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### NOAH to release East Boston Flood Prevention Workshop Report

By John Lynds

Last Thursday, the East Boston Neighborhood of Affordable Housing (NOAH) hosted a 'release' party at the East Boston Social Centers where NOAH staff released the East Boston Flood Prevention Design Workshop Report.

The report follows two events last year hosted by NOAH. The two Flood Prevention Design Workshops in May and then in September 2018 at the East Boston Social Centers in Central Square unveiled some of the concerns, ideas and solutions to protect the neighborhood from Climate Change.

"We want to thank you for coming tonight," said NOAH Executive Director Phil Giffey. "We started this a year ago and have to get it out. It wouldn't be stale, but we need to take actions now. One can look at sea-level rise projections for 2030 and beyond and it gets to be frightening. But the problem is, to figure out what to do exactly, then design solutions, then get them in the City's and or State's capital budgets, then build these multiple protective green or gray infrastructure items. This needs to start now. This is not easy to consider but we don't have time. It needed to start yesterday. But this is today so we are at least not too far behind."

NOAH's workshop last May aimed to get more residents living in East Boston involved in designing the best

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EHCA President Debra Cave goes over NOAH's East Boston Flood Prevention Design Workshop Report with NOAH's Melinda Vega last Thursday at the Social Centers.

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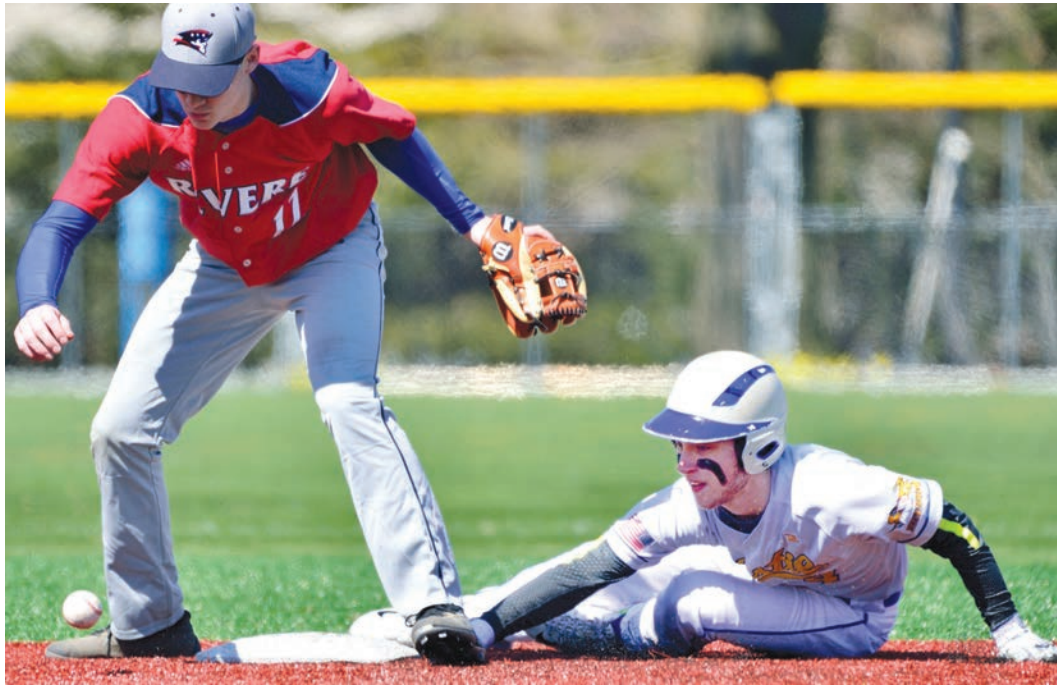


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East Boston's Anthony Buccino holds onto the bag after stealing second base in the third inning of the Jets game against the Revs. Buccino later came around to score East Boston's second run but it was too little as the Jets dropped a 9-3 decision. The Eastie High spring sports season has blossomed, with baseball, softball and track in full bloom. See Page 10 for more photos.

### YMCA teen mentor and major influencer

Fuentes has built a huge following on social media

By Cary Shuman

Carlos Fuentes is a flourishing social media star and mentor who is helping inspire others on their own health and fitness journeys.

And when we say star, well, Fuentes has more than 56,000 followers, a number that is growing every day.

Chelsea residents, classmates, and childhood friends will remember him well as the personable and multi-talented member of the Jordan Boys and Girls Club (JBGC), the

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Chelsea resident Carlos Fuentes, teen program director at the East Boston YMCA and social media star, is pictured outside the youth development and community sports facility.

### Massport officials say they have a plan for traffic

By John Lynds

It's no secret that traffic in East Boston has become unbearable. It's also no secret that Transportation Network Companies (TNCs) like Uber and Lyft heading to and from Logan Airport are contributing greatly to the problem.

With 12 million trips last year Massport Acting CEO John Prankevicius said this week Uber and Lyft need to be better regulated when coming and leaving airport property.

"What we are seeing are

12 million trips to and from the airport but they are only dropping off or picking up seven million riders," said Prankevicius during a phone interview Tuesday.

These remaining five million trips are what the industry calls 'deadhead' trips or trips that do not include a passenger when arriving or leaving Logan.

"This is when a TNC ride generated somewhere else and ends at Logan but then the Uber or Lyft driver leaves the airport without a picking up a

passenger and heads into the neighborhood or surrounding area looking for another fare because they don't want to get back in line and wait for another fare at the airport," explained Prankevicius. "It also goes the other way. This is when a trip generates at Logan but the car arrives empty. So we are trying to figure out a way to make it more efficient."

Prankevicius said the growing congestion at Logan

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### Elected officials tour Eastie's Blue Atlantic

By John Lynds

As more and more waterfront parcels are zoned out of Designated Port Areas (DPA) to make way for luxury housing in Boston one company is hoping to starve off the trend and remain a viable employer in East Boston.

Last Wednesday the owners of Blue Atlantic Fabricators, a subsidiary of Boston Harbor Cruises (BHC), invited Eastie's elected officials to its 20,000-square-foot manufacturing facility at the Boston Shipyard and Marina on Marginal Street for a tour.

The Blue Atlantic facility is located on the waterfront with deep water and heavy tonnage berthing access, making it ideally positioned to provide structural steel components to the emerging U.S. offshore wind industry constructors and developers, as well as being an optimal source for potential boat builds as BHC

looks to expand its fleet.

"We had been using Blue Atlantic for seven or eight months to build A-Frames for our offshore division and saw a great opportunity to begin working together to try to get some of that work from the emerging offshore wind industry," said BHC Principal Rick Nolan. "Production at Blue Atlantic is a shining example of the continuation of Boston's working port as it was originally intended. It's keeping a skilled trade in Massachusetts and, it allows for the next step in BHC's ability to provide quality, local services and support to the growing east coast wind and energy market."

Blue Atlantic General Manager Michael Julian said with just 15 skilled employees his company is doing work on around 1,500 tons of steel material each year but with the

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### BPDA holds 'Pupusas with a Planner' workshop

By John Lynds

Last Thursday the Boston Planning and Development Agency (BPDA) held another in a series of community workshops at La Hacienda on Meridian Street as part of the city's PLAN: East Boston Neighborhood Planning Initiative.

The well-attended event dubbed "Pupusas with a Planner" was another opportunity for residents to remain engaged in the process as Boston begins shaping a new Master

Plan for the neighborhood.

Over the summer Mayor Martin Walsh announced Eastie was chosen as one of five neighborhoods that will be part of the BPDA's planning initiative as part of an Imagine Boston 2030-guided effort to 'preserve, enhance and grow' the neighborhood.

The city plans to work closely with local community groups, community leaders and other stakeholders to ensure decisions made by the city are following the guiding

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An Eastie resident checks out information provided by the BPDA as part of last Thursday's Pupusas with a Planner planning initiative workshop at La Hacienda on Meridian Street.



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principles of “preserves wisely, enhances equitably, and grows inclusively.”

Last Thursday’s event aimed at getting more of Eastie’s Latino community involved in the planning process and meet BPDA planners like Kristina Ricco and Jason Ruggiero, who have been spearheading the efforts in the neighborhood.

At the event the BPDA provided maps of Eastie where residents could comment on the theme of ‘preserve, enhance and grow’ in the different areas of the neighborhood.

These are the areas the BPDA wants to know about and if Boston is doing a good job, needs to do a better job or needs to focus on other issues. There are no wrong answers, no wrong comment and no wrong question, and residents were free to express any opinion or idea.

As part of the initiative in Eastie a comprehensive planning will include a focus on balancing contextually sensitive development alongside preservation. There will also be a focus on supporting existing residents and businesses through increased access to opportunity, affordability strategies, and anti-displacement policies.

One of the highlights in Eastie will be improving the public realm and access to open space and neighborhood-serving amenities, addressing mobility challenges, and supporting neighborhood resiliency and preparing for climate change.

The city will work with the community in Eastie’s half dozen enclaves with a focus on the neighborhoods here that are facing increased development pressures. Working



Residents offer ideas and opinions to BPDA planners at last week’s PLAN: East Boston workshop.

with the community the city will determine a shared vision for the future of the neighborhood. Community discussion will focus on preservation of the existing residential fabric, enhancement of the vitality of existing residential communities and businesses, anti-displacement strategies for residents and businesses, connectivity along the waterfront, mobility, and flood protection and climate resiliency.



Audrey Savikas talks with Steve Gingras from Rep. Adrian Madero’s Office and the BPDA’s Jason Ruggiero.



Eastie’s Sandra Nijjar (right) talks with a BPDA planner.



BPDA’s Kristina Ricco talks with residents.



Residents work on writing down their ideas to improve Eastie.



BPDA’s Jason Ruggiero (center), Neighborhood Liaison Jesus Garcia, and Heather O’Brien.



Children from the community enjoy last week’s Pupusas with a Planner, planning initiative workshop at La Hacienda on Meridian Street.

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## Easter Hunnies

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## COMMUNITY MEETING

# PIERS PARK II

**The Massachusetts Port Authority & The East Boston Piers Project Advisory Committee (PAC) invite you to a community meeting to discuss Piers Park II**

**WHEN:** TUESDAY, APRIL 23, 2019  
6:30PM

**WHERE:** CATHY LEONARD-MCLEAN COMMUNITY ROOM  
Rental Car Center, 1st Floor  
15 Transportation Way  
East Boston, MA 02128

**WHAT:** Piers Park II is a 4.5-acre waterfront open space adjacent to Massport’s award winning Piers Park. At this meeting, we will discuss design options and resiliency efforts with Massport’s two design developers and architects: Kleinfelder and Pressley Associates.

Please contact **Anthony Guerriero** at **617-568-3711** with any questions.

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COLLEGE DEBT IS A NATIONAL CRISIS AND DISGRACE

One of the clearest indications of the growing income and wealth inequality in our nation is the level of college debt that is being incurred by the vast majority of the current generation of college students and recent graduates.

According to one study, student loans total an astounding \$1.5 trillion, a figure that represents the largest source of debt for Americans after home mortgages.

The recent college admissions scandal has highlighted what is common knowledge, namely, that the rich are able to gain admission into elite colleges for no other reason than their extreme wealth.

But the flip side of this story is that the wealthy not only can pay huge sums to bribe their kids' way into these schools, but also that they can afford to pay the full fare without worrying about financial aid or loans.

However, admission into elite colleges is not even the tip of the iceberg in terms of the issue of paying college expenses. Public college and universities used to be affordable alternatives for lower-income and middle-class students. But given that state and federal funding for higher education has been on a steady, downward plunge since the 1980s, state schools of higher education now have little money for scholarships, even for needy students.

As a result, today's young people are graduating with an average debt of \$50,000. \$100,000 in loans is not an uncommon figure -- and these are graduates from state universities.

There also are two other factors that are compounding the negative effects of high student debt: According to a recent study, young adults today earn \$10,000 a year less than their counterparts did in in 1989. In addition, the interest rate on that \$1.5 trillion of debt is around seven percent -- a figure that is far higher than almost any other kind of consumer debt

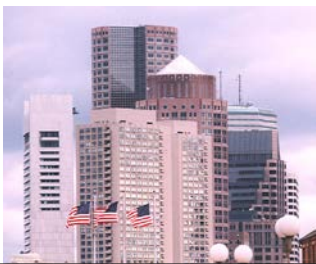
This situation not only is tragic -- and that is not too strong a word to use -- for our young generation, but it also holds profound consequences for the future of our country.

With such high levels of debt, young people are marrying later in life and having fewer children. Their college debt means that they will be unable to buy homes, which not only ultimately will have a depressing effect on the housing market and the economy, but will render the achievement of the American Dream all but impossible for this generation.

With the Baby Boomers reaching full retirement age, there also is this question: Who is going to pay for the Boomers' Medicare and Social Security costs if today's young people are so financially overburdened?

The Green New Deal proposed by Sen. Ed Markey and others not only is about saving our environment, but it also aims to give young people a fighting chance to get out from under the crushing burden of student debt and exorbitant tuition bills.

America is the only major country that imposes these debts upon its young people -- and the time may have come to end it now.



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Op-Ed

It's a Guarantee: High-Quality Pre-K for All

By Mayor Martin J. Walsh

On April 2nd, we made a promise: in five years, Boston will achieve high-quality Universal Pre-Kindergarten for every four-year-old in the city. In the last five years, we've added 750 pre-K seats that are high-quality, and proven to close the achievement gap. Now, we're going to be investing \$15 million in our new Quality Pre-K Fund, which will close the high-quality gap by adding an additional 750 high-quality seats in Boston Public Schools, and community-based organizations.

Through this commitment, we'll be able to achieve our goal: a high-quality Pre-Kindergarten seat for every 4-year-old in the City in the next five years.

To make Boston a place where everyone can succeed, we need to start at the very beginning. The moment a child is born, they need high-quality resources and a safe place to call home. And when they set foot into the classroom, they need a strong foundation to set them onto the path to success. We must make sure that every single child, from

every background and neighborhood, can get a strong start in life.

Access to high quality pre-K should be a guarantee, for every single family in Boston, regardless of income or background.

Boston's approach to pre-K is a national model in early childhood education, and we have proven success in closing achievement gaps. It's because we offer some of the most comprehensive and high-quality programs in the country. Our teachers are trained to support students of all cultural backgrounds, they encourage critical and creative thinking, and they put the needs of our students first.

And the lessons children learn don't just stay in the classroom -- they have lasting impacts, all the way from kindergarten to college and beyond.

Every year, we've been working to expand this successful approach with the goal of reaching every single four-year-old in the City.

When I took office, we were facing a gap of 1,500 high-quality seats. Ensuring equal access to high-quality

pre-kindergarten became one of our top priorities. We couldn't have done it without the partnership and dedication of educators, partners, organizations, and many more.

One of the first steps we took was creating a UPK Advisory Committee. The Committee gathered input from families, educators, and stakeholders. Their recommendations have been our guiding light in how we've taken steps to expand access to high-quality pre-K.

We've invested in new pre-K seats every single year since 2014, despite constraints on our budget and available classroom space. In our most recent budget for FY19, we designated \$850,000 to develop 80 pre-K seats, together with community partners.

We learned that community-based organizations are central to our UPK strategy. We wanted to make sure we were building something to last and truly serve our communities. And today, we're providing more options for working families, right in their own neighborhoods. Because of our work, over the last six years, our initial gap

of 1,500 seats has been cut in half. And now, this new fund will help us close the remaining gap, and achieve Universal high-quality Pre-Kindergarten in the City of Boston.

This isn't just about making enough seats available -- because if that were the case, we could have already achieved Universal Pre-K. This is about ensuring that every single pre-K seat we offer is a high-quality one that closes opportunity and outcome gaps -- and gives all of our children an equal chance at a strong start in life.

Our work isn't done. We're going to continue to develop our programs and pay attention to the needs of our students. We're going to continue to seek partnerships to help us make our programs even better.

Any time we can make an investment in a young person, it's a step forward for our entire city.

And it's an investment worth making.

Learn more about universal pre-k on [bostonpublicschools.org/upk](http://bostonpublicschools.org/upk).

*Martin J. Walsh is the Mayor of Boston.*

ZONTA CLUB OF CHELSEA MARCH MEETING



The Zonta Club of Chelsea, at their March monthly meeting, had the pleasure of having Lynn Peters, the Co-Director of Harbor COV as their guest speaker. The Zonta Club and Harbor COV are partnering up to apply for a Zonta International Centennial Anniversary Grant. These one-time grants of up to \$5,000 each will recognize charitable organizations working to improve the lives of women & girls in their local communities. If awarded this grant, Harbor COV will use the funds to assist women in furthering their education. Pictured are, Seated left to right, Barbara Lawlor, Christine DePrizio, Mary Jane O'Neill, and Janice Sikorski. Standing left to right, Lynn Peters, Elizabeth Fama and Saveria Bosak. Upcoming Zonta Club Monthly Meeting: Thursday April 18 @ 6:00 pm @ The Doubletree Hotel in Chelsea. Upcoming Events: Spring Fundraiser-Thursday May23 @ Giggles Comedy Club, Prince House of Pizza, Saugus. Contact [chelseazonta@zonta.district1.org](mailto:chelseazonta@zonta.district1.org) for more info about our club and future events. Check out Zonta International Website [www.zonta.org](http://www.zonta.org) to learn more about our organization.

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COMMUNITY NEWS

OHNC MEETING  
APRIL 15

The next meeting of the Orient Heights Neighborhood Council (OHNC) will be Monday, April 15, at 6:30 p.m. at the YMCA gym on 58 Ashley St.

Monday, April 15, 2019  
Meeting Agenda

Location: YMCA 58 Ashley Street

Meeting starts at 6:30 p.m.

– Agenda is subject to change.

Introductions - Welcome and report from the board (President, VP, Secretary)

Public Safety - Station 7 Community Update Sgt. -- Jim Martin & Officer Dan Simon

Development Presentations - New and voting matters

VOTE: 119 Barnes Ave, Erect 6-unit residential building with 6 parking spaces

INFO: 154 Bayswater, Change 2-family status to 3-family by renovating basement space for additional apartment unit.

INFO: 18 Crestway Rd., Demolish existing single family and erect 3-story 9-unit building with 12 off-street parking spaces. [Note: this is a revised project presentation]

Next meeting: Monday, May 20, 2019

Grace Church

News Services

Grace Church Federated is an Episcopal/United Church of Christ church located at 760 Saratoga Street in East Boston. All are welcome. Please join us for Sunday morning worship at 9:30 a.m., followed by a coffee hour. We also have a food pantry

on Saturdays from 10 a.m. until noon in the church basement. There are a number of ways you can help us to serve East Boston. Volunteer at or contribute to the food pantry. Sing with the Festival of Lessons and Carols choir. Bring a dish to the monthly Sunday evening community suppers. Participate in the Sunday worship service. Help with SundaySchool. Visit the Grace Church web site at [www.gracechurcheastie.org](http://www.gracechurcheastie.org) or call the church at 617-569-5358 for more information.

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East Boston Social Centers to Hold Annual Pizza and

Comedy Fundraiser April 11.

The East Boston Social Center will hold its Annual Spring Fundraiser, a Pizza and Comedy night at Prince Restaurant in Saugus, on the evening of Thursday April 11, 2019 – doors open at 6:30 p.m. We look forward to seeing you and sharing a great night of laughs, pizza and friendship.

The East Boston Social Center is a 501(C) 3 non-profit multi-service agency that has served the children, families, and senior citizens of East Boston since its founding over 100 years ago, in 1918.

Net proceeds from this event will support the Social Centers’ programs, which serve over a thousand members of the East Boston and Greater Boston community each year. The Social Centers provide fully licensed and accredited Early Learning and After School programs for children ages two months through fourteen years, free after-school programming for at-risk teens, a Summer Program, as well as nutritional and social and recreational programming for seniors, and community space for advocacy, self-help and community groups.

Ticket price of \$35 per person includes unlimited cheese pizza and soft drinks and a hilarious comedy show with some of the area’s best comedians. Other menu items and a cash bar are also available for purchase.

There is also a Raffle for an assortment of gift certificates, sports tickets, baskets and much more. Chances are \$20 for a book of 10 (Need not be present to win).

Thank you for your con-

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Community Meetings

Harbor View Neighborhood Association  
First Monday of every month  
6:30 p.m. at the Edward Brooke Charter School, 145 Byron St.

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

Kiwanis Club of East Boston  
First and Third Tuesday of every month  
6 p.m. at Spinelli’s Restaurant in Day Square. New members welcome

Maverick Central Neighborhood Association  
Third Wednesday of every month  
7 p.m. at Paris Street Community Center, 112 Paris St.

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

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

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

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

tinued generosity to the East Boston Social Centers and support of the community of East Boston. We look forward to seeing you on April 11th!

To purchase tickets for the event or for raffle chances, please call Marisa at (617) 569-3221 ext. 107, email at [mdipietro@ebsoc.org](mailto:mdipietro@ebsoc.org) - or contact any of our Board members.

You may also purchase tickets online at: <https://www.ebsoc.org/new-events/>

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LANGUAGE CLASSES

The Senior Program at the East Boston Social Centers is now offering Spanish Language Classes for adults over 60 years old. Classes are held every Wednesday at 10 a.m. in Room 209. All are welcome to attend. Class is taught by

Mr. Montaro. No need to register, just come by on Wednesday at 10 a.m. for this fun class. The East Boston Social Centers is located at 68 Central Square.

EAST BOSTON  
SENIOR LUNCH  
PROGRAM

If you are 60+ years of age, the East Boston Social Centers at 68 Central Square in East Boston has a table and a meal waiting for you!

The Senior Lunch Program sponsored by ETHOS Congregate Meal Program provides a hot, nutritious lunch, along with wonderful socialization, Monday through Friday from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. A suggested donation of \$2 is asked.

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Robert DeLeo Senior Center, 35 Harvard Street Winthrop for residents age 55 and above.

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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.

DISTRICT SEVEN POLICE REPORT

Monday, March 25, 2019

Around 3 a.m. in the area of 197 Chelsea St., a 22 year old male with a Salem, MA address was arrested for Rape

Around 7:30 p.m. in the area of Bennington St. and Prescott Sts., a 34 year old male with an East Boston address was arrested for Forgery of Records, Certificates and Other Writings

Tuesday, March 26, 2019

Around 9:20 a.m. in the area of 37 Meridian St., a 20 year old male with an East Boston address was arrested for Assault & Battery

Around 9:45 a.m. in the area of 68 Central Sq., a 47

year old male with an East Boston address was arrested for Speeding and Operating a M/V Without a License

Around 6:16 p.m. in the area of 951 Bennington St. a 22 year old male with an East Boston address was arrested for Assault and Battery (injuries), Dwelling House; Day Breaking & Entering and Possession of Class B, Drugs

Wednesday, March 27, 2019

Around 5:20 p.m. in the area of 1133 Bennington St., a 30 year old male with a West Roxbury, MA address was arrested for Possession W/I to Distribute, Class B, Drugs

Around 5:20 p.m. in the

area of 1233 Bennington St., a 20 year old male with a Somerville, MA address was arrested for Trafficking; Class B, Drugs 14-27 grams

Thursday, March 28, 2019

No Arrests

Friday, March 29, 2019

Around 9:35 a.m. in the area of Meridian St. and Paris St., a 33 year old male with a Chelsea, MA address was arrested for Operating after Revocation or Suspension

Saturday, March 30, 2019

No Arrests

Sunday, March 31, 2019

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# Real Estate market just as hot nextdoor in Chelsea

Jeff Bowen and Sandra Castillo set to unveil Parker Place condominiums on Parker Street

By Cary Shuman

Chelsea real estate agent Jeffrey Bowen said all the hard work by city officials over the past 20 years is paying off.

“Chelsea is booming,” says Bowen. “City Managers Jay Ash and Tom Ambroino, the city councilors, and the community have brought it back to where we are now. Chelsea is the No. 1 gateway city in America with the lowest price-per-foot next to a major metropolitan city (Boston).”

Bowen knows much the city’s resurgence and the booming real estate scene. He is currently marketing his third major project, Parker Place, 12 new luxury condominiums at the corner of Parker Street and Spencer Avenue. The developer for the three projects has been Jason Roback of Roback Real Estate.

“Jason prides himself in bringing value and quality to the future residents of Chelsea,” credited Bowen.

Bowen and his partner, Sandra Castillo, of ERA Rus-



Jeffrey Bowen, left, and Sandra Castillo, are pictured at the Parker Place Condominiums, where they will begin a series of Open House sales events.

sell Realty Group, will host an open house each Saturday and Sunday (noon -2 p.m.) at Parker Place, which is already drawing significant interest among prospective buyers.

Bowen’s previous successes span the city, notably the Beacon Condominiums (81 Broadway) and the Thomas Martin Lofts (204 Spencer Ave.)

Parker Place, located at 87 Parker St, is a seven-story building featuring 12 units: 11 two-bed, two-bath, one

two-bed, one-bath. Five of the units have garage parking, seven have outdoor spots. Out of the 11 two-bed, two-bath units, one is an affordable unit for medium-income residents (price to be determined by the City of Chelsea).

According to Bowen and Castillo, the prices at Parker Place range from \$449,000 to \$539,000.

“Each condo has air-conditioning, maple hardwood flooring, custom kitchens, and stainless-steel appliances,” said Bowen. “This in an elevator building. Four of the units have roof decks. Eight of the units have balconies.”

Bowen said the area has become one of the hottest in the greater Boston real estate market.

“You have the DaVinci Lofts (960 Broadway), the Industrie Lofts (950 Broadway), the Spencer Lofts (60 Dudley St.), the Keen Lofts (220 Spencer Ave.), and the Thomas Martin Lofts (204 Spencer Ave.),” said Bowen.

And the boon is continuing, with the Chelsea Zoning

Board’s approval Tuesday night of the Forbes Development that will consist of 590 units.

## A good time to buy

There is no time like the present to invest in Chelsea, according to Bowen.

“Condominium prices are 25-50 percent higher a mile or two away in East Boston and Charlestown,” said Bowen. “Downtown Boston and the Seaport District (South Boston) is double and triple. Chelsea is still very affordable. It’s a good time to buy. You get more bang for your buck. There is room to grow here.”

Other advantages for buyers are access to Route 1, the Silver Line, five bus routes, and a commuter rail. Five new hotels in Chelsea also underline the fact that the city is flourishing. The new Encore Casino opens in Everett in June.

Bowen takes personal pride in Chelsea’s resurgence. A resident of the city, he was featured in a recent segment on Channel 5’s “Chronicle,”



A view of Parker Place, located at 87 Parker St., Chelsea.

showcasing all the good things that are happening here.

“Sandra and I are our team and we work well together helping people find the residence of their dreams,” said Bowen, who has been No. 1 in the luxury condominium segment of real estate in Chelsea. “I have a relationship with a lender that has a program with rates as low as 3.69 percent on a 30-year fixed mortgage that also includes \$7,000-lender-paid closing costs (for qualified buyers).”

Said Castillo, “Whenever we go in to a building, we actually get the highest price for the seller. We also get calls from previous buyers and we’ve been able to double their investment. Our condos don’t last very long on the market because they are such a great value and they have everything people are looking for.”

(For more information about Parker Place Condominiums, please email info@chelsearealestate.com).

## Tour // CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

emerging offshore wind industry Blue Atlantic is poised to expand.

“Being in a DPA is very important to this endeavor,” said Julian. “I can easily see us growing to around 60 to 70 employees if we are able to get some of this wind construction work. I can tell you our employees can handle a good amount of that work in this facility.”

The only downside to Blue Atlantic’s growing business is the lack of skilled workers so Julian has been increasing the company’s profile at job fairs

and local trade schools.

“We want to get these kids out of high school and trade school and show them that there is a career in working with your hands,” said Julian.

This is something elected officials like Sen. Joseph Boncore agree with and urged Julian and Nolan to explore the possibilities of increasing their visibility at East Boston High School.

“We have begun to realize that college is not for every kid,” said Boncore. “Going into a trade offers a good paying, sustainable career

as skilled labor is becoming harder and harder to find for companies like Blue Atlantic. There are plenty of high school graduates that go on to college and after four years have nothing but debt and the inability to find good employment. I think by partnering with a school like EBHS and teaching students a trade may be worthwhile for not only the students but for this growing local company.

Julian said three or four of the employees are Eastie residents and most of the 15 employees are making \$50,000

or more a year with benefits like health insurance and retirement.

However, Julian again reminded the elected officials on the tour, like Boncore and Rep. Adrian Madaro, that remaining a DPA is crucial.

“We are surrounded by luxury apartments at the shipyard,” said Julian. “There’s a lot of development and a lot of changing of the DPAs but is very important to us, the shipyard and the employees that work here to remain a working port.”



Blue Atlantic General Manager Michael Julian talks with elected officials during the tour.



Blue Atlantic employees 15 skilled steel workers, but hopes to expand through the emerging offshore wind industry.



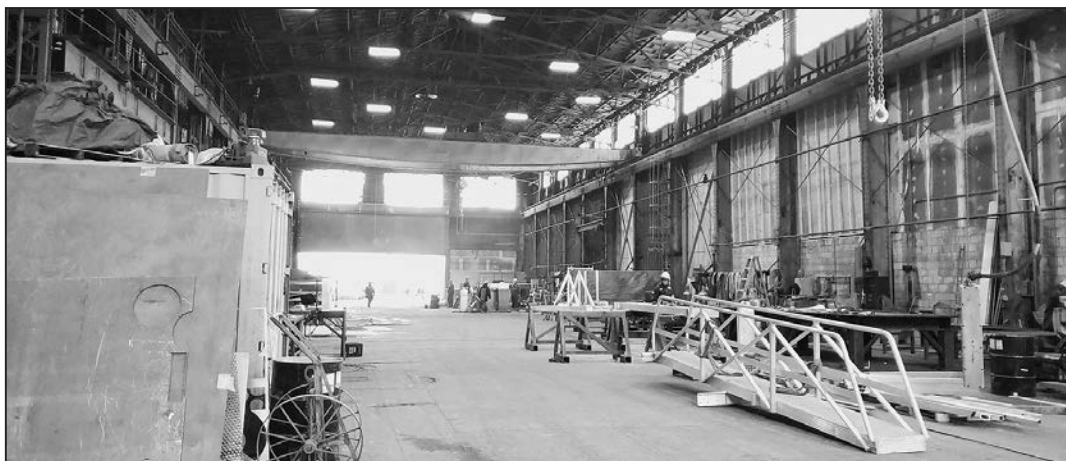
Blue Atlantic General Manager Michael Julian.



Elected officials like Sen. Joseph Boncore and Rep. Adrian Madaro toured the facility last Wednesday.



Blue Atlantic General Manager Michael Julian (left) leads the tour of the facility for elected officials like Rep. Adrian Madaro and Sen. Joseph Boncore.



Inside Blue Atlantic’s 20,000-square-foot manufacturing facility at the Boston Shipyard and Marina on Marginal Street.

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ways to protect the community from sea level rise and climate change. At the first workshop resident were given tours of areas in the community that have been identified as entry points for flood waters. Then NOAH hosted a public design workshop this past September where residents were asked to offer ideas and input on how to best protect the different parts of the community from flood waters.

In its report NOAH showed residents in Eastie have concerns over lack of Flood Emergency Plan; lack of Community Awareness; the Risk of Sea Level Rise added to Storm Surge; impacts on Infrastructure, People and Buildings; Threats to Transportation Network; as well as Threats to the Local Ecology.

Based on the concerns and input for residents NOAH's report suggests the immediate need in Eastie to develop a Flood Emergency and Awareness Plan. This would create a plan and communicate it widely through many channels to reach the entire community

There should also be an increase Public Awareness of Climate Risks and Solutions by consistently engage stakeholders, partner with existing civic organizations, meet people where they live.

Increase engagement with the schools and with youth to get them move involved in thinking about climate change because they may be the most impacted in the future.

Some physical solution ideas to come out of the workshops included developing levees and seawalls that have multiple uses. Create parks and recreational opportunities while protecting the community from sea-level rise. These are areas that can be enjoyed year-round while protecting the community from storm surges in the event of a huge storm. These levees and seawalls would protect key places in the neighborhood like the Greenway and Liberty Plaza. Add connector bridges over the Greenway so it is still passable in the event of a flood. This plan stems from another idea to redesign the Greenway to be 'floodable.'

"What I am saying is that this is fundamentally important for everyone to understand, this is not only a NOAH report – this is an East Boston report by East Boston residents on critical East Boston Climate Change issues," said Giffiee. "They are thoughtfully considered. There were 'expert witnesses' as assistants, but the folks who participated in the tours, then the Charrettes and follow up last fall, were East Boston folks, not NOAH staff."

Giffiee announced NOAH has a grant from RWJF and will be conducting about 630 surveys starting in May in an effort to ascertain community knowledge about Climate Change and people's social networks

"We will use the knowledge to find ways to get people talking about climate solutions, but mostly about Emergency Preparedness," he said. "That is, what will individual and safety agencies do in case of emergency?"

NOAH also has a grant request into Kresge Foundation to work with the community on Climate Change, Health and Equity.

"It's a partnership grant. We want to begin planning very soon," said Giffiee. "We have at least six partners, EB-NHC, EBSC, Eastie Farms, ULI, UMASS/SSL, and many Latino entities. The Goal will be to push Climate Change more prominently into the hospital's community benefit arena so they can spend money on Climate Change in neighborhoods. NOAH is going to keep pushing for Climate Change solutions of all kinds."



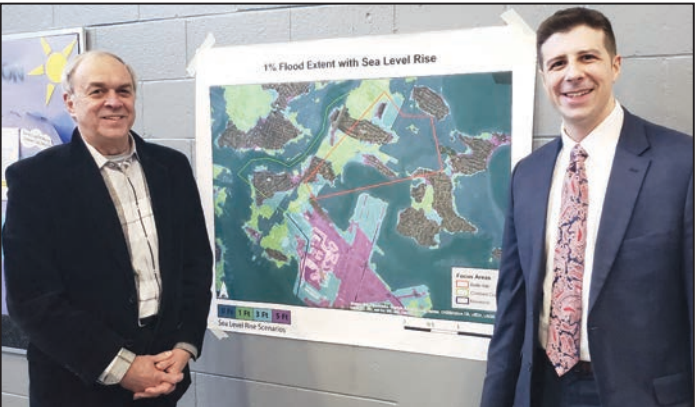
Dr. Paul Kirshen and NOAH Executive Director Phil Giffiee.



Gabriela Boscio (right), a former NOAH employee who helped work on the report while at NOAH, talks with a neighborhood resident.



NOAH Youth Gabriella Ramirez addresses the crowd.



NOAH Executive Director Phil Giffiee and Rep. Adrian Madaro.



Matt Barison and Patricia D'Amore.



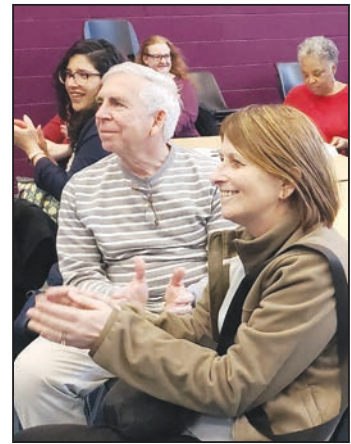
A map showing the potential flooding to Eastie due to climate change.



EHCA President Debra Cave, NOAH's Melinda Vega, NOAH Executive Director Phil Giffiee and Rep. Adrian Madaro pose with NOAH's youth.



Rep. Adrian Madaro during the release of NOAH's report.



Residents applaud NOAH's efforts to address climate change.

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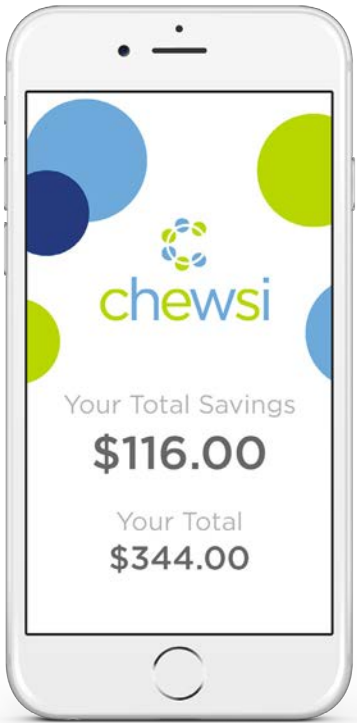
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# Sports

## Renegade's Pub claims 1st EBMHL Championship

The EBMHL wrapped up its 10th season last Wednesday night at Porazzo Rink as the boys of Renegade's Pub took down the East Boston Yacht Club in game 3 of the best of three series, to claim the John Parziale Cup.

For the majority of the season Renegade's muscled through its competition, which has become increasingly stronger as the EBMHL has steadily improved since its inception 10 years ago. They finished in first place to clinch the 1st round bye in the playoffs and then take on the Mosca Club in the semifinals, in which they were victorious.

In the championship series, their opponent The East Boston Yacht Club, was no slouch. In game 1, Renegade's was pushed to the limit. Goaltender Brad Watkins and the stingy

Renegade's defense was the difference in that one as Watkins turned away shot after shot and his boys in front of him got the job done time and time again, shutting down the always tough to defend, Casey Brugman of the EBYC, throughout the game. This one required Over-time as the score was knotted at 2 at the end of regulation. However, Dante Arinella wasn't having it. 20 seconds into overtime Dante collected a rebound on the right side of the net and fired it past EBYC stalwart Pat Feeney for the 3-2 win and a Renegades series lead 1-0.

Game 2 saw a similar scenario with both goaltenders standing on their heads to keep the game close. Brugman proved to be too much for the boys of Renegade's as he broke free one too many times to lock down

the Game 2 win for EBYC 4-2. For Renegade's, Captain David Berardinelli and Defenseman Mike Upton were the offensive supply.

Game 3, winner take all, saw a furious pace from both sides, but the Renegade's Pub line of Joe Salvatore (EBMHL scoring Champion), Mike Mondello, and Capt. David Berardinelli proved to be too much for the EBYC. As they combined for all the offense in the 4-0 win. The Renegade's D of, Ryan Luongo, Charlie Bordonaro, Mike Upton, Joey Danilchuk, and Mark Buttiglieri we're ferocious in they're protection of goaltender Brad Watkins, who once again was lights out in the shutout win. Throughout the series the second line of Anthony Cecca, Dante Arinella, John Lloyd flanked by Joey Frasso were masterful as they did they're job shift after shift, shutting down the EBYC all series.


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East Boston (2-1) played TechBoston Tuesday, faces Brighton at 3:30 p.m. Friday at Memorial Field, and travels to Somerville next Tuesday (April 19) for a 2 p.m. game.



Shortstop Josh Rivera holds on to a pop fly that was buffeted by the wind.



Coach Jeff Arinella has a few words of advice for pitcher Euddy Brito.



Centerfielder Christian Feudo has an eye on the ball as he breaks for first, but the ball was fielded for an out.



First baseman Javier Mercedes has the ball on a pick off play that nabbed Revere baserunner Brandon Sarmanian.



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# Getting Out

## Kids and Kids-at-Heart Delight in Big Apple Circus

By Sheila Barth

Although Big Apple Circus' big blue tent seats 1,700 people, everyone feels like they're in the act, because of the performers' frequent interaction and proximity. The Big Top is modeled after the traditional one-ring European circus. Nobody is more than 50 feet away from the ring, giving audiences an upclose, experience.

Much has been touted about female ringmaster Stephanie Monseu, circus veteran and former fire swallower, stilt walker, precision knife-throwing performer, and owner of her own, longtime nationally touring circus. Garbed in a tall black hat and traditional ringmaster red jacket, Monseu strategically places herself in the tent's main walkway and aisles, greeting folks seated nearby. Although the circus appears geared toward the younger set, adults appreciate the roster of internationally renowned and record-breaking performers, such as Russian horizontal juggler Viktor Moiseev who entertained royalty,



Duo Fusion, husband-wife hand balancing act at Big Apple Circus.

and Valeriy Sychev, former competitive gymnast-member of the Russian National Gymnastics Team. Ratcheting up the excitement meter, the performers are perpetually near the audience, running in and out of the ring, up the aisles and among

spectators, greeting individuals, interacting with them, and, pulling individuals into the ring to perform with them. Before the circus starts, occasional performers greet and mingle with the crowd in the concession tent, where parents may purchase snacks,

drinks, glittery gizmos, and pony rides for children, pre-show, around the ring. After the show, exiting families are invited to take photos with performers, standing on raised, circular platforms.

Ardent circus-goers may opt for the all-new VIP experience that boasts a special check-in, unlimited wine beer, soft drinks, cotton candy, snacks, and more.

Traditional Big Apple Circus fans (like myself) will appreciate the absence of old Grandma and the cadre of clowns with floppy shoes and round red noses. They're replaced by comedic duo Adam Kuchler and Mark Gindick, performing in-and-out-of the ring shenanigans.

Performing their don't-try-this-at-home-act, the Montreal-based, gravity-defying, Andreanne Quintal's Spicy Circus acrobats literally bounce off two springy trampolines and onto a centrally-located, triple-tiered metal structure, drawing ooohs and wows from the mesmerized crowd.

Acrobatic husband-wife team Virginia Tuells and

### BOX OFFICE

Two-hour, two-act circus under Big Apple Circus' Big Top, featuring ringmaster, Stephanie Monseu, jugglers, animal trainer, aerialists, acrobats, the new Mirror Room VIP Experience, and more. For all ages, appearing through May 5: Wednesdays-Fridays, 11 a.m.-7 p.m., Saturdays, 11 a.m., 3,7 p.m.; Sundays, 12, 4 p.m. NorthShore Mall, 210 Andover St., Route 114, near Barnes and Noble Bookstore, Peabody. Free parking; tickets start at \$25. BigAppleCircus.com, ticketmaster.com, 800-745-3000.

Ihosvanys Perez, of Argentina and Cuba surprise the audience when high-heeled Tuells, (known as the strongest mom in the world), lifts, supports, intertwines, and dances with Perez.

Also spellbinding is world record-breaker Emil Faltyny of Prague and his free-standing balancing act on a metal ladder. He also balances a huge, metal cube on his forehead, spins it dizzyingly, and creates other eye-popping stunts with an open, large, collapsible-looking prop.

Not enough yet? Okay.

Children giggle and sigh as third generation circus animal trainer Jenny Vidbel gently leads prancing black horses of many sizes, two silver-colored

horses, two dogs and a spotted potbellied pig through their paces. Vidbel invited three little girls to join her in the ring and feed a carrot to the ponies.

Couple Valeriy Sychev and Malvina Abakarova add romantic beauty, with their Desire of Flight dual aerial straps act - exquisite gracefulness and balletic poetry in motion.

The Flying Tuniziani family of Venezuela, nine trapeze artists keep the audience rapt, too, with their stunning flying stunts.

Kudos to Music Director Rob Slowik and his terrific musicians, perched out of view, high above the stage, and Lighting Designer Jeff Croiter, revving up fun and suspense with each act.

### AROUND THE CITY

#### THE LAST WALTZ

The City of Lynn invites patrons to attend its \$5 community movie, *The Last Waltz*, April 12, 7 p.m., at Lynn Auditorium, 3 City Hall Square, Lynn. The Kratt Brothers bring their Live Kratts 2.0 show there, April 11. Tickets, lynnauditorium.com, 781-599-SHOW, 800-745-3000, at the Box Office or the door.

#### THE RETURN

Israeli Stage Company presents Hanna Eady and Edward Mast's daring love story, *"The Return,"* April 26-May 19, starring Boston award winner Nael Nacer, at Boston Center for the Arts Calderwood Pavilion, Deane Hall, 527 Tremont St., South End, Boston. \$25. IsraeliStage.com, 617-933-8600. The play marks Israeli Stage Company's final production.

#### TRIGGER WARNING

Zeitgeist Stage Company presents the world premiere of Jacques Lamarre's play about a school shooting and its impact, based on the perspective of the shooter's family, April 12-May 4, Boston Center for the Arts, 539 Tremont St., South End, Boston.

#### LES MISERABLES

Broadway in Boston presents the multi-award winning, new, two-act, almost three-hour spectacular musical production, April 16-28, at Citizens Bank Opera House, formerly Boston Opera House, 539 Washington St., Boston. Recommended for ages 10-up. 617-259-3400, ticketmaster.com.

#### CELEBRITY SERIES CONCERTS

David Sedaris performs April 10,

at 8 p.m., at Boston Symphony Hall; The Australian Chamber Orchestra featuring pianist Paul Lewis, April 13, 8 p.m., New England Conservatory Jordan Hall, Boston; the Jason Palmer Quintet, April 14, 3 p.m., at Hibernian Hall; the Spring Quartet, April 14, 7 p.m., Berklee Performance Center, Boston; and Evgeny Kissling and Itzhak Perlman, April 22, 8 p.m., at Boston Symphony Hall. box-office@celebrityseries.org.

#### OBERON

Be careful. The Slaughterhouse Society has resurrected Dracula, that bloodthirsty count, April 11, at 8 p.m. and April 14, 3:30, 8 p.m. Tickets start at \$15. Walter Sickert and the Army of Broken Toys returns April 12, 8 p.m., Advance tickets stat at \$10, \$15 at the door; Resistance Mic!,

April 16, 8 p.m., \$10; The Story Collider, April 17, 8 p.m., \$12; Tori Scott is Pickled, April 18, 8 p.m., \$25; and Mortified appears April 19, 7, 10 p.m., April 20, 7 p.m., tickets from \$15. 2 Arrow St., Cambridge. oberon.org, americanrepertorytheater.org, 617-547-8300.

#### JABARI ASIM

Salem State University welcomes writer Jabari Asim, who will read selections from *"We Can't Breathe: On Black Lives, White Lies, and the Art of Survival,"* his collection of essays, April 11, 7:30 p.m. in the Ellison Campus Center, Salem, as part of the university's Writer Series. Faculty member Kim Minnaugh, Don Springer and Robert Thurlow's art is exhibited through April 12 in Winfisky Gallery. salemstate.edu/arts, 978-542-6365

#### RAGTIME

Salem State University Theater Arts Department presents award-winning musical *"Ragtime,"* April 11-13, 18-20, at 7:30 p.m., and April 14, 2 p.m., at the Sophia Gordon Center, 356 Lafayette St., Salem. \$20; seniors, students age 18-up, \$15; under 18, free. salemstatetickets.com, 978-542-6365. The university's chamber orchestra performs in concert, April 18, 7:30 p.m., in the Recital Hall, 71 Loring Ave., Salem. Free; goodwill donations accepted at the door.



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#### MY MOTHER'S ITALIAN, MY FATHER'S JEWISH, AND I'M IN THERAPY

Peter Fogel stars in Steve Solomon's New York comedy hit, April 24-May 19: Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Thursday, 2,7 p.m.; Friday, 8 p.m.; Saturday, 2,8

p.m., and Sunday, 2 p.m., at Regent Theatre, 7 Medford St., Arlington Center. 781-646-4849, PlayhouseInfo.com; groups of 12+, 888-264-1788.

#### NORTH SHORE PHILHARMONIC ORCHESTRA

The orchestra features musical satire, highlighting the music of Haydn, Gounod, Bolcom and Shostakovich at its spring concert, April 14, 3 p.m., Swampscott High School, 200 Essex St., Swampscott. Adults, \$30; students, seniors, \$25. Nspso.org.

#### AMERICAN MOOR

ArtsEmerson presents Keith Hamilton Cobb's award-winning exploration of Shakespeare, race and America when it returns to Boston at Emerson Paramount Theater's Robert J. Orchard Stage, April 10-21, 559 Washington St.: Wednesday, Thursday, and April 16, 7:30 p.m.; Friday, 8 p.m.; Saturday, 2,8 p.m.; Sunday, 2 p.m. Tickets start at \$20. ArtsEmerson.org, 617-824-8400. Group, senior, student discounts.

#### STOMP

Lowell Memorial Auditorium presents the Broadway musical April 10, 11, 7:30 p.m., Lowell. \$29-\$79. lowellauditorium.com, 800-657-8774.

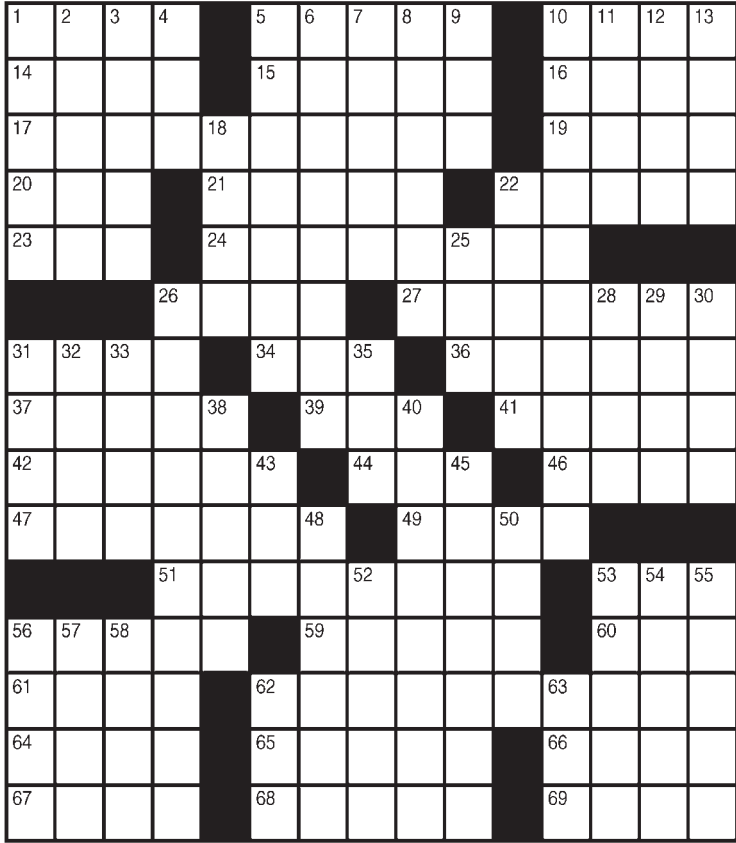
### Crossword Puzzle

#### ACROSS

- 1 Hardy cabbage
- 5 Sleuth Sam
- 10 \_\_ souci (carefree)
- 14 Carolina college
- 15 Skater Sonia
- 16 Ring bearer?
- 17 Flexible elevator?
- 19 Stern section
- 20 Born in Bordeaux
- 21 Sharif and Epps
- 22 Crownlet
- 23 Draft letters
- 24 Club for short shots
- 26 Dryer trappings
- 27 Called loudly
- 31 "Fernando" group
- 34 Actress Scala
- 36 Supernova formation
- 37 Humdinger
- 39 Atlanta-based medical org.
- 41 Bruce and Laura
- 42 "Silkwood" star
- 44 Setup punch
- 46 Gray and Candler
- 47 Sound suppressor
- 49 Low fat
- 51 Puts in danger
- 53 Mooncalf
- 56 Offers to buyers
- 59 Canadian tree
- 60 Chill
- 61 Artist Cezanne
- 62 Certain sacker
- 64 Tuscany river
- 65 Opening bars
- 66 Gymnast Korbut
- 67 Offed
- 68 Actress Spacek
- 69 Red root

#### DOWN

- 1 "Growing Pains" co-star
- 2 African succulents
- 3 Runs at a steady gait
- 4 U-turn from WSW
- 5 Disgracing
- 6 Too donnish
- 7 Agassi or Citroen
- 8 Double dagger
- 9 Last of a command?
- 10 Tall, thin individual



- 11 Field of study
- 12 Proximate
- 13 Medical fluids
- 18 Anderson of "WKRP in Cincinnati"
- 22 Added subtle shading
- 25 Fled
- 26 Posh cushion
- 28 Yours and mine
- 29 Arm bone
- 30 Pravda source
- 31 Church section
- 32 Second star designation
- 33 Novelist Amelia
- 35 Pt. of speech
- 38 Ships' tillers
- 40 Thickness measurer
- 43 Whelp
- 45 Hotel hopper?
- 48 Zodiac sign
- 50 On a barge
- 52 Talks wildly
- 53 Leg joint

- 54 Blockade
- 55 Jack of the nursery
- 56 Hot tubs
- 57 British peer
- 58 "Clair de \_\_"
- 62 Fleur-de-\_\_
- 63 Male swan



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Kerkorian, Greg B  
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Snellfield, Brenda  
Snell, Blake  
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Hawley, Edward  
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NEWS FROM AROUND THE REGION

MARONSKI RESIGNS FROM SCHOOL BOARD

CHELSEA - School Committee Chair Rich Maronski announced that he will be resigning from the Committee as of May 3 – citing that the frustrations with attendance at the meetings was getting in the way of his family life.

Maronski has been on the Committee for four years, and was appointed at the time. He previously served on the City Council, but said his experience on the School Committee was much more frustrating – leading him to decide it was time to move on.

“I believe the taxpayers aren’t getting their money’s worth and the kids are paying the penalty,” he said. “It needs to change. Our School Committee needs to go back the old way or they need to be appointed. It’s the only job I know where you don’t have to show up, don’t have to call in and don’t get fired. I hope our City leaders take a deep look at this and make some changes.”

Maronski was elected chair this year in his fourth year, and he was accompanied as vice chair by Julio Hernandez, who also resigned last week.

While Hernandez cited family and school complications, he also said he left frustrated by the sparse attendance of some members of the Committee.

“I loved working in the School Committee, but it also made me angry to see some members not show up to meetings, not ask questions, and not have thorough discussions regarding our students’ education,” he said in a statement last week. “...I now believe School Committee Members should be appointed, because our students’ education is no joke.”

Maronski said things started off bad from day one, when he showed up to take his appointed seat but not enough School Committee members showed up to form a quorum and have an official meeting.

“I had to come back another night when there were enough members there to have a meeting,” he said.

He also said he became severely frustrated two years ago when the Committee was faced with voting on a \$1.1 million grant that would help save jobs for teachers that had been cut.

The Committee only had to show up in enough numbers for a formality vote that accepted the grant.

“We didn’t have enough members for a quorum and we couldn’t vote on a measure that was going to save teacher jobs,” he said. “There are no phone calls and people just don’t show up...It’s been going on for years.”

More recently, he said the Committee wasn’t able to get enough people to vote on the Superintendent’s Job Description, so the Search Committee had to work for a month with only an unapproved draft until they could get enough members at a meeting to vote.

“My well-being and my family’s well-being come first,” he said. “I was taking this home with me. I’m getting married soon and it wasn’t fair. The reason why I chose to resign is because maybe I could bring light to our City leaders that this situation has to change...We do have some very good School Committee members that give their time, but a lot don’t.”

He said the Committee also plays an important role for supporting the kids in the schools. He said he would love to see a Committee where members are active and involved, supporting the kids at reading events, sporting events and concerts.

“We live in a City where there are a lot of single parent homes and so it’s even more important the School Committee members show up to

these kids’ events to support them,” he added.

Maronski said he had all the respect in the world for the Central Office, the principals, the teachers and the buildings/grounds crews.

He also said Supt. Mary Bourque has done a great job in a hard job.

“Mary Bourque has the toughest job in the city,” he said. “We had our differences, but 90 percent of the time we agreed and only 10 percent we didn’t.”

NEW BROADWAY SIGN AND DESIGN GUIDELINES HEAD TO CITY COUNCIL FOR REVIEW

CHELSEA - Dr. Deborah Wayne’s optometry shop has been on Broadway in one way or another since 1936, but in 2019 she’s hoping that new City guidelines and a store improvement program will help her shop – and others around it – catapult into the new century.

“You want to see quality businesses and you want them to look like quality businesses,” she said. “I think it’s a fabulous idea. It’s an old storefront. I have a storefront that doesn’t have any grates. We’ve been operating in one location or another on Broadway since 1936 and we’ve never had a grate. I’d do anything to get the grates off the businesses on Broadway. I think they’re ugly. I’m hoping that these regulations go through so I can take advantage of the program. I don’t want to take action and build something that isn’t in compliance. I’m ready to rip the front off my store. I can’t wait.”

She shares the enthusiasm of most of the business community on Broadway, who wholeheartedly support a set of design guidelines for the corridor, as well as a storefront improvement assistance program.

Downtown Coordinator Mimi Graney has proposed the regulations this spring to the Planning Board, and had a hearing on April 1. They will have a stop at the City Council again with a ruling promised in May.

“The goal is to be attractive and be maintained and lit well,” she said. “It’s also transparency of the windows. We’re telling folks not to have the big frosted glass and we would like the business to take down the big metal grates. In a lot of cases, they aren’t necessary because it can be done other ways. We can meet the goal of safety and meet the goal of feeling safe and having an attractive façade.”

One of the problems, she said, is that the regulations for signage and façade improvements are woefully outdated – in some cases not allowing simple things like a blade sign. A blade sign is a suspended sign that faces those walking on the sidewalk. Because of the outdated regulations, she said, many store owners are hesitant to make upgrades that could be a code violation.

“The downtown has always been a bunch of things, but the rules never changed so it means the businesses can’t update or maintain their façades,” she added.

Alberto Calvo of Stop & Compare Supermarket said they improved their façade and sign a few years ago, and it made a huge difference. He’s excited to see that happen throughout the business district.

“We’re absolutely excited to see movement toward the revamping of sign ordinances,” offered Calvo, also executive vice president of the Chelsea Chamber of Commerce. “A few years ago, we at Stop & Compare in Chelsea invested significantly to improve our building’s façade and to install updated, modern signage. It has made a marked, positive difference in our foot traffic and sales at

that location, and I very much want to see other businesses in the Downtown corridor benefit from these kinds of improvements.”

Chelsea Chamber President Joseph W. Mahoney added, “We do get member businesses, and non-members, too, asking whether there are programs to assist business owners to fund signage and façade improvements. For façades, we know that there is a small program to be made available, but the roll-out of the façade program has been at least a couple of years in the making. Our understanding is that there may also be a cost-sharing program for signage as well. The new signage ordinances still need to be passed by the City Council, so we’ve been telling businesses to sit tight, but be ready. We’ve been saying the same thing to our member and non-member businesses in the signage business. We suggested to Craig Murphy, owner of our member Cambridge Reprographics, start talking to people now.”

“I think businesses are most excited about the potential return of blade signs,” Mahoney elaborated, “those that are perpendicular to the building.” Newburyport’s shopping district is full of those signs.

When one drives down its streets, one can see the businesses’ signs before accidentally passing them. Pedestrians also can spot their destination from a half-block away.

•Another piece of the regulations addresses outdoor or sidewalk dining – which was pioneered by the Ciao! Market on Broadway two summers ago. It was a success, by most accounts, and Graney said they would like to encourage others to try it.

First, however, they wanted to put some standards in place.

The regulations would only allow such dining on sidewalks and they would have to be immediately in front of the business. The furniture would have to be matching and of a high quality. There would have to be a safety plan, and businesses would be responsible for the area. No alcohol service would be allowed for the time being.

Seasonal heaters for outdoor dining are also being considered.

“Realistically, there’s not a lot of space,” she said. “Downtown, where this works, it’s two or three tables or six people. It’s similar to what Ciao! Did on their pilot.”

Addressing the proposed sidewalk dining ordinance, Chamber Executive Director Rich Cuthie was slightly more cautious.

“Edson and Marvin from Ciao Pizza definitely have been the market movers on this and need to be applauded,” he said. “They put in the work and time with the City to test it out. But let’s say it’s a nice summer evening and you and I wanted to have a beer and split a plate of nachos al fresco at a local restaurant on Broadway; maybe an after work meeting or just something social. We sit down at the table and chairs on the sidewalk and then are told, ‘No, sorry. No alcohol is allowed outside.’ Like many people, we’re just going to get up, apologize, and either go to the inside of that restaurant, or another restaurant, or worse, decide to move our meeting or dinner to another town.”

Cuthie said there is no compelling argument for a business owner to make the investment in tables, chairs, and staffing while also having to insure against additional outdoor liabilities if the potential revenues to offset those costs are not there.

“No mistake,” Cuthie continued, “we’re happy and appreciative that the City is moving to try to formally create a path to outdoor dining, but without beer, wine, and cocktails—which by the

BOULDER REDEDICATION CEREMONY



PHOTO BY KEIKO HIROMI

Vietnam veterans unveiling the boulder and a plaque during the Vietnam Veterans boulder rededication ceremony. The boulder has been moved from Malone Park to a new location between the Williams House and Vinnie’s Place due to construction on the campus. During the ceremony, Vietnam veteran Larry Clarke salutes as the names of those from Chelsea who died in Vietnam were read aloud.



way are a restaurant’s highest margin offerings and offset food costs, we’re missing the mark and I have to reserve judgment on the initiative’s ultimate success. I don’t want Chelsea to always be 10 years behind other communities. We need proper updating now so that people will say, ‘It’s a beautiful evening, let’s have some margaritas and good Latin food in Chelsea tonight. We’ll decide where we want to eat when we get there, because there are so many outdoor dining choices.’”

SOME SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEMBERS REGRET LUCRATIVE CONTRACT WITH FORESTEIRE

EVERETT - School Committee Chair Tom Abruzzese said he was embarrassed and frustrated by the employment contract that allowed former Supt. Fred Foresteire to accumulate hundreds of unused vacation days over his career, time that is now worth more than \$450,000.

“With my background, and even though this isn’t my specialty in law, it’s embarrassing for me and I take full responsibility for this having occurred under my watch,” he said. “This contract is something that should have never happened. It’s in the budget, yes, but it doesn’t make it any better to deal with...This is a contract from 30 years ago. The former Superintendent had a rolling contract. Technically, none of us were there 30 years ago, but clearly some of us here never went through this document with a fine-tooth comb since we’ve been on the Committee...I was completely unaware of this in Mr. Foresteire’s contract.”

The matter in question came up at Monday’s School Committee meeting as the embattled body continued to sort through the lingering matters regarding former Supt. Fred Foresteire – who has been charged with seven counts of indecent assault and battery as well for alleged sexual misconduct over a period of years.

But it was Foresteire’s former contract that was in question on Monday night, and in particular a clause that allowed him to accumulate sick and vacation days year over year. In most workplaces, one cannot carry over such

days, but Foresteire’s contract specified that he was allowed to keep those days and cash them in upon retirement.

It was estimated in 2017 that the School Department owed Foresteire – who annually took one week of vacation and saved the rest of his time – some \$450,000.

Already, the School Department has paid out around \$200,000 to Foresteire for that sick and vacation time, but there is still a large chunk looming in the budget to be paid.

However, School Committee member Bernie D’Onofrio asked that the matter be sent to the Legal Committee for examination by School Committee attorneys. He said he wanted to pursue it and see if it has to be paid out.

“We all signed the contract; it was very clear,” protested School Committeeman Lester MacLaughlin.

Said D’Onofrio, “It isn’t very clear. That’s why I brought it up. That’s why I’m pursuing it. I’ve seen the contracts and they don’t look like contracts. Whatever Mr. (Spencer) Tobin and Mr. Foresteire did, I don’t know. I’m going to pursue this and find out if there are any stipulations. If it’s right, it’s right, but I’m going to look at it.”

School Committeeman Frank Parker said he signed the contract too, but he said he felt like there wasn’t much that could be done. He said the schools have budgeted for the payout, and should just get it over with this budget year.

“My name was on the top of that contract too,” he said. “I take full responsibility. We have to take care of that one way or another. That not fair to take this liability and go over to next year’s budget...It’s not going to impact staffing or any programming. We knew it was there. We knew it was coming and we budgeted appropriately.”

Abruzzese, who spoke freely and resolutely during that portion of the meeting, said one year ago the School Committee was hit “with a Mike Tyson right cross down the hallway” in executive session. That hit was the night that Foresteire informed them, he said, that he was owed significant amounts of vacation time and he wanted to cash it in.

“At that time, it was the first time we were told that amount was close to \$450,000,” he said. “I’ve worked for the Commonwealth for 30 years and we are not allowed to

accrue vacation time. I don’t know anywhere where anyone is allowed to accumulate vacation time like that because of what it would do in a situation like this. This is not GM or GE. This is not some type of severance package we are giving our CEO so he can run off into the sunset.”

School Committeewoman Millie Cardello and School Committeeman Marcony Almeida-Barros both clarified that they were not on the Committee at the time that the contract was last approved.

Both said they supported having the Committee’s attorneys look at the matter and get back to them.

Another part of the puzzle they will examine is if Foresteire would get paid in current dollars for time that was accrued as far back as 1990 – when he made far less and, thus, his vacation days were worth far less.

The matter was referred to Committee for examination on a vote of 8-1, with MacLaughlin voting against.

BLUEFORT NAMED BUSINESSWOMAN OF THE YEAR

LYNN - Nicole Bluefort, a practicing attorney, philanthropist, and community leader, has been named the 2019 recipient of the Lynn Area Chamber of Commerce’s Business Woman of the Year Award, an award given each year in recognition of one’s commitment to public service, philanthropy, and community.

This year, the Lynn Area Chamber of Commerce, a member-driven organization that provides businesses the opportunity to increase and strengthen their business relationships in the greater Lynn area, nominated three female business owners from across Massachusetts. Nominations came from Nahant, Lynnfield, Swampscott and Lynn.

Nicole Bluefort strongly believes in giving back to society and the community that has long supported her, and her vast philanthropic work and volunteer activities reflect this commitment and unwavering passion. Nicole regularly assists in neighborhood community service projects, doing her part whenever possible to better the community and surrounding areas in which we all live. She serves as a volunteer for the Volunteer Lawyer’s Project of



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the Boston Bar Association, where she provides free civil legal assistance to low-income residents of the North Shore and Boston Area, and as a tutor and mentor for children in local neighborhoods.

“I am honored to have been nominated for this award, and even more humbled to have been named the 2019 recipient,” said Nicole. “My passion for philanthropy and mentorship, and my commitment to this community, are central to who I am. I’m thankful each day that I’m in a position to have such a positive impact on this community.”

About Nicole  
Attorney Nicole Bluefort is known for her aggressive representation as an experienced trial attorney leading a six-person law firm with offices in Lynn and Boston. With a practice focused on family law, criminal defense, probate, and general litigation, she has also served as an Adjunct Professor at North Shore Community College’s ABA Approved Paralegal Program, where she taught Civil Litigation, Legal Research, and Field Placement. A graduate of Boston College with a Bachelor’s degree in Communications and Hispanic Studies, she went on to earn her Juris Doctor from Northeastern University School of Law and a Master’s degree in Public Health from Tufts University School of Medicine.

After graduating from law school, Nicole completed a two-year term as a judicial clerk for the first African American to be appointed to the Massachusetts Appeals Court, Judge Frederick Brown. Nicole is featured on billboards throughout the North Shore and Boston, has appeared on major networks such as CNN, ESPN, and FOX, and has commented on various legal issues in Massachusetts Lawyers Weekly. She has been named to the North Shore Community College’s Board of Trustees by Governor Charlie Baker, the Massachusetts Lawyers Weekly Top Women of Law 2018, the National Bar Association’s Top 40 Under 40 - Nation’s Best Advocates, and has received The Network Journal’s “40 Under Forty Achievers” Award, the President’s Marathon Challenge Award for Community-Based Research, and the Denise Carty-Bennia Memorial Bar Award.

STUDENTS LAUNCH FIRST ROBOTICS CLUB

WINTHROP - In early October of the 2018-2019 school year, high schoolers Liz Collins and Trinity Rist approached every STEM and science teacher in the school, asking if they would be willing to lead the robotics club that they dreamed of starting. While several teachers didn’t have the time to add more to their already-packed schedules, Middle School STEM

Director, Rosemary McCarthy, stepped in and offered her expertise, unable to turn down the motivated group of future engineers.

“Rosemary was the best choice, by far,” said Max Correia, one of the original club members.

The students had witnessed robotics clubs well underway in surrounding school districts, and they felt that they deserved a chance to learn the skillsets needed to build a robot and contend with schools in the upcoming FIRST Robotics Competition.

Once they had McCarthy on their side, the students had an even bigger job ahead of them; they had to recruit three engineer mentors and raise more than \$6,000 to get the program up and running. In came Paulo Correia, Rick Bryan, and Keith Heberlein, real-world engineers and community members who agreed to dedicate every Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday afternoons to guiding the students in building a robot.

“We like to say that we are rookies as well, and we steer but don’t necessarily drive the projects,” said Rick Bryan, a career software engineer.

After applying to several grants, the newly established Robotics Club received \$4,000 from the FIRST Robotics Rookie Grant. The club received \$500 from the 11 Foundation and \$1,000 from the Viking Pride Foundation. In addition, they took it upon themselves to start a GoFundMe page and attend town events requesting donations for the remaining \$500.

“These kids did not have a lot of money to work with and they hustled for it,” said McCarthy. “I tip my hat to them.”

Before they knew it, the Robotics Club had a core group of eight students, all who were passionate about learning the necessary expertise needed to build a bot. All eight students who see themselves as future engineers, began learning all the necessary components to building a robot; programming, mechanics, machining, and electronics. As an added bonus, they learned a great deal about promotion, fundraising and outreach, all skills that will come in handy when they head to college.

By December, the Robotics Club, who also deemed themselves as “Norse Code,” was prepared to enter their 79-pound robot, in its first competition. The competition, held at Reading Memorial High School, entailed three full days of qualification rounds and interviews with panels of judges. In a field house full of experienced robotics clubs, “Norse Code” showed off what they had accomplished in the short time since they started their own club. Their hard work paid off and they took home the “Rookie Inspiration Award” and “Highest-Seeded Rookie Award.”

Now, the club’s main goal

is to keep getting better, and they are refining the skills that they have already learned, improving the movement and cargo structure of their robot. Going forward they will not only need the \$2,000 annual FIRST Robotics Club registration fee but additional funds to purchase tools and parts and to cover travel expenses and they are already brainstorming creative ways to fundraise for next year.

“It’s impossible to put together and work a robot on your own,” said Correia. “We all have different individual skills and we come together in the end for this major project.”

If you are interested in donating to the WHS Robotics Club, please contact Rosemary McCarthy at: rmcCarthy@winthrop.k12.ma.us.

COUNCIL HEARS FROM TOWN OFFICIALS ON FY’20 BUDGET

WINTHROP - Next year’s budget season is right on track, and in-cludes town department heads making a brief presentation to the Town Council.

Tuesday night department heads from Veteran’s Services, Human Resources, Treasurer, Assessors, the Council on Aging, and the ferry service/MIS/EB Newton came before the council.

Steve Roche, deputy assessor, said the town had \$20 million in new growth, a record for the town.

“Property values are up and we hope to see continued growth,” he said.

Tanji Cufini, who heads the ferry service, said a \$161,000 subsidy will be given to the town because of the stop in Quincy. Another \$150,000 is coming from MassDEP.

“Water traffic should increase because traffic will be bad,” she said, referring to the Tobin Bridge construction over the next two years.

In other business:

- Kathleen Napoli, who spearheaded the rally about the sky-high water rates turned in 300 signatures to the Town Council to call for an audit of the water and sewer system.

- The Council appropriated \$487,850 to replace lead water lines to residences throughout the town. Funds will be borrowed from the MWRA Lead Replacement Program. There are 840 full lead line services and this particular appropriation will remove 100 of them.

- Somerset Avenue resident Tom Reilly told the council he had been given a couple of zoning maps that showed boundaries of the Center Business District and surrounding residential neighborhoods. One map is from 1937.

- The Piping Plovers are set to return to Yirrell Beach and Manager Austin Faison said he wants to remind peo-

ple, and especially their dogs to stay off the marked nesting areas.

POWERS HAS A VISION VFOR WONDERLAND PARK SITE

REVERE - Ward 5 Councillor John Powers drives past the former Wonderland Greyhound Park property sometimes twice a day, if not more.

Powers and his former colleague, the late Robert Haas Jr., were the co-sponsors of a motion a few years ago to have the clubhouse and grandstand buildings and track demolished to make way for new development.

Thought the demolition project took longer than he had hoped, Powers is quite pleased the buildings are gone and prospective developers can see the 30-acre property as they pass by on the nearby VFW Parkway.

“It’s ready for development,” said Powers during a recent visit to the site.

Powers shared his vision for the site with the Revere Journal, calling the property “one of the prime pieces of property” in the entire Greater Boston area.

“I would envision a commercial development with perhaps, an office park, a hotel, shops, and restaurants,” said Powers. “It would be similar to what you see in Burlington and Woburn (off of Route 128).”

Another phase of the Powers Plan would be the construction of a new commuter rail station behind the Wonderland property and close to the former NECCO site.

“That would be the perfect spot for a commuter rail station (on the Gloucester/Rockport to North Station/Boston route),” said Powers, noting that neighboring cities Lynn and Chelsea have commuter rail stations.

Power envisions a day when visitors from the North Shore would be able to disembark at the Wonderland commuter station, walk over an enclosed pedestrian footbridge to the Wonderland MBTA station, and board a train for the two-stop trip on the Blue Line to the Suffolk Downs property that is being developed by The HYM Investment Group.

“Having a commuter station would also take airport-generated traffic off of Route 1A,” said Powers.

The councillor said the location of the Wonderland property is ideal. “It’s close to the airport and minutes to downtown Boston,” said Powers.

He said a new hotel would generate hundreds of jobs and hundreds of thousands of dollars in property, room-excise taxes and meal and beverage taxes.

“Comfort Inn alone gives us approximately \$1 million a year in tax revenues,” said Powers.

He said most hotel rooms in Boston are very expensive and the new hotels being built in Revere are giving tourists a less expensive option.

Powers expects many inquiries from developers now that the Wonderland property is open and clearly visible from the highway.

“We’ve opened this site up, so potential developers may drive by and say, ‘that’s a wonderful piece of property, why isn’t something going there,’” said Powers.

One negative at the Wonderland site, according to Powers, is the many cars that remain parked on the Wonderland site.

“To just park cars here is not a positive use for the city of Revere,” he said.

Powers said he has discussed his plans for the development of the Wonderland site with Mayor Brian Arrigo “and we all seem to be on the same page, which is very encouraging news and very good for our city.”

Arrigo considers Wonderland an excellent site for development. “Wonderland’s location — just a walk from the Wonderland T station that connects to Logan Airport and downtown Boston—its size, and the potential for a new Commuter rail stop, raise it above other available pieces of property in the region,” said Arrigo. “While the Wonderland Dog Track served the city well during its heyday, the site now is brimming with possibility that will continue to expand Revere’s commercial tax base. In tandem with the imminent development of the Suffolk Downs site, the Wonderland site holds a key to the city’s future.”

CITY RECEIVES STATE GRANT ON RECYCLING IQ

Mayor Brian Arrigo announced that the City was awarded a \$40,000 grant by the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection to implement a “Recycling IQ” kit that will bolster the city’s ongoing efforts to encourage residents to recycle discarded materials properly.

“Our primary objective is to help people understand what is, and what is not, a recyclable material,” said Mayor Arrigo. “Many people just assume that all plastic and plastic bags, or unclean glass or metal, are recyclable. That is not true, and the more we can reduce the amount of contamination in our residential recycling stream, the more efficient our recycling program will become.”

The Grant helps fund the city’s use of MassDEP’s tools and resources to reach out to residents through direct mail and advertising. This will include media publicity, billboards, mailings, and social networking. “It is critical that the residents of the City know about our available recycling and trash collection programs,

and our intention to vigorously enforce our rules as we improve our collection and inspection procedures,” said Mayor Arrigo.

In the coming weeks, the MassDEP grant will fund advertising and help the City employ teams of inspectors who will monitor residential trash and disposal habits with curbside inspections. “In the early stages, residents will be cautioned with information about prohibited materials that were found in their recycling. Often, it’s not that people are trying to disregard regulations; it’s that they just are not aware of them.” Disregard for the warnings will result in recycling going uncollected and, eventually, fines issued through the Department of Inspectional Services.

Disregarding proper recycling methods is costly. “When our recycling is contaminated, we pay thousands of dollars in additional fees for the disposal,” said the Mayor. “Through this MassDEP grant, Revere will join many surrounding communities in taking progressive steps toward proper recycling.”

Revere has been in the forefront of recycling efforts for years, being among the first communities to issue recycling bins city-wide. But the rules governing recycling have changed over the years. As the rules have changed, the likelihood that residents are improperly filling their recycling bins has increased dramatically. “Many of our residents are conscientious about using their recycling bins, but they need to be re-educated on correct use of them,” the Mayor said.

The Mayor cited the City’s new Trash App as one major step in educating the public about trash and recycling. “It’s a pretty innovative and convenient way for people to have information about trash removal, recycling, street sweeping, and right at their fingertips,” Arrigo said. “It’s a free app through Google Play or the App Store and is usable on all devices.”

Revere also began a Textile Recycling program on March 1 in conjunction with SimpleRecycling.com. Two pink recycling bags were delivered to every residential address in the city, and residents can fill them with unwanted clothing, jewelry, toys, blankets, drapes, pillows, and assorted small household items for separate pickup on the regular recycling day.

“Trash disposal is a major environmental threat in every community in the country, and every community faces enormous expense in dealing with it,” said Mayor Arrigo. “Recycling is the best way to reduce what goes into the trash stream. When people properly recycle, it is good for the environment, and good for the community’s financial commitment to trash disposal and recycling.”

ZHOSTOVO

This new mini-exhibition of trays and boxes painted in the traditional Zhostovo style is exhibited in the Museum of Russian Icons lobby through Oct. 30 at the Museum of Russian Icons, Clinton. Museum is open Tuesday-Friday, 11a.m.-4 p.m.; Saturday, Sunday, 11a.m.-5 p.m. First Sunday of the month, free admission; closed Mondays. \$10; seniors, \$7; students, children 3-7 years old, \$5; under 3, free. Museumofrussianicons.org.

HANDEL’S MESSIAH

Music Worcester performs Handel’s masterpiece, April 13, 8 p.m., at Mechanics Hall. Worcester, \$49; youth, \$7.50. musicworcester.org, 508-754-3231.

ROBERT PINSKY’S POEMJAZZ BRUNCH

#JArtsLiberty project presents the former U.S. poet laureate,

saxophonist and #JArtsLiberty juror’s acclaimed PoemJazz program, accompanied by all-star jazz ensemble Hankus Netsky, Stan Strickland, Catherine Bent and Yedodyaj Sy Smart, April 14, from 12 to 2 p.m. at City Winery, One Canal St., Boston.

LION KING KIDS

Twenty-six children in grades 2-7 perform as Disney’s The Lion King Kids, April 13, at 11 a.m., and April 14, at 11 a.m. and 1 p.m., at Firehouse Center for the Arts, Market Square, Newburyport. \$10. For adults, there’s David Kaye’s award-winning solo tragic-comedic play, “How I Brought Peace to the Middle East,” April 11, 13, at 8 p.m., \$15. firehouse.org, 978-462-7336.

LITTLE SHOP OF HORRORS

Trinity Repertory Theatre presents this bloody musical, April

11-May 12, 201 Washington St., Providence, RI. 844-379-0370, 401-353-9226, trinityrep.com.

DOUGIE MacLEAN, EILEEN IVERS

MacLean, Scotland’s beloved singer-songwriter performs April 11 at Shalin Liu Performance Center, Main St., Rockport, followed by ingenious Bronx fiddle player Ivers, April 13. rockport-music.org.

TRACY BONHAM, BLAKE MORGAN

The pair wrap up their US tour April 16, 8 p.m., at Club Passim, Palmer St., Cambridge. Doors open 7 p.m. passim.org.

SHE KILLS MONSTERS

Wellesley College Theater presents its interpretation of Qui Nguyen’s play April 11-14: April 11-13, 8 p.m.; matinees April 13, 14, at 2 p.m., on the college campus’ Ruth Nagel Jones

Theatre. \$15; Babson, Wellesley, Olin and MIT students, free; seniors, students from other schools, \$10; April 11, pay-what-you-can. 781-283-2000, wellesley.edu/theatre.

RONNY COX

Me and thee coffeehouse welcomes the actor-singer-writer-storyteller performing with Radoslav Lorkovic, April 12, at 8 p.m., Unitarian Universalist Church of Marblehead, 28 Mugford St., Marblehead. Advance tickets, \$20; at the door, \$23. 781-631-8987, meandthee.org.

RYAN H. WALSH

As part of its Pop! Goes the Gables, The House of the Seven Gables welcomes the Boston-based writer-musician, discussing his book, Astral Weeks: A Secret History of 1968,” linking 1968 Boston with Van Morrison’s legendary album, “Astral Weeks,”

April 11, 6:30-8 p.m., 115 Derby St., Salem \$10; members, free. On April 13-21, 11 a.m.-3 p.m., during school vacation week, children are invited to participate in Living History Labs hands-on activities, apart of the museum’s admission fee. Portraying Settlement House founder Caroline Emmerton, historian Irene Axelrod greets visitors, April 17-20, 12-2p.m. 7gables.org, 978-744-0991.

BOSTON CONSERVATORY

“Limitless,” the spring dance concert, is held April 11-14, 8 p.m.; matinees, Saturday, Sunday, 2 p.m., at Boston Conservatory Theater, Hemenway St., Boston, \$25-\$30; discounts available; the orchestra performs April 14, 2 p.m. at Sanders Theater, Harvard University, 45 Quincy St., Cambridge, \$15; students, seniors WGBH members Conservatory alumni, \$10; and

Graham Scott performs April 16, 8 p.m. at Seully Hall, 8 Fenway, Boston, as part of the Piano Masters Series. \$10-\$15, discounts also. bostonconservatory.berklee.edu/Events, 617-912-9222.

TO KILL A MOCKINGBIRD

Mugford Street Players’ performance of Christopher Sergel’s adaptation of Harper Lee’s Pulitzer Prize-winning play, is performed through April 14: Friday, Saturday, 7:30 p.m., matinees Saturday, Sunday, 3 p.m., at Gloucester Stage Company, 267 E. Main St., Gloucester. \$25; students, seniors, \$15; opening night with reception, \$35 gloucesterstage.com. Produced by special arrangement with THE DRAMATIC PUBLISHING COMPANY of Woodstock, Ill.



OBITUARIES

Antonette ‘Toni’ Smith  
Of Revere, formerly of East Boston

Antonette “Toni” (Chiode) Smith of Revere, formerly of East Boston, passed away on April 6.

She was the loving wife of the late James Smith Sr., devoted mother of James Smith, Jr. and his wife, Desiree of Revere, Rose Smith of East Boston and the late Leona, Anthony and Patricia Smith; cherished sister of Lawrence Chiode of Plymouth, Rose Woodside and Eleanor Lamonica, both of East Boston, Katherine Spagnola of Revere, Salvatore Chiode of East Boston and the late Pauline Paolini, Andrew Chiode, Francine Imbrescia, Ann

Magner and Anthony Chiode. She was the dear grandmother of eight and great-grandmother of nine and is also survived by many loving nieces and nephews.

Family and friends will honor Antonette’s life by gathering at the Ruggiero Family Memorial Home, 971 Saratoga Street, East Boston today, Wednesday, April 10 from 4 to 8 p.m. and again Thursday morning at a time to be announced. Services will conclude with Antonette being laid to rest with her husband at Woodlawn Cemetery, 302 Elm Street, Everett 02149.

Louis Moran  
Of East Boston

Louis A. Moran of East Boston died peacefully on April 4.

He was the beloved husband of Helen (Cogswell) Moran, devoted father of Louis Jr. and his wife, Mia of Saugus and Troy J. and his wife, Heidi of North Andover; cherished grandfather of Antonia, Zackary, Carlina and the late Jonathan and dear brother of Irene Prodanas and the late Marie Cannata, Winifred Amoroso, Frederick and Francis Moran. He is also survived by many loving nieces

and nephews.

Family and friends will honor Mr. Moran’s life by gathering in the Ruggiero Family Memorial Home, 971 Saratoga St. (Orient Heights) East Boston today, Wednesday, from 9 to 11 a.m. before a service in our serenity chapel at 11 a.m. In honor of Mr. Moran and in lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to NEADS P.O. Box 1100, Princeton, MA 01541. For more information, please visit [www.ruggieromh.com](http://www.ruggieromh.com).

John ‘Mugsy’ DeLuca

Longtime employee of Laborers Local 22

John A. “Mugsy” DeLuca of Revere died unexpectedly on April 4 after being stricken with Cellulitis, a bacterial infection.

Mugsy, a graduate of Revere High School, went on to work for Laborers Local 22 for many years.

He was the beloved father of Dakota and Dylan DeLuca; devoted son of the late John and Winifred (Gould) DeLuca; dear brother of Gail McAndrew of Australia, Marilyn DeLuca of Londonderry, NH, Denise Papsodora of Revere and Holly Schlichting of Winthrop and is also survived by his former wife and the mother of his children, April Leclair and by many loving nieces and nephews.

His Funeral will be from the Paul Buonfiglio & Sons-Bruno Funeral Home, 128 Revere St., Revere, today,



Wednesday, April 10 at 9 a.m. followed by a Funeral Mass in St. Anthony’s Church at 10 a.m. Relatives and friends are kindly invited. Interment will be in Holy Cross Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Wounded Warrior Project, PO Box 758517, Topeka, Kansas 66675-8517. For guest book please visit [www.Buonfiglio.com](http://www.Buonfiglio.com).

George DiCenzo

Loving and devoted husband and father

George E. DiCenzo of Foxboro, formerly of East Boston, passed away peacefully surrounded by the comfort of his loving wife on April 2. He was 87 years old.

George was born in Boston on Sept 30, 1931, the son of the late Ernest and Mary (Faiella) DiCenzo. He married Jacqueline (Brogna) at Our Lady of Assumption Church in East Boston and was the owner of GED Sales Company in Foxborough for many years. He loved to travel, was an avid Boston sports fan and most enjoyed spending time with his family. He was a loving and devoted husband and father.

The devoted husband of Jacqueline DiCenzo, he was the loving father of the late Jacqueline Ann Corliss, brother of Roger DiCenzo of Millis and the late Robert and Leonard DiCenzo.

Funeral arrangements are by Roberts and Sons Funeral home, 30 South Street, Foxborough. A Funeral Mass at St. Mary’s Church, 58 Car-



penten street, Foxborough, will be celebrated at 10 a.m. today, Wednesday, followed by interment at St. Michael’s Cemetery, Boston. For additional information please contact 508 543-5471. To send an on-line condolence, please visit the funeral home website at [www.robertsandsons-funeralhome.com](http://www.robertsandsons-funeralhome.com).

If you wish, donations in George’s memory may be made to Boston Children’s Hospital, 400 Park Drive, Suite 602, Boston, MA 02215.

Charles T. “Zuff” Zuffante Jr.  
Of East Boston

Charles T. “Zuff” Zuffante Jr. of East Boston passed away peacefully on April 8.

Beloved husband of the late Christine (Duca) Zuffante.

Devoted father of Charles III of Hawaii, and Christopher and his wife Jeralyn of Winthrop.

Dear brother of Susan Panzini of East Boston, and John Zuffante of Winthrop.

Cherished grandfather of Christopher, Caroline, Catherine, and Charles.

Also survived by his many loving nieces and nephews.

Family and Friends will honor Charles’s life by gathering at the Ruggiero Family Memorial Home on Friday

April 12, from 4 to 8 p.m. and again on Saturday morning at 8 a.m. before leaving procession to Sacred Heart Church 45 Brooks Street East Boston for a funeral mass in celebration of Charles’s life at 9:30 a.m.

Late proprietor of Charlie Zuff’s café. Late member of Bartolo’s Athletic Club and the East Boston ITAM.

In honoring Zuff’s memory in lieu of flowers memorial donations can be made to East Boston Neighborhood Health Care Center c/o PACE program at Lewis Mall, 225 Summer Street, Boston MA 02128. For more info please visit [www.ruggieromh.com](http://www.ruggieromh.com)

Roy “Billy” David Burns

Of Boston

Roy “Billy” David Burns of Boston passed away on April 6.

He was the devoted father of Rachelle Brooks and Jonathan Hunt, loving ex-husband of Donna Brooks and is also survived by three sisters and two brothers. He was the cherished grandfather of Armando, Alexarose and Jayden and also leaves many loving nieces and nephews and many wonderful friends.

To Billy’s daughter Rachelle, he was a roaming soul

and is on to the next step in his journey.

Family and friends will honor Billy’s life by gathering at the Ruggiero Family Memorial Home, 971 Saratoga Street, East Boston on Sunday, April 14 from 12 noon to 4 p.m. with a prayer service in our serenity chapel at 3:30 p.m. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations can be made in Billy’s honor to the Pine Street Inn, 459 Park Drive, Boston MA.

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Antonio Marino, Jr.

Long time local DJ

Antonio A. “Tony” Marino, Jr., a life-long resident of East Boston, passed away unexpectedly on March 31 at the age of 74.

Antonio was born in East Boston on April 6,1944 to Antonio and Augustine (Novello) Marino. He was a Bronze Star Army Vietnam War veteran, an employee of Days Inn and WEEI and a long-time local DJ for various community events.

He was the brother of Marie Saia and her husband, Anthony of Burlington, cherished uncle of Christine Ward, Deborah Saia, Anthony Saia,

Rose Hatch and Nicholas Saia and is also survived by many loving great-nieces and nephews, cousins and friends.

A memorial mass was held in celebration of Antonio’s life. At the conclusion of the mass, full military honors were presented by the US Army in recognition of Mr. Marino’s service to our country.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Disabled American Veterans. The Ruggiero Family Memorial Home, Orient Heights, East Boston was honored to handle arrangements. For more information, visit: [www.ruggieromh.com](http://www.ruggieromh.com).

EBNHC welcomes HHS Secretary Azar to discuss battle against HIV and other community health issues

The East Boston Neighborhood Health Center (EBNHC) welcomed Health and Human Services Secretary Alex Azar II today to discuss the national HIV epidemic and EBNHC’s experience as a leading-edge provider of HIV prevention, screening, and treatment. In addition Secretary Azar toured the Family Medicine Department and had a chance to speak with Primary Care patients, many of who are part of the Community Care Collaborative, an Accountable Care Organization which the Health Center was the founding member.

In 1995, EBNHC launched Project SHINE, a clinical and supportive services department that provides a range of services including community-based prevention, screenings for HIV/ STIs/HCV, PrEP, HIV care, behavioral health, medical case management, linkage and retention, and psychosocial support.

“We’re grateful for Secretary Azar for visiting us to see how community health centers play a vital role in the fight to end the spread of HIV as well as how we are a leader in providing value based care” said EBNHC President and CEO Manny Lopes. “EBNHC provides services to anyone in need, regardless of insurance status or ability to pay. This includes critical medicine which they can access through our state of the art pharmacy. Through programs like Project SHINE and other clinical departments, the communities we serve have access to high-quality medical care and Behavioral Health Services support as well as treatment.”

“We offer the complete contin-

uum of HIV care,” said Michael Mancusi, Vice President and Chief Behavioral Health Officer. “Project SHINE’s model is team-based, patient-centered medical home approach. Our mission is to improve health outcomes and quality of life for those living with HIV/AIDS, prevent new infections, and link newly diagnosed individuals to appropriate care and services promptly and compassionately.”

In 2018, Project SHINE’s HIV-positive patients achieved a 97 percent suppressed viral load, which keeps the patient healthy and helps prevent sexual transmission of the HIV virus, compared to national average of 85.9 percent for Ryan White Programs. That year, the program provided 1,756 tests for HIV, other sexually transmitted infections, and Hepatitis C, with an average of 9.2 days from HIV-positive result to first visit with HIV infectious disease physician.

EBNHC has been a vital part of the community for nearly 50 years. From the beginning, our services and development have been defined by the needs of the communities we serve. Our mission is to provide easily accessible, affordable, appropriate, high-quality, personalized, coordinated primary care, for all who live and work in East Boston, Revere, Winthrop, Chelsea, Everett, and the surrounding communities, without regard to age, income, insurance status, language, culture, or social circumstances. We are the leading health care provider in our service area, and among the largest community health centers in the country.



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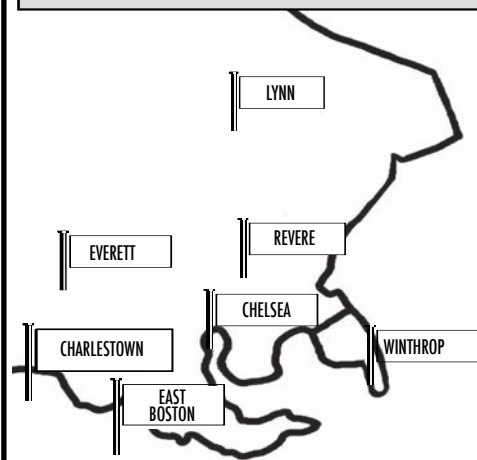


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Dear Councilor Edwards,

April 5, 2019

If approved and constructed, the proposed development at Suffolk Downs will be the single, largest, mixed-use development in our life-time. It is expected to be constructed in phases and some say the build-out will take close to twenty years.

The HYM Investment Group, the front man for the collection of people who own the project, has been playing nice at scores of community meetings concerning the project. HYM has made clear that the owners of the project claim it is impossible to pay Area Standard wages on the project; they say it’s just too costly. HYM claims expected revenues from the residential portion of the project as well as rents from the commercial space make it impossible to pay the wages paid to construction workers on comparable projects.

When asked on several occasions to identify all owners of the project, HYM has deflected by saying they weren’t at liberty to disclose that fact. We now know why.

William Bruce Harrison is a thirty-something billionaire who laid claim to his fortune the old-fashioned way; he inherited it. He is from a family of Texas oilmen and land owners who first became wealthy over one hundred years ago. The Harrison family is old Texas oil money.


William is the CEO of Cathexis Holdings, a multi-strategy holdings company based in Houston. It effectively serves as the Harrison family office for investments. William is the majority owner of the proposed Suffolk Downs development.

What is also interesting is that, as I write this letter, William is attempting a strikingly similar development in Houston. The East River project calls for the re-development of a 150-acre site which will take many years and result in a combination of office, retail and residential spaces. Sound familiar? I wonder what Harrison’s team is telling construction workers there.

The Suffolk Downs development has the potential to be a transformative project for the cities of Boston and Revere. It also has the potential to provide years of good-paying construction jobs to local men and women who can have the opportunity to develop a career. Think of a 19-year old man or woman from East Boston who receives proper training, gets hired by a good local contractor and goes to work on the project until he/she is forty years old. All the while this local resident is making a family-sustaining wage with top-flight health benefits and robust contributions to a retirement fund. This is what Suffolk Downs can provide our community and we all should be valuing that important portion of the project. It’s not just about putting buildings up; it’s about the people we bring up at the same time.

If Area Standards around construction wages and benefits aren’t met, the project also could be a disaster for the local community and its residents. Local men and women will see a beautiful project with the realization that they will have no chance of becoming a part of the community; that is unless they hit the lottery or inherit a lot of money. We know Harrison can afford to pay area-standard wages; can Boston afford for him not to?

Sincerely,



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