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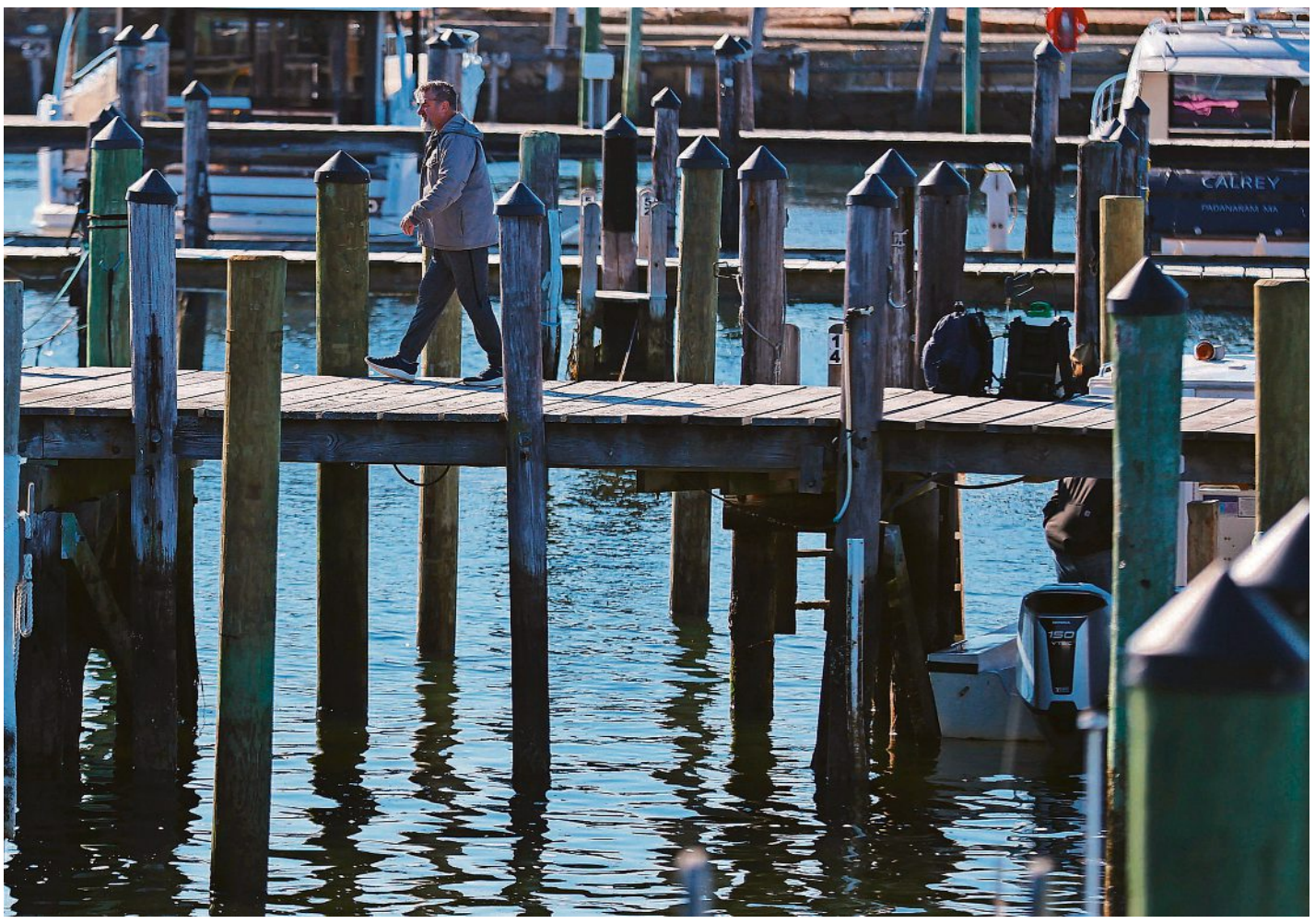

A man walks along the pier at the Davis & Tripp marina in Dartmouth. PETER PEREIRA/THE STANDARD-TIMES

Marc Duphily is the first police chief of Southcoast Health's Division of Police and Public Safety.
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Southcoast Health hires first police chief

Faith Harrington
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Healthcare workers are increasingly facing threats and violence on the job, a growing crisis that has prompted Southcoast Health to bring in a new chief of police to lead efforts to protect staff and patients.

According to the Massachusetts Health and Hospital Association, every 38 minutes in a Massachusetts healthcare facility, an individual, typically a healthcare worker, is either physically assaulted, endures verbal abuse, or is threatened.

Last month, Southcoast Health announced the hiring of Marc Duphily as its first police chief for the Southcoast Health Division of Police and Public Safety.

"Our healthcare environment is experiencing rising workplace violence in both frequency and severity," said Craig Forcina, executive director of the Southcoast Health Division of Police and Public Safety. "We created a Police Department to meet these evolving challenges and ensure a safer environment for everyone."

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Cherry Blossom Festival brings Japanese culture to Fairhaven

Faith Harrington
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Fairhaven is known for its whaling roots, postcard-worthy architecture, and historic landmarks, but it also holds a surprising piece of history as the home of the first Japanese person to live in America.

It sounds like something out of a historical fiction novel, a teenage fisherman shipwrecked on an uninhabited island, only to be rescued by Captain Whitfield aboard a whaling ship in the 1800s. Yet this incredible tale is a true and fascinating chapter of Fairhaven's rich history.

The remarkable story of Manjiro Nakahama, also known as John Manjiro, sparked an unlikely friendship between a small New England town and a coastal

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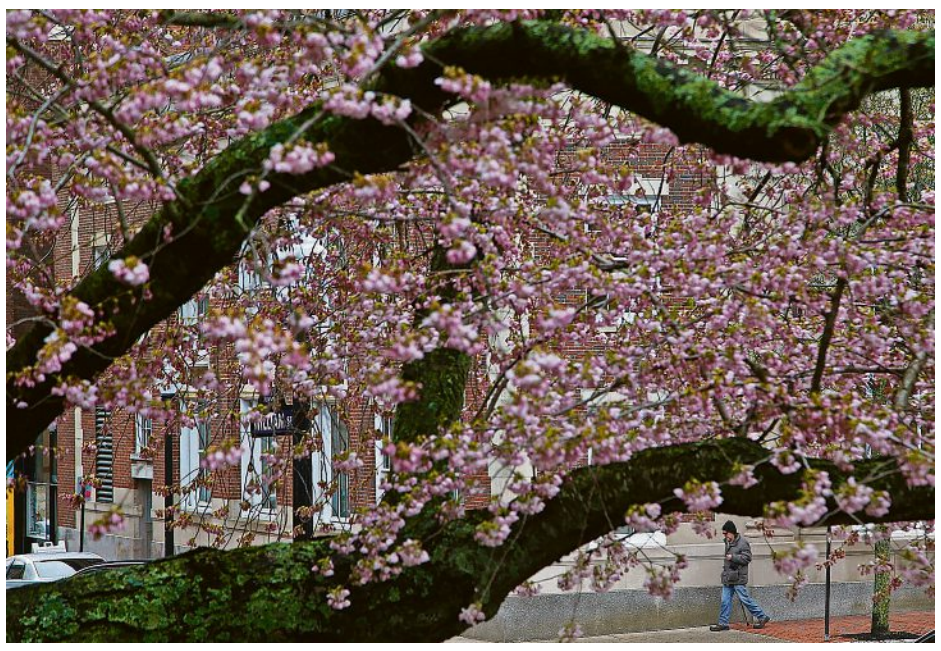

A man walks up Pleasant Street in downtown New Bedford, in the foreground a cherry blossom tree in front of City Hall. PETER PEREIRA/THE STANDARD-TIMES

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