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#### A DREAM TURNS REAL

#### **Blindness** no obstacle; marathoner finishes run

#### By Daniel Sheehan REPORTER STAFF

Dorchester resident Michael Besson completed his dream of running the Boston Marathon on Monday, finishing the 26.2-mile-long course in just over five hours. The blind, Haitian-born runner first told his inspirational story to the Reporter as he trained for the race last December.

At one point in his life, the 57-year-old Besson weighed as much as 500 pounds. But a lifestyle change to a plant-based diet spurred a dramatic weight loss and kindled in him a passion for fitness.

Painful childhood memories of being ostracized for his weight problem inspired him to run the marathon in support of The Play Brigade, a local organization dedicated to inclusion in sports and recreation for children with disabilities.

On Tuesday, the day after running the race, Besson said he was sore but "overwhelmed with gratitude and joy." He thanked his wife, Nalida, and his guides, Julianna Malloy and Theresa Funk, for helping him





Michael Besson approaches the Marathon finish line on Monday with his guide, Theresa Funk Photo by Marathon Foto

achieve his dream.

"During this long marathon training season," he wrote in a statement, "I learned that when someone wants to accomplish something, it

Martin Richard's family has signed onto a novel idea: Endorse Martin's plea for peace by putting it on a US postage stamp (at left). An online petition was launched this week ask-

calls for a lot of discipline and sacrifice. You also have to have a passion for what you are doing. Music and now running are my passions. When (Continued on page 15)

#### A stamp displaying Martin's plea?

ing a US Post Office commission to "make whatever exceptions are necessary to approve the issuance of a stamp that truly deserves to become part of America's story." Editorial, Page 8.

# After 100 days, Pressley is continuing to 'lean in' Has co-sponsored 115 House bills

#### By Jennifer Smith **News Editor**

Ayanna Pressley's first 100 days as a US congresswoman have come fast and furious, with an already full to-do list expanding unpredictably across the national political landscape.

After she was swept into federal office in dramatic fashion just in time to slam up against a government shutdown, the former Boston city councillor filed her first bill as part of an effort to protect government contract workers who were not guaranteed back pay during the shutdown.

Four months later, employees were still at the top of her mind as she was the lead sponsor of legislation that seeks to combat workplace harassment and discrimination.

Within the first seven days I introduced that bill," Pressley said of the contract worker legislation as she reflected on her time in Washington in a conversation with the Reporter. "So, we have not paused at all. And what I'm finding is that we have so many tools available to us to effect uate



Ayanna Pressley: "We have not paused." Robin Lubbock WBUR photo

change, and we also have to be nimble because I have to seize that opportunity when it presents itself. ... I didn't run for Congress saying, 'When I get to Congress I'm going to introduce a back pay bill or that I'm going to introduce the amendment to lower the voting age.' But I did that because there was an opportunity, and I think I have a mandate from his electorate to be bold.

"And sometimes that's going to mean being disruptive in pursuit of progress to advance an issue, to advance legislation, to advance the debate. And if you can't do it from the Massachusetts

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# Strike by Stop & Shop workers hits Neponset, South Bay stores

#### By YUKUN ZHANG

REPORTER CORRESPONDENT

The Stop & Shop supermarket on Morrissey Boulevard has closed and business has slowed to a trickle at the company's South Bay store this week after a long-simmering labor dispute turned into a full-blown strike last week by tens of thousands of workers at 240 stores in Massachusetts, Rhode Island, and Connecticut.

On Friday, striking workers at the South Bay Stop & Shop held



Striking employees walk the walk at the Freeport Street Stop & Shop on Friday. Yukun Zhang photo

signs and chanted on a picket line, advising passersby about what

was going on. "Please don't shop here! Stop (Continued on page 13)

# Nomination process kicks off a busy Council campaign

#### By Jennifer Smith News Editor

Boston's election season officially kicked off this week when the city began accepting applications on Wednesday for nomination papers for the only elected seats on the ballot: City Council.

The preliminary elec-

election on Nov. 5., and the campaign is shaping up to be a competitive year, with upwards of a dozen candidates so far seeking a seat on the city's legislative body.

Three sitting councillors have already an-

tion is scheduled for nounced they will not 9's Mark Ciommo, who intentions to run, do-District 5's Tim Mc-Carthy, who represents Mattapan, Hyde Park, and Roslindale; District 8's Josh Zakim, who represents Back Bay, Beacon Hill, Fenway, Mission Hill and Bay Village; and District

Brighton.

Each has left a seat open for a handful of hopeful successors from government and the private sector. In the District 5 race, Ricardo Arroyo, who was among the first to announce his

Sept. 24 and the general be seeking re-election: represents Allston- ing so before McCarthy bowed out, has been endorsed by State Rep. Russell Holmes. He sits on a campaign account of over \$56,000, according to the Massachusetts Office of Campaign and Political Finance (Continued on page 15)



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 $A \ snapshot \ look \ at \ key \ upcoming \ events \ in \ and \ around \ the \ neighborhood \ for your weekly \ planner.$ 

**Thursday** (18th) – "Building a People's History of Dorchester" event will be held on Thursday, April 18 at 6 p.m. at the Codman Square branch of the Boston Public Library. The address is 690 Washington St., Dorchester. Marilynn S. Johnson, Professor of History at Boston College, will provide an informal presentation and answer questions about the research that she conducted with her students about immigrant communities in Dorchester in fall 2018. Explore Global Boston at https://globalboston. bc.edu/ RSVP to carolyn.goldstein@umb.edu.

• Willie O'Ree Cup— a street hockey tournament— is held at Garvey Park on Neponset Avenue for teams ages 6-12. Pre-registration is required. First game at 10 a.m. Contact Jennifer.Widener@ boston.gov or Charlie.Conners@boston.gov.

Saturday (20th) - Spring Egg Hunt in Dorchester Park starts at 10 a.m. sharp. Meet at the tennis courts. See dotpark.org for more.

Thursday (25th) - The annual meeting of the proprietors of Cedar Grove Cemetery will be held on Thurs., April 25 at 3 p.m. in the office of Cedar Grove Cemetery, 920 Adams St. The purpose of the Meeting is to elect Trustees and to transact any other business that may properly come before the meeting. The Reports of the Treasurer and the Auditor will also be presented. The Annual Report of the Proprietors of Cedar Grove Cemetery for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2018 will be available at the Cemetery office.

Saturday (27th) - Neponset River Spring Cleanup is co-sponsored by DCR and NepRWA, 9 a.m.-noon at various sites, including Tenean Beach. Contact Andres Ripley at ripley@neponset.org or 781-575-0354 x306 if you know of a site that could use some help. More on the DCR website, mass.gov/ service-details/volunteers-in-the-parks.

• Bobby Mendes Peace Legacy dinner and scholarship presentation is Sat., April 27 from 6:30-11 p.m. at First Parish Dorchester, 10 Parish St., Dorchester. Dinner catered by Restaurante Cesaria. Music and dancing. Tickets \$50. For more info, call Isaura at 617-372-1588. Or see bmpl.org.

#### For the record:

Last week's editorial incorrectly identified Serge Georges as the chiefjustice of the Dorchester District Court, which is not in the District Court Department but rather one of the eight divisions that make up the Boston Municipal Court Department. Judge James Coffey is the First Justice at the Dorchester

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#### **April 18, 2019**



The Blessed Virgin statue on Dorchester Avenue across from St. Gregory Church.

# Police probe vandalism targeting Catholic churches; multiple statue defacings at St. Gregory's in Lower Mills

Police are investigat- it was the fourth time unknown black female ing repeated acts of vandalism targeting a statue across the street from Saint Gregory's Church in Lower Mills. The latest reported incident occurred last Wednesday night (April 10) before 7 p.m.

According to the police report, an unknown suspect defaced the religious statue on the church's property by covering it in an unknown red substance. Police said the statue has been vandalized in the past month, each time in the same way.

That incident follows a pair of similar acts of vandalism that were reported last month at Most Precious Blood Church and Saint Anne's Church in Hvde Park. in which the same red substance was poured on statues.

A witness told police they had observed an enter Most Precious Blood Church on a separate occasion and attempt to deface statues inside the church before fleeing the scene in a white sedan.

The Police Department is actively reviewing the facts and circumstances surrounding these actions. Anyone with information is urged to contact the Boston Police Civil Rights Unit at 617-343-4527.

# Student shot by dean sues BPS

The Boston school system is being sued by a former student who was shot in the head in 2015 by a dean at a high school who had recruited him to deal drugs. WGBH-FM reported that Luis Angel Rodriguez is asking for \$5 million. The federal suit says the district's negligence led to the student's "severe emotional distress, psychiatric injury, facial scarring, facial paralysis, hearing loss and other injuries.'

Rodriguez was shot by Shaun Harrison, a dean of English High School. Prosecutors say Harrison recruited Rodriguez to sell pot, but

was apparently upset over poor sales. Harrison was convicted in June of assault with intent to murder and other charges and sentenced to as many as 26 years in prison. A schools spokesman says the district does not comment on pending litigation.

# Old Venice Pizza space for lease

One of Dorchester's longstanding pizza and sub spots has closed its doors— apparently for good. The space at formerly housed Venice Pizza at the corner of Dot Ave and Savin Hill Ave is now "available for lease," according to signage that was posted in its windows last week. The restaurant closed earlier in the year. The 2,117 so ft storefront at 39 Savin Hill Ave. is being marketed by Boston Realty Advisors.

Daniel Sheehan photo



# **Police** Courts & Fire

#### Two men die in late-night shooting in Mattapan

Two men were shot to death on Saturday night on a normally quiet side street near Mattapan Square. The victims— who have not yet been publicly identified- were shot outside a house at 12 Violet St., a block from West Selden Street. Police, called to the scene just after 11 p.m., found the mendescribed as in their late 40s — suffering from gunshot wounds. Both died at area hospitals. Anyone with information is asked to contact police at 617-343-4470.

#### DA: Probe into gas station murder continues

District Attorney Rachael Rollins said last week that the investigation into the October 2018 murder of a Codman Square gas station worker remains active after the arrest and arraignment of a Dorchester man that her office now characterizes as an "alleged lookout" in the murder. Gregory Simmons, 26, was charged with murder and attempted robbery in the death of Jose Williams on Oct. 6. Williams was shot as he worked at the Fabian Gas Station on Washington Street. A 21-year-old man, Kevin Williams, was initially arrested and charged in the crime, but was released from custody five weeks later. He has repeatedly proclaimed his innocence.

In a statement last week, Rollins called the investigation "a priority for me and my administration. The prosecutors in my Homicide Unit will follow the evidence wherever it leads, with one goal: to find the truth and put it to a Suffolk County jury." Jose Williams, his family, and the community deserve nothing less than our best efforts," she said.

#### UPCOMING CIVIC ASSOC. MEETINGS • FULL LISTINGS ON PAGE 10

will host its 11th annual Taste of Dorchester — showcasing the neighborhood's finest restaurants all under one roof— on Thurs., April 25 from 6-8p.m. at Local 103 advance, \$60 at the door. Go to tasteofdorchester.org or call 617-822-9100.

invites the public is to attend a PLAN: Glover's Corner workshop on Wed., May 1 to review and give feedback on draft plan document recommendations. The meeting will be held at DotHouse Health, 1353 Dorchester Ave. from 6-7:30 p.m. This work is a synthesis of the planning recommendations created through over fifty public engagements over the course of a two-year planning process. While all content has previously been presented

stay involved.

May 2 meeting on Westville Street proposal – A proposed 4 story residential building at 141 Westville St. will be IBEW, 256 Freeport St., Dorchester. Tickets: \$50 in discussed at a public meeting sponsored by the BPDA on Thurs., May 2 at 6 p.m. The meeting will take place at the Vietnamese American Community Center, 42 Charles **BPDA Glover's Corner workshop on May 1** – The BPDA St. The proposed building consists of 14 Compact Living energy at 413-992-7743. studio apartments with a floor area between 260 and Chasing the Moon doc screened at JFK Library— 280-square-feet. For more information, see bostonplans. org or contact Tim Czerwienski at 617-918-5303.

Earth Day Celebration in Codman Square - A group of organizations is sponsoring a block party in the Codman Square Park on Sat., April 27 with free food and music, a park clean-up and children's parade, and Nightingale Community Garden Tour. The event begins with a clean-up in public workshops, your feedback is requested to ensure from 9-11 a.m. with activities beginning at 10 a.m.Cothat staff have correctly translated the findings of earlier sponsors include Allinenergy, Dorchester Food Co-op, workshops for the draft plan document. If you're unable Greenovate Boston, Codman Square Neighborhood to attend, please visit: http://bit.ly/PlanGlovers, email Council, Codman Square Health Center, Resonant Energy,

MAHA's Taste of Dorchester event on April 25 – MAHA ted.schwartzberg@boston.gov, or call 617-918-4230 to Boston Affordable Energy Coalition, Love Your Block Boston, Codman Square Neighborhood Development Corporation (CSNDC) Dorchester Art Project BRAIN Arts Organization. This event is funded in part by the Pat Cooke Fund, Resonant Energy and Codman Square Health Center. If your organization is interested in tabling or supporting this event please contact cody@resonant.

> The Kennedy Library and WGBH will partner for an exclusive preview and discussion of the new American Experience series, Chasing the Moon on Thurs., May 23 at 6 p.m. Executive producer Mark Samels, director Robert Stone, and panelists discuss the series and the Space race, from the early years to the lunar landing and its legacy. See jfklibrary.org for details.

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# Activists team up to plan outdoor fun in Mattapan

By Daniel Sheehan Reporter Staff

A team of Mattapanbased community activists are ready to launch their vision for Mattapan Love, an outdoor summer series of events that would take place along the Neponset River Trail.

The program, a collaboration between urban growers from Farmers Collaborative and creative entrepreneurs from Ideal Mixer, will begin this summer at Ryan Playground and eventually make use of space at the currently vacant stone building at 1680 Blue Hill Ave.

Thuwaiba Thezine, one of the creative forces behind Mattapan Love, says the series arose from a lack of outdoor programming in the neighborhood. "The idea is to get Mattapan to be



The Harvest River Bridge on the Neponset Greenway near the Ryan Playground. Bill Forry photo

more of a destination versus just a place people pass through," she said. "We're just looking at bringing more people to Mattapan to actually have fun."

Thezine is the founder of Ideal Mixer, an art studio and creative event space on Blue Hill Avenue that has become a community meeting spot for several groups, including the Greater Mattapan Neighborhood Council, which is a partner-advocate for the program.

With Mattapan Love, Thezine hopes to extend the effectiveness of her event space to an outdoor setting that would host a range of activities such as arts and crafts, fitness classes, live music, and popup markets.

"Things as small as having music in the park and having vendors, as well just doing other activities like lawn games, are things I think that we see all around the city and not in Mattapan," she said.

The program would include events for all ages, including family-friendly options like face painting and adult events like wine and beer tastings.

CJ Valerus of the Farmers Collaborative, another advocate for the summer events, believes they will provide an opportunity for urban growers and food vendors to get involved and connect directly with the community.

"This community has shown it has a capacity for organizing," said Valerus. "There's high home ownership, there are a lot of people with valuable skills. A rotating pop-up would be a great way to reactivate that space."

The Farmers Collaborative is a subsidiary of the Boston Food Forest Coalition, a group that has worked to plant trees and build community gardens in Dorchester. Valerus said Mattapan Love would help to reinforce the sense of community that already exists in his home neighborhood.

"Our square is like a main artery in that it has 20,000 cars coming from every direction. It has the makings of a hub. We just need more young people to be

involved, they need to see people outside; that's one of the biggest things that makes community is to see people outside, not just at funerals but gathering in positive ways."

The first of several events in the series is scheduled to for June 16. Before then, organizers are asking residents to chime in with suggestions by filling out a survey about which activities they would like to see at the series.

Residents can also attend any of three upcoming#MattapanLove Open House planning sessions, which will take place at Ideal Mixer on April 13, April 30, and May 18. For more information or to volunteer, contact info@idealmixer.com or jrvalerus@gmail.com.

# Rollins and Turco have 'constructive meeting' after memo spat

By Matt Murphy State House News Service

A week after state Public Safety Secretary Thomas Turco sent Suffolk County District Attorney Rachael Rollins a letter raising concerns with her prosecutorial tactics, the pair had a "positive and productive" meeting, according to a spokesman for the DA.

The Turco letter to

the first-year district attorney, which was also released to the public, conveyed his concerns about her reforms in the wayher office prosecutes drug crimes and a host of misdemeanors. The missive sparked days of biting pushback from Rollins and her supporters.

The two officials and their senior staffs finally sat down last Thursday to hash things out face-to-face, with Turco and his personnel going to Rollins's downtown Boston office.

The parties "identified issues of mutual concern and ideas for possible collaboration as two public safety professionals deeply committed to the residents of Suffolk County and the Commonwealth," said Jake Wark, from the district

attorney's office.

Aspokesman for Turco echoed Wark's description of Thursday's meeting, telling the News Service in an email: "Earlier today, Sec. Turco had a constructive meeting with District Attorney Rollins to discuss opportunities to work together on important criminal justice policy issues and advance our common goal of protecting the

public safety of the people of Suffolk County."

Neither Rollins' nor Turco's offices would elaborate on the specifics of what was discussed or ways the two office might be thinking about working together.

Rollins also met last Wednesday with Attorney General Maura Healey after Healey said this week that while she hadn't read Rollins' policy memo she knew enough to know that the district attorney was "doing what she promised to do" on the campaign trail last fall.

Wark described the meeting with Healey as "similarly fruitful. The DA is looking forward to a continued partnership with the AG on the important policy matters that concern them both," he said.



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# Despite protests, BPDA OK's the latest plan for Dot Block

By Adam Gaffin UNIVERSAL HUB

The BPDA board last Thursday approved changes to the 4-acre Dot Block project plan to add more apartments - with less parking – during a meeting at which BPDA officials acknowledged that protesting residents have a point about displacement in the surrounding area. However, they contended that the introduction of Dot Block into the neighborhood has nothing to do with that issue.

Under the revised plan for the roughly \$200-million project, Dot Block, in the area bounded by Dorchester Avenue and Hancock, Pleasant, and Greenmount streets, developers Samuels and Associates and Wintergold, LLC, said they would build 488 housing units in four buildings- up from the 362 originally approved for the site. The revised plan also calls for a 345-space underground garage - compared to the original proposal for a 450-space, 5-story above-ground garage. The complex will also have about 30,000 square feet of retail space, and more than an acre of public space.

The project does not directly displace any residents because it would be built on a site now occupied by little used warehouses. Samuels Vice President Abe Menzin said. He and BPDA staffers said some 66 units will be rented as affordable, of which half will be units for which people living within three-quarters of a mile will get priority.

But protesters from Dorchester Not For Sale, who packed the BPDA board room, loudly disagreed that the project would not lead to displacement in the surrounding blocks - to the point that board chairman Timothy Burke repeatedly hit his gavel on a table, ordered one woman to leave the room altogether, and threatened to have more people removed.

Menzin acknowledged displacement is happening in Fields Corner, about a mile away, but he said his team tried to deal with that by boosting the total number of units so as to increase the number of affordable units that would be economically feasible.

Viktorija Abolina, the BPDA's assistant deputy director for neighborhood planning, said the agency is working on figuring out how to increase affordable housing in roughly

100 acres of the Glovers Corner area, because roughly 73 percent of the area's residents are renters and more than half already face challenges in paying their rents.

She added that Dorchester Not For Sale's "concerns are very valid" while suggesting that part of the answer is development such as Dot Block, which city regulations would require to set aside at least 13 percent of their units as affordable. But, she continued, "We cannot be relying on private development providing all the affordable housing required." She noted that planners are looking at other possibilities involving existing city programs and funds to create "more deeply affordable" housing in the area.

 $Board\,member\,Michael$ Monahan, who is also Business Manager of Local 103 of the IBEW, asked protesters to "pipe down, will ya?" He said Dot Block project is "a great project. I can see the project from my window." He thanked the developers for "coming into the neighborhood and building it."

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Four Corners artist promoting a home for black artists in his neighborhood

#### By Daniel Sheehan REPORTER STAFF

Dorchester-based artist Mfalme Kenyatta has no qualms about assigning eyebrow-raising value to his own art. The painter/sculptor/ fashion designer, who compared himself to Picasso and Basquiat in an interview with the *Reporter*, has priced some of his paintings at hundreds of thousands, even millions, of dollars on his website.

By way of explanation, Kenyatta offered an example of a painting he saw at a contemporary art museum — a canvas painted solid red — that sold for \$30 million. Why shouldn't he treat his own art the same way?

"I don't really feel that anyone can tell you what something is worth," he said. "Not an appraiser, not a curator. It's like, I made it, I know how long it took, I know what type of paint this is, I know how long it'll last... as an artist, that comes from us."

It's a bold stance, but Kenyatta believes the truth inherent in his artwork supports his confidence. "I look at it like every painting is like a piece of my soul. That's how I approach it. And I'm always met

with like, oh, you have base as a welcoming, if to famous or dead to do that [with pricing]. But you know, fame doesn't change your artwork."

At the moment, Kenyatta is concerned less with fame and more with sparking a renaissance of black artists in his neighborhood. He works from his studio in the basement of the Erick Jean Center for the Arts in Four Corners, a space that is quickly becoming the new center for black art in Boston, according to Kenyatta. He describes the property, which is shared by the Afro-Caribbean Museum and the Dorchester Arts Collaborative, as "the heart" of the local creative black community.

"For black artists, there's not really too many options. They just closedAAMARP,"hesaid, referring to Northeastern University's African American Master Artistin-Residence Program. which had been under fire since last summer when the university threatened to force the black arts collective to vacate its premises due to safety concerns in the warehouse that housed it. With safe spaces for black artists imperiled elsewhere in the city, Kenyatta sees his home under-the-radar, sanctuary.

"Something important that people need to realize is that there's not too many options for us. That's why here we've really been trying to cultivate that culture."

The artistic presence at the Four Corners hub is growing, notably in the form of the "Indigo Regime," a contingent of roughly fifteen artists from the area who gather in the museum to work and host shows.

Kenyatta stressed the crucial role of the arts center in "making sure that there's a platform for black artists, because there's a lot of artists around here, and I feel like if it wasn't for this space, we wouldn't even know. Me, personally, before this opened, I used to just walk around, pretty much. I had the talent, but I didn't have the platform. And when I started thinking about it, there's probably a lot of people like me who have talent but no outlet for it."

Thanks to his Four Corners outlet, Kenyatta has spent the last several years honing his craft. He will present his second solo show at the museum's gallery



Mfalme Kenyatta

on May 2 as part of ArtWeek, a statewide creative festival.

When he's not painting, Kenyatta is often out scavenging along the sidewalks of Dorchester for scraps of metal and plastic that he then uses to create found-object sculptures. Lawnmowers, bicycle wheels, and tires are all candidates for artistic repurposing.

"With the sculptures, sometimes it came from a place of lack," he said. "You know, like not having. Sometimes I didn't have materials to paint canvases or maybe didn't have the particular paint or colors I wanted, so I just switched over to

Another medium Kenyatta has crossed over to is clothing design. In that process, he usually begins by purchasing clothing wholesale. "If you buy clothes wholesale, it's not really branded, you know what I mean? You can brand it yourself. I look at it like canvases. That's really how I look at clothes, like a walking canvas."

He often adorns his "walking canvases" with historical and religious symbolism, flicking splotches of paint at jackets and t-shirts until they become works he can call his own.

Elsewhere, residents can spot Kenyatta's brushstrokes at public art murals in Four Corners, Grove Hall, and on Dudley Street, as well as on a trio of painted mailboxes in the neighborhood.

Jurrently the Indigo Regime are exploring fundraising efforts in addition to their creative endeavors. Some crucial donors to the arts center recently pulled their funding, says Kenyatta. Those cuts mean a constant struggle to make ends meet for the nonprofit, but he dismissed any threat of closing as an impossibility.

"This place – you can't close it. That's not an option."

Mfalme Kenyatta will host his ArtWeek solo show, "Mind of an Introvert 2" on Thurs., May 2, from 7 p.m. to-11 p.m. at the Afro-Caribbean Museum, 155A Washington St. \$10 admission.

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MATTAPAN BRANCH

Thurs., April 18, 2 p.m. - Doodling Workshop with Cara Bean Comics; 3 p.m. – Aiternoon Movies: 6:30 p.m. – Gentle Yoga. Fri., April 19, 10:30 a.m. - Smart From the Start Story Hour; 3 p.m. - Crafternoon. **Sat., April 20**, 10 a.m. – Computer Basics Class. Mon., April 22, 10:30 a.m. – Hugs & Play; 3:30 p.m. – Drop-In Homework Help. Tues., April 23, 10:30 a.m. – Toddler Time; 3:30 p.m. – Drop-In Homework Help; 4 p.m. – Tinker Time. Wed., April **24**, 10:30 a.m. – Toddler Time; 3:30 p.m. – Drop-In Homework Help; 4 p.m. – Poetry vs. Hop Hop. Thurs., April 25, 3 p.m. – Afternoon Movies; 3:30 p.m. – Drop-In Homework Help; 5:45 p.m. – Writing from Memory; 6:30 p.m. – Free Gentle Yoga; 7 p.m. Rozzie Reads Poetry and Open Mic.

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**Thurs., April 18**, -5 p.m. - Angel of the Battlefield. **Fri., April 19**, 10:30 a.m. - Read Your Wy Across the USA with Judy Pancoast. Sat., April **20**, 11:30 a.m. – Lego Builders. **Mon., April 22**, 10:30 a.m. - Baby and Toddler Lapsit; 2:30 p.m. -Teen Fashion Sewing Class; 3:30 p.m. - Drop-In Homework Help; 4:30 p.m. - Make It Mondays: Cooking: Yummy Dirt Cup. Tues., April 23, 3:30 p.m. – Drop-In Homework Help. Wed., April 24, 3:30 p.m. – Drop-In Homework Help. **Thurs., April 25**, – 3:30 p.m. – Drop-In Homework Help; 4:30 p.m. – Financial Literacy Program.

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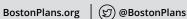
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#### Reporter's

# People

#### News about people in & around our Neighborhoods



Joyce Reardon of the Dorchester Special Athletes and a resident of Port Norfolk received a Bronze Medal in the 2019 Special Olympics Bowling Tournament on Sunday, April 7at the Woburn Bowladrome.

#### Herbie Pass is now 101; family, friends hail his B-Day at Standish Village

#### By Elana Aurise REPORTER STAFF

Standish Village resident Herbert ("Herbie") Pass celebrated his 101st birthday with family, friends, and Standish staff on Fri., April 5. He was presented with a "Lifetime Achievement Award," which is given out once a month to a resident at the Lower Mills assisted living facility.

Mr. Pass, a lifelong Bostonian, was born in 1918 and raised with his siblings Albert, Nettie, and Jeannie in Mattapan by their parents, Morris and Bertha. He attended Dorchester High School for Boys and enlisted in the US Army shortly afterwards.

A soldier by day and musician by night, he joined the Army Band where he played saxophone and clarinet. When Herbie he returned, he worked in several



Herbert ("Herbie") Pass

sales positions including co-owning PPN, Inc., a company that sold adaptive clothing for the elderly. In the midst of all of that, he fell in love with a woman named Trudy and asked her to marry him. They built a life together and had a daughter named Linda, who made him a proud grandfather to Tina and Georgie.

As a Standish Villager, Pass enjoys participating in programming and has been known to dance in the facility's Zumba class. He is also a passionate Red Sox and

# Volunteer to be honored for her mentoring at Kenny School

#### By Elana Aurise REPORTER STAFF

Ellen Davis, a volunteer at the Thomas J. Kenny Elementary School in Dorchester, has been nominated by Boston Partners in Education – an organization that recruits and trains in-school volunteers-for its Mentor of the Year

Aretired math teacher, Davis volunteers her efforts working with small groups from two thirdgrade math classes three or four days a week. She also works with three fifth-grade boys one day a week to fill in some of their learning gaps.

"Unlike the classroom teachers who have a lot of responsibilities, my only responsibility is to go in and be present and assist with the math learning," said Davis. "Teachers are thinking about what's

impacting the students, what their home lives are like, and what assessment they're doing next, but I can really focus my energy on one small area and that really makes a difference."

Davis's contributions to the school staff and the service she provides to the students have become an integral part of the overall classroom culture at the Kenny, says Sue Li, a Boston Partners in Education staffer who originally nominated Davis for the award.

"Ellen's dedication to students at the Kenny School really stands out among a pool of hundreds of very committed Boston Partners mentors," said Li. "We ask our volunteers to commit to spending at least one hour per week for the duration of the school

year with their mentees. Ellen serves over 15 hours each week!"

"She has worked hard to integrate herself into the fabric of the school and is recognized by the staff and principal as someone who's a part of their community, someone who provides critical support to their students and teachers," said Li. "Ellen has become so respected at the Kenny that other teachers have begun requesting her specifically to serve as a mentor in their classrooms, too.'

Boston Partner's Mentor of the Year award will be celebrated at the organization's 15th Annual Big Cheese Reads Gala on Thurs., May 9, at the Westin Copley Place hotel.

"Volunteering at a school is really rewarding and I encourage



Ellen Davis

people who have the time to explore it. I can't say how wonderful it is to get to work with these kids and how much it can change your mood to walk into a classroom and have one or more of the kids ask how you're doing and if they're going to get to work with you that day," said Davis. "I feel like I'm getting more out of volunteering than the kids and the school are, and I think it's just a wonderful opportunity.

#### Their firefighter father weakened by disease, a family reaches for help making him mobile

#### By DANIEL SHEEHAN REPORTER STAFF

Members of a longtime Dorchester firefighter's family are looking to their community for help with their efforts at supporting their father as he works at regaining his mobility while contending with a disease called Hypolakemia that has weakened his leg and arm muscles and prevented him from moving around without a wheelchair or a walker.

"It's a progressive disease," said Gina Wahlberg, the daughter of 67-year-old Charlie Santangelo, "and there's no cure for it. It leaves

him with limited places he can actually go to."

Santangelo, who served in the Marines, has seen his quality of life decline due to the disease, said Wahlberg, but he has nevertheless been proactive about maintaining his independence. "With the help of the [Veteran's Administration] he is now licensed as a handsonly driver to operate a hands-only vehicle," she said. "But the hard part is that for the vehicle he needs, it's almost like he needs a prescription; it has to be specially fitted by height, weight, and individual needs."

A custom-fitted,

handicap-accessible van made to that prescription would run the family upwards of \$100,000. A GoFundMe page established last month has already seen donations flying in from Santangelo's neighbors, with almost \$20,000 already raised. Wahlberg says the family is humbled by the support.

"It's wonderful. We've gotten big donations, small donations, donations from people we haven't seen in long time, from people we don't even know, but who used to live in Dorchester and just wanted to help out a fellow Dot person. We've

had a lot of Marines donate, and people donating just because he was a firefighter, and even anonymous donations. It's been really nice, and we're really happy about it and grateful. It says a lot about the people in Dorchester: When somebody needs something, they step up and help out."

A fundraiser event is scheduled for June 14 at 7 p.m. at Florian Hall. Tickets (\$30) will be available at the door, and the event will include a DJ, live auctions, a raffle with assorted prizes, and light refreshments.

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People of a certain age may remember the back yard garbage receptacle. It seems that every back yard in Dorchester had metal receptacle set into the ground to contain household food waste until collection day. When plastic bags became ubiquitous, there was no longer a need for these receptacles. Many of them were long ago dug up and disposed of. We know of one that was so disposed about 10 years ago.

The introduction of the receptacle must have been greeted enthusiastically. It could hold about 20 gallons and had a cover that could be flipped open by stepping on a projecting handle, so garbage could be simply dropped



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in. After collection, the homeowner could take out the inner pail for cleaning.

The Harvard Garbage Receptacle Co. was located at 116 Harvard Street, Dorchester. A quick internet search shows that the company appeared in the New England Business Directory for 1922 and the Boston Register and Business Directory for 1921. Since many directories are not available online, we don't know how long the company was in business.

The statement on the flyer shown with this article refers to receptacles replacing the old swill house, which "contributes disease to your household and melody to wakeful

the prowling beasts of the night and the rats and mice for your garret gives birth to millions of germ carrying flies. Our underground system protects the home from disease, beautifies the surroundings." The archive of these historical posts can be viewed on the blog at dorchester historical society.org. Please Note: The Society's historic houses are open on the third Sunday of each  $month\ from\ 11\ a.m.\ to$ 4 p.m. James Blake House, 735 Columbia Road (1661); Lemuel Clap House, 199 Boston Street(1712 and remodeled 1765); William Clap House, 195 Boston Street (1806).

#### Editorial





# US stamp would promote Martin's message of 'Peace'

Monday marked the sixth anniversary of the marathon bombing that killed our young neighbor, Martin Richard, and injured and traumatized his family. It's a tragedy that they have been compelled to share with the world—and they do it with a dignity and grace that is awe-inspiring.

This week, Bill Richard — Martin's dad — launched a new effort aimed at memorializing Martin while also inspiring his fellow Americans to embrace the message that has become so linked to his legacy and that of the foundation in his name:

"No more hurting people - Peace."

Martin created both a poster with these words and a peace sign in the months before his death while a student at the Neighborhood House Charter School here in Dorchester. When he was killed, the image of Martin holding the sign he made was seen across the world.

Now, his family has signed on to a novel idea: Make a version of Martin's sign into a US postage stamp.

An online petition launched on Monday at Change. org asks the Citizens Stamp Advisory Commission (CSAC) to review the proposed stamp and to "make whatever exceptions are necessary to approve the issuance of a stamp that truly deserves to become part of America's story."

Their argument continues: "This image set the course, in the immediate days after a terrorist attack, toward a movement of hope, resilience, and peace that helped a city and nation move forward in support of those who most needed it rather than turn toward hate and anger of those that acted out the heinous attack. This is truly is a representative symbol of the American way."

The organizers of the Martin Richard Peace Stamp petition acknowledge that rules guiding the 12-member commission in its review of submissions could pose significant hurdles to their proposal. First, the selection criteria seek to commemorate "positive contributions to American life, history, culture, and environment; therefore, negative occurrences and disaster will not be commemorated on US postage stamps or stationery." Secondly, the commission does not consider photos or artwork for stamp designs.

In asking the commission to make an exception, the proponents—including the Richard family— make the case for Martin's message as one that can, and should, be interpreted outside the strict context of the bombing event that claimed his life.

"We are asking the CSAC to view this in the positive light it is meant to be — a message of peace — through the lens of the most innocent among us — our children," the organizers write in the petition.

Martin's aspirational message is one that animates his family's non-stop efforts to support like-minded efforts here in Boston and beyond.

On Monday, the 80-plus runners who made up this year's Team MR8 in the Boston Marathon raised in excess of \$624,000 for the foundation. In June, a new, inclusive waterfront park and playground named for Martin will open near the Children's Museum in the Seaport. Next month, volunteers organized by the Martin Richard Foundation will fan out from the EMK Institute in Columbia Point to several work sites in Dorchester, where they will devote several hours to a spring service day helping others.

Also in May, the group will support the Mother's Walk for Peace, an effort to support survivors of homicide organized by the Louis D. Brown Peace Institute, one of scores of local groups aided by the Martin Richard Foundation.

The constant churn of goodwill and good deeds generated by the Martin Richard Foundation underlines the strong case for a postage stamp in his name. Martin Richard is not defined by the horrible manner in which he was taken from us. Rather, thanks to his family's heroism, he now stands for a virtue that transcends the awful scene of carnage on that horrific day six years ago. Martin's message of peace seeks to build community and a more perfect union. It's hard to think of a more worthy credo to immortalize on a US stamp.

If you would like to support the effort, a link to the Chang.org petition can be found online at DotNews. com. For more on the amazing works of the Martin Richard Foundation, go to teammr8.org.

Bill Forry

Off the Bench

# How has it come to be that we live in the Disunited States of America?

By James W. Dolan Special to the Reporter

What has happened to our once glorious republic? After surviving a civil war, we managed to heal the wounds and move on to what would become the American century. It now seems to be eroding under the leadership of a demagogue whose moral compass is a mirror. Whatever serves his interest is good and any challenge to his enormous ego is evil.



James W. Dolan

"Lock 'em up," a chant frequently heard at his rallies is vaguely reminiscent of "Sieg heil" (Hail victory), a popular slogan from another era that did not end well. Once upon a time another cultured, welleducated democracy became enthralled by a leader who saw himself as a demi-god. Could it ever happen here? Many of us never believed Donald Trump would ever be elected president.

He has hijacked the once proud Republican Party, whose leaders now pay homage to a seriously flawed con man. Fearing rejection by his "base," they see their re-election prospects as paramount, and so they submit. Political survival supplants profiles in courage. Courage implies risk and sacrifice for a higher calling or duty. There is precious little of that in Washington these days.

That about 42 percent of prospective voters, mainly from the South, West, and Midwest support this president is disconcerting. What is it about him that appeals to them? His weaknesses seem so obvious. Is it his disregard of the norms we have grown to expect in our leaders? Unbound by conscience or humility, he gives vent and a veneer of legitimacy to our worst impulses. Lies abound, passion replaces reason, manners are for the weak, loyalty is demanded, not earned, and the bonds that unite us are weakened.

To him, winning is the validation he so desperately needs. It feeds an ego he is unable to control, craving

recognition and the fealty of lesser beings. More pathetic than evil, he cannot help himself. One can only speculate as to the forces that shaped this unfortunate man. Yes, despite his wealth and power, he is an object of pity. For they are not enough to satisfy him. However, that does not make him any less dangerous.

Truth and justice are inextricably bound. Without truth, what purports to be justice is an illusion. The corruption of truth is President Trump's principal threat, for without it, judgment, too, is baseless because it is no longer anchored to reality. Decisions are thus made within a fantasy, a concoction of fictions blended into myth with just enough intoxicant to have mass appeal. Once we stray into this illusion, it is difficult to find a way out. It is the lies that bind.

How did we get to this point? Is it just the beginning of the inevitable decline that all great powers throughout history have eventually experienced? Or, can we overcome our differences and return to a more positive trajectory, one that emphasizes unity, respect, cooperation, civility, and honesty? Is disunity an unanticipated consequence of social media, talk radio, and cable news? Do more and varied means of communication actually interfere with our ability to know and understand?

What role, if any, does the decline of religious belief play in affecting our ability to transcend the bitterness that now characterizes national politics? The absence of good faith has so undermined governance as to render it virtually powerless to even conceive of the common good, let alone enact it. We are now at a tipping point. Let us hope that we will come to our senses before anger and distrust fracture the social compact so essential to our national stability. What is now going on in Washington does not bode well.

When ties that bind are stretched and torn; Replaced with bigotry and scorn.

It need not mean the end is doom, But the "slouching beast" is in the room. James W. Dolan is a retired Dorchester District Court judge who now practices law.

#### **Letters to the Editor**

# Dot Block looks like a first step to a 'Dot Blot?'

To the Editor

Despite years of community input aimed at paring down Dot Block's overwhelming size and promoting much more housing affordability plus high employment standards for this enormous project, it was voted through the BPDA Board a second time last Wednesday with no consideration to these valid community concerns.

Since Gerald Chan, a billionaire from Cambridge, bought control of this property and others in the surrounding area, Dot Block abutters and nearby residents can expect a rise in displacement in addition to a long, disruptive construction process. And just wait until the project is done and its 350-vehicle garage on site is fully operational. This will create an untenable amount of additional traffic and pollution in an already over congested area along Dorchester

Ave & Hancock St.

Because the developers are refusing to take community concerns seriously, much more development like Dot Block in the greater Glovers Corner area will be a given, attracting similar occupying financial powers. In fact, they have already arrived and they are now drilling into the cliffs on the other side of Hancock Street to: (1) build units with a minimum amount of affordability and (2) increase local traffic on the same overburdened streets.

So, it's no wonder that when I spoke just recently to a current resident in the immediate area of both projects, he told me that he and his family will be moving out soon. There is every reason for the name "Dot Blot" to catch on.

Janet Jones Dorchester

#### Praise, dismay about 'Trades Woman' story

To the Editor:

As a recently retired self-employed carpenter, I think it's great that you gave such prominent coverage to Trades Woman of the Year Ziven Drake. (3/28 issue, Page 1, above the fold – "Ziven Drake, 'Trades Woman of the Year,' has always 'kind of played with the dudes"

But I was dismayed that the headline and beginning of the article were about her growing up and working now in all-male environments. I think this emphasis gives the message that a woman must have this background, and want and expect to be the only woman on the job, in order to (dare to) work in the trades. That message would tend to discourage many women from choosing a career in construction.

Women need and deserve equal access to high-paying jobs in construction, and need to be encouraged to enter training programs. The tradeswomen I know are not the only women in their union, apprentice program, or job site; they have the support of other women as well as their unions, and sometimes mentorship programs, in adjusting to the work environment and learning to stand up for themselves.

The Boston Residents Jobs Policy requires that construction projects in Boston hire 12 percent

women, 51 percent Boston residents, and 40 percent people of color. Dorchester women need to be encouraged to enter these careers and help the unions fill these quotas.

Becky Pierce Codman Square

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#### GLOBAL BOSTON WORKSHOP ON 'PEOPLE'S HISTORY' ON APRIL 18

The next "Building a People's History of Dorchester" event will be held on Thursday, April 18 at 6 p.m. at the Codman Square branch of the Boston Public Library. The address is 690 Washington St., Dorchester. Marilynn S. Johnson, Professor of History at Boston College, will provide an informal presentation and answer questions about the research that she conducted with her students about immigrant communities in Dorchester in fall 2018. Explore Global Boston at https://globalboston.bc.edu/ RSVP to carolyn.goldstein@umb.edu.

#### **DOT PARK EASTER EGG HUNT**

The Dorchester Park Association Spring Egg Hunt will begin on Sat., April 20 at 10 a.m. sharp. with the Easter Bunny will be available and attendees should prepare to search for eggs within Dorchester Park. Dorchester Park is located at 2180 Dorchester Ave. Please visit dotpark. org for further information.

#### CEDAR GROVE CEMETERY ANNUAL MEETING ON APRIL 25

The annual meeting of the proprietors of Cedar Grove Cemetery will be held on Thurs., April 25 at 3 p.m. in the office of Cedar Grove Cemetery, 920 Adams St. The purpose of the Meeting is to elect Trustees and to transact any other business that may properly come before the meeting. The Reports of the Treasurer and the Auditor will also be presented. The Annual Report of the Proprietors of Cedar Grove Cemetery for the fiscal year ending Dec. 31, 2018 will be available at the Cemetery office.

#### MAHA'S TASTE OF DORCHESTER EVENT ON APRIL 25

MAHA will host its 11th annual Taste of Dorchester — showcasing the neighborhood's finest restaurants



Three finalists in last Sunday's regional Knights of Columbus state free throw competition are from Dorchester. Adam McLaughlin won 4th place in the 14- year-old division, Joe Gillis won 2nd place in the 13-year-old field, and Brendan Clougher won 5th place in the 10-year-old competition. All three play on the St. Ann's CYO team. The competition was held at Boston College.

all under one roof— on Thurs., April 25 from 6-8p.m. at Local 103 IBEW, 256 Freeport St., Dorchester. Tickets: \$50 in advance, \$60 at the door. Go to tasteofdorchester.org or call 617-822-9100.

#### EARTH DAY CELEBRATION IN CODMAN SQUARE

Agroup of organizations is sponsoring a block party in the Codman Square Park on Sat., April 27 with free food and music, a park clean-up and children's parade, and Nightingale Community Garden Tour. The event begins with a clean-up from 9 -11 a.m. with activities beginning at 10 a.m.Co-sponsors include Allinenergy,

Dorchester Food Co-op, Greenovate Boston, Codman Square Neighborhood Council, Codman Square Health Center, Resonant Energy, Boston Affordable Energy Coalition, Love Your Block Boston, Codman Square Neighborhood Development Corporation (CSNDC) Dorchester Art Project BRAIN Arts Organization. This event is funded in part by the Pat Cooke Fund, Resonant Energy and Codman Square Health Center. If your organization is interested in tabling or supporting this event please contact cody@resonant. energy at 413-992-7743.

#### PARK SERVE DAY ON APRIL 27

Neponset River Watershed sponsors a

clean-up at Tenean Beach and along the Neponset on Sat., April 27. Sign up on DCR website, mass.gov/service-details/ volunteers-in-the-parks.

#### BOBBY MENDES PEACE LEGACY SCHOLARSHIP EVENT

Bobby Mendes Peace Legacy dinner and scholarship presentation is Sat., April 27 from 6:30-11 p.m. at First Parish Dorchester, 10 Parish St., Dorchester. Dinner catered by Restaurante Cesaria. Music and dancing. Tickets \$50. For more info, call Isaura at 617-372-1588. Or see bmpl.org.

#### BPDA GLOVER'S CORNER WORK-SHOP ON MAY 1

The BPDA invites the public is to attend a PLAN: Glover's Corner workshop on Wed., May 1 to review and give feedback on draft plan document recommendations. The meeting will be held at DotHouse Health, 1353 Dorchester Ave. from 6-7:30 p.m. This work is a synthesis of the planning recommendations created through over fifty public engagements over the course of a two-year planning process. While all content has previously been presented in public workshops, your feedback is requested to ensure that staff have correctly translated the findings of earlier workshops for the draft plan document. If you're unable to attend, please visit: http://bit.ly/PlanGlovers, email ted.schwartzberg@boston.gov, or call 617-918-4230 to stay involved.

#### MAY 2 MEETING ON WESTVILLE STREET PROPOSAL

A proposed 4 story residential building at 141 Westville St. will be discussed at a public meeting sponsored by the BPDA on Thurs., May 2 at 6 p.m. The meeting will take place at the Vietnamese American Community Center, 42 Charles St. The proposed building consists of 14 Compact Living studio apartments with a floor area

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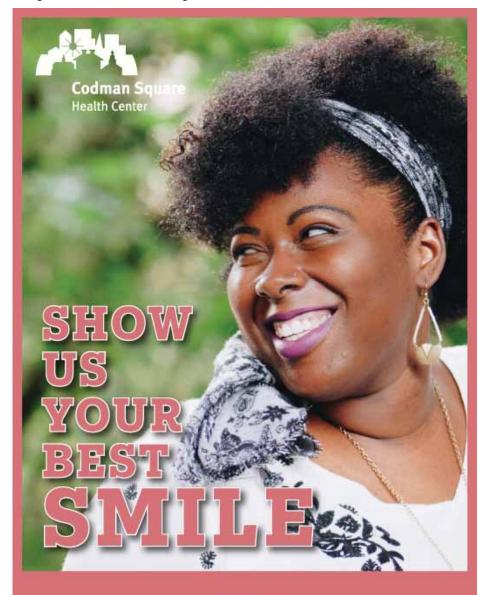
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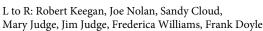


#### 2019 Toast to Jim Judge Chairman, President & CEO of Eversource Energy Humble Force for Good: Family. Community. Leader. Mentor. Citizen.

Whittier Street Health Center's 2019 annual fundraiser was a remarkable success, as Jim Judge was honored by Whittier to raise funds in support of Whittier's programs and services. Attendees at the event enjoyed an evening of celebration and reflection and music.

Special thank you to Jim Judge and family, Eversource Energy, donors, Joe Nolan and Toast Committee members, Toast Mistress: Karen Holmes-Ward and speakers: Governor Baker, Sandy Cloud, Jack Connors Jr., Frank Doyle and Bob Keegan.

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Mr. and Mrs. Jim and Mary Judge

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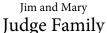


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# Strike by Stop & Shop workers hits Neponset, South Bay stores

& Shop workers are on strike!" some cried out. "Support your community, support the workers, not the billionaires!"

Still, some customers still went into the market to do their shopping.

The South Bay store remains open for business despite the 300 part-timers and 50 fulltimers who are on strike calling for contracts with better wages, raises, and equity in health care and

on city courses

It's tee-it-up time at the city's

municipal golf courses. The William J.

Devine Golf Course in Dorchester and

the George Wright Golf Course in Hyde

Park, the latter constructed to a Donald

Last year, both courses were recog-

nized with the 110th playing of the

Massachusetts Amateur Champion-

ship over five days. The Massachusetts

Women's Amateur Championship

and President's Cup competition was

conducted over four days at the Wright.

The unprecedented move was the first

time in state history that either a men's

or women's amateur golf championship

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George Wright Golf Course is a hidden

gem in the Hyde Park neighborhood of

Boston that is open seven days a week

through November. The clubhouse will

continue its popular acoustic music

series this summer on the outdoor

was held at a municipal course.

Ross design, are now open for play.

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The Stop & Shop in Neponset, however. closed after about 45 workers left to go on strike on Friday.

Dave Lapia, a union steward and strike captain at the South Bay store, said the company is cutting workers' Sunday overtime, increasing health care costs, and lowering pension contributions. New workers, he said, will get lower Sunday pay and fewer

Tees and greens ready for play

paid holidays and sick days.

Representatives from the United Food and Commercial Workers International Union and Stop & Shop both said that negotiations are ongoing, but neither party offered additional comment.

A statement for Stop & Shop provided by Jenn Brogan, its director of external communications, said that for its part, the company is

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offering pay increases for all associates, with no change in Sunday premium for full-time and current part-time associates. It also said that there will be no changes in paid time off or holidays for current associates, and that the company would pay at least 92 percent of health premiums for family coverage and 88 percent of individual coverage.

Brogan said that temporary workers and corporate personnel are filling in the positions at stores that are open, and that pharmacies and banks are open even in stores that are closed.

"We give half of our lives to this company and this is how they treat us now," Henrique Dasilva, who has worked for Stop & Shop for 22 years in different branches across Boston, told the Reporter on Friday. "They make all their money, and now we are here in the cold trying to work something out. I hope it does work, and we are going to stay here as long as we can, every day."

Donald Moore, a shop steward and strike captain at the Freeport Street store, said the workers will stay out until they get better contracts. "We hope this



Stop & Shop workers moved their efforts outside the South Bay store last Friday— which was the second day of a strike that has caused turmoil at the supermarket chain, including the temporary closure of the other Dorchester store on Freeport Street and Morrissey Boulevard. Yukun Zhang photo

will end very soon so we can get back to work. All we want is a fair contract for our employees," he said.

The labor action is likely to become even more intense and potentially national in scope this week, as former

Vice President Joe Biden has announced plans to attend a rally in support of the union workers at the South Bay store at 2 p.m. on Thursday (April 18). Mayor Martin Walsh is also expected to attend.



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#### **Community Meeting**

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**PLAN: Glover's Corner** 

# **Draft Plan** Recommendations Review

Wednesday, May 1 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM

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

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Justice of this Court. Date: April 10, 2019

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Witness, HON. BRIAN J. DUNN, First

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between 260 and 280-square-feet. For more information, see bostonplans.org or contact Tim Czerwienski at 617-918-5303.

#### **MARTIN RICHARD FOUNDATION SPRING SERVICE**

The Martin Richard Foundation will bring families and communities together in service at our annual Spring Service Day on Sunday, May 19. The theme for this year's Spring Service Day is creating a better world for young people. For the first time, the Service Village portion of our Spring Service Day will be hosted at the Edward M. Kennedy Institute for the U.S. Senate on Columbia Point, with several satellite projects throughout Dorchester including Louis D. Brown Peace Institute, St. Ambrose, Codman Square Library. To sign up, go to: martinrichardfoundation2. volunteerlocal.com/volunteer/

#### PROJECT D.E.E.P. STUDENT AND VOLUNTEER **RECOGNITION NIGHT**

Project D.E.E.P.'s Student and Volunteer Recognition Night is Mon., May 13 at 6 p.m. at Florian Hall, 55 Hallet St., Dorchester. See projectdeep.org for more info.

#### FRANKLIN PARK KITE & BIKE FEST ON MAY 18

The annual Franklin Park Kite & Bike Festival will be held on Sat., May 18 from 11 a.m.-4 p.m. at the Playstead in Franklin Park, 25 Pierpont Rd. The spring celebration will include kite-flying, games and activities led by Playworks and Appalachian Mountain Club's Outdoors RX, along with face-painting, music and performances. Bike with Kids Group Ride, a first annual ride starting in Dudley Square and ending at the Kite & Bike Festival, is also planned. To register for the rider visit roxburyway.com. The rain date is Sun., May 19 from 1-5 p.m. Sponsors are needed. For further information, please visit franklinparkcoalition.org/kitefest. Vendors and food trucks are welcome to apply for a spot. Contact janna@ franklinparkcoalition.org for more information. **DOT DAY 5K ON JUNE 2** 

The annual Project D.E.E.P. and Blarney Stone Dot Day 5k will be held before the parade on Sunday, June 2 with registration at 11 a.m. from 1505 Dorchester Ave. Register at projectdeep.org.



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#### **BOSTON CENTERS FOR YOUTH & FAMILIES** (BCYF) FREE FAMILY GYM PROGRAM

The program is back for the spring season (through April 13). Family Gym is a free, weekly play program that promotes physical activity for children ages 3-8 and their families on Saturdays from 10-11:30 a.m. at BCYF Blackstone Community Center in the South End, BCYF Holland Community Center in Dorchester, and BCYF Vine Street Community Center in Roxbury. Family Gym has had over 2,007 children and caregivers participate in the program since it began in 2011. Children and adults move at their own pace in supervised activities. Colorful play equipment encourages individual, small, and large group play. Families can jump rope, play on an obstacle course, do the limbo, or play parachute games or sports. No pre-registration required however caregivers must participate and remain in the gym with their children at all times. Thanks to a partnership with Northeastern University, student volunteers serve as Activity Leaders at Family Gym. Family Gym is sponsored by The Foundation for BCYF, Boston Children's Hospital, and Northeastern University. For updated information or program cancellations follow@BCYFCenters.

#### **DORCHESTER DAY CHIEF MARSHAL'S DINNER** ON MAY 31

An evening to honor the 2019 Dorchester Day Parade chief marshal and mayor of Dorchester will be held on Friday, May 31 at 6 p.m. at Florian Hall, 55 Hallet St., Dorchester. To purchase tickets call 857-756-3675. Not available at the door.

#### **APRIL EVENTS AT STANDISH VILLAGE IN LOWER**

Standish Village Assisted Living and Memory Support Community, 1190 Adams St., has an exciting month ahead with a variety of community events to offer. The Downtown Crossing Barbershop Quartet will perform on Sat., April 20 beginning at 1:30 p.m.

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Entertainer Holly Sommers will make her Standish Village debut on Mon., April 22 at 2:30 p.m. As part of the "Grab Your Passport! Destination: Amsterdam" celebration, local artist Stacey Kushner will present her Museum of Fine Arts lecture, "Masterpieces of Dutch Art" on Thurs., April 25 at 2 p.m. For further information, visit seniorlivingresidences.com/communities/boston-standish-village.

#### **MAYOR WALSH COFFEE HOUR SERIES**

Mayor Martin J. Walsh and the Boston Parks and Recreation Department will host the 20th Annual Neighborhood Coffee Hour Series in local parks citywide from April 30 to June 19. All coffee hours will be held from 9:30-10:30 a.m., unless otherwise noted. For more information and updates on possible weather cancellations, please contact the Boston Parks and Recreation Department at 617-635-4505. Dates for the full schedule of Mayor Walsh's 2019 Neighborhood Coffee hours can be found on boston.gov/parks. Dates for the scheduled Dorchester and Mattapan Neighborhood Coffee hours are as follows: Tuesday, May 7 at Martin Playground 95 Myrtlebank Ave., Dorchester; Monday, May 20 at Walker Playground, 550 Norfolk St., Mattapan; Thurs., June 6 at Ronan Park 92 Mt. Ida Rd., Dorchester.

#### **CHASING THE MOON FILM SCREENED AT KENNEDY LIBRARY**

The Kennedy Library and WGBH will partner for an exclusive preview and discussion of the new American Experience series, Chasing the Moon on Thurs., May 23 at 6 p.m. Executive producer Mark Samels, director Robert Stone, and panelists discuss the series and the Space race, from the early years to the lunar

**BOSTON PUBLIC LIBRARY'S HOMEWORK HELP** Boston Public Library's free Homework Help program is underway offering free afterschool help and mentorship provided by high-achieving high school students. The program, offered Monday through Thursday from 3:30 -5:30 p.m. is open to students in grades K-8; no registration required. Boston Teacher's Union tutors are also available during select weekdays from 4-6 p.m. for students in grades K-12. Visit bpl.

landing and its legacy. See ifklibrary.org for details.

#### org/homework. **POLICE DISTRICT C-11**

Non-emergency line for seniors: 617-343-5649. The Party Line phone number, where you can report loud parties, is 617-343-5500, 24 hours/7 days per week. **POLICE DISTRICT B-3 NEWS** 

For info, call B-3's Community Service Office at 617-343-4711.

#### **APPLE GROVE ASSOC.**

The Apple Grove Association meets on the second Tuesday of every month from 6-8 p.m. at 1135 Morton St., Mattapan. The contact is Ms. Myrtle Huggins at 617-429-8531.

#### **ASHMONT-ADAMS NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOC.**

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(Continued from page 1) you have accomplished that goal, you feel a lot of emotions because you know you have worked very hard for it. That's how I feel today."

According to Besson, the positivity of the other runners and supporters made the grueling race easier. "When the bus brought us from Boston to Hopkinton, I saw how far away it was and even slept on the bus, but I told myself that I could run this distance.

When I got off the bus and went into the tent in Athletes Village, I was happy because so many people appreciated me and my journey and were already congratulating

"When it was time

for me to run, I started with a smile even though I knew it was a long route...so many people along the route were clapping and encouraging everyone and yelling my name because my second guide, Theresa, had my name written on her shirt, and that gave me extra energy. Even my fellow runners were encouraging me. I felt great. When I ran across the finish line I was so happy because I felt like my dream was accomplished."

According to Besson's wife, Nalida, he plans to write a book about his life and the journey to his marathon experience.

# Nomination process kicks off a busy Council campaign

(Continued from page 1) Essaibi-George has (OCPF). Jean-Claude Sanon is running for the seat a third time, with the candidate roster so far filled out by Mimi Turchinetz, the activist city worker; Maria Esdale Farrell, McCarthy's former legislative aide; the poet Yves Mary Jean, and City Hall staffer Alkia Mimi Powell.

City Councillor At-Large Althea Garrison automatically filled the vacancy left by Congresswoman Ayanna Pressley in January, but a crowded field is already lining up to run for that at-large seat in the Fall. Garrison and three incumbent at-large councillors— Annissa Essaibi-George, Michael Flaherty, and Michelle Wu- are all expected to seek re-election this year.

Flaherty has \$349,421 in his campaign account, Wu has \$289,869, \$83,819, and Garrison has reported no funds at all through this week, according to the Office of Campaign and Political Finance (OCPF).

Among the likely challengers seeking to capture one of the four at-large slots, Alejandra St. Guillen, former director of Boston's Office of Immigrant Advancement, leads the pack in campaign cash, with more than \$40,000 in her account as of April 1, according to OCPF filings.

Julia Mejia, of Dorchester, founder and director of the Collaborative Par $ent\,Leadership\,Network$ (CPLAN), and David Halbert, of Mattapan, the deputy director of community affairs at the Middlesex County Sheriff's office, are the next most flush with cash, at \$16,400 and \$15,600, respectively.

Candidates can apply for nomination papers to run for municipal office through May 13. Nomination petition forms are distributed starting April 30, when candidates will start filling their forms with signatures.

At-Large candidates need to collect 1,500 certified signatures from registered voters to appear on the preliminary ballot. Most district council races need 200 certified signatures, but the numbers are 195 in District 7, 130 in District 8, and 164 in District 9.

The signature bar winnows the field and candidates have to submit their papers to the Elections Department for certification by May 21. Those who meet the certification barrier make the ballot in September.



Patrick Ryan and Sonia Essaibi, both of Dorchester, paused for a photo in Cleveland Circle as they ran the BAA Boston Marathon on Monday as part of the Martin Richard Foundation's Team MR8, which cumulatively raised more than \$620,000 for the Dorchester-based foundation.

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# After 100 days, Pressley continues to 'lean in'

(Continued from page 1) in my home," she said of Seventh, you can't do it from anywhere." in my home," she said of the adjustment. "When I'm in the district, I'm

Soon after her swearing in, Pressley put her 897-square-foot condo in the Carruth Building at Ashmont up for sale. The one-bedroom apartment was a tight squeeze for the new congresswoman, her husband, Conan Harris, her step-daughter Cora, and their cat, Sojourner Truth.

As a result, in addition to her pad in Washington, Pressley now calls her new neighborhood of Hyde Park home.

"I really have not been able to spend much time the adjustment. "When I'm in the district, I'm working. The entire Massachusetts Seventh is my home, to be clear, and Dorchester is always going to have a big portion of my heart and we remain very connected to the Dorchester community."

Pressley's district office – she calls it her "anchor office" – is in St. Mark's village. Her team shares an office building at the corner of Dorchester Avenue and King Street with Midland Construction. and the phone lines up, Pressley plans to have a community open house on April 27.

"You're not rid of me," she said of her former home neighborhood. "You'll still be seeing me at Ashmont Grill and Tavolo and you'll still be seeing me at Ripple. But I'm looking forward to getting to know our new neighbors when I can create some downtime.

"But right now I'm just focused on being accessible and visible in the district and making sure people know how hard myself and my team are working on behalf of the  $residents \, of the \, Seventh."$ 

Pressley has been busy. According to her office, she has co-sponsored 115 bills in the 100 days, seeking to address the separation of families at the border, climate change, homelessness, and the high costs of prescription drugs.

The back-pay bill is still moving along on Capitol Hill, she said. She co-sponsored the BE HEARD in the Workplace Act filed by her fellow Massachusetts Rep., Katherine Clark, last week. It seeks to strengthen protections for workers

against harassment.

One consistent thread in Pressley's 2018 campaign and her legislative work to date is her highlighting of the insidious effects of trauma in marginalized communities.

So far she has submitted nearly 200 requests to fund critical programs, her office said, including School Based Health Centers, Head Start and affordable child care programs, the Housing Choice Voucher Program, CDC research on gun violence, modernized reentry programming for formerly incarcerated women, biomedical research funding to support hospitals, colleges and universities across the district, and requests arising from community feedback.

Some of Pressley's other co-sponsored bills look to develop reparations proposals and establish a Medicare for All national health system. She also proposed lowering the minimum voting age to 16.

Although the latter failed to make the overall US House bill that focused on voter access, election integrity, election security, political spending, and elections ethics, Pressley notes that her push for the lowered voting age has been informed in part by the residents in her district where a conversation has been happening in several municipalities about allowing the voting age to drop via a renewed push for legislation on Beacon Hill.

"They deserve to be eligible," Pressley said. "It's not a mandate for them to go; it's not a mandate at the age of 18 and up that you go, but for the most informed, educated, politically engaged 16- and 17-year olds who are leading on gun violence prevention, who are leading on climate change, who care about student debt, who care about gentrification, homelessness, who care about the solvency of Social Security, I'm not going to tell the young people that are at the forefront of change in the Massachusetts Seventh ... that they don't have a right to cast [ballots]."

Pressley came into office as part of a wave of new Democratic members of Congress, unseating a well-liked 10-term incumbent in Michael Capuano. Soon after her election, already shouldering a host of policy priorities from the district, she quickly earned a reputation as an elected official ready to rebuke party leaders if they sought to downplay progressive victories.

"I read a statistic once that if you do 70 percent of what's on your to-do list, you've had a very productive day because most people don't accomplish everything on their list. I make a to-do list every day, but I'm impacted by what's happening in real time, you know, in the real world. ... But I'm going to respond accordingly as a thought leader, as a policy maker, and at times as an agitator, as I was in the case of the DCCC policy, and how I addressed the top DNC donors before I was even sworn in."

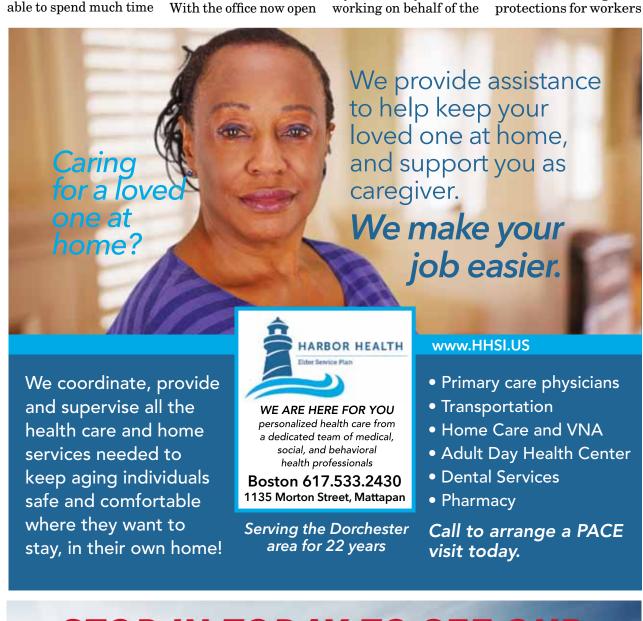
Pressley was talking about a new Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee rule that penalizes pollsters, strategists, and other campaign vendors if they work for Democratic candidates challenging incumbents in primaries.

"We still have to keep having the conversation, Pressley said. "And I just want to be very clear: I make no assumptions of bad intent, but I do believe that there would be adverse impacts both on representation, in terms of who runs and when and who is elected, and also in the contracting opportunities, which was an issue that I led on in my time on the council – equitable opportunity for everything from supplier diversity to consultants and contractors. And so that's why it hasn't stopped. I'm just fighting forward within a different industry and a different context ... there are enough institutional barriers that we don't need to create new ones."

Another paradigmshifting election rocked the Suffolk District Attorney's office during the 2018 race, with a dominant victory by Rachael Rollins in the busy primary. Rollins and Gov. Charlie Baker's administration recently had a fiery back-andforth over a 65-page policy memo laying out the Suffolk DA's priorities for prosecution, redirecting policies about crimes prompted by poverty or desperation.

Pressley, who supported Rollins and has been pushing for criminal justice reform on the federal level, said she is eager to weigh in on district priorities when they arise. "I am not recusing the opportunity to lead and to lean in on these issues on the state and municipal level," she said. "I think there's work for me to do on the federal level, but where people are leading on the state and municipal level, I'll be joining them.

"As an example," she said, "Annissa Essaibi-George and I talked about the work that we're going to continue to do to ensure that every school has a school nurse. I came to the State House and participated in lobbying efforts to pass the Safe Communities Act and I put out a swift statement decisively supporting the policy change that Rachael Rollins proposed. So, I'm going to continue to lean in on these issues."







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CATUBIG, Nick Y. of Dorchester. Husband of Mary Ellen Corrigan-Catubig. Father of Nicole and Christopher Catubig. Son of Leoniza (Yosores) Catubig and the late Godofredo Catubig. Brother of Ruth, Adelita, Janet, Lvn and the late Warren. Also survived by 12 nieces and nephews. Member of IBEW Local #2222. Remembrances may be made to the Dana Farber Cancer Institute.

CONNOLLY, Sister Catherine **Thomas** SNDdeN, 83. A Sister of Notre Dame de Namur for 65 years. Born Mary Kathleen Connolly in Boston, daughter of Thomas and Kathleen (Gallagher) Connolly. Graduate of

Cardinal Cushing H.S. in South Boston and Emmanuel College in Boston with a degree in History. Earned a Master's degree in Education at Boston State College. Sister was principal of St. Mark's School in Dorchester from 1976 to 1986, and St. Michael's School in Hudson in 1988 and 1989. Previously, an elementary grades teacher at St. Mary's School in Cambridge, Assumption School in East Boston, St. Joseph's School in Somerville, St. Rita's School in Lawrence and the Academy of Notre Dame in Tyngsboro. After St. Mark's, she continued her ministry among Notre Dame affiliated institutions, including Notre Dame Academy in Hingham, Julie Country School in Leominster, Notre Dame du Lac and Notre Dame Long Term Care Center, both in Worcester. Sister leaves a sister Patricia Kelly of Richmond, VA; nieces, nephews, and her sisters in religion, the Sisters of

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Predeceased by her brother John Connolly, and two sisters, Anne Geeslin and Eileen Connolly. Donations to the Sisters of Notre Dame, 351 Broadway, Everett, MA 02149.

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Docket No. SU18D1944DR

DIVORCE SUMMONS
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VS. RAFAEL ALEXIS LARA NUNEZ

Divorce requesting that the Court grant

a divorce for Irretrievable Breakdown of

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at the Court. An Automatic Restraining

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Published: April 18, 2019

First Justice of this Court.

Date: April 11, 2019

Witness, HON. BRIAN J. DUNN,

Felix D. Arroyo Register of Probate

You are hereby summoned and

The Plaintiff has filed a Complaint for

To the Defendant:

Patrick, 82, of Milton formerly of Savin Hill, Husband of Mary (LeClaire) McCarthy. Father of Andrea Mc-Carthy and her husband Babak Yektafar of Vienna, VA, Kristin McCarthy and her husband Vassilis Serafeimidis of London, England, Peter McCarthy and his wife Cara (Ellis) of Milton and Daniel McCarthy and his wife Debbie Hodin of Arlington. Fun and loving brother of Patricia Powers and her late husband Robert "Elliot" of Savin Hill and Rosemary Gilmartin and her husband David of Savin Hill. Wonderful grandfather of Aidan, Andreas, Chloe, Theodore, Sophie, Evan and Ella. Memorial donations in Jim's name may be made to Paulist Center, 5 Park Street, Bos-

ton, MA 02108 MONTANI, Mary Jo, 61, formerly of Milton and Braintree, She was a graduate of Thayer Academy, Class of 1975, and Merrimack College, Class of 1979. Her deep faith was a gift she shared with members of Saint Agatha Parish in Milton, Saint Thomas More Parish in Braintree, and The Boston Home in Dorchester, where she resided since 2006. Prior to her illness, Mary Jo worked in the marketing industry as a buyer for Christian Dior Jewelry and was the representative for the Northeast region. Mother of Michael D. Montani and his wife Danielle of Armonk, NY. Nana of Matthew, Kayla and Ashley. Daughter of David G. Montani, Sr. and the late Christine M. (Antonelli) Montani. Stepdaughter of the late Mary E. (St.John) Mc-Donald Montani. Granddaughter of the late Larry and Josephine Antonelli and the late Frank and Irene Montani. One of ten siblings, Mary Jo was the sister of David G. Montani, Jr. and Frances Malames, Frank L. Montani, Loretta M. Porter and her husband Timothy, Larry A. Montani and his wife Mary, Daniel E. Montani

and his wife Patricia, Christopher J. Montani, Theresa R. Montani, Anthony P. Montani and his wife Diane, and the late Michael F.L. Montani. Mary Jo is also survived by several aunts and uncles, many nieces, nephews and cousins, and goddaughters, Christina Sousa and Christine Montani. Donations in Mary Jo's memory may be made to The Boston Home, 2049 Dorchester Avenue, Dorchester, MA 02124.

O'LEARY, Mary Louise (Healey) in Dorchester, Savin Hill. Wife of the late David D. O'Leary. Mother of Pamela O'Leary and her significant other Hugh Small, and Christine L. O'Leary and her significant other Gerard Douglas, all of Dorchester. Nana of Shannon O'Leary-Small. Sister of the late William J. Healey and Marjorie M. Gorey. Survived by several nieces and nephews. Donations in Mary Lou's memory may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 262 Danny Thomas Place, Memphis, TN 38105.

RYAN, James J. of Norwood, formerly of Dorchester. Husband of 33 years to Carol (Manfra) Ryan of Norwood. Brother of Gerald P. Ryan and Nayda of Winthrop, William F. Ryan and his wife Margaret of Sandwich. Brother-inlaw of Marilynn Manfra of Cranston, RI, and her late husband Everett Willis and Michael Manfra of Wilmington. Jim was the son of the late Jeremiah and Helen (Waitkus) Ryan. He was the son-in-law of the late George and Mary Manfra. Jim is also survived by many loving nieces, nephews, cousins and friends. In honor of his late mother, donations may be made in memory of Jim to the Alzheimer's Association, 480 Pleasant Street, Watertown. MA 02472 or www.alz.

org WYCKOFF, Julia Frances "Fran" (Har-Julia mon), 98. Born in Medford, she formerly lived in Quincy and Dorchester. A proud WAVE (USNR) during World War II, she served as a cryptologist at the United States Naval Communication Intelligence Organization in Washington, DC. A prolific writer, she penned detailed accounts of her service and until her recent illness, kept a diary every day of her life since childhood. Wife of the late Francis L. Wyckoff, Fran was the mother of Frank Saxton of Portland, OR, Dr. Patricia Wyckoff of Mansfield and the late Donald and Edward Wyckoff. Grandmother of Genevieve Minori of Allston and Frank, Jacob, Jessica, DJ, Stephen, Miranda, and Edward, she is also survived by three greatgrandchildren, and her brother Roy Harmon of

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

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Witness, HON. BRIAN J. DUNN

First Justice of this Court. Date: March 26, 2019 Felix D. Arrovo

Published: April 18, 2019

Register of Probate

THE TRIAL COURT PROBATE & FAMILY COURT SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION SUFFOLK DIVISION Docket No. SU18D2389DR LINDA HOWARD, Plaintiff(s) WILLIE HOWARD, Defendant(s) To the above named Defendant(s):
A Complaint has been presented

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to this Court by the Plaintiff(s), Linda Howard seeking a divorce, pursuant to Supplemental Probate Court Rule 41I, Automatic Restraining Order has been entered against the above named parties, and that the said defendant can not be found within the Commonwealth and that his/her present whereabouts are ınknown; that personal service on said defendant is therefore not practicable and that said defendant has not volunarily appeared in this action.

You are required to serve upor inda Howard - whose address is 132A Highland St., Roxbury, MA 02119 your answer on or before 16 day of May, 2019.

If you fail to do so, the court will proceed to the hearing and adjudication of this action. You are also required to le a copy of your answer in the office of the Register of this Court at Boston Witness, HON. BRIAN J. DUNN First Judge of said Court, this 21st day of March, 2019.

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