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They did it for a friend – Jane and Denise Richard greet Henry Richard, Liley Damatin, Jessie Delouis, Anthony Datish, and Peter Datish at the finish line after they finished Monday's Boston Marathon – all of them coming in at four hours and 40 minutes.

Photos courtesy Martin Richard Foundation

Martin's spirit guides his pals to finish line

On a Patriot's Day punctuated by raindrops and a cool breeze, a band of 66 people — most of them from Dorchester — ran the BAA Boston Marathon in the familiar gold tank tops emblazoned with the Team MR8 insignia and the word "Peace," a fitting memorial to the late Martin Richard, age 8.

The memories of the tragic bombing that claimed the Dorchester boy's life hung heavy at times on the tenth anniversary, particularly for his childhood friends, who joined the running crew for the first time this year. But they were converted into new moments of joy in scenes captured at the finish line. Story, Page 16



After crossing the finish line, Nolan Cleary hugs Denise Richard, while his father, Bob Cleary, a long-time Team MR8 runner, gives a high-five to Jane Richard. Jack Burke is seen behind at right.

Feeling 102: Mattapan's Anna Coleman is celebrating a century, and then some

By SETH DANIEL News Editor

There are more centenarians nowadays than ever before, we are told, and like Mattapan's Anna Coleman, who turned 102 on April 10, they continue to amaze with their lived experiences, their active lifestyles, and their spoton social critiques.

Mrs. Coleman, who has lived in the same home in Mattapan for more than 40 years and is the neighborhood's oldest resident, was the guest of honor at the "Mildred Avenue Senior" program for a grand celebration and luncheon last week to mark her 102nd birthday. An active participant in the newly formed



Anna Coleman gives a royal wave from her throne as she celebrates her 102nd birthday at the Mildred Avenue senior program on April 11. Numerous friends, family, elected officials and first responders attended the affair.

Seth Daniel photo

program, Coleman ate, danced, and chatted with her family and friends, elected officials, and Boston Police officers, including Commissioner Michael Cox, who dropped by to salute her.

Asthesong "Celebrate" played in the background and friends from the senior program enjoyed coffee and treats, she sat on a large "throne" at the front of the room with a lit-up "102" next to her. She told the gathering that she grew up in New London, Connecticut, but when she was young, her father moved the family to Cambridge for work.

Her family is esteemed in American history: Her

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Mattapan is latest stop on MBTA hunt for worker recruits in 'career path' slots

By Izzy Bryars Special to the Reporter

On a sunny Saturday in mid-April, a white bus pulled into the parking lot of Mattapan's Jubilee Christian Church off Blue Hill Avenue just north of the Square. "Next stop: Opportunity," said a sign on the side of the bus. A ramp, flanked by orange cones, beckoned riders to get on, and inside, instead of blue seats, small desks and folding chairs offered an area for people to sit and fill out a job application on a laptop.

The bus is a part of the MBTA's bid to recruit employees as the agency faces a workforce shortage that has made "rapid transit" a contradiction in terms in Boston. Safety lapses have drawn federal scrutiny, and the T has struggled to provide reliable service across the system.

There are more than 2,000 open or budgeted positions at nearly all levels, and MBTA officials are offering signing bonuses of \$7,500 for bus operators, train car operators, and fuelers.

The event in Mattapan on April 15 was one in a series, with others planned for Quincy (April 22),

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Residents lobby for pause in razing of Port Norfolk building

By Gintautas Dumcius Managing Editor

Port Norfolk residents rallied to block state environmental officials from taking down a vacant brick

building that overlooks the Neponset River, arguing that it has historical value as the former counting house of the longgone Albert T. Stearns Lumber Company.

Neighbors who abut the two-story building, located at 98 Taylor St., received a notice saying the state Department of



The house in question.

DCR image

Conservation and Recreation (DCR), which now owns the property, is seeking to tear down the Greek Revival-style building.

The Massachusetts Historical Commission determined last year that the demolition is unlikely to have a historic or archeological impact, but locals say they disagree.

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"We understand that the renovation of the building
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BPD officers uncover arsenal on Mascot St.

Boston Police officers responded to 64 Mascot St. in Dorchester last Friday after they were called to the scene for reports of gunfire just after 9 p.m., where police said officers found neither shooter nor victims but did find spent shells as well as a small arsenal



Boston Police have a new superior officer in their ranks. Pam Harris, formerly a sergeant detective, was promoted to the rank of Deputy Superintendent last Michael Cox. Harris, a 29-year veteran of the department shown here with Cox, will lead the BPD's Bureau of Field Services. BPD photo

of guns. Recovered at the scene were: "a Sig Sauer P320, 9mm firearm, with one round in the chamber and fourteen rounds in the magazine, a Glock 17, 9mm firearm with fourteen rounds in the magazine, a Polymer80, Glock 17 firearm, with one round in the chamber and sixteen rounds in the magazine, a Ruger P89 9mm firearm, with one round in the chamber and ten rounds in the magazine, a Polymer 80, Glock 19 9mm firearm, with one week by Commissioner round in the chamber and four rounds in the magazine and a Glock 19 9mm firearm, with thirty rounds in the magazine.'

Anybody with info can contact detectives at 617-

343-4712 or the anonymous tip line by calling 800-494-TIPS or by texting TIP to CRIME (27463).

Boston Police gang-unit officers who were looking for a teen who might have a gun found him on Devon and Laredo streets in Dorchester around 2:30 p.m. last Thursday (April 13). Police say they spotted the 15-year-old with his "hand in his pocket, and a rectangular bulge near his waistline." Officers safely recovered the firearm, later determined to be "a Šmith and Wesson MP Shield with one round in the chamber and six rounds in the magazine," according to the BPD report.

As officers were arresting the teen, "a large crowd formed around them and began shouting obscenities at officers" and then trying to keep the teen from getting arrested, according to the police account. Two of the people in the crowd were also arrested, on charges of disturbing the peace and resisting arrest.

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Three-decker approved for vacant lot on Longfellow St.

The Zoning Board of Appeal last Tuesday approved builder Neil Guilden's plans to construct a three-decker with three parking spots on what has long been a vacant lot at 17 Longfellow St. in Dorchester.

Some nearby residents opposed the proposal for the 3,400-square-foot lot, saying a three-decker would stick out like a sore thumb on a street with mainly one- and two-family homes, and,

additionally, would cause parking issues. One person said it would better fit around the corner on Ridgewood Street, which has several, larger vacant lots that would be more suitable.

Ivette Matos, who lives on one side of the lot, and Hector Polanco, who lives on the other, though, said it makes no sense to leave the lot vacant when it could be used to help people who need a place to live. Polcanco

owned the lot before he sold it to Matos for \$100 last year.

Suffolk County Registry of Deeds records show that Polanco bought the lot from the city in 2000 for \$750 and that one of the conditions on the deed was that he not build anything on it, with the exception of an extension of his home. However, when he sold the land to Matos last year, the new deed stated that it "removes,

releases, terminates, and extinguishes" any conditions the city set on the land in 2000.

The board voted unanimously to approve the variances the building needs because the lot was too small and the building too large under its zoning. The three-decker also didn't have enough frontage and its side and rear yards were too small under its zoning.

- REPORTER STAFF

A June 3 return for DorchFest - a big hit last year

After a hugely successful launch last year, the Ashmont-Adams section of Dorchester will host the second annual DorchFest on Sat., June 3. The Dot Day weekend festival will feature live performances on porches and front-yards at roughly 50 homes in the heavily residential neighborhood between Ashmont Street and Gallivan Boulevard.

The free event is organized by volunteers who rely on sponsorships from institutions and local businesses to pay the artists who perform.

Last year's event, which is being



co-hosted by the Ashmont-Adams Neighborhood Association and Greater Ashmont Main Street, featured 45 bands in a variety of genres, including rock, oldies, acoustic, funk, jazz, hip hop, Haitian, Cape Verdean, folk, Indian, Caribbean, reggae, Latin, electronic, and more.

For more information on how you can donate to or sponsor the event, check out the website dorchfest.com. More info on performance times and locations will be posted soon.

- BILL FORRY

Neponset River 'Superfund' cleanup to start in Hyde Park

A vacant industrial property on the banks of the Neponset River in Hyde Park will be the first target of a much bigger federal clean-up effort this month, according to US Rep. Ayanna Pressley's office.

The old Lewis Chemical Co. site will be the initial focus of a longer-term 'Superfund' effort that was announced by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) last year.

The "short-term," \$3.9 million project at the site off River Street will

target polychlorinated biphenyl (PCB) contamination in the sediment of the river and take an estimated seven months to complete.

"Through the excavation and disposal of soil, the upcoming cleanup work will eliminate the direct contact threat and remove the source contamination of PCBs and other hazardous substances," according to an EPA handout.

"Residents should expect to see workers excavating soil, treating and disposing surface/ ground water collected, and transporting and disposing of contaminated soil and other hazardous substances at EPA approved off-site disposal facilities. New, clean soil will be brought in to backfill where necessary.'

In a statement released by Pressley, the EPA's regional chief, David Cash, stressed that this targeted project is just the beginning of a much larger, more expensive effort on the river.

"EPA is gearing up

to begin the work of removing industrial contamination in the Lower Neponset. Addressing hazardous PCB contamination at the Lewis Chemical site is a first step of many activities to come," he said.

Pressley added: "I am grateful to Regional Administrator Cash and the Biden Administration for making the cleanup of the Neponset River a priority and being intentional about seeing this effort through to the end."

UPCOMING CIVIC MEETINGS AND COMMUNITY EVENTS

Dorchester Day scheduled for Sun., June 4, at 1 p.m. connected to the existing Boston Globe Participation forms are available on building at 135 Morrissey Blvd. the website dotdayparade.org or email info@dotdayparade.org.

The 39th annual Savin Hill parks clean up on Sat., April 22— Earth Day— will focus on Savin Hill Park and Patten's Cove from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Tools and refreshments available at top of Savin Hill. The BPDA hosts a virtual public meeting on Wed., April 19, at 6 p.m. on the Dorchester Bay City project. See bostonplans.org for meeting details. This meeting was originally scheduled for April

The BPDA hosts a PLAN: Mattapan virtual meeting on Zoom on Wed., April 26, from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. to review a final draft for adoption. See bit.ly/PLANMattapan.

Abundant Housing MA and Dorchester Growing Together co-host a Meetup and Social on Sat., April 29, starting with a 2 p.m. discussion at First Parish Dorchester. A social follows on the patio at Blarney Stone in Fields Corner. More info at tinyurl. com/DotGrowMeetup.

The BPDA hosts a virtual public meeting on Wed., May 3, from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

parade is to discuss a proposed new, six-story wing

The 27th annual Mother's Day Walk for Peace will be held on Sun., May 14, beginning at 8 a.m. at Town Field in Fields Corner. See mothersdaywalk4peace.org for more info on starting a team, donating, or sponsoring the event.

The Boston Parks and Recreation Department and the Mayor's Mural Crew will welcome the local elf and fairy population back to their summer homes with the annual Fairy House Building Workshop at Franklin Park's Schoolmaster Hill on Thurs., April 20, from 11 a.m. to 1 **p.m.** The workshop welcomes families to a magical day of fairy house building. The event will feature face-painting and a story time. Children are encouraged to wear their favorite fairy and elf costumes. Natural materials will be provided, and children are encouraged to explore their surroundings to find natural elements such as sticks, stones, and leaves to adorn their fairy houses. Visit boston.gov/fairy-houses to learn more.

Julie Williamson, executive director of Standish Village Assisted Living, provides tia in the Real World," on Thurs., April from Grove Hall to Mattapan Square— in 20, from 4:30 p.m. to 5:45 p.m. at Lower the coming weeks. Planners from the BTD Mills Library, 27 Richmond St. Caregivers, healthcare professionals, and the interested public are encouraged to attend this free training. Call the Lower Mills Library at 617-298-7841 for more information.

Franklin Park Coalition Annual Meeting is Sat., April 29, from 10 a.m. to noon at Franklin Park Golf Clubhouse, One Circuit Drive. Enjoy light breakfast refreshments, mingle with neighbors, and catch up on park news about improvements, challenges, and plans for the coming year

The Franklin Park Kite & Bike Festival will be held on Sat., May 20, from noon to 4 p.m. at the Playstead, 25 Pierpont Rd., Dorchester. It's opening day in Franklin Park! Don't miss out on this 50-year-old tradition. Bikes to try for younger kids, make a kite with Kite Team Haiti, buy one, or bring your own. Free bike helmets from Children's Hospital. Food trucks.

The Boston Transportation Department (BTD) and the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority (MBTA) will host a series of events to talk about the Blue Hill Avenue Transportation Action -

an overview of "Understanding Demen- an initiative to redesign Blue Hill Avenue and MBIA will answer your questions and hear your thoughts at the Grove Hall BPL on Wednesdays through May 31 from 10 a.m. to noon. Mattapan hours will be held at the Mattapan branch library on Thursdays through June 1 from noon to 2

> On Thurs., April 27, attend a 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. event at Kay's Lounge, 1117 Blue Hill Ave., co-hosted by SPARK Boston to learn more about what's happening in Mattapan. Staff from city and state agencies will be there to present information on the projects happening in and around the neighborhood and collect eedback. Food will be provided, drinks will be available for purchase, and a local DJ will emcee the event.

> DotFest, the annual fundraiser for DotHouse Health, takes place on Thurs., May 18, at DotHouse. See dotfest.org for

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Wu offers 'back to basics' budget aimed at staffing up for effective programs that are 'fully accessible'

By Gintautas Dumcius Managing Editor

Near the end of a campaign fundraiser ahead of Election Day in 2021, Michelle Wu turned to a topic that hadn't drawn the same headlines as her support for a return to rent control and a "Green New Deal" to combat climate change in Boston: Permitting.

City Hall's process for approving permits is slow and often comes with red tape, Wu said, pointing to building inspectors who were struggling with a backlog. Adding staff should help, she said, and hiring administrators to support the inspectors could quadruple productivity.

The mayor last week proposed a budget that seeks to add staff personnel across multiple departments, including within the Inspectional Services Department and the Registry, which deals with birth, death, and marriage certificates. The proposal also calls for an increase in staff in the city's supplier diversity office, which is aimed at $helping\,businesses\,owned$ by women and people of color access city contracts.

The budget is Wu's second. It requires the approval of the City Council, which will hold hearings



A rendering of the new Fields Corner library.

before voting on the bill

"A big focus of our 'back to basics' this year is looking at how programs are running and whether they're fully accessible," Wu said.

The proposal would add a to-date uncertain number of employees to a City Hall workforce of nearly 20,000 people, but it is otherwise littered with other numbers, including \$43 million for new libraries in Codman Square, Fields Corner, and Egleston Square.

The budget also includes \$750,000 to expand weekday and Saturday hours at the branch libraries, some of which were on the brink of closure more than 10 years ago before local lawmakers and residents rallied against the moves.

Parking improvements are also on the way, given a budget approval. Meetinghouse Hill's Coppens Square is in line to receive a new fountain to replace the one removed in 1951, and upgrades are on tap for Clam Point's Byrne Playground and Fields Corner's Ronan Park.

The proposal additionally calls for reconstruction of Cummins Highway in Mattapan, and the addition of new ramps to the thoroughfare. It would add a bike lane from Columbia Road in Dorchester to Melnea Cass Blvd. in Roxbury, and extend the median on Hyde Park Avenue at Neponset Avenue and Florian Street.

The mayor has zeroed in on some smaller items, too, such as the installation of a bronze sculpture of books at the Mattapan branch library.

Per the bill, the Boston Housing Authority would receive \$1.2 million for violence prevention and public safety staffing, while the police department would add \$582,000 to a program in which Courtesy BPL

social workers in police stations can connect youth with services and support. Overall, the Police Department's budget would increase by \$10 million.

Overall, Wu's operating budget for fiscal year 2024 is put at \$4.28 billion, an increase of \$238 million, or 7 percent over fiscal year 2023, while the capital plan, spanning fiscal year 2024 to 2028 and covering the cost of the new libraries, comes in at \$4.2 billion.

Wu and members of her administration briefed the 13-member City Council on her budget plan last week. The councillors will have another shot at using the enhanced budgetary powers that voters granted them in the 2021 election: They can amend budget line items as long as the total budget amount does not exceed what the mayor proposed.

Last year's process was

a test of that new authority, and the independent Boston Municipal Research Bureau noted that councillors "struggled to make fiscally responsible amendments," and ended up redistributing just \$9.9 million, or roughly 0.6 percent of the appropriations they had the authority to change.

Tania Fernandes Anderson, District 7 councillor for Roxbury and Dorchester, is again helming the Council's Ways and Means Committee. During Wu's briefing on the budget last week, Fernandes Anderson said she is working with the administration to streamline the amendment process.

District 3 Councillor Frank Baker, who represents Dorchester, said he welcomed the increase in staffing levels. "We've had a lot of people leave in the last couple of years," he noted.

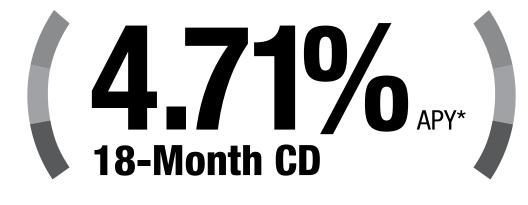
Baker is looking for the budget to include programs to help city workers buy homes. "That'll be part of the discussions I think moving forward. What are we doing for the city worker that's only making 30 or 40 thousand dollars," he said. "How do we get that person into a stable housing situation?"

Advocates of "participatory budgeting," a call for greater public involvement in city budget proceedings, said they wished Wu had set aside more money for that process. Voters in 2021 approved a ballot measure that created an Office of Participatory Budgeting, and Wu's proposed bill sets aside \$2 million for the effort.

The Better Budget Alliance, a coalition that includes the Boston Teachers Union, the Boston Cyclists Union, the Dudley Street Neighborhood Initiative, and the Chinese Progressive Association, said that \$2 million isn't enough. The coalition wants \$40 million, saying the money could pulled from the Boston Police Department's \$10 million increase and "modest reductions from a broad range" of city departments.

"We envision a new budgeting process that invites neighbors into community assemblies to collectively propose and vote on how to spend a meaningful portion of our tax dollars," the coalition said in a statement. "Let's take this opportunity to invest in a more equitable and just Boston, where all Bostonians can have a real impact."

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Aide to Wu is new entrant in at-large city council race

By Gintautas Dumcius Managing Editor

While the City Council was bickering yet again over the redrawing of political boundaries, an aide to Mayor Wu was busy launching his campaign for one of the four at-large slots.

Henry Santana, a Dorchester resident who grew up in public housing in Mission Hill after immigrating from the Dominican Republic, has served as Wu's director of civic organizing since April 2022. In that role, he reported to Brianna Millor, the administration's chief of community engagement, and frequently sat down with civic organizations and community leaders to get a sense of what they're looking for from City Hall.

"I'm a big believer in community process," Santana said.

A Lasell University graduate, he has worked at MFS Investment Management, and served as field director for District 8 Councillor Kenzie Bok's 2019 campaign before becoming her City Hall office's director of operations, and the liaison to the Fenway and Mission Hill after she was elected. He currently lives on Columbia Point.

If elected, he said, he'll be an advocate for



City Hall aide Henry Santana is running for one of the four at-large seats on the City Council. Photo via Santana campaign

working families and low-income people. "I understand the challenges that our residents face. It's time we have a voice on the council for that," he said.

Bok endorsed Santana this week. She noted the COVID-19 pandemic hit in third month of her first term, and Santana immediately knew which families in Mission Hill needed food deliveries. Tobin School teachers reached out to him when their students needed laptops in order to keep

their education going at home.

"I know he would bring that passion and a really strong desire to include people, and get people the services and opportunities they need and deserve in an unmatched way," she said.

Santana will officially leave his Wu administration job at the end of April, and if he gathers enough signatures, he'll join the incumbents, and maybe a few others, on the ballot in this year. Only the nine district

seats and four at-large Council seats go before the voters this year; the next mayor's race is not on the books until 2025.

While Wu is not on the ballot, her policies and proposals, which push for rent control and a "Green New Deal" for the city, may well be. And the mayor herself may be getting involved, publicly or behind the scenes.

Boston mayors tend to have an uneven track record in City Council races. Tom Menino and Marty Walsh, who both won handily citywide, couldn't resist getting involved at the local level. But Menino unsuccessfully backed Frank Baker's rival, John O'Toole, in District 3's 2011 showdown, and Walsh supported a close friend, Stephen Passacantilli, over now state Sen. Lydia Edwards in the District 1 battle in 2017.

Santana has not yet asked for Wu's endorsement in the at-large race. "I do believe in Mayor Wu's vision," he said. "She's been nothing but supportive and really helpful ever since I've started working for her and throughout this process."

Topping the Ticket Sweepstakes

All four of the atlarge incumbents are expected to be running for re-election, and they are probably going to be more focused on topping the ticket rather than fending off challengers in an off-year race. Ticket-toppers get bragging rights and the accompanying chatter of what could be next.

At a Beacon Hill fundraiser for Erin Murphy at the end of January, Baker did the introduction, saying the goal this year is for her to top the ticket. The crowd at Carrie Nation, a restaurant located between the State House and City Hall, included state auditor Diana DiZoglio, Dorchester state Rep. Dan Hunt, former city clerk and District 3 councillor Maureen Feeney, and Mary Tamer, a former City Council candidate from West Roxbury and former School Committee member.

In2021,longtimeCouncillor At-Large Michael Flaherty grabbed the most votes with 62,602; fellow incumbent Julia Mejia was close behind with 62,058. Newcomer Ruthzee Louijeune was next with 54,898, and Murphy made it past the cutoff with 43,076. David Halbert finished fifth, with 42,765. Voters can make up to four choices in the polling booth.

Of course, 2021 also



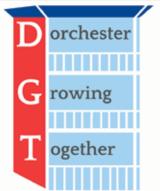
had a mayoral race on the ballot. In 2019, when it was just the City Council, the totals and some of the names were different in the at-large race. That November, then-Councillor Wu was the ticket-topper, with 41,664 votes, and Annissa Essaibi George, her future mayoral rival, came in with 34,109. Flaherty was next with 33,284. Mejia won by just one vote over Alejandra St. Guillen. Murphy was also on the ballot, but fell short, garnering just 16,867 votes.

A key date on the 2023 election calendar came and went this week: April 19 is the first day that candidates can apply for nomination papers. Atlarge candidates must get 1,500 signatures from registered voters, while district candidates need 200.

So two days after the Boston Marathon, incumbents and challengers started their own long-distance run, with miles to go until November.

See DotNews.com for news updates.





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One Boston Day cleanup helped shape up Savin Hill

One Boston Day took over Savin Hill last Friday (April 14) as scores of neighbors and members of the Columbia/Savin Hill Neighborhood Association joined volunteers from John Hancock to spruce up the neighborhood.

Workers focused on the park on Buttonwood Street, Paul's Park on Howell Street, Savin Hill Avenue, and Savin Hill Beach. The event was part of a weekend of service for One Boston Day, which is traditionally held on April 15 to mark the day of the Marathon Bombing in 2013.

In Paul's Park, cleanup coordinator Des Rohan announced that the Carpenter's Union on Dorchester Avenue would be rebuilding a pergola that had to be removed on Friday due to rot and deterioration.



Neighbors paused for a photo in Paul's Park as they wrapped up the cleanup in the Polish Triangle green space. From left, Ron McMenemy, BJ King (with saw), Olga Rudgalve, Des Rohan, Deirdre Gavin, Decio Santos of the Carpenters Union, Jeff Malmin, Prim Mitchell, and Paschal Chukwu.



Savin Hill's Katrina Martin, and Kelly Nguyen (at right), of Dorchester and John Hancock, removed trash bags of debris from the sea grass on Savin Hill Beach. Martin said the grass is a magnet for refuse.



Des Rohan transports a bag of trash and debris from Paul's Park on Friday.



Brendan Levine, of John Hancock, took a break from cleaning up the sea grass at Savin Hill Beach last Friday.



Decio Santos, of the Carpenter's Union North Atlantic States Training Fund, and Des Rohan. The union will be rebuilding a pergola that had to be taken down in Paul's Park. Seth Daniel photos



Virtual Public Meeting

900 Morrissey Blvd.

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Project Description:

TCB 900 Morrissey (the "Proponent"), an affiliate of The Community Builders, Inc. (TCB), in partnership with Pine Street Inn, Inc. (PSI) as a supportive service provider, proposes to renovate the existing hotel at 900 Morrissey Boulevard into a residential building with ground floor commercial office space (the "Project"). The Proposed Project will result in the creation of up to 99 new residential compact studio units with associated amenity spaces and outdoor community spaces for residents. 100% of the units will be affordable to individuals earning less than 30% of the Area Median Income (AMI).

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Comfort Inn conversion will get another public hearing on May 1

By Gintautas Dumcius Managing Editor

The Boston Planning and Development Agency's board plans to hold a public hearing on May 1 on the proposal to convert a Comfort Inn on Morrissey Boulevard into housing for formerly homeless people. The session, which typically is a precursor to a vote, is set for 6 p.m.

Two nonprofits, Pine Street Inn and The Community Builders, are seeking to overhaul the 131-room hostelry at 900 Morrissey Boulevard into studio apartments, complete with kitchenettes and 24-hour, 7-day a week security. Case workers would also be on hand to provide services to the residents.

The number of units has been reduced to 99, down from 104 in an earlier plan, according to a BPDA filing.

The proposal has drawn both support and sharp opposition from residents of the neighborhood. Opponents say they don't want formerly homeless people living near them, while supporters say permanent supportive housing is desperately needed as the city, and the overall region, are grappling with high demand and low supply for housing.

The Comfort Inn sits in an area with a Stop & Shop and the Murphy K-8 School across the boulevard, a Dunkin, Extra Space Storage, and Jiffy Lube.

The proposal was first filed with the BPDA on Nov. 4, and the public comment period closed in January.



A rendering from a presentation shown to community members last November depicts the Comfort Inn as converted into a residential building. Inset: an aerial image shows the position of the Comfort Inn and surrounding properties.

Image courtesy The Community Builders/Pine Street Inn

The first meetings focused on the project were held last August and September. The local community groups – Port Norfolk and Pope's Hill – held their own sessions in October.

Pine Street Innowns or manages 637 units of permanent supportive housing, and both Pine Street and The Community Builders operate apartments in Boston (Dorchester, the South End, Forest Hills) and Brookline. Neither nonprofit

operates buildings within a mile of the 900 Morrissey property.

For placements in permanent supportive housing, residents must pass a criminal background check, sign a lease, and make rent payments, a process that sets it apart from temporary homeless shelters, which do not call for any of those.

Pine Street, where the average age of tenant is 57, with a

monthly income of \$620, says the community benefits of the project include a reduction in Morrissey Boulevard traffic, since hotel customers will no longer be pulling in and out of the Comfort Inn. Other benefits include sidewalk improvements to nearby Conley Street and the creation of local jobs through the hiring of case managers and social workers inside the inn.

 $The \, Comfort \, Inn \, conversion$

is the latest in a series of developments along the Boulevard corridor. Work is ongoing for 219 residential units at No. 780 Morrissey, and in a unanimous vote at its April 11 meeting, the city's Zoning Board of Appeal approved a sister project that calls for 229 residential units to be built after the demolition of the Ramada Inn at 800 Morrissey. The BPDA signed off on that development at the end of 2022.



Mattapan is latest stop on MBTA hunt for worker recruits

(Continued from page 1) Lynn (April 29), and East Boston (May 6).

The new general manager, Phillip Eng, who started his job of MBTA general manager five days earlier, joined the T's hiring team in the parking lot. "There is a career path here, the ability for us to have succession planning to make sure we're mentoring and helping people build here," Eng said.

"Work is work, but it doesn't have to be something that you don't want to do," he added, pointing to the variety of positions that the T has open accountants, human resources professionals, and marketing coaches.

"Whether people have changed their minds or found other jobs, we need to streamline our processes and at the same time, make sure that we're bringing in the right folks to perform these challenging jobs," Eng said.

After potential recruits arrived that Saturday, they were greeted at a check-in desk before members of the hiring team guided them to checkpoints where they filled out applications.

Gil Alzate, the MBTA's director of staff, came up with the idea for "HR on the Go," as the events are called. He said it is designed to get past language and technology barriers for potential applicants.

We're moving away from what we call 'post and pray' to being a proactive recruitment organization reaching out to folks," Alzate said.
"So, we said: 'Let's get in front of our potential applicants and walk them through it.'

Tenyears ago, potential employees might have had an aunt or uncle who worked for the T helping to create word of mouth and a pathway to a government job, according to



The "HR on the Go" event featured a retrofitted bus equipped with computers and MBTA staff inside to help applicants create resumes or apply on site. "It's important for us to be able to get in front of the community," MBTA Director of Hiring, Gil Alzate said. "We want to show that we care where our applications are coming from." Izzy Bryars photo

Alzate. "Now we have to think from an education standpoint beyond what you see: the buses, that's the obvious," he said.

For all that, word-ofmouth within the family helps. Sean Woods is an independent contractor who has driven trucks for 20 years but showed up that day because he's looking to make a change. Woods found out about the event through his father, who had previously worked for the T.

He was open to any jobs available but expressed interest in driving buses, an area where the T faces a shortage of 350 or so

Separately, Rohan Burnett came to the event to apply for a rail repair position after seeing it advertised on the T's website. "You have to get some people in the door to fill the spots," Burnett said. "I'm sure it'll be a process to filter out and I'm sure they won't get everything they need, but it's a start."

The business-backed Massachusetts Taxpay-

along with bus and train ers Foundation issued a report earlier this month, operators. just as Eng was set to assume management con-

trol at the T after years

running the commuter

rail system in New York.

The report noted that

even as the MBTA seeks

to increase personnel

levels by 2,000 people in

its fiscal 2024 budget, it

will likely start the new

year in July with staffing levels 20 to 25 percent

below what's required

to maintain and operate

That means that slow

service is likely to contin-

ue, but initiatives cannot

move forward without

proper staffing levels, nor

can the MBTA resolve

federal safety directives

without sufficient staff.

Critical jobs that face

shortfalls include rail

repairer, bus inspector,

track laborer, engineer,

the system.

"In sum" the report noted, "elected leaders and policymakers may have to rethink MBTA service levels should labor shortages persist while at the same time confronting inadequate operating and capital resources and an aging and rapidly deteriorating infrastructure.'

Alzate knows the T has a long way to go to meet its hiring goal, but he saw this event as "top of the funnel brand awareness" to get people learning about the T. He wants to generate a contact list so that recruiters can directly reach out to individuals when positions open up.

'Folks are applying for jobs, but what they're really doing is giving us their contact information," Alzate said. "And our recruiters after this are going to start marketing, start calling folks."

Eng was optimistic that the new recruitment strategies will bring reliability back to the T for both its workers and its riders. "Obviously, safety is on everyone's mind," he said. "Once we hit those points, people will come back. Whether it's needing time to reflect, to sleep on it, read the paper, read a book, or just maybe listen to music, it is still one of the best ways to go."

Managing Editor Gintautas Dumcius contributed to this report.

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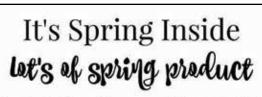
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Introducing The Local Hand Shop + Gallery: A place for local artists to do creative things

By SETH DANIEL **News Editor**

Ashmont Hill resident Michaela Flatley will be living her dream on May 7 when she opens The Local Hand Shop + Gallery in a retail space on the ground floor of the Carruth Building.

A credentialled, accomplished artist, Flatley said she was sick of "working from home every day in her sweatpants" but thought that having her own store was out of reach.

"The concept is something I always dreamed of doing if I won the lottery," she said. "It turns out you can maybe do it without winning the lottery. I saw these vacant spaces at Ashmont, and I talked to neighbors, and they wanted to have a place for gifts and art.

"In my friend circle," she noted, "many of them are buying houses around here and wanted some great artwork for the walls that wasn't from TJ Maxx. There aren't a lot of options if you don't have \$20,000 to spend."

Local Hand will focus on local artists and makers, stocking things like pottery, jewelry, handmade baby clothes, greeting cards, pillows, candles, and soaps. Also, the store will rotate the work of visual artists from the



Michaela Flatley puts up a temporary sign in her Ashmont retail space where she will open The Local Hand Shop + Gallery on May 7.

local community every eight weeks – complete with opening and closing

Flatley said the store will have a range of pric-

es, from small things for \$5 to something "very nice" for Mother's Day. "There is no shortage of people creating here and

doing amazing things,

but there's just a shortage of places to show it," she said.

After the opening, she said, she will have space blocked off for on-site workshops and begin offering classes from local crafters and makers.

Flatley grew up in Boston and has owned a graphic design business for six years. She earned a Master of Fine Arts in painting while living in Baltimore. In 2020, she and her husband returned and settled on Welles Avenue, where, she said, they knew it was where they would put down roots.

"We very much felt this would be our forever neighborhood; we are in it for the long-term with Dorchester," she said.

She hopes to empower friends, neighbors and other creators from Greater Boston and Massachusetts to have a place to sell their things. She also wants neighbors to be able to get unique items and gifts without having to go online or drive outside of Dorchester. Part of her desire is to get local creators in front of local customers.

"People want to buy things that aren't on Amazon," she said. "I do, but I feel I spend so much time and energy trying to avoid Amazon. If a friend has a birthday, I either have to order something online or go to another neighborhood...A lot of these things may be made

The Local Hand Shop + Gallery will open in the

Carruth Building on May 7. Dorchester resident Michaela Flatley, a painter and graphic designer, wants to put the work of local creators in front of local customers in a wide range of price points. Seth Daniel photos

neighborhood.

"Some things will be made by people on my own block," she added. "Other artists might come from other neighborhoods or from places $like\,Waltham.\,But\,I\,can't$ imagine buying goods from a vendor in California that doesn't know what this neighborhood is like."

Flatley said she already has 14 vendors lined up, and more than 50 percent are people of color - with a focus on recruiting a diverse group of makers that reflects the neigh-

by people you know in the borhood. While she likes making spreadsheets and enjoys numbers, she notes that the best part so far has been interacting with the vendors. She said it has been uplifting to make purchases or offer the space for shows.

"Telling them I have a place to show work or that I want to buy 20 pieces of pottery from them - that's a part that makes me feel so good as an artist myself, and a new business owner, because I know how those emails and calls feel like," Flatley said.

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Virtual Public Meeting

PLAN: Mattapan Final Plan Overview & Discussion

April 26, 2023

6:00 PM - 7:30 PM

Zoom Link: bit.ly/Mattapan0426 Toll Free: (833) 568 - 8864

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Project Description:

Please join the BPDA planning team at a public meeting for an overview of the final draft plan for adoption of PLAN: Mattapan. During this meeting, BPDA staff will provide a walk through of the final plan document and discuss next steps. The final draft plan for adoption is now available on the BPDA website, bit.ly/PLANMattapan. We invite you to review it prior to this final meeting.

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Epiphany School hosts Presiding **Episcopal Bishop** Michael Curry

Dorchester's Epiphany School welcomed Bishop Michael Curry, the Presiding Bishop of the Episcopal Church USA and the first African American leader of the church, to its campus on April 14.

Bishop Curry, along with the Rt. Rev. Alan Gates (Bishop of Massachusetts), Rev. Canon Stephanie Spellers, and Sharon Jones, engaged with the middle school students during an afternoon Eucharist.

He also toured the middle school and Early Learning Center and met with several of Epiphany's graduates in the school's greenhouse.

From left, Rev. Canon Stephanie Spellers, Elias, Bishop Michael Curry, Rev. John Finley, Leo, Genesis, Isabella, Jonathan, Zackia, and Ilah.

Photo courtesy Epiphany School



Mattapan's Vickey Siggers was honored at the State House last week as part of the Massachusetts Black and Latino Legislative Caucus's Black Excellence on the Hill event. Siggers is a founder of the Mattapan Food and Fitness Coalition and the Market Manager for the Mattapan Farmer's Market - as well as being very active in every facet of the community. She was nominated by state Rep. Brandy Fluker Oakley for her years of dedication to Mattapan.

Photo courtesy state Rep. Fluker Oakley

JoAnna Rorie cited for midwiferv work

Dr. JoAnna Rorie, a clinical associate professor of obstetrics & gynecology at Boston Univer-



Dr. JoAnna Rorie

sity, has been selected to receive the Dorthea Lang Pioneer Award, the most prestigious midwifery award by the American College of Nurse Midwives (ACNM).

Rorie, who lives in Uphams Corner, was also selected by the Boston Celtics to receive their Hero Among Us Award. A tireless member of the midwifery service at Boston Medical Center, she can be found on rounds, checking in on new mothers in the hours following birth, educating medical students and residents and traveling into the community on the Curbside Care for Moms and Babies mobile unit which provides comprehensive mother-infant dyadic care during the first six weeks of life.

Currently she serves as an advisor to the Neighborhood Birth Center, a stand-alone facility set to open in 2024 in Roxbury.



Dancers from the Jeremiah Burke School in Dorchester performed for educators, nonprofit partners, civic leaders, and supporters of public education at EdVestors' 20th Annual Education Showcase at District Hall in Boston earlier this month. EdVestors, a nonprofit school improvement organization, hosts the annual showcase to provide opportunities to discuss creative, on-the-ground solutions happening in schools, and explore key issues in education. Massachusetts Secretary of Education Patrick Tutwiler and BPS Supt. Mary Skipper spoke of their plans to improve public education in Massachusetts and in the capital city. Photo courtesy of EdVestors

YESTERYEAR ARCHIVE

DORCHESTER HISTORICAL SOCIETY Charles H. Haines, Jr., World War I Army aviator

Charles H. Haines, Jr., was born in Dorchester on Feb. 14, 1888, to Charles H. Haines and his wife, Florence, who were married the year before. Charles Sr. had moved to a newly built house at 16 Warner St. in 1886. Charles Jr. attended the Oliver Wendell Holmes School and Dorchester High School before, the 1910 US Census notes, he entered the workforce as a salesman in a lace store. In 1917, he was living at home and had a job as a traveling salesman for Shoninger Bros., New York, NY.

When he registered for the draft for World War I on June 5, 1917, he was described as "slender, 5 feet 9 inches tall, with black hair



LIEUT CHARLES H. HAINES

Today's illustration is from the Aug. 3, 1918, edition of *The* Dorchester Beacon newspaper.

and hazel eyes." He enlisted in the aviation section of the Signal Corps at the outbreak of the war and got his general training at Princeton University before moving on to Texas, where he received his commission.

Amember of the 1st Provisional Wing of the Army Aero Corps, Charles died in Hempstead, NY, in July 1918, when the "giant Haviland battle plane" he weas piloting fell to the ground.

The archive of these historical posts can be viewed on the blog at dorchesterhistoricalsociety.org. The Society's historic houses are closed at this time for building repairs.

<u>Editorial</u>

Treason story rattles an old Air Force man

The news last week that a 21-year-old man from southeastern Massachusetts has been charged with giving away top-secret US military documents is unsettling. The accused, a member of our own Massachusetts Air National Guard, was stationed with the 102nd Intelligence Wing based at what used to be called Otis Air Force Base in Falmouth on Cape Cod.

As a young man, I, too, was a member of that Air National Guard squadron – the 102nd Tactical Fighter Wing, which has a changed mission some half a century later. Hearing of my old unit being the source of a major security breach was chilling to me and others who have proudly served in the unit.

The stories brought back some memories of my life in the Air Force's ANG beginning in the fall of 1966 when the war in Vietnam was on and growing fast.

I was sworn into the Air Force in December 1966, underwent basic training in San Antonio, and took 30 weeks of schooling in aircraft electronics – "avionics" – at Keesler AFB in Biloxi, Mississippi. Then I returned home to the 102nd at Otis.

After seven months of training, I was expected to know how to diagnose and repair problems with the navigation and radio equipment of jet aircraft. It was as if someone had given me the keys to the fighter planes parked on the tarmac at Otis AFB. The pilots would go airborne each day, and this Airman First Class would climb into the cockpit and transmit a radio check.

"Tower, this is ANG 304- How Copy? Over."

If all was okay, I'd release the aircraft; if a problem was spotted, I'd climb on the fuselage, unscrew about 60 dzus fasteners, uncouple, remove, and replace the black boxes with ones that worked, and remember to put the fuselage cover back on. Then, I'd turn the aircraft back over to the pilot.

Just a year earlier, I was trying to understand Chaucer and metaphysical poets. Now, as an enlisted Top Gun guy was about to go airborne, his successful mission was based entirely on my assurance that the radio and the NAVAIDs all worked.

The 102nd has a century-long and glorious history in serving our country. It was founded in 1921 on tidal flats at Jeffrey's Point in East Boston, the site that later become Logan Airport. The unit grew and served in WWII with the 9th Air Force in France, then came home and settled back at Logan.

Reactivated as the 102nd National Guard unit in 1946, the squadron was called to active duty again during the Korean conflict. In 1961, when the Berlin Wall was built, 102nd airmen were sent for a year in France to provide air support for NATO's US 7th army.

In 1968, the unit – then called the 102nd Tactical Fighter Wing – left Logan for good to settle in at Otis AFB, flying fighter aircraft, including F-84 and F-100 supersabres.

In 1972, it changed to the 102nd Air Force Defense Wing and transitioned to Mach 2 aircraft, the F-106 Delta Darts, with round-the-clock patrols over the East Coast that occasionally intercepted Soviet planes off Long Island. On Sept. 11, 2001, it was 102nd planes that chased after the terrorists who attacked the World Trade Center.

Combat aircraft patrol missions continued until 2008, when the fighter wing became an Intelligence Wing. It was this incarnation of the Air National Guard's 102nd that broke into the headlines last week, when this young guy was revealed to be the source of the colossal leak in military secrets.

His case is a reminder that there have been generations of young men and women who have gone through brief periods of military training, and then were trusted to act with honor, valor, and great maturity. In this instance, apparently, a 21-year-old broke a sacred trust, one that we must be able to count on to keep our nation safe.

- Ed Forry

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Goodbye, oil tanks; hello, heat pumps

By Meg Campbell Special to the Reporter

When I purchased my three-decker on Jones Hill in 1984, I didn't give much thought to the fact that it wasn't insulated or had knob and tube wiring. Built in 1916 on a classic granite foundation, it has served me and my family well, providing rental income from two units and a family home in the third.

But times change, and the nagging guilt that I was contributing to global warming prompted me to call Olympic skater Nancy Kerrigan at Revise, the state's energy program for an in-home audit in October 2021.

A Revise representative came out and determined that I needed to install an air return, upgrade to 220 amps, and eliminate all knob and tube wiring before Revise would work with me on the insulation and heat pumps. The entire transition off oil was completed eighteen months later, in April 2023.

Now my three-decker is insulated, has no knob and tube wiring, is upgraded electrical to 220 amps, has multiple Fujitsu ductless heat pumps on floors two and three and a ducted Fujitsu heat pump for the first floor. My three oil tanks and furnaces have been removed. Original three-deckers like mine are challenging to retrofit without gutting. But it is possible, and it is worth it. I believe the state could, and should, make the process of conversion easier.

I have never had air conditioning, preferring ceiling fans and open windows. But on my third floor one night last summer with the ceiling fan churning away, it was 92 at 9 p.m. That discomfort strengthened my resolve to finish the job that had already been underway nine months. The hidden benefit with heat pumps is that they function as air conditioners, too.

There were detours and false starts partly because my building never had an air return installed in the basement. After inviting four heat pump companies to provide a solution to the lack of an air return — each different and with widely varying price tags and code compliance issues — I chose DiPietro Plumbing because they made a compelling case for removing all three of my oil tanks and furnaces, thereby eliminating the need for an air return. Not installing one into the stairwell, which was of dubious code compliance, saved me \$8,000.

DiPietro has a strong track record working with Revise, which has separate departments for energy audits, heat pumps, and insulation. DiPietro's Domenic Carito, in particular, became my ally, advocate, coach, and contact for organizing what turned out to be a complicated job. We were on speed dial with each other. He's a patient teacher, because I was new to the subject of heat pump models, design for my apartments' layouts, and things like that.

Then I hit another problem. Revise cannot authorize a Mass Save loan or rebates to install heat pumps unless the building is already insulated and has an air return for the existing oil furnaces. Dom helped broker a creative work around that required cooperation, precise timing, and ingenuity in terms of sequencing the heat pump and insulation work. Let's just say we got them installed pretty much simultaneously but only because I was working through Revise for

both jobs and had Dom as my advocate. Insulation was installed at no cost.

A third challenge was that one of my units is Section 8. Mass Save rebates and the zero interest loans don't apply to Section 8 housing. Instead, a circuitous route of separate meetings, inspections, and paperwork were required. Fortunately, Ed McDonough, the lead inspector at ABCD, oversaw my case and sped the process forward with the cooperation of my tenants, while his agency covered the cost on the condition that I not increase rent for two years.

For my other two units (five ductless heat pumps for \$23,500 and one ducted heat pump system for \$28,000), I was eligible for the \$25,000 Mass Save seven year, no interest loan. I look forward to receiving \$20,000 in rebates. I know that will take time. There's a backlog of requests.

Transitioning my three-decker off oil took more time, money, research, and persistence than I had imagined it would, but it also required keeping an open mind. I thought heat pumps would look hideous in my living space. Now I barely notice them.

I had recently painted my house a russet color and I thought the white pipe lines on the outside would be an eyesore. Again, I barely see them. What if it got too cold for the heat pumps to work? I read so many articles and talked to so many people who had preceded me that I was willing to take that risk. I bought several electric space heaters in case I'd ever need them

I am retired and organized, and all of this still took 18 months. The pandemic made it harder, too, because getting my gifted electrician Peg Preble to squeeze me into her busy schedule to replace all the knob and tube wiring was a challenge, so we took that part of the project in stages.

If our Commonwealth is serious about getting thousands of homes off oil, we need to streamline the process and provide the equivalent of case managers to work with residents. I am fortunate to be able to float the \$20,000 for my anticipated rebate, but many people who need heat pumps do not have that cash.

people who need heat pumps do not have that cash. Yet it is a vicious cycle. You must pay in advance and then apply for your rebate. The expensive electrical upgrade was a separate, more complicated job performed by a specialty electric firm. If my hoped-for case manager had told me to wait until Jan. 1, 2023, instead of scheduling it for December 15, 2022, I would have been eligible for a 2023 special rebate for that. The state is never going to reach its ambitious climate change goals without revamping how residential properties get off oil.

My next frontier is exploring solar, where again I am in a surreal loop. Until my heat pumps have been generating months of electric bills, not one of the four companies I have spoken with is willing to estimate what kind of solar array might be best for my flat roof at the top of a hill. My pre-heat pump electric bills are deemed too low to warrant solar energy.

In my dream green world, my case manager would work with me to come up with the best solar solution, independent of the sales pitches of each company. But for now, good luck!

It's time to pay your taxes: That means the Pentagon has its hand in your pocket

By JEFF KLEIN SPECIAL TO THE REPORTER

Nobody likes to pay taxes, but at least we can take some consolation for tax dollars that make our lives better. I mean money for education, healthcare, housing, transportation. But few of us probably realize that most of our income tax dollars go to one place: the Pentagon. In 2023 the US military budget, at \$816 billion, takes up more than half of our Congressionally appropriated discretionary dollars. Pentagon spending will be even higher for 2024 at \$842 billion or more. And when military spending in other US agencies is added, like nuclear weapons funded under the Energy Department, the total will approach \$1 trillion. Does all this money make Americans safer or improve our quality of life? It's hard to argue that it does. The US spends more on its military than the next dozen or so nations combined, and many of them are our allies, not adversaries. There is very little real oversight of Pentagon spending, and the military has repeatedly failed to pass even the most minimal fiscal audits.

We maintain 750 or so foreign military bases in over 100 countries. How does that really defend the US? In the Middle East, after decades of failed, costly, and pointless wars, the US still has a military presence in almost every corner of that region. We will be paying the costs of many trillions wasted on wars in Iraq and Afghanistan for generations to come.

Though it is a small amount compared to the Pentagon budget, the US also spends many billions in foreign military aid, most of it in the Middle East. The largest US military aid recipients are Israel, Egypt, and

Jordan, none of them recognizable as full democracies.

Egypt is a military dictatorship, Jordan a monarchy, and Israel maintains a military occupation over millions of Palestinians who have no vote for the government that rules them. Egypt and Jordan are poor nations who could use humanitarian aid for their impoverished people — but they can't eat tanks and missiles. Israel, on the other hand, is a rich country with a per capita GDP higher than most European nations.

Is there any reason why US taxpayers should subsidize Israel's military spending to the tune of almost \$5 billion, as we did last year? (The US also unwisely sells billions of dollars' worth of military hardware to unsavory and dictatorial regimes in the Middle East and beyond.) There are some sensible voices in Washington questioning bloated military spending, but too few. The "People Over Pentagon Act" (HR 1134) would reduce military spending by about 10 percent. That money could pay for powering every household in the United States with solar energy; hiring one million elementary school teachers; giving free tuition for 2 out of 3 public college students in the US; investing massively to repair our decaying infrastructure and public transportation systems; or covering medical care for 7 million veterans.

So far from Massachusetts, only Reps Ayanna Pressley and Jim McGovern are among the co-sponsors of this commonsense measure. Where are the rest of our representatives and our two senators?

Jeff Klein, a longtime Dorchester resident, is a retired local union president who is active with Dorchester People for Peace and Massachusetts Peace Action.

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State officials to Dot residents on I-93 trash: We'll give you bags; you do the cleaning up

By BILL WALCZAK REPORTER COLUMNIST

New Englanders wait longer than most other Americans for flowers to bloom and the trees to bud in the spring, and maybe the wait makes that blooming much more glorious when it happens. People I know who have moved south in retirement often talk about how much they miss springtime in New England.

Even more visible this time of year in Dorchester is the trash that has accumulated along the Southeast Expressway as it cuts through our neighborhoods. It is viewable not only because the invasive brush along the highway has not yet grown over the trash, but also due to the lack of trees along our stretch of the Expressway.

Over the last three years, I have written about the Massachusetts Department of Transportation (DOT) and the state's highway department's negligence in maintaining its property in Dorchester. It seems that the DOT's only concern is getting cars back and forth, which must be depressing, as we seem to have endless traffic jams that are exacerbated by a completely inept public transit system.

There must be a better way. Though planting evergreen trees would both improve the view and mitigate harmful air pollutants, let's start with trash.

Assuming that in the nearly 70 years the Expressway has existed there must be a management plan for maintenance of the highway, this year, instead of complaining, my annual letter to Kristen Pennucci, Communications Director for Mass DOT, asked for the schedule for when each section of the highway would get its spring cleaning.

I also asked if there was a schedule for removing graffiti, and I offered to take a ride with her so that

Little Miss, Young Miss Dorchester

she could explain what the DOT considers appropriate maintenance of their land.

Her response: "MassDOT appreciates that most drivers are courteous and do not litter; however, trash cleanup is a year-round activity for crews who patrol state roads. The volume of litter may astound many members of the public. For example, in general, MassDOT maintenance staff picks up on average about 350-400 tons of trash/litter per year across the state, enough to fill Fenway Park's playing surface 3 [feet] high

"MassDOT crews have many challenges in picking up trash, such as on I-93 between Boston and Quincy where traffic volume is high, the High Occupancy Vehicle Lane is deployed, and the shoulders of the Southeast Expressway are narrow. MassDOT urges all travelers to be considerate and keep trash inside vehicles into [sic] they arrive at their destinations and can dispose of it properly.

"Anyone observing littering is encouraged to notify law enforcement officers. MassDOT will also be happy to work with our colleagues in the city to donate bags to you if you want to organize a cleanup day."

So, when suburbanites who get stuck in unending traffic jams throw their trash out the window and it lodges on the visible embankments of Dorchester, it's problematic for the DOT to clean up, and we should organize volunteers to do the job ourselves?

My response: "It's hard to believe that, with arguably the part of the highway system with the greatest amount of trash, you wouldn't have a schedule for trash removal. And it really is astonishing that you would expect residents of Dorchester to remove trash thrown by cars passing through Dorchester onto highway department land."

Refuse marks the scene on this slope off I-93. $Bill\ Walczak\ photo$

Somehow, I can't picture Newton residents organizing a cleanup for Route 128.

Massachusetts is one of the wealthiest states in America. We cut taxes by \$654 million this year, which will increase to \$1.1 billion dollars a year in 2025 and beyond (did we just eliminate the millionaires' tax benefit?) because we apparently do not need these dollars to maintain our state transportation system.

It's embarrassing that our highways are messy and graffiti filled, our public transit a disaster. It's time to bump this problem up the ladder. Gov. Maura Healy recently hired former Boston Transportation Commissioner Gina Fiandaca to be her secretary of Transportation. Ms. Fiandaca should certainly be sympathetic, and might even be interested in ensuring, that residents in high volume traffic areas like Dorchester are treated well.

Perhaps she could take a tour with residents of Dorchester so that we could all understand what the DOT sees as its responsibility toward the communities its highways traverse. I'll be sending an invitation.

contests to be held on Sat., May 13 Organizer Essaibi George takes up a question or two

By BILL FORRY
EXECUTIVE EDITOR
nual Little Miss Dorchester

The annual Little Miss Dorchester and Young Miss Dorchester contests will be held on Sat., May 13 at First Parish Dorchester on Meetinghouse Hill. The competitions are open to girls ages 7-9 and 10-12, respectively. The winners and all contestants are invited to participate in the Dorchester Day Parade on June 4.

Contestants must complete an application and write a brief Dorchester-themed essay that they will be asked to read or recite at the contest, which is open to Dorchester residents only. Applicants can find the form at dotdayarade.org.

Last week, the *Reporter* talked with longtime contest organizer Annissa Essaibi George, a former Boston city councillor and mayoral candidate, about the contest, which she says is "more in the spirit of a celebration of Dorchester."

Q. How did you begin your affiliation with the

A. I got involved when my sister Sonya became Little Miss Dorchester. I was probably 19 years old and my mother would be like, oh, come to the meatloaf supper. And I was like, all right, I guess I'll go.

[The late] Joe Chaisson was involved back in the day and so I remember talking to him at one of the events. He goes, 'You should come to the Dorchester Day Celebrations Committee meeting.' Joe Chaisson sort of sucked me into all of these things.

And people would just assume, 'oh, you must have been Little Miss Dorchester.' I did run for Little Miss Dorchester as a little kid myself, probably seven, eight years old, whatever I was. But, no, that crown has eluded me my entire life [laughs]. But my sister was, and, because of that, it drew me into some of these wonderful celebrations that continue all of these years later.

Q. You ask the current Little Miss or Young Miss Dorchester to do the "q-and-a" with the young people?

A. That to me is exciting to sit back and sort of watch the contest, that really is in the end a celebration of Dorchester. And although we do pick one Little Miss and a Young Miss, we do invite all of the girls to participate. It truly is a celebration of our community and recognizing strong essay writers, recognizing strong presentation and public speaking skills.

As someone who has spoken publicly a lot over the course of my career, I never thought about doing it at seven or eight years old. These girls accomplished things that I never did at that young age. So, I'm impressed by that and impressed by them.

And because the essay is about, in essence what is special about Dorchester, their answers are both very



Little Miss Dorchester 2019 Jha'Niyla Tinker and 2019 Young Miss Dorchester Angie McGrath are shown with Annissa Essaibi George.

Photo courtesy Annissa Essaibi George

personal. The relationship with a grandparent or an aunt or a neighbor, or about an experience playing soccer at Pope John Paul, going for a walk, having an ice cream, knitting at the Stitch House. Those are all fantastic moments in a young person's life. And to give an opportunity for them to share that for a moment in time is pretty cool.

Q. What's your pitch to both the kids and the parents who may not be familiar with the contest and might want to consider doing it this year?

A. If you are making Dorchester your home and a part of your life, this is just another thing in which to engage. It is not a beauty contest, although every girl who participates is very much beautiful. It is really a celebration of our community and the best that we have to showcase as a neighborhood.

Little Miss Dorchester also receives a sash and a crown and a trophy. But they also get a cape that they're given for a year. We've retired a couple of capes over the years. Their names gets embroidered on the inside. I have looked at the old cape in the year I didn't win, but that's at the Historical Society now, on beautiful display.

And you get to ride in the parade, usually in a convertible! And that's pretty cool.

Letter to the Editor

Time for Carney to reinvest in our community

To the Editor:

The Reporter published an editorial on March 23 about the current day Carney Hospital owned by Steward Health Care, a for-profit entity. It made me think of days gone by when the Daughters of Charity owned and ran the hospital.

In early 1970, I joined a group of neighbors from Port Norfolk and the Neponset sections of Dorchester who were gathering to discuss the health care needs of our community. The day had passed when doctors lived and worked in the neighborhoods of Boston and this had contributed to lack of primary care in Neponset, all of Dorchester, and the city. Residents sought care elsewhere, mostly traveling via the T as families often had just one car.

In the early 1970s, the Carney's Department of Ambulatory Care, which included innovative thinkers like Sister Kathleen Natwin, DC, Dr. John Coldiron, and Dr. Bob Younes, worked with our community to create plans that supported the development of the Neponset Health Center.

Carney also supported the start-up of Mattapan Community Health Center, Codman Square Health Center, Little House Health Center, and Bowdoin Street Health Center. Yes, five community health centers!

Our members knew about the first community health, the former Columbia Point Health Center, and hoped to start one in Neponset.

It's hard to imagine what Dorchester's health care system would be without these important health resources. The Carney Hospital responded in a big way during the pandemic. It is time for Steward health care to stand up for Carney and to reinvest in our community.

Jean Hunt Dorchester

Residents lobby for pause in razing of Port Norfolk building

(Continued from page 1)

would be quite expensive, but we do not believe that all alternative methods of funding for renovation and preserving the building have been explored," John Lyons, president of the Port Norfolk Civic Association, wrote in an April 14 letter to state officials.

After state Rep. Dan Hunt and District 3 Councillor Frank Baker added their support for a pause, a DCR spokesperson on Tuesday said the proposal is now on hold as the agency seeks more community input and a new commissioner, outgoing Revere Mayor Brian Arrigo, arrives.

In his letter, Port Norfolk's Lyons noted that it is the last standing building of a company that received lumber via schooners and that DCR has a historical panel located across the street at Joseph Finnegan Park laying out its history.

The company's lumber built much of Dorchester and South Boston, he added, and the building, which was erected before the Civil War, represents the industrial and maritime history of the Port Norfolk neighborhood, which once served as the city's secondary port.

Michael Manning, chair of the Friends of the Boston Harborwalk and an engineer, sent his own letter to Arrigo, expressing his dismay over any demolition.

The Stearns yard once spanned 40 acres and 14 buildings. "Over a hundred-plus years, Port Norfolk hosted



A birds-eye view of 98 Taylor Street and its surroundings.

DCR image

manufacturing firms that produced nails for both horseshoes and building construction (Putnam Nail Company), sailing boats and warships (George P. Lawley and Son), and lumber products (A.T. Stearns Lumber Company)," he wrote, noting that "there were many other firms but these three are the most notable."

Earl Taylor, president of the Dorchester Historical Society, said his group considers the building to be an "important part" of Dorchester's heritage, "both in its architectural style and as a reminder of our commercial and social history. We strongly urge that the building not be demolished but be saved and adapted to a new use."

Department of Conservation and Recreation officials on March 23 submitted a notice of intent to demolish the building to the Boston Conservation Commission. The takedown notice was on the agenda for the Conservation Commission meeting this week, but was withdrawn ahead of the meeting.

The site, which also goes by

the address 113-115 Walnut Street, is used by DCR maintenance staff as a yard for vehicle and equipment storage.

DCR tapped infrastructure consulting firm AECOM to write the notice of intent, which said the building is "deteriorating" and laid out plans to backfill the area, after the building is demolished, with crushed stone to match the rest of the storage yard.

The notice referenced studies that found "extensive" issues with the brick exterior, bowing of walls, and water damage inside. Repairing and rehabilitation would cost over \$1 million, according to AECOM.

"Mold growth inside the building has reached hazardous levels, and the condition of interior finishes has worsened," said the notice, filed with the Conservation Commission

"In recent months, despite its location in a fenced yard with secured window and door openings, the building has become an attractive target for break-ins by homeless populations."

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An early rendering of the proposed design of the Civico/DREAM Collaborative building at 555-559 Columbia Rd.

City picks developer for key location in Uphams Corner

By Seth Daniel News Editor

The Boston Planning and Development Agency (BPDA) board last Thursday awarded a tentative designation to a team that plans to redevelop the former Bank of America property at 555-559 Columbia Rd. in Uphams Corner.

The vote followed a ten-month competitive process that resulted in a recommendation from city officials and community leaders to award the city-owned property to Civico Development and DREAM Collaborative.

Civico-DREAM is proposing 33 units of affordable homeownership units (70 to 100 percent of AMI) in a development that will preserve the façade of the old bank building, provide parking, and deliver the shell of what will be a new Uphams Corner Branch Library.

The team beat out a proposal by Caritas-NHP Foundation that focused on 72 affordable rental units at a variety of price points and amenities like artist-in-residence space, entrepreneur residences, a café, innovation lab, and maker space studios.

The library shell was included as well, but there was no parking provided in that proposal.

Taylor Bearden, of Civico, said the team is "very enthusiastic" and ready to do real work now that they have authority via the designation. To be able to work through the tentative designation with the BPDA and the broader community "is an exciting opportunity," said Bearden. "This is where we step up our engagement," he added. "I see the tentative designation as step one...The engagement done during the RFP is in service of what happens now. I'm excited to now have the leeway to engage with stakeholders the way we talked about doing.'

The recommendation memo to the BPDA board indicated that after several meetings online, and one in person, the last discussion being this past January, city officials, and the Working Advisory Group (WAG) for Uphams Corner preferred the Civico plan.

"The overall design of the building would preserve and respect the historic fabric of Columbia Road in Upham's Corner," the memo noted. "The five-story height provides a contextual and coherent elevation design. The open space along the corner of Cushing Avenue and Columbia Road can be enjoyed by residents, patrons of the library, and the general public. The proposal also intends on preserving the existing building façade and murals currently on the site."

Several city officials, elected officials, and agencies were asked by the *Reporter* for comment on the decision, but none had responded by press time.

Bearden said Civico, which is based in Worcester and does most of its developing outside of Boston, was initially drawn to the project by the idea of locating housing and amenities above a branch library. While that novel notion sometimes got lost in the many meetings about the property, Bearden said his team remains dazzled by the prospects of having a public amenity inside the development.

"I think the library... is a unique opportunity as a developer to participate in a process that will be part of bringing a library to the community," he said. "The library is a space in the community where they truly welcome all at no cost...We don't often get to participate in the construction of public space. I am thrilled with that...To play even a minor role in a truly public space for young and old is exciting."

The project's expected cost is \$22.8 million, and Civico has proposed to pay the BPDA \$38,400 annually in long-term lease payments. While an appraisal last year valued the project at \$3 per square foot, Civico's proposed payments figure out to be \$0.68 per square foot.

The tentative part of the designation requires that several developer milestones be completed by Jan. 31, 2024 – though it is common for the BPDA board to extend the designation if the developer is making progress toward a list of requirements that includes evidence of obtaining financing, a BPDA Design

Review, completion of the BPDA Article 80 process, building permits, and the negotiation of a ground lease with the BPDA.

Bearden said the team is ready to engage with the community in a detailed dialogue about its proposal. "I'd like to make it known we value these upcoming conversations," he said.



Greg Minott of DREAM Collaborative talked about his company's role in the project during January's in-person meeting.



Civico's Taylor Bearden at an in-person meeting in January.



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Fields Corner native tells of volunteer stint in a wartime kitchen in Ukraine

By Izzy Bryars SPECIAL TO THE REPORTER

Fields Corner native Julio Salado earlier this month spent a week in Lviv, a war-damaged city in western Ukraine, working alongside other volunteers inside a kitchen preparing meals for Ukrainian soldiers fighting on the frontlines against Russian invaders.

A personal trainer, health equity advocate, and founder of Fitness Foundry in Malden, where he now lives, Salado made a similar volunteer trip to Poland last year, an experience that motivated him to reach out via Twitter to Lviv Volunteer Kitchen, where he connected with a British-Ukrainian volunteer through Facebook.

Salado has used his career to give back to the community that, he says, helped him out of a dark period when, as a young adult, he experienced homelessness and clinical depression.

"I knew that I liked the humanity that people have and that people were good," Salado said in an interview. "Ever since, I've always tried to pay it forward, and be part of the community.'

With a fitness and medical background - Salado is a certified emergency medical technician (EMT) – he said he saw the volunteer opportunities as a way to pay it forward beyond his Boston community.

"The catalyst for me was that I have the health and I have something within me," he said. "I just had something that said: 'I can go there.'"

That's how he found his way to Ukraine. "There is no, 'Take this train and here's some money," Salado said. "It's like 'When, if, you get to Lviv, direct message me and I will tell you where it is and what you have to do."

After an 11-hour flight to Rzeszow, Poland, and met ended up giving me

another 11 hours on the ground, Salado arrived in Lviv. An early riser, he woke up on his second day ready to work but not before getting a coffee at a McDonald's. "There is no Dunkin Donuts and I have a reputation of always having an iced coffee," he said.

By 8 a.m., he was at Lviv Volunteer Kitchen looking over the vegetables he'd be dealing with: potatoes, carrots, and beets. "They have a system," Salado said. "We peel them, and then they process them. We clean them by hand, then shred them, dehydrate them, then make them as ready-made meals."

After returning to Boston last Friday, he talked about meeting a wide range of people, working not only with young adults but also with a large group of volunteers aged 60 to 80.

"I felt like I was like part of a family," he said. "The first person I

a handmade keychain."

He also mentioned the boarded-up windows and sandbag-covered streets of Lviv that he walked by en route to and from the kitchen every day. "It dawned on me that they were in case of bombing," he said. "It's all a reminder that it's a country at war."

Salado documented his trip on social media to provide information about the war and spark interest in future volunteers. "I hope from me going there physically and doing the journaling," he said, "it's going to provide continuous support not just to Lviv Volunteer Kitchen, but to other organizations that are providing relief efforts.

"I know it's hard to think about, but it's a genocide, it's a real war," he said. "If [people] are reading and sharing that information, they're part of the common good and that's one way to counter the misinformation

Julio Salado, who traveled to Lviv, Ukraine to prepare food for frontline soldiers, posed for a photo with a fellow volunteer at Lviv Volunteer Kitchen. Photo by Julio Salado

that's out there."

In the face of the grim reality that he witnessed, Salado said that it was the people he met who made clear to him why he went. 'The Ukrainian people are resilient, we know that," he said. "But don't confuse resilience with not needing help. They are resilient because they have no option."

For more information about supporting Lviv Volunteer Kitchen, visit @frontlinekit on Twitter or search their Facebook group. To learn more about Salado's trip to Lviv, visit www.fitnessfoundry.net/blog or follow @fitnessfoundry on Twitter.

Two Dunkin' stores in Dot are under renovation; the one on Morrissey Blvd. will open on Wednesday

A couple of Dunkin Donuts stores in Dorchester are getting substantial facelifts this month as the franchise owner seeks to modernize and improve his stores in the neighborhood.

Clayton Turnbull, CEO of Dorchester-based Waldwin Group, said his company acquired several existing Dunkin' locations in 2021, including the stores at 875 Morrissey Blvd. and 1931 Dorchester Ave., both of which have been closed in recent weeks.

The Morrissey location was set to re-open on Wednesday this week, according to Turnbull. The



The Dunkin' Donuts store at 875 Morrissey Blvd. was set to re-open this week after it was temporarily closed for renovations earlier this month.

Bill Forry photo

Dot Ave. store across from Ashmont station will remain shut until the end of May. That store needed considerably more work to bring it up to the brand's standards, Turn-bull said, adding, "We are investing heavily in all of these locations." He noted that a renovation project was completed at another Dunkin' he owns in Lower Mills last winter.

Turnbull also owns the coffee and donut store on Dorchester Avenue near Freeport Street. Other franchise locations managed by the Waldwin Group include stores in Grove Hall and Morton Street in Mattapan.

– BILĹ FORRY

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Final stretch for MR8 marathon team

On Monday, several childhood friends of the late Martin Richard as well as former teachers and dedicated runners for the organization crossed the finish line for what will be the last BAA Boston Marathon for Team MR8, the squad of runners representing the foundation named for Martin.

This year's team fielded 66 runners, including 12 who were childhood friends running for the first time after they became age eligible. They were led by Martin's brother, Henry Richard, running his second Boston race.

The friends received a fair amount of the spotlight locally and nationally

for their tribute to their friend, who dreamed of running the race when he was young. All of them said that since he couldn't run, they had decided to run for him. They were greeted at the finish line by Martin's mom Denise and his sister, Jane. Martin's dad, Bill, ran for party of the race as well, but was

sidelined mid-run by illness.

Therunning team will continue running in their own event in Allston – a five-mile race in December that begins and ends at Boston Landing.

Photos courtesy MR8 Foundation



Peter Datish, Henry Richard, Steve Datish, Liley Damatin, and Jessie Delouis at the finish line on Monday.



Denise Richard and Jane Richard greet former Neighborhood House Charter School teacher Rachel Moo (second from left) and Patrick Ryan (far right).



Henry Richard and Ava O'Brien at the finish line on Monday.

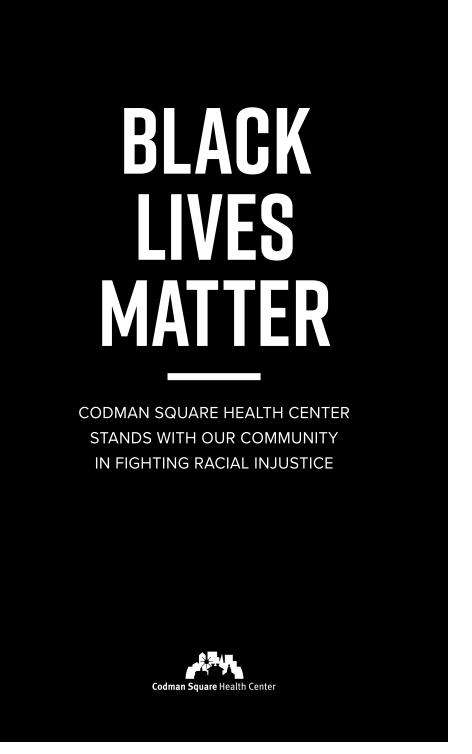


Jack Burke and Nolan Cleary celebrated after finishing the race together on Monday.



The entire group of Team MR8 marathon runners posed for a group photo. It will be the last year the organization fields a marathon team.





Moment of Paws

Ticks a year-round concern for our pets

While many embrace the mild winter that New England experienced this year, one of the downsides to a winter filled with above-average temperatures is an explosion in the tick population in Massachusetts.

With such a mild winter, tick-borne illnesses are no longer just a summer-time concern, and for pets who spend any time outdoors, their owners should take steps now to better protect both themselves and their pets when venturing outside.

With ticks seemingly everywhere outdoors, consider the following to help protect your pet:

Put your pet on a tick preventative -



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There are numerous to consider, so speak with your veterinarian to de-

termine what's best for your pet.

Consider vaccina-

tion - Speak with your veterinarian about the Lyme disease vaccine.

 Avoid outdoor areas where ticks are known to inhabit -After spending time outdoors, whether in the backyard or after a hike, check both yourself and your pet for ticks. For dogs, pay particular attention to their ears, eyelids, between toes, genital area and around the collar.

• Maintain your yard - Keep the lawn mowed and shrubbery trimmed around your home.

Tick preventatives can only go so far, the best way to protect your pet is to do a tick check as soon as returning from the outdoors. Start with

your pet's feet, paying special attention to areas between the toes. From there check the legs, then move onto the underbelly and finally check the head, neck, back, and tail.

If your pet has been bitten by a tick, it needs to be removed immediately! Using tweezers, grasp the tick as close to your dog's skin as possible. Remove the tick in a slow, steady, and straight motion don't jerk as anything left behind could cause an infection. Treat the bite wound with antiseptic and monitor the site over the next few days for localized skin infection.

Some signs your dog has been infected by a tick-borne disease include fever, loss of appetite, acute lameness, and swelling in the joints, among others. A blood test can determine if your dog has been exposed to a tick-borne disease and follow up tests or an antibiotic may be recommended.

Given that tick-borne diseases can trigger chronic health issues, it is also vital to follow recommendations for ongoing follow-up care after diagnosis and treatment.

Dr. Edward Schettino is the president and CEO of the Animal Rescue League of Boston. He holds a doctorate of Veterinary Medicine from the Cummings School of Veterinary Medicine at Tufts University.

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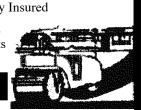
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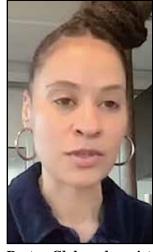
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Globe columnist: Dot, Mattapan residents 'inspire' me to carry on

By SETH DANIEL NEWS EDITOR

The Greater Mattapan Neighborhood Council (GMNC) welcomed Boston Globe columnist and editor Jeneé Osterheldt to its April meeting to talk on the theme of building resilience and community in Mattapan.

Osterheldt, a senior assistant managing editor for culture, talent, and development, appeared at the online meeting to detail her work in the Globe series of columns entitled 'A Beautiful Resistance,' which she



Boston Globe columnist and editor Jeneé Osterheldt. Screenshot

said was conceived on a flight back to Boston after she had covered George Floyd's funeral in 2020.

The series of columns and its editorial and promotional offshoots cater to the Black community, she said, and is "our space specifically for joy," about telling stories not of suffering and deficit, but of "love, joy, and everyday existence and being."

Anative of Virginia who attended Norfolk State University, Osterheldt joined the Globe staff in 2018 after spending a year as a Neiman Fellow at Harvard University.

She told the gathering that she is inspired by the communities she writes about and the people in them – particularly Mattapan and Dorchester.

"Boston is a lot like the Celtics," she said. "We are on the precipice of promise, possibilities, and progress. I look at our young people and how they're moving as a collective and how they understand that our Blackness is not a monolith, and we can work together in our Blackness. "When I see the way we're all rising and persisting and heading toward who we know we can be, it gives me great joy and promise and optimism," she said.

As to her position at the Globe, Osterheldt, while noting that the company has gone on a recent hiring spree to bring in talented young writers of color, used the occasion to give her view of those readers of the Globe who threaten her via emails and personal phone calls.

"Here's the truth; our subscribers are like 90 percent old and white," she said. "That's just a very real thing...I write a lot of things that they don't want to hear, that they are very loud and angry and happy to say so with their names attached. They're not anonymous. They're very like boldly, defiantly, hateful, racist, and verbally violent and threatening." She said that many want to take her platform away and keep her from "using my voice to celebrate us.'

In answering a question from the audience, she said she pushes on because of the good that's done by her work. "I stay motivated because I see the difference it makes in various peoples' lives and that it matters. If it didn't matter, they wouldn't be so loud and angry."

MATTAPAN NOTEROOK

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• The Mattapan Community Yard Sale will take place on Sat., May 6, from noon to 6 p.m., in the Mildred Avenue School parking lot. Previously, the sale had been pegged for April 22, but it was moved due to

school vacation week. Tables and chairs are not provided. For more information email psc. gmnc@gmail.com.

•Azan Reid reported that he and the youth from the Mattapan Teen Center will be having a community cleanup on April 24. All are invited to help

• The Edgewater Neighborhood Association and the Neponset River Watershed Association will co-host a Spring Cleanup of the Neponset River areas on Earth Day, April 22, from 9 a.m. to noon. Meet at 640 River St

• For the second month in a row, hosting duties at the GMNC were handed off to other board members. On April 3, Neldine Torres took the lead and put together a very organized and efficient meeting. The next session is set for May 1 at 6:30 p.m. online.

•On May 13, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. there will be a grand opening of the Edgewater Food Forest, 640 River St., with the Boston Food Forest Coalition. The space has been converted from a derelict city-owned lot into a thriving food forest. Organizers said all fruits and nuts in the food forest are available to anyone in the community when they are ripe.

• Former staffer Chris Westfall of state Rep. Brandy Fluker Oakley's office has moved on to a position with the Ways and Means Committee in the State House. Fluker Oakley said she is looking for a new legislative aide and is taking applications.

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Team BGCD Crosses the Finish Line at 2023 Boston Marathon: See details below.

CONNECT THE DOT: Team BGCD Crosses the Finish Line at 2023 Boston Marathon:

On April 17th, BGCD had a team of fifteen runners who participated in the 127th Boston Marathon. Our team was generously sponsored by Planet Fitness who had 2 members from their team run for us. Each of our runners crossed the finish line with pride in the accomplishment as well as supporting the children and families at BGCD! It was a day filled with great camaraderie as spectators cheered on them from Hopkinton to Copley Square in Boston. Our runners have spent the past six months fundraising on behalf of the Club and helping to raise over \$175,000 for our Clubs. It's the dedication and support of others who allow us to continue this vital work. Congrats to all the runners for achieving such an amazing accomplishment and for doing it on behalf of the Club!

FIND OUT WHAT'S INSIDE: BGCD Marr-lin Swim Team Competes at Nationals in Flordia: Earlier this month, Boys & Girls Clubs of Dorchester's Marr-lin Swim Team had 24 qualifying swimmers compete at the 2023 Boys & Girls Clubs National Swim Championship at North

at the 2023 Boys & Girls Clubs
National Swim Championship at North
Shore Aquatic Center in St. Petersburg,
Florida. Each member swam 3
individual events and a relay each day,
and many of our swimmers qualified
for finals on each day of the meet!
We would like to congratulate our
individuals and relay teams for placing
first in their respective races.

Congratulations to all of our swimmers for an amazing weekend at Nationals!

For more information on the Marr-lin Swim Team, please contact Aquatics Director, Doreen Manna at dmanna@ bgcdorchester.org.



BGCD Marr-lin Swim Team Competes at Nationals in Flordia: See details below.

DID YOU KNOW:

BGCD Hosting Retreat Day with Ron Burton Training Village on May 20th: On Saturday, May 20th, BGCD will be partnering with the Ron Burton Training Village (RBTV) to host a group of members ages 10-13 on a Coed Retreat Day at their Campus in Hubbardston, MA. The Retreat will include large group team building activities, group games, and more. Please note that spots will be filled on a first come, first serve basis.

Register at https://forms.gle/ UZymsX1GexLEBA8z7. These days typically see members departing at 7:30 a.m. and returning around 6:00 p.m. Upon registration we will forward the respective permission slips. Transportation and meals are provided as part of the trip and an itinerary for the day will be shared in advance. For more information, please contact Mike Joyce at mjoyce@bgcdorchester.org.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Elevate Youth Trip April 21

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Ron Burton Training Village Retreat Day May 20 Register via QR Code Below



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To the Defendant: The Plaintiff has filed a Complaint fo Divorce requesting that the Court gran 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 Supplemen tal Probate Court Rule 411.

You are hereby summoned and required to serve upon: Milagros Carrion Camacho, 28 Fuller St., Apt. 2, Boston, MA 02124 your answer, if any, on or before 06/06/2023. If you fail to the one that the control of the contr to do so, the court will proceed to the hearing and adjudication of this action You are also required to file a copy o your answer, if any, in the office of the Register of this Court.
Witness, HON. BRIAN J. DUNN

First Justice of this Court. st Justice of this Court.
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APPOINTMENT OF GUARDIAN
FOR INCAPACITATED PERSON
PURSUANT TO G.L. c. 190B, §5-304
Docket No. SU23P0762GD
IN THE MATTER OF:
EDWARD BRISTOL
of DORCHESTER, MA
RESPONDENT
Alleged Incapacitated Person
To the named Respondent and all other
interested persons, a petition has been filled
by Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center of
Boston, MA in the above captioned matter

by Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center of Boston, MA in the above captioned matter alleging that Edward Bristol is in need of a Guardian and requesting that (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 neces-sary and that the proposed Guardian is

sary, and that the proposed Guardian is appropriate. The petition is on file with this irt and may contain a request for certain

specinic 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 05/09/2023. This day is NOT return date of 05/09/2023. 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 phiection within acts and grounds of your objection within

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COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS THE TRIAL COURT
PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT Suffolk Probate & Family Court 24 New Chardon Street Boston, MA 02114 (617) 788-8300 CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION Docket No. SU23P0814EA ESTATE OF: JEANNE M. HAYES DATE OF DEATH: 01/25/2023

Petition for Formal Probate of Will with A Petution for Formal Probate or Will Will Appointment of Personal Representative has been filed by James A. Hayes of Durham NC requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other reflet as requested in the Petition. The Petitioner Equipment of the Petition of requests that: James A. Hayes of Durham NC be appointed as Personal Representa tive(s) of said estate to serve Without Surety on the bond in unsupervised administration IMPORTANT NOTICE

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Witness, HON. BRIAN J. DUNN, First Justice of this Court. stice of this Court. Date: April 12, 2023

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Anti-violence forum set for April 27 in Grove Hall

for next Thursday (April 27) at William E. Reed Auditorium in Grove Hall is intended to draw on local residents' input to find solutions to gun violence in Boston's neighbor-

Apublic forum planned hoods, according to one of the lead organizers, Regine Watson. The Community Stakeholders Violence Forum is being sponsored by Harvard Street Neighborhood Health Center.

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CULBERTH LEWIS PRESTON JAMES
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o all interested persons: Petition for Formal Appointment of Person al Representative has been filed by Hyacintl Baird-James of Boston, MA requesting tha the Court enter a formal Decree and Orde the Court enter a formal Decree and Orde and for such other relief as requested in the Petition. The Petitioner requests that Hyacinth Baird-James of Boston, MA by appointed as Personal Representative(s of said estate to serve Without Surety or the bond in unsupported administration the bond in unsupervised administration.

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ESTATE OF: VIRGINIA PEREIRA DATE OF DEATH: 02/09/2022 Petition for Formal Appointment of Person A Petition for Formal Appointment of Person all Representative has been filed by Vanusa Payne of Hamden, CT requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition The Petitioner requests that: Vanusa Payne of Hamden, CT be appointed as Persona Representative(s) of said estate to serve

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Incapacitated Person/Protected Person
To the named Respondent and all othe nterested persons, a petition has been filed by David Cuna of Peabody, MA in the above captioned matter requesting that the cour Accept the Resignation of the Guardian of

Accept the Hesignation of the Guardian of the Respondent.

The petition asks the Court to make a determination that the Guardian and/or Conservator should be allowed to resign; or should be removed for good cause; or that the Guardianship and/or Conservatorship is no longer perceasy and therefore should be terminated, The original petition is on file

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IMPORTANT NOTICE

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

Register of Probate Date: April 10, 2023

Published: April 20, 2023

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THE TRIAL COURT
PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT Suffolk Probate & Family Court
24 New Chardon Street
Boston, MA 02114
(617) 788-8300
CITATION ON PETITION FOR
FORMAL ADJUDICATION
DOORST NO. SU2390734/EA Docket No. SU23P0784EA ESTATE OF: MYRTHA JEAN DATE OF DEATH: 07/06/2022

Petition for Formal Adjudication of Intestac has been filed by Margaret Jean of Randolph MA requesting that the Court enter a forma Decree and Order and for such other relie as requested in the Petition. The Petitione requests that: Margaret Jean of Randolph MA be appointed as Personal Representa MA be appointed as Personal Hepresenta-tive(s) of said estate to serve Without Surety on the bond in unsupervised administration. IMPORTANT NOTICE You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court.

You have a right to object to this proceeding To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: 10:00 a.m. on the return day This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by

mins in Vol a rearining date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you. UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION

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ersonal Representative appointed und the MUPC in an unsupervised administration s not required to file an inventory or annua ccounts with the Court. Persons interested n the estate are entitled to notice regarding the administration directly from the Personal Representative and may petition the Cour n any matter relating to the estate, including the distribution of assets and expenses of dministration.

Witness, HON. BRIAN J. DUNN, First stice of this Court.
Date: April 07, 2023

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Watson, who co-hosts a radio show on 98.1FM and also works at the health center, said she was driven to plan the forum after a string of incidents last year in which teenagers were victims of stabbings or shootings.

"I don't need someone in my life to get shot or, God forbid, be involved in a shooting to be involved," said Watson, who said she hopes the

forum will not be a "dogand-pony" show that only features political leaders and law enforcement officials.

"We want a solutions-based meeting, with families and people breaking into small groups. It's not a one-off meeting. We will come back with what we discuss."

The forum will start at 5:30 p.m. in the Auditori-



Regine Watson: "Not a one-off meeting."

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Studio	_	_		2	\$33,650	\$56,100	\$67,300
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Minimum Incomes Apply, Minimum incomes do not apply to households with housing assistance (Section 8, MRVP, VASH) or for the units in this development that include a project-based voucher

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Date	Time	Location							
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4/20/2023	6PM - 8PM	86 Southern Ave, Dorchester., MA 02124							
4/22/2023	10AM - 12PM	122 Dewitt Drive, Roxbury, MA 02120							
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To request an online application or to have one sent by email visit https://bit.ly/WalandoApp

We will be holding informational meetings on

Thursday, April 20, 2023 6PM at 86 Southern Ave, Dorchester., MA 02124 Saturday, April 22, 2023 10AM at 122 Dewitt Drive, Roxbury, MA 02120

Join virtually, too, through the following link: https://bit.ly/40n2fAe



DEADLINE: Applications must be submitted online or postmarked no later than **05/15/2023.**

- Mailed to Management Office, 173 Columbia Rd, Dorchester, MA 02121
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Feeling 102: Mattapan's Anna Coleman is marking a century,

and then some

(Continued from page 1) been beautiful." grandfather, Eli George Biddle, fought in the Civil War and was part of the famed all-Black 54th Massachusetts Volunteer Regiment that has been celebrated with movies, books, and every day via the iconic high relief bronze sculpture on Boston Common in front of the Massachusetts State House. He was the oldest surviving member of the 54th Regiment and lived to be 94 years old.

A graduate of Cambridge Rindge and Latin School, Anna married Vincent Coleman, a postal inspector from Mattapan, and worked for decades in the food service at Harvard University. Vincent died several years ago, but she has several family members close by, including Mattapan residents Clayton Pressley and his wife, Deborah Smith-Presslev. She also loves to attend the Mildred Avenue Senior program.

"That program is something to do and it keeps me occupied and busy," she said. "We might have a class now on crocheting. It's just a good thing to have something for us to do and it's

A regular presence at services at the People's Baptist Church in the South End, Anna attributes her inner peace to daily reading of the Bible and her strong faith.

Herniece, Smith-Pressley said they are very close, and they marvel at Anna's energy and quick wit. "She is independent and takes care of herself and is very active," said Smith-Pressley. "She has the cleanest house of anybody you'll ever see. She is still very organized and that's the way she has been her whole life.'

Smith-Pressley said her aunt is also adept with technology, and happily transitioned from a "flipphone" to a smartphone some years ago, while also maintaining her own Facebook page.

"I just hope I can be so active and engaged like she is when I'm older,' said Smith-Pressley.

City Councillors Michael Flaherty and Erin Murphy and state Rep. Brandy Fluker Oakley attended the event and presented citations to Mrs. Coleman-including one that proclaimed that day "Anna Coleman Day" in Boston.



Jeffrey Jackson, Joyce Durst, Glenola Mitchell, Tiffany Pierce, Faith Jackson, Anna Coleman, and Barbara Crichlow.



Carol Davis pans for the camera at the Mildred Ave Senior program.



Donna Henderson, Tiffany Pierce, Elease Selman, Lynette Griffeth Fields, and Faith Jackson sign Anna Coleman's birthday card.



The honoree celebrated her birthday with family members Clayton Pressley and Deborah Smith-Presslev.

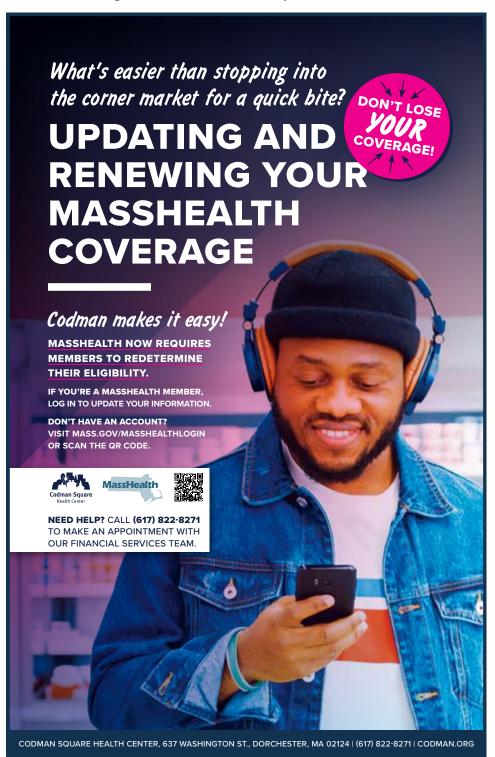


Glenola Mitchell



Erika Butler, Anna Coleman, and Derek Green.





RECENT OBITUARIES



BERLO, Frances J. (Galley), 89, long-time resident of Dorchester, originally of Medford. She was the daughter of the late Mary F. (Kane) and Leon E. Galley. Frances leaves her son Michael Gosselin, and his husband Jonathan Cruz of Boston, and her daughter-in-law Linda Gosselin of Hanson who was married to her son the late William L. Gosselin. Grandmother to 4. Great grandmother of 2. Frances is predeceased by her first husband William L. Gosselin Jr., her second husband Richard F. Berlo, and her son William L. Gosselin III. The family asks you consider making a donation to The Martin Richard Foundation, teammr8.org or at 1452 Dorchester Avenue, 4th Floor, Dorchester, MA 02122.



BYRON, Paul Francis of Milton, formerly of Dorchester. Husband of Sheila M. (Costello) Byron. Father of Molly C. Fodera and her husband Gaetano of Winchester, Mark F. Byron and his wife Lauren of Duxbury, and Joseph J. Byron and his wife Lindsay of Milton.

Grandfather of 6. Brother of Robert Byron, James Byron, Janet Chase, Patricia Ambrose and Jeanne O'Connell. Paul is also survived by many nieces, nephews and close friends. Donations in Paul's memory may be made to The New England Center for Children, 33 Turnpike Road, Southborough, MA 01772 or https://donate. necc.org/give/477960#!/ donation/checkout



BUTLER, Vera Louise (Moore), 93 of Mattapan. Preceding Vera in death are her parents, her husband Wilbur, her oldest daughter Valerie, two sisters, Florence Jackson and Moira McNeil; six brothers, Dequilar, Ernest, Stanley, Robert, Richard and Kenneth Moore. She leaves her sibling, Leone Walker from Fort Mill, SC. Vera also leaves two daughters, Cynthia Butler, and Deborah Butler Smith, both of Mattapan. Her sister in law, Lesley Robinson Hargrove and her husband Willis, of Franklinton, NC. Three granddaughters. Four great grandchildren.



JOHNSON, Yvette **Marie**, 72, of Brookline.

Mother of Bernard S. Johnson of Mattapan and the late Alvce Johnson. Daughter of the late Doris Bunte; and brother, Harold Brown of CA. She is survived by seven grandchildren, four great-grandchildren, extended family and dear friends.



JUNKINS, Carol Ann Milliken, 80, of Weymouth, formerly a longtime resident of Dorchester. She was the daughter of the late Alice (Kappler) Milliken and John Milliken. Mother of Linda Korman and her late husband Lawrence of Dorchester, and William Junkins of Brockton. Grandmother of 8. Great-grandmother to 6. Carol is predeceased by her brother the late Jack and his wife Delaine Milliken of Wilmington NC, and Claire Milliken-Sullivan of Waterbury, CT.



LEONARD, Alice M. of Dorchester. Wife of Robert "Bob" G. Lee. Aunt of Jay Libby and his wife Jill of Melrose, and the late Heather Libby. Sister of William Leonard and his wife Vivienne, the late Michael Leonard and his surviving wife Antoinette, and the late Barbara Davis. "Bonus mother" of Robert Lee Jr. of Dorchester, Maureen Maderos and her husband Matthew of Quincy, and Elizabeth Angell and her husband Brian of Dorchester. Grandmother of 5. Alice is also survived by many loving cousins, nieces, nephews, and friends. Please consider making a donation in memory of Alice to Good Shepherd Community Care, 160 Wells Ave, Newton, MA 02459.



O'MEARA, Helen (Garvey), originally of Dorchester and a longtime resident of Hingham. She was the daughter of the late Thomas M. Garvey and Helen Gertrude Garvey. She was predeceased by her siblings John A. Garvey, Margaret M. Garvey, Mary C. Findley, Thomas F. Garvey, Anne E. Cifrino and Regina T. Garvey. She was the wife of the late Robert B. O'Meara. She is survived by her son Gregory R. O'Meara and her daughter-in-law Marv Jane O'Meara as well as the McConaghy and Ferrara families of Barrington and Warren, Rhode Island, respectively. She also leaves numerous nieces and nephews and their progeny. She has requested donations be made to the Mary Jane O'Meara Scholarship Fund, Women in Transportation Seminar Boston (WTS), c/o HNTB Corporation, 31 St, James Avenue, Suite 300, Boston, MA 02116, attention Anna Barry.



PACITTI, Mary Ellen (Harkins), 69, of Canton, a former long time resident of Savin Hill. Daughter of the late Joseph W. and Mary G. (Cheney) Harkins. Wife of the late Richard. Mother of Richard J. Pacitti and his wife,

Pactti and his wife, Katie of Quincy, Matthew P. Pacitti and his companion, Stacie Milos of Braintree and Adrienne Pacitti of Canton; grandmother of 9; sister of Thomas L. Magner and his wife, Cathie of Plymouth, Barbara Greene and her husband, Joseph of South Boston, the late Eleanor Mello and her husband, the late Ernest Mello and the late Joseph R. Harkins; sister-in-law of John Pacitti and his wife, Linda of Pensacola, Florida, Gail Hobin and her companion, Gil Vermete of Braintree and Robert Pacitti and his wife, Sharen of Quincy; also survived by many nieces and nephews. Expressions of sympathy may be made to the Brain Aneurysm Foundation 269 Hanover Street, Building 3, Hanover, MA 02339 or bafound.org/about

Jennifer of Canton, Mark



PEREZ, Norman Washington, 69 of Mattapan, formerly of Jamaica. He is preceded in death by his parents Muriel, and Sylvester, 7 brothers, Winston, Leroy, Oswald, Leonard, Noel, Caul, and Glen; 6 sisters, Patricia, Doreen, Beverly, Sonia, Lorna, and Yvonne. He is survived by his wife Carol (Pink) Perez, daughters Nicola, Kamala, Roxann, and Tanya; sons Taj, and Nathaniel, 8 grandchildren and many loving family members.



SILBERBERG, Marvin, 93, of Needham orig-

inally from Dorchester. U.S. Marine Corp veteran. Son to the late Samuel and Dora Silberberg and brother to the late Robert Silberberg. He is survived by his wife, Paula; his children, Stuart and Michele Silberberg, and Ilene and Alan Frost. Papa to 7 grandchildren. Donations can be made in memory of Marvin Silberberg to Boston Latin School at BLS.org

SULLIVAN, Rita M. (Greene) of Braintree, formerly of Milton Centerville, and Dorchester. Rita was the beloved wife of Joe. She was the mother of Maureen Gemma and her husband Anthony of Milton, Brian Sullivan of Quincy, Kathleen Sullivan of Marshfield, and Matthew Sullivan and his wife Susan of W. Bridgewater. Sister of Herbert Greene of Quincy, and the late Mary DuBeau, John, William, and Joseph Greene. She was the daughter of the late Rita (O'Dea) and William. Rita is also survived by 14 grandchildren, as well as 6 great grandchildren.



TREZENKA, tricia M. (Kelley) of Virginia, formerly Dorchester and Quincy. Wife of William Trezenka of Kilmarnock, Virginia. Daughter of the late Thomas J. Kelley, BFD and Margaret B. (Grant) Kelley. Sister of the late Kevin M. Kelley, BFD and his wife Gloria Kelley of Quincy, Peggy Pauli and her husband Peter of Millis and Kathleen Nazzaro and her husband James of Braintree. Donations can be made in memory of Patti to the American Cancer Society, PO Box 6704, Hagerstown, MD 21741 or online at cancer.org/ involved/donate.html

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COMMONWEALTH OF **MASSACHUSETTS** THE TRIAL COURT PROBATE & FAMILY COURT SUFFOLK PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT 24 NEW CHARDON STREET BOSTON, MA 02114 CITATION ON PETITION TO CHANGE NAME Docket No. SU23C0172CA IN THE MATTER OF:

LOUIS ALEXANDER A Petition to Change Name of Adult has been filed by Louis Alexander of Dorchester, MA requesting that the court enter a Decree changing their name to

Louis Quoc Ngo IMPORTANT NOTICE Any person may appear for purposes of objecting to the pe tition by filing an appearance at: Suffolk Probate and Family Court before 10:00 a.m. on the return day of **04/27/2023**. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance if you object to this

proceeding. Witness, HON. BRIAN DUNN, First Justice of this Court. Date: April 05, 2023

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