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### **Arrest** made for stolen packages

By John Lynds

With most non-essential workers staying home with their loved ones and riding out the COVID-19 pandemic many families are relying on home delivery service for essential items.

Hard to find items delivered by Amazon or Walmart, food delivered by Instacart or PeaPod and daily deliveries from Post Office, FedEx and UPS have been helping to keep East Boston residents home and away from stores. These isolation efforts and social distancing have been tools in trying to 'flatten' the curve in a neighborhood that has experienced one of the highest infection rates in the city.

However, much like Christmas when home deliveries spike, thieves have been lurking about waiting for the opportunity to snatch packages left on front stoops in the neighborhood by delivery companies.

One such thief was arrested last week by Boston Police from District A-7.

Just before 10:30 a.m. on Wednesday, April 29 officers assigned to District A-7 responded to a call for a larceny in progress of a suspect stealing packages from a house on Princeton Street. The suspect could be seen placing packages inside his coat and his pants before

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#### **SPORTSMANSHIP AWARD**



Chris Testa received the Marty Pino sportsmanship award from the coaches of East Boston Youth Basketball League. Chris was the unanimous choice. In addition to being a standout player, he hit five three-pointers in one game, Chris displayed outstanding sportsmanship all year. Congratulations to Chris.

At this time the East Boston YMCA is the only Emergency Childcare Center open in East Boston catering to essential workers on the frontlines battling the COVID-19 pandemic.

#### East Boston YMCA serving as an Emergency Childcare center for some essential workers

By John Lynds

As schools and daycares closed across the state in the early days of the COVID-19 pandemic some childcare facilities were allowed to remain open to help essential workers in East Boston and the Commonwealth continue to battle the virus outbreak on the frontlines.

At this time, the East Boston YMCA is the only Emergency Childcare Center open in East Boston, according to East Boston Y Executive Director Joe

"We have the capacity for 40 children at Bremen

Street site, and 40 children at Ashley Street site," said Gaeta. "The ages are infant to 13 year olds.'

Gaeta said the Eastie Y is operating at 50 percent capacity right now so the two sites do have space if essential workers who qualify need it.

"Those who qualify are front line workers including doctors, nurses, health care workers, EMTs, front line grocery workers, USPS and other delivery services," said Gaeta. "Also, those in DCYF custody could qualify. This service is provided free of charge."

A portion of this Emer-

gency Childcare Center operation at the Eastie Y is being paid via the City of Boston Resiliency Fund and the other portion is through fundraising efforts by the Eastie Y, said Gaeta.

"We take rigorous safety precautions for child care, said Gaeta. "We have a screening process each day that includes taking the temperature of staff, the child and parent that is dropping off as well as a list of questions. Staff wear masks at all times, hand washing is done every hour, surface and touch point cleaning is

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#### East Boston Social Centers food site now open

By John Lynds

Last week the East Boston YMCA on Bremen off Wednesday and served Street announced Monday 140 adult meals. The Sothat it has partnered with the City of Boston and East Boston-based Project Bread to expand its daily food distribution site to include meals for adults.

The East Boston Socials Centers (EBSC) announced this week it has expanded its food site to include adults as well.

Opening day for the EB-SC's adult food site kicked cial Centers also served 145 kids breakfasts and lunches.

The number of adults served increased Wednesday by 81 and 221 adults meals were served while 177 kids breakfasts and lunches were served.

The number rose again on Friday with 239 adult

meals served and 223 kids breakfasts and lunches handed out.

"We saw the heaviest of crowds on Friday, and we think mostly in part due to the uncertainty of food availability people face for the weekend," said the Social Center's Gloria Devine. "We have seen people of all ages and families of all siz-

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## **COVID-19 updates** for East Boston

By John Lynds

With a dramatic increase in testing for COVID-19, the number of those infected with the COVID-19 virus in East Boston has increased.

Since the COVID-19 pandemic Eastie has emerged as a 'HotSpot' for the virus and the neighborhood's infection rate continues to rise.

In one week, East Boston's COVID-19 infection rate rose from 146.6 cases per 10,000 residents to a frightening infection rate of 206.9 cases per 10,000 residents as of Friday.

As of Friday there were 971 confirmed COVID-19 cases in Eastie, up from the 688 cases reported by the Boston Public Health Commission BPHC) a week ago.

The statistics released by the BPHC as part of its weekly COVID-19 report breaks down the number of cases and infection rates in each neighborhood. It also breaks down the number of cases by age, gender and

According to the BPHC data, Eastie, Mattapan and Dorchester experienced elevated levels of testing positive at or above 33 percent during the past week suggesting a need for increased testing relative to other Boston neighborhoods.

Eastie experienced the highest percentage increase of testing during the past week and still had the highest percentage positive among all Boston neighborhoods.

In the past week 2,065 residents were tested for the virus and 45.5 percent of those tested were positive. Compared to the previous week 1,171 residents in Eastie were tested and 46.8 percent were found to be COVID-19 positive.

Citywide there are cur-

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#### Santarpio's Pizza re-opens for take-out and delivery

After giving delivery and take-out a try when the COVID-19 pandemic began sweeping across East Boston in mid-March, the owners of Santarpio's Pizza decided last month to close the doors at the famed pizza place's Eastie and Peabody

The Santarpio's Family cited the health and well-being of its customers, employees, community, friends and family as reasons to close.

"We believe that voluntarily closing our doors will help protect our community and flatten the curve," they said at the time.

But after a month of being closed, the Santarpio's Family announced over the weekend that Santarpio's Pizza has once again reopened for take-out and delivery services,

"We are excited to announce that we will be reopening our East Boston and Peabody locations on Monday, May 4th 2020 for pick-up and delivery only,' said the Santarpio's Family in a statement. "As part

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## **Boston Public Schools**

#### Mayor shares new policies for the rest of school year

By John Lynds

Boston Public School (BPS) Superintendent Brenda Cassellius and Mayor Martin Walsh last week shared new policies with families that went into effect Monday.

This updated learning plan gives more guidance for students and teachers around attendance, assignments, grading, and scheduling. It also provides predictability for families with routine class schedules and contact between students and teachers.

"Since Governor Baker announced that all Massachusetts schools remain closed through this academic year, Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education Commissioner Jeffrey Riley recently released guidance to schools, underscoring that student

learning will continue, while keeping health and safety as our top priority," said Cassellius. "We understand that this is a challenging time for all of us as we balance work, home life, caring for loved ones, and the education of our children while also working to remain safe during this health crisis."

As part of the new policies, no student will be held back in their grade. All students will advance to the next grade and have opportunities for summer learning and additional support

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The famed Santarpio's Pizza in Eastie reopened this week for take-out and delivery service with new hours. See our ad on Page 12.



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### Eastie ski company receives small business grant from Citizens Bank

An East Boston ski manufacturing company that made headlines for using its McClellan Highway factory to produce face shields for frontline healthcare workers was recently awarded a small business grant from Citizens bank.

Eastie-based Parlor Skis was one of 32 small businesses in Massachusetts that each received a \$15,000 grant as part of the bank's Small Business Recovery grant program.

"We are so grateful to receive this grant during these challenging times,' Mark Wallace, co-founder of Parlor Skis. 'Citizens have been a great banking partner for us since the beginning and to see them step up and help their clients like this is wonderful. It helps take a bit of pressure off of us so we can continue to focus on delivering the quality of product and service that we pride ourselves on."

In April Citizens announced a \$5 million com-

mitment to aiding communities through these challenging times, including \$4.2 million in support of small businesses in the bank's service area. As part of this overall commitment, Citizens is awarding 134 direct grants to small busi-

"These grants will go directly to Massachusetts small businesses, providing them with much needed cash flow and support to help them stabilize amidst the devastating impacts of the coronavirus pandemic," said Jack Murphy, President, Business Banking, Citizens Bank. "Small businesses are the heartbeat of the American economy, and we are committed to providing them with a vital jolt as they battle the economic implications of the pandemic."

COVID-19 pandemic Parlor Skis has manufactured and shipped six thousand Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) face shields and has orders for five thousand more. The com-

Since the onset of the

pany has also donated a bunch of the shields to the East Boston Neighborhood Health Center and other local nonprofits.

Wallace said it was an easy decision to pause on Parlor's regular ski manufacturing processes, order the needed materials, and move its focus to supporting the community and be-

The 9.5 inch long, 13 inch wide face shields are 7ml in thickness with a foam headband and 1 inch elastic fatner. The shields are available in packs of 10, 25, 50 and 100 and cost \$3.50 per shield for those wishing to purchase.

Wallace said Parlor Skis began with his two other friends, Pete Endres and Jason Epstein, in an abandoned funeral parlor in Cambridge. After designing and building three models considered worthy by the three ski racers, Parlor sold an initial run of 25 custom pairs and never looked back.

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of our reopening, we are taking extra precautions to ensure the safety and health of our customers, employees, community, friends, and family. Both locations will be open from 11:30 a.m. - 8:00 p.m. for pickup and delivery, including DoorDash. We are looking forward to reopening and serving our community. Thank you for your support of our business."

There was great excitement in Eastie when Santarpio's Pizza announced for the first time in its 110plus year history it would start delivering its famous pizzas amid the COVID-19 pandemic.

However, after a successful run with deliveries the Santarpio Family announced in April it would close their Eastie and Peabody locations out of an abundance of caution and to protect its staff and customers from falling ill.

The no-frills pizza joint that serves up pizza and BBQ lamb, sausage and steak tips is known for its long lines of hungry patrons waiting to feast upon the fare that has made it a staple in Eastie and beyond.

However, the COVID-19 outbreak has made Santarpio's and other local restaurants shift to take out and delivery operations as dinein service was suspended throughout Boston and the

However, while some

restaurants remain open for takeout and delivery, Santarpio's is not unlike other restaurants in the neighborhood that made the switch to takeout and delivery only to reassess that move weeks later as the pandemic ramped up locally.

Since the pandemic began Santarpio's had been donating pizzas to those on the front lines fighting the COVID-19 outbreak as well as organizations feeding those in need.

The family donated to the Fire Departments in East Boston, the officers at District A-7 and the East Boston Community Soup Kitchen as well as the East Boston Neighborhood Health Center.

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done every hour and another temperature check is done in the middle of the day."

The Eastie Y also space the children out in rooms and activities to encourage social distancing and keep safe ratios.

"Childcare also has its own entrance and exit to ensure the areas are used only by those in care," said Gaeta. "Each night our cleaning company does a deep clean."

So far Gaeta said the program has been going great.

"Being able to help front line workers not worry about childcare has been an honor for the Y," said Gaeta. "Children are provided with breakfast, lunch and a snack. Our days are structured for School Age children to make sure they are doing their homework assignments and are meeting school milestones. With our Early Education children we provide a structured day full of exploring and learning."

In the end Gaeta said the Eastie Y is proud to be able to serve Eastie's front line workers.

"These heroes are making sure that we are taken care of and our needs are met so the least we can do is provide a safe and nurturing space for their children while they are doing so," said Gaeta. "If you would like to make a donation to the East Boston Y's COVID relief fund you can text "Lead the Way" to 617-397-5488, all funds raised at this time support our feeding and caring for children programs that are so desperately needed for our community right now."

If you are an essential worker in need of childcare, Gaeta said residents should email emergencycare@ymcaboston.org to sign up or to see if they qualify. More info can be found at https:// ymcaboston.org/emergency-child-care.

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fleeing on foot in the direction of Meridian Street.

A detail officer saw a male, later identified as Steven Ayala-Conde, 22, of Boston, walking near Border Street. The officer attempted to apprehend the suspect but he continued to flee on foot while allegedly dropping several items including, U.S. postal packages and a cell phone.

A Boston Police Canine Unit arrived on scene to conduct a search and found the suspect hiding under a porch of a vacant building

in the rear of 7 /7A Monmouth Street.

Ayala-Conde was arrested and charged with Trespassing, Larceny under \$250 and Buying, Receiving or Concealing Stolen Goods arraigned in East Boston District Court.

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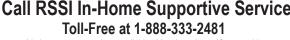
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YMCA, Project Bread, the city of Boston, Boston Public Schools, Boston Cares, City Fresh, and other partners who are procuring and preparing food and supporting this work. He also thanked the families and seniors who are practicing social distancing and taking other safety precautions, acknowledging their needs and asking for help, and supporting each other.

"I am so grateful to the Social Centers team, who embody our motto 'when all give, all gain,' every day," said Pasquariello. "Before we began serving as a food site, staff and Parent Partners already were working overtime, delivering meals to households with people in quarantine and those afraid to go out; delivering groceries and yarn to feed seniors and support their hobbies; making diapers, wipes, and food available for pickup onsite;

Pasquariello, and administering funding EBSC executive director, to meet a variety of famthanked the East Boston ily needs. Within just a few days, our directors set up the staffing and operation for a food site, and we have seen meals distributed increase every day as the word has gone out.

> Pasquariello added that in this time of tragedy and hardship, and seemingly endless need, we are so grateful to be part of this tight knit and giving community.

"So many organizations and individuals are going above and beyond to meet the needs of their neighbors--and with that mutual support, hopefully that hardship at least will be alleviated, and hopefully people will feel a bit less isolated," he said.

EBSC food distribution site for adults and kids is located at the 162 Liverpool St. entrance from 10 a.m. -In addition to expand-

ing food sites to adults and special shopping hours for seniors at grocery stores Mayor Walsh said food delivery and home-delivered meals may be an option for individuals age 60 and older who are unable to leave their homes. Older residents can find a food distribution location near them here and are encouraged to call 311 or the Age Strong Commission at (617) 635-4366 for

more information.

Residents can visit boston.gov/covid19foodmap to find food resources for all residents, including youth meal sites, food pantries, and more. For information on accessing SNAP and WIC benefits and food pantries information, residents are asked to connect with Project Bread at 1 (800) 645-8333. If someone cannot access food due to mobility, illness, or quarantine, they are encouraged to connect with the Mayor's Office of Food Access at (617) 635-3717 or food@boston.

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## Gov. Baker signs order requiring face coverings in public

By Lauren Bennett

Governor Charlie Baker on May 1 signed an order requiring face masks or coverings for everyone when six feet of distance cannot be maintained. The order goes into effect on May 6, and children under the age of two and those unable to wear a mask due to a medical condition are exempt.

Face coverings must be worn inside pharmacies, grocery stores, and other retail stores, and "also when providing or using the services of any taxi, car, livery, ride-sharing, or similar service or any means of mass public transit, or while within an enclosed or semi-enclosed transit stop or waiting area," the order

The order also states that people are "strongly discouraged" from wearing medical-grade masks, as those are in limited supply and should be saved for first responders and healthcare workers.

"This is going to be basically a way of life, okay, there's no ifs, no ands, no buts, no doubts," Baker said at a recent press conference, "and I certainly think for the most part if you can't distance inside or outside, you're going to be expected to wear a face covering or a mask."

Businesses are allowed to deny entry of any person who refuses to wear a mask and does not have a valid medical reason not to, the order says.

"The Department of Public Health, local boards of health and authorized agents...are authorized to enforce this Order and if necessary may do so with the assistance of State or municipal police," according to the order, and while there is no standard fee implemented across the board, Baker is enabling municipalities to charge up to \$300 per violation of the order or guidance from the Department of Public

"One of the major issues associated with this particular virus," Baker said, is that a "very significant portion of the people who contract this virus will never show symptoms at all. I can't stress that one enough."

He said this is why masks are especially important, as their "main purpose is to protect [others] from you as much as it is to protect you from [others]."

#### Reopening Advisory Board

Last week, the Baker-Polito administration announced the creation of a 17 person reopening advisory board that has been working over the past week and over the weekend on a phased plan to reopen the

Reopening is "certainly something that I think is at the forefront of everyone's mind," Baker said at a press conference on April 20. "The advisory board has hit the ground running," he added, and has met with business organizations and leaders from municipalities across the Commonwealth. He said the goal for the board is to "hear from employers from across the Commonwealth," and to "gather as much data as they possibly can to make sure that we can offer up specific guidance."

So far, the board has met virtually with stakeholders from "23 different industry associations and community coalitions," Baker said, which represent more than 100,000 businesses and over 1.4 million employees in retail, life sciences, restaurants, tourism, construction, recreation, and

He said that the "best way to handle the reopening" is to "do it in a way consistent with data and recommendations" come from other countries and different levels of government.

"This work is obviously going to be critical to make sure a smart, phased reopening will take place in Massachusetts," Baker said on April 30.

He said in the coming weeks, more "concrete" plans will be available about what each phase will look like, and "where certain activities and industries fit into which phase." Baker also said information for businesses, such as guidance for social distancing and cleaning, will also be made available.

Baker said he was "very grateful to the many people across industries that have had to close their doors and adjust their work styles" during this crisis. "I think everybody's anxious to find a way to safely move for-

Lt. Governor Karyn Polito reminded residents on May 4 that when May 18 comes, it "doesn't mean the economy across the Commonwealth will just open," she said. Governor Baker has reiterated several times throughout the past couple weeks that they must rely on testing and hospital data to make the safest decision for what can open when.

"When the public health date indicates that COVID-19 is on that sustained downward trend that's been discussed by so many previously, we'll be able to resume more and more activities going forward," Baker said.

#### **Contact Tracing Update**

On April 30, Baker said that about 1000 people are working on the contact tracing collaborative, and so far, the average number of contacts for infected people is two.

He said that this "means that the work that all of you and we have done here in Massachusetts to stay at home, separate, and socially distance has made a big difference."

He said the conversations that contact tracing callers have had with people has heavily leaned towards providing people with guidance and support and answering their questions and concerns around the virus and isolation prac-

Baker said that calls from an 833 or 857 area code or a Caller ID of MA COVID TEAM should be answered, as they are important for providing vital information to stop the spread of the virus.

#### **Testing, Hospitalization Rate Update**

Baker said on May 4 that May 3 was the "single highest" number of tests conducted in a single day in the Commonwealth, and it's "good to see the total test numbers continue to increase."

He said that as of May 3, 3,617 patients were hospitalized due to COVID-19. which is five percent of the total cases in the state.

"COVID hospitalizations have actually been decreasing in the past several days, with very few spikes in new admissions," he said.

He added the number of patients in the ICU has dropped as well.

He said that while there are "obviously still thousands of people" who are sick, "the numbers have started to trend in the right direction" and different parts of the state are in different stages.

He added that the state has had "tremendous success" with the Telehealth program, and people should continue using it to communicate with health care providers, but if people are experiencing a medical emergency, they should call 911 or go to the emergency room, as hospitals have plenty of room and are prepared to care for non-COVID related conditions.

Baker said that he will "continue to ramp up testing for months to come,' and will continue to invest in the contact tracing program. He also said that it's "important to remember that as long as there is no vaccine," the state will have to continue discussions about how to operate the state in the most safe

"The threat of future transmission and illness will be with us for a very long time and we can't forget that," Baker said.

#### Markey for U.S. Senate campaign blows past signature goal of 10,000

Staff Report

The Ed Markey for U.S. Senate campaign this evening announced that it has received over 23,600 signatures from an unprecedented sweep of the state--with requests for nomination papers from 343 of the 351 cities and towns.

As a result of the massive level of voter support from thousands of volunteers, who contributed countless hours of their time, Senator Markey will appear on the September 1 primary ballot. The campaign will file the signatures with the Secretary of State's Office next week. Senator Markey participated in a virtual video call this evening where he thanked over 360 supporters for their efforts.

After successfully winning 70 percent of the support at local city and town caucuses earlier this year--a significant grassroots show of support-- the Markey campaign also gathered 7,000 signatures by engaging with voters at coffee shops, libraries, and in their homes, and the campaign was on track to have the required number of signatures

prior to the May 4 deadline. Through successful digital and relational organizing, in the weeks following the cancelation of the caucuses, the Markey campaign saw an enormous outpouring of support resulting in today's announcement.

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in the fall. If parents believe nal grade. their child would benefit from repeating their grade, they can request a meeting with their teacher to discuss

further. "Every school will share a class schedule with families and students," said Cassellius. "Teachers will record daily attendance each week. Attendance includes completing learning activities or interaction with teachers/staff. Teachers in grades K0-5 will record daily attendance. Teachers in grades 6-12 will record daily attendance by course.'

Cassellius said students will receive grades and feedback on their assigned projects and tasks.

students Elementary (grades K0-5) will receive a Term 3grade of Meets Expectations,

Approaching Expectations, or Not Yet Meeting Expectations. Secondary students (grades 6-

12) will receive a Term 3 letter grade if it is above their average grade from Terms 1 and 2.

secondary

students will earn a grade of Pass or Incomplete and that grade will not be factored into their fi-

Otherwise,

"Each school schedule will include class times, and a school staff member will contact each student at least every three days," said Cassellius.

Students with disabilities will receive services that can reasonably be provided in a remote learning environment by their assigned team of educators in relation to the goals

identified in the student's IEP and ELS students will receive ESL instruction based on their English Development Level.

As for graduation, Cassellius said graduation is a celebration of students, their families, and their school communities and BPS is working on several opportunities to celebrate this year's graduations citywide and with each school.

We look forward to sharing more information soon.

"We will continue to assess and shift how we meet our students' needs during

unprecedented closure based on feedback," said Cassellius. My team and I have convened weekly Equity Roundtables to hear from educators, parents, social service providers,

and community partners to year over the next severgather real-time feedback al weeks. If you have any and identify challenges so we can direct resources to support students and families who need them."

Both Cassellius Mayor Walsh thanked Boston's teachers and staff for their continued cooperation during this difficult time, acknowledging that this week is Teachers Appreciation Week.

The Mayor stated that throughout the final weeks of the school year, BPS will continue distributing free meals for students and other resources; connecting with students on a routine basis; and collaborating with school communities, nonprofit partners, and parent groups, to ensure that students are getting the support they need.

"We are so grateful to our teachers, food workers, technology staff, and other frontline workers

who are working tirelessly to get our children what they need to learn and stay healthy," said Cassellius. "We care deeply for our students and families and look forward to continuing to build meaningful connections with all of you as we close out our school

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#### THIS SUNDAY IS **MOTHER'S DAY**

During this time of unprecedented upheaval because of the novel coronavirus pandemic, the rituals that most of us traditionally follow either have been eliminated or drastically changed because of the need to practice physical distancing.

So too, the manner in which we observe Mother's Day, which is this Sunday, May 10, will be different from all others before it. The traditional family get-togethers that we usually observe will be cancelled or modified to a great extent because of the situation in which we find ourselves.

However, it often is said that necessity is the mother of invention (no pun intended) and in that spirit we're sure that all of our readers will find a way to honor their mothers in some fashion, whether it be something as simple as a phone call or by a family gathering via Zoom.

Oftentimes, the smallest of gestures can mean the most. We hope too, that Mother's Day this year will serve as a way for all of us to think about what is most important in our lives -- our family, friends, and loved ones -- as we struggle to make sense of these turbulent times amidst a pandemic.

We know we join with all of our readers in wishing all of our moms a happy Mother's Day.

#### THIS IS NO TIME FOR **HOOVERISM**

Herbert Hoover had been President for about seven months when the stock market crashed in October, 1929. Although there have been many causes attributed to the onset of the Great Depression, the crash generally is viewed as the trigger point for what still rates as the greatest economic downturn in our nation's history.

However, even as the economy continued to sink in the aftermath of the crash, Hoover adopted a hands-off policy toward the economy. Although Herbert Hoover was a good man with lots of government experience prior to becoming president, he refused to take action of any kind, held back by a combination of a lack of imagination and his rigid, free-market view of the U.S. economy.

Hoover failed to recognize the severity of the situation or leverage the power of the federal government to address it. He was widely viewed as callous and insensitive toward the suffering of millions of desperate Americans.

By the time Hoover left office in early 1933, unemployment in the U.S. had reached 25% and millions of Americans literally were starving. The iconic photos from that era of Americans lined up for handouts from the soup kitchens that were operated by private charities still are seared into our collective memory even today.

What brought to mind the inaction of Herbert Hoover during the Great Depression were comments made this past Sunday by Lawrence Kudlow, the former TV personality who now is one of the chief economic advisers to President Trump.

Basically, Kudlow said the Trump administration is taking a wait-and-see approach before committing to more federal support for Americans as the United States continues to weather the coronavirus crisis and the accompanying economic damage.

"Well, I don't want to get too far ahead of the story, Jake," Kudlow said to CNN's Jake Tapper. "There may well be additional legislation. There's a kind of pause period right now."

But "getting ahead" of this crisis precisely is what policymakers need to do. While it certainly is true that the federal government has spent trillions of dollars in various ways to assist Americans, it also is true that the degree of economic assistance -- as well as a coordinated plan -- that will be necessary simply to keep Americans fed during the ongoing crisis will require additional trillions of dollars as the economy plunges into free-fall without a parachute in the months ahead.

The lesson of the Great Depression is that a national government cannot be a passive bystander during a time of economic collapse. Speedy, forceful, and creative action is required today to prevent an already-calamitous situation from becoming worse tomorrow.

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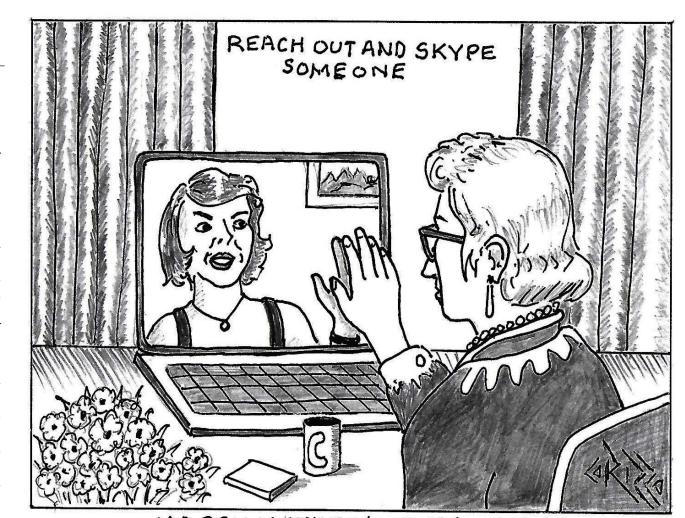
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# Forum



HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY ... MAY 10.

GUEST OP-ED

#### Covid-19 and Mother's Day

By Dr. Glenn Mollette

I wish mom were still here so I could take her out to Sunday dinner. The problem with Sunday dinner this Mother's Day is that most of the restaurants either won't be open yet or operating under new guidelines. Restaurants make their biggest payday of the year typically on Mother's Day. Even in states that are wide open for dining there is the problem of social distancing. Can you imagine this week going to a restaurant that only is allowed 25% occupancy or maybe 50% occupancy at best? Many states will still be closed tight this Sunday adding further pain to the economic dilemma of business owners across America. For some restaurants being closed this Sunday will

their business.

This year to celebrate mom's day you still can patronize your favorite restaurant by ordering from them and bringing the food back home. This will still take some pressure off mom. Also, insist on cleaning up the mess when it's over. Mom shouldn't have to do this on Mother's Day,

Overall this is the toughest Mother's Day we've had in America during my lifetime. So many millions are struggling financially. Buying a nice meal from a restaurant to take home to feed everyone is a stretch for many. With 70,000 or more deaths now due to Covid-19 this Mother's Day will be the hardest day ever for a lot of families. There will be an empty chair at the table. Millions of Americans have moms in nursing homes. Their moms

are in danger of being exposed to Covid-19. People will probably not be able to visit mother because she is in the nursing home. This is painful. There are just so many distressing scenarios being played out around the world. From health care workers who are at risk, to unemployment and a new era of poverty hitting out country, to people just going crazy over social distancing.

The way to celebrate Mother's Day this year is don't forget. Don't distance yourself from this celebration. Honor mom while you have her. Honor some other mothers too who have been special to you.

When I was a child, I had \$5 my dad gave me for being "brave" to have my tonsils removed. The only thing I wanted to do as a child was to take mom and dad to the local G.C. Murphy's grill. We sat at the bar and we all had hotdogs and cokes that cost me about \$3. My mom didn't want me to spend my \$5 but she smiled when I bought lunch that day as a 7-year-old kid. I would love to have mom back this Sunday and do anything that might make her smile. This Sunday, it could be the simplest thing but give it a try. Mom is worth the effort.

Glenn Mollette is the publisher of Newburgh Press, Liberty Torch and various other publishing imprints; a national columnist - American Issues and Common Sense opinions, analysis, stories and features appear each week In over 500 newspapers, websites and blogs across the United States.

#### GUEST OP-ED

#### Boston pets and covid-19

By Martha Smith-Blackmore, DVM

be the nail in the coffin of

The National Veterinary Services Laboratory of the USDA announced on April 22, 2020 that two pet cats from different households in the United States were confirmed cases of COVID-19 infection. These are the first pets in the US with positive tests for the virus that causes COVID-19 in people. Subsequently, a family dog from Chapel Hill, North Carolina tested positive. It appears that cats and dogs can become infected, but currently we have no information that suggests the virus can go from pets to people.

If you are sick with symptoms of COVID-19 (fever, dry cough, difficulty

breathing, tiredness, nasal congestion or runny nose, sore throat, diarrhea, aches and pains) you should limit contact with pets and other animals, just as you would restrict your contact with other people. When possible, have another family or household member care for the animals while you are sick. If you have a service animal or you must care for pets, wear a face mask or covering; don't share food, kiss, or hug animals; and wash your hands before and after any contact with your pet, service animal, or other animals. If you are sick, you should not share dishes, drinking glasses, cups, eating utensils, towels, or bedding

with other people or pets in

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general safety Good practice includes not allowing pets to interact with people or other animals outside the household; keeping cats indoors to prevent them from interacting with other animals or people; walking dogs on a leash, maintaining at least 6 feet from other people and animals; avoiding public places where large numbers

of people and dogs gather. Keeping pets indoors or under close supervised conditions not only protects them against COVID-19 infection, it prevents them from suffering other harms commonly encountered outside.

Now is a great time to practice teaching your pets

skills and tricks with positive reinforcement, and to spend extra time at home grooming your pets. Walking your dog is important for both animal and human health and well-being. Love your animals, keep them close to you (unless you are sick!), away from other people and together all of us, whether we have two legs or four, will get through this together!

For more information about COVID-19 and pets, visit the CDC and the AVMA.

For additional information on resources and COVID-19, visit boston. gov/coronavirus.

Martha Smith-Blackmore, DVM, Boston Animal Care and Control

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rently 10,077 positive cases of coronavirus--confirmed and presumptive. So far, 2,384 of these 10,077 residents have fully recovered. There have been 442 COVID-19 related deaths among Boston residents. Massachusetts has 69,087 positive cases of coronavirus and 4,090 deaths reported at this time.

At the mayor's daily press briefing on Monday Mayor Martin Walsh provided some additional data to illustrate the current state of the coronavirus outbreak in Boston.

"The number of people in ICU care for COVID-19 at Boston hospitals has been gradually going down," he said. "At the same time, Boston hospitals are still operating at around 120 percent of normal ICU capacity"

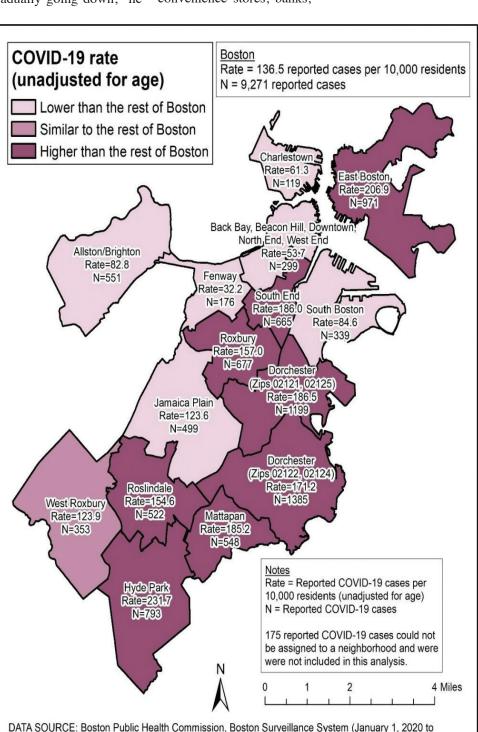
Mayor Walsh expressed that Boston is moving in the right direction, but that this is not a time to ease up on the precautions we are taking to prevent the spread of the virus.

Over the weekend the city began distributing new COVID-19 information booklets with information on how to stay safe during the coronavirus outbreak in

"In total, we will be distributing about 70,000 of these booklets to places like convenience stores, banks,

and food distribution sites," said Walsh. "Following the recommendations of the City of Boston's COVID-19 Health Inequities Task Force, we are targeting neighborhoods with the greatest needs to bridge information gaps."

Walsh also reminded residents of Governor Baker's executive order requiring all Massachusetts residents over the age of two to wear face coverings in public and wherever physical distancing is a challenge. This order goes into effect on Wednesday, May 6 and includes wearing a mask at grocery stores, retail stores, and on public transit.



The BPHC's latest breakdown of COVID-19 cases and infection rates for Boston that was

DATA ANALYSIS: Boston Public Health Commission, Research and Evaluation Office

released Friday.

April 30, 2020, 2:30pm); U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey, 2018 5-yr estimates (2014-2018)



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## The BPD and FBI warn residents of fraudulent emails/phone calls from scammers looking to hijack COVID-19 stimulus checks

With millions of people out of work and hoping to receive COVID-19 stimulus checks, the BPD and FBI are warning community members to be leery and wary of scammers seeking personal information either through email or phone calls as a precondition for any federal aid. To be clear, the US government is not sending emails or making phone calls asking for any individual's personal information in exchange for federal aid. Sadly, while the large majority of law-abiding citizens are looking for ways to help, scammers are looking for ways to use the COVID-19 pandemic to steal your money, your personal information, or both. Don't let them. Protect yourself and do your research before clicking on links purporting to provide information on the virus; donating to a charity online or through social media; contributing to a crowdfunding campaign; purchasing products online; or giving up your personal information in order to receive money or other ben-

In addition to the above, the FBI advises you to be on the lookout for the following

•Fake CDC Emails:

Watch out for emails claiming to be from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) or other organizations claiming to offer information on the virus. Do not click links or open attachments you do not recognize. Fraudsters can use links in emails to deliver malware to your computer to steal personal information or to lock your computer and demand payment. Be wary of websites and apps claiming to track COVID-19 cases worldwide. Criminals are using malicious websites to infect and lock devices until payment is received.

•Phishing Emails: Look out for phishing emails asking you to verify your personal information in order to receive an economic stimulus check from the government. While talk of economic stimulus checks has been in the news cycle, government agencies are not sending unsolicited emails seeking your private information in order to send you money. Phishing emails may also claim to be related to:

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Be cautious of anyone selling products that claim to prevent, treat, diagnose, or cure COVID-19. Be alert to counterfeit products such as sanitizing products and Personal Protective Equipment (PPE), including N95 respirator masks, goggles, full face shields, protective gowns, and gloves.

More info on unapproved or counterfeit PPE can be found at HYPER-LINK "www.cdc.gov/niosh.%20" www.cdc.gov/niosh.

In addition to filing a report with the Boston Police Department, victims are also encouraged to report suspicious activity through the FBI's Internet Crime Complaint Center at HY-PERLINK "https://www.

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Lastly, if someone knocks on your door or rings your bell claiming a need to enter your home or see personal information, do not allow them entry and call 9-1-1 immediately.

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## Carlo's Catering thanks Healthcare Heroes with meal donations

By John Lynds

Since reopening take-out and delivery, Sammy Carlo's Delicatessen and Catering has been giving back to frontline healthcare workers battling the COVID-19 pandemic.

According to Carlo's Catering owner Steve Scire, the local deli has been donating a weekly delivered meal to a different healthcare facility of a customer's choice. Carlo's Catering customers simply suggest a healthcare facility on the deli's Facebook Page and the Scire Family will make the donation. Healthcare recipients will be chosen randomly and sent in a customer's name.

Scire said the donation will consist of a large hot entree, three foot long sub and salad that serves 20-25

"It's going as well as we can," said Scire. "We are going to reach out to our customers/friends for different facility recipients each week. The legacy of my grandparents, mom and dad, the support from my wife, my children, our neighbors keep us operating and fuel the passion for what we do."



Some of the food that was donated to the EBNHC staff.

Scire said his business is trying to at least be here for people to get out in a safe system of buying takeout.

"We are fortunate to have the folding windows so both staff and customers are protected," said Scire. "I'll tell you it's very emotional when you see people deeply appreciating that we're here and open."

Carlo's Catering customer Krissy Nunes called the promotion a wonderful

"Thank you for this," said Nunes. "I have a good friend who works at Boston

Medical Center and they are caring for some of the most vulnerable and highest need populations in the city. I'm planning to send some food to them and I hope Carlo's might do the same. Whoever it goes to, it will be well deserved. Thank you again for doing

Gina Leone Casiello suggested Brigham and Women's hospital.

"One of my best friends is a nurse there and the entire floor has been transformed to treat COVID-19 patients," she said.



Frontline healthcare heroes at EBNHC were a recent recipient of a new promotion Sammy Carlo's Delicatessen and Catering is running. Customers pick a healthcare facility and Carlo's Catering will donate food for 25 to 30 people in the customer's name.

#### U.S. Attorney's office and Homeland Security investigations remind parents of risks to children online

The U.S. Attorney's Office and Homeland Security Investigations are partnering to alert parents and guardians of the potential dangers to children online,

and providing guidance for

children are increasingly using online resources

internet safety. As a result of school closings due to COVID-19,

for schoolwork as well other internet-based plat-

The U.S. Attorney's Office and Homeland Security Investigations have partnered to develop an campaign, awareness "Think Before You Click," to encourage parents and guardians to discuss internet safety with children of all ages and to monitor internet use. Included are tips for identifying potential victimization and resourc- whereby students are utilizes to report concerns. The ing the internet and social dismantling those mali-

flyer was distributed to law enforcement officers and school leaders throughout the Commonwealth.

"Children are susceptible to online predators because they are often unaware of how dangerous online environments can be," said United States Attorney Andrew E. Lelling. "Children are at an even greater inadvertent risk now due to school closures and the prevalence of ongoing learning and leisure activities. Through "Think Before You Click," we aim to make parents and guardians more cognizant of the dangers to children online, and arm them with tools to protect children's privacy."

"The COVID-19 pandemic has created an increase in online activity,

media as a key source of education and entertainment. The marked increase in social media usage and lessened social interaction may create opportunity for predators to exploit our children. That being said, parental supervision, open discussions about internet safety, active monitoring, and smarter use of privacy settings will reduce the chance of victimization from child predators," said Michael S. Shea, Acting Special Agent in Charge of Homeland Security Investigations (HSI) Boston. "The inherent dangers presented by social media applications are evident. HSI and our law enforcement partners will continue to take an aggressive, whole of government approach to it www.projectsafechildidentifying, disrupting, and hood.gov.

cious organizations and actors who seek to prey upon our children."

This effort was brought as part of Project Safe Childhood (PSC), a nationwide initiative to combat the growing epidemic of child sexual exploitation and abuse, launched in May 2006 by the Department of Justice. PSC marshals federal, state, and local resources to locate, apprehend, and prosecute individuals who exploit children, as well as identify and rescue victims. PSC also conducts education and outreach programs aimed at combating and preventing technology-facilitated crimes. For more information about Project Safe Childhood, please vis-



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as entertainment. Due to increased access to and reliance on social media, chatting apps, gaming, and forms, children may be more vulnerable to sexual exploitation. Now more than ever before, it is imperative that parents and guardians take steps to educate and protect children online.

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who might not be eligible for other assistance.

Jobs with Justice has more information.



#### Local resident fundraisers for her favorite Eastie bar

By John Lynds

When Josh Weinstein opened The Quiet Few on Sumner Street last year, his cozy bar with an extensive whiskey and beer list, boozy concoctions and comfort food made it a hit among residents in East Boston.

One resident and customer, Kelly Smith, bonded over Backstreet Boys singa-long one night at the bar, and according to Weinstein, the two have been close ever since.

Sadly, when the COVID-19 pandemic besweeping through the neighborhood in mid-March, Weinstein opted to close instead of switching to a take-out and delivery operation.

Since its closing, residents like Smith, have been doing their part of a fundraiser for their beloved bar any way they can.

Recently Smith put her embroidery talents and time in isolation to begin making bags and other apparel to sell online and donate the proceeds to The Quiet Few.

creating hand-stitching phrases on bags, shirts and other apparel for a donation for \$25 go to The Quiet Few. So far he has raised over \$1,500 for Weinstein's restaurant as of Tuesday.

"When friends started asking if they could purchase the bags I was making as a quarantine hobby, my immediate thought was to have it support the crew at The Quiet Few," said Smith. "They are much more than a neighborhood business - they are our neighbors and friends who are at the heart of Jeffries Point. People from across the country have donated. I think that shows the desire we're all feeling right now to help if we can, especially to something personal."

Information for buying the items can be found on Smith's Instagram account at @bagsforsmallbiz.

"Honestly, I have a lot of trouble putting into words what her efforts mean to us," said Weinstien. "We always wanted to be a spot for the neighborhood to lean on, so the idea that a neigh-



A sample (above and below right) of some of the bags Smith has been producing. So far she's raised \$1,500 for the beloved neighborhood bar.

bor is willing and feels the impulse to lend a shoulder to us has just been the most humbling and beautiful

thing. I'm beyond words. We love Kelly and her efforts . . . and her bags!"



Eastie resident and The Quiet Few fan, Kelly Smith, has been making bags and other apparel to sell online and donate the proceeds to The Quiet Few.



#### Justice Department committed to investigating predatory practices in housing amid COVID-19 pandemic

The Attorney General has directed U.S. Attorney's Offices across the country to investigate reports of housing-related sexual harassment resulting from the current COVID-19 pandemic.

As the country adopts drastic measures to slow the spread of COVID-19, many Americans have lost their jobs and many more have seen their wages curtailed. These losses have forced some to seek abatements or suspensions of their rent. According to a recent memo from the Attorney General, there have been reports of landlords who have responded to requests to defer rent payments with demands for sexual favors and other acts of unwelcome sexual conduct. Such behavior is illegal under the Fair Housing Act, which in housing on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, familial status, national origin and disability. Sexual harassment is a form of sex discrimination prohibited by the Act. Sexual harassment by landlords, property managers, maintenance workers, and others with power over housing often impacts society's most vulnerable populations.

"Sexual harassment in housing is illegal and despicable," said United States Attorney Andrew E. Lelling. "No person should have to tolerate this behavior in order to keep a roof over his or her head. This conduct is unacceptable in normal times, and certainly will not be tolerated in the midst of a pandemic. My office will aggressively investigate these cases."

The Attorney's General's directive reaffirms the discrimination commitment that the Department of Justice made

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when it launched the Sexual Harassment Initiative in October 2017. The initiative seeks to identify barriers to reporting sexual harassment in housing, increase awareness of its enforcement efforts – both among survivors and those they may report to - and collaborate with federal, state, and local partners to increase reporting and help survivors quickly and easily connect with federal resources.

If you think you are a victim of sexual harassment by a landlord, or other person who has control over housing, resulting from the COVID-19 crisis, contact the U.S. Attorney's Office by calling 888-221-6023 or emailing USAMA.VictimAssistance@usdoj.gov. For more information, visit www.justice.gov/crt/sexual-harassment-housing-ini-

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Robert L. Brinson of East Boston passed away on Friday, May 1.

Bobby, as his friends referred to him, was a longtime resident of over thirty-two years at Victory Gardens in East Boston where he was known "the mayor.".Robert was also a dear friend and longtime worker with Peabody Properties in Braintree where he was respected and loved by all.

In accordance with the CDC, Mass. Department of Public Health, Archdiocese of Boston guidelines and local restrictions on gatherings and congregations due to COVID-19, all services will be held for the imme-



diate family privately. If you have any questions or would like to express your condolences please contact the funeral home during normal business hours 617-569-0990 or leave a message for the family on the tribute wall www.ruggieromh.com.

#### **Vincent Gioioso**

Of East Boston

Vincent J. Gioioso of East Boston passed away on Friday, May 1.

The beloved son of the late Vincent and Phyllis (Toto) Gioioso, he was the devoted brother of Rosemarie Sinopoli of Revere and Daniel Gioioso and his wife, Jill of Saugus and is also survived by many loving nieces and nephews.

In accordance with the CDC, Mass. Department of Public Health, Archdiocese of Boston guidelines and local restrictions on gatherings and congregations due to COVID-19, all services will be held for the immediate family privately. Vincent will be laid to rest at Holy Cross Cemetery, Malden.

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tions or would like to express your condolences please contact the funeral home during normal business hours 617-569-0990 or leave a message for the family on the tribute www.ruggieromh.

Frank Tassone Retired 34 Year Master Sergeant U.S. Army



lifelong resident East Boston, passed away

on Monday, April 27. A retired veteran of the United States Army after serving thirty-four years as a Master Sergeant, he was the devoted son of the late Joseph and Maria (Sesito) Tassone, the dear brother of Elizabeth Sharpe of Quincy and the late Rose Carley, Vito and Salvatore Tassone and cherished uncle of Robert Carley and Kristin Carley. He is also survived by many loving friends and

J. neighbors.

In accordance with the CDC, Mass. Department of Public Health, Archdiocese of Boston guidelines and local restrictions on gatherings and congregations due to COVID-19, all services will be held for the immediate family privately. He will be laid to rest in Woodlawn Cemetery, Everett. If you have any questions or would like to express your condolences please contact the funeral home during normal business hours 617-569-0990 or leave a message for the family on the tribute wall www.ruggieromh.com.



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#### Marie Papasadora

Active in "Revere First" and an original board of directors of MGH Revere

Marie (Terrazzano) Papasadora, 88, of Revere entered into rest on May 1.

Earlier in life Marie was a bookkeeper for Electronic Fasteners located in Waltham and then for the Revere Housing Authority. Marie was on the original Board of Directors for MGH Revere one of the first volunteers with Representative Wil-Reinstein's vere First." Marie loved to bake for her family, play bingo, enjoyed cards with her friends and will be sadly missed by all.

Marie was born on Sept. 29, 1931 to the late Antonio and Mary Terrazzano . She was the beloved wife of the late Joseph Papasodora, loving mother of the late Revere Police Sgt. Peter Papasodora and his wife, Denise of Revere; the adored grandmother of Taylor, , John and Joseph Papasodora; cherished sister of Angelina and her husband, Domenic Bramante of Revere, the late Albert Terraz-



zano and his wife, Carmella of Amesbury and the dear sister to the late Irene Terrazzano of Revere. Marie is also survived by her neph-Albert Terrazzano and his wife, Cynthia, and her great nephew, Anthony of Amesbury. She also leaves many cousins, nieces and nephews. . In accordance with the CDC's current restrictions on gatherings due to Covid-19, all services will be held privately. Interment Woodlawn Cemetery. For guest book please visit www.buonfiglio.com.

#### Kathleen DiChiara

World War II English War Bride and woman of style, elegance and grace

Kathleen "Kay" (Davies) DiChiara of Revere died on April 30 at the age of 92.

Born in Liverpool, England to the late Daniel and Elizabeth (Hanratty) Davies, she was the beloved wife of the late Alfonse "Al" DiChiara, devoted mother of Sandra DeChristoforo and her late partner, Steve of Revere and the late Nicholas DiChiara of Westminster, CO; dear sister of the late Anne Matthews and Bette Machon of England; cherished grandmother of Gina Bassant and her late husband, Jay of Revere, Brenda Spinelli and her husband Jim of Port St. Lucie, FL and Johnna Wallace and her husband Bruce of Port St. Lucie, FL; adored great grandmother of Cassandra, Nikolas, Caden and August. She is also survived by many loving

nieces and nephews. We lost a remarkable woman. A woman full of life, courage and determination. Throughout her exceptional life she endured many challenges but also enjoyed many incredible experiences. Growing up in England during World War II led her to meet a U.S. soldier and fall in love, and that love led her to move to the United States, to marry and start a new life and a

family. Kay was a devoted wife and an amazing mother, grandmother and great-grandmother (Nana). A woman of style, elegance



and grace. She was the family's matriarch, historian and storyteller. She loved to travel the world and read everything she could. Her talents were endless; there wasn't anything she England. He also enjoyed couldn't cook, sew, create or learn. Always there to lend a hand and always had a smile. And she was the best bargain shopper, especially at her beloved Filene's.

There is so much that can be said about Kay and the way she lived life. She will be tremendously missed and remembered by all those who love her.

In accordance with the CDC's current restrictions on gatherings due to Covid-19, all services will be held privately. Interment at Puritan Lawn Memorial Park. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Alzheimer's Association, 309 Waverley Oaks Rd, Waltham, MA 02452 or to a Cancer Charity of your choice in Kathleen's name. For guest book please visit www.buonfiglio.com.

#### Happy Mother's Day Rosemarie Leone (Mona) Another year without you,

Has come and gone. And it does not get any easier to deal with. Everyday you are in our thoughts and prayers.

We love and miss your beautiful face and find it hard to go through life each day without your love, guidance and support, Mom, please know our love and respect for you grows each and everyday. Please stay blesed with God and all our loved ones.

We love and miss you always and forever. Love, Your Loving Husband, Children

& Grandchildren

#### Gerard DeFranzo

Retired 35-year accountant for the Mass Dept. of Employment Security



Gerard "Jerry" De-Franzo, 84, of Somerville, formerly East Boston

and Malden, died at Mass General Hospital in Boston on Saturday, May 2. Gerard was born in

Winthrop on October 18, 1935, one of five children of the late Michael De-Franzo and Isabel (Rinaldi) DeFranzo. An East Boston native, Jerry's love of baseball originated in the ballparks of Eastie while playing for East Boston High. After graduating, he enlisted to serve his country in the United States Marine Corps. Jerry's love for his country and his fellow service members was an integral part of his life. Jerry enjoyed his work for the Commonwealth of MA as an Accountant for the Division of Employment Security where he worked for 35 years. After retiring in 1991, Jerry was blessed to spend more time with his family, the most precious

people in his life. Jerry was loved by everyone who knew him. His enthusiasm for life brought a smile or a laugh to everyone in the room. A lifelong baseball fan, Jerry's love of the Red Sox was only matched by his lifelong admiration of the great, Ted Williams. He forever rooted for the underdog quarterback and enjoyed sharing his love of sports with his family as he watched from the sidelines of his grandchildren's games.

Growing up in East Boston, he held memories of visiting Revere Beach with his family close to his heart. In addition to sports, Jerry had a love for playing blackjack, roulette and the slots at the casinos, including trips to Las Vegas, and many visits in New



trips to Disney World with his family, turning any time spent with his grandchildren into a special moment

Jerry will be deeply and sorely missed, but his devotion to his family, and his sense of humor will carry on as his legacy.

He was the beloved husband of Pamela (Rubin) DeFranzo with whom he shared 35 years of marriage; devoted father of Darlene Cianci and her husband, Paul of Groveland, Theresa DeFranzo and her husband, Peter Chianca of Georgetown and Thomas DeFranzo and his wife, Robyn of Somerville; cherished grandfather of Jake, Jackie, Ria and Tim; dear brother of Barbara Walsh and her late husband, Edward of East Boston and the late Louis DeFranzo and his surviving wife, Joan of Saugus, the late Celeste Mei, and the late Rocky DeFranzo; caring brotherin-law of Cecelia Russo of Reading, Philip Rubin of Saugus and Linda Rubin of East Boston. He is also survived by several nieces and

nephews. Services at this time will be for immediate family. A Celebration of Life will be announced when all may gather to remember and honor Jerry. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Pine Street Inn, 444 Harrison Ave., Boston MA 02118 or to a charity of your choice. To send a message of condolence to the family, please visit RobinsonFuneralHome.com.

#### John Zinna

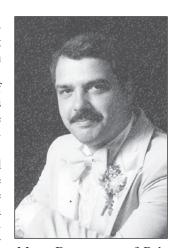
Electrician for Commonwealth of Masschusetts

John F. Zinna of Winthrop, formerly of East Boston, passed away on Thursday, April 30.

John was a member of Local 103 IBEW. He was also an electrician of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts for over 30 years.

The beloved husband of over 40 years to Marie (Petralia) Zinna, he was the devoted father of Christina Zinna of Braintree, cherished brother of Anthony Zinna and his wife, Deborah of Georgia, dear uncle and godfather to Richard Zinna and his wife, Christina and son Nicolas, all of Georgia, cherished brother in law of Rosalie Petralia and is also survived by many loving aunts and cousins.

In lieu of flowers please donate in John's memory to The Boston Medical Center Coronavirus (COVID-19) Relief Fund at https:// www.bmc.org/covid19relief#makeadonation. accordance with the CDC,



Mass. Department of Public Health, Archdiocese of Boston guidelines and local restrictions on gatherings and congregations due to COVID-19, all services will be held for the immediate family privately. John will be laid to rest at Winthrop Cemetery, Winthrop. If you have any questions or would like to express your condolences please contact the funeral home during normal business hours 617-569-0990 or leave a message for the family on the tribute wall www.ruggieromh.com.

To place a memoriam in the Times Free Press, please call 781-485-0588

#### **Anthony Serino**

Delta Airlines retiree

Anthony D. Serino, 90, beloved husband of Marie (Olivieri) Serino, died unexpectedly on Sunday, April 26 at home.

Born and raised in Boston, he was the son of the late John and Lucrenzia (Pagluca) Serino. He was raised and educated in East Boston and graduated from East Boston High School.

An honorably discharged veteran, he served his country during the Korean Conflict as a member of the United States Army.

Mr. Serino had been employed for thirty-seven years by Delta Airlines in its fleet services department until the time of his retirement in 1989.

He was a loving husband, father, grandfather, great grandfather, uncle and friend who will be missed by all who knew him.

In addition to his wife with whom he shared sixty-five years of marriage, he is survived by two daughters, Maryellen Mosca and her husband, Nicholas of East Boston and Maria Nee and her husband, Scott of Melrose; six sons, Anthony Serino and his wife, Trudye of Wyndham, NH, John Serino and his wife, Donna



of Beverly, Thomas Serino and his wife, Deborah of Wilmington, Michael Serino and his wife, Roslyn of North Carolina, Joseph Serino of Salem and Robert Serino and his companion, Karen Henderson of Billerica; 27 grandchildren, 11 great grandchildren and many nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by seven siblings.

His funeral services will be private. Arrangements by the Conway Cahill-Brodeur Funeral Home, 82 Lynn St., Peabody. Contributions may be made in his memory to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place Memphis, TN 38105. For online guestbook, please visit www.ccbfuneral.com.

### Laura Josephine Fiorino

Past member of Women's Auxiliary and American Legion Post 6, East Boston

Laura Josephine (Voci) Fiorino, a lifelong resident of East Boston, died on May 1 at the age of 94.

Laura was a past member of the Women's Auxiliary and the American Legion Post 6 in East Boston. She will be sorely missed by all who knew her.

Born in Revere on August 2, 1925 to the late Joseph Voci Sr. and Amelia (Cataldo) Voci, she was the devoted mother of Vincent "Vinny" Fiorino and his wife, Lorraine of Revere and Philip Fiorino and his wife, Diana of Saugus; beloved sister of the late Grace Guerrero, Patricia Lavoine, Irene Coughlin, Albert Voci and Joseph Voci Jr.; cherished grandmother of Vincent, Michael, Stephen, and Ava and adored great grandmother of Alessandra,



Craig, and Alyssa. She is also survived by many loving nieces and nephews.

In accordance with the CDC's current restrictions on gatherings due to Covid-19, all services will be held privately. Interment Woodlawn Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Lighthouse Nursing Care Center, 204 Proctor Ave, Revere, MA 02151. For guest book please visit www.buonfiglio.com.

#### Giovanni Graziani

25 Year proprietor of Caffe Graziani in Salem

Giovanni Graziani of East Boston, formerly of Piglio, Italy, proprietor for 25 years of Caffe Graziani in Salem, died on May 1 from complications due to COVID19.

The son of the late Pasquale Graziani and Lorenza Ercoli of Piglio, he was the beloved husband of Paula Gravallese of East Boston with whom he shared 32 years of marriage; the proud and loving father of Giancarlo Graziani and his wife, Heather of Winthrop and Giacomo Graziani of Boston and treasured Nonno of Madalina Graziani. He also leaves his in-laws, Peter and MaryAnn Gravallese of East Boston, Peter and Patricia Gravallese of Lynnfield, Stephen Gravallese of East Boston and Nancy (Gravallese) and David Coletti of Beverly. In Italy he leaves his brother Augusto and Lina Graziani, sisterin-law Anna Consalvi and his sister Pina Graziani. He was predeceased by his

brother Mario Graziani

and brother-in-law Franco

Morrea. He will be missed

by many loving nieces and

nephews both in Boston



friends on the tennis courts. In lieu of flowers, please

donate in Giovanni's memory to MAcovid19relieffund.org or Zumix.org. In accordance with the CDC, Mass. Department of Public Health, Archdiocese of Boston guidelines and local restrictions on gatherings and congregations due to COVID-19, all services will be held for the immediate family privately. Giovanni will be laid to rest at Holy Cross Cemetery, Malden.

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ily on the tribute wall www.

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#### David DeRuosi, Sr.

**OBITUARIES** 

Retired Massport Fire Captain



David J. DeRuosi, Sr., retired, Fire Captain for Massport, of Topsfield,

formerly of East Boston, passed away on April 29.

A US Navy Korean War veteran, he was the beloved husband of the late Blanche DeRuosi (Conti) whom he shared 55 years of marriage. He leaves behind his sons David DeRuosi, Jr and his wife, Kim of Salisbury, Frank DeRuosi and his wife, Karin of Ambler, PA, and Kevin DeRuosi of Salem. He was the loving grandfather to Ashley Cinelli and her husband, Antonio of Saugus, Brittany DeRuosi of Wakefield, Joshua DeRuosi Denver, Co, and Emma DeRuosi of Ambler, PA; cherished great-grandfather of Harper Cinelli and Ryan Cinelli, both of Saugus; dear brother to Dolores Lamattina and



Mary Roach, both of East Boston and loved brother-in- law to Maria Conti of Saugus, Frank Conti and his wife, Carmella of Candia, NH and Theresea Giles of Malden. He is also survived by many nieces and nephews. Interment in Holy Cross Cemetery, Malden. Due to the Covid-19 Pandemic all services will be held for the immediate family. Please send messages of condolence to the family on our memory wall. www. vazzafunerals.com.

#### Theresa Pagliarulo

Active in many organizations

(Lionetti) Theresa Pagliarulo of Revere died on April 30 at the age of 94. Theresa was a lifelong Revere resident as well as a graduate of Revere High School, Class of 1942. She was a former member of the Revere Women's Club, Boston University Women's Council, Friends of Switzerland, and the Speech and Hearing Foundation of MA. Theresa had a passion for music and was a big fan of the Boston Symphony. She also enjoyed helping her friend Kay in the office.

She was the devoted daughter of the late Antonio and Agnes (Manzo) Lionetti, beloved wife of the late Albert, loving mother of Agnes P. Trabucco and her husband, Michael of Wakefield and Mary J. Pagliarulo of Revere, cherished grandmother of Alana Trabucco of Somerville and dear sister of the late Arthur Lionetti.



In accordance with the CDC's restrictions on social gatherings due to covid-19. In lieu of flowers donations may be made to St Jude Children's Hospital 501 St Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105. All services will be held privately and family and friends are encouraged to leave a message or share a memory in the online guest book at www.Buonfi-

#### **Paul Bard**

He had a beautiful soul



Paul G. Bard, a longtime resident Chelsea. passed April 30 after a period of declining health.

Born August 13, 1948 in Chelsea, Paul was a son of the late Thomas D. and Svlvia Perez Bard, He grew up in the Chelsea area, attended local schools and graduated from Chelsea High School. Paul was proud to be a US Marine Veteran and kept those memories close to his heart.

Paul had a beautiful soul. He brought smiles to all who loved him with his sharp wit and fun loving outlook on life. He will be deeply missed.

He leaves behind to cherish his memory his devoted wife, Lisa and is also survived by his loving son Paul J Bard (PJ) of Revere and his former spouse, Janis. In addition he leaves his sister Rhoda Burrows of Warrenton MO, brother, Thomas Bard, (MaryJo) of Boise, ID, sister Charlene Lombardi of Del Ray Beach, FL, brother, Dennis Bard (Karen), and sister,



Lyme, CT. He was predeceased by his sister, Robin Ann Bard. Paul is also survived by many nieces and nephews along with lifelong friends, Kenny and Rita Flynn. The family would like to

extend a special thank you to the staff of the Covid Unit at MA General Hospital for the exceptional loving care and compassion shown to Paul during this difficult time. In accordance with the CDC's current restrictions on gatherings due to Covid-19, all services will be held privately. Interment Woodlawn Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to the Chelsea Soldiers Home, 91 Crest Ave, Chelsea, MA. For guest book please visit www.buonfiglio.com

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#### Albert Vitello

Of East Boston

Albert A. Vitello of East Boston passed away on Saturday, May 2.

He was the beloved husband of Harriet (Littlefield) Vitello, devoted father of Diane D'Andrea and her husband, Anthony; cherished brother of Lillian Costello and her late husband, James Vitello of Bellingham and loving grandfather of Melissa and Nicolette D'Andrea.

In accordance with the CDC, Mass. Department of

Public Health, Archdioces of Boston guidelines and lo cal restrictions on gathering and congregations due to COVID-19, all services wil be held for the immediate family privately. If you have any questions or would like to express your condolence es please contact the funera home during normal busi ness hours 617-569-0990 o leave a message for the fam ily on the tribute wall www ruggieromh.com.



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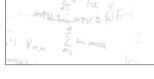
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#### Unemployment data shows new claims are overwhelmingly from white residents

Staff Report

For the fourth week in a row, new unemployment claims were lower than the previous week, and new data from the state shows that more than 80 percent of new claims since March 15 came from residents describing themselves as white.

Of the 722,552 new claims since March 15, some 82 percent - or 459,511 claims – were from white residents, with the next highest racial group being Hispanic residents at 15 percent (91,779 claims). That did not include the new Pandemic Unemployment Assistance (PUA) claims, which is a new type of unemployment for self-employed, gig workers and other workers that don't typically qualify for unemployment.

Of the other groups represented, Black/African Americans made up 10 percent of the new claims (54,584 claims) and Asian residents made up 8 percent (44.018).

The state Department of Unemployment Assistance (DUA) did not give any reasons as to the large numbers of white residents claiming unemployment since March 15. The sectors of the economy with the most new claims included Retail Trade, Food & Accommodations, and Healthcare & Social Assis-

From April 19 to April Massachusetts had

70,552 individuals file an initial claim for standard Unemployment Insurance (UI), the fourth consecutive week of fewer initial claims filed over the previous week. Since March 15, a total of 722,009 initial claims were filed. As the number of initial claims continues to decrease, the number of claimants filing for their weekly benefit each week continues to grow. For the week of April 19 to April 25, there were a total of 527,538 claimants, an increase of 13.8% over the previous week, who filed for their weekly unemployment benefits. Food and Accommodation with 93,168, Retail Trade at 69,333 and Health and Social Assistance with 66,202 showed the largest number of claimants who filed for their weekly unemployment benefits.

The Cares Act created a new temporary federal program called Pandemic Unemployment Assistance (PUA), which provides unemployment benefits to individuals who are self-employed, gig workers and those not covered by regular unemployment compensation. In the week of April 19 to April 25, there were a total of 171,598 PUA

From March 15 to April 25, combining UI and PUA, Massachusetts had a total of 893,607 claims filed for unemployment insurance.

Currently, the Department of Unemployment Assistance (DUA) is paying

Industry	Week Ending 4/18	Week Ending 4/25	Change	% Change
	4/10	4/23		Change
Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing and Hunting	281	208	-73	-26.0%
Mining	13	12	-1	-7.7%
Utilities	82	50	-32	-39.0%
Construction	4,754	3,155	-1,599	-33.6%
Manufacturing	5,065	3,798	-1,267	-25.0%
Wholesale Trade	3,709	2,452	-1,257	-33.9%
Retail Trade	12,669	10,085	-2,584	-20.4%
Transportation & Warehouse	3,292	3,289	-3	-0.1%
Information	1,336	1,200	-136	-10.2%
Finance & Insurance	536	592	56	10.4%
Real Estate	1,040	977	-63	-6.1%
Professional and Technical Services	4,359	3,775	-584	-13.4%
Management of Companies	486	421	-65	-13.4%
Administrative & Waste Services	4,956	4,788	-168	-3.4%
Education	1,653	2,140	487	29.5%
Health & Social Assistance	9,249	9,271	22	0.2%
Arts, Entertainment & Recreation	1,777	1,889	112	6.3%
Food & Accommodation	9,564	7,515	-2,049	-21.4%
Other Services	5,383	4,833	-550	-10.2%
Public Administration	1,244	1,604	360	28.9%
Information Not Available	8,705	8,498	-207	-2.4%
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Unemployment standard Insurance (UI) benefits to around 450,000 claimants and Pandemic Unemployment Assistance to around 150,000 claimants. Since March 15, nearly 700,000 Massachusetts total claims have been paid amounting to more than \$2.3 Billion in disbursements to beneficia-

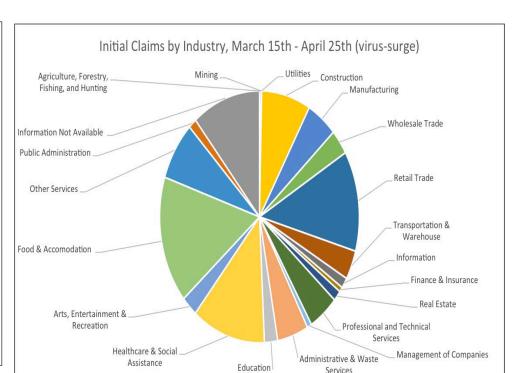
ries of both programs.

Over the last month, the customer service staff at DUA has grown from around 50 employees to more than 1,200. The remote customer service operation is now making more than 25,000 individual contacts per day and DUA continues to host daily unemployment town halls, held in both English and Spanish, which have been attended by more than 200,000 constituents. Massachusetts was one of the first states to successfully launch the PUA program. Due to DUA's previous efforts to migrate their systems to the cloud, the first

unemployment agency in the country to do so, the unemployment online platforms for both regular UI and PUA has maintained functionality throughout the surge in demand.

\*Below data and graphs relate to standard Unemployment Insurance (UI) only Initial Claims Filed.

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Female		344952		53.00%	
Male		305840		47.00%	
		Claimant	s	Percentage	
Hispanic or Latino 91		9177	79	14.90%	
Not Hispanic or Latino		52416	52	85.10%	
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				Claimants	Pecentage
American Indian or Alaska Native			3297	0.59%	
Asian				44018	7.82%
Black or African American				54584	9.69%
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander				1839	0.33%
white				459511	81.58%



#### Treasurer Goldberg launches the **Empowerment Grant for Small Businesses**

The State Treasurer's Office of Economic Empowerment is funding the Empowerment Grant for Small Businesses to support the needs of Massachusetts small businesses during the COVID-19 pandemic. The grant application period opened May 4 and will close on May 29.

The Office of Economic Empowerment is seeking to award small businesses in Gateway Cities across the state. The goal of the program is to stabilize and support the well-being of small businesses by providing access to capital and building financial empowerment through one or more trainings. Grants of up to \$2,500 are available and will empower small business owners to support business continuity and foster ingenuity amid the COVID-19 pandemic.

"These financial empowerment grants will proour local busiowners their employees with some needed resources to survive this unprecedented crisis," said Treasurer Deborah Goldberg. "I am honored to support our state's small businesses who contribute so much to our economy and

our communities." Applicants are eligible if they are considered a small business, have been in operation for at least one year, and are registered in Massachusetts. Preference will be given to those that operate in a Gateway City. Minority-owned, en-owned, veteran-owned, and/or immigrant-owned small businesses are encouraged to apply. To submit applications, please https://www.mass. gov/how-to/the-empowerment-grant-for-small-busi-

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Olivia Qiu Shiffman earned a degree Massachusetts Amherst. in February, 2020 from the University of

#### Brian Miller newest member of BPDA Board

Staff Report

The Boston Planning & Development Agency (BPDA) last week announced Brian Miller as the newest member of the BPDA Board. A resident of South Boston, Miller is a financial advisor at Morgan Stanley, and founder of The Miller Group at Morgan Stanley which advises local organizations on their retirement plans.

Miller was appointed to the BPDA Board by Governor Charlie Baker.

"I am pleased to welcome Brian Miller to the BPDA Board. Already an active member of the Boston community, Brian brings a strong understanding of the City's landscape

as well as decades of finan-

cial knowledge and experi-

ence to this position," said Mayor Martin J. Walsh. "He will help us build on our work to plan for a future that is inclusive for all Bostonians."

"Brian Miller has contributed years of dedicated service to his community and the City of Boston," said Governor Charlie Baker. "He is well-qualified to serve as a member of the BPDA Board, and I am pleased to offer his ap-

pointment." For ten years, Miller served on the Laboure Center Advisory Board and co-chaired the organization's Capital Campaign. He was a founding trustee and finance chair of the Boston Collegiate Charter School, and former president of the South Boston Congressman Stephen F. Lynch. Miller currently serves on the South Boston Catholic Academy School

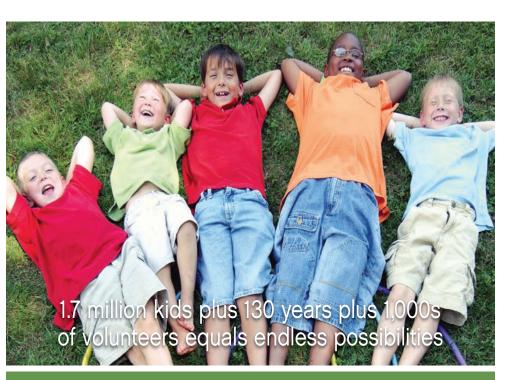
Board. "I want to thank Mayor Walsh, BPDA Director Brian Golden, and Governor Baker for this opportunity," said Miller. "I am excited to join my fellow Board Members to help create new jobs, affordable housing opportunities, open space and more for Boston residents."

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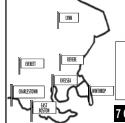




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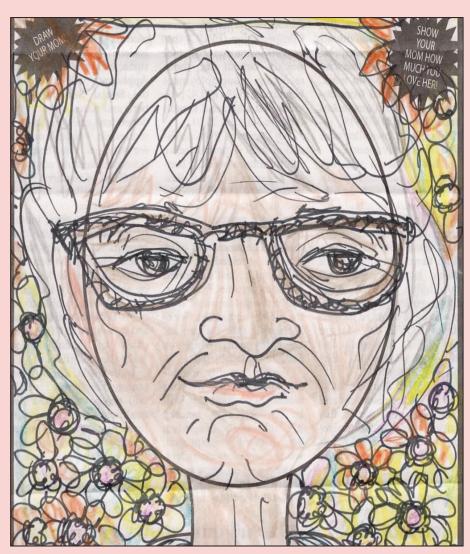
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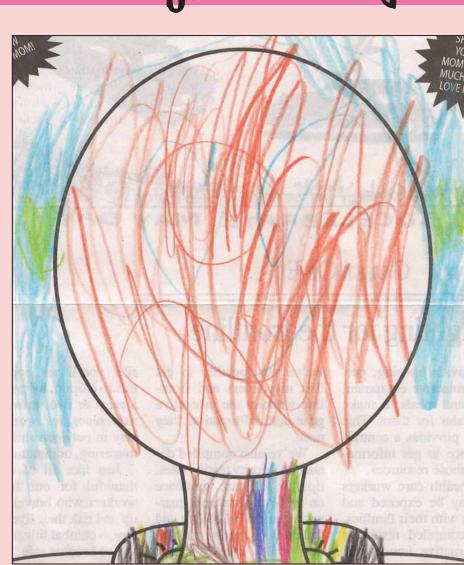
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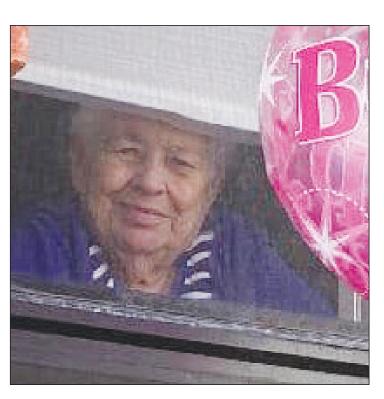
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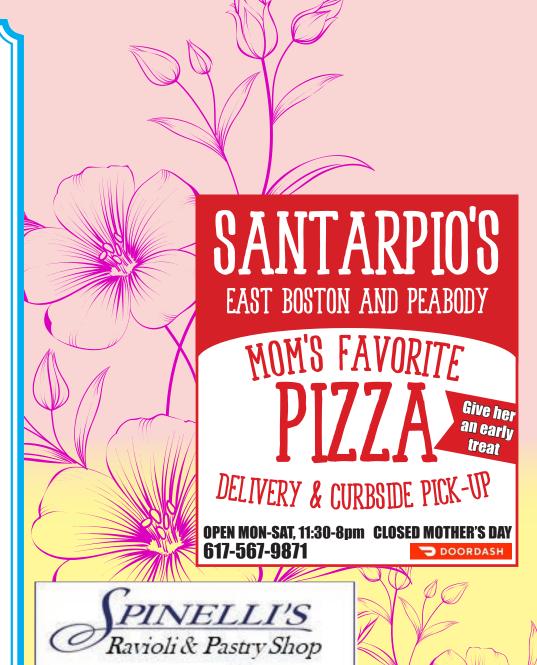


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