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EHCA votes on development project

By John Lynds

At last Wednesday's Eagle Hill Civic Association (EHCA) meeting the group voted 29-2 in support of a project on Lexington St. and then were briefed on several other projects that the group will vote on in the future.

The project at 53 Lexington St., which the group supported, includes the historic renovation of the building's exterior. The proponent was asking the group to support his plan to add new rear decks to the building. The project was already approved by the group several months ago and the owner simply wanted to add the rear decks.

Next on the agenda, Attorney Richard Lynds updated the group on his client's plans for 74 Brooks St.. The project includes the rehabilitation of existing mix-use building on the corner of Brooks and Bennington Streets. The plans call for to add an additional floor to the building bringing the total number of units from two to three and keeping the existing commercial space on the street level. The project would include a rehab of the facade of both the building and commercial space with new siding, windows, a modified mansard roof, Juliet balconies that Lynds said would all add character.

Lynds said he will come

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READY TO SET SAIL



Massport CEO Thomas Glynn, Massport board member John Nucci, Rep. Adrian Madaro, Diane Modica and Piers Park Sailing Center Executive Director Alex DeFronzo cut the ribbon on the Sailing Center's 20th sailing season on Saturday. See more photos on pages 6 and 7.

Piers Park Sailing Center kicks off 20th sailing season

By John Lynds

On Saturday Piers Park Sailing Center (PPSC) board member and sailor Tim Brown approached the podium and told his story of why the neighborhood Sailing Center is so important to him and the community.

For Brown, the Sailing Center means a bit more than your average sailor that takes part in the wide array of programs and camps. For Brown the Sailing Center meant the return to the activities on the water he loved and cherished before being paralyzed in an accident. Brown had a passion for the outdoors through

a variety of positions which included work as a ski patrolter, backcountry ski guide, naturalist and educator and sales and inventory manager at a surf film startup.

Since his youth he was also an avid sailor and surfer.

On Saturday in front of the crowd that had gathered to celebrate the opening of PPSC's 20th sailing season Brown told the crowd how the Sailing Center has helped him, and people like him, continue to enjoy the sport they loved through adaptive sailing.

Brown's story was just one of the many stories told during the annual 'Raising of the Sails' ceremony. Oth-

ers like board member and former PPSC sail instructor Johanna Young talked about how her time as a youth sailor and later as an instructor the valuable lessons she was able to use throughout high school and college. Sailing, said Young, taught her how to size up a situation, adapt and tackle head on any problem that may arise.

In fact for two decades the non-profit community sailing facility on Eastie's waterfront that offers free programs to neighborhood youth has been taking kids off the streets and into productive programming.

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A great start

Two EBHS students surprised with full four-year scholarships

By John Lynds

Two East Boston High School seniors and star athletes got a surprise of a lifetime last Tuesday.

EBHS's Kayla Elliott and Juliane Jorge both received full four-year scholarships from Curry College and Regis College respectively.

Elliott, a captain of the school's volleyball team, and Jorge, a two-sport athlete that captains the volleyball team with Elliott as well as EBHS's girls basketball team, were presented with the scholarships by representatives from Curry and Regis Colleges as well as members of the Scholar Athletes organization.

Both Elliott and Jorge are Eastie residents and members of EBHS's Scholar Athletes Zone.

"We are very proud of these two young women and all that they have accomplished," said Scholar Athletes Executive Director Daphne Griffin. "They both represent the best of Scholar Athletes and of the Boston Public Schools. They have truly earned these scholarships and this recognition."

Elliott, who will attend Curry College in the fall, was presented with the scholarship by Curry's Assistant Director of Admission Elizabeth Botteri Daphne and Admission Coun-

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Eastie's Corner Stalk Farms seeking cannabis grow license

By John Lynds

For several years now Shawn Cooney of Corner Stalk Farms has been quietly growing fresh green-leaf vegetables inside old shipping containers that have been repurposed to grow year round crops down on Condor Street along Chelsea Creek.

Cooney's Corner Stalk, that recently opened a fresh veggie stand at the Boston Public Market downtown, specializes in using Controlled Envi-

ronment Agriculture (CEA). Cooney said LED lighting, temperature control and automatic water flow within insulated shipping containers creates the ideal environment that leafy greens need. A year round growing season and dense planting allow maximum productivity so when there's a blizzard or heat wave, Cooney is still harvesting delicious leafy greens.

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Residents react to ZBA 144-146 Maverick St. ruling

By John Lynds

Last Tuesday the Boston Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) voted to reverse a previous Boston Landmarks Commission ruling that placed a two-year moratorium on a Maverick Street development project. The ZBA ruled that Landmarks Commission erred in its determination to impose the two-year moratorium on the project under Article 85 of the Boston Zoning Codes.

The ruling was met with disappointment by a group of residents who have been trying to save the two brick bow-front homes at 144-146

Maverick St. that are part of Linear Properties project to develop a commercial building in Maverick Square. Linear has been trying to develop the former Rapino Funeral Home at 9 Chelsea St. in Maverick Square, purchased the two abutting brick bow-front homes and proposed their demolition along with the former funeral home.

A group of residents in the area have been trying to get the buildings landmarked by the Landmarks Commission because they feel they have historic significance in the community.

However, prior to Linear's proposal the two homes

were never included in any preservation report, study or inventory prepared by any federal, state, local governmental agencies or the preservation organizations that have prepared study reports with community input identifying properties worthy of preservation.

"We are very disheartened by the ZBA's ruling and also Mayor Walsh backtracking on his commitment to support the communities feelings," said Meg Grady who has been working to try to save the two homes. "As a group of volunteers we have spent countless hours attending meetings, getting legitimate petition sig-

natures, reaching out to those elected to serve us, and doing research. To lose these buildings is heartbreaking and the entire process signals a dangerous precedent for Eastie development and community voices not being heard."

In September, the Landmarks Commission placed a 90 day demolition delay on the project. The Landmarks Commission regularly grants 90 day demolition delays under Article 85 unless the commission determines there is good reason for the buildings to come down sooner. The purpose of Article 85, accord-

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Shawn Cooney of Corner Stalk Farms pitches his plans to begin growing cannabis here in East Boston.

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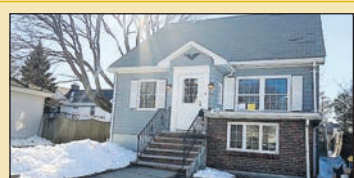
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MS-13 members pleads guilty to Eastie slaying

By John Lynds

The 2016 stabbing and shooting death of Christopher Perez-De la Cruz, whose body was found on Falcon Street, became the third teenager to be killed during a violent string of gang-related homicides that rocked Eastie from 2015 to the end of 2016.

Perez-De la Cruz's killing followed the stabbing deaths of Wilson Martinez, 15, on September 7 2015, at Constitution Beach and Irvin Depazm, 15, who was killed two weeks after Martinez on Trenton Street. Sadly, Perez-De la Cruz's killing wouldn't be the last. His was followed by the murder of Blanca Lainez in June 2016 and then Luis Fernando Orellana Ruano, who was stabbed to death at East Boston Stadium on Christmas Eve 2016.

Last week an MS-13 member pleaded guilty in federal court in Boston to racketeering conspiracy involving the murder of Perez-De la Cruz.

Rigoberto Mejia, a.k.a. "Ninja," 32, a Salvadoran national, pleaded guilty to conspiracy to conduct enterprise affairs through a pattern of racketeering activity, more commonly referred to as RICO conspiracy. U.S. District Court Judge F. Dennis Saylor IV scheduled sentencing for July 24, 2018.

According to court records, during the multi-year investigation of MS-13 Mejia was identified as a "homeboy," or full member, of MS-13's Trece Locos Salvatrucha (TLS) clique. Evidence further showed that on Jan. 10, 2016, Mejia and other MS-13 members murdered Perez-De la Cruz, whom they believed to be a member of the rival 18th Street gang. Mejia's alleged co-conspirators stabbed Perez-De la Cruz's multiple times while Mejia shot him.

After a multi-year investigation, Mejia was one of dozens of alleged leaders, members, and associates of MS-13 named in an indictment target-

ing the gang's criminal activities in Massachusetts. Mejia is the 44th defendant to be convicted as part of the ongoing prosecution. To date, all eight defendants who have gone to trial have been convicted, and 36 others have pleaded guilty.

Under the terms of the proposed plea agreement, Mejia will be sentenced to 330 months in prison. He will also be subject to deportation upon the completion of his sentence. Sentences are imposed by a federal district court judge based upon the U.S. Sentencing Guidelines and other statutory factors.

In February 2016, federal agents conducted a huge sweep to take down MS-13 operating in and around Eastie. Fifty-six alleged leaders, members, and associates of the criminal organization "La Mara Salvatrucha," or "MS-13," had been indicted on federal racketeering conspiracy charges, including charges related to murder, conspiracy to commit murder, attempted murder, and drug trafficking. Various defendants are also charged with drug trafficking, firearm violations, immigration offenses, and fraudulent document charges.

According to officials of the Department of Justice, during the course of this investigation, it is alleged that MS-13 actively recruited prospective members, known as "paros," inside East Boston High School. Prospective members were typically 14 or 15 years old. Under the strict rules of MS-13, as communicated to the local "cliques" by the leaders of MS-13 in El Salvador, these prospective members must engage in significant violent criminal activity on behalf of the criminal organization, usually the killing of a rival gang member, in order to become a full-fledged member of MS-13, known as a "homeboy."

According to court documents, in 2012, MS-13 became the first, and remains the only, street gang to be designated by

the United States government as a "transnational criminal organization." Today, MS-13 is one of the largest criminal organizations in the United States, and is an international criminal organization with over 6,000 members in the United States, with a presence in at least forty-six states and the District of Columbia, as well as over 30,000 members internationally, mostly in El Salvador, Mexico, Honduras, and Guatemala. In Massachusetts, MS-13 is largely composed of immigrants and descendants of immigrants from El Salvador and has members operating throughout the Commonwealth, with higher concentrations in East Boston, Chelsea, Everett, Lynn, Revere, and Somerville.

Violence is a central tenet of MS-13, as evidenced by its core motto — "mata, viola, controla," translated as, "kill, rape, control." During the course of this investigation, this violence was directed against rival gangs, particularly the 18th Street gang, and anyone who was perceived to have disrespected MS-13. The 18th Street gang, another criminal organization in Central America with members living in the United States, has been a longstanding rival of MS-13. MS-13 members and associates often commit murders and attempted murders using machetes, knives, and chains in order to intimidate rival gang members.

The indictment further alleges that members of the MS-13 organization in Massachusetts sell cocaine, heroin, and marijuana, and commit robberies, in order to generate income to pay monthly dues to the incarcerated leadership of MS-13 in El Salvador. This money is allegedly used to pay for weapons, cell phones, shoes, food, and other supplies for MS-13 members in and out of jail in El Salvador.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

COMMUNITY MEETINGS

Harbor View Neighborhood Association
First Monday of every month
6:30 p.m. at the East Boston Yacht Club, Rice Street

Jeffries Point Neighborhood Association
Second Monday of every month.
6:30 p.m. at the Jeffries Point Yacht Club, 565 Summer St.

Orient Heights Neighborhood Association
Third Monday of every month.
6:30 p.m. at Ashley Street YMCA, 54 Ashley St.

Friend of the East Boston Greenway
Fourth Thursday of every month.
6:30 p.m. at the Anna DeFronzo Center, 395 Maverick St.

Gove Street Citizens Association
Fourth Monday of every month
6:30 p.m. at the Noddle Island Community Room, Logan Rental Car Center

Eagle Hill Civic Association
Last Wednesday of every month
7 p.m. at East Boston High School Cafeteria, 86 White St.

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farming is making the business sustainable for the longterm. With medicinal marijuana dispensaries open for business and recreation dispensaries opening in July, Cooney is looking toward cannabis as a much-needed cash crop to keep Corner Stalk going.

At last Wednesday's Eagle Hill Civic Association meeting, Cooney told members he plans to apply for one of the state's cannabis grow licenses.

"Part of farming sometimes is the financial struggle," said Cooney. "We said okay, we own an urban farming facility, we have experience and success so explore cannabis as another cash crop that will help us hire more employees and keep our business going."

Cooney said this would not be cannabis for retail use or sale. Instead Cooney's cannabis business will be contracted by dispensaries, delivery services and/or edible/extraction/infused cannabis manufacturers to grow marijuana for them.

"We need to grow our crop to continue farming in East Boston," said Cooney.

Cooney said his cannabis grow facility would be located at 50 Condor St., a parcel of industrial land along the Chelsea Creek that is owned by Todisco Towing.

"As our landlords, Todisco Towing always has eyes and a presence at the site," said Cooney. "So security-wise, it will very secure with a sophisticated locking system and 24-video surveillance."

Inside the shipping containers, cannabis will be

grown with hydroponics, a soil-less growing method that allows the cultivation of plants using recirculated water with optimum nutrient inputs. Compared to the harmful chemical and grey water runoff created by industrial farming and urban pollution, Corner Stalk has no runoff and use no pesticides or harmful chemicals. To top it off, Corner Stalk's leverage vertical growing technology is able to grow 20 plants per square foot of farm space.

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Residents attend BAC Spring Gala

The Boston Architectural College (BAC) hosted its annual Spring Gala on Thursday, April 19, at the Boston Design Center in the Seaport District. Over 500 guests enjoyed an evening of fine food and beverage tastings, all donated by area establishments including; Abby Lane, Boston Harbor Distillery, Citrus & Salt, Fuji at Ink Block, Saloniki Greek, and Yellow Door Taqueria. A dozen of Boston's top interior designers, led by gala co-

chairs Taniya Nayak and Eric Roseff, teamed up with BAC students to design all the party food stations. The evening raised over \$380,000 to support the BAC's students' practice-based education.

Gala co-chair Taniya Nayak is a BAC alumna, who owns her own interior design firm, Taniya Nayak Design LLC., and is a well know television personality appearing on HGTV, Food Network, The Ellen Degeneres Show,

The Oprah Winfrey Show and several other television shows. Her fellow chair Eric Roseff established Eric Roseff Designs, a full-service interior design firm. He is currently working on projects all over the United States.

The Sponsorship Co-Chairs were David Manfredi, a founding principal of Elkus Manfredi Architects and member of the College's Board of Trustees, and Judy Nitsch, a founding principal of Nitsch Engineering, Inc. and a member of the College's Board of Trustees.

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Restaurant & Beverage Partners featured: Citrus & Salt, FUJI, Boston Harbor Distillery




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East Boston resident Kim Boliquin, BAC alumnus John Malnati (left), and Gerard Georges.



East Boston residents Terrance Logan and Andrew Putnam.

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EHCA

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back to EHCA with commitments regarding exterior materials. EHCA offered input regarding the windows as well as commercial space uses where there was strong support for a coffee shop among the crowd. Some argued it would be the perfect location for a coffee shop due to the heavy foot traffic and the fact there is no other coffee shop option nearby.

Lynds also pitched another client's plans for a condo development project at 113-115 Falcon St. The plan is to combine two vacant lots and construct a four-story, six-unit building. The proposal also includes six parking spaces. All six units will be two-bedroom, two-bathroom units with decks off the rear of the building. The first level of the building would be all parking with the the three upper levels housing the condo units.

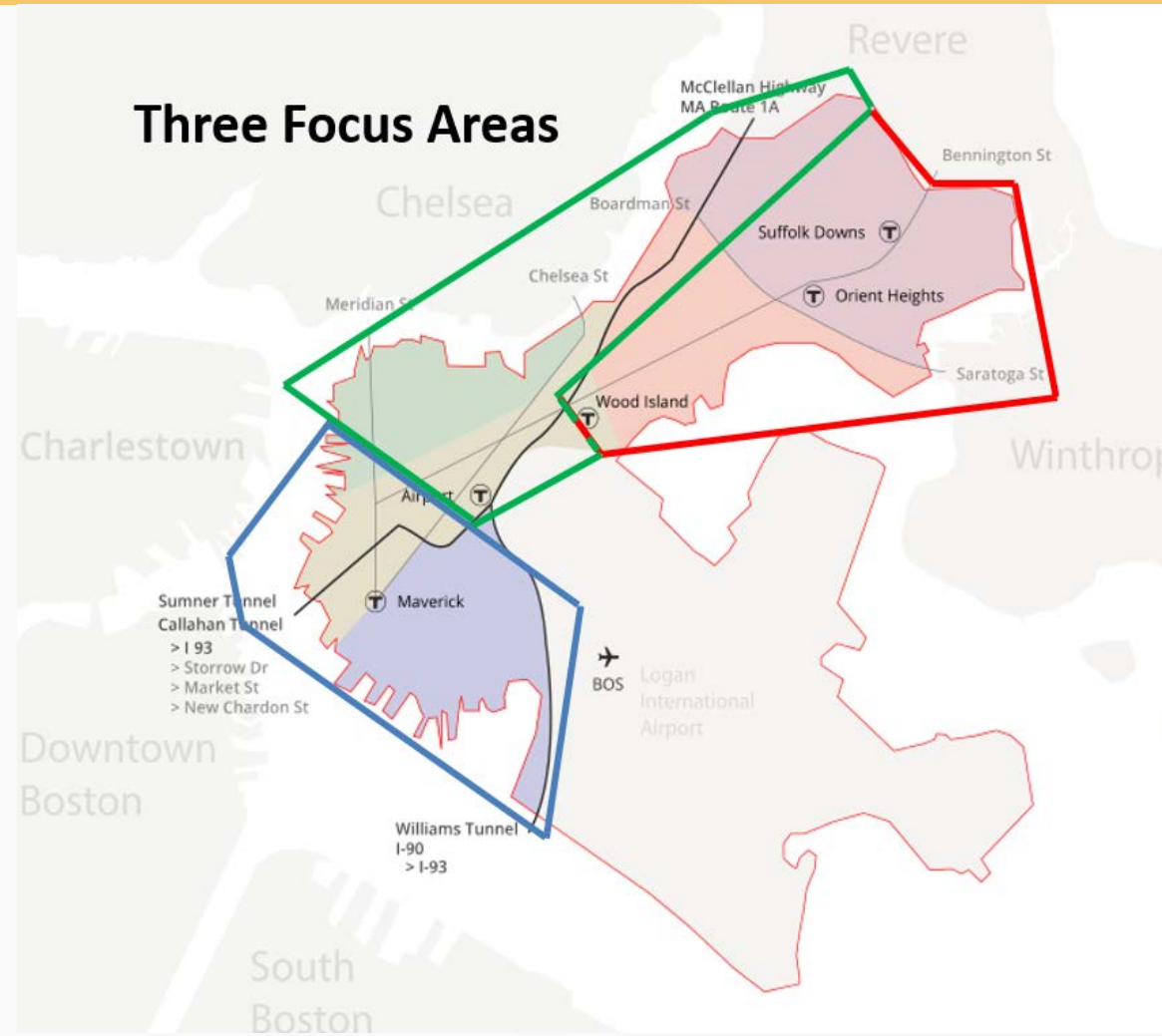
Lynds felt the proposed four stories would not have a negative impact on the surrounding community because the only abutter behind the property is East Boston High School.



EHCA recap. Attorney Richard Lynds briefs EHCA members on several development projects.



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A REASON TO CELEBRATE AND MANY TO THANK

The celebration last Saturday at the Piers Park Sailing Center (PPSC) is due to many local organizations and residents. Massport and the East Boston Foundation are two organizations that need to be singled out for their large donations over the years, helping keep the PPSC alive. However, in singling out these two organizations, the efforts of many community residents and business are not to be diminished.

Large or small, all the donations to the PPSC have resulted in the program staying a vibrant part of the East Boston community for more than 20 years and giving the youth of our community a unique experience for the summer.

The Harbor and East Boston have always gone together for centuries. But until PPSC started, very few of the youth were able to appreciate this community resource. Yes, everyone could view the water, but to be out on the Harbor, where the wind is your power is something magical. The wave gently hitting the hull of the boat as it is propelled noiselessly is something that is relaxing in our all too hectic life.

As PPSC starts its 20th season, we say thank you to the staff and volunteers that have provided a priceless life experience to the local youth.

We hope that the fiscal storm of the last year has been put far astern, and that the center enjoys fair winds and good weather in the coming years.

Councilor Edwards calls hearing to help Bostonians repay back taxes

Councilor Lydia Edwards this week called a hearing to ensure the City of Boston uses every tool at its disposal to ensure taxpayers can stay in their homes during times of economic difficulty.

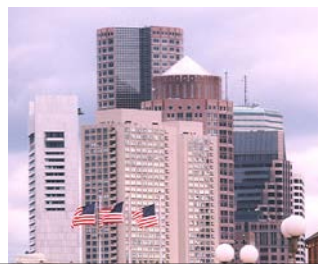
Today, seniors and low-income homeowners who are "house rich, cash poor" face a big hurdle when they fall behind on property taxes. Although the city offers payment plans for back taxes, these plans require a substantial down payment and must be completed within one year. Homeowners who cannot repay back taxes within one year are at risk of foreclosure.

Councilor Edwards is pushing for Boston to expand the length of tax repayment and forgive a portion of interest on back taxes. State law allows municipalities to extend repayment of property taxes from one year to as long as five years and to forgive up to half the interest on back taxes. Adopting these provisions would reduce burdens on homeowners and allow more residents to stay in their

homes.

"As city agencies work to stabilize our communities and address the many housing and economic challenges we face, we should use all tools at our disposal to prevent crisis scenarios before they start," said Councilor Edwards. "Offering another tool to seniors and low-income homeowners on repayment of late taxes is one simple step we could take to prevent foreclosures and allow residents facing economic challenges to stay in place."

"Today, too many elderly and low income Boston residents face increasing property tax bills that they cannot afford," said Todd S. Kaplan, Senior Attorney of Greater Boston Legal Services. "By offering these residents more flexible payment plans to pay their back taxes with the opportunity to reduce accrued interest, we can help homeowners get current on their taxes and take real steps to ensuring Boston is a city for people of all ages and income levels."



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GUEST OP-ED

Imagine Boston, Imagine East Boston

By Mayor Martin J. Walsh

Every spring, the City of Boston releases our Imagine Boston Capital Plan for the next five years. It outlines where our city's budget will be focused, our longer-term plans, and our priorities. Essentially, the capital plan details what initiatives and projects in your neighborhood and across the City that we'll be investing in to make Boston's future brighter.

From the East Boston Police Station to kitchen upgrades at the Mario Umama Academy, it's my priority to create growth and opportunity for every Bostonian in every neighborhood. Boston will be at its best when all its residents have the support and opportunity they need to thrive. Investing in initiatives and projects that bring shared growth, success, and greater equity is critical for our city to reach its full potential. Our Capital Plan invests in Boston's strongest asset: our

people. Boston is a city that's world class because it works for the middle class, and our budget's priority is to keep supporting the working families that make Boston great.

Here in East Boston, we're investing in some exciting initiatives and projects that we hope you and your neighbors will enjoy for many years to come.

In East Boston, we're investing in neighborhood safety, with \$853,000 in FY19 to complete a \$2.2 million investment in the Engine 5 Fire Station that includes a new roof and gutters, waterproofing, flashing repairs, window and door repairs, and drainage improvements.

We're also investing \$29.9 million in the construction of a new East Boston Police Station over the coming years, with \$5.5 million being invested in FY19 to finalize a design that works for police officers and the community.

We're investing in strengthening Boston's infrastructure

-- including a \$3 million investment in a multi-year project to rehabilitate the structure of the McArdle Bridge.

Investing in the success of our young people is one of the most important steps we take together as a city. It's critical our students have the resources they need to learn, and this includes healthy, free meals: we're investing in kitchen upgrades at the Mario Umama Academy, Otis, Aligheri, McKay, O'Donnell and Samuel Adams Schools to create fresh food programs this fall.

Investing in our young people also means investing in shared community spaces: we're investing \$8.9 million at BCYF Paris Street Pool for a complete building renovation, creating an even better resource for our families in East Boston. And, we're investing \$4.0 million in Noyes Park, where we'll upgrade the play lots, courts, fields and lighting. Over the next few years, this park will welcome even more families to enjoy

its space.

Our longer-term investments are intended to lift up our neighborhoods in ways that take into account the needs and wants of the community. With this Capital Plan, we're preparing our city for the next year, and the years forward.

What's the next step for the Capital Plan? I have submitted the City of Boston's budget to the Boston City Council, where your City Council will review the proposed budget. Once the budget is approved, it will go into effect. This is the budget for fiscal year 2019, meaning the budget will take effect in July 2018, and run throughout the next 12 months.

I hope you'll take a few minutes to look through the budget proposal, online at budget.boston.gov. Together, I look forward to investing in our neighborhoods, and our people.

Martin J. Walsh is the Mayor of Boston.

GUEST OP-ED

President Trump plans to make drugs affordable again

By Sally C. Pipes

During his State of the Union address, President Trump pledged to drive down drug prices.

That's a worthy goal. Fortunately, the Trump administration is already pursuing it in ways that protect patients and encourage research and development. Many strategies that candidate Trump proposed on the campaign trail would have done more harm than good.

Candidate Trump wanted to repeal Medicare Part D's "non-interference clause," which prevents the federal government from negotiating drug prices with manufacturers. Private insurers currently handle negotiations for Part D, a prescription drug program that benefits about 42 million Americans.

Such interference wouldn't result in lower prices. Private insurers already extract discounts from drug companies. Giving federal bureaucrats the power to negotiate prices "would have a negligible effect on Medicare drug spending," according to the nonpartisan Congressional Budget

Office.

Federal negotiators could only obtain lower prices by establishing a national formulary of preferred drugs. That would make many medications completely inaccessible for seniors.

The U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs uses such a formulary. As a result, veterans don't have access to nearly 20 percent of the most commonly prescribed drugs under Medicare Part D.

Candidate Trump also advocated for drug price controls.

Imposing such caps would hinder efforts to develop breakthrough medications, as pharmaceutical companies would struggle to justify research expenditures. Nations that rely on price controls to artificially keep prices low are free riding on U.S. patients, who fund the bulk of medical research and development. The average new medicine costs about \$2.6 billion to bring to market.

The Trump administration jettisoned these counterproductive policy proposals. It's now pursuing measures that curb costs while improving

the quality of American health care.

Consider the president's reauthorization of PDUFA, a 1992 law allowing the FDA to charge pharmaceutical companies for reviewing drug applications. This extra revenue enables the FDA to review applications faster. As a result, more medications make it to market sooner -- opening up options for consumers and lowering prices through competition.

Another promising step is a proposed rule from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS). The rule would curb price gouging by pharmacy benefit managers (PBMs). These middlemen negotiate with drug manufacturers to obtain discounts for insurance companies.

PBMs use their buying power to extract rebates from drug makers. From 2010 to 2015, the value of those rebates increased by more than 20 percent annually. But patients picking up their prescriptions often don't benefit from these rebates.

The rule would require PBMs to pass along some of these rebates to Medicare

patients. Beneficiaries could pocket more than \$10 billion in total savings.

The biggest reforms are taking place at the FDA. Commissioner Scott Gottlieb has endorsed "adaptive" clinical trials, which allow researchers to adjust experimental drug tests based on real-world evidence. This speeds up the R&D process and results in savings for drug companies, more drug applications for the FDA, and more options for patients. More drugs on the market force manufacturers to compete on price.

On the campaign trail, candidate Trump promised he would deliver lower drug prices. One year into his presidency, he's on his way to achieving that goal -- thanks to his abandonment of statist price controls and embrace of free-market reforms.

Sally C. Pipes is President, CEO, and Thomas W. Smith Fellow in Health Care Policy at the Pacific Research Institute. Her next book, The False Promise of Single-Payer Health Care (Encounter), will be published this spring. Follow her on Twitter @sallypipes.

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EAST BOSTON TECH MEETUP

The purpose of the East Boston Tech Meetup is to build a community of people currently working in tech or those aspiring to move into a tech career who live or work in East Boston. These meetings will be held in the heart of Maverick Landing conveniently located steps from the Maverick T station, in the Maverick Landing Meeting House at 31 Liverpool Street.

HARBOR VIEW NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION MEETING

May 7, 2018 at 7pm (doors open at 6:30)
NEW LOCATION: Brooke Charter School at 145 Byron Street
 Welcome/Introduction/Announcements (5 min)
 Station 7 Update Sgt. Martin, Officer Simons (10 min)
 Non-Development Presentations
 Kelly Gifford from ICA: Present new plans for expansion of ICA to shipyard (10 min)
 Development
 78 Horace Street: First Presentation (20 min) Building two family on a driveway, rental units, two parking spots

116 Moore St: Second Presentation & VOTE Jeff Drago, Esq (15 minutes) Owner to build four units on adjacent lot. Must be a Harbor View resident AND have attended at least one of the last three meetings (Feb/Mar/Apr) OR be an abutter (300ft) to be eligible to vote
 Non-Development Presentations
 Board Nominations (10 min)
 Update from local politicians: (City Councilor Lydia Edwards, Rep. Adrian Madaro, Sen. Joe Boncore) (20 minutes)

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BOSTON PUBLIC LIBRARY'S FREE HOMEWORK HELP UNDERWAY

Boston Public Library's free Homework Help program began and runs through May 24, 2018, offering free after-school help and mentorship provided by high-achieving high school students at most BPL locations across the city. The program, offered Monday through Thursday from 3:30-5:30 p.m. is open to students in grades K-8; no registration required. Boston Teacher's Union (BTU) tutors are also available during select weekdays from 4-6 p.m. for students in Grades K-12. Visit www.bpl.org/homework for complete information. Most homework help mentors and program participants are Boston Public Schools students, though it is open to all, and BTU tutors are either current or retired Boston Public Schools teachers.

TECH GOES HOME

Tech Goes Home is a computer based program with the goal of ensure that all low-income residents of Greater Boston are equipped with the tools, training, and access to support 21st-century skills development. The TGH program offers resident the ability to improve their quality of life as new member of the online community.
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DISTRICT SEVEN POLICE REPORT

April 19, 2018
 Around 08:00 pm in the area of 298 Maverick Street a 38-year old White Hispanic Male with an address in East Boston was arrested and charged with Assault & Battery.

April 20, 2018
 Around 07:30 pm in the area of 1150 Saratoga Street a 43-year-old White Male with an address in East Boston was arrested and charged with Assault & Battery.

April 21, 2018
 Around 04:20 am in the area of 140 Marginal Street a 29-year-old White Male with an address in East Boston was arrested and charged with Assault & Battery by Means of a Dangerous Weapon (Knife).

Around 02:09 pm in the area of 1 Central Square a 39-year-old White Hispanic Male with an address in East Boston was summoned to appear in East Boston District Court for the charge of Shoplifting.

Around 11:00 pm in the area of 113 Havre Street several victims report finding their motor vehicles vandalized (Scratches). This incident is under further investigation.

April 22, 2018
 Around 04:00 am in the area of 259 Chelsea Street a 33-year-old White Hispanic male with an address in East Boston was arrested and

charged with Assault & Battery and Destruction of Personal Property.

Around 01:00 pm in the area of 65 Frankfort Street several victims report their motor vehicles vandalized (Scratches). This incident is under further investigation.

April 23, 2018
 Around 12:35 pm in the area of 37 Meridian Street a 34-year-old White Hispanic male with an address in East Boston was arrested and charged with a Violation of an Existing Restraining Order.

April 24, 2018
 Around 08:00 am a Taxi Driver responded to District Seven and reported that while dropping off a fare in the area of 170 Cottage he was threatened by the passenger who stated that he was going to shoot him. This matter is under further investigation by District Seven Detectives.

Around 08:45 am in the area of 179 Princeton Street an 18-year-old White Hispanic male with an address in East Boston was arrested on several outstanding warrants.

April 25, 2018
 Around 07:00 pm in the area of 170 Bennington Street a 25 year-old-White Hispanic male with an address in East Boston was arrested and charged with Assault & Battery.

East Boston Legacy Gala to honor 5 extraordinary women

On Saturday evening of Mother's Day Weekend, May 12, the extended East Boston Community will gather at 4:00 p.m. for a Celebration of Mass at Sacred Heart Parish followed by a 6:00 p.m. reception, dinner, auction and honoree tribute for the 2018 East Boston Legacy Gala at Spinelli's Function Facility to celebrate Catholic education and benefit East Boston Central Catholic School.

This year's theme "A Legacy of Faith, Hope and Love" pays tribute to mothers and grandmothers who have given witness in their daily lives to the gift of faith, the joy of hope, and the power of love.

This Second Annual Gala honors five extraordinary women who have taught each of us in the community of East Boston how the greatest lessons in life – faith, hope, and love – begin with family.

"In a day and age when it seems values are lost and examples of goodness are hard to come by, we are proud to pause and honor five extraordinary women who represent the very best of East Boston," said Joe Ruggiero, Co-chair of this year's Legacy Gala.

Honorees for this year's gala are Mrs. Lina Capogreco, Mrs. Lucy Fiandaca, Mrs. Maryann Gravallesse, Mrs. Connie Sullivan and Mrs. Rose Tacel-

li – each of whom have been lifelong East Boston residents who have raised their families in the community.

"East Boston is a community of hard working and caring people because of the lessons set forth by so many mothers and grandmothers whose lives have been examples for each of us" said John Zirpolo, Gala Co-chair. "We are honored to honor them for their life-long witness of what it means to be from Eastie."

Proceeds from this annual event support the mission of East Boston Central Catholic School, a pre-k-8th grade Catholic elementary school serving families throughout

East Boston and surrounding communities. "Last year we were pleased to honor extraordinary educators upon their retirement from Catholic education. This year we honor women of faith who have lived lives filled with hope and love, lessons we try to instill in our students each day at EBCCS," said Robert Casaletto, Principal of East Boston Central Catholic School.

To purchase tickets, become a sponsor, pay tribute to one of the honorees, or memorialize an extraordinary woman of East Boston, you may call the East Boston Central Catholic School at 617-567-7456.

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The center has built a population of confident youth with social and leadership skills that connect them to their natural environment, their community and to each other. Throughout the sailing season kids work closely with instructors, and learn everything from sailing basics to advanced racing, boat maintenance, and navigation. Besides learning to sail, kids learn how to work as a team, build self-confidence, gain leadership and character skills, and develop a deeper appreciation for the sea and its natural surroundings.

"Sailing is fun," said PPSC Executive Director Alex DeFronzo Saturday. "It makes us brave, it makes us fearful, it makes us respect mother nature. It makes us take control, sometimes it takes away our control, and it makes us respect each other. To the instructors that taught me, and to the students that I taught, and to the students that they now are teaching, never forget what a great thing we have here. To all of the brave souls who've taken the helm over the years and sailed the waters of our beautiful harbor, thank you for helping keep us afloat. To our Elected Officials, Representative Madaro, Senator Boncore, and Councilor Edwards, thank you for being the best trio a constituent could hope for. To Massport and Piers Pac, and Pac President Mary Berninger thank you for creating this place. I spent every summer of my childhood here and it is a place that brings me joy. And again to Massport, CEO Tom Glynn and board member John Nucci and to the East Boston Foundation and Board Members Gail Miller and Diane Modica, thank you for sustaining this organization, and helping us grow to become a year round provider of programs for youth."

The celebration of 20 years in the community Saturday came with the promise from Massport board member John Nucci that the Port Authority is 'all in' on helping keep the Sailing Center afloat.

"We donated \$25,000 last year and in May we will vote to send another \$25,000 to

Piers Park Sailing Center," said Nucci.

There was a lot to celebrate on Saturday at the Sailing Center as the program nearly sank after the 2016 sailing season. Following a harrowing community effort to raise enough funds to keep the cash strapped PPSC from sinking into the abyss, PPSC's board announced in spring 2017 it had raised enough money to keep the Sailing Center going for another season. Only a few months before that announcement it was unclear if PPSC would be reopening for the 2017 season and it was reported that the Sailing Center fell into financial difficulties at the end of the 2016 season when a large grant they were counting on did not materialize. The Sailing Center found itself with no money in the bank, and a maxed out line of credit. The Board of Directors personally—out of their own pockets—covered staff salaries for the last month to keep the center open and finish out the season. They also paid personally for crane services and wrapping supplies to winterize the boats.

However, the thought of losing PPSC, a place that has provided free sailing for inner city children living in Eastie who otherwise would never get the chance to acquire the invaluable skill, mobilized the community. An outpouring of support from former students and instructors of the program, local elected officials, and families of Eastie all pitched in for the effort to keep the Sailing Center going.

PPSC was granted \$12,500 from the East Boston Foundation, with the potential for another \$12,500 in matching funds. The PPSC community stepped up and triggered the \$12,500 match by meeting the goal at a March 20, 2017 fundraiser at the Maverick Marketplace Café. Then on March 21, 2017 it became clear that the Sailing Center would re-open when PierPac unanimously voted to provide a \$25,000 grant to PPSC and asked Massport to match an additional \$25,000, which they did.



Piers Park Sailing Center staff raise the sails during the annual kick off of the sailing season.



Park of the kick off of Piers Park Sailing Center's 20th sailing season included a Raising of the Sails ceremony.



Michael Freedberg presents Piers Park Sailing Center Executive Director Alex DeFronzo with citation from Gov. Baker.



From left, Rep. Adrian Madaro, Massport board member John Nucci, Massport CEO Thomas Glynn, Jim Kearney, Peggy Nucci, Diane Modica and Jason Ruggiero.



Piers Park Sailing Center Operations Director Daniel Moreno (right) with staff during the celebration.



Piers Park Sailing Center board member and sailor Tim Brown addresses the crowd.



Piers Park Sailing Center Operations Director Daniel Moreno.



Mayoral Liaison Jesus Garcia, City Councilor Lydia Edwards and Piers Park Sailing Center Executive Director Alex DeFronzo.



Rep. Adrian Madaro emceed the event.



Former Piers Park Sailing Center student and instructor Johanna Young is now a board member.



Piers Park Sailing Center Executive Director Alex DeFronzo.

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ing to the Landmark Commission, 'is to establish a predictable process for reviewing requests to demolish certain buildings in order to establish an appropriate waiting period during which the city and the applicant can propose and consider alternatives to the demolition of a building of historical, architectural, cultural or urban design value to the city' as well as to 'provide an opportunity for the public to comment on the issues regarding the demolition of a particular building'.

Then, with the demolition delay set to expire on November 20, Linear was told by the Landmarks Commission that they were in violation of Article 85. At a subsequent hearing in front of the Landmarks Commission Linear was told that the same community members trying to save the two homes had provided the commission with pictures depicting demolition work occurring at 144-146 Maverick St.

While no Landmarks Commission members went out to inspect the two Maverick Street properties they ruled

Linear was in violation of Article 85 and slapped the two-year moratorium on the project. This ruling meant that Linear could not move forward with zoning or permitting for the project until 2019. At last week's ZBA, Linear's attorney showed board members that Linear was not engaged in demolition and showed asbestos abatement and removal, which is not in violation of Article 85. He also showed ZBA members that some of the pictures provided by the community showed demolition being done on the former Rapino Funeral Home, which was not subjected to the Article 85 demolition delay.

The ZBA's ruling last week was less about the debate on the historical significance of the homes and more about the harsh penalty dealt out by the Landmarks Commission. Landmarks Commission Chairwoman Roseanne Foley even testified at last week's ZBA hearing that in her three years as chairwoman they had never issued that type of harsh penalty for alleged Article 85 violations. In fact, a developer in Dorchester who actually


demolished a building before his 90 day demolition delay expired wasn't even hit with a two-year moratorium. Instead the Landmarks Commission forced the developer to educate the surrounding community on Article 85 codes and procedures.

"We have always believed that the allegations resulting in the moratorium were without merit. We now look forward to completing our vision of bringing retail uses such as restaurant, café and fitness to Maverick Square that will serve the needs of the surrounding community," said Linear in a statement.

Mayor Martin Walsh who supported the community's efforts to preserve the buildings said he has to allow the process to play out.

"Those two buildings are not on the historic register and there's going to be an investment made in Maverick Square that quite honestly we haven't seen in about 30 years, so we're going to let the process take its course," Walsh told NECN last Tuesday after the ZBA's ruling.

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PIERS PARK SAILING CENTER CELEBRATES 20 YEARS OF SAILING



Massport board member John Nucci.



Rep. Adrian Madaro presents Piers Park Sailing Center Executive Director Alex DeFronzo and Operations Director Daniel Moreno with a certificate.



Scott Krueger, Mary Cole and Susan Fenton.



Rob Pyles with his daughters, Rep. Adrian Madaro, Scott Krueger, John Schwagerl and Buddy Mangini.



Jason Ruggiero, Mary Berninger and Rep. Adrian Madaro.

NOAH Youth Crew's tree canopy project progresses

By John Lynds

Over forty years ago, Eastie had a serious lack of trees and shade on many streets. Despite efforts by the former Mayor Kevin White Administration in 1975 to plant nearly 500 trees in Eagle Hill and Jeffries Point the neighborhood's overall tree canopy is only 15 percent of what it should be. For nearly two years a group of concerned teens for East Boston's Neighborhood of Affordable Housing (NOAH) are trying to rekindle the neighborhood's grassroots effort to get more trees planted in Eastie. NOAH's Environmental and Community Building Youth Crew members told residents at a recent commu-

nity meeting that nearly 70 trees were planted last year and another 40 are slated to be planted this year. At the meeting NOAH youths Gabriela Ramirez, Juan Sepulveda and Kaylee Aguilar told residents they are now looking for volunteers to help care for and maintain the new trees. "The new trees need water so we are hoping people will adopt a tree," said Ramirez. "We are currently going around on bikes with water to make sure the trees are cared for." If you don't want to volunteer or adopt a tree the youths said any homeowner that lives near one of the newly planted trees and has a hose that they could use for watering would

be a huge help. The Youth Crew members have launched the tree canopy project in an effort to bring awareness to Eastie's lack of street trees and want to double our tree canopy coverage in Eastie. The youths define the tree canopy as street trees or trees that line the sidewalks throughout the neighborhood. The youths have been working to gather information and data on the tree canopy and now are starting to plant these new trees throughout Eastie. Using Google Earth the Youth Crew mapped and marked every tree in the neighborhood. They counted the number of trees per street and calculated how many trees could possibly fit on any given street. Studies show that ideally for a good urban tree canopy there is a tree every 20 to 25 feet. The Youth Crew found that there were 1,924 trees in Eastie and over 300,000 linear feet of sidewalk space. On average there is a tree every 167 feet. If a tree was planted every 25 feet Eastie could have over 12,500 trees. An example the Youth Crew showed was a 4,980 foot stretch of Maverick Street from the Maverick Gate near the airport to Maverick Square. The problem is there are only 17 trees, or nine percent of the possible 199 trees that could potentially line the street. Right now Eastie has only



Members of NOAH's Youth Crew Gabriela Ramirez, Juan Sepulveda, and Kaylee Aguilar update residents on the youths' tree canopy project.

15 percent of its possible tree canopy using that one tree for every 25 feet measurement. The three youths state that Eastie is missing out on the positive impacts a fully developed tree canopy could have on the health and well-being of residents. Trees cool things down by as much as nine degrees and street trees have been found to be most effective at reducing "heat islands". Trees provide

more shade and cooler houses, which means less energy used and less money spent on cooling. The youths also said trees naturally absorb pollution and could reduce urban noise by six to 15 decibels. The NOAH Youth Crew plans to increase tree coverage in Eastie to 30 percent thus doubling the current tree canopy coverage. This is because according to the Uni-

versity of Melbourne, cooling benefits from trees start at 30 percent tree coverage for an area. This would mean adding almost 2,000 new trees to the area. With the help of residents and the city the NOAH Youth Crew is confident that can be accomplished. If you are interested in becoming a volunteer or want to adopt one of the newly planted trees contact Melinda Vega at Mvega@noahcdc.org.

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Members of Hot Tamale led the annual walk.



Rep. Adrian Madaro and City Councilor Lydia Edwards.



The group of over 200 hundred walkers pose for a picture in front of Boston's skyline at Piers Park during the annual walk.



Zumix supporters of all ages held signs along the walk route.



Zumix students hold the music program's banner during the walk.



Dozens of volunteers pitched in to make this year's walk a success.



The group of walkers pose on the Golden Stairs during the walk.



The rain held off and Sunday turned out to be a beautiful day for the Walk for Music.



Zumix Founder and Executive Director Madeleine Steczynski, Little Biggie and Councilor Lydia Edwards.



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On Saturday the East Boston Athletic Board held a cornhole tournament fundraiser to benefit EBAB scholarships. The fundraiser included food, music, raffles, and prizes.



East Boston Athletic Board board members check the scores during Saturday's cornhole tournament.



Back row, Deb Tassinari and John Fanning, front row, Paul and Maryann DuPont.



Angel Hernandez and Liana LaMattina.



John Bertoncini and Terri Lombardi.



Damien Margardo tosses a bag during the cornhole tournament.



Tiana Tassinari, Brianna Bertoncini and Max Tassinari.



Nicole McCormack, Athletic Board President Jim Geraci and Joe Bruno.



Deb Tassinari, Father John Nazarro and Jim Kearney.



Steven Scarpa and Jimmy Gillen.



Francine Hammersley, Thomas Tassinari and Deb Tassinari.



From left, Janine Guarino, Tricia Martin, McKenzie Powers, Kayla Elliott, Amanda Abromson, Brianna Bono and Renee Elliott.

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NEWS FROM AROUND THE REGION

COUNCIL APPROVES TRANSFER TO STABILIZATION FUND

CHELSEA - The Chelsea City Council approved a request from City Manager Tom Ambrosino to clean up and make a big-time deposit into the City's savings accounts.

The Council approved a \$15 million transfer into the Stabilization Fund on Monday night, and also approved a \$5 million transfer into a new School Stabilization Fund. At the same time, three old savings accounts were closed out with about \$300,000 going into the Stabilization Fund.

The requests came at the behest of Councillor Bob Bishop, who made the requests last month and presided over a committee meeting two weeks ago discussing the matters.

Bishop had indicated that he would like the money in the Stabilization Fund because he believes the City needs to save more money in case of a downturn in the economy. On background, having the money in the Stabilization Fund gives the Council more control over any spending due to the fact that it requires a two-thirds vote of the Council.

Ambrosino said he supported both transfers and believed that the School Fund was a wise idea given that there are several projects coming up on the City's schools.

All of them, he said, are in the Capital Improvement Plan.

In the same financial vein, the Council approved the final \$3 million payment on the Clark Avenue Middle School project. The City has been paying cash wherever it can on the project - which is still under construction until this summer - to save money on interest payments accrued from having to borrow.

Part of the project is also funded by state reimbursements.

MYSTIC/TOBIN BRIDGE REPAIRS START MAY 7

CHELSEA - The state Department of Transportation (MassDOT) announced several changes to the Mystic/Tobin Bridge repair project, including the one-month closure of the Everett Avenue on-ramp May 7.

MassDOT announced that since several projects in the area are coming underway - including the Alford Street Bridge, the North Washington Street Bridge, and Commonwealth Avenue Bridge in Boston - they have adjusted the Tobin work to not close a lane permanently on the lower deck northbound.

This schedule adjustment means that MassDOT will no longer be implementing a permanent lane closure on the lower deck (Route 1 northbound) from April 22 through November of this year, but will instead be adjusting the width of the travel lanes in this area and utilizing off-peak lane closures. Three full lanes of travel will be in place on the bridge this year during peak commute hours.

The full list of impacts this construction season is now as follows:

- Temporary off-peak lane closures on the lower deck (Route 1 northbound) from now through November 2018.

- Temporary off-peak lane closures on the upper deck (Route 1 southbound) from now through November 2018.

- Everett Avenue on-ramp closed at all times for one-month period beginning on May 7.

- Beacon Street off-ramp closed at all times for a two-month period beginning in summer 2018.

- Fourth Street off-ramp closed for a one-month period in 2019.

No more than one ramp will be closed at any given time throughout the duration of the project.

"We are investing historic levels of funding into our highway transportation system, and we are seeking to do so in ways that minimize impacts on the travel public and our local communities," said Highway Administrator Jonathan Gulliver. "Our construction teams have worked hard to optimize the schedule of operations to better accommodate travel throughout this area. We continue to encourage members of the public to learn about upcoming traffic impacts and use the appropriate tools to make the best decisions on traveling in order to reach their destinations in an efficient manner."

This \$41.6 million maintenance project involves repairing a section of the deck of the Tobin Bridge, which carries traffic between the Charlestown neighborhood of Boston and Chelsea. Work is scheduled to be completed at the end of 2020 with lane closures and traffic impacts occurring during each of the 2018, 2019, and 2020 construction seasons.

Work will include steel repairs to the upper and lower decks, concrete deck work on the lower deck, followed by waterproofing, resurfacing, and installing pavement markings. Operations will also consist of utility installation, installing curbing, paving, constructing a new parking lot under the bridge between Williams Street and Third Street.

MORE ACTION SOUGHT FOLLOWING COUNCILOR'S REMARKS

EVERETT - A group of protestors continued to mount a resistance against Councilor Steve Simonelli on Monday, showing up to the City Council meeting to call for more action from the Council and

also to discuss mounting a recall campaign under a City Charter process.

Not as many protestors showed up as two weeks ago following the Facebook comment fracas, but a healthy group gathered at City Hall prior to the meeting with signs and participated in a stand-out. Later, several from the group appeared in the Council chambers to speak at the meeting.

The group in protesting the comments, which were disparaging to Haitian residents, expressed their dissatisfaction with the handling of the elected official's remarks at a meeting two weeks ago.

Prior to last week's meeting, Councilor Steve Simonelli issued an apology which was shared on his social media account and presented during the Council meeting. Reactions have been torn, with some residents accepting the apology while others demand Simonelli take further action by stepping down from his role as City Councilor.

Family and loved ones of Simonelli sat in the front row of the Council Chambers throughout the meeting to show their support for him, while protestors grouped together behind them in solidarity. During the public speaking portion of the meeting, a few residents shared their concerns regarding the way the Everett City Council addressed the issue last week.

"I'm here tonight because I don't think the issue at hand from the last meeting was properly addressed," said Rev. Renee Solano, who read a very disparaging comment from Facebook that preceded Simonelli's response.

Everett High junior Destiny DePaulo said that the City Council should take action and be on the right side of history.

"I was shocked to hear the statement," she said. "I was even more shocked to learn it wasn't the first time, and there have been no consequences for him. This is not the Everett I know...Everett needs to stand on the right side of history and stand against these statements...The young people will take action. We'll not tolerate even a pinch of racism in our city."

However, according to City Solicitor Colleen Mejia, doing something about such comments on social media or in any other forum isn't so easy because elected officials have broad first Amendment privileges. While employees in the public and private sector are typically bound by social media usage policies, an elected official is not bound by that due to their 1st Amendment freedoms as legislators.

Mejia said in the case of Simonelli, no rule or regulation had been broken.

"There was no rule, law, regulation or code violated," she said. "No law or no rule or no ethics code you determine has the right to infringe on people's free speech."

President Peter Napolitano said many in the public believe that the Council isn't doing anything. However, he said there isn't much the body can do that isn't unconstitutional. Simonelli does have the right to his free speech, and the Council cannot infringe on it.

He said he has been working on a set of rules, a code of conduct and a social media policy since January, but it isn't yet in place because it covers so much territory.

"We don't want it to appear to the public that this isn't important on the Council's part," he said. "We began a set of rules from A to Z in January. I identified early this year it was a priority. Now this situation comes up and we don't have a rule...The idea we're doing nothing isn't correct. We pro-actively sent these rules to committee to be worked on. For this situation, whether the question is should he have said it or shouldn't he have said it, the bottom line is it is within his rights to say it...On this matter the City Council is done. The City Council has no guidance on this. If the residents feel this needs to be taken further, there is a process. The City Council though can't take any type of action now. Trust me, we do not take this lightly."

The process within the charter is a recall petition, and many in the group of protestors have indicated they are beginning the process of gathering signatures to have such a recall - though they didn't confirm they would go through with it.

To get the process started, a group of residents needs to get 250 signatures of registered voters.

- The Boston Freightliner company on Lower Broadway was before the Council to get new licenses for the sale of trucks and for auto body repair. The company will soon be moving from Lower Broadway to near Seven Acre Park, where Wynn Boston Harbor has built them a brand-new facility in a relocation effort.

Both licenses were approved. The Lower Broadway facility is to be demolished in July.

- MEAN STREETS: Councilor Wayne Matewsky called up City Engineer Greg St. Louis for a discussion of the absolute deterioration of Bow, Cabot, Revere, Second and Winthrop streets.

"Bow Street - poor Bow Street - it's going to see a renaissance with the casino, but it's in really bad shape now," he said.

Councilor John Hanlon said

Second Street could be the worst he's seen.

"This is the worst street I've seen," he said. "The traffic is at a standstill and terrible because the trucks have to go so slow. The holes are too big for them to drive over."

St. Louis said the City has hired a consultant recently to investigate every street in the city and rank them according to condition. He said the study is done, but the final report is still in the works.

FIREFIGHTERS, CITY SETTLE ON CONTRACT AFTER SEVERAL YEARS

CHELSEA - The City and the Firefighters' Union Local 143 have come to terms on a new contract that goes back two years to Fiscal Year 2016.

"It's finally concluded," said President Craig Hardy. "Both sides agree it's a fair deal. We all agree it's good that it's finally over...The membership ratified it overwhelmingly. It was a solid ratification with very little opposition. The membership seems to be satisfied and it's a fair deal."

Mayor Carlo DeMaria thanked the Union's negotiating team for working hard to resolve the contracts.

"Our firefighters put their lives on the line every day to protect our residents and their property," said the mayor. "I want to thank them for their service. I also want to acknowledge their negotiating team for their professionalism, mindfulness of other department's needs, and the financial status of the city."

The firefighters got 2 percent pay increases onto their base salaries over the two fiscal years within the contract, which was the major sticking point in getting the agreement sealed.

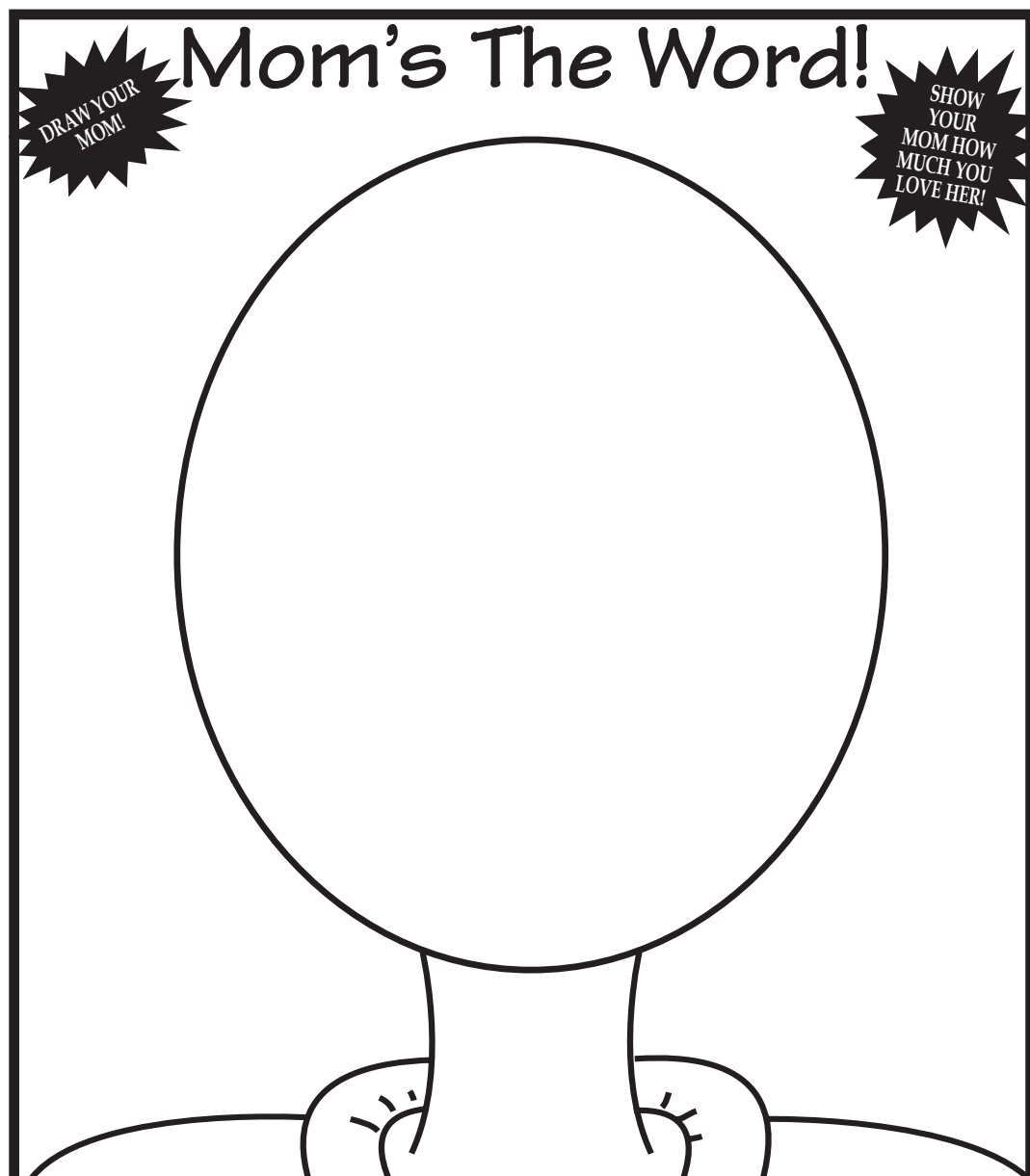
On Monday night, the City Council approved the funding for the contract, with \$620,000 for last year and \$275,000 for the previous year. The current negotiated contract will run out on June 30, 2018 - leaving little time to sit on the sidelines.

Hardy said they would likely start negotiating on the next contract in about six months.

Part of the reason for the time lapse, Hardy said, was a hiccup in the negotiations, but that was straightened out by diligent work from Mayor Carlo DeMaria and the negotiating team.

"There was a slight hiccup, which was a miscommunication between both sides," he said. "That was a bump in the road, but we were able to work it out and move forward...The City and the negotiating team

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worked hard on it. The mayor sat in the room with us and it probably wouldn't have gotten done without him there. That was a big factor."

The negotiating team for the Union included Vice President Dana Sears, Secretary/Treasurer Sean Hogan, and Executive Board member Kevin Leary.

Hardy said that team was "instrumental" in getting things worked out smoothly last month.

COUNCIL APPROVES ZONING CHANGES FOR UNION HOSPITAL SITE

LYNN - There's been a certain degree of concern among Lynn residents over North Shore Medical Center's (NSMC) plan to close Union Hospital on Lynnfield Street and replace the more traditional medical facility with a \$23 million 'medical village.'

At last week's City Council hearing the Council voted in favor of changing zoning to establish a Medical Village Overlay District on all of the land lying between and bounded by Lynnfield St., Dartmouth St., Anchor Road and Woodland North. The vote would pave the way for NSMC to close the 20-acre Union Hospital campus and replace it with a five to six-acre medical village. NSMC needed a zoning change because the neighborhood is currently zoned to allow only residential single-families and a 'Hospital'. The zoning change to allow for a hospital was done back in the 1950s through a special permit so Union Hospital could be constructed. Because the medical village is not technically a hospital special zoning was again needed.

At Tuesday's meeting, NSMC's Senior Vice President Mary Jo Gagnon testified that the new facility would house urgent care, lab services, outpatient services, radiology services as well as primary and specialty care physicians. To quell the fears of some residents that the loss of Union Hospital would be detrimental to the health and well being of patients here, Gagnon pointed out that most people currently visiting Union Hospital will have the same level of services.

"When people think of a hospital they think emergency rooms and inpatient services," said Gagnon. "However, a majority of the visits are outpatient services and primary care visits and most emergency care can be done in an urgent care facility."

Gagnon said some may point out that if they have a heart attack they won't have a hospital in the city to go in order to receive care. However, Gagnon said currently heart attack patients and some others are already being sent

to NSMC's Salem campus because that facility is better equipped to deal with those types of emergencies. Gagnon insisted for the average Union Hospital patient not much will change by changing the facility from a traditional hospital into a medical village.

Ward One City Councillor Wayne Lozzi said he was in favor of the zoning change as the only alternative to the closing of Union Hospital.

"My preference would like to see the hospital stay, but it's not happening," said Lozzi. "They are proposing to build a facility that will provide needed and modern medical services and state of the art medical services. I hope that we will move forward on this."

City Council President Darren Cyr also said that he doesn't want to see the hospital go, but the reality is Union Hospital is going to close.

"We are trying to work something out that is in the best interest of City of Lynn and the residents that live up there," he said.

RHA SAYS NO TO LAND SWAP FOR NEW HIGH SCHOOL

REVERE - It started with a motion from Councillor George Rotondo and ended with a clear message that the Revere Housing Authority isn't selling any real estate to build a new high school.

At last week's Ways and Means Subcommittee meeting Rotondo discussed a motion he had made asking, "The city to look into the feasibility of building a new Revere High School in the Cooledge Street projects while simultaneously building apartment style housing for current and future residents."

RHA Executive Director James Milinazzo, who is also a Lowell city councillor, said he and his board has reviewed and discussed the idea and they reject the idea, firmly.

He said 286 families would have to be relocated. It would cost the city upwards of \$115 million just to acquire the land, and that doesn't include the actual building of a new school or the cost to build housing.

Councillor Dan Rizzo said the new school cost could be \$150-\$200 million.

"We are working to preserve the housing that we do have," Milinazzo said.

Ward 3 Councillor Arthur Guinasso said the motion was well-intend and Rotondo was thinking out of the box but, "I can't tell you how opposed I would be to this."

Rotondo was absent from the subcommittee meeting.

Ward 6 Councillor Charlie Patch opposed the idea too, noting that it was federal land upon which housing for WWII veterans was built.

"The cost of this would be enormous," said Ward 5

Councillor John Powers, who hinted at maybe the city using a commercial piece of property for a new high school.

The subcommittee voted unanimously to place the motion on file.

NEW EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AT REVERE CHAMBER

REVERE - Bob Upton, of Revere Beach.com, thought he would only head up the Revere Chamber of Commerce for a couple of months. Well that was two years ago, and now the Chamber had found the perfect person to lead the Chamber into the future.

Winthrop's Wendy Millar-Page, the new executive director, is no stranger to the world of the Chamber of Commerce since she was head of the Winthrop Chamber of Commerce's membership division for eight years.

"It's been a natural progression with non-profits I've worked for," Page said.

"It's an exciting time for the Chamber," said Chamber President Karen Gallo. "We're excited to bring in Wendy with her 20 years of experience. We have lots of opportunities for volunteering and the businesses we represent are able to offer personalized service."

Page is looking forward to working with local businesses. Currently there are 150 business members in the Chamber and Page is looking to diversify the membership and provide top-notch benefits such as dental and health insurance, luncheons and breakfasts and networking events. She also plans on continuing the events shared by multiple chambers in Winthrop, Chelsea and Lynn, and continuing the popular gatherings such as the Legislative Luncheon, the Mayor's Breakfast, Community Champion and the Annual Mt. Hood Golf Tournament. Plans are underway for a Taste of Revere event, networking breakfasts and after-hours gatherings.

The chamber will continue to do a lot of business to business events and Small Business Saturday.

The Revere Chamber of Commerce, has been Revere's leading business organization since 1979.

Upton plans on staying a member of the commerce and his wife Marguerite will continue as administrative assistant. He is also a veteran and chairman of the Rumney Marsh Burial Grounds.

Page said she plans on working with city councillors and reach out to businesses all around the city.

"We want to make sure businesses have a voice on the council," she said.

Working with the community in the community will also be a priority. Reaching out to the diverse business

community in Revere is also a priority.

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PLANS UNDERWAY FOR FARMER'S MARKET

WINTHROP - Plans are underway to launch the 2018 Winthrop Farmer's Market. While no dates have been set, there are 17 approved vendors so far. Under the direction of Donna Sears, the market will have a couple of changes this year.

First, the location of the market will be on the Walden Street basketball courts. So far, it is unknown if power will be available to vendors there. Food vendors will need to bring their own power supply.

The Winthrop Farmers Market has also applied to be a SNAP authorized retailer and times to take part in this benefit will be announced at each market. "This will be clearly advertised," said Sears.

There are 17 approved vendors at this point - six of those will need to submit information to the Board of Health. There is always room for more volunteers if anyone is interested.

Any additional questions, please reach out directly at donnansears@gmail.com.

LIBRARY TRUSTEE JAMES MATARAZZO DEAD AT 77

WINTHROP - Longtime library supporter and trustee of the Winthrop Public Library James Matarazzo passed away April 17 surrounded by his family at the age of 77.

For over 50 years he worked at Simmons College in the School of Library and Information Science.

Colleague Shelley Quezada said, "Jim had a tremendous impact on many hundreds of librarians both in our state,

PROTESTS OVER COUNCILOR SIMONELLI CONTINUE



PHOTO BY KATY ROGERS

Protesters at Everett City Hall last week, including Michelange Goin, passed around a sign with a hole cut out for their face reading "We Are All Everett," a message made in protest of disparaging comments about Haitian people made by Councilor Steve Simonelli on social media. Simonelli has since apologized publicly, but some continue to protest the meetings and are promoting a recall campaign.

nationally and abroad. His impact and legacy on the profession he so loved will continue to be felt among those who remember his generous spirit.

The list of promotions, honors and awards Jim accumulated over the years shows how highly regarded he was by his students, his colleagues and the academy:

Simmons College Graduate School of Library and Information Science Dean and Professor Emeritus 2002 - Present
Priscilla McKee Award for Service to Simmons College 2001

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Professor and Associate Dean 1980 - 1988

Associate Professor and Associate Dean 1974 - 1980

Assistant Professor 1970 - 1973

Instructor 1969 - 1970

Fellow of the Special Library Association, SLA Professional Award (1983 and 1991)

SLA Hall of Fame 2015; John Cotton Dana Award 2016

Vice President and Secretary of the H.W. Wilson Foundation, Inc.

He was born on Jan. 4, 1941, in Stoneham to the late Angelo Michael and Anna (Finamore) Matarazzo. He lived in East Boston until the age of 5 when his family moved to Winthrop into a house that his father built. He attended Winthrop High School, Class of 1959, and then attended Boston College. He earned two masters degrees at Boston College and Simmons College. He was awarded his PhD from the University of Pittsburgh.

On Sept. 3, 1966, he married Alice Marie Keohane. A prominent academic with a global reputation, he initially worked at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (1965-1969). He then taught at the School of Library and Infor-

mation Science, Simmons College, Boston, for 49 years, where he was a professor and later dean (1994-2002). Upon retirement as Dean, he was awarded the status of dean and professor emeritus and continued to teach and publish until just before he died. He published twelve books and numerous articles. He was also vice-president and board secretary of the H.W. Wilson Foundation in New York. He was a visiting professor at Wayne State University, the University of Washington, the University of Arizona, and Texas Women's University. He received many professional awards and fellowships in his long academic career and delivered presentations and lectures worldwide. He was a loving and dedicated husband and father, dedicated to his family and his community, and loved by his many friends, students, and colleagues across the world.

He is survived by his wife Alice of 51 years; his son the Rev. Dr. James M Matarazzo, Jr., of Oxford, England; his daughter Mrs. Susan Eileen Abrego and his son-in-law Dr. José Antonio Abrego, of Lynnfield; his granddaughter Katherine Sophia Abrego; his brother Ronald Matarazzo, of Winthrop; his sister Marie Matarazzo, of Winthrop; as well as many nieces, nephews, cousins, and other relatives and friends. He was preceded in death by his beloved brother Michael Kenneth Matarazzo (1943-2010).

Services were held April 21.

Donations may be made in Jim's name to the School of Library and Information Science, Simmons College, 300 The Fenway, Boston, MA 02115 (www.simmons.edu) or to the Winthrop Public Library, 2 Metcalf Square, Winthrop, MA 02152 (<http://www.winthroppubliclibrary.org/>).

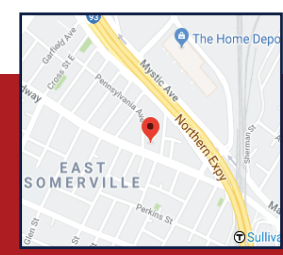


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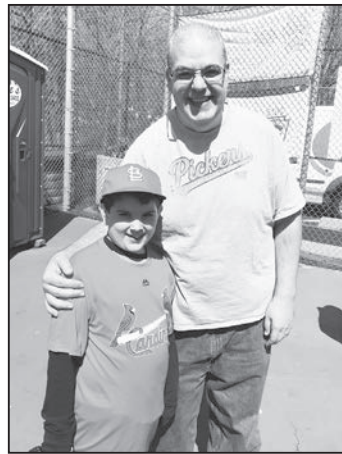
EAST BOSTON LITTLE LEAGUE HOLDS OPENING DAY CEREMONIES

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East Boston Little League held its opening day on Saturday, at Tony Conigliaro Field.



Lisa Mustacchio and son, Nick on opening day in East Boston.



Robert Capogreco and son, Antonio, enjoy opening day of the East Boston Little League season.



Mayor Martin J. Walsh throws the first pitch to start the 2018 East Boston Little League season Saturday at Tony Conigliaro Field.



The Royals are pictured at East Boston Little League's opening day festivities.



EBLL President Chuck Cassaro, Mayor Martin J. Walsh, and board members Len Cambria and Dr. Robert Gilbride are pictured at the opening day ceremonies.



The Mariners are pictured at the opening day festivities.



East Boston Little League board members Kyle Torosian and Steve Gear, and Dr. Robert Gilbride, Sen. Joseph Boncore, City Councillor Lydia Edwards, State Rep. Adrian Madaro, EBL President Chucky Cassaro, and board member Len Cambria.



State Sen. Joseph Boncore, State Rep. Adrian Madaro, and Mayor Martin J. Walsh are pictured with East Boston Little League players on opening day.



The Caine family is pictured on opening day of the East Boston Little League season.

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AROUND THE CITY

PAUL ANKA

The legendary rock and roller kicks off Bill Hanney's North Shore Music Theatre's concert series May 2, 62 Dunham Road, Beverly. nsmt.org, 978-232-7200.

PROJECT LISTEN

New England Foundation for the Arts' Creative City Program announces this public, pop-up set of movement performances by the deaf community, choreographed by Wendy Jehlen of Ankara Dance Theatre, Saturday, May 5, 12-5 p.m., throughout Boston, including Park Street Station, 12 noon; Chinatown Gate, 1 p.m.; City Hall Plaza, 2 p.m.; Museum Wharf, 3 p.m.; Copley Square, 4 p.m.; free, open to the public.

JEWISH ARTS COLLABORATIVE

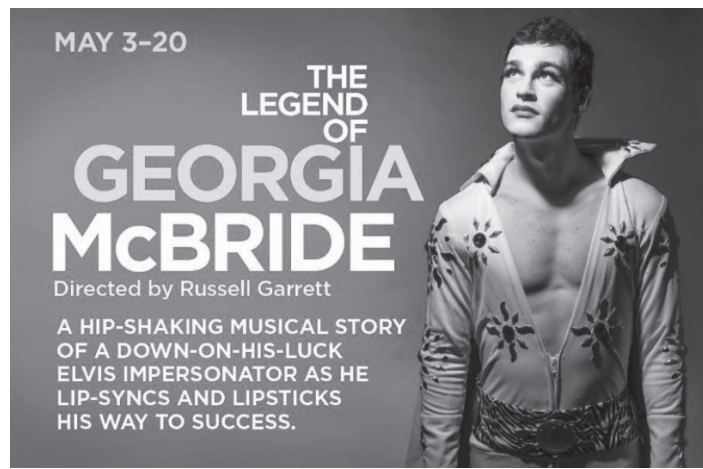
On Thursday, May 3, 8-9:30 p.m., Andy Statman: An American Musical Treasure, performs traditional Jewish music, bluegrass and Americana on mandolin and clarinet, at Center for the Arts in Natick, 14 Summer St., Natick. Premium seats, \$42; reserved seats, \$36. Nosh and bake a bissel with the Brass Sisters, who grew up in an Orthodox home in Winthrop. Join them on a day geared to children ages 3-7 with a parent-grandparent-adult, Friday, May 4, 1-2 p.m., at The Rashi School, 8000 Great Meadow Road, Dedham. \$15. 617-531-4610, jartsboston.org.

MARBLEHEAD ARTS ASSOCIATION

The association's Kentucky Derby Party is held Saturday, May 5, 4:30-7:30 p.m., Boston Yacht club, 1 Front St., Marblehead. \$45 per person, \$50 at the door. 781-631-2608, marbleheadarts.org.

ANTIGONE

Joan and Edgar Booth Theatre at Boston University ends its season with BU College of Fine Arts' School of Theater's presentation of Jean Anouilh's "Antigone," May 4-9: May 4, 5, at 8 p.m.; May 6, 7 p.m.; May 8, 9, 7:30 p.m., 820 Comm. Ave., Boston. \$15; alumni, \$10; CFA members, Brookline residents, \$7.50; day of show BU ID, free, subject to availability. bu.edu/cfa/



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GHOST TEQUILA

Boston's Greenway converts to a beach bar for A Sip of Cinco Pop-up Experience, Thursday, May 3, 4-7 p.m., on the Greenway at Dewey Square Plaza, 600 Atlantic Ave., Boston. Visit Ghost Tequila website.

KEVIN SUN

Saxophonist-composer Kevin Sun celebrates his first recording as a leader, Trio, performing with bassist Walter Stinson and drummer Matt Honor, with a CD release concert, May 5, at the Lily Pad, 1353 Cambridge St., Inman Square, Cambridge. The double-bill show includes the Jacob Shulman Trio. Doors open 7 p.m. \$10 cover charge.

JOEY ALEXANDER

Wunderkind jazz pianist, 14-year-old Joey Alexander, performs with his trio musicians, Saturday, May 5, 8 p.m., Berklee Performance Center, 136 Mass. Ave., Boston. \$48, \$42, \$37, \$30. worldmusic.org, 617-876-4275.

JONATHAN EDWARDS

The veteran performer appears in an all-ages show, May 4, 8 p.m., at Center for the Arts in Natick, 14 Summer St., Natick. \$30-\$35.

NANO STERN

World Music/CRASHarts presents Chilean guitar virtuoso Nano Stern, and his trio, playing

their fusion of indie, folk, rock and jazz, featuring Stern's powerful voice, Sunday, May 6, 7:30 p.m., at the Rockwell, 255 Elm St., Somerville. \$25. worldmusic.org, 617-876-4275.

EURYDICE AND PROWESS

Brown/Trinity Rep MFA programs present Sarah Ruble's play, "Eurydice," May 4-19, and Ike Holter's play, "Prowess," May 5-20, at the Pell Chafee Performance Center, 87 Empire St., Providence, RI. 401-351-4242, TrinityRep.com.

THE MIGRATION

Dance company Step Afrika! Returns to Boston with The Migration, a multimedia powerhouse production celebrating brave men and women who left the American South seeking better opportunities., May 3-6, Emerson Cutler Majestic Theatre, Boston. Artsemerson.org, 617-824-8400.

DOUGLAS MURRAY AND BRET WEINSTEIN

Boch Center Shubert Theatre and Pangburn Philosophy present evolutionary theorist Bret Weinstein and British author-political commentator Douglas Murray, and a post-discussion Q&A and book-signing, Sunday, May 6, 8 p.m., at the Shubert Theatre, Boston. Tickets start at \$33. bochcenter.org, 866-348-

9738.

MICHAEL McDONALD

Michael McDonald appears at The Cabot, May 5, 8 p.m., followed by comedian Bob Marley, May 11, 8 p.m.; Mike DelGuidice and Big Shot, celebrating Billy Joel's music, May 12, also 8 p.m., while Indigo Girls and Michelle Malone are sold out May 15. Symphony by the Sea presents violinist Trina Muresanu, in concert Mozart/Tchaikovsky: Love at First Hearing, May 6, 3 p.m. 286 Cabot St., Beverly. 978-927-3100, thecabot.org.

JULIA BULLOCK

Celebrity Series of Boston announces soprano Julia Bullock will make her Boston recital debut Wednesday, May 2, at Longy's Pickman Hall, Boston. celebrityseries.org.

FIREHOUSE CENTER FOR THE ARTS

Lizzie, the Musical headlines at the Firehouse, May 3, 8 p.m.; Charley, May 4-13; and The Steel Wheels headline the Sea Level oyster bar concert series, May 6, 8 p.m., Market Square, Newburyport. The juried annual regional art show is held May 4-June 2, in the gallery. firehouse.org.

STEVE SOLOMON

Spectacle Management presents Brooklyn-born, author-actor Steve Solomon's "My Mother's Italian, My Father's Jewish, and I'm Still in Therapy," Sunday, May 6, 3 p.m., Lexington's Memorial Cary Hall \$39-\$59. 617-531-1257.

BOSTON LYRIC OPERA

The opera company presents two Leonard Bernstein works, "Trouble in Tahiti," and "Arias & Barcarolles," May 11-20: May 11, 12, 16, 18, at 8 p.m.; May 13, 20, 3 p.m.; May 19, 3, 8 p.m., DCR's Steriti Rink, North End waterfront, Boston. \$25-\$170. blo.org, 617-542-6772., boxoffice@blo.org. Free related programs, discussions, at Boston Public Library, Boston Athenaeum and John F. Kennedy Presidential Museum. Check for dates and times.

THE SOUND OF MUSIC

The Boch Center and Madison Square Garden Company presents a new production of Rodgers and Hammerstein's beloved classic family musical, through May 13, at the Boch Center Wang Theatre, 270 Tremont St., Boston: May 2-4, 8-11, at 7 p.m.; May 5, 12, at 2, 7 p.m.; May 6, 1, 6 p.m.; May 13, 1 p.m. only. Tickets start at \$35. bochcenter.org, 800-982-ARTS, Ticketmaster.

THE TOUR

The Underlings Theatre Co, presents Canadian playwright Alice Abracen's play, "The Tour," May 3-12, 8 p.m.; May 6, at 2 p.m., Chelsea Theatre Works, Black Box, Winnisimmet St., Chelsea. Underlings.ticketleap.com/the-tour/dates.

MR. JOY

Besides performing at Scituate High School, Roxbury Community College, and BCYF Jackson/Mann Community Center, Adobuere Ebiama performs Daniel Beaty's "Mr. Joy: The Neighborhood Tour," free theater performances, on May 5, at 6 p.m., May 6, at 3 p.m., Bunker Hill Community College, A300 Auditorium, 250 New Rutherford Ave., Charlestown. Advance reservations necessary because of limited space. ArtsEmerson.org, 617-824-8400.

CAPTURING PABLO

DEA agents Javier Pena and Steve Murphy discuss how they

captured Pablo Escobar, May 4, at Lynn Auditorium, City Hall, Lynn. Ticketmaster, 800-745-3000, LynnAuditorium.com.

ALLEGIANCE

SpeakEasy Stage Company presents a new musical, "Allegiance," the story of the Kimura family, May 4-June 2, inspired by the childhood of TV/film actor-social media icon, George Takei, and his family, who were uprooted and sent to a camp with 120,000 other Japanese-Americans after the attack on Pearl Harbor. Boston Center for the Arts Calderwood Pavilion, 527 Tremont St., South End, Boston. 617-933-8600, boxoffice@bostontheatrescene.com.

LOVE, VALOUR, COMPASSION

Zeitgeist Stage Company presents Terrence McNally's Tony Award-winning play, April 27-May 19, Boston center for the Arts, Plaza Theater, 39 Tremont St., South End, Boston: Wednesday, Thursday, 7:30 p.m.; Friday, 8 p.m.; Saturday, 4, 8 p.m.; Sunday, 4 p.m., with talkbacks. 617-933-8600, ZeitgeistStage.com.

ARTWEEK

Highland Street Foundation, produced by the Boch Center, presents Artweek, a statewide creative festival with more than 500 events, continuing through May 6, in 155 neighborhoods and towns in six regions. More than 70 percent of the events are free. Visit artweekMA.org.

JAGGED LITTLE PILL

American Repertory Theater presents Alanis Morissette's new musical starting May 5 and running through July 15, Loeb & Barcarolles, May 11-20: May 11, 12, 16, 18, at 8 p.m.; May 13, 20, 3 p.m.; May 19, 3, 8 p.m., DCR's Steriti Rink, North End waterfront, Boston. \$25-\$170. blo.org, 617-542-6772., boxoffice@blo.org. Free related programs, discussions, at Boston Public Library, Boston Athenaeum and John F. Kennedy Presidential Museum. Check for dates and times.

TWO JEWS WALK INTO A WAR

New Repertory Theatre presents Seth Rozin's play, "Two Jews Walk Into a War," starring Boston favorite stars Jeremiah Kissel and Joel Colodner, through May 20: April 28, Fridays, at 8 p.m.; May 9, and Thursdays, 7:30 p.m.; Saturdays, 3, 8 p.m.; Sundays, 2 p.m.; May 6, 17, 2, 7:30 p.m.; and more. Mosesian Center for the Arts, MainStage Theater, 321 Arsenal St., Watertown. \$37-\$67. 617-923-8487, newrep.org, senior, student, group discounts.

STILL, NOW

Heart & Dagger Productions present Katie Bender's new play, May 4-13, Boston Center for the Arts, Martin Hall, 527 Tremont St., South End, Boston: May 4, 5, 9-12, at 7:30 p.m., May 6, 13, 4 p.m. \$28, \$33; group, senior, student discounts. 617-933-8600, boxoffice@bostontheatrescene.com.

BROKELAHOMO!

Gold Dust Orphans present this adults-only parody with songs, dances, and lots of fun, western style, for people over 18, through May 27, every Thursday-Sunday, 8 p.m., with matinees Saturday and Sunday at 5 p.m., at Machine, 1254 Boylston St., Boston. Don't bring children, please. \$49; VIP seats, \$59; front three rows, \$100. brownpaper-tickets.com/event/3220136.

O.W.I.

OWI, Bureau of Theatre presets the world premiere of Shaoul Rick Chason's "Berlin: or the Part of You That Wants It: A Musical Comedy Love Story (Written by Accident)," appearing May 3, 10, at 7:30 p.m.; May 4, 11, at 8 p.m.; May 5, 12, 2, 8 p.m. Central Square Theater, 450

Mass. Ave., Cambridge.

BIG APPLE CIRCUS EXTENDED

Phenomenal Nik Wallenda and the Fabulous Wallendas, the Flying Tunizianis, Dandino and Luciana, rollerskating daredevils, contortionist Elayne Kramer; master juggler Gamal Garcia, world famous acrobats, tight-rope walkers, along with horses, ponies, rescue dogs, thrill audiences through May 13, in the Big Apple Circus, performing under the one-ring, Big Tent, Assembly Row, off Grand union Blvd., Somerville. The circus run has been extended by popular demand. Tickets start at \$25. Ticketmaster, BigAppleCircus.com, or 800-745-3000.

BERKLEE ARTS COLLABORATIVE

Berklee Arts Collaborative presents Berklee Brass Showcase, May 2, 8 p.m., featuring students from Berklee College of Music and Boston Conservatory at Berklee. World Music/CRASHarts presents Crosscurrents: Zakir Hussain and Dave Holland, May 3, 7:30 p.m.; and children's new musical theater production, "Hansel and Gretel," by Rene Pfister, May 4, 5, at 10:30 a.m. Contact Berklee Performance Center, 136 Mass. Ave., Boston.

THE LEGEND OF GEORGIA McBRIDE

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RAGTIME

Trinity Repertory Theatre group presents award-winning musical, "Ragtime," book by Terrence McNally, music by Stephen Flaherty and lyrics by Lynn Ahrens, based on EL Doctorow's novel, at Chace Theater, 201 Washington St., Providence, RI.

BOSTON CONSERVATORY CONCERTS

The percussion ensemble performs a free concert, May 3, 8 p.m., at Boston Conservatory Theater, Hemenway St., Boston; the wind ensemble, May 4, 8 p.m., (free), at the theater; the contemporary theater freshman ensemble performance lab perform a devised work, May 4, 5, at 8 p.m., 132 Ipswich St., Boston, free. 617-912-9222, bostonconservatory.berklee.edu/events.

NEW ENGLAND CONSERVATORY JAZZ CONCERT

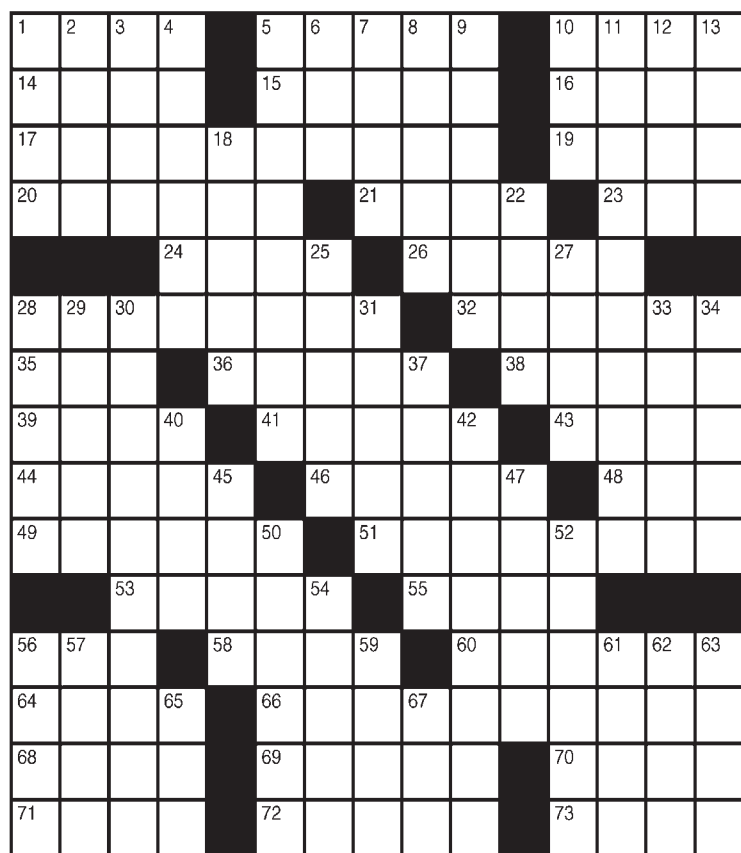
Zaleski jazz non-majors, Eisenmann and Leake ensembles perform May 3, 7, 8, 9 p.m., in the Eben Jordan Ensemble Room. Necmusic.edu, 617-585-1122.

SALEM STATE UNIVERSITY EVENTS

Peabody resident Emily Kwong presents a solo exhibition through May 3 in the Winifsky Gallery; the Salem Dance Ensemble Spring Dance Concert is May 5, 7:30 p.m., and May 6, 2 p.m., at the Gordon Center for Creative and Performing Arts, 356 Lafayette St., Salem, and the college's jazz bands perform May 2, 7:30 p.m. at Recital Hall, Loring Ave., Salem. salemstate.edu/arts, salemstatetickets.com, 978-542-6365.

Crossword Puzzle

- ACROSS
1 Cloth line
5 Choose by vote
10 Gone
14 Complexion woe
15 MTV newsman
16 Grave
17 Overly fussy person
19 "Havana" star
20 Not so tough
21 Long period of time
23 Palms
24 Yard-sale warning
26 Full of furrows
28 Sports participants
32 Plucked sounds
35 Region on the SW coast of India
36 Abandon
38 Tremulous sound
39 Deck worker
41 Stowaway, e.g.
43 Jai
44 Invited
46 Conflagrations
48 Fraction letters
49 Flummox
51 Worker
53 Parts of gallons
55 Blind part
56 Oklahoma town
58 homo (Behold the man!)
60 Positive poles
64 Fruit's coat
66 Pompous
68 Norse god
69 "Sesame Street" character
70 Temporary funds
71 Cameo stone
72 Slammin' Sammy
73 Italian art patron
DOWN
1 Out of danger
2 S. Amer. nation
3 "No its, _ or..."
4 Average
5 Eerie
6 Bud's buddy
7 Icelandic poem
8 Yelder
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OBITUARIES

Raffaele Guarino

Of East Boston

Raffaele Guarino of East Boston, formerly of Mirabella, Italy, passed away on April 29 surrounded by his loving family at the age of 75.

He was the beloved husband for over 52 years of Columbia Guarino, devoted father of Lucille Gerardi and her husband, Joseph of East Boston, Vincent Guarino of West Peabody and Elaina Guarino of East Boston; dear brother of Lena Buonopane of East Boston, Bianca Benizzone and Rita Memmolo, both of Italy; cherished grandfather of Michael, Dariana, Antonio, Corey, Marco and Joey and is

also survived by many loving nieces and nephews.

Family and friends will honor Raffaele's life by gathering at the Ruggiero Family Memorial Home, 971 Saratoga St., East Boston on Friday May 4 from 4 to 8 p.m. and again on Saturday at 8:30 a.m. before leaving in procession to St. Joseph - St. Lazarus Church Ashley St., East Boston for a 10 a.m. Funeral Mass in celebration of Raffaele's life. Services will conclude with Raffaele's being laid to rest at Holy Cross Cemetery Malden, MA.

Joseph 'Joe' Puleio

Of Methuen, formerly of East Boston

Joseph 'Joe' Puleio of Methuen, formerly of East Boston, died on April 25 after a brief illness.

He was the beloved husband of Maria Wilson Pecora; dear son of the late Nancy J. (Pinto) and Joseph Puleio Sr., son-in-law of the late Mary and Edwin Wilson, brother of the late Anthony Puleio and Rosemarie "Dolly" Santiago, loving step-father of Albert Pecora IV and his fiancée, Jessica Addario, Michael and Joseph Pecora, devoted grandfather of Ava, Michael, Hayden, Alyssa, Madyson and Emily, brother-in-law of Helen and Kevin Collins, Eddie Wilson, Walter and Francine Wilson, David and Ellie Wilson, Billy and Juanna Wilson, Buddy and Elena Wilson, John and Geri Wilson, Chester Wil-



son and the late Loretta and Dennis Napier, Thomas and Frankie Wilson. He is also survived by his godson Jason and many nieces, nephews and cousins.

At Joe's request, services are private. A Memorial Mass will be announced at a later date. MagrathFuneralHome.com

George Manfra, Sr.

Retired teacher

George Manfra, Sr. of Middleton, formerly of East Boston, peacefully passed away on April 26.

A US Navy veteran of World War II, George was a teacher for the Boston Public Schools for over 35 years, as well as, Peabody School System and North Shore Tech until he was 90 years old.

He was the beloved husband of the late Carmella "Millie" (Oliva-Morani), devoted father of Sandra Dicato of Peabody, George Manfra, Jr. and his wife, Lori of Malden and the late Donald Manfra and his surviving wife,

Lois; dear stepfather of Laura Dacarakis and her husband, George of Saugus, George Morani of Merrimack, and his former wife, Milanda, Gregory Morani and his wife, Jackie of Middleton and late Linda Brown. He was predeceased by his brothers and sisters and is also survived by his cherished grand and great grandchildren, as well as by many loving nieces and nephews.

Funeral arrangements were by the Ruggiero Family Memorial Home (Orient Heights) East Boston. A graveside service in celebration of George's life was held in Puritan Lawn Cemetery, Peabody. For more information, visit: www.ruggieromh.com



Michelle Boudreau-Nihan

Great communicator

who made everyone feel special

Michelle M. Boudreau-Nihan of Wilmington and Naples, ME, formerly of East Boston, died on April 15 with family by her side after a year-long battle with heart disease.

Michelle was a financial analyst at Syneron-Candela in Wayland. She was a former employee at FedEx and W. N. Proctor Co.

Michelle had an unmatched love for life. She enjoyed spending all of her free time in Naples, Maine with her husband, Mike and especially loved to entertain family and friends there.

She was a great communicator, and had friends near and far that she always kept in close contact. She made everyone feel special. She will be greatly missed by all.

She was the beloved wife of Michael Nihan, loving daughter of George E. Boudreau of Medway and the late Marie (Cottreau), dear sister of Kimberly Yukon and her husband,



Sam of Texas and Laurie Galotto and her husband, Robert of Medway; cherished aunt of Matthew, Danielle and Julie Galotto and is also survived by many aunts, uncles and cousins.

Michelle's funeral was held on April 21 from the Magrath Funeral Home with a Funeral Mass in the Sacred Heart Church and interment in Woodlawn Cemetery, Everett. For additional information, visit: MagrathFuneralHome.com

Salvatore 'Googie' Sponpinato

Retired machinist and devoted family man

Salvatore L. "Googie" Sponpinato of Revere, formerly of East Boston, passed away surrounded by his loving family on Monday, April 30. He was 82 years old.

Sal was a member of the Knights of Columbus Saugus Order. He had a lifelong love of photography. Sal was a proud graduate of East Boston High School, Class of 1954. He was a retired machinist, and enjoyed passing on his knowledge to apprentices and colleagues. He was a devoted family man who took pride in providing for his family. Sal and his family spent many weekends taking long drives in his beloved 1964 Chrysler Imperial, foraging for wild mushrooms, hunting for antiques, and vacationing at Old Orchard Beach, Maine. Sal enjoyed nothing more than the company of his wife and daughters.

The cherished son of the late Joseph "Lefty" and Anna (Simonelli) Sponpinato, he was the beloved husband of 59 years to Amelia (DeSimone) Sponpinato, loving father of Anna Robinson and her husband, Robert, Gina Mack and her husband, William, Lisa Petrillo and her husband, Roberto, and Nancy Sponpinato, all of Revere; adored grandfather of Colleen Rossetti and her husband, Michael, Harley Petrillo, Jessica Mack and her companion, Matthew Catanzariti, James Petrillo,

Antonia Robinson, William Petrillo and Marina Robin-



son; caring brother of Adele Ciampa of Winthrop and the late Phyllis "Chickie" Bavaro. He is also survived by many loving relatives.

Family and friends will honor Salvatore's life by gathering in Vazza's Beechwood Funeral Home, 262 Beach St., Revere on Thursday, May 3 from 12 noon to 2 p.m. and 4 to 8 p.m. and again at 9:30 a.m. Friday before leaving in procession to the Immaculate Conception Church in Revere for a Funeral Mass to be celebrated in his honor at 10:30 a.m. Interment will follow at Woodlawn Cemetery in Everett. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Salvatore's name to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St.

Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105 or the GBS/CIDP Foundation International, 375 East Elm Street, Suite 101, Conshohocken, PA 19428 (info@gsb-cidp.org). For guestbook and directions please visit www.vazzafunerals.com

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INFORMAL PROBATE PUBLICATION NOTICE
Docket No. SU18D0725DR
Guillermo De Jesus Lopez Molina vs. Crystal Lynn Curry-Lopez
To the Defendant: The Plaintiff has filed a Complaint for Divorce requesting that the Court grant a divorce for irretrievable breakdown. The Complaint is on file at the Court.
An Automatic Restraining Order has been entered in this matter preventing you from taking any action which would negatively impact the current financial status of either party. SEE Supplemental Probate Court Rule 411.
You are required to serve upon: Guillermo De Jesus Lopez Molina, 37 Leyden Street Boston, MA 02128 your answer, if any, on or before 06/21/2018. If you fail to do so, the court will proceed to the hearing and adjudication of this action. You are required to file a copy of your answer, if any, in the office of the Register of this Court.
Witness, Hon. Brian J. Dunn, First Justice of this Court.
Date: April 18, 2018

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ORDER FOR SERVICE BY PUBLICATION AND MAILING
Docket No. SU17D2756DR
Ana D. Purcell vs. Kevin W. Purcell
Upon motion of plaintiff(s) for an order directing the defendant(s), to appear, plead, or answer, in accordance with Mass.R.Cv.P./Mass.R.Dom.Rel.P. Rule 4, it appearing to the court that this is an action for Divorce 1B. Pursuant To Supplemental Probate Court Rule 411, an Automatic Restraining Order has been entered against the above named parties. Defendant cannot be found within the Commonwealth and his/her present whereabouts are unknown. Personal service on defendant is therefore not practicable, and defendant has not voluntarily appeared in this action.
It is Ordered that defendant is directed to appear, plead, answer, or otherwise move with respect to the complaint herein on or before June 14, 2018.
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Date: April 12, 2018
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Register of Probate Court
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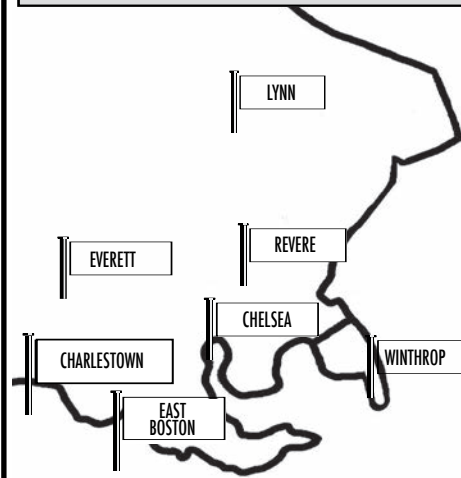
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selor George Garcia as well as Griffin.

"I'm really grateful for this opportunity," said Elliott. "Receiving this scholarship was an honor. I'm really excited to use it to further my education."

Elliott has earned a 5.2 cumulative GPA and plans to pursue a career in nursing. She is a member of the school's National Honor Society and captain of

her varsity softball team.

"Scholar Athletes who have matriculated at Curry College are exemplary students who make a profound impact on our community," said Curry College President Kenneth K. Quigley, Jr. "We are proud of our continued partnership with Scholar Athletes and value the work their organization is doing to support high school stu-

dents who have demonstrated a commitment to academic success and leadership."

Jorge, who will attend Regis College in the fall, was presented with her scholarship by Regis's Director of Admissions Laura Bertonazii, EdD and Griffin.

"I couldn't be more grateful," said Jorge. "I am honored to have received this scholarship."

Thank you to those who made it possible."

Jorge has earned a 5.05 cumulative GPA is also a two-sport athlete and captains her volleyball and basketball teams. She is also a member of the National Honor Society.

"We're excited to welcome Juliane to our beautiful campus and look forward to watching this talented young woman pursue her educational and athletic goals," said Regis College President Antoinette Hays, PhD, RN. "Scholar Athletes are an incredible program that helps students fulfill their dreams of going to college every year."

Boston Public Schools Superintendent Tommy Chang said both Elliott and Jorge worked incredibly hard to earn this accomplishment.

"Their success in the classroom and in athletics prove what is possible when young people are supported by caring adults," said Chang. "We are fortunate to have organizations like Scholar Athletes as partners in this important work."

Scholar Athletes, the non-profit that facilitated the scholarships, has 23 high school Zones (dedicated classroom spaces) across Massachusetts staffed with full time program staff who work with student athletes on academics, college planning, and health and wellness. Each year Scholar Athletes nominates student Zone members to receive the scholarships from partner colleges and universities. Since its inception in 2009 the organization has facilitated more than \$4.2 million in college scholarships for Zone members.

Elliott and Jorge applied for the scholarships and were recommended by staff at Scholar Athletes based on academic performance, Zone participation, and financial need.



(From left) Elizabeth Botteri, Assistant Director of Admission, Curry College; Kayla Elliott Scholarship Recipient; George Garcia, Admission Counselor, Curry College.



(From left) Laura Bertonazii, EdD, Director of Admissions, Regis College; Amanda Abomson, Scholar Athletes Program Coordinator; Scholarship recipient Juliane Jorge; Daphne Griffin, Executive Director Scholar Athletes.

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