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Collins, Carvalho announce for First Suffolk seat



Rep. Collins: "I am ready to be that leader."

By Jennifer Smith **News Editor**

The race for the First Suffolk Senate seat is officially under way, with two state representatives, Nick Collins and Evandro Carvalho, seeking the seat left vacant late last month by former Sen. Linda Dorcena Forry.

"Today, I will file nomination papers to be your next state senator," the 35-year-old Collins said in a statement last Friday. He had previously run for the seat in 2013, losing a tight primary race

to then-state Rep. Dorcena Forry.

Carvalho, 36, entered the race on Monday, framing his bid as a push for needed representation for neighborhoods that often feel unheard on the state level.

Collins and Carvalho said they had conversations with friends, family, and residents in the district about running for the Senate post.

"Many of the conversations echoed the same theme: We need a leader who will listen and work tirelessly to improve the quality

of life in our community," Collins said in his announcement. "Our senator needs to be someone who knows our neighborhoods and will improve education, understands the urgency of upgrading our transportation network, is committed to addressing the opioid epidemic and making our streets safe, and will fight for the crucial community funding required to meet these challenges. I am ready to be that leader."

The South Boston resident, (Continued on page 4)



Rep. Carvalho: "I've been an underdog my entire life."



Mattapan resident and activist Lincoln Larmond supports the planned redevelopment of the vacant Cote Ford site on Cummins Highway in Mattapan. The property will be transformed into a 76-unit apartment complex with a community center and commercial space, the largest project of its kind in

Cote Ford site poised for re-birth in Mattapan

By Simón Rios WBUR REPORTER

When Mattapan residents pass by the old Cote Ford dealership on Cummins Highway, some see a symbol of neglect – a boarded-up beige brick building with graffition the walls and weeds cracking through the pavement.

Now, more than three decades after the business closed, this key piece of local real estate is coming

'Cote Village, we believe, is a significant investment in the future of Mattapan," said Lincoln Larmond, a

housing advocate and co-chair of Mattapan United. "Historically there's been a lot of disinvestment in

The Cote property "had been vacant for 30 years, so that alone will demonstrate the fact that it's been a long time coming," he added.

Cote Village was the winning bidder in the city's quest to develop the abandoned dealership site. While the derelict building is still in place this week, the plan is to build 76 apartments, set aside for families earning a range of incomes, as

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Sen. Warren neutral for the moment – on Capuano v. Pressley

By Jennifer Smith News Editor

The Democratic Party may stand to gain from an infusion of young up-and-coming political hopefuls, but US Sen. Elizabeth Warren is not picking a side just yet in the race for Massachusetts's 7th Congressional District, where Boston City Councillor at-Large Ayanna Pressley is making a run to unseat US Rep. Michael Capuano.

In a conversation with Reporter's staff on Monday, Warren spoke enthusiastically about the rush of new voices seeking higher office across the country. "I love seeing and hearing new people come into the process," she said.
"That's what it takes, if we're going to be alive and vital and in the fight. We need everyone, and that means we need people who have been around the block before, who've done this before, but we also need newcomers to the fight."

That dichotomy is playing out in the 7th race. Pressley, 43, appears ready to make a generational case for running against the 66-year-old Capuano, who has held the seat since first elected in 1998. The two progres-

sive Democrats - a rising star of the party (Continued on page 6)

Health center crisis on to-do list for Warren

By Jennifer Smith News Editor

Community health centers are edging ever closer to a "funding cliff" that would severely limit their ability to provide critical local care services, and US Sen. Elizabeth Warren this week leveled a sharp critique at congressional Republicans who, she says, are the using the centers' funding "as a bargaining chip.

Local health care leaders submitted a letter to the Reporter this week, decrying the continued standoff in Washington. Federal funding for the centers expired last October, bringing the providers ever closer to (Continued on page 15)

Savin Hill, Cedar Grove merge into 'Dorchester Baseball'

By BILL FORRY REPORTER EDITOR

Two longtime neighborhood youth baseball leagues have merged in the off-season to form a new, unified Dorchester league for kids and teenagers that will launch

Savin Hill Little League and Cedar Grove Baseball have agreed to join forces to create Dorchester Baseball.



"This is a major decision in the history of youth sports in Dorchester... and one that we have carefully considered while keeping the best interests of the kids always at the forefront," league officials explained in a letter sent to parents on Tuesday.

According to the letter, the merger comes after seven years of discussion and partnership between the two organizations. Last season, the talks intensified and the leagues joined forces to contribute players and coaches for a unified travel team.

"Although the teams competed under the SHLL Little League charter, we used the name "Dorchester" and incorporated

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Thursday (8th) - "Portraits of Purpose: Next Generation" event at Boston City Hall from 5:30-8:30 p.m. features120 high school students who will be passed the "torch of justice" from the present leaders of the African-American community in Boston, including Dr. Lindsa McIntyre, former Sen. Linda Dorcena Forry, Jackie Jenkins-Scott, Paul Goodnight, Andrea Cabral, Freida Garcia, Wyatt Jackson, J. Keith Motley, and more. Inspired by Don West's exhibits and book, *Portraits of Purpose: A* Tribute to Leadership, co-authored with Pulitzer Prize winning journalist and Dorchester resident Kenneth J. Cooper.

Saturday (10th) – Jimmy Cawley Scholarship benefit at Florian Hall, 7-10:30 p.m. features Boston ILL Harmonic performing music by the Beatles, followed by live band Beatles karaoke. Admission is \$10 at the door. Raffles, hors d'ouevres and cash bar. Cash drawing. Contact Elisa Birdseye at jimmyscholarship@gmail.com.

• Tet-in-Boston concert from 7 p.m.- midnight at the IBEW Local 103 Hall, 256 Freeport St., Dorchester. For more info, see tetinboston.org

• Mattapan Community Health Center sponsors free health screening from 9:30 a.m.-1 p.m., 1575 Blue Hill Ave., Mattapan. Register at is.gd/ BHM2018 or call 617-726-3608.

Sunday (18th) - Renaissance Men, Boston's professional male vocal chamber ensemble, performs with Boston City Singers' Fellas group at 4 p.m. in in Peabody Hall, All Saints' Church, 209 Ashmont St., Dorchester. Tickets (\$25) available at door or at ahchambermusic.org. EBT card holders \$3. Children under 13 admitted free.

Tet-in-Boston celebration at BC High, 150 Morrissey Blvd. from 10:30 a.m.- 5 p.m. For more info, see tetinboston.org

Tuesday (20th) – The registration deadline for local groups and organizations to participate in the 12th annual Dorchester Chili Cook-off on Sun., March 11 is today. The \$50 fee should be made payable to "AANA/Chili Cook-off" and mailed to Patricia O'Neil, 319 Ashmont St., Dorchester 02124. Contact Pat O'Neill, 617-265-5397 or pattiashmont@ gmail.com for further information.

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Chocolate-dipped turtles – It's Dot for 'I Love You'

Romance - and chocolate cravings- are in the air, especially on Morrissey Boulevard.

Phillips Candy House, Boston's oldest and most popular chocolatier, is stocked up with Valentine's Day offerings featuring their bestselling signature turtles, long-stemmed chocolate roses, chocolate covered strawberries and cherries, and everyone's favorite, Valentine's Day candy.

The sweets come in all shapes and sizes, but there's nothing like saying 'I love you' with a large, hand-crafted milk chocolate turtle heart topped with red and white sprinkles for

The fresh, handcrafted chocolate treats range in price, so be prepared to spend anywhere



between \$15 and \$52. If you're looking for something on a smaller scale, they've got your budget covered with chocolate hearts or Valentine's Day candy for a small price anywhere between \$2 and \$12.

Phillips Candy House is located at 818 Morrissey Blvd., Dorchester. They're open from 8:30 a.m.-8 p.m. Monday through Saturday and from 9:30 a.m. -6 p.m. on Sunday.

For further information and to shop their online store, visit phillipschocolate.com.

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Man shot dead on Trull Street

A man was fatally shot outside a home on Trull Street near Uphams Corner last Saturday afternoon. Police were called to the scene at 1:49 p.m. and found one victim suffering from multiple gunshot wounds near 3 Trull St. The man later identified as 20 year-old John Colonwas pronounced dead at a Boston hospital. The second victim is expected to survive his injuries.

Boston Police Department are asking anyone with information to call detectives at 617-343-

 $Community\, members$ wishing to assist this investigation anonymously can do so by calling the CrimeStoppers Tip Line at 1 (800) 494-TIPS or by texting the word 'TIP' to CRIME (27463). The Boston Police Department will stringently guard and protect the identities of all those who wish to help this investigation in an anonymous manner. Together we make our city safer. The men and women of the Boston Police Department are here to help 24/7/365.

A 33-year-old man was found shot to death outside 102 Brook Avenue off of Dudley Street last Wednesday (Jan. 31.) Police responded to the scene just after 9:30 p.m. for a call of a person shot. The victim—later named as Ian Hunterwas pronounced dead at the scene. Investigators say that the public can call in tips to 1 (800) 494-TIPS.

New Cedar Grove Gardens property owner hopes to keep the floral business intact

By BILL FORRY REPORTER EDITOR

Peter Lee is the new owner of 911 Adams St., the longtime home of the popular Cedar Grove Gardens. Lee, a Dorchester resident who owns a hardwood floor business on Neponset Avenue, bought the property from longtime owner Richard O'Mara last month. A Reporter story two weeks ago detailed the sale to 911 Adams Street LLC, which Lee controls. The terms of the sale

will allow the popular garden and gift shop to lease the property for up to six years, according to both parties.

In a brief interview this week, Lee told the *Reporter* that he hopes that Cedar Grove Gardens will stay in business on the site indefinitely.

"Whatever [Richard] wants— 5 years, 10 years," Lee said. "I want to keep the store open. I love the business too. Right now I want him to long as he wants." Lee said that if

O'Mara— who founded the business in 1979decides to transition, someone else might decide to keep it open. Lee says he is open to that, as well.

"I want to keep renting to people to do a flower business there. I think it's a great area for a flower store. I love the location."

"If no one wants to do that," Lee said he would consider other uses, stay in the business as including housing.

Man slain at Norton-Bowdoin Street

An man was shot to death in the heart of the Bowdoin Street business district on Tuesday evening (Feb. 6). The victim, who has

not yet been identified, was pronounced dead at the scene near the Norton Street intersection shortly after police arrived just before 8

p.m.. Boston Police are asking anyone with information to call the CrimeStoppers Tip Line at 1-800-494-TIPS.



UPCOMING CIVIC ASSOCIATION MEETINGS • FULL LISTINGS ON PAGE 12

Public meeting on Odom Garden plans – The Boston Parks and Recreation Department will host a public meeting to discuss the Steven P. Odom Serenity Garden that is planned adjacent to the residential development at 872 Morton St. An overview of the process will be reviewed and the discussion will focus on the vision for the Garden at the meeting on Tues., Feb. 27, 6:30 p.m. at the Mildred Community Center, 5 Mildred Ave., Mattapan.

Democrats to caucus in coming weeks - Registered Democrats will caucus over the coming weeks to elect delegates to the state convention on June 1-2 at the DCU Center in Worcester. Democrats in Ward 15 will meets Sat., Feb. 24 at 9 a.m. at the Savin Hill Apartments, 130 Aukland St.; Ward 13 on Feb. 26, 6 p.m. at the Christo Rey Boston, 100 Savin Hill Ave.; Ward 17 on Feb. 27 at 7 p.m. at the Sheet Metal Workers Hall, 1157 Adams St.; and Ward 14 on Sat., March 3 at 1 p.m. at the Anthony Perkins Community Center, 155 Talbot Ave., Dorchester.

Geneva Avenue housing proposal to be discussed - The Boston Planning and Development Agency (BPDA) hosts a public meeting on Thursday, February 15 at 6:30 p.m. to discuss a proposed five-story residential building for 185-191 Geneva Ave., Dorchester. The meeting will be held at Bowdoin Street Health Center, 230 Bowdoin St., Dorchester. Contact Tim Czerwienski at 617-918-5303 or tim.czerwienski@

Chili Cook-off Kicks off Dot Day season - 12th annual Dorchester Chili Cook-off, a major fundraiser for the Dorchester Day Parade on Sunday, March 11 from 4-7p.m. at the IBEW Local 103 Hall, 256 Freeport St., Dorchester.

Dot Day Parade Character Breakfast on March 3 - Dorchester Day Parade Committee's second annual Character Breakfast to raise funds for the June parade is set for Saturday, March 3 at 9:30 a.m. at First Parish Dorchester atop Meetinghouse Hill. Characters such as Poppy and Branch from Trolls, Batman, Minions, Mickey, Minnie, Moana, Peppa Pig, Cookie Monster and Elmo will be on the scene. A delicious breakfast will be served by Season's Catering and ice cream will be available from Chill on Park. \$20 per adult, \$10 per child 12 and under. Children under 2 are free.

Black History Month program in Mattapan – The Dorchester-Mattapan Neighborhood Council will host a Black History month program at the Mattapan branch of the Boston Public Library, 1350 Blue Hill Ave. on Thursday, February 20 at 6 p.m. The public is invited to attend this free event.

First Suffolk Senate special election dates - The special election to choose a successor to former Sen. Linda Dorcena Forry will include an April 3 primary and a final election on May 1. There is a Feb. 20 deadline for nomination signatures. Candidates need at least 300 certified nomination signatures to quality for the ballot.

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'Bedrock' project would add 27 new units on Geneva Avenue

By Daniel Sheehan Reporter Staff

A public meeting is planned for this month to discuss the latest proposal for new housing on Geneva Avenue. The project — dubbed "Bedrock Geneva"— will convert what is now a single-family homeon an oversized lot into a five-story building with 27 units of housing at 185-191 Geneva Ave., just steps away from the MBTA station in Four Corners.

The proponent is BT Geneva Development, which is led by Hiep Chu, a longtime civic presence in Fields Corner who also led the team that built a mixed-use project at the former Lucky Strike site on Adams Street.

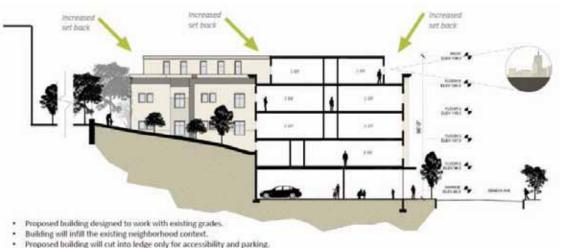
Four of the units will be marketed as affordable housing, while 23 of the 27 units will be priced at market rate, according to documents filed with the Boston Planning and Development Agency (BPDA).

The \$9 million building would include 9 studio apartments, 12 one-bedroom apartments, 5 two-bedroom apartments, 1 three-bedroom apartment, and 8 enclosed off-street parking spaces.

Chu said that the site's proximity to public transit is a key element of the project.

"We got it a while back with a vision that we wanted to do a transit project," said Chu. "A lot of people still need housing in the right location. If we had more projects like this near [T stops] we'd be able to





A proposed five-story building would replace what is now a single-family house at 185-191 Geneva Ave. The apartment complex would include 27 units, of which four would be marketed as "affordable." The BPDA will host a meeting on Feb. 27 to discuss the proposal.

house more people near public transport."

The roughly 14,000 squarefoot lot currently holds a twostory house situated towards the front of the property. The rear of the site is mainly made up of a wooded hillside. According to the proposal, the first two floors will be

contained within the front part of the lot, while parts of the top three floors will extend out over the hillside. By taking advantage of underutilized space toward the back of the property, the apartment complex aims to be a more efficient use of space. And Chu says this design will be achieved with minimal destruction of the current landscape.

"We want to be respectful of the site, and build on it rather than blast rock and disturb the nature of the site," he said.

The complex is intended to house a mix of families and young professionals, with the high number of studio and one-bedroom apartments designed in response to demands of the latter. Chu explained that the prevalence of three-deckers in Dorchester, originally designed as multi-family homes, means a dearth of smaller one-bedroom apartments.

"They're hard to find," he said. "With the demand of the younger population and couples with no kids, more studios and one-bedrooms would help."

So far, the project has received community support with votes of approval from the Mount Bowdoin Betterment Association and the Greater Bowdoin/Geneva Neighborhood Association. Chu says that if approved, construction could begin on the project as early as May or June.

A previously scheduled Feb. 15 meeting to discuss the proposal was cancelled. The new meeting date is Tuesday, Feb. 27 at 6:30 p.m. at the Holland Community Center.

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Collins, Carvalho announce for First Suffolk seat

who has represented the Fourth Suffolk seat since 2010, and his wife Olivia welcomed their first child just days before Dorcena Forry left office.

Carvalho, a former prosecutor and Dorchester resident who won a special election in 2014 to succeed former Rep. Carlos Henriquez after his ouster from the House, is a Cape Verde native who has lived and worked in Dorchester and Roxbury since arriving in the US at the age of 15. He won re-election to the Fifth Suffolk seat in 2016.

"The political commentators will say it's long odds," Carvalho said in a statement, "that money is aligned

(Continued from page 1) against me, but I've been an underdog my entire life: As a kid from Cape Verde who spoke no English and cleaned buildings in the Back Bay; as a Madison Park student who dreamed of being an attorney; and now as a candidate for State Senate. I can't wait to show them what we all can do together."

Both representatives introduced themselves at a Ward 16 caucus meeting at the McKeon Post in Neponset on Tuesday night.

Carvalho said he has advocated to make sure that "other kids, from my neighborhoods, no matter what parts of the neighborhood we're talking about, can have the access that I've had." Boston is do-

terms of job growth and $construction, ``but\,who's$ going to talk about the little guy?" he asked, referencing families impacted by violence and those suffering from addiction. "I'm that person," Carvalho said.

In his turn, Collins said the people in the McKeon Post, similar to those around whom he grew up, are "the heart and soul of Boston." The opioid epidemic was beginning to devastate his community when he ran for state representative in 2010, he said, noting that one of the agenda items he hopes to pursue if elected senator is helping Mayor Martin Walsh re-open the shuttered

ing well, he added, in Long Island Bridge. "I think we need it more than ever right now," he said.

> Collins is entering the race from a strong financial position his war chest sits at \$131,420 to Carvalho's \$23,209 as of the most recent filings. He has also secured the backing of two well-known city councillors who live in the district. Councillors Frank Baker and Annissa Essaibi-George will co-chair Collins's special election campaign, he announced at a Columbia-Savin Hill Civic Association meeting on Monday. Baker's longtime chief of staff, Amy Frigulietti, has left Baker's office to take on the campaign manager post for Collins.

editor and publisher Bill Forry, left the Senate on Jan. 31 to take a post at Suffolk Construction, a major Boston-based construction firm led by power broker John Fish, where is now working as vice president of the firm's Northeast region dealing with issues of diversity, inclusion, and community relations. Her leavetaking

With Dorcena Forry,

until her resignation the

only black state senator

in Massachusetts, out of

the legislative picture,

veteran politicians like

Charles Yancey, Marie

St. Fleur, and Charlotte

Golar Richie said last

week that it is vital

for the state senate to

reflect the diversity of

its constituency, accord-

is married to Reporter

Dorcena Forry, who

ing to the Reporter.

kicked off a flurry of speculation on potential successors. Collins's announcement came after three other state representatives — Dan Hunt, Russell Holmes, and Dan Cullinane said publicly that they would not enter the

In a heavily Democratic district, most of the action is expected to take place before the April 3 primary.

Three other candidateshavepulledpapers for the special election, the Secretary of the Commonwealth's office confirmed Tuesday morning: Former state Rep. Althea Garrison, who held the Fifth Suffolk post for one term in the early 1990s; Kenny Jervis (D), a longtime BPS parent advocate; and Donald Osgood, Sr. (I), a city anti-violence worker and minister from Dorchester.

Garrison is running without a party affiliation, which guarantees her a place in the May 1 final election if she succeeds in securing 300 certified signatures on her nomination papers. As Garrison met the 1,500 signature requirement to run for at-large city councillor in the 2017 race, the bar is well within reach for her to lock in a slot on the ballot

Candidates have until Feb. 20 to deliver 300 verified signatures to the Boston Elections Commission for nomination papers. The special election primary is scheduled for April 3, with the final election on May 1 — the same day that candidates for district offices need to submit their signatures for the normal election cycle in the fall.

Korean War vet Joe Finnegan dead at age 87

Joseph M. Finnegan died in Naples, FL on Jan. 21. He will be waked on Wed., February 14 at the John J. O'Connor and Son Funeral Home in Adams Corner from 4-8p.m. A funeral Mass is set for 10 a.m. on Thurs., Feb. 15 at St. Ann Parish with burial to follow in the Massachusetts National Cemetery in Bourne.

A proud veteran of the United States Army, Joe $served\,during\,the\,Korean$ Conflict stationed in Oji, Japan s. Joseph had a long career with the Commonwealth of Massachusetts that spanned nearly four decades. He held positions within the State Legislature, Department of Mental Health, Executive Office of Administration and Finance, and the Board of Regents of Higher Education from which he retired. He went on to

offer consulting services to the Mass. Association for Mental Health for an additional five years before retiring to Naples, FL in 1992

Finnegan was the second oldest of nine children, the son of the former state Senator Joseph and Julia (Kendrigan) Finnegan. A park in Neponset's Port Norfolk section was named for his father last vear.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made in Joseph Finnegan's name to Boston College High School (under "designation", select "other" to add: Joseph Finnegan Scholarship) or mail checks to BC High, 150 William T Morrissey Blvd, Boston, MA 02125; or to the American Cancer Society.

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Trolleys sputter as MBTA makes repairs while awaiting study

By Jennifer Smith News Editor

The Mattapan High-Speed Trolley has had an up-and-down winter so far: a crash caused by a phone-distracted operator that disabled two trolley cars, a steady flow of weather woes, and mechanical problems. A study that will inform the fate of the 70-year-old mini-fleet is now expected to be aired in late spring or early summer.

Three Presidents' Conference Committee (PCC) trolley cars were removed from service last week due to "propulsion problems," according to MBTA spokesman Joe Pesaturo. The T determined that "intermittent fluctuations in power put enormous stress on the 70-year old cars' propulsion systems, burning out key components," he said.

Since Dec. 29, when a distracted trolley operator rear-ended with another trolley and took both cars out of commission, the Mattapan line has been running with four trolleys instead of the normal five.

All four cars failed in a time frame of about 90 minutes during a weather event on Jan. 29, Jeffrey Gonneville,



The aftermath of a collision on the Mattapan hi-speed trolley tracks next to Cedar Grove Cemetery last December.

Maureen Forry-Sorrell photo

the T's deputy general manager, told the Fiscal and Management Control Board at its Feb. 5 meeting. "At the time we thought the issue was snow ingestion, which the Mattapan PCC cars have been shown to be extremely vulnerable to due to the ages of the vehicles' propulsion equipment," he said.

But maintenance crews found that snow was not the cause of the propulsion issue. Tests on the line determined that the power fluctuations and drops in line voltage were the root issues.

The MBTA replaced morethan 40 components along the line, which were having issues, returning the power back to ground after powering the trolley. Any power abnormalities have been resolved, Gonneville said.

In order to preserve the equipment until they addressed the power issue, the MBTA decided not to resume service until Feb. 5. Shuttles replaced the four trolleys, which were repaired by Thursday of last week.

State Rep. Dan Cullinane criticized the transit authority's approach to service changes on Friday. "The MBTA's nonexistent communication is embarrassing," he told the *Reporter*. "Time and time again we are forced to read updates in the newspaper instead

of getting any heads up from the MBTA, which prevents us as elected officials from being able to communicate any updates to our constituents, and that is wrong."

The shuttles "do a complete dis-service to all riders," he said, especially Milton riders, who are forced to walk the full length of Eliot Street due to the road-dependent drop-offlocation. He also said lack of signage at Ashmontleft some riders standing in the snow waiting for trolleys that would not arrive until a T employee came out to inform them specifically.

Mayor Martin Walsh told the *Reporter* this week that "the phone's ringing off the hook because of the trolley line going down." He said he will meet with the MBTA general manager in the next few weeks to highlight the trolley's importance.

Constituents and neighbors are concerned, Walsh said. "People want to make sure it's safe and stays," he said. "I mean it's one of the oldest in the country ... and the only one that goes through a cemetery,

so there's historic value here as well."

After the December collision, the MBTA planned to combine four nonfunctional PCC cars to bring the fleet up to a normal number of operable vehicles. "We have two PCCs where the bodies and the structures are not in that bad of shape, but the propulsion and mechanical equipment on those vehicles is beyond repair," Gonneville said. "The thoughts are that they are going to take the shells of those cars and the mechanical components of the cars that were involved in the collision and make two good cars from them."

The two propulsionless cars were moved to the T's Everett Shops for repair. When ready for service, the cars will be moved back to Mattapan to begin the mechanical transfer process, he said. The propulsion systems will be replaced with a modern system, he added, and they expect to have both cars completed and back into service by summer of this year.

Locally beloved, the Mattapan trolley cars have been in service since 1946, with several major overhauls over the years. About \$7.9 million was allotted last year to begin reinvesting back into the PCC fleet, which will "focus on the key areas to invest in these vehicles to keep them operating safely and reliably for the next few years," Gonneville said.

Cullinane said he wanted a report on "where the \$8 million the delegation secured is right now, and if no part of that money has been spent to fix the problems.

For me, we got them the money, and we want it to be used to make the line work for the people who rely on it."

Gonneville noted that there is significant roof deterioration on some of the cars. That and other maintenance needs will be conducted at Everett Shops. The first car is expected to be back to work next summer, he said, and then the next one by the end of 2019.

A study being conducted by the private engineering firm CH2M-Hill is under way to test technical specifications that will help determine the viability of the Mattapan Line and assess possible options for the future. "With the investment that we're making in these PCC cars, it gives us some time to be able to really think this through and think about what makes the most sense for the future of the line," said Gonneville.

An infrastructure assessment and an evaluation of the PCC cars is complete, Gonneville said. Now they are "putting together a menu of options of various alternative that we could go forward with," he said. They hope to have a draft report completed by spring that they will present to the board and discuss public meetings, with a final decision to be made by the end of the year.

"At this point, we are going to plan on having a very robust discussion about what these alternatives are and what we can do with these vehicles in the future" Gonneville said.

Dan Sheehan of the Reporter staff contributed to this report.

MBTA fires trolley driver involved in December crash

By Jennifer Smith News Editor

The MBTA has fired a Mattapan Trolley driver who rear-ended another trolley car while looking at his phone in December, injuring 17 people and taking two of the vintage PCC cars out of commission.

An MBTA Transit Police affidavit filed in Dorchester District Court alleges Leroy Mattison, 42, of Malden, told authorities he reached into his backpack to "take a quick peek" at his phone and attempted to delete a posting he had left the night before on the website Reddit. com, the Boston Globe reported.

His trolley then collided with the PCC car in front of him, also traveling inbound to Ashmont inbound. The collision occurred on the tracks passing through the Cedar Grove Cemetery, where the other trolley's driver had stopped to see if two stalled trains heading outbound to Mattapan needed assistance.

Mattison's .40-caliber Smith and Wesson firearm was in his backpack on the trolley, the affidavit said. Authorities said the gun was loaded, the Globe reported.

Mattison gave the backpack to a woman after the crash and told her to bring it to the inspector's office at Mat-

tapan Station. According to the affidavit, Mattison would ordinarily have left his gun in his personal vehicle, but it was not working on the day of the crash.

"The MBTA is extremely disappointed with the alleged conduct of this former trolley operator, who jeopardized the safety of both customers and employees," an MBTA statement said. "The MBTA has strict rules and policies to which all employees must adhere, and will not tolerate conduct that puts passengers at risk."

Passengers treated suffered mostly minor injuries, MBTA officials said.

"Due to these allegations, this individual has been let go and will no longer operate any MBTA vehicles," the statement continues. "We are grateful to Transit Police detectives who diligently pursued the facts in this matter and quickly sought criminal complaints against the defendant."

Transit Police are seeking criminal charges against Mattison, who had worked for the T since 2001. Charges include common carrier's gross negligence, witness intimidation, and using a mobile phone while operating a public transport vehicle, the Globe said court records state. Mattison

will also be charged with improper storage of a firearm in Malden District Court.

He has not yet been arraigned on any of the charges. A clerk magistrate hearing is scheduled for Feb. 14 to determine whether the case will go forward.



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Sen. Warren neutral – for the moment – on Capuano v. Pressley

facing off against a 10term congressman maintain few differences in policy positions at this stage of the contest.

The contest has sparked a conversation about ambitious younger candidates balking at the entrenched wait-

(Continued from page 1) your-turn mentality for seeking office, especially in districts where voters have generally favorable views toward their longtime representatives.

> "I just want to take the work that I've dedicated my life to higher and farther at a critical moment," Pressley said in

an interview with WBUR radio last Thursday afternoon. She added, "I don't think someone has to be woefully awful for you to stand up and raise your hand to say that you have a different approach, and lens, and voice to lend to the same issues."

In his WBUR interview that afternoon, Capuano responded by saying, "The district has changed. It's always changing. The times have changed and people do need to change with them. I believe I have done that."

On Monday, Warren



Dorchester Reporter co-founder and publisher emeritus Ed Forry, right, chatted with Sen. Elizabeth Warren during her visit to the Reporter's Columbia Point offices on Monday.

Photo by Simón Rios/WBUR based entrepreneur, is running as an independent.

National stakes are high, War-

ren said.

"The way I see it is, this is a time in America when democracy is under attack," she said. "Republicans have been trying to suppress the vote; we've got Russian interference and a president who won't even admit it, gerrymandering that's going on, all kinds of things. And a of lot statements just say basically, "oh, it doesn't matter, everybody in congress is the same, just ignore them all." It's another form of voter suppression. I see this race as a chance for people to say I will make my voice heard. I will show up, I will volunteer, I will hold signs, I will make phone calls, I will be part of democracy."

politicians as friends and valuable allies in government.

"Ayanna has been a passionate advocate on behalf of women, on behalf of children and families and I've been working with her for years now on issues that are dear to her heart," the senator said. "Mike has also just been a terrific ally, particularly on financial services. He's been there all during the financial crash, and the rebuilding to help us get some good provisions into Dodd Frank [the Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act], and he's been a strong supporter of the CFPB [Consumer Financial Protection Bureau. He truly has been a great partner in Washington."

She continued, "So, they're both good friends, both terrific people, and right now what I care about is hearing both of them, and I hope they will both make their contributions in public service."

On Tuesday evening, Pressley attended the Ward 16 Democratic caucus at the McKeon Post in Neponset to make her case to some of the neighborhood's most active party loyalists.

"I'm very encouraged that I think we've set

said she regards both a tonality early on that we're going to run a positive campaign, and so, the reception has been warm," Pressley told the Reporter before the caucus began. She plans to officially launch her campaign next Tuesday. Feb. 13.

"At a time when our democracy is being dismantled, we are at this time affirming democracy," she told the caucus. "I respect Congressman Michael Capuano. I am so grateful for his contributions, we care about so many of the same things. I'm just hoping you will consider me so I can bring a different approach and a different lens, meeting people where they're at, developing and building an agenda together, and just taking the work higher and farther than I've already been doing."

Barbara Capuano, the congressman's wife, was also at the caucus and addressed the room on behalf of her husband, who was in Washington.

"Mike is working hard," she said. "He cares about his district. He is a very strong progressive." Pointing to his voting record, she added, "Please consider him. Know what he's done for you, and he will continue doing what he's doing now, which is trying to help everyone."

Warren settles into new campaign headquarters in Dorchester

By Jennifer Smith **News Editor**

Sen. Elizabeth Warren is back in the neighborhood and she has an excellent view of Kosciuszko Circle.

The senator's new campaign headquarters are on Columbia Point near the former Bayside Exposition Center site, the same offices occupied until November by Mayor Martin Walsh's campaign as he successfully sought reelection.

Warren sat down with Reporter editors this week to talk about a looming community health crisis, a possible government shutdown, and the state of Democratic leadership.

But she got situated first. Dorchester has been a reliable source of strength for her electorally — a large, diverse neighborhood in a progressive city, but also one with substantial populations of color and lowerincome communities that has been historically marginalized and under-invested in.

"The way I see this, communities like Dorchester are making their

infrastructure, and advancements in fields like medical research that power job growth as much as they make vital scientific advancements. $The \, senator \, is \, facing \, Republican$

who's here."

voices heard," Warren said from

the Reporter offices. She hit the

party line: "It's why I'm in the

United States Senate. I'm there

to speak up loud for people who

wouldn't otherwise have a voice,

and to say we have to make

America work, not just for thin

slice at the top, not just for a

handful of billionaires and some

giant corporations, we need to

make America work for everyone

That means, Warren said,

investing in education, healthcare

challenges for her seat from Whitman state Rep. Geoff Diehl, Winchester businessman John Kingston, and longtime GOP operative Beth Lindstrom. Allen Rodney Waters, of Mashpee; Darius Mitchell, of Lowell; and Heidi Wellman, of Braintree have also pulled papers to run as Republicans in the 2018 race. Shiva Ayyadurai, a Cambridge-

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Health Matters from Carney Hospital

WHY WOMEN MUST LISTEN TO THEIR HEARTS



"Women may experience the classic symptoms of a heart attack, just as many men do. But females may also experience more varied symptoms, with no accompanying chest pain"

Harold Dietzius, MD Carney Hospital Cardiologist

"Paying attention to the subtle warnings can make a significant difference" says Dr. Dietzius. Remember that some of these symptoms can occur over hours, days, or weeks. If you feel these symptoms, don't wait more than five minutes to call 911. Even if you have a friend or relative with you, call for medical help rather than drive. If necessary, paramedics can start life-saving treatment on the way to the emergency room. This early care can determine how well you recover.



Be Prepared and Know Your Risks

Some risk factors for both women and men are uncontrollable, including a family history of heart disease, increasing age, race or ethnicity, and a previous heart attack. Other risk factors can be controlled by adopting healthy habits and, when necessary, the use of medication or medical procedures. Controllable risk factors are smoking (or exposure to secondhand smoke), high blood pressure, high cholesterol, being overweight/obese, unhealthy diet, physical inactivity, diabetes, stress, and drinking too much alcohol. Other risk factors specific to women include being at a younger age at menopause, using hormonal replacement therapy (HRT), and the use of birth control pills, especially in heavy smokers.

ccording to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, heart disease is the number one killer of women causing more deaths than all kinds of cancer combined, and increases in risk after menopause. Many women mistakenly think the only symptom of a heart attack is crushing chest pain and, unfortunately, don't recognize the other, sometimes subtle, symptoms.

"Women may experience the classic symptoms of a heart attack, just as many men do. But females may also experience more varied symptoms, with no accompanying chest pain," says Carney Hospital and Steward Medical Group Cardiologist Harold Dietzius, MD. "This means that a woman who is having a heart attack might blame stomach issues, arthritis or other minor conditions, and not get the immediate help she needs."

How Men and Women Differ

When it comes to heart attack symptoms, men and women share several similarities. Similarities in symptoms include:

- Discomfort or pain in the center of the chest many times, it feels like pressure or squeezing that may last a long time, or go away and come back
- Discomfort or pain in the jaw, arms, back, neck, or stomach
- · Shortness of breath with or without chest pain
- Cold sweat
- Nausea or vomiting
- Lightheadedness

Regarding women, the symptoms that may seem confusing and not so obvious may include:

- · Extreme fatigue, which may occur days or weeks in advance
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Jazz quintet takes stage at All Saints on Feb. 15

By Daniel Sheehan REPORTER STAFF

The next installment of the Dot Jazz Series comes to Ashmont next Thursday, Feb. 15 as the Eric Hofbauer Quintet takes the stage at Peabody Hall inside the Parish of All Saints church. The 7:30 p.m. concert is sponsored by Mandorla Music and Greater Ashmont Main Street.

Hofbauer's group is structured around the concept of "Prehistoric Jazz," a term he says he first heard used by composer Leonard Bernstein, who used it to describe how a certain section of Stravinsky's Rite of Spring should be played.

"That kind of turned into a concept for the band," said Hofbauer. "I loved the play on words and the idea of taking modern classical pieces and reimagining them as modern jazz that has this kind of prehistoric versus postmodern synthesis.

Hofbauer decided to assemble a group of some of his oldest friends and colleagues, choosing an instrument from each section of the orchestra in order to best condense the sounds of an entire



The Eric Hofbauer Quintet features Hofbauer (center) on guitar, Todd Brunel on clarinet and bass clarinet, Jerry Sabatini on trumpet, Junko Fujiwara on Photo courtesy Mandorla Music cello, and Curt Newton on drums.

symphony into a smaller ensemble. The quintet features Hofbauer on guitar, Todd Brunel on clarinet and bass clarinet, Jerry Sabatini on trumpet, Junko Fujiwara on cello, and Curt Newton on drums.

Together, the newlyformed group performed and recorded Hofbauer's interpretation of Rite of Spring, marking the first of what would become four volumes in their Prehistoric Jazz series. For the series, Hofbauer decided to only choose 20th century modernist classical pieces without improvisation and mold them to a more jazzoriented format.

"My goal is to deconstruct them and reimagine them as vehicles for improvisation, for jazz soloing, for interaction, which you know is a huge part of jazz history," Hofbauer explained. "Jazz musicians did that starting in the 1920s, they'd take Tin Pan Alley or Broadway tunes and solo on it...this is kind of the same idea."

Hofbauer's latest project is a reimagining of Duke Ellington's rare long-form composed

piece Reminiscing in Tempo. The program for next week's concert will include excerpts from this piece, as well as sections from each of the quintet's *Prehistoric* Jazz albums and selections from Hofbauer's most recent solo album Ghost Frets.

When he is not performing, Hofbauer stays busy teaching classes at Emerson College, the Longy School of Music, and running the big band at Worcester's Clark University. Yet he says his experience with the quintet, and with Ellington's piece in particular, has been an educational course of its own.

"I've learned so much in the process," he said, 'about economy of sound, how to maintain drama, suspense, and emotional quality with just a few voices...every time we play it or rehearse it, I learn more about the piece."

Tickets for Thursday's show are available online at mandorlamusic. net. The \$15 dollar ticket price includes dessert and non-alcoholic beverages. Doors open at 7.

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CODMAN SQUARE BRANCH

Thurs., Feb. 8, 3:30 p.m. – Drop-In Homework Help. **Mon., Feb. 12**, 3:30 p.m. – Drop-In Homework Help. **Tues.**, **Feb. 13**, 10:30 a.m. – Quilt Making for Generations; 3:30 p.m. – Drop-In Homework Help. Wed., Feb. 14, 3:30 p.m. – Drop-In Homework Help. **Thurs., Feb. 15**, 3:30 p.m. – Drop-In Homework Help. **Tues., Feb. 20**, 10:30 a.m. – Quilt Making for Generations; 4 p.m. – Concert with Matt Heaton.

FIELDS CORNER BRANCH

Thurs., Feb. 8, 3:30 p.m. – Drop-In Homework Help. Fri., Feb. 9, 9:30 a.m. – Tiny Tots Sign Language; 10:30 a.m. – Preschool Storytime. Sat., Feb. 10, 10:30 a.m. – Lego Duplo Day; 11 a.m. – Ask a Career Counselor. Mon., Feb. 12, 10:30 a.m. -Classics for Kids; 3:30 p.m. – Drop-In Homework Help. **Tues., Feb. 13**, 3:30 p.m. – Drop-In Homework Help; 6:30 p.m. – Hatha Yoga. **Wed., Feb 14**, 10:30 a.m. – Preschool Films and Fun; 3:30 p.m. – Drop-In Homework Help. Thurs., Feb. 15, 10:30 a.m. – Lego Duplo Days; 3:30 p.m. – Drop-In Homework Help.

GROVE HALL BRANCH

Thurs., Feb. 8, 3:30 p.m. – Drop-In Homework Help. Fri., Feb. 9, 10:30 a.m. – Preschool Movies. Sat., Feb. 10, 12 p.m. - Youth to Women and Manhood; 1 p.m. - Hollywood Goes to School; 3 p.m. - Remaking Black Power: Author Talk with Dr. Ashley Farmer. **Mon., Feb. 12**, 3:30 p.m. – Drop-In Homework Help. Tues., Feb. 13, 10:15 a.m. –ESL High-Beginner English; 10:30 a.m. - Preschool Story Time; 3:30 p.m. – Free Drop-In Homework Help. Wed., Feb. 14, 11 a.m. – Toddler Time 3:30 p.m. – Drop-In Homework Help; 3:45 p.m. – Bits & Bots. **Thurs., Feb. 15**, 3:30 p.m. – Drop-In Homework Help; 6 p.m. – Before the Mayflower.

LOWER MILLS BRANCH

Thurs., Feb. 8, 3:30 p.m. – Drop-In Homework Help. Fri., Feb. 9, 9:30 a.m. – Babytime; 1 p.m. – Sidney Poitier Film Series. Sat., Feb. 10, 10:30 a.m. - Peter Rabbit Tea Party. Mon., Feb. 12, 3:30 p.m. – Drop-In Homework Help; 7 p.m. – Pajama Storytime. **Tues., Feb. 13**, 3:30 p.m. – Drop-In Homework Help. **Wed., Feb. 14**, 10:30 a.m. – Music & Movement; 12 p.m. – Mosaic Workshop; 3 p.m. – Teen Tech Club: 3-D Modeling with Empow; 3:30 p.m. – Drop-In Homework Help. **Thurs., Feb. 15**, 1 $p.m.-Email\ Basics; 3:30\ p.m.-Drop-In\ Homework$ Help; 6:30 p.m. – Book Discussion.

MATTAPAN BRANCH

Thurs. Feb. 8, 2:30 p.m. – 90s Nostalgia; 3:30 p.m. – Drop-In Homework Help; 6:30 p.m. – Yoga. Fri., Feb. 9, 2:30 p.m. - Movie Friday. Sat., Feb. 10, 2 p.m. - Teen Resume Building. Mon., Feb. 12, 10:30 a.m. - HISET/GED Preparation Class; 2:30 p.m. – Cartoon Afternoon; 3:30 p.m. – Drop-In Homework Help. Tues., Feb. 13, 12 p.m. – Towering Tots; 2:30 p.m. – 90s Nostalgia; 3:30 p.m. – Drop-In Homework Help. **Wed., Feb. 14**, 10:30 a.m. – HI-SET/GED Preparation Class; 2:30 p.m. - Cartoon Afternoon; 3:30 p.m. – Drop-In Homework Help; 4 p.m. - Grub Street: Spoken Word. Thurs., Feb. **15**, 2:30 p.m. – 90s Nostalgia; 3:30 p.m. – Drop-In Homework Help; 6:30 p.m. – Yoga.

UPHAMS CÖRNER BRANCH

Thurs., Feb. 8, 3:30 p.m. – Drop-In Homework Help. Sat., Feb. 10 - Make a Valentine. Mon., Feb. 12, 3:30 p.m. – Drop-In Homework Help. Tues., Feb. 13, 3:30 p.m. – Drop-In Homework Help. Wed., Feb. 14, 3:30 p.m. – Drop-In Homework Help. Thurs., Feb. 15, 3:30 p.m. – Drop-In Homework Help. Fri., Feb. 16, 2:30 p.m. – Celebrate the year of the Earth Dog.

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News about people in & around our Neighborhoods



Mayor Marty Walsh pictured with KII students after assembling Blessing Bags.

The Lower Mills Campus of Saint John Paul II Catholic Academy (SJPIICA), along with numerous community partners, kicked off Catholic Schools Week last Monday by assembling 'Blessing Bags' for Boston residents who are experiencing homelessness.

The bags included toiletries, snacks, water and juice, hats, gloves and scarves. Students also included a personalized message in each of the bags. Joining the students were Mayor Marty Walsh, BPD Commissioner William Evans, BFD Commissioner Joseph Finn, BPD Superintendent-in Chief William Gross, Director of the Office of Returning Citizens Kevin Sibley, members of the BPD School Police Unit and HGTV star Taniya Nayak.

Catholic Schools Week is an annual celebration of Catholic education in the United States. Schools typically observe the week with Masses, open houses, community service and other activities for students, families and community members. Through these events, schools focus on the value Catholic education provides to



BPD Commissioner William Evans assist two SJ-PIICA students assembling a Blessing Bag.

young people and its contributions to Church,

local communities and the nation.

Reilly named to lead The Boston Home

Christine Reilly has been named as the new president and chief executive officer of The Boston Home on Dorchester Avenue. Reilly formerly served as the executive director of Spaulding Nursing & Therapy Center in West Roxbury.

The Boston Home provides specialized clinical care and residential services for adults with advanced progressive neurological diseases, primarily advanced Multiple Sclerosis.

"Iamincredibly excited to have the opportunity to join The Boston Home community," said Reilly, "I am very impressed with the warmth and skill of the staff and how they make sure each resident is able to live comfortably, independently and as fully as possible. I especially appreci-ated the long conversations with the residents themselves. I learned so much from them. Clearly The Boston Home is a very close supportive community.'

"We are delighted to welcome Christine as The Boston Home's next president and CEO,' said Randolph G. Hawthorne, chair of The Boston Home's Board of Trustees. "She is a



Christine Reilly

skilled leader with deep experience in long-term and subacute care from regulatory expertise to resident engagement and empowerment."

Reilly received her BS in healthcare administration from Stonehill College. She is a member of the Massachusetts Senior Care Association Board of Directors and the recipient of numerous Partners in Excellence awards.

"Christine is a focused and thoughtful leader who understands both the challenges and opportunities The Boston Home faces in the years ahead. The search committee is confident her thoughtful leadership style, engaging manner and commitment to those we serve provides the right fit for The Boston Home,"stated Karen Quigley, TBH board member and chair of the selection committee.



Terry Dolan

Terry Dolan of Dorchester was re-elected to serve as secretary of the board of directors for Shattuck Partners, Inc. at their annual meeting on Jan. 24.

Dolan, a Lower Mills resident, is the former assistant to the dean of Northeastern University's School for Public Policy & Urban Affairs and former director of

administration for the Governor's Office. She has served on the board of Shattuck Partners for the past nine years.

Active in civic affairs, she also serves as secretary/treasurer of the Lower Mills Civic Association and is on the advisory board for the Neponset River Watershed Association.

Shattuck Partners is

a nonprofit organization that supports programs and services for patients of the Lemuel Shattuck Hospital in Jamaica Plain. As an important Massachusetts Department of Public Health hospital, the Shattuck is the "hospital of hope" for women and men across the Commonwealth who seek recovery and healing from complex medical

situations and difficult life circumstances.

Belmont Hill School students from Dorchester and Mattapan achieved academic honors for the most recent marking period of the 2017-2018 school year. They include Dorchester's Liam Peterson, Grade 10, high honors; Isaiah Gomes Grade 11, Honors; Declan McDonough, Grade 10, Honors; David Mitchell Grade 12, honors.

Paul Alexis and Dennis Dang of Dorchester, juniors at Boston College High School, were two of the 128 students inducted into the Robert J. Fulton, S.J. chapter of the National Honor Society on Jan. 25.

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DORCHESTER HISTORICAL SOCIETY

At the Dorchester Historical Society, we are in the final stages of a year-long project to commemorate the 100-year anniversary of World War I. Using a collection of photographs we have of Dorchester residents who served in that war, we have been featuring soldiers in a number of short biographies. We hope later to produce an online exhibit highlighting what these men and women did for our country.

Marion E. Voye was born in Boston on Dec. 20, 1894, to Canadian immigrants Albert and Alice (Douglas) Voye. At the time of her birth, Marion's father was listed as a grocer but by 1900, he is listed as a life insurance agent. Her mother, Alice, stayed at home and raised Marion and her three sisters, Helen, Alice, and her younger sister, Edith (Marion was the third child). The family lived at 56 Sanford Street in the Lower Mills neighborhood.

By 1910, the family, now eight in number with the addition of Doris and Albert Jr., had moved to nearby



Marion E. Voye

Temple Street. Marion's maternal grandmother was also living with the

family. Albert Sr. was now working at as a homemaker. On the census, only the nearby Walter Baker Chocolate Factory as a chocolate maker, as most of the men in the neighborhood did.

On Aug. 25, 1918, when Marion was 23 years old, she embarked from New York City for France as a member of the US Army's Nurse Corps (ANC). There she worked at the ANC Base Hospital No. 51, based in Toul. Four months after the armistice was signed, She left France aboard the Leviathan and arrived in Hoboken, NJ, on March 6, 1919.

Shortly after returning home, Marion married Howard Mitchell, a railroad engineer from Pennsylvania and a veteran of the battle of Verdun. By the 1920 census, the couple was living with Howard's family in Factoryville, Penn. Their only child, Howard Chester, was born on July 12, 1921 in Scranton.

By 1930, Marion and family of three were back in her hometown, living at 14 Sanford St. Howard was listed as a machinist at a factory and Marion Howard is listed as a WWI veteran.

At some point before 1940, Howard and Marion divorced. In the 1940 census, Marion and Howard Jr., who later joined the US Army's Air Forces, are living in a home she owns at 179 Thacher Street in Milton. She had resumed working as a nurse and listed as working in "private duty."

Not much is known about Marion and her life after 1945. She appears to have moved to California at some point and remarried someone with the last name of "Breen" as this was the last name listed on her death certificate. She died on Dec. 7, 1981 in San Bernardino County. and buried at the Riverside National Cemetery where she is listed as a "lieutenant, nurse" in the US Army.

You can reach us at dorchesterhistorical society.org. Check out the $Society's \ online \ catalog \ at \ Dorchester.$ pastperfectononline.com; the archive of these historical posts can be viewed on the website.

Mayor Walsh and his team opened a new front in the city's campaign to build more housing for the rapidly growing population of Boston- and it's one that could directly impact Dorchester in the coming

The administration announced last Friday that it will invite private interests to respond to a Request for Information to "measure interest in the mixed-use redevelopment of assets such as community centers, libraries, and fire stations."

These city-owned assets could "spur the development of additional housing for Boston residents, while improving the infrastructure conditions of city buildings through redevelopment," the mayor's office explained.

The Reporter caught up with Walsh in person at an event in Codman Square on Monday and asked him what, more specifically, this might mean in his home neighborhood.

"We have certain spots in our neighborhood, like in Fields Corner, the library, there's an opportunity to put housing on top of that," he said. "Any time we can do some public-private partnerships to build housing it's important.

"I think we're going to be building a lot of libraries and we're going to be doing a lot of fire stations over, so if there's opportunities we should be looking at them, the mayor said. "It's something that we're going to look at. They've done it in other cities successfully.'

Boston has also successfully done a version of this in the past. Under Mayor Tom Menino, the city sold off its old police headquarters on Berkeley Street to a private developer who converted the building into a hotel. Funds from the sale helped the city subsidize the construction of new, affordable housing in Dorchester and other neighborhoods.

But Walsh's concept is far more expansive and, potentially, more impactful. There are scores of properties in the city's portfolio that could be redeveloped over the coming years, even decades. He points to Washington, D.C., which recently completed a combination firehouse, library, and affordable housing complex on city-owned land.

That's a model that could work well on certain parcels, including ones that are not yet in the city's budget pipeline. For example, in Lower Mills, where the city's public library branch is aging but not yet slated for renovation, it would make sense to conceptualize a modernized branch with housing units above or adjacent to the site. In theory, the private partner in such a redevelopment would help the city pay for the construction — or lease space from the city, allowing for more speed and, potentially, multiple projects across the city.

The administration is now actively planning new library branches in Adams Corner, Uphams Corner, and Fields Corner. The city is also planning to build a new firehouse on Meetinghouse Hill. The idea of blending these public uses with private housing starts is a smart one that should be incorporated into city plans as soon as possible. It is also possible that some of the city's 35 municipal parking lots could be used for housing.

In last week's rollout, the mayor's Housing Innovation Lab said it would accept submissions through March 23. An informational meeting will take place on Feb. 15 at 26 Court St. in Boston. And there is more information about the process available online at the city's website.

We applaud this sort of forward-thinking initiative by Walsh and his team. Ideally, it will trigger a fresh ${f flow}$ of ${f redevelopment}$ that ${f will}$ ${f bring}$ ${f more}$ ${f affordable}$ housing to our communities while improving the public amenities that we still depend on for basic - Bill Forry city services.

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There is nothing for us in Haiti's Trump's TPS decision hits local families hard by Roy Lincoln Kabb Mayor Wolch and Mayor Wo

SPECIAL TO THE REPORTER

Marie Jean Baptiste was on her way home from work when the earthquake struck Haiti in January 2010. As the ground beneath her feet undulated, she could barely move. It was hours before she got back to her family in Santo, a village several miles outside Port-au-Prince. The earth had been shaking so violently from the quake that her husband Shyller, who had been gardening in their yard, had to struggle to get inside the house to retrieve their newborn son.

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In the aftermath, a multi-story building across the street collapsed,

killing everyone inside. Marie's house remained standing, but the government forbade people from re-entering their homes due to concerns about collapses. So she and Shyller had to sleep outside with their three-month-old baby.

"It was terrible," she said, shaking her head at the memory. "There were dead bodies on the street

Three days later, Shyller and her son were taken by helicopter to the American embassy and then flown to Boston. Marie stayed behind to make sure that her 69-year-old mother was okay. She was, but physically and emotionally traumatized, she died within a few months. By then, Marie had rejoined her family in Boston.

This was not her first time in Boston. Before her son was born, she struggled to have children because she has Type I Diabetes. After five unsuccessful pregnancies, she came to Boston to access medical expertise unavailable in Haiti. With the support of specialists from Boston Medical Center, she delivered a healthy baby. Now that she was back in Boston, she continued to receive support from BMC, which conducted weekly home visits for almost a year to assess children like her son who had lived through the earthquake.

Marie and her husband had earned their bachelor degrees in administration and economic science while in Haiti, but like many new arrivals in Boston they found it difficult to find work in their areas of study. Since 2010, they have been supporting their family as certified nursing assistants in area hospitals and nursing homes. Their son, now eight, attends St. John Paul II Catholic Academy in Mattapan and they have started college savings accounts for both him and his younger sister, now two years old.

The Baptistes are here legally through a Congressionally mandated humanitarian program that gives them Temporary Protective Status (TPS). The legislation authorizes the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) to allow foreign nationals to remain lawfully in the US if their home country is experiencing ongoing armed conflict, environmental disaster, or "other extraordinary and temporary conditions." There are now more than 320,000 people living in the US through TPS, including almost 60,000 Haitian-born individuals.

This is an American success story, one that should be held up as exemplary. But this is not where the story ends. Last November, the Trump administration ended the TPS program for Haitians, claiming that conditions in their home country no longer required it. The decision was part of a broader effort by President Trump to dismantle TPS. In recent months, the administration has also ended TPS for approximately 260,000 immigrants from El Salvador, more than 5,000 from Nicaragua, and more than 1,000 from Sudan.



Marie Jean Baptiste with her son, Shyllerson Jean Roy Karp photo

Oval Office in January, the president said he didn't understand why there are so many people in the US from "shithole nations" like Haiti. "Why do we need more Haitians? Take them out," he is reported to have said. Hateful and ignorant comments like these are not surprising coming from a man who has aligned himself with white nationalists and was the public face of birtherism, the racist and thoroughly debunked conspiracy theory used to undermine the legitimacy of the nation's first black president, Barack Obama.

During his first State of the Union address last week, Trump made a hollow plea for "unity" and then proceeded to drive a wedge between "citizens" who must be protected and dangerous immigrants who must be deported. "Americans are dreamers, too," he said, as if hope for the future was in short supply and the American dream was a zero-sum real estate deal. The president has an exceedingly narrow definition of "American." Excluded from it are several hundred thousand TPS recipients who have fled crises in their home countries. Excluded, too, are more than 200,000 US citizens born to these lawful residents, including about 30,000 Haitian-

TPS for Haitians is now set to expire on July 22, 2019, but their working permit authorizations will end this July. The many changes announced by DHS in the last several months have caused both confusion and trepidation. Many TPS holders were told not to show up for work in January by employers who mistakenly believed their work permits had already expired.

Marie is bewildered by the prospects her family is now facing. "There is nothing for us in Haiti," she said. "I will not be able to find work and my children won't be able to get a decent education, so what will happen to them?"

Her dream is that they go on to college and become professionals, so that they can give back to the country that saved them from catastrophe. Those dreams will be dashed if they have to return to Haiti. As US citizens, her children can return when they are adults, but they will arrive without an education and without any savings for college.

"It feels like we are going to have another earthquake," Marie said, making a sad but apt analogy. Once again, the ground beneath her feet is shifting. She and her husband will have to live outside the home they have worked so hard to build for their family. Their story will be yet another national hore than 1,000 from Sudan. tragedy, one caused not by a natural disaster, but by a political one.

We'd like to talk about developing Bayside site as an inclusive village

From: The offices of the Massachusetts Affordable Housing Alliance.

To: Prospective Developers of the Bayside site

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Our vision for the Bayside site is a new, inclusive Dorchester village with homeownership and serious affordability for both renters and prospective

homebuyers. We see a neighborhood that represents what is great about Dorchester - Black, Latino, Asian and White neighbors of all income levels living together in a diverse mix of housing styles, including reimagining our iconic three-decker homes. We see homes for families with children and parks to play in along with smaller units for students, seniors, and millennials just starting out.

And we see these homes selling and renting at affordable-truly affordable-prices so that residents will have a chance to stay and thrive in our great neighborhood.

We want to hear about your vision and work with you to make this new development an opportunity for all who live here and want to stay.

Sincerely,

Acia Adams-Heath, a Dorchester resident and member of MAHA's board of directors; Shannon O'Malley, a Dorchester resident and member of MAHA's Leadership team.

Sean Guthrie played football at BC, and in the NFL; now he coaches Young Achievers in the Game of Life

By George K. Regan Jr. Special to the Reporter

As a former NFL defensive lineman, Sean Guthrie spent years menacing offensive linemen and many of the best quarterbacks in the league. On game day, he was always up for the challenge – one he considered the biggest of his life. But after a professional career with the New York Giants, Indianapolis Colts, and Washington Redskins that was cut short by injuries, the 6-4, 269-pound athlete realized that his most important challenge lay ahead.

A former captain at Boston College, Guthrie, returned to the city focused on a new mission – to create positive change for young people through education. Similar to the flow of his athletic career, Guthrie had to work his way up the roster, first as a math teacher in the Boston public schools, and now as head of the Young Achievers Science and Math Pilot School in Mattapan, where he took over from principal Virginia Chalmers, who retired after 20 years in 2016.

I had the pleasure of meeting Guthrie when I visited Young Achievers as part of Principal Partners, a program that brings Boston's business leaders into the local schools. Supported by Bank of America, Principal Partners has brought more than 600 leaders into Boston classrooms for the past 15 years. I had the opportunity to witness Sean's work first-hand as a guest principal for a day.

As might be expected, Guthrie's leadership style was molded from his years at BC and in the pros, where he worked for two polar opposites in coaching philosophies: the military-tough Tom Coughlin and the soft-spoken Tony Dungy. "They had very different styles, but they were the same in the fact that they cared about the players," Guthrie said. When asked which coach's style he emulates as principal, he said he leans more towards Dungy, but admitted with a smile, "Sometimes I put on my Coughlin hat when I have to. Sometimes enough is enough."

Guthrie also tries to bring lessons from Michael Strahan, the Giants player who acted as Guthrie's mentor when he started out in the NFL. "He never felt there was a hierarchy in how people should be treated; no matter who you were, you were given respect, and not everyone was like that," he said. "It's the same way here; students, teachers, custodians, coaches, they are all the same."

One of Guthrie's first changes as the new principal was to stress to his students the idea of "social justice through academic excellence," something he feels is the key to success for those not born into affluence.

"These kids are disenfranchised, and we tell it to them straight—there are barriers of race, barriers of finances. These obstacles exist, but they can be overcome through academic excellence," he said. "We let them know that people will look at you a certain way, but if you articulate yourself, express yourself in a way they don't expect, you can overcome. We let them know that there is a better way to move forward, a more positive way."

There are other ways Young Achievers tries to give its students a head start in life. While most schools in Boston are done for the day by 2 p.m.,

Young Achievers goes until after 4, adding an extra 300 hours of instruction a year. The school emphasizes lessons and training that will seamlessly transfer into a career. For instance, sixth graders are taught computer science. In the seventh grade, kids learn how to create apps. The following year, they are instructed in 3D modeling.



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Sean Guthrie, right, the principal at Young Achievers Science and Math Pilot School in Mattapan, is shown with Mayor Martin Walsh.

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The school emphasizes outdoor, hands-on experience and learning, and each year sends more than a dozen eighth-graders to the Costa Rican rain forest in a privately funded trip to learn about the wildlife. Young Achievers is also the only BPS institution to have a chess club. At Guthrie's prompting, the club now participates in statewide competitions, with surprising results.

As is the case at every school, there are challenges. While the staff's mission is to provide an education on the level of the best public school in the state, they have a library that needs updating, and they wish they had better technology to prepare their

students for their futures.

To supplement the school's budget, Young Achievers is holding a fundraising gala on March 18. Speaking at the event will be John Urschel, another NFL player who found fulfillment in the academic world. He famously retired after a few years with the Baltimore Rayens to pursue a doctorate at MIT.

What I saw at Young Achievers was very inspiring – a school poised to tackle and overcome poverty and condition its students for success.

George K. Regan Jr. is president and chairman of Regan Communications Group.



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DOT DAY 10K CASH DRAWING SET FOR APRIL 6

Dorchester Day Parade Committee 10k Cash Drawing at Florian Hall, 55 Hallet St., Dorchester at 7 p.m. on Fri., April 6. Limited number of tickets (300) will be sold for \$100 each. Proceeds from the event support the June 3 Dot Day Parade. Contact Kelly Walsh at kellywalsh@dotdayparade.com or 888-734-2356 for tickets.

JAMMIN' FOR JIMMY AT FLORIAN HALL

Join for an evening of fun and music to benefit the James P. "Jimmy" Cawley Scholarship at UMass Boston on Sat., Feb. 10 from 7-10 p.m. at Florian Hall, Dorchester. The Jimmy Cawley Scholarship was created in memory of a much-loved son of Dorchester whose life was sadly shortened by cancer. Jimmy's scholarship is set up to benefit a student from Dorchester who is majoring in political science. For further information about the scholarship, visit umb.academicworks.com/donors/the-james-p-jimmycawley-scholarship. General admission is \$10 at the door. Raffle prizes, hors d'ouevres, cash bar, and a cash drawing will be held. For more information or to purchase tickets for the cash drawing, please contact Elisa Birdseye at jimmyscholarship@gmail.com.

JFK LIBRARY PRESIDENTS' DAY FAMILY

JFK Library will offer several family-oriented activities and programs throughout Presidents' Day week, kicking off on Mon., Feb 19 from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Visitors ages 17 and under are admitted free of charge on Festival day. The festival will feature presidential storytelling, activities and performances, and two Celebrate! family performing arts programs. The first celebrates the Lunar New Year with Shaw Pong Liu who performs music from China and the second features traditional West African rhythms and music with Benkadi Drum and Dance in honor of African American Heritage Month. For a detailed schedule, visit jfklibrary.org/presidentsday. **BOSTON COMMON CHILDREN'S WINTER**

FESTIVAL FEB. 21

The annual Children's Winter Festival at Boston Common in partnership with the Highland Street Foundation will be held during school vacation week on Wed., Feb. 21 from 10-3 p.m. Among the



Former State Senator Linda Dorcena Forry, photographed in the House chamber by Don West, is one of several prominent leaders of color featured in "Portraits of Purpose:Next Generation," a multi-media performance inspired by West's book of the same name- co-authored with Pulitzer Prize winning journalist Kenneth J. Cooper. The Black History Month event —set for today, Feb. 8 from 5:30-8:30 p.m. in Boston City Hall- will salute past and present leaders of color and anticipate the next generation, with 150 city high school students included in the event. Forry and other leaders of color will perform an original theater presentation written and directed by Elaine T. Koury, artist, educator and founder/ former director of Boston Youth Theater.

attractions will the 45-foot-long Toboggan Tunnel mountainous adventure with twin roller lanes, the 30-foot-high inflatable Everest Climb N Slide, and the Snow Mazing maze. In addition, the Highland Street Foundation is sponsoring a week-long Winter

Camp at the Boston Common Frog Pond with free skating and rentals for all ages through Fri., Feb. 23. For more information on the Winter Camp skating, please visit highlandstreet.org.

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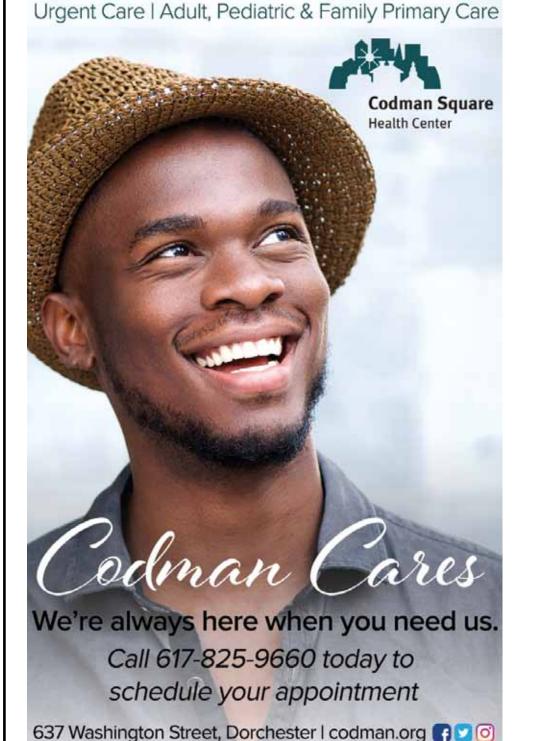
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Kids Menu

Why not start now on April vacation planning?

By Maureen Forry-Sorrell

REPORTER STAFF

If you're anything like me, sometime around Super Bowl Sunday, the realization dawns that you haven't made plans for your kids for February vacation. This year, I'm getting ahead of the game and am now planning for April vacation. Here are a couple of neighborhood spots that cater to the younger Spring Break crowd.

- Boys and Girls Club of Dorchester. This longstanding neighborhood institution offers an incredibly cost-effective option for school break: \$25 for the week plus a \$5 membership fee. Registration dates TBD.
- Dot Art is another fantastic option for your little Van Goghs and Georgia O'Keefes, ages 5-10. Camp is Tuesday through Friday of April vacation week from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.. The cost is \$225 (scholarships and sliding scales are available). Registration is open now! Check them out on Facebook or go to dotartorg.

• "Ma, the meatloaf!"

If you're tired of trying to figure out what to put on the table for dinner, why not treat yourself and the family to a night out? The Industry on Adams has a fantastic kids menu for \$5, which means you can all enjoy a delicious meal (with a fabulous wine menu and service) without breaking the bank. Go to industryonadams.com for full details.

• Tennis, anyone?

If you haven't been to more the merrier! Sportsmen's Tennis Club and Enrichment Center on Blue Hill Ave recently, you've got to check it out. We go every Sunday afternoon at 3 for free tennis lessons and pizza, but the club offers so much more -afterschool tutoring, community resource and meeting rooms, and, in the summer, a garden and summer camp. The organization is an example of what makes our neighborhood so rich and desirable. Memberships are affordable and scholarships are available. And if you're looking for a last-minute option for February vacation, STEC is offering a tennis program from Feb 19 to Feb. 23 (\$195 full day, \$150 half day. single days \$55 per day). To register, contact 617-288-9092 or visit nhouston@sportsmenstennis.org.

Here are some more great things for you and your family to check out in the coming weeks.

- Thurs., Feb. 8, 10 a.m. -Informational event for Foster, MA. Come to learn how to become a foster family to a child in need. Daniel Driscoll Neponset Health Center, 398 Neponset Ave.
- Sat., Feb 10, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Vietnamese American Initiative for Development. 42 Charles St. Join VietAID for its annual Tet celebration to welcome in the Year of the Dog! There will be food, drink, music, and kids' activities. Admission is free. Bring your family and friends; the

- Sat., Feb 10, 11 a.m. Darwin Dav at the Franklin Park Zoo, presented by MIT, BPL, and the National Science Foundation. Visit interactive activities and demonstrations throughout the Tropical Forest that guests can partake in. This event is open to guests of all ages and is free with general admission to the Zoo.
- Sat., Feb 10, 11:30 a.m. Wellness with Animal Tracking and Winter Play at Franklin Park with Outdoor RX. Contactegrilli@outdoors.org for more info.
- Fri., Feb. 16, from 8 p.m. to 10 p.m. at Boston Bowl; 1980's roll-back bowling prices – \$3 per game. 80's music and prizes!
- Fri., Feb. 16, 6 p.m. Teen Night at the Harvard Street Neighbor-

hood Health Center for ages 14-18. The topic of discussion will be healthy relationships (friends, family, etc.). After the discussion, enjoy a delicious meal while watching an ageappropriate fun movie!

- Wed., Feb 21, 3:30 p.m. at the Uphams Corner BPL. Doll E Daze: African Doll Workshop. A popular workshop designed to "promote self-esteem, cultural diversity and preserve the history of black dolls through collection and education".
- Sat., Feb 24, 10:30 a.m. "Little Voices Big Change- Black Lives Matter" at the Lower Mills BPL. Join Wee The People for a workshop of kid-powered resistance with the social justice storytime event "Black Lives Matter." Through stories and activities,

kids will explore themes of protest and racial justice, taking lessons from the past to understand today's Movement for Black Lives. Best for kids 5 and up.

- Sat., March 3, 9:30 a.m. — The Dot Day Parade Committee will be hosting its second annual Character Breakfast to raise funds for the June parade. Characters such as Poppy and Branch from Trolls, Batman, Minions, Mickey, Minnie, Moana, Peppa Pig, Cookie Monster, and Elmo will be on the scene at Meetinghouse Church. A delicious breakfast will be served by Season's Catering, and ice cream will be available from Chill on Park. \$20 per adult, \$10 per child 12 and under. Children under 2 are free gusts.
 - Mon., March 12,

11 a.m. "Black History Heroes, Soldiers and Spies" at the Grove Hall BPL, 41 Geneva Ave. Track Buffalo Soldiers, including Colonel Charles Young, as they explore and settle the American West. Join the Tuskegee Airmen as they take flight to help win World War II. This play also highlights the work of spies such as Mary Elizabeth Bowser, who fought for the Union during the Civil War. This exciting and interactive production will captivate audiences as they are drawn into some of the most unique and exciting stories from black history.

• Fri., March 23, 7 p.m. Cold Night, Hot Stove presented by the All Dorchester Sports League. At First Parish Church, 10 Parish St.,

Dorchester.





Come out for a good time to benefit the Jimmy Cawley Scholarship Fund at UMass Boston! Saturday, February 10, 2018 7 to 10:30 pm at Florian Hall 55 Hallett St. Dorchester The Boston ILL Harmonic will play BEATLES Revolver, followed by live band Beatles Karaoke Raffle prizes, t-shirts, cash drawing/ h'ors oeuvres, cash bar \$10 general admission Call 617-953-5453 for more information.



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Team MR8 salutes runners, gears up for Boston Marathon

By Maddie Kilgannon Reporter Correspondent

Nearly 120 people will be running with Martin Richard's name on their backs on Marathon Monday, moving forward towards the finish line and advancing the work of the Dorchester-based foundation that memorializes Martin's dream of peace and inclusion.

Team members and their supporters gathered together last Friday evening at Fenway Park for the Martin Richard Foundation's annual celebration, which included remarks from Mayor Martin Walsh.

"What I love about the marathon is waiting for those MR8 shirts," Walsh said. "We're looking for those yellow shirts, and every time we see one we get excited and we scream and yell... we stand there hour after hour. And I'll be honest with you, I stay to watch MR8 come in."

"I look forward to

seeing all of you cross the finish line. I just want to thank you for running for a special little boy and an incredible family," he said.

"Remember what you're running for," Walsh said. "MR8 is changing lives."

The evening started with an emotional tribute video to 8-year-old Martin, dearly missed by so many in the audience. The video included interviews with teachers and coaches of Martin. Pat Ryan coached Martin when he was 7 and he now runs the Boston Marathon in his honor.

"There's no way you could stop[running with Martin's name on your back]," Ryan said in the video.

Martin's father, Bill Richard took a moment to look back on the impact the foundation had in 2017.

In August, the foundation broke ground on Martin's Park in the Seaport District. The



Pictured at the Martin Richard Foundation celebration last Friday at Fenway Park were, l-r: Mayor Martin Walsh, Denise Richard, Jane Richard, Bill Richard, Sheila McCarthy, Clare McCarthy, Mike McCarthy, Henry Richard.

Photo courtesy Martin Richard Foundation/ Jocelyn Gabriel photo

park is expected to be ready for all children, ranging in physical ability, in September.

Henry Richard, Martin's older brother, told the audience that the park is making progress and thanked them for their role in making it happen.

"My sister and I are really excited for the opening of Martin's Park and are honored to help the City of Boston create an inclusive park for kids of all abilities to play in," said Henry. "Even though most of the design and construction money was raised through a capital

campaign, over 1000 people like you donated money to our Foundation to make sure Martin's Park is built."

Park is built."
As part of the evening, the foundation presented three "Champion of Peace Awards" to the South School Elementary Civics Club from Holbrook, Raymond (Ray) Childs from Hingham and to Dorchester's own Sheila McCarthy.

Denise Richard, Martin's mom, presented the award to McCarthy, calling her an unsung hero who gives both of her hands and her entire heart to the local

community center, MR8, and her parish.

"She does all of this while raising a family, caring for her mother and working three jobs," said Denise. "Her at-risk and under-served students are always on her mind and receive gently worn clothes and snacks from her on a regular basis as well as her love and patience — even when met with verbal and sometimes physical abuse."

The foundation will continue to offer grants to finance projects that promote Martin's message of peace and bridge building.

"In the past four years, we have given \$632,000 to groups who share our mission and focus on community building, youth development, adaptive and inclusive sports and education around non-violence," Henry Richard said.

On Labor Day, the foundation plans to host a new event, the "MR8K," an 8.25-kilometer road race that will begin and end inside the TD Garden.

"Looking ahead, we have a lot going on," said Bill Richard. "So much of what we do is to support young people."



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Warren: Bipartisan solution needed for health center crisis

a dire shortage of funds, they wrote.

Centers across the country are starting to enact layoffs and service reductions in an attempt to stretch their existing budgets, which are heavily dependent on federal dollars. Absent any congressional renewal over the last four months, about 70 percent of the health centers' funding has already been cut. Many are planning for site closures.

In a visit to the Reporteroffices on Monday, Warren said the standoff over these dollars is "an indication of politics at its worst." Still, she said, "We're going to get community health centers funded."

The centers offer affordable, high-quality health care, from primary care to opioid treatment and prenatal care while



Staff from the Codman Square Health Center rallied in support of federal funds needed by community health centers on Tuesday. Photo courtesy CSHC

providing dentistry, counseling, and access to low-cost prescription drugs. Between them, the Bowdoin Street, Codman Square, Dimock, DotHouse Health, Geiger Gibson, Harvard Street, Mattapan, Neponset, Uphams Corner, Whittier Street, and South End agencies serve more than 148,000 patients, or one in six Boston residents.

"Community health centers are about health in the fullest meaning of the word," Warren said. "Yes, it's about colds and cancer screenings, but it's also about all the things it takes to make a family healthy and keep a family healthy. The federal government needs to step up as a partner here and put in the funding so that our community health

centers can count on the fact that they will have the resources they need to continue their work."

Legislators on both sides of the aisle understand the need for such centers, but Democrats control neither Congress nor the presidency, she noted. "I believe we will reach an agreement, because this is such a high priority for Democrats,"

she added. "The fact that this is such a high priority for Democrats is part of the reason that the Republicans have held this program hostage. But we will get there. Community health centers are too important to people, and frankly they save a lot of money in the healthcare system."

US Sen. Bernie Sanders, of Vermont, noted in an October op-ed in the Boston Globe that "community health centers have played a pivotal role in generating more than \$49 billion in savings to the entire health care system."

Across Dorchester, Mattapan, Roxbury, and the South End, a potential loss of close to \$13.1 million in funding puts more than 10,721 patients at risk, health center advocates wrote in their letter to the

After the public launch on Monday of Dot Rx a prescription-based program that connects Dorchester families with peer health coaches and local experiences that promote healthier lives – Mayor Martin Walsh told the Reporter that the community health center crisis could "have real impacts" on neighborhoods that depend on them.

"I'm worried about that," he said, adding that he thinks federal budget for local health centers and local economies is going to have a big impact. "Health centers are the cornerstone of a lot of neighborhoods, like Codman Square,' he said. "I mean, it's the economic engine, it's the health provider."

 $Dan\, ar{S}heehan\, of the\, Re$ porter staff contributed to this report.

Jordan, MD, Dimock

Public health is being held hostage by Washington wrangling

Public health is more vulnerable than ever today because community health centers like those serving Dorchester, Mattapan, Roxbury, and the South End are

Commentary

running out of time and money in the midst of a virulent flu season and an ever-climbing number of opioid overdoses.

Critical federal funding for our programs expired the first of last October, and since then, all community health centers have been operating under a "funding cliff." This phrase alone would lead a person to think that this is an issue solely about money, but it's about much more. It's about people, and about how decisions made – or left unmade – can have a ripple effect.

When people are sick, they need an accessible place to go for affordable care. Few areas of the country are as dependent on community health centers to provide such care than Dorchester Mattapan, Roxbury and the South End. Collectively, the Bowdoin Street, Codman Square, Dimock, DotHouse Health, Geiger Gibson, Harvard Street, Mattapan, Neponset, Uphams Corner, Whittier Street, and South End health centers serve more than 148,000 patients, or one in six Boston residents. We are committed to maintaining our full range of high-quality services for all patients - but doing so isn't easy, and we're worried we will soon have to take the same drastic measures we are seeing put in place in other areas of the nation.

Community health centers across the coun-

Community health centers in federal funding crisis; care in Massachusetts is facing close to \$200m shortfall

try are being forced to make tough decisions. They are laying off staff, cutting back services like treatment for opioid addiction or onsite ultrasounds for pregnant mothers, and planning for site closures. Health care for more than 27 million people nationwide is being managed on a month-to-month basis because Congress has not extended funding for community health centers. So vendors cannot be paid, nor can doctors be recruited or persuaded to remain in some of the most medically underserved areas. Mobile health vans may not have the gas money to drive to the hardest-to-reach populations. Medicines and other supplies may not be purchased beyond next month.

The US Department of Health and Human Services has projected that the "funding cliff" could

result in the closure of 2,800 health center sites throughout the US and the loss of health care access for up to nine million patients. In Massachusetts, funding losses could approach \$200 million with 140,000 patients losing access to care. For Dorchester, Mattapan, Roxbury and the South End, a loss of close to \$13.1 million in funding puts more than 10,721 patients at risk.

This is not how a health system should be operated-particularly a community health center system that has served the nation so well both in terms of saving lives and dollars. Health centers like ours have been providing care for more than 50 years, opening access to quality services and providing a more affordable option for preventive care than a hospital emergency room. Not only do we generate \$24 billion in health care cost savings, but we are also innovators who work with community partners to respond to public health crises, such as trauma and violence, the opioid epidemic and the recent disasters that struck Texas, Florida, California, and Puerto

There is little doubt that health centers have contributed significantly to cost savings for the American taxpayer. Our record of success is why community health centers have earned bipartisan support from presidents and lawmakers. Yet there's a bitter irony behind the health center "funding cliff": Most everyone agrees that Congress should act now to extend funding. Lawmakers must move beyond the political debate and put their focus on public health.

Our Massachusetts congressional delega-

tion and state leaders have a long history of advocating on our behalf, but they need your help now in spurring national bipartisan action. Sign up as a health center advocate today at www. hcaadvocacy.org/join to let elected officials know what your health center means to you and your community.

Sincerely, Phillomin Laptiste, Bowdoin Street Health Center; Sandra Cotterell, Codman Square Health Center; Myechia MinterCommunity Health Center; Michelle Nadow, DotHouse Health: Chuck Jones, Geiger Gibson & Daniel Driscoll-Neponset Health Centers; Stan A. McLaren, Harvard Street Neighborhood Health Center: James W. Hunt, Jr., Massachusetts League of Community Health Centers; Guale Valdez, Mattapan Community Health Center; Bill Walczak, South End Community Health Center; Jay Trivedi, Uphams Corner Health Center; Frederica Williams, Whittier Street Health Center.

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24 NEW CHARDON STREET
BOSTON, MA 02114
Docket No. SU18D0047DR DIVORCE SUMMONS
BY PUBLICATION and MAILING
ISIDRO NUNEZ LEON

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

You are hereby summoned and re quired to serve upon: Isidro Nunez Leon, 51 Norfolk Street, Apt. K, Dorchester, MA 02124 your answer, if any, on or before 03/08/2018. If you fail to do so, the court will proceed to the hearing and adjudica tion of this action. You are also required to file a copy of your answer, if any, in the office of the Register of this Court. Witness, HON. BRIANJ. DUNN, First Justice of this Court.

Date: January 11, 2018 Felix D. Arroyo Register of Probate

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS THE TRIAL COURT **PROBATE & FAMILY COURT** SUFFOLK PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT 24 NEW CHARDON STREET BOSTON, MA 02114 617-788-8300 NOTICE OF PETITION FOR CHANGE OF NAME Docket No. SU18C0008CA IN THE MATTER OF: DANIEL JOHN LANGE of DORCHESTER, MA

To all persons interested in petition described A petition has been presented by Daniel J. Lange requesting that: Daniel John Lange be allowed to change his/her/their

name as follows DANIEL LANGE VAGLE IF YOU DESIRE TO OBJECT THERETO, YOU OR YOUR AT TORNEY MUST FILE A WRIT TEN APPEARANCE IN SAID COURT AT BOSTON ON OR BEFORE TEN O'CLOCK IN THE MORNING (10:00 AM) ON 02/22/2018.

Witness, HON, BRIAN J DUNN, First Justice of this Court January 30, 2018

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COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS THE TRIAL COURT
PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT
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PUBLICATION NOTICE

Docket No. SU17P2304EA

ESTATE OF:

KIMBERLEY WETHERILLE

DATE OF DEATH: August 11, 2017

SUFFOLK DIVISION

To all prepare interested in the about

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner Patrick R. Wetherille of Boston, MA, a Will has been admitted to informal probate Patrick R. Wetherille of Boston, MA has been informally appointed as the Persona Representative of the estate to serve with out surety on the bond.

The estate is being administered under informal procedure by the Persona Representative under the Massachusetts Uniform Probate Code without supervision by the Court. Inventory and accounts are not required to be filed with the Court, but interested parties are entitled to notice regarding the administration from Personal Representative and can petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, includ-ing distribution of assets and expenses of administration. Interested parties are entitled to petition the Court to institute formal proceedings and to obtain orders terminating or restricting the powers of Personal Representatives appointed under informal procedure. A copy of the Petition and Will, if any, can be obtained from the Petitioner.

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NOTICE OF PETITION FOR CHANGE OF NAME Docket No. SU18C0009CA IN THE MATTER OF: JANIYA LACHE ETHERIDGE of

To all persons interested in netition described:

A petition has been presented by Charlene Johnson requesting that: Janiya Lache Etheridge be allowed to change his/her/their

name as follows:

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COMMONWEALTH OF
MASSACHUSETTS
SUFFOLK, ss.
THE TRIAL COURT
PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT
NOTICE AND ORDER:
PETITION FOR APPOINTMENT
OF GUARDIAN OF A MINOR
Docket No. SU17P2686GD
IN THE INTERESTS OF
PATRICK ELIAS PINA GOMES
OF DORCHESTER, MA
MINOR
Notice to all Interested Parties
Hearing Date/Time: Ahearing on a Pe

Notice to all Interested Parties

1. Hearing Date/Time: A hearing on a Petition for Appointment of Guardian of a Minor filled on 12/15/2017 by Margarida Gomes Kuitnderma of Dorchester, MA will be held 04/12/2018 08:30 AM Guardianship of Minor Hearing. Located at 24 New Chardon Street, 3rd Floor, Boston, MA 02114 – Probation Department. 2. Response to Petition: You may respond

by filing a written response to the Petition or by appearing in person at the hearing. If you choose to file a written response, you need to:

choose to file a written response, you need to:
File the original with the Court; and
Mail a copy to all interested parties at least
five (5) business days before the hearing.

3. Counsel for the Minor: the Minor (or an
adult on behalf of the minor) has the right to
request that counsel be appointed for the minor.

4. Presence of the Minor at hearing: A
minor over age 14 has the right to be present
at any hearing, unless the Court finds that it
is not in the minor's heat interests.

not in the minor's best interests.

THIS IS A LEGAL NOTICE: An important

court proceeding that may affect your rights has been scheduled. If you do not understand this notice or other court papers, please contac January 26, 2018

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Neighborhood Notables

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FREE HOME BUYING CLASSES ON FEB. 10

Meet participating lenders and realtors at Bruce C. Bolling Building, 2300 Washington St., Roxbury for two free classes on Sat., Feb. 10, 9:15-10 a.m.; Homebuyer Financing Programs; 10 a.m.-11:30 a.m., Structuring Your Finances for Homeownership. Register and reserve your seat today at HomeCenter. Boston.gov or 617-635-HOME(4663).

DIVERSITY CAREER FAIR FOR TEACHERS

Join educators and school leaders from across the City of Boston at the Fourth Annual Boston Diversity Career Fair for Teachers, co-sponsored by the Boston Public Schools and the Boston Compact on Thurs., Feb. 15 from 5-7 p.m. at Bruce B. Bolling Municipal Building, 2300 Washington St., Roxbury. For more information, visit teachboston.org.

PUBLIC MEETING AT MILDRED COMMUNITY CENTER

The Boston Parks and Recreation Department invites the public to the first in a series of meetings to discuss the Steven P. Odom Serenity Garden on Hopkins Street at BCYF MCC, 5 Mildred Ave., Mattapan on Tues., Feb. 27 from 6:30-8 p.m. The Garden will be adjacent to the residential development planned for 872 Morton Street. An overview of the process will be reviewed, and the discussion will focus on the vision for the Garden. For more information, please call Cathy Baker-Eclipse at the Boston Parks and Recreation Department 617-961-3058 or email Cathy.Baker-Eclipse@boston.gov.

BOSTON'S BLACK HISTORY MONTH

CELEBRATORY EVENTS

Sat., Feb. 17 from 9:45-4:30 p.m.; Carter G. Woodson Basketball Tournament at BCYF Recreation Center at Madison Park, 55 Malcolm X Blvd., Roxbury. Thurs., Feb. 22 from 11-2:30 p.m.; "Together We Rise with the Elderly Commission" at the Russell Auditorium, 70 Talbot Ave., Dorchester. Thurs., Feb. 22 from 7-9 p.m.; "The Fashionscape of Boston" at the Bruce C. Bolling Municipal Building, 2300 Washington St., Roxbury. Tues., Feb. 27 from 4:30-7 p.m.; "Dream Chasers - One Mic Many Voices" at the Tobin Community Center, 1481 Tremont St., Roxbury Crossing. In addition, last month Mayor Walsh, in partnership with the Mayor's Office of Diversity; Arts and Culture; Boston Public Schools; and media partner Boston 25, announced an open call for student artists to submit artwork inspired by landmarks related to Black history in Boston, in honor of Black History Month. More information is available on boston.gov.

FREE DOUBLE DUTCH CLINICS AT MADISON

The Boston Parks and Recreation Department is hosting a series of free Double Dutch Clinics for ages 9-18 at the BCYF Madison Park Community Center, 55 Malcolm X Blvd., Roxbury in the gym at Building 4. These free clinics provide instruction in the fundamentals of jumping rope and rope turning. The sessions will be held from 2-4:30 p.m. on Sat.,

Feb. 24, March 10 and 24, and April 7 and 14. Teams will compete in the Mayor's Cup Double Dutch Tournament on Sat., April 21 from 10-4 p.m. Doors will open at 9. No pre-registration is required for the clinics. Community centers and youth groups are encouraged to bring their youngsters to the clinics and are invited to schedule dates and times for regular participation in the program. For more information please call Larelle Bryson at 617-961-3092 or email larelle.bryson@boston.gov.

CAPE VERDEAN-JEWISH PASSOVER SEDER

Save the date to celebrate the connections and shared history between the Cape Verdean and Jewish community on Wed., March 21 at 6 p.m. at Hibernian Hall, 3rd Floor Ballroom, 184 Dudley St., Roxbury, Music and food, Free and open to the public. For more info and to register, visit their website at capeverdeanjewishseder.com.

FREE WORKSHOP: HOW TO OPEN AND MANAGE **A RESTAURANT**

The Haitian American Business Expo, Inc. / U.S. Haitian Chamber of Commerce, Inc. is pleased to partner with the Mayor's Office of Economic Development Boston to host this workshop on how to open and manage a restaurant. Please join us on Monday, Feb. 26 from 11a.m.-3 p.m. at the Mattapan Branch of the Boston Public Library. This is a free event, but registration is required. Please visit eventbrite. com/e/how-to-open-and-manage-a-restauranttickets-42559413351 for further information and to register.

BLACK HISTORY MONTH EVENT AT MATTAPAN LIBRARY

The Dorchester-Mattapan Neighborhood Council will host a Black History month program at the Mattapan branch of the Boston Public Library, 1350 Blue Hill Ave. on Thurs, Feb. 20 at 6 p.m. The public is invited to attend this free event.

OPPORTUNITY FUND WORKSHOP AT MATTAPAN

Tues., Feb. 13 at 6 p.m.; Public workshop at 1350 Blue Hill Ave., Mattapan to discuss the Boston Cultural Council Opportunity Fund, which provides grants to support meaningful one-time opportunities for artists to further develop their career and expand the reach of arts opportunities in Boston. Artist Resource Manager, Julia Ryan will be going over the application process as well as answering any questions people have about the grant. To register, visit eventbrite.com/e/opportunity-fund-grantworkshop-in-mattapan-tickets-42289064731. For further information, visit boston.gov/arts.

FREE TAX CLINICS IN CODMAN SQUARE

Taxpayers who earned less than \$54,000 in 2017 can have their taxes prepared, and claim important tax credits such as the Earned Income Tax Credit, at free tax clinics held at the Wellness and Fitness Center, at 450 Washington St., running into April. Hours are Mondays and Tuesdays from 4-8 p.m. and Saturdays from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. The free tax preparation

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is offered by the Codman Square Health Center in partnership with the Boston Tax Help Coalition. **RENMEN & FELLAS CONCERT AT ALL SAINTS CHURCH**

Renaissance Men, Boston's professional male vocal chamber ensemble, in collaboration with Boston City Singers' Fellas, performs "RenMen Branches" on Sun., Feb. 18, at 4 p.m. in Peabody Hall at All Saints Church, 209 Ashmont Street. Curated to explore the unexpected bridges between genres, the program will range from classical to Bluegrass to 1960s pop. Presented by Ashmont Hill Chamber Music. Tickets, \$25, at the door or at ahchambermusic.org.

DORCHESTER CHILI COOK-OFF CALL FOR ENTRIES

Local groups and organizations are invited to participate in the 12th annual Dorchester Chili Cook-off on Sun., March 11 from 4-7 p.m. at IBEW Local 103, 256 Freeport Street. The \$50 registration fee for partici- pants is due by Tues., Feb. 20; checks payable to "AANA/Chili Cook- off" should be mailed to Patricia O'Neil, 319 Ashmont Street, Dorchester 02124. Cook-off tickets are \$20/adult, \$30 for family up to 4, additional children \$5 each; mark your calendars now. Contact Pat O'Neill, 617-265-5397 or pattiashmont@gmail.com for further information. **INTRODUCTION TO LACROSSE PROGRAM**

Hosted by BCYF and Boston Youth Lacrosse Assoc. Beginning Sat., Feb 3 from 3:30-4:30 p.m.; 6-week intro program for any child in the City of Boston at Condon Community Center gym, 200 D St., South Boston. BYL will be providing all equipment. No cost. The youth will be grouped as 1st-4th graders and 5th-8th graders. Coaches needed. For more information, please e-mail Bob Ferrara at rwferrara@gmail.com. **BOSTON BOWL SPECIALS**

All events held at 820 Morrissey Blvd, Dorchester. Fri., Feb. 16 from 8-10 p.m.; 80's roll back bowling prices only \$3 per game. 80's music and prizes! Family night every Sunday from 5-10 p.m.; For up to four people. Four sodas, one large pizza and one game of bowling with shoes for \$39.99. Monday madness from 9-6 a.m.; All bowling, billiards 50 percent off. College night every Tuesday from 9-close. \$2 games with valid college ID. Throwback Thursday's from 9-12 a.m.; For just \$10 per person, bowl unlimited games. Weekend blowout Saturday and Sunday from 11-2 p.m.; 2 games of tenpin bowling including show rental and socks, \$12. For more info, visit bostonbowl. com or call 617-825-3800.

THOMAS ROCHER FUNDRAISER

Sat., Feb 24 at 7 p.m. at Florian Hall with DJ Drew Erico. More information to be announced.

DOT DAY PARADE CHARACTER BREAKFAST ON

Dorchester Day Parade Committee's second annual Character Breakfast to raise funds for the June parade is set for Saturday, March 3 at 9:30 a.m. at First Parish Dorchester atop Meetinghouse Hill. Characters such as Poppy and Branch from Trolls, Batman, Minions, Mickey, Minnie, Moana, Peppa Pig, Cookie Monster and Elmo will be on the scene. A delicious breakfast will be served by Season's Catering and ice cream will be available from Chill on Park. \$20 per adult, \$10 per child 12 and under. Children under 2 are free.

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Thursday, Feb. 8

"Portraits of Purpose: Next Generation" event at Boston City Hall from 5:30-8:30 p.m. features120 high school students who will be passed the "torch of justice" from the present leaders of the African-American community in Boston, including Dr. Lindsa McIntyre, former Sen. Linda Dorcena Forry, Jackie Jenkins-Scott, Paul Goodnight, Andrea Cabral, Freida Garcia, Wyatt Jackson, J. Keith Motley, and more. Inspired byDon West's exhibits and book, Portraits of Purpose: A Tribute to Leadership, co-authored with Pulitzer Prize winning journalist and Dorchester resident Kenneth J. Cooper.

Saturday, Feb. 10

- Mattapan Community Health Center sponsors free health screening from 9:30 a.m.-1 p.m., 1575 Blue Hill Ave., Mattapan. Register at is.gd/BHM2018 or call 617-726-3608.
- Jimmy Cawley Scholarship benefit at Florian Hall, 7-10:30 p.m. features Boston ILL Harmonic performing music by the Beatles, followed by live band Beatles karaoke. Admission is \$10 at the door. Raffles, hors d'ouevres and cash bar. Cash drawing. Contact Elisa Birdseye at jimmyscholarship@gmail.com.
- "Unmask the Real You "Comedy show and performance at Codman Square's Second Church of Dorchester, 600 Washington St. at 6 p.m. The Vibe Coffeehouse presents Lamar Callahan, actor, comedian and recording artist in a dramatic evening of laughter, music and fun interactions in an intimate atmosphere. Bring your most creative mask and you may win a prize! Cover charge of \$5 plus refreshments available for sale. First 10 ladies to sign up online are free! Visit the vibe coffee house. org/tickets.

Tuesday, Feb. 13

• Public workshop to discuss the Boston Cultural Council Opportunity Fund starts at 6 p.m. at Mattapan branch of the BPL, 1350 Blue Hill Ave., Mattapan. The fund provides grants to support meaningful one-time opportunities for artists to further develop their career and expand the reach of arts opportunities in Boston. Artist Resource Manager, Julia Ryan will be going over the application process as well as answering any questions people have about the grant. For further information visit boston.gov/arts.

Sunday, Feb. 18

• Renaissance Men. in collaboration with



discussed the Boston Uncornered program, a solution by College Bound Dorchester initiative in which formerly gang involved youth receive financial, social-emotional and educational support to pursue college degrees.

Boston City Singers Fellas, presented by Ashmont Hill Chamber, at 4 p.m. in Peabody Hall, All Saints' Church, 209 Ashmont St., Dorchester. Music Renaissance Men. Boston's professional male vocal chamber ensemble, performs Ren-Men Branches. Curated to explore the unexpected bridges between genres, the program will include both classical and pop/ bluegrass selections. Ren Men will be joined by Boston City Singers' Fellas group. Tickets (\$25) available at door or at ahchambermusic. org. EBT card holders \$3. Children under 13 admitted free.

Tuesday, Feb. 20

- Today is the deadline for local groups and organizations who wish to participate in the 12th annual Dorchester Chili Cook-off on Sun., March 11 to register. The \$50 registration fee should be made payable to "AANA/ Chili Cook-off" should be mailed to Patricia O'Neil, 319 Ashmont St., Dorchester 02124. Cook-off tickets are \$20/ adult, \$30 for family up to 4, additional children \$5 each; mark your calendars now. Contact Pat O'Neill, 617-265-5397 or pattiashmont@ gmail.com for further information.
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Wednesday, Feb. 21

• The Milton Junior Woman's Club presents the children's entertainment group, Toe Jam Puppet Band, at a special February school vacation week performance at Cunningham Hall, 77 Edge Hill Rd., Milton. Doors open at 9:30 a.m. for the 10 a.m. performance. Tickets are \$5 per person. Toe Jam Puppet Band offers a special brand of interactive children's entertainment that grown-ups can actually enjoy.

• Children's Winter Festival on Boston Common is sponsored by Mayor Martin J. Walsh and the Boston Parks and Recreation Department from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Among the attractions will the 45-foot-long Toboggan Tunnel mountainous adventure with twin roller lanes, the 30-foothigh inflatable Everest Climb N Slide, and the Snow Mazing maze. In addition, the Highland Street Foundation is sponsoring a week-long Winter Camp at the Boston Common Frog Pond with free skating and rentals for all ages from Monday, February 19, through Friday, February 23. For more information on the Winter Camp skating, please visit highlandstreet.org. Call 617-635-4505 for more info.

Thursday, Feb. 22

• Whittier Street Health Center celebrates Black History Month and its Annual Meeting from 12 - 2 p.m., 2nd Floor Community Room. Keynote Speaker: Wanda McClain, Vice President, Community Health, Brigham and Women's Hospital and a President's Update from Frederica M. Williams, President & CEO. RSVP to Erin Gilligan at erin. gilligan@wshc.org or Crystal Palmer: crystal. palmer@wshc.org.

Saturday, Feb. 24

- Democrats in Dorchester's Ward 15 meet at 9 a.m. at the Savin Hill Apartments, 130 Aukland St. to elect delegates to the state party convention in June. Contact Winston Richie at 617-320-2257 for more info.
- Celebrity Series of Boston hosts free public workshop to learn and perform choreography from Alvin Ailey's bestknown modern dance work, "Revelations" at 1:30 p.m. at the Salvation Army Kroc Center Gym, 650 Dudley St., Dorchester. Comfortable clothes or dancewear is suggested. All are welcome.

Pre-registration for the workshops is required. For more information, visit celebrityseries.org/ ailey50.

- Monday, Feb. 26 • During the month of February, the Milton Public Library is pleased to celebrate Black History Month in the Wotiz Gallery by hosting an exhibit of photography by local artist Cheryl Clegg called "Faces of the Rasin Foundation, Haiti." There will be a free and open reception for this display this evening from 6-8 p.m. in the Gallery at 476 Canton Ave., Milton. Contact Jean Hlady, Adult Services Librarian, at 617-698-5757 or visit miltonlibrary.org.
- Democrats in Ward 13 will caucus at 6 p.m. at the Christo Rey Boston, 100 Savin Hill Ave., Dorchester to elect delegates to the state convention in June. Contact Kelly Walsh 617-894-8121 for more info.

LEGAL NOTICE

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS THE TRIAL COURT PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT Suffolk Probate & Family Court 24 New Chardon Street Beeton MA 02114 Boston, MA 02114 (617) 788-8300 CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION Docket No. SU14P1015EA ESTATE OF: ROSALIE LARRY DATE OF DEATH: 01/10/2014

sonal Representative has been filed by Leslie Milton of Dorchester, MA requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition. The Petitioner requests that Leslie Milton of Dorchester, MAbe appointed. as Personal Representative of said estate to serve Without Surety on the bond in a unsupervised administration.

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 da

of 03/01/2018.
This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an Affidavit of and objection followed by an Affidavit of Objections within thirty (30) days of the return date, action may be taken without further notice to you.

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annual accounts with the Court. Person nterested in the estate are entitled to notice egarding the administration directly fror regarding the administration directly more the Personal Representative and may peti-tion the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including the distribution of assets and expenses of administration. Witness, HON. BRIAN J. DUNN, First

lustice of this Court. Date: January 24, 2018

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Tuesday, Feb. 27

- Democrats in Ward 17 will at 7 p.m. at the Sheet Metal Workers Hall, 1157 Adams St. Dorchester to elect delegates to the state convention. All are welcome, and all registered Democrats in Ward 17 are eligible to run and vote. For more information, call 617-298-0300 or emailjoyce@empathetic. com.
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Photo courtesy College Bound Dorchester ity Garden on Hopkins Street. 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the BCYF Mildred Community Center, 5 Mildred Ave., Mattapan. The Garden will be adjacent to the residential development planned for 872 Morton St. An overview of the process will be reviewed and the discussion will focus on the vision for the Garden. For more information, please call Cathy Baker-Eclipse at the Boston Parks and Recreation Department 617-961-3058 or email Cathy.Baker-Eclipse@ boston.gov.

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Introducing Dot Rx, a program of coaches preaching healthy habits

By Daniel Sheehan Reporter Staff

Mayor Martin Walsh joined Andrew Dreyfus, the president and CEO of Blue Cross Blue Shield Massachusetts, at the Daily Table's Teaching Kitchen on Washington Street on Monday to celebrate the launch of Dot Rx, a prescription-based program that seeks to engage residents in adopting healthy eating and living habits.

The low-to-no-cost program pairs families with peer coaches who act as intermediaries and offer step-by-step guidance for eating healthy and leading active lifestyles.

Rather than prescribing a drug, clinicians at Codman Square Health Center prescribe peer coaches and set up individualized nutrition and exercise goals. By partnering with local organizations like Healthworks Community Fitness, Daily Table, Outdoors Rx, and the Dorchester Y, Dot Rx aims to offer a holistic wellness program based on accessible community resources.

Blue Cross Blue Shield has committed \$1 million over two years to help develop the program. On Monday, the mayor noted that the insurance provider's role at the center of Dot Rx makes the program particularly innovative.

"It's one of the first times in the country, if not the first time, that we've had a health insurer along with a community provider along with a local health center doing something [together], and really thinking about how to improve people's health, not by going to the doctor and getting a prescription, but by getting a health prescription," said Walsh.

Dreyfus described the program as a preemptive approach to healthcare. "We spend way too much on healthcare and not enough on health," Dreyfus explained. "What I mean by that is we spend too much trying to deal with the consequences of illness and disease and not enough preventing them. And this program and others like it is just about that. It's about trying to get to people and families early, trying to solve health problems before they become healthcare problems."

The program has already seen success during its pilot stage, which began last Octo-

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ber, observers say.

"Our goal was to write 100 prescriptions by April, and we're already at 150," said Sandra Cotterell, the CEO of Codman Square Health Center.

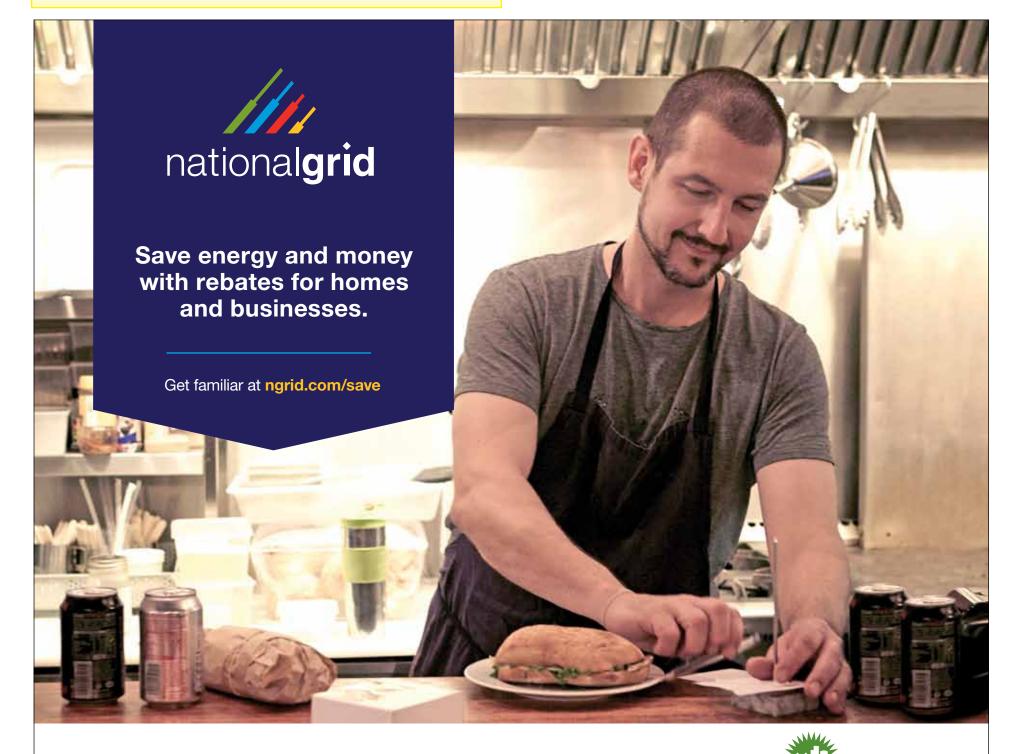
The mayor and representatives from each of the program's partners marked the official launch of Dot Rx with a cooking class where they made granola bars, touting them as an example of a healthy, portable, and easy-to-make snack. As Cotterell explained, the cooking class represented just one of the many resources the program would provide to Dorchester residents.

"Healthy living goes beyond the medical setting—providing patients with the resources to improve their health and quality of life through healthy cooking classes, fitness classes, and group nature walks is just as important."

All Dorchester families with at least one child under the age of 18 and one family member who

is a patient at Codman Square Health Center meet the criteria to qualify for the program. Prescriptions are available through a referral

from a CSHC physician.



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BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS OF DORCHESTER

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On the Fence: Members travel to Moe Fencing Club once a week to learn the sport of fencing. Transportation is provided from the Club, and all equipment is provided by Moe Fencing Club.

CONNECT THE DOT

Lunar New Year: On Saturday, January 27 we hosted Tet Nguyen Dan, a Lunar New Year Celebration, in partnership with the Dorchester Family Engagement Network. The day was a fun chance for families from the community to come together to celebrate the Lunar New Year with food, activities, and a traditional Lion Dance. We also had a photobooth, arts and crafts and traditional red envelopes. Many children wore traditional Vietnamese dress and we all had a great time celebrating the year of the Dog! This is one of the most exciting celebrations we do every year and we love helping create an opportunity for families and the community to come together in joy.

Thank you to all the generous community members who helped us celebrate this special day.

FIND OUT WHAT'S INSIDE

Baton Twirling: One of our new healthy lifestyles programs this year is Baton Twirling. Members have been having a great time learning the sport of baton twirling and practicing skills and technique. The group is also learning a special routine that will be performed at the end of the session for family and friends. Taught by our own Director of Fine Arts KatyAnn Farrar, who is a lifelong baton twirler and was a member of her high school team, the class is open to members age 7-12 with no previous experience necessary. Each member is provided with a baton for the session. Baton twirling is a great sport to practice at home or in limited space.

For more information about our healthy lifestyles programs and available sports, visit our website at bgcdorchester.org.



Happy (Lunar) New Year: We celebrated Lunar New Year January 27th with a family-friendly event that included activities, food, and a Lion Dance, in partnership vith the Dorchester Family Engagement Network

DID YOU KNOW Trip to DC: Our College Fellows group takes many trips to check out colleges each year. Last year we went on 11 different college tours. This month we are taking a fun, extended trip to the DC area from Sunday to Wednesday during February Vacation week, to experience a different city and visit schools in the area that teens may be interested in attending after high school. The schools will include Howard University, Morgan State, Bowie State, University of the District of Columbia and others. Our college tours generally consist of a personalized tour of the campus, a meal in the dining hall and a chance to meet with representatives from admissions to ask questions and get any additional information. These trips help teens explore higher education to get exposure to other cities and educational opportunities that are available for them.

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Happy 50th Birthday Joyce Reardon

Thanks to family and friends who joined us at the McKeon Post in Dorchester on Saturday, February 3, 2018.

Savin Hill, Cedar Grove merge into 'Dorchester Baseball'

(Continued from page 1) colors and emblems from both leagues on our uniforms," league officials wrote. "The experience went very well, and as officials from both leagues continued to meet over the winter months, it became clear that having one unified league serving all the players in Dorchester would offer the best experience for the kids."

The unified league will offer team play to kids as young as 4,

with teens ages 13 and up chartered to play through the Cal Ripken/Babe Ruth system. Younger kids 4-12 will play with a charter affiliation with Little League International.

The merger will improve the capacity to field age-appropriate teams and coaches and help manage issues such as fundraising and maintenance.

Another upside: new, intra-neighborhood connections.

The unified league will offer a "greater sense of unity within the Dorchester community as we focus on providing kids from all different backgrounds and neighborhoods the chance to meet and make new friendships," wrote the league. "Together we will have more fun!"

More details on registration for the Dorchester Baseball league will be available in the coming weeks.

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PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

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Cote Ford site poised for re-birth in Mattapan

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well as a community center and some commercial space. The developers say they are looking for a partner that will offer pre-teen services at the site.

The Village concept was proposed by the Caribbean Integration Community Development. The group's Donald Alexis says the project spotlights the positives of Mattapan, which is something rarely captured on the evening news.

"This is a very great community," he said. "There's a lot of diversity, there's a lot of great activities happening there, but people never talk about it. So we seek to create that catalyst to attract people from outside to come shop and dine here."

Alexis notes that Cote Village will be the first housing development subsidized by federal tax credits in Mattapan since 2006. By comparison, federal records show that Dorchester has had nine such developments during the same period.

Dorchester's population is much larger, but there are fewer advocacy groups clamoring for housing dollars in Mattapan.

The Planning Office for Urban Affairs is the other developer behind Cote Village. The group's president, Lisa Alberghini, said it's clear there has been a lack of investment in Mattapan, but she sees the Village as evidence this is starting to

Groups like Mattapan United and Caribbean Integration Community Development are coalescing, she said, and that means "more opportunity for investment. There needs to be local leadership that's giving the city and the commonwealth an opportunity to work with local partners to make this happen," Alberghini added.

It has been said that a lack of investment has left Mattapan struggling to catch up with a booming Boston economy. The typical family in Mattapan — where more than 80 percent of the residents are of African descent — makes \$10,000 dollars less than other Boston families,



Donald Alexis of the Caribbean Integration Community Development and Lisa Alberghini of the Planning Office for Urban Affairs walked through the Cote Village site on Cummins Highway last month. The two organizations are partners in the re-development project, the largest of its kind in Mattapan in over a decade.

Simón Rios/WBUR photo

US Census figures show.

Mattapan wants change, but residents like Barbara Fields, an abutter to the Cote site and a longtime community advocate, want that change to benefit the locals first. They see gentrification in neighborhoods like East Boston and Roxbury as a cautionary tale.

Fields testified in favor of Cote Village at a city meeting. She hopes the development will strike a balance between development and a gentrification that leaves residents out in the cold. "Mattapan seems to be primed for development right now," she said.

"We're not opposed to

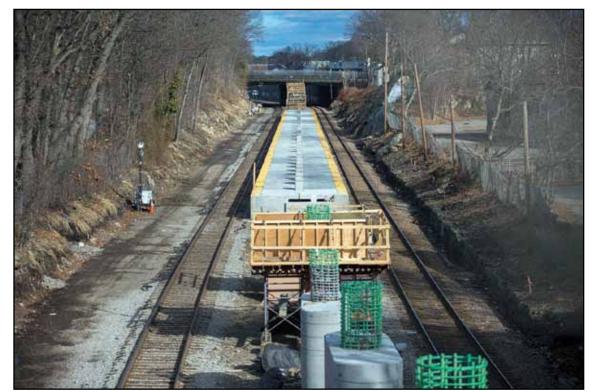
"We're not opposed to development and moving forward, but we do not want just any kind of development," she added. "And we don't want to change the positive things about Mattapan... the



A rendering shows what the new Cote Village building will look like, according to the development team.

BPDA image

fact that we have trees and there is land."



Construction of the new Blue Hill Avenue Commuter Rail station in Mattapan is still underway.

Jesse Costa/WBUR photo

Fields wants less density, and she has opposed other proposals for the Cote site that envisioned more apartments than the 76 units in store for Cote Village. She also was against the new Blue Hill Avenue MBTA commuter rail station that is being built behind her house. The station on the Fairmount Line, which is scheduled to open next year, represents a \$17 million investment by the state and it helped to trigger the redevelopment of the Cote property nearby.

Home values in Mattapan are a third less than the rest of Boston, but Fields said something strange is starting to happen. Calls are coming in from people looking to buy homes in the neighborhood — even pressuring her to sell.

Fields doesn't like what that says about the direction Mattapan is headed.

"The times right now seem to be moving in the benefit of those who want to gentrify for financial purposes," she said. "And so I think we have to be vigilant and stay on top of it so that the neighborhood does not get hurt by this."

Fields noted that she' is disappointed that a planned collaboration between the developers of Cote Village and the Boys & Girls Club of Boston, which was part of the original pitch to the residents, has fallen through. The club was considering establishing a presence on the Cote site, but the sides said they were unable to reach an agreement.

The Reporter and WBUR 90.9FM, Boston's NPR News Station, have a partnership in which the news organizations share resources to collaborate on stories. Simón Rios is a WBUR reporter who is currently working from the Dorchester Reporter newsroom. He may be reached at srios@wbur.org.

February 8, 2018 RECENT OBITUARIES

FALLON, Mary L. (McAuliffe) of Braintree, formerly of Quincy and Dorchester. Wife of the late John F. (BPD). Mother of John F. Fallon, Jr. and his wife Margie of Quincy, James Fallon of S. Boston, Patrick Fallon

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and his wife Dorothy of Weymouth, and the late Michael Fallon, and Neil Fallon and his wife Christine of Quincy. Grandmother of Jim "JM", Kevin, Michael, Jake and Shane Fallon. Also survived by 5 great grandchildren and many nieces and nephews. Donations may be made in her memory to Fidelis Hospice, 25 Railroad Square, Suite 501, Haverhill, MA 01832.

LaVORGNA, Rose (Piccolomini) of Dorchester formerly of Somerville. Mother of John LaVorgna and his wife Dianne, Patricia LaVorgna, Joanna Dalrymple and her daughter Christina; Aida LaVorgna, and the late Kathy Wilson. Grandmother of Joseph, Danielle, Aaron. Arielle, Ariana; Matthew

and Tasha Cross. Also survived by many greatgrandchildren.

MARANDO, Albert F. WWII Army Vet. of Roslindale, Dorchester and Roxbury. Husband of the late Jennie T (Giunta) and father of Linda J. Spadorcia and her husband Louis of Holbrook, Steven A. Marando and his wife Ann of Pembroke, and Robert Marando of Holbrook. Brother of Carmella Moshiek of FL, Angie Esposito of West Roxbury, Anthony Marando of Carver, John Marando of Braintree, and the late Joseph Marando. Grandfather to his 7 grandchildren and 4 great grandchildren. Also survived by numerous nieces and nephews. Dear companion of Angelina DeNapoli. Late employee City of Boston School Dept. and member of the Sgt. Guido Petrilli Sons of Italy and the Rose Croix Council K of C, both of Roslindale. WWII Veteran. Al mav be remembered through the Seasons Hospice Inpatient Center, 597 Randolph Ave., Milton,

MA 02186.

ROGERS, H. Joanne (Dunn) lifelong resident of Milton. Wife of the late Milton G. Rogers. Mother of JoAnne "Jody" Leveroni and her husband Timothy of Milton, Jonathan E. Rogers and his wife Maryellen of Scituate, Bradford A. Rogers of Milton, Milton G. Rogers, Jr. of Canton and Richard W. Rogers and his wife Susan of Milton. Grandmother of Jacqueline Noyes, Timothy Leveroni, Nicholas Rogers and Abigail Rogers and 2 greatgrandchildren.Joanne was born and raised in Dorchester. She attended and graduated from St. Gregory High School in Dorchester and Vesper George Art School in Boston. After working for many years at the Paper Center in Boston as an assistant manager, Joanne worked for Blue Cross/ Blue Shield, retiring in 2007 as special accounts manager. Donations may be made to The American Cancer Society.

RYAN, Ellen T.

boro.Ellen was the wife of the late John S. Ryan. Ellen leaves her daughter Ellen T. Killeen and her husband Thomas of Sutton, and her sons, John S. Ryan, Jr. and his wife Elle of Marlboro, Thomas G. Ryan and his wife Suzanne of Clinton, and James J. Ryan of Marlboro. Ellen (Nanny) also leaves eight Grandchildren; Thomas Killeen, III, Shannon Ryan, John S. Ryan, III, Maura Killeen, Shawn Ryan, Erin Killeen, Christopher Ryan, and Colin Ryan. Ellen was born and raised in Dorchester, the daughter of the late James and

SEMEDO, Estelle Marie of Roxbury, MA. "Nana Stell", as she was called by her family, was born on February in 1943 in Boston where she lived her whole life. "Nana Stell" is survived by her son Anthony Semedo, her grandson Anthony Semedo Jr. and a host of loving relatives and friends.

Celia (Heavy) Hamrock.

SKWIERAWSKI, (Hamrock) 86, of Marl- Marysia M. Miss Boston,

in Dorchester. Daughter of the late Teofil and Martha Skwierawski. Sister of Anna Faras of Trenton, NJ, Anthony Skwierawski of Lawrence, NJ, Louise Marks of Tampa, FL, and the late Janek and Bogus Skwierawski, and Trudi Nash. Survived by many beloved nieces, nephews, grandnieces, and grandnephews. Marysia was the winner of the Miss Boston contest and first runner-up in the Miss Massachusetts contest in 1956. She was a bookkeeper for several companies in the Boston area for many years.

WEEKS, Vera Elaine (Hoffler) of Dorchester. Wife of the late Bishop Williams J. Weeks. Mother of Kevin W. Weeks of Milton and Kim V. Scott of Washington, DC. Grandmother of Lamar Weeks, Eboni Cummings, Maegan Scott and Kristen Scott. Greatgrandmother of Shawn Ray Cummings, Jr. and Amber Cummings. She leaves a host of extended family, church family and

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APPLE GROVE ASSOC.

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

ASHMONT-ADAMS NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOC.

Meetings are typically held on the first Thursday of each month at the Plasterer's Hall, 7 Fredericka St., at 7 p.m. Contact Pat O'Neill at pattiashmont@ gmail.com.

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ASHMONT VALLEY NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOC.

Meetings are usually the 2nd Monday or Tuesday of the month at 6:30 p.m. at 776 Washington St., Dorchester.

CEDAR GROVE CIVIC ASSOC.

Cedar Grove Civic Association Schedule for 2017-2018 Meetings are held in the St. Brendan's Father Lane Hall-lower level at 589 Gallivan Blvd., Dorchester Tuesdays at 7 p.m. Feb 13, March 13, Apr 10, May 8. Tues., June 12 at 6:30 p.m.; Good Neigh/Good Business Awards/Scholarship Awards & 7 p.m. business meeting St. Brendan's lower hall. Info: cedargrovecivic@gmail.com or 617-825-1402. **CLAM POINT CIVIC ASSOC.**

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CODMAN SQUARE NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

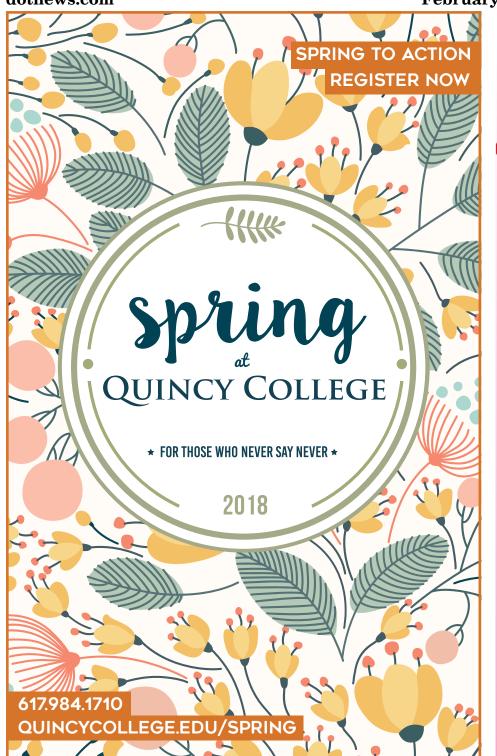
The Codman Square Neighborhood Council meets the first Wed. of each month, 7 to 8:30 p.m., in the Great Hall of the Codman Sq. Health Center, 6 Norfolk St. Info: call 617-265-4189.

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