m.

ASHMONT HILL ASSN.

Meetings are generally held the last Thursday of the month. For info, see ashmonthill.org or call Message Line: 617-822-8178. Ashmont Hill Yard Sale, Sat., May 19.

CEDAR GROVE CIVIC ASSN.

The monthly meeting, usually the second Tues. of each month, 7 p.m., in Fr. Lane Hall at St. Brendan's Church. The next meeting will be Apr. 10. Info: cedargrovecivic.org or 617-825-1402.

CLAM POINT CIVIC ASSN.

The meetings are usually held on the second Monday of each month (unless it's a holiday) at the Boynton/Bay Cove Building on Victory Rd., at 6:30 p.m. The upcoming dates are: Apr. 9, May 14, and June 11. Info: clampoint.org.

COLUMBIA-SAVIN HILL CIVIC ASSN.

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

CUMMINS VALLEY ASSN.

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

EASTMAN-ELDER ASSN.

The association meets the third Thurs. of each month, 7 p.m., at the Uphams Corner Health Center, across from the fire station.



Suffolk County District Attorney Daniel F. Conley (center left) joined Dorchester Youth Collaborative Executive Director Emmett Folgert (right, in blue shirt) and area youth on March 8. Conley delivered a check for \$5,000 in seized drug money in part to help fund a GED program for older teens. The funds are part of an annual program that promotes anti-violence efforts with cash and assets seized during Suffolk County narcotics prosecutions. Conley's office donated \$20,000 in seized drug money to four local groups, including DYC, Teen Empowerment, Children's Services of Roxbury and Codman Academy. DYC offers substance abuse programs and teaches young people how to cope with violence in a positive way through athletics and education. DYC plans to use the funds from Conley's office to help enhance their substance abuse and gang prevention programs, and expand their GED program for youths aged 16 to 19.

FREEPORT-ADAMS ASSN.

The next meeting will be held on Wed., Apr. 11, the second Wed. of the month, 6:30 p.m., at the Fields Corner CDC office (the old Dist. 11 police station), 1 Arcadia St. Rep. Marty Walsh will speak. There will also be a representative from MA DOT, speaking on the replacement of the Clayton St. Bridge. Barry Mullen will talk about the Fields Corner E-Mail Public Safety Alert. All are welcome.

GROOM/HUMPHREYS NEIGHBORHOOD ASSN.

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HANCOCK ST. CIVIC ASSN.

The next meetings are Apr. 19, May 17, June 21, and July 19, in the Bird St. Community Center, (second floor), 500 Columbia Rd., from 6:30 to 8 p.m. the speakers for Mar, 15 Carolina Davila from Boston Partners in Education and Carlos Diaz Livingston, a B. Obama organizer. (The assn does not endorse any political candidate.) Info: hancockcivic@yahoo.com.

LOWER MILLS CIVIC ASSN.

The monthly meetings are held the third Tuesday

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

MCCORMACK CIVIC ASSN.

Meetings the third Tues. of each month (Apr. 17), at 7 p.m., in Blessed Mother Teresa Parish Hall. Please bring canned goods to the meeting for a local food bank. Info: McCormackCivic.com or 617-710-3793. Clean-up of the Polish Triangle is Sat., Apr. 28. Membership is only \$5. Elections in June.

MEETINGHOUSE HILL CIVIC ASSN.

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Dorchester Pee Wees are state champions

The Dorchester Pee Wee A team took its 27-1-1 record to the Mass Pike to Marlborough over the weekend and came back home skating on air with the Massachusetts Tier II Pee Wee A championship trophy and a season's record of 32-1-1.

Last week, the Reporter's story told the story of a team on the brink of a dream, which came true with a flourish on Sunday evening when the boys beat the Holy Name Stars of Springfield, 10-2, for the state title.

Wins via impressive scores over the Dennis/Yarmouth Dolphins (7-3), the Midstate Sharks of Albany, MA. (4-0), Westwood (6-4), and Belmont (5-0) gained the Dorchester boys the finale, where they did not disappoint.

An episode in the Westwood game showed the mettle of the Dorchester squad: All was going well with four minutes to go when two Westwood players slammed into Dot goalie John Driscoll and several of his mates skated to the rescue. After a minor scuffle, the

referees sent three players, including Driscoll, to the locker room. Sean Mannion then jumped into the crease without goalie equipment and made a few tremendous stops to preserve the win.

Under USA hockey rules, players sent to the locker room are ineligible to play in the next game. Despite this substantial handicap, Coach Rich Heap rallied his troops and they kept up their winning beat.

Information for this story was provided by Tom Mannion.

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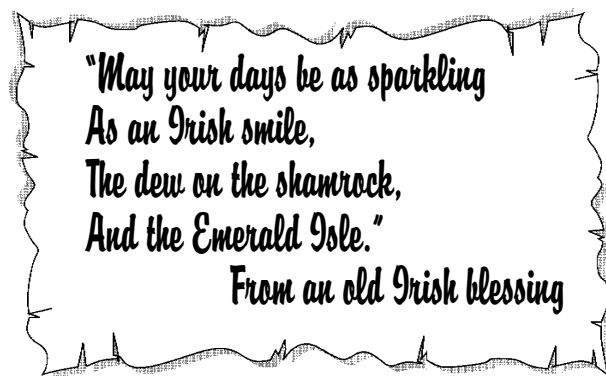
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VIEW FROM POPE'S HILL

Hubby, daughter Sue, and I had lots to smile about the past few weeks. There were so many Irish functions to attend. On Tues., March 6, just as we were leaving the Leahy-Holloran Community Center after we had voted, the door to the pre-school area opened and out came Lisa Zinck, the director of the program. "I'm glad I saw you," said she. "I want you to know about the St. Patrick's Dinner next Tuesday evening. I know that you have attended other functions here at the center." She gave us a flyer with all the details of the dinner. We called our pal Eileen Burke and she was delighted to attend. I called Lisa and asked if it would be all right to invite the sisters of Our Lady of Mercy Order, who live in St. Ann's Convent. "Positively," said Lisa. I called my friend Sister Teresa and extended the invitation to the all the nuns.

Tuesday came very quickly. When we came into the center's cafeteria, we saw that our friend Tom Leahy was playing the bagpipes to welcome the seniors. There were too many of us to sit with pal Eileen Collins so we sat at the next table. Long-time friend Peachy Galvin came over

and asked if there was anything she could get us. I finally had a chance to meet Jill LaMonica, the administrative coordinator of the LHCC, in person although we have often spoken on the phone. We noted that the early birds were playing Bingo and winning prizes. Jean Lee came over and spoke about her son and his buddies, who were sitting at the next table and winning many of the Bingo prizes. I understand that Maureen Pennella was the wonderful baker who made the Irish Bread prizes. City Councilor Frank Baker came around to see everyone. Roseleen Weir, Sean's Mom, was visiting all the tables to greet everyone. Dorothy Majeski, at age 98, was the oldest of the seniors playing Bingo. Della Costello came over to greet us. She was having a great time. Our friends from St. Ann's Convent came in to join us. Sister Mary Clare, from County Clare, and Sister Teresa, from the Phillipines, were happy to be there. They saw the decorations on the table, green paper leis and green plastic derby hats. Someone had even made chocolate-covered pretzels. The table also had gold-foil-covered chocolate coins all over it.



There were so many from the neighborhood at the dinner. Rita Gillespie and Gemma Mariano were at the table behind us. Eileen Collins, Norma Conley, Nell Joyce, Marilyn Ferrara, Cathy Coyne, Patsy MacDougall, Jo Peters, Mary Sullivan, Carol Murphy, Terry Ryan, Peg Canty, Mary Burke, Terry Hunt Margaret Lydon, Carol Coakley, Claire Perry, and Ann Wallace were there, too, mostly from the Keystone Senior Apartments

The food was supplied by the Butcher Shop/Mrs. Murphy's Kitchen of Adams Village and was excellent. The corned beef was the gray type, which all of us liked very much. I was standing behind Sister Teresa at the buffet tables and warned her to be careful of the cabbage since she was not used to eating it. She told me that she had already

been warned. There were so many veggies and so much corned beef on our plates that some took about half of their food home with them. We thank the members of the LHCC's staff and council members who helped served the food. We also thank the teen volunteers who helped with the serving: Meaghan O'Sullivan, Brenna Galvin, Trinity Willett, Sean Connolly, Tim Flynn, Neil Tranford, Kalyn Leahy, Makenzie Broderick, Mike McCarthy, and James Verderico. The teens were wonderful feeding all of us and then cleaning up after us.

We were delighted to have step dancers from the Green-O'Leary School of Irish Step Dancing entertain us at the dinner. MaryKate Folan was the oldest dancer, at 13 years. Then came Julia May O'Toole, age 12. Sydney Queally, age 10, and the youngest, Delia O'Toole, age 7. They danced with their soft shoes, known as ghillies, that are very much like ballet shoes. They also entertained us with their hard shoes, like tap shoes. Their outfits were positively beautiful. What a nice way to end our perfect evening. We thank the Leahy-Holloran staff and council, the step dancers, the Butcher Shop/Mrs. Murphy's Kitchen, and the teen volunteers for making the dinner so pleasant.

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and I learned of the Spaghetti Supper at St. Brendan's, sponsored by St. Brendan's St. Vincent De Paul Society, on Sat., Mar. 10. Daughter Sue and pal Eileen Burke joined us. As we walked into Father Lane Hall, our friend Marty Allen greeted us. I saw Bob Dunford in the kitchen, working diligently. (I had a chance to chat with his wife Dottie later in the evening.) Former City Councilor Maureen Feeney and her husband Larry chatted with us for a few minutes. Norma Conley spotted us and invited us to sit with her. We could see that our pals Gregory and Sarah were on the other side of the hall; we had a chance to chat with them before they left. Charlie and Susan Tevnan were there with their girls. Father John Connolly, pastor of St. Brendan's, came in and spoke with the people at our table. So did our friend, Father John McCarthy. Pal Jack Ryan was doing a great job, serving as emcee for the supper. His wife Jan was also chatting with everyone. Eileen, Norma, Dot, Evie, Mary, and Marilyn rounded out our table. Mary, Pat, Tom, Dolly, Irene, and Ann were seated close to us. Our friend Peter Woloschuk came in on our heels.

The food at the Spaghetti Supper was excellent. We had meatballs, ziti with sauce, rolls, Irish bread, and butter, along with coffee. Just as we were finishing our meal, Father Rich Putnam came into the hall. Hubby went over to speak with him because they had worked together at two different times. When Father Rich was still in school, he worked part-time with Hubby at Purity Supreme Market in Fields Corner. At another time, he practice-taught with Hubby in the Boston schools. He was unable to stay at the supper because he had another engagement in East Boston, where he is stationed.

While we were eating, emcee Ryan kept calling the names of winners of the raffles. We would have loved to have won the Irish bread. There were other winners of prizes offered by local businesses. Finally, the last two raffle prizes were to be drawn, and to our surprise, Hubby's ticket was chosen for the St. Patrick's/Easter basket, filled with holiday items. Finally, the 50/50 door prize ticket was drawn. We were all delighted that our pal Marty Allen was the winner. What a very pleasant way to end a nice time. By the way, there was so much food left over, we were told to take a dinner or two home.

When we got the huge holiday basket home, Hubby put it on the kitchen table. We decided that we would hold off taking it apart until we had photos of it. We already had a lovely photo of Jack Ryan presenting the basket to Hubby, thanks to an e-mail that Charlie Tevnan sent us before we even arrived home. We still wanted to get a photo of the basket intact. The following day, we dismantled it. First we saw three decorated egg ornaments hanging from the handle of the basket. We found a cute Easter Bunny face doorknob hanger. There was a shamrock night light, along with two oven mitts, one pink and one lavender. We loved the large Yankee Candle that had a Coconut Bay scent. We received a box of 100 Timothy's Irish Breakfast tea bags. There was a 3x5 painted-shamrock photo frame, plus a matching 4x6 frame. We loved the 13x6 cracker/bread tray, which looked so much like Belleek. There was a green and white dish towel, with a "Happy St. Patrick's Day" shamrock embroidered on it. There were two pair of bunny socks, one adult size, the other, child's size. (I think daughter Sue has already absconded with the adult socks.)

Also in the basket was a six-inch deep bowl, which also looked very much like Belleek, complete with painted shamrocks on it. There were three Easter coloring books, along with a color-your-own necklace. There was a set of large Easter decorative cutouts. We loved the Easter Bunny treat stand that can hold 16 eggs or mini cupcakes. There was an additional box of five Easter coloring books with paints and crayons. There was also a 12-inch Easter egg door decoration. Also included was a Disney Easter egg coloring kit. There were two packages of spring-motif paper plates with matching napkins. There were four more dish towels, two plain and two decorated with Easter eggs. There was even a large bag of jelly beans and a package of green Easter grass. All these things were in a beautiful 15x20 woven white Easter basket. I tried to lift the filled basket over the back of Hubby's chair and couldn't do it because it was so heavy. Our thanks are sent to the gal or gals who put the holiday basket together. It was magnificent! There will be more about the spaghetti dinner at St. Brendan in next week's paper.

I laughed at this thought from *Reminisce* magazine: "He who hesitates is pushed!"

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Community Health News

Don't take possible tuberculosis symptoms lightly

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 This Saturday is World TB Day, an annual recognition that tuberculosis remains a deadly disease that infects millions of people yearly and, according to the Center for Disease Control (CDC), is the leading cause of death among people who are infected with HIV. The cause of a TB infection is a bacterium called Mycobacterium tuberculosis. While it usually affects lungs, it can also affect the joints, spine, bladder, and brain. The germ is spread person-to-person via droplets in the air when an infected person sneezes, coughs, or speaks. It is not spread by kissing, shaking someone's hand, the CDC says. There are two types of tuberculosis: **TB infection:** The bacterium is present but it is not making you sick or contagious and you won't spread the disease. This is called "latent" or "inactive" tuberculosis. **Active TB:** The bacterium is present and causing symptoms and you might spread it to others. Following are some

symptoms the CDC says a person should be aware of if they suspect that they have been exposed to TB infection:

- A cough lasting over 3 weeks that may bring up blood.
- Chest pain.
- Fever.
- Weight loss when you haven't been trying to lose weight.
- Loss of appetite.
- Chills and night sweats.
- If TB is affecting your joints or your back, you may have arthritis-like pain in joints or pain in back. If it affects your bladder, you may have pain on urination or blood in the urine.
- Headache or nausea can be a sign of TB of the brain.

These symptoms should be reported to your provider promptly to look for their causes and also determine if you should be tested for TB. The most common test for TB is the PPD skin test. If its positive it means you have been exposed to TB and are infected with the bacterium that causes the disease. You will likely have a chest x-ray to determine if you have active TB, which would

mean you are contagious and could pass the disease to others. It usually takes a few days to find out if you are contagious. It usually is decided at a special TB clinic if a person with a positive TB test needs to take medication and, in some cases, if family members also need testing and medication. Most people with a positive TB test are not contagious, meaning they do not have active TB. Only about 10 percent develop active disease. Healthy people usually are able to fight off the infection and the bacterium lies inactive in the lungs. But if the body is too weak to fight off the germ, then active TB can develop. It is usually the case that 6-9 months of medication is needed to kill the TB bacterium. If the medication is recommended, but not taken as directed, a case of active TB could result. Remember that tuber-

culosis is a serious disease and it is important that you contact your provider or The Boston Public Health Commission at 617-534-5611 if you think that that you are exhibiting symptoms

or have had an exposure to someone who has active TB. If you have further questions or want to be tested, please call Mattapan Community Health Center at 617-296-0061

for an appointment. Submitted by Eileen Rosado, RN, Clinical Supervisor, and TB RN Suzanne Rocklin, FNP, from Mattapan Community Health Center

IT'S LARRY DOYLE TIME

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Boys and Girls Clubs of Dorchester

Marr-lin Swim Team Hosts Beanpool Meet

The Marr-lin Swim Team hosted five teams for their Annual Beanpool Meet in March. A variety of swimmers from all age groups set new personal best times including the following swimmers in the 8 & under age group: Charlotte Airosus (25 yd. Freestyle 18.37), Preston Amos (25 yd. Freestyle 20.19), Curt Boyd (25 yd. Backstroke 27.10), Anna Cahill (25 yd. Breaststroke 38.12), Nia Cahill (25 yd. Backstroke 32.79), Jason Casey (50 yd. Backstroke 1:05.40), Thomas Flaherty (25 yd. Freestyle 21.34), Max Garside (25 yd. Breaststroke 33.25), Shannon Greene (50 yd. Freestyle 43.34), Nayla Matos (25 yd. Freestyle 26.31), Eric Mischler (25 yd. Freestyle 18.45), Orla O'Driscoll (25 yd. Freestyle 20.91), Adam Regan (25 yd. Freestyle 19.93), Cole Riley (25 yd. Freestyle 20.16), Niamh Ward-Molloy (25 yd. Freestyle 24.62), Amanda Arcieri (50 yd. Freestyle 47.09), Olivia Brown (50 yd. Freestyle 52.13), Alison Cahill (50 yd. Freestyle 41.84), Sydney Denver (50 yd. Breaststroke 1:02.38), Betzalee Matos (50 yd. Freestyle 46.00), Denise O'Donovan (50 yd. Freestyle 45.07), Samantha Roszczenko (50 yd. Freestyle 47.00) and Julieanne Stones (50 yd. Freestyle 40.19). Top times for the 10 & under age group include: Marin Bailey (50 yd. Breaststroke 51.82), Brendan Cadogan (50 yd. Freestyle 42.85), Kaleigh Cadogan (50 yd. Freestyle 41.59),

Dayna Finnigan (50 yd. Freestyle 50.09), Audra Garvey (50 yd. Butterfly 49.18), Clare McCarthy (100 yd. Freestyle 1:16.69), Jesus Rodriguez (100 yd. Freestyle 1:18.37), Kevin Zarnoch (50 yd. Freestyle 36.07), Gavin Doherty (100 yd. Breaststroke 1:46.38), Caitlyn O'Connor (50 yd. Breaststroke 51.88), Sarah O'Donovan (50 yd. Breaststroke 41.94), Kaeja Saucer (50 yd. Freestyle 53.35), Zuzanna Stepnowski (50 yd. Breaststroke 1:08.56), Pennie Sullivan (50 yd. Freestyle 36.31) and Samantha Sullivan (50 yd. Freestyle 37.03). Strong showings from the 12 & under age group include: Kyle Casey (100 yd. Freestyle 1:20.60), Olivia Fenton (100 yd. Freestyle 1:13.50), Teresa Flaherty (50 yd. Backstroke 46.62), Maeve Hally (50 yd. Freestyle 42.21), Lauren Hernandez (50 yd. Freestyle 30.09), Brenna Kirby (50 yd. Butterfly 39.71), Emily Mischler (50 yd. Freestyle 30.15), Grace Scuzzarella (50 yd. Freestyle 28.90), Victoria Smith (50 yd. Freestyle 34.75), Stephen Spencer (50 yd. Breaststroke 52.34) and Mateusz Stepnowski (50 yd. Freestyle 40.59). Swimmers age 13 and older posting top times include: Jackie Bertram (50 yd. Freestyle 33.22), Chris Cadogan (50 yd. Freestyle 46.32), Colleen Garside (100 yd. Freestyle 1:18.03), Jessica Hernandez (100 yd. Freestyle 1:13.10), Niamh Kerr (100 yd. Breaststroke 1:38.50), Paul Lafferty (100 yd. Freestyle 1:15.35), Fiona McCarthy (100 yd. Freestyle 1:16.40),



Members of the 10&U Girls Relay squad of the Marr-lin Swim Team at the Boys and Girls Clubs of Dorchester smile for the camera. Members will be heading to the Regional Championship Meet in New Jersey this weekend.



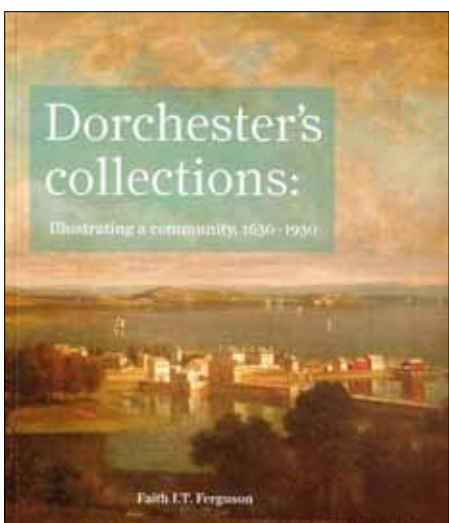
The Lakers and the Hawks battled it out in the championship game of the Boys Low Rim League at the Boys and Girls Clubs of Dorchester. The Lakers hit a last-second shot to capture a 47-46 win. Congratulations to both teams on a well-played game.

Olivia McGrath (50 yd. Freestyle 31.57), Danielle O'Driscoll (50 yd. Freestyle 32.34), Alyssa Ramsey (50 yd. Freestyle 29.75), Juan Rodriguez (50 yd. Freestyle 29.41), Evlyn Scuzzarella (100 yd. Freestyle 1:06.34), Samantha Smith (100 yd. Breaststroke 1:26.97), Emily Suslowicz (500 yd. Freestyle 7:21.32), Morgan Williams-Casey (50 yd. Freestyle 36.84), Monica Woods (100 yd. Freestyle 1:17.06), David Barry (50 yd. Freestyle 27.50), Emily Carvalho (100 yd. Freestyle 1:20.12), Martin Chomicki (100 yd. Freestyle 1:02.19), Kristen Fields (100 yd. Backstroke 1:12.75), Shane Kelly (50 yd. Freestyle 28.41), Aisling Kerr (100 yd. Freestyle 1:17.30), Robert Lawless (50 yd. Freestyle 37.81), Maevie McCarthy (100 yd. Freestyle 1:25.60), Sydney McGrath (100 yd. Freestyle 1:07.82), Caroline O'Brien (50 yd. Freestyle 37.37), Sean O'Donnell (50 yd. Freestyle 24.88) and Joseph Woods (50 yd. Freestyle 27.59). For info on the Marr-lin Swim Team, or our upcoming Intramural Swim League, please contact Aquatic Director, Aquiles Gomes at ext. 104.

April School Vacation Week

The Club will be closed on Monday, April 16th in honor of Patriot's Day then will re-open for the April School Vacation Week on Tuesday, April 17th through Saturday, April 21st with hours from 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. for members ages 8 to 12. Our Teen members will be offered a 1:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. schedule (excluding Saturday). To accommodate the new schedule, the Kids Café program will offer breakfast at 9:00 a.m. and lunch at 12:30 p.m. to pre-registered members. Please note that hours for our Bantam members (ages 6 & 7) will be from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. (excluding Saturday). Parents, a reminder that all Bantams will need to be picked up promptly at 1:00 p.m. There will be drop-in activities and special events throughout all core program areas during the week. For information please contact Director of Program Development, Laurene Plourde at (617) 288-7120, ext. 2120.

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Instead of a final Four arena, Calipari belongs on St. Helena, exile island home of despots

Here are several things for you to consider while waiting patiently for the Final 68 to finish their collective madness, thus enabling the children to get back to the library:

Is it not fitting that the University of Kentucky should be this year's top seed, for no team in any game better exemplifies the current sorrowful state of big-time college sport or the rampant deceit that underlies it.

But the real winner, as ever, will be the NCAA, which will reap several hundred millions more to add to its multi-billion-dollar endowment. This will allow that citadel of hypocrisy to go on persecuting teen-age kids for the mere violation of trivial and arcane eligibility criteria while at the same time allowing the likes of John Calipari to turn his corrupt Kentucky program into a hoop hustler's pit-stop on the fast lane to the NBA.

This past week, a national newspaper actually ran a weepy editorial pulling for Kentucky to win for "Coach Cal," who, despite "all he's done in the game," has never won the NAAs. I say that for all Calipari has done for his game in particular, and college sport in general, he should be banished to the island of St. Helena, legendarily suited to the accommodating of petty despots. The thing is a joke!

Only a couple of weeks until the Roger Clemens legal circus resumes. Some people who know the law believe all charges should have been dismissed when the presiding judge declared a mistrial last August after government lawyers pulled court room stunts that the judge lambasted as "shocking."

Some further argue that if Clemens were not such a high-profile defendant, the charges would certainly have been dropped. Being an apologist for Clemens is an awkward business. But this has nothing to do with his charms, or lack thereof. This thing is wrong.

Only in the NHL might it even begin to make any sense. The Bruins could yet end up the season with *more* wins than Ottawa – maybe as many as six more – and *fewer* losses – perhaps as many as six fewer – yet finish *behind* the Senators, which would have critical impact on their playoff hopes. It all has to do with the NHL's bizarre policy of not counting games that are lost in overtime as losses. Instead they

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are merely counted as "games played," for which one point is awarded, and in the end it is how many points a team has that determines its place in the standings, not necessarily how many games it has won, or hasn't lost. Get it?

Thus, with exactly two weeks left in the regular season, the Bruins cling to first place in their division by a measly single point over the Senators even though Boston has won four more games and lost six fewer. But of the Senators total of 36 losses, 10 have been in overtime, hence they haven't counted as losses. The Bruins have lost only three games in overtime; therefore only three of their losses haven't counted as losses. Get it?

One of these years – there remains the remote theoretical chance it could even be this one – some team is going to get beaten out of a playoff berth by a team with fewer wins and more losses, and when that happens, there will surely be hell to pay. Only in the National Hockey League!

I'm still wondering how the Red Sox could have nominated David Ortiz for the Roberto Clemente Baseball Humanitarian award last year. After all, it has been going on two years now since the Big Poppi promised to get back to us with an explanation of how he flunked that steroid test. Is this consistent with the spirit of the great Clemente? Only in the hearts and minds of your town team, old sport.

You may consider this little nugget a pristine example of the perils of idiotic long-term deferred payment plans for baseball has-beens. For the privilege of having

LEGAL NOTICE

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS THE TRIAL COURT PROBATE & FAMILY COURT SUFFOLK DIVISION Docket No. SU11D2771DR DIVORCE SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION and MAILING SHARON CRAWFORD-JACOBS vs.

ANTHONY J. JACOBS

To the Defendant:

The Plaintiff has filed a Complaint for Divorce requesting that the Court grant a divorce for irrevocable breakdown of the marriage pursuant to G.L. c. 208, Sec. 1B. 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: Sharon Crawford-Jacobs, 29 Corbet Street, Dorchester, MA 02124, your answer, if any, on or before **04/12/2012**. 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. JOAN P. ARMSTRONG, First Justice of this Court. Date: February 15, 2012

Sandra Giovannucci Register of Probate

him run out the string with them (at about half-speed) back in the '90's, the Mets, who can ill afford it, have been paying Bobby Bonilla more than a million bucks a year for over a decade and must continue to do so until 2035, when Bonilla will be 72. Might the Mets' deplorable plight, which has no end in sight, be attributed to The Curse of Bobby Bonilla?

Everyone seems so charmed by Andy Pettitte's improbable comeback. But you wonder if the Yankees' brass isn't privately gritting its collective teeth over the lefty's curiously indecisive tendencies. Had they known he had such intentions in December do you think they'd have proceeded with the highly risky Montero for Pineda deal with Seattle in January? Methinks that's unlikely. While certainly a nice pitcher and a decent fellow, Pettitte makes Hamlet look like Georgie Patton.

When the season starts, the Red Sox will be on the hook for \$186 million for four players languishing on the disabled list from whom they have no clue how much to expect if and when they repair. The four are, of course, Brothers Crawford, Jenks, Matsuzaka, and Lackey. The Conventional Wisdom casually assumes Crawford will be fine when his wrist heals in apparent disregard of

LEGAL NOTICE

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS THE TRIAL COURT PROBATE & FAMILY COURT SUFFOLK DIVISION Docket No. SU12P0307GD IN THE MATTER OF JAMES R. HAYNES of DORCHESTER, MA CITATION GIVING NOTICE OF PETITION FOR

APPOINTMENT OF GUARDIAN FOR INCAPACITATED PERSON PURSUANT TO G.L. c. 190B, §5-304 RESPONDENT

Alleged Incapacitated Person To the named Respondent and all other interested persons, a petition has been filed by Marilyn H. Haynes of Dorchester, MA in the above captioned matter alleging that James R. Haynes is in need of a Guardian and requesting that Marilyn H. Haynes of Dorchester, MA (or some other suitable person) be appointed as Guardian to serve on the bond.

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

You have the right to object to this proceeding. If you wish to do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance at this court on or before 10:00 A.M. on the return date of **04/12/2012**. This day is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline date by which you have to file the written appearance if you object to the petition. If you fail to file the written appearance by the return date, action may be taken in this matter without further notice to you. In addition to filing the written appearance, you or your attorney must file a written affidavit stating the specific facts and grounds of your objection within 30 days after the return date.

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

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

Sandra Giovannucci Register of Probate Date: March 13, 2012

the fact that a similar injury swiftly finished a substantially better player, Nomar Garciaparra.

The fair-minded will argue that GM's can't be blamed for the caprices of the baseball gods, but it nonetheless helps explain why the Henry-Lucchino-Werner axis clearly doesn't bemoan Theo Epstein's defection.

Every time you hear the baseball savants rave about the "genius" of the comfortably retired Tony LaRussa, don't you also wonder how come, if he's so smart, he couldn't figure out what those Bash Brothers, Jose Canseco and Mark McGwire, were up to over the course of a dozen years in Oakland? My hunch is that Tony was so busy dazzling the media he didn't have time to pay attention to what was happening in his own locker room. I say if McGwire doesn't belong in the Hall of Fame, then neither does LaRussa.

Finally, in his latter-day role as Canadian television's resident court jester, old pal Don Cherry isn't taken too seriously anymore. He labored a player's

lifetime in hockey's salt mines for coolie wages. Now he makes a killing dressing outlandishly and bellowing whatever fool thing amuses him or irritates the establishment. More power to him, says I.

But in all his buffoonery "Grapes" knows the game if ever a man did, and his near-belligerent weekly rant on CBC telecasts in favor of changing the old icing rule ought to be taken seriously in the effort to curb injuries and especially the rise in concussions. Grapes argues, and he documents the point well, that an alarming number of "bad hits" result from the needless chase to "touch up" the puck on icing calls. Make them automatic and let on-ice officials call them without a "touch-up," he argues, thereby eliminating the needless dash that too often ends with the defenseman who is running down the puck getting needlessly drilled against the boards by the forward who arrives a step behind him. If it happens only once a game it results in too many injuries.

The proposed return of the red line aimed at slowing down the game and curbing the runaway freight train



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collisions also much on the rise is another logical consideration in the crusade to make the game safer. Mid-ice collisions and bad hits on the boards are much more dangerous than the stray fisticuffs that command too much of the attention.

This, too, is Cherry's position. But the league is now run by cadres of lawyers in concert with ad-men and TV producers, few of whom ever strapped on a pair of skates let alone played the game. Such changes as they come up with will undoubtedly be the wrong ones, just like the brilliant idea of the losses that aren't losses.

Frankly, for commissioner I'd take "Grapes" in his zany costumes and Falstaffian fulminations any day over the starchy Madison Ave barrister they got from the NBA. But I doubt Cherry would want the job. He's having too much fun.



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MELVILLE PARK ASSN.

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

PEABODY SLOPE ASSN.

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

POPE'S HILL NEIGHBORHOOD ASSN.

Neighborhood E-Mail Alert system; sign up at philip.carver@popeshill.com, giving your name, address, and e-mail address. PHNA meetings, usually the fourth Wed. of each month at the Leahy/Holloran Community Center at 7 p.m. The Feb. meeting was cancelled because of the weather. The next meeting is Wed., Mar. 28. The following meetings are: Apr. 25 and May 23.

PORT NORFOLK CIVIC ASSN.

Meetings usually the third Thurs. of each month at the Port Norfolk Yacht Club. Info: 617-265-5780.

ST. MARK'S AREA CIVIC ASSN.

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

DORCHESTER HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The headquarters of the DHS is the William Clapp House, 195 Boston St., near Edward Everett Square.

DORCHESTER BOARD OF TRADE

The address for the Dorchester Board of Trade,

P. O. Box 220452. Dor., MA 02122. Contact the Board at 617-398-DBOT (3268). The 19th annual Luncheon with the Mayor will be held on Thurs., Mar. 29 at Restaurante Cesaria, 266 Bowdoin St.; seating begins at 11:45 a.m., with the program beginning at noon. Cost is \$55 for members; \$65 for non-members. Seating is limited. Tickets must be purchased in advance. RSVP to 617-398-3268 or pay online: DorchesterBoardofTrade.com.

KENNEDY LIBRARY

"The Presidency of LBJ," at the library on Mon., Mar. 26, 5:30 to 7 p.m. For info and reservations, call 617-514-1643 or e-mail: jfklibrary.org. The Hemingway Awards Ceremony (free), Sun., Apr. 1, 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. "Crabgrass Puppet Theatre," Tues., Apr. 17, 10:30 a.m. For reservations for the free programs and forums: 617/514-1643 to be sure of a seat or visit the web page: jfklibrary.org.

MAYOR OF DORCHESTER CONTEST

Dorchester residents interested in being in the race for the Mayor's contest are invited to the Comfort Inn, 900 Morrissey Blvd., 7 p.m., in the Conference Room. Call 857-756-3675 for info.

CEDAR GROVE LITTLE LEAGUE

If your child is not yet registered, come to the Adams St. Library on Mon., Mar. 26, and Wed., Mar. 28, from 4 to 7 p.m. each day, to register.

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

evenings from 7 to 8:45 p.m. Project D.E.E.P. needs tutors. Call 617-635-5027. Dot Substance Abuse Coalition Community Meeting, Tues., Mar. 20, 6 to 7:30 p.m., at the LHCC. Mrs. Helen Connolly, RN, BSN, will speak on "Maximizing Your Role as a Teen Influencer-What You Can Do to Help Prevent Prescription Drug Use." A bus trip to Foxwoods for seniors, Wed., Apr. 25. Bus leaves at 9 a.m., and returns at 6 p.m. Cost is \$25 (for roundtrip fare, \$15 Keno Credit, and \$10 food voucher.) Call Lisa at the LHCC, 617-635-5150 or e-mail: lisa.zinck@cityofboston.gov. Pre-school Lottery, Wed., Apr. 4. Numbers handed out at 6:30 p.m., with the lottery starting at 7 p.m. A \$200 deposit is required, along with child's BG and proof of Boston residency.

CARNEY HOSPITAL'S PROGRAMS

A Breast-Cancer Support Group, the second Wednesday (only) of each month, 6:30 to 8 p.m. The Carney's adult/child/infant CPR and First Aid instructions every week for only \$30. Call 617-296-4012, X2093 for schedule. The next Senior Supper will be held on Wed., June 13. Mark your calendars now.

FRANKLIN PARK ZOO

Playful Paws Playgroups, beginning Feb. 1 from 10:15 to 11 a.m., in the meeting Barn at the zoo. Cost: \$8 for members or \$10 for non-members. Pre-registration is required; call 617-989-3742. Call 617-442-4141.

GIRLS' SUMMIT

"Keep It Movin'" at the BCYF's Center at Madison Park, Sat., Mar. 31, 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., focusing on health, sports, and fitness, with lunch. To RSVP, call 617-635-4920, X2314.

ADAMS VILLAGE BUSINESS ASSN.

For info on the AVBA, call Mary at 617-697-3019.

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Become a member by sending dues to Friends of the Adams St. Library, c/o M. Cahill, 67 Oakton Ave., Dorchester, 02122. Family membership is \$5; individuals, \$3; seniors, \$1; businesses, \$10; and lifetime, \$50. Monday Matinees at 2 p.m. with popcorn.

PIERCE HOUSE EVENTS

Stories and projects, every other Fri., to Apr. 20; "Caterpillars to Butterflies," Apr. 6; and "Sheep to Shawl," Apr. 20. Admission: \$5 for first child, \$2 for each additional child; at the Pierce House, 24 Oakton Ave., Dor. Registration required; call 617-288-6041.

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REPORTER'S CALENDAR

Thursday, March 22

• Massachusetts Department of Transportation (MassDOT) hosts a final round of public meetings on the Roxbury/Dorchester/Mattapan Transit Needs Study, 6-8 p.m., Mattapan Branch Library, 1350 Blue Hill Avenue.

Saturday, March 24

• Jazz Cabaret Night at First Parish Church in Dorchester, 10 Parish St., Meetinghouse Hill, 7 p.m. featuring Muse Stew with Scott Samenfeld on Guitar, Susanna Fiore on Piano, and Caryn Sandrew, vocals and Special Guest Jay Girill on Bass. Tickets \$15 Cash Bar - Beer and wine served. For more information call 617-436-0527.

Sunday, March 25

• The 6th Annual all-Dorchester Chili Cook-off will heat things up as a panel of distinguished judges will award prizes including the golden bean pot. 3 p.m., IBEW Hall, Freeport Street. All entrants must be registered in advance. Please email or call by March 14 if you plan to participate. Each entrant should prepare between 6 and 8 quarts of chili. Advance tickets, \$15 per adult, \$25 per family (up to 4 persons), additional children \$5 each. Day-of the event, admission is \$20 per adult, \$30 per family. Contact Pat O'Neill at 617-265-5397 or pattiashmont@gmail.com.

Monday, March 26

• Mattapan Square Business Breakfast hosted by Mattapan Main Streets, 7:30 - 9 a.m., VFW Post, 1531 Blue Hill Ave., Mattapan. Business owners can learn about money saving initiatives and a chance for residents to meet local businesses. Please RSVP to Keyla Jackson 617-650-8403.

Wednesday, March 28

• Fields Corner Community Development Corporation and a host of other community organizations host meeting to discuss Traffic Calming measures for Geneva Avenue, 6:30p.m., 25 Ditson Street, Dorchester. For directions please call Barry Mullen at 617-265-4913.

Thursday, March 29

• Mayor Thomas Menino will be the featured speaker at the next Dorchester Board of Trade luncheon on Thursday, March 29 at Restaurante Cesaria, 266 Bowdoin St., Dorchester, at 11:45 a.m. The program begins at noon. Members: \$55. Non-members \$65. Seating is limited. Tickets must be purchased in advance. RSVP to nlafoe@dorchesterboardoftrade.com or call 617-398-DBOT by March 26. Pay online

at DorchesterBoardofTrade.com

• Massachusetts Department of Transportation (MassDOT) hosts a final round of public meetings on the Roxbury/Dorchester/Mattapan Transit Needs Study, 6-8 p.m., Dudley Branch Library, 65 Warren Street.

• Annual Dorchester Day Kick-Off Dinner at First Parish Church, 10 Parish St., Dorchester, 6:30 p.m. The annual meatloaf dinner and entertainment. Winning essays from the Dorchester Day Parade Committee will be awarded and read. Tickets can be purchased at the door. \$15 for adults / \$7 for children or \$30 for a family of four. For information, please contact: Marty Hogan at 617-412-9822.

Friday, March 30

• Second annual Boston City Singers Gala to support scholarship fund, 6:30-10:30 pm. at Venezia Waterfront Restaurant, 20 Ericsson Street, Dorchester. Buffet dinner, a live and silent auction, and entertainment. Tickets \$120; companion ticket \$79. For more information and sponsorship opportunities see bostoncitisingers.org/gala.

• An adult evening to benefit the Chittick

School complete with dj, silent auction, raffle and light refreshments, 7 p.m. at Boston Teacher's Union Carson Hall, Mt. Vernon Street, Dorchester. Auction items include Bose Radio System, Red Sox tickets, Bruins tickets, Calloway golf items and many more. Contact 617-635-8652.

Saturday, March 31

• In celebration of Women's History Month, middle and high school-age Boston girls are invited to "Girls Summit 2012: Let's Keep it Movin'" from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at BCYF's Recreation Center at Madison Park. Free. Focus on health, sports and fitness for young women and will include interactive workshops and activities, lunch, round-table discussions with professional women in the health, sports and fitness field, a free t-shirt and more. To RSVP, please contact Erika Butler, BCYF Girls' Initiative Coordinator, at 617-635-4920 x2314 or erika.butler@cityofboston.gov.

Thursday, April 12

• Massachusetts Department of Transportation (MassDOT) hosts a final round of public meetings on the Roxbury/Dorchester/Mattapan

Transit Needs Study, 6-8 p.m., Grove Hall Community Center, 51 Geneva Avenue. This meeting will be hosted by the Grove Hall Safe Neighborhood Initiative and the RDM Study will be one of the main topics covered at the meeting.

Saturday, April 21

• Mattapan Patriots Pop Warner, Inc. & Cummins Valley Neighborhood Association host Mattapan Sweeps Up the Square, 7 a.m. - 9 a.m. Grab a broom, shovel and a bag and let's sweep up our beloved Mattapan Square! Focus on Blue Hill Ave. between River St. and Babson St. as well as alley way and parking lot adjacent to the Post Office. For more information, please visit MattapanPatriots.com or call Corey J. Allen at 617-791-7359 or Donald Causey at 617-429-3877.

Thursday, April 26

• Dorchester Day \$10k cocktails and cash event, Florian Hall 55 Hallet Street, 6:30 p.m., drawing begins at 7. Proceeds benefit the Dorchester Day Parade Committee. Tickets cost \$100 each and include dinner at the drawing. For additional information or to purchase tickets, please contact the parade committee at 857-756-3675.



A New Scholarship for Boston Students

By J. Keith Motley, PhD, UMass Boston Chancellor

In January, Mayor Thomas M. Menino and I had the honor of informing a number of high school seniors in Boston that they would be eligible to receive a scholarship worth up to \$4,000 over four years of study should they choose to attend the University of Massachusetts Boston.

During a news conference at the John D. O'Bryant School of Mathematics & Science announcing the program, the students discovered that they are eligible for the newly established Boston City Scholarship, the result of a partnership between UMass Boston, the City of Boston, and the Boston Water and Sewer Commission.

Under the Boston City Scholarship program, Boston Public Schools seniors with a recalculated grade point average of 3.0 or above who enroll at UMass Boston the semester after their graduation will receive a \$1,000 scholarship. To receive the funding, students must apply for admission to UMass Boston, be accepted for admission, and enroll the following semester.

For each year that these students stay enrolled full time at UMass Boston and maintain a grade point average of 3.0 or above, they will receive an additional \$1,000, up to a maximum of \$4,000. The funds can be applied to tuition, fees, or other school-related costs and will not replace or reduce other grants or scholarships.

The Boston City Scholarship program was developed as part of an agreement with the Boston Water and Sewer Commission to transfer ownership of the commission's pumping station and Calf Pasture property on Columbia Point to UMass Boston. In 2010, the Boston Water and Sewer Commission completed its move out of the Calf Pasture property to a new facility located in Charlestown and turned the property over to UMass Boston.

Under the agreement, UMass Boston has committed more than \$2 million to fund the Boston City Scholarship program over the next 15 years. We anticipate that the scholarship will help approximately 70 Boston Public Schools graduates this fall alone and about 1,000 students over the life of the program.

When I announced the program at the O'Bryant School, students there told me they were grateful for the opportunity to get extra help paying for college next year. The Princeton Review recently named UMass Boston one of the nation's 150 "Best Value Colleges" for its academic excellence and affordability, but even so, a college education is a substantial investment. I hope the Boston City Scholarship program will encourage students across our city to invest in their futures and help them pay for it.

It's not too late to take advantage of this great new program. The application deadline is April 1.

For more information about the scholarship, or UMass Boston in general, call 617.287.6000, or visit us online at www.umb.edu.

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

By virtue of a Judgment and Order of the Suffolk Superior Court (Civil Action No. 11-3078-A), in favor of the TRUSTEES OF THE QUINCY TERRACE CONDOMINIUM TRUST against VICTORIA HERALDO establishing a lien pursuant to M.G.L. c. 183A:6 on the real estate known as UNIT 3 of QUINCY TERRACE CONDOMINIUM for the purposes of satisfying such lien, the real estate is scheduled for Public Auction at 9:00 O'CLOCK A.M. ON THE 10th DAY OF APRIL, A.D. 2012, at 152 QUINCY STREET, UNIT 3, DORCHESTER, MASSACHUSETTS. The premises to be sold are more particularly described as follows:

DESCRIPTION:

Unit 3 of the Quincy Terrace Condominiums created by Master Deed dated October 9, 2008 and recorded at the Suffolk County Registry of Deeds at Book 44123 Page 224 and shown on the Master Deed Condominium Floor Plan recorded in the Suffolk County Registry of Deeds.

The address of the Unit is 152 Quincy Street, Boston, Massachusetts.

The Unit is shown on the plan, recorded with this first unit deed, to which is affixed a verified statement in the form provided by MGL c. 183A s. 9 and is conveyed subject to and with the benefit of the obligations, restrictions, rights and liabilities contained within M.G.L. 183A, the Master Deed and Declaration of Trust.

The Unit is conveyed together with the exclusive right and easement as specified in the Master Deed.

The undivided percentage interest of the unit in the common areas and facilities is 33.6%.

For title see deed to Victoria Herald dated January 6, 2011 and recorded with the Suffolk County Registry of Deeds in Book 47453, Page 122.

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

TERMS OF SALE:

1. A non-refundable deposit payable in cash, certified or bank check in the amount of \$5,000.00 for the unit shall be payable at the Auction.
2. The balance of the purchase price is to be paid within thirty (30) days of the auction.
3. An Auctioneer's Release Deed will be issued to the purchaser, upon payment of the balance of the purchase price, within thirty (30) days of the auction. The Deed shall convey the premises subject to, and with the benefit of, all restrictions, easements, improvements, outstanding tax titles, municipal or other public taxes, assessments, liens, or claims in the nature of liens, and existing encumbrances of record senior to the lien hereby being satisfied, whether or not reference to such restrictions, easements, improvements, outstanding tax titles, municipal or other public taxes, assessments, liens or claims in the nature of liens or encumbrances is made in the deed.
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9. Other items, if any, shall be announced at the sale.
10. The sale is subject to and in accordance with the Judgment and Order, a copy of which may be obtained from the seller's counsel, Attorney Dean T. Lennon, Marcus, Errico, Emmer & Brooks, P.C., 45 Braintree Hill Park, Suite 107, Braintree, MA 02184, (781) 843-5000.

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RECENT OBITUARIES

FOLEY, Robert J. of late Frederick Foley and Dorchester. Son of the Bridget(Fitzpatrick)Foley.

Loving brother of Teresa Foley of Boston, Lucille Foley of Quincy, Frederick Foley of Mattapan, Mary Cook of Quincy, Selena Kinman of Rockland, Barbara Foley of Dorchester, and Joseph Foley of Gardner. Also survived by many

nieces, nephews, great nieces and great nephews. Robert was the kind of person who always found the best in people. He had a very diplomatic style and was most pleasant and friendly. Bob was a sports enthusiast, enjoying all


the major Boston teams. He enjoyed the company of his peers and staff at Brett House, a home for mentally and physically challenged adults in Dorchester, where he has lived for many years. Donations in memory of Robert may be made to Special Olympics of MA, 512 Forest Street, Marlborough, MA 01752.

HORGAN, Catherine E. (Finnerty) of Dorchester. Wife of the late William F. Horgan. Stepmother of Evelyn Dunne and Phyllis Hartford both of Dorchester, Muriel Puppo and her husband John of No. Billerica and the late Eleanor F. Welby of Bridgewater. Dear cousin of the late Margaret "Peg" McGuire of Huma-rock and Marie Walsh of Hingham. Also survived by 19 grandchildren, 30 great grandchildren and 6 great great grandchildren.

MORAN, Peter F., formerly of Dorchester and Plymouth. Husband of the late Gerry (Bissanti) Moran. Father of Peter F. Moran, Jr. of Plymouth, Kimberly Moran of Holyoke, Erin (Moran) Rogers and her husband Scott of Norwood and John Moran and his wife Allison of Walpole. Grandfather of Julia, Ally, Kylie, Sydney, Conor, Molly, Madison, Jack, Cole and Donovan. If desired, contributions in Peter's name may be sent to Dana Farber Cancer Institute, P.O. Box 849168, Boston, MA 02284-9168.

SPINELLI, Daniel "Danny" of Dorchester. Husband of Mary Boucher. Son of the late James and Maria (Scodalupo) Spinelli. Brother of Olga Conti of Quincy, Virginia Costello of Northbridge, formerly of Dorchester and Quincy, Dorothy Juliano of Dorchester, James Spinelli of New Jersey and the late Gaetano Spinelli and Ann Marie Morse. Danny is also survived by several nieces and nephews. Donations in Danny's memory may be sent to United Cerebral Palsy, 71 Arsenal St., Watertown, MA, 02472 or to Bay Cove Human Services, 66 Canal St., Boston, MA, 02114.

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W.T.C.

LEGAL NOTICE

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS THE TRIAL COURT PROBATE & FAMILY COURT SUFFOLK DIVISION
Docket No. SU12C0074CA IN THE MATTER OF NICHOLAS ROSSI of DORCHESTER, MA In the County of SUFFOLK NOTICE OF PETITION FOR CHANGE OF NAME

A petition has been presented by Nicholas Rossi requesting that NICHOLAS ROSSI be allowed to change his name as follows:
NICHOLAS ALAHVERDIAN

IF YOU DESIRE TO OBJECT THERETO, YOU OR YOUR ATTORNEY MUST FILE A WRITTEN APPEARANCE IN SAID COURT AT BOSTON ON OR BEFORE TEN O'CLOCK IN THE MORNING (10:00 AM) ON April 5, 2012.
Witness, HON. JOAN P. ARMSTRONG, First Justice of this Court.
March 5, 2012
Sandra Giovannucci Register of Probate

LEGAL NOTICES

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS THE TRIAL COURT PROBATE & FAMILY COURT SUFFOLK DIVISION
Docket No. SU12C0093CA IN THE MATTER OF STEPHANIE ROSELINE MONTEIRO of DORCHESTER, MA In the County of SUFFOLK NOTICE OF PETITION FOR CHANGE OF NAME

A petition has been presented by Stephanie R. Monteiro requesting that STEPHANIE ROSELINE MONTEIRO be allowed to change her name as follows:
STEPHANIE ROSALANE MONTEIRO-COSTA

IF YOU DESIRE TO OBJECT THERETO, YOU OR YOUR ATTORNEY MUST FILE A WRITTEN APPEARANCE IN SAID COURT AT BOSTON ON OR BEFORE TEN O'CLOCK IN THE MORNING (10:00 AM) ON April 19, 2012.
Witness, HON. JOAN P. ARMSTRONG, First Justice of this Court.
March 14, 2012
Sandra Giovannucci Register of Probate

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS SUFFOLK, ss. THE TRIAL COURT PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT NOTICE OF PETITION FOR APPOINTMENT OF ADMINISTRATOR
Docket No. SU12P0494EA IN THE ESTATE OF RUTH M. CONDRY LATE OF DORCHESTER, MA 02125 DATE OF DEATH: 11/08/2011

To all persons interested in above captioned estate, a petition has been presented requesting that Edward J. Condry, Jr. of Dorchester, MA or some other suitable person be appointed administrator of said estate to serve Without Surety.

IF YOU DESIRE TO OBJECT THERETO, YOU OR YOUR ATTORNEY SHOULD FILE A WRITTEN APPEARANCE IN SAID COURT AT BOSTON ON OR BEFORE TEN O'CLOCK IN THE MORNING (10:00 AM) ON 04/12/2012.
Witness, HON. JOAN P. ARMSTRONG First Justice of this Court.
Date: March 13, 2012
Sandra Giovannucci Register of Probate

THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS MASSACHUSETTS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION - HIGHWAY DIVISION NOTICE OF A PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETING
Project File No. 605511

A Public Information Meeting will be held by MassDOT to discuss the completed Planning Study for the Replacement of Monsignor Casey Overpass project in Jamaica Plain, MA.

WHERE: English High School Auditorium
144 McBride Street
Jamaica Plain, MA 02130

WHEN: Thursday, March 29, 2012 @ 6:00 – 8:00 pm Public Information Meeting

PURPOSE: The purpose of this meeting is to present the concept alternative selected to replace the existing Casey Overpass Structure that will be advanced into 25% design phase, and the expected plan for public involvement and development of design going forward. The selection of the preferred alternative is the culmination of an extensive planning study process conducted over the past year as a collaborative effort between MassDOT, DCR, City of Boston, MBTA and a dedicated public Working Advisory Group.

PROPOSAL: This completed project phase consisted of planning and study to determine a preferred alternative for replacement of the existing overpass structure to manage and balance multi-modal mobility and diverse livability needs of the area. The planning study phase consisted of extensive and inclusive public outreach and input, and encompassed at-grade and structural solutions. The recommended alternative will be advanced into design phase for eventual construction within the schedule of the Commonwealth's Accelerated Bridge Program.

Written views received by MassDOT subsequent to the date of this notice and up to five (5) days prior to the date of the hearing shall be displayed for public inspection and copying at the time and date listed above. Plans will be on display one-half hour before the hearing begins, with an engineer in attendance to answer questions regarding this project. A project handout will be made available on the MassDOT website listed below.

Written statements and other exhibits in place of, or in addition to, oral statements made at the Public Information Meeting regarding the proposed undertaking are to be submitted to Thomas F. Broderick, P.E., Chief Engineer, MassDOT, 10 Park Plaza, Boston, MA 02116, ATTN: (Paul King, Project File No. 605511). Such submissions will also be accepted at the meeting. Mailed statements and exhibits intended for inclusion in the public meeting transcript must be postmarked within ten (10) business days of this Public Information Meeting. Project inquiries may be emailed to dot.feedback.highway@state.ma.us

This location is accessible to people with disabilities. MassDOT provides reasonable accommodations and/or language assistance free of charge upon request (including but not limited to interpreters in American Sign Language and languages other than English, open or closed captioning for videos, assistive listening devices and alternate material formats, such as audio tapes, Braille and large print), as available. For accommodation or language assistance, please contact MassDOT's Director of Civil Rights by phone at (617) 973-7171, TTD/TTY at (617) 973-7715, fax (617) 973-7311 or by email to MASSDOT.CivilRights@dot.state.ma.us. Requests should be made as soon as possible prior to the meeting, and for more difficult to arrange services including sign-language, CART or language translation or interpretation, requests should be made at least ten business days before the meeting.

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Police seize stolen goods from Blue Hill Ave. store

(Continued from page 1) The store owners eagerly purchased the allegedly boosted items at a deep discount: 25 cents on the dollar.

In addition to the items sold to the store owners by undercover officers in recent days, the Friday afternoon raid also recovered some \$2,500 worth of merchandise that police say was actually stolen from the shelves larger chain stores just blocks away.

The crackdown comes in response to widespread shoplifting at chain stores like CVS, Rite-AID and Walgreen's, which collectively estimate that they lose millions per year from criminals who brazenly shoplift and boost the stolen wares at smaller corner shops.

The three companies have teamed up to help

Boston Police track down and crack down on the secondary market that are re-selling the stolen goods. This is the second such raid in Boston in the last year: A Dudley Square store—Brown's—was busted in a similar operation last July that netted an estimated \$20,000 in stolen merchandise.

"[Lily's] had come up in the course of our investigation as a neighborhood store that would buy shoplifted goods," explains B-3 Sgt. Detective John Ford. "After some controlled sales using undercover officers brining in items, we established that in fact it was a common practice there."

Detective Vance Mills, who led the investigation for the B-3 district, said that Lily's is not the only local store suspected as

a regular conspirator in the re-sale of stolen goods.

"In fact, while we were there [conducting the controlled buys], we were told that they didn't need certain items, but that another store would buy it, because they buy everything," Mills said.

Det. Mills said that the husband and wife team that owns the store was mostly "cooperative" during the police raid, in which officers seized cartons of health and beauty products, some still bearing the tags from the larger chain stores. "They were somewhat in denial. We issued them a license premises citation."

Sgt. Det. Ford said that police will file formal charges against the store owners for conspiracy to receive stolen goods. Ford expects that they

will also face sanctions from the city licensing board, which has been notified of the police action.

Security officers for the local pharmacy chains that assisted Boston

Police in the operation say that the shoplifting trade is a "vicious cycle" churned mainly by low-level thieves and drug abusers seeking quick money for their habits. But, individual

stores can lose thousands of dollars every week from thefts—with most of that product being re-sold at secondary, smaller markets in city neighborhoods.

Mattapan/Hyde Park zip-code switch okayed; it takes effect on July 1

The Postal Service has announced plans to change the zip code for 1,655 city addresses after residents claimed they lived in Hyde Park, even though their zip code indicated they resided in Mattapan.

The move, changing the zip code for the homes to Hyde Park (02136) from Mattapan (02126), has an effective date of July 1.

"Customers who will have their ZIP Code realigned will have an official notification by mail in late May explaining the realignment and what steps that they can take to ensure a smooth transition," James Holland, postmaster for

Boston, said in a letter to Mayor Thomas Menino. "Local postal officials have already undertaken the necessary steps to accomplish this dramatic change by the effective date."


In the letter, dated March 12, Holland said that the residents and elected officials had made a "compelling case."

District 5 City Councilor Rob Consalvo, who represents Hyde Park and Mattapan, and the East River Neighborhood Association, led the push for the change, pointing to annexation maps of Hyde Park that proved the homes had been given a misplaced zip code.

"In my opinion we had an ironclad case," Consalvo said while praising community activists for pushing the issue and "holding our feet to the fire as elected officials." He added: "The community deserves all the credit."

The effort has been underway since 2009. In a 2010 letter to Holland, the neighborhood association argued that their Mattapan zip code led to a \$100,000 difference in home value, increased car insurance costs, and refinancing and appraisal disparities.

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