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City officials and residents attended the official "Turning on" of the solar power at Coppersmith Village.

NOAH turns on the sun at Coppersmith Village

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It was cloudy and overcast on Wednesday May 1, but that did not prevent NOAH from turning on solar power at its 56-unit, mixed-income, coastal resilient housing development at Coppersmith Village on Border St. City, EPA and local officials all spoke of the need to provide clean energy through solar panels as a way to diminish the negative effects of climate change for people in East Boston, where residents and businesses are afflicted by poor air quality and rising sea levels.

Working with Resonant Energy, NOAH's latest clean energy and climate change project installed 96 panels on the roof at Coppersmith Village. Solar energy will now provide about 70% of the building's public uses such as elevators, laundry, hallway/exterior lighting



Rep. Adrian Madaro (left) and Dan Lesser, Chief of Staff to Sheila Dillon, Mayor's Office of Housing, joke with NOAH's Executive Director, Phil Giffie (right) as he turns on the solar power at Coppersmith Village.

and the community room which hosted the event's 50 guests. The solar array will save the project over \$200,000 in 20 years, the proceeds of which go back into the buildings budget and not to NOAH.

NOAH has 8 of its three-deckers lined up for future solar installations by Resonant. NOAH will also install solar on

the roof of its 36-unit artist-themed project on Condor St., Aileron, when it is built in a couple years. NOAH is committed to clean energy by enrolling in the City of Boston's Community Choice Electricity program, which means 39% of the energy in NOAH's East Boston portfolio of 36 buildings use clean energy pur-

chased from Eversource. We are also waiting for more funding from the Biden administration and the EPA from their Solar for All and Green House Gas reduction programs. These Infrastructure funds will flow to the nation and our neighborhood later this summer or fall.

Coppersmith Village was completed in 2019. It was designed four feet above flood plain in order to be resilient in case there was a major storm surge. Sea water would pass under and around the housing and not damage mechanical systems. In addition to mixed-income rentals, NOAH used \$8M of City of Boston funds to build 15 condominiums, 8 affordable and 7 market. Working with the City, NOAH is creating another 7 affordable condominiums on Condor St. and

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EBNHC CEO honored with Project Bread's Patrick Hughes Award for Social Justice

Special to the Times-Free Press

More than 3,500 participants lined the Boston Common to take part in Project Breads 56th annual Walk for Hunger on Sunday, May 5, 2024. Hunger and healthcare champion, Greg Wilmot, President and CEO of East Boston Neighborhood Health Center (EBNHC) was honored with the Patrick Hughes Award for Social Justice, named for the late event founder who, 56 years ago, created the Walk for Hunger to inspire action for food justice.

Project Bread, the leading statewide food security organization in Massachusetts, selected Wilmot for the award due to his



EBNHC CEO Greg Wilmot poses with Project Bread President & CEO Erin McAleer on the Boston Common.

commitment to addressing food insecurity as a social justice issue and the work of EBNHC, the state's largest community-based primary care provider in

Massachusetts, to increase access to nutritional foods in the communities it serves.

Wilmot kicked off the 3-mile walk by participating in the opening ceremony with Project Bread President & CEO Erin McAleer, who thanked walk participants for helping those facing food insecurity and presented Greg with the Patrick Hughes Award for Social Justice.

"As a longtime participant in this walk, this is a special moment for me. I am honored to carry on the legacy of Patrick Hughes, who believed that people united for a common purpose can inspire change," said Greg Wilmot, President and CEO

of East Boston Neighborhood Health Center. "I am proud of EBNHC's work to address food insecurity and thankful to have innovative partners like Project Bread who share our belief that access to healthy and nutritious food is not only a right, but essential for the health and wellbeing of our patients and our community."

This year, the event aims to bring in \$1.3 million to fight food insecurity statewide.

East Boston Neighborhood Health Center, rebranding as Neighborhood Health June 2024, is one of the nation's largest Federally Qualified Health

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Straightforward

HVNA unanimously approves Brooke Charter School Project

By Michael Coughlin Jr.

During its monthly meeting on Monday, the Harbor View Neighborhood Association (HVNA) listened to the second presentation for a project at 609-611 Bennington Street associated with the Brooke Charter School and voted to support it.

Amidst technical difficulties, Attorney Richard Lynds and the Brooke

Charter School's Chief Operating Officer, Mark Loring, outlined the proposal, which was described as straightforward.

Loring explained that the properties mentioned above on Bennington Street, which currently houses a residential building, have been acquired, and the rear of those properties abuts the school.

In describing the plan,

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Coletta advocates priorities during budget hearings

Special to the Times-Free Press

Boston City Councilor Gabriela Coletta is prioritizing budget allocations for a range of matters, emphasizing better city services like the repaving of streets and general public realm maintenance.

During the Capital Budget overview and the Public Works budget hearings, Coletta uplifted residents' concerns about the poor quality condition of the District's streets. Additionally, she ques-

tioned the administration on whether investments would increase for street repaving and if goals are set and met for miles per street and sidewalks being repaved per year. The administration shared they are investing \$43 million dollars for sidewalk and ramp work and are increasing roadway resurfacing funding by 7% in this budget.

"District 1 is a highly walkable district. Unfor-

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EAST BOSTON LITTLE LEAGUE HOLDS OPENING DAY



East Boston Little League celebrated its opening day ceremony on May 4 at Al Festa Field with some 200 players and their families. Shown is Colin Birkett hitting a wiffle ball. See page 6 for more photos.



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CHANGE IN MARIJUANA SCHEDULING WAS LONG OVERDUE

The decision by the Biden administration last week to reclassify marijuana from a Schedule I drug to a Schedule III drug came as welcome (though long overdue) news for all Americans who have been aware for decades of the absurdity and injustice of that classification. Marijuana became classified as a Schedule I drug, reserved for dangerous drugs such as heroin and LSD, during the administration of President Richard M. Nixon in 1970. Research into Nixon's presidential papers about 10 years ago revealed that Nixon's sole motivation for doing so was to provide a pretext to arrest, prosecute, and incarcerate Black and brown Americans, whom Nixon saw as political opponents during a time of political upheaval in our country.

That Nixonian policy of the past five decades has resulted in a disgraceful legacy of vast discrepancies in the enforcement of the drug laws by law enforcement at all levels, federal, state and local, to target Black and brown Americans at rates far greater than whites.

Countless lives -- and families -- in minority communities have been ruined because of racially-selective enforcement policies regarding the laws on marijuana.

Marijuana's classification as a Schedule I drug never had any basis in medical fact. Compared to just about any drug, both legal and illegal, marijuana has the least amount of harm and side-effects. No one ever has died from a marijuana overdose. By contrast, almost all commonly-available, over-the-counter drugs can cause a fatal overdose. (Even plain-old water can kill you if you drink too much of it.)

In addition, the common perception of marijuana as a so-called gateway drug, which became fashionable during the era of Nancy Reagan's "Just Say No to Drugs" campaign, was a myth. The only correlation that ever has been shown between a drug used early in life and hard-drug use later in life has been between cigarettes and opioid addiction.

On the other hand, we wish to emphasize strongly that marijuana should not be used by those under the age of 21, for whom marijuana use can have a lasting and deleterious effect on the still-developing human brain. (The same also can be said for nicotine, alcohol, high-sugar drinks, and ultra-processed foods.)

Hopefully, now that marijuana will be classified as a Schedule III drug (which is defined as a drug with a moderate to low potential for physical and psychological dependence, such as Tylenol with codeine), researchers in this country finally will be able to unlock how it affects the human body, which has THC (the active ingredient in marijuana) receptors throughout.

THC already has been shown to have a number of possible therapeutic uses, including treatment for glaucoma, pain, depression, and nausea for those undergoing chemotherapy.

Lastly, government regulation will ensure that dosage amounts are accurately labeled on available products. Just as alcohol content is indicated on beer, wine, and hard liquor, marijuana products, especially edibles, need to be labeled to provide consumers with needed-information about the potency of what they're ingesting.

The rescheduling of marijuana by the federal government is 50 years too late. But, as the saying goes, it's better late than never.

ANTI-SEMITIC AND ANTI-MUSLIM HATE CRIMES MUST BE STOPPED

Both the Anti-Defamation League (ADL), the New York-based international Jewish non-governmental organization and advocacy group, and the Council of American-Islamic Relations (CAIR), the U.S.'s largest Muslim civil rights organization, have pointed to alarming increases in hate crimes in recent years.

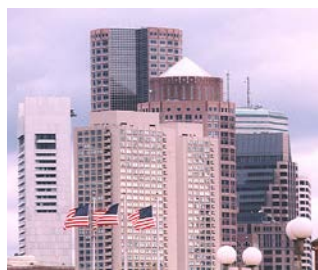
The ADA recently reported that anti-semitic incidents in the past 10 years have grown exponentially from about 750 in 2013 to almost 9000 in 2023. CAIR reported that over the past decade, anti-Muslim incidents have increased three-fold, from about 2500 in 2013 to 7500 in 2023.

The recent events in the Middle East have stoked a cauldron of hate in the United States that always was there, but which for the most part bubbled beneath the surface. Today however, that cauldron has reached the boiling point, leaving American Jews and Muslims fearful of displaying their identity in public, lest some hate-monger with evil intent be in the vicinity.

We would note that the vast majority of the recent spike in hate crimes is not being committed by Jewish or Muslim Americans, but rather by white Americans, who are using the Middle East as a convenient pretext for their malevolent acts.

It is at times such as these that we think back to the simple, but profound, words of Rodney King after the white police officers who savagely beat him were found not guilty at their criminal trial and Los Angeles erupted in massive riots:

"I just want to say, you know, can we all get along?" King implored. "Can we get along? Can we stop making it horrible for the older people and the kids?"



Forum



Edwards and Labor Leaders respond to the State Auditor's Uber and Lyft misclassification report

The State Auditor released a report that shows for the first time a conservative estimate of the impact of Uber and Lyft on the Commonwealth's social programs sparking a strong response from Senator Edwards and Labor Leaders across Massachusetts.

The report entitled Assessing Transportation Network Companies' Financial Obligations to Massachusetts Programs available at Assessing TNCs' Financial Obligations to Massachusetts Programs Mass.gov, covers the last ten years of the companies' operation in Massachusetts. The information uncovered in this report shows just how much the global giants have deprived Massachusetts of contributions to programs that are paid by every other business that operates in the Commonwealth.

Highlights from the State Auditor's Report:

- In the past ten years TNC's have cheated the state social programs of over \$266.4 Million.
- Of that \$266 Million Uber and Lyft neglected to pay
 - \$105.1 Million in Workers Compensation
 - \$124.9 Million in Unemployment Insurance
 - And in the past 5 years \$36.2 Million in Paid Family & Medical Leave
 - In 2023 the companies made \$1.4 Billion dollars and paid nothing into the state social programs
 - A Drivers Demand Jus-

Coalition report cited the average Massachusetts TNC driver had a mean gross hourly pay of \$25.11 and driving expenses of \$12.29 per hour in 2023, resulting in an hourly net pay of \$12.82; almost \$3.00 less than the current Massachusetts minimum wage.

This report comes at a crucial moment in the fight for workers' rights, especially in the new and unregulated gig economy. Ultimately, it is the first and only report so far that breaks down the actual losses and impact of Uber/Lyft's misclassification of their workers in Massachusetts.

"The numbers are undeniable and paint a stark picture of the scale of financial manipulation by companies such as Uber and Lyft," said Senator Edwards.

"The conservative estimates in the auditor's report gives real insight into the ever-expanding gig economy and its reliance on taxpayers to subsidize its exploitative business model. These staggering numbers from

Transportation Network Companies are only a fraction of the bag they're leaving everyone else to hold, not to mention the costs to MassHealth and other social safety nets that taxpayers and businesses who play by the rules pay into. The Auditor's report does not even include Delivery Network Companies, which make up an ever-in-

creasing percentage of app based work, because our current laws fail to regulate companies like DoorDash and Instacart. This report exposes the fact that the only flexibility Uber and Lyft are actually pursuing is flexibility for themselves to avoid abiding by employment standards and skirting paying their fair share in public contributions." Chrissy Lynch, President, Massachusetts AFL-CIO.

"These greedy corporations can easily afford to do right by their employees, but instead try to game the system at the expense of not only their workforce, but Massachusetts taxpayers as well," said Tom Mari, President of Teamsters Local 25 and Secretary-Treasurer of Joint Council 10. "This report shows that Uber and Lyft are getting away with highway robbery and it's time they followed the law and provided their workers full employment protections Senator Edwards is the lead senate sponsor of the comprehensive legislation, an Act Establishing Protecting and Accountability for TNC and DNC Workers Consumers and Communities (S.627/H1158).

This legislation guarantees employee status and access to unemployment, workers compensation and paid family medical leave for the drivers. Benefits that the report calculates were not paid into by Uber and Lyft in 2023 that amount to over \$47M. Not only are the workers victims of the monster corporations' greed, but the entire Commonwealth suffers from their failure to contribute financially. In addition to requiring Uber, Lyft, DoorDash and Instacart to treat their drivers as employees and contribute to the social programs, the S.627 would also protect consumers from price gouging and as-

sure safety for drivers and passengers by requiring a panic button in the cars.

This legislation also provides a pathway to unionization which allows the drivers to have a collective voice.

Endorsements of this legislation have been received from the AFL-CIO Executive Board, Progressive Massachusetts, IUE-CWA Local 201, UFCW, Mass Drivers United, UAW, Massachusetts Building Trades, the Massachusetts Nurses Association and the Teamsters among several organizations.

"Gig companies have been ripping off drivers and the state of Massachusetts for years. S.627 is the only bill at the state house that allows drivers flexibility and independence gives drivers the full rights of all other workers in Massachusetts, has a pathway to a union, and protects against gigification of more industries. There is only one bill that pays MA taxpayers back the millions of dollars a year they are paying in corporate welfare to Gig companies." Adam Kaszynski, President IUE-CWA Local 201.

Currently, the fight concerning misclassification involves a pending lawsuit from the Attorney General, three bills, and five ballot questions, six if you count the unionization question.

"This report is the missing puzzle piece," said Edwards. "I don't know how we can come to a settlement or legislative compromise without knowing how much money we have been shorted." She continued, "We stand at a critical juncture where we can either continue to allow companies to exploit their workers or we can ensure a fair, equitable work environment for all," Edwards urged.

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EBNHC president and CEO Greg Wilmot addressing the crowd and accepting the Patrick Hughes Award for Social Justice prior to walking Project Bread's 56th annual Walk for Hunger.

Boston and is co-located with advanced radiology, including CT scan services, same-day Behavioral Health Urgent Care and an integrated pharmacy. Today, EBNHC remains dedicated to promoting and sustaining healthy communities, families, and individuals both in and out of the exam room by providing accessible, person-centered, compassionate, and high-quality health care services. For more information, visit www.ebnhc.org

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LOCAL STUDENT EARNS ACADEMIC HONORS

MALDEN CATHOLIC STUDENTS FROM EAST BOSTON ACHIEVE HONOR ROLL

Malden Catholic students have completed the coursework required for the second and third quarter of the 2023-2024 school year. The school has three categories for outstanding academic performance honors: President's List (90 - 100 in all classes), First Honors (85 to 89 in all classes), and Second Honors (80 to 84 in all classes).

Malden Catholic Honors - QUARTER TWO 2024

President's List (90 to 100 in all classes)
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Second Honors (80 to 84 in all classes)

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Nyla Taylor
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First Honors (85 to 89 in all classes)

Esteban Perez

Since 1932, Malden Catholic High School has shaped emerging leaders in our community, claiming a Nobel Laureate, a Senator, two ambassadors and countless community and business heads among its alumni. Annually, graduates attend some of the nation's most renown universities including Harvard, Dartmouth, Georgetown, Brown, Cornell, Tufts, Duke, Georgia Tech, Boston College, Northeastern,

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James Rosatto Walk on Water benefitting Dana-Farber Cancer Institute set for June 8

If you missed last year, don't worry, you can walk this year. Please join, Saturday, June 8th 2024, at the Eliot Circle end of Revere Beach for our 3rd annual James Rosatto Walk on Water benefitting Dana-Farber Cancer Institute. The walk takes off at 10:00AM sharp.

This walk is in memory of East Boston's former local resident and business owner, James "Jimmy" Rosatto. Jimmy was husband to Isabel Rosatto from Eagle Hill and brother of Richard Rosatto and business partner James Stella both from Orient Heights. As an original owner of DaCoopa's Pizza, Quality Car Wash of Day Square, Jimmy's Fish and Dairy Barn and member of Orient Heights Yacht Club he was well known in the community.

When he was not driving around East Boston, he was walking Revere Beach. Jimmy was health conscious, exercising and eating well. The shock of his life came in the form of Liver cancer. Sadly, the cancer was not caught in time. Without being given chance to fight off the disease, less than seven weeks later, James passed away.

It is for this reason, raising funds for early



Walkers are shown at last year's event.

detection of liver cancer and other gastrointestinal cancers such as pancreatic, colorectal and stomach cancers has become a family mission. Walk organizer and daughter, Stacy Egan VanPutten, felt her dad had been robbed of opportunity. She stated "we couldn't save him, now all I can do is walk with a hope to help someone else."

In collaboration with Dana-Farber Cancer Institute, Jimmy's family walks his walk supporting the world's largest liver cancer prevention study which aims to better understand who is at greatest risk for developing the cancer and why. Donating enables continued research in finding the best

way to screen for cancer in the future to greatly improve patient outcomes. This community walk last year raised over \$8,000 for the study.

Jimmy's family, Danielle Egan, Barbara Rosatto, Tommy Rosatto, Michelle Rosatto Donovan and Jackie Rosatto Indrisano invite the local community to take part in this important initiative.

Register to walk, \$25.00, \$10.00 for Children. If you are unable to join and would like to show support with donation both can be sent directly to Dana-Farber at the link or QR code below.

https://danafarber.jimmyfund.org/site/TR?fr_id=2210&p-g=team&team_id=28064

CAPIC hosts 'Breaking Down Barriers' Fundraiser

Special to the Times-Free Press

CAPIC, under the leadership of Executive Director Richelle Cromwell, held a fundraiser event, "Breaking Down Barriers" on April 24 at the Spinelli's Capri Ballroom.

Cromwell welcomed the many guests to the event. In her remarks, Cromwell highlighted the outstanding accomplishments of the agency that for 57 years has been committed to providing critical services and resources to those in need on a daily basis.

Chelsea City Manager Fidel Maltez and Revere Mayor Patrick Keefe were the guest speakers. Keynote speaker, Sen. Sal DiDomenico, thanked Cromwell and CAPIC for the agency's important work in Chelsea, Revere, and Winthrop.

The Chelsea High School Choir and CBC Liturgical Dancer Celeste Williams performed during the program. Boston Police Sgt. Joseph Cheevers, husband of well-known Chelsea resident Maria Schneiderman Cheevers, displayed his

talents as a member of the Boston Police Gaelic Column of Pipes and Drums.



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EBNHC to honor health equity leaders at annual Art of Health Care Reception

East Boston Neighborhood Health Center (EBNHC), soon to be NeighborHealth, is thrilled to announce the Art of Health Care fundraising event at the Museum of Fine Arts (MFA), Boston on June 12. This year's reception will include the 2024 Health Equity Awards where six recipients will be honored.

The Art of Health Care event allows EBNHC, the largest community-based primary care health system in Massachusetts, to provide greater support to programs and services dedicated to eliminating barriers to care due to social factors such as race, language, and economic mobility. All funds raised will have a transformative impact on vulnerable populations by supporting numerous EBNHC programs. This includes providing coordinated health and wellness care to children with developmental and cognitive disabilities; supporting older adults stay healthy and independent in the community; and developing educational training programs for the next generation of healthcare professionals.

"The 2024 Health Equity Awards give us a rare opportunity to publicly celebrate six individuals and organizations who, through their work, have improved the lives of the communities served by our health center," said Greg Wilmont, President and CEO of the East Boston Neighborhood Health Center. "From the iconic MFA, we will honor leaders who understand the power of social determinants to drive health outcomes and have made addressing them a major focus of their personal and professional lives."

EBNHC is honored to recognize the following changemakers who have helped break down barriers to care for our most vulnerable communities throughout Greater Boston:

- Dr. Thea L. James, MD, MBA. Vice President of Mission, Boston Medical Center is to be recognized as Health Equity Champion for her leadership in dismantling medical mistrust in Boston's Black community.
- Alberto Vasallo, III. CEO/President of El Mundo Boston is to be recognized as Health Equity Champion for his commitment to partnering across sectors to reduce health disparities in Boston's Latinx community.
- Dr. Gerald Hass, MD. Co-Founder, South End Community Health Center is to be recognized as Health Equity Trailblazer

for co-founding the South End Community Health Center more than 50 years ago.

• Jack Craddock, President Emeritus, East Boston Neighborhood Health Center is to be recognized as Health Equity Trailblazer for being an early and ardent advocate of community-based health systems in Massachusetts.

• Rita Sorrento, Chair, Board of Directors, East Boston Neighborhood Health Center is to be recognized as Health Equity Trailblazer for her longtime healthcare, education and community advocacy.

• Seae Ventures, LLC, an investment firm specializing in early-stage healthcare technology and services companies, will be recognized as Health Equity Partner for uplifting talented entrepreneurs committed to addressing health and social challenges.

"These leaders inspire us on our journey toward achieving health equity and we are honored to present them with these awards," said EBNHC Vice President of Development and Chief Human Resources Officer Steven Snyder. "Just as an artist creates a masterpiece with precision and care, addressing disparities is no different; it is complex work that requires perseverance and creativity from all who champion it."

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Mancini pleased by large turnout for East Boston Climate Workshop

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Chris Mancini, executive director of Save The Harbor/Save The Bay, said he was very happy with the large turnout for the East Boston Climate Workshop that was held April 18 at the East Boston YMCA site on Ashley Street.

Mancini's organization partnered with the Metro-



Save The Bay/Save The Harbor Policy Coordinator Alina Zwyer (left) and Executive Director Chris Mancini are pictured at the East Boston Climate Workshop hosted by STH/STB and the Metropolitan Beaches Commission.

politan Beaches Commission (which is managed by Save The Harbor/Save The Bay for the Mass. State Legislature) in hosting the workshop which provided an opportunity for community members from East Boston and surrounding communities to discuss their vision for the future of East Boston public beaches as the community faces a changing coast.

"We were pleased with the great turnout from residents, partners and organizations like NOAH, Friends of Belle Isle Marsh, Mutual Aid Eastie, East Boston Main Streets, and North American Indian Center of Boston," said Mancini.

Mancini joined Save The Harbor/Save The Bay Policy Coordinator Alina Zwyer in delivering remarks at the workshop. Other STH/STB staff members present were Deputy Executive Director Kristen Barry, Outreach Coordinator Emma Stout, and Program Coordinator Meghan Gonzalez.

"Climate change is happening and is going to af-



Pictured above are some of the many stakeholders and East Boston residents who attended the East Boston Climate Workshop April 18.

fect our coastline, and we have an opportunity to adapt to and enhance our relationship to the coast," said Mancini. "Gaining insight from the residents in our waterfront communities (such as East Boston) and beach users on their priorities is a key strategy in developing a response to increased flooding, more severe storms, and sea level rise."

Rep. Adrian Madaro, Co-Chair of the Metropolitan Beaches Commission, spoke at the workshop.

"I am thrilled to take

the work of the Metropolitan Beaches Commission out of the State House and into the community," said Madaro. "As climate change continues to threaten our coastline, residents' voices are critical in shaping how we preserve and maintain our public beaches."

Sen. Lydia Edwards said about the workshop, "I am so grateful for community involvement and good discussion about our future. This is how you grow environmental stewardship."

Mancini commended

East Boston's elected officials for their work and their advancement of climate change issues. "As a chair and a member of the Metropolitan Beaches Commission, respectively, Rep. Madaro and Sen. Edwards have been partners with Save The Harbor in initiating this strategy in our communities," credited Mancini. "Councilor [Gabriela] Coletta has been a leader in climate resilience since she entered office, and we've had a chance to meet with her and her staff about the issues facing East Boston

and the rest of our coastal communities."

Mancini said that Save The Harbor/Save The Bay will be doing outreach to individual stakeholder groups in East Boston as it continues the process of gathering information about climate resilience goals and the concerns regarding the region's public beaches.

(Residents wishing to participate in the community engagement process should contact Alina Zwyer at zwyer@savetheharbor.org.)

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Asian noodles

By Penny & Ed Cherubino

Do you find yourself eating more noodle dishes both at home and away? We know we've expanded our noodle consumption over the past few years. As we explored more Asian cuisines and shopped more often in Chinatown, the selection of noodles in our pantry has grown.

Penny has studied Vietnamese and Thai cooking and learned that many of our favorite restaurant dishes are relatively easy to prepare at home once we purchase the appropriate noodles.

Asian Noodle Varieties

Our copy of "The Deluxe Food Lover's Companion" contains a separate entry for Asian noodles. It explains, "Though some Asian-style noodles are wheat-based, many others are made from ingredients such as rice flour, potato flour, buckwheat flour, cornstarch, and bean, yam, or soybean starch. Among the more popular are Chi-

na's cellophane noodles (made from mung-bean starch), egg noodles (usually wheat-based), rice noodles, and Japan's Harusame (made with soybean, rice or potato flour), ramen (wheat-based egg noodles), and soba (which contain buckwheat flour)."

The noodle aisles offer a wealth of options for those with dietary restrictions. One of our favorite ramen noodles contains millet and brown rice. We have an excellent option for a quick meal in a stock of fully cooked Udon noodles that we use in cold dishes, heated in the microwave, or tossed straight from the package into stir-fries.

If you grew up with flash-fried ramen noodles, try the newer air-dried versions. These noodles have only three ingredients: flour, water, and salt. The traditional versions are fried in canola, cottonseed, or palm oil and may contain 18% saturated fat. We enjoy the air-dried, bouncy texture and quick

cooking and appreciate that they have zero saturated fat.

Preparing Asian Noodles

Ramen noodle soups transitioned from China to Japan around the turn of the 20th Century. Wikipedia notes that in 1958, Momofuku Ando of Nissin Foods invented instant noodles. For many of us, his "Cup of Noodles" was our introduction to preparing Asian noodles. Even that, we were doing wrong. It was not until 2023 that Nissin announced they had changed their packaging, and it was now safe to microwave the product.

With so many different Asian noodles, both fresh and dried, it took some study and expert advice for us to master preparing them. We turned to a few food vloggers we trusted to show us the way. We suggest you go to YouTube and search for Marion's Kitchen's "Preparing Asian Noodles," Pailin's



Here's our version of a quick supper created with stock from our freezer, leftovers, and a pile of delicious noodles for slurping.

Kitchen's "Never Cook Mushy, Broken Rice Noodles Again!," or Woks of Life's "How to Cook Lo Mein Noodles." All three videos are full of tips and demonstrations from experts who are also good teachers. You might also like America's Test Kitchen's "Asian Noodles 101: Ramen, Soba, Udon, Lo Mein, Rice Stick" for a basic overview.

Read the package instructions and see if they

make sense, but remember that learning how these noodles are prepared in their countries of origin may be more helpful. Some are best soaked, others boiled, some need a cold rinse after cooking, and others should be tossed with oil while they wait for the next step.

The good news is that Asian noodles are inexpensive and add something good to your meal, whether overcooked or

undercooked. Start with a favorite noodle in a dish you know, and master the preparation that makes that noodle perfect for you. Then, choose another noodle and another until you have a range of noodle options to create quick and healthy meals.

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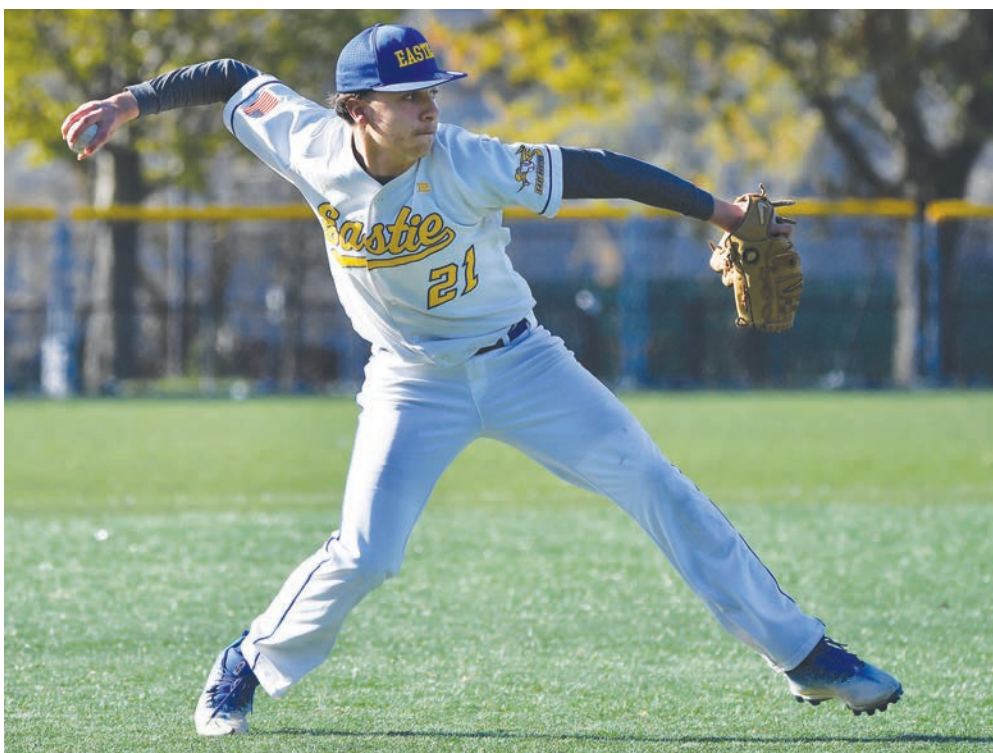
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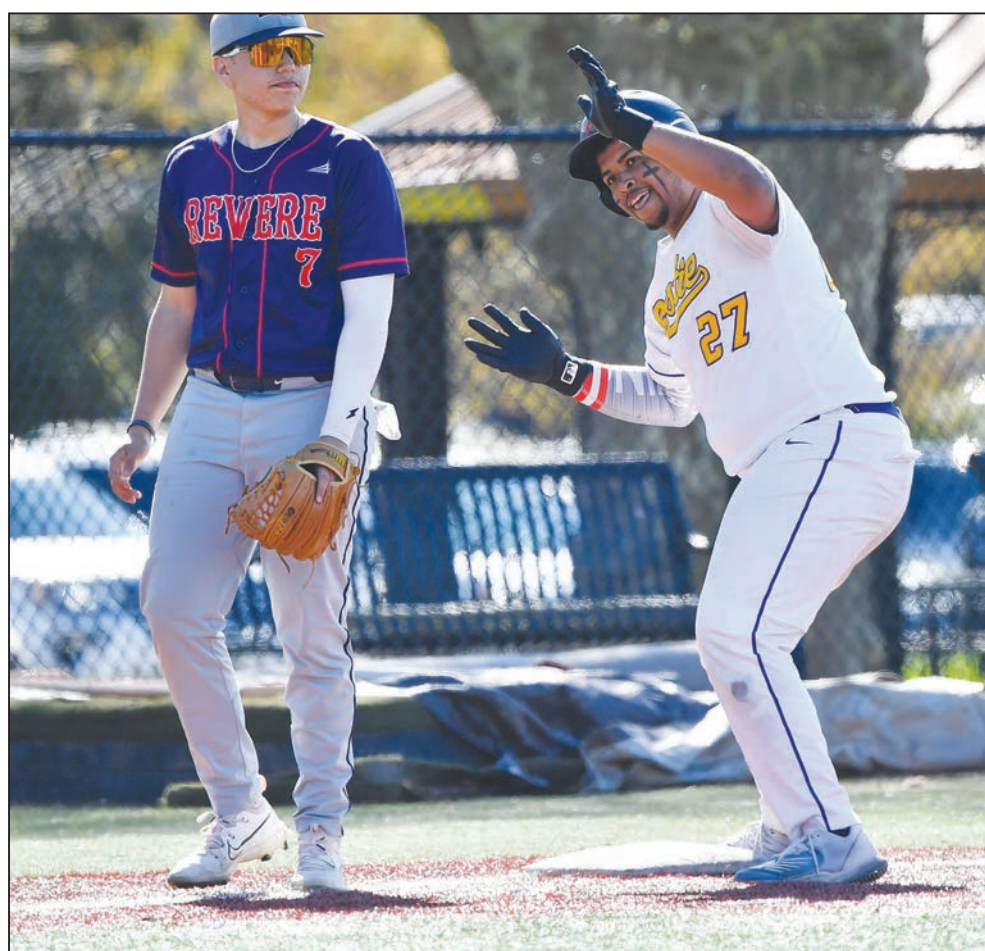
THE JETS IN BASEBALL ACTION AGAINST REVERE

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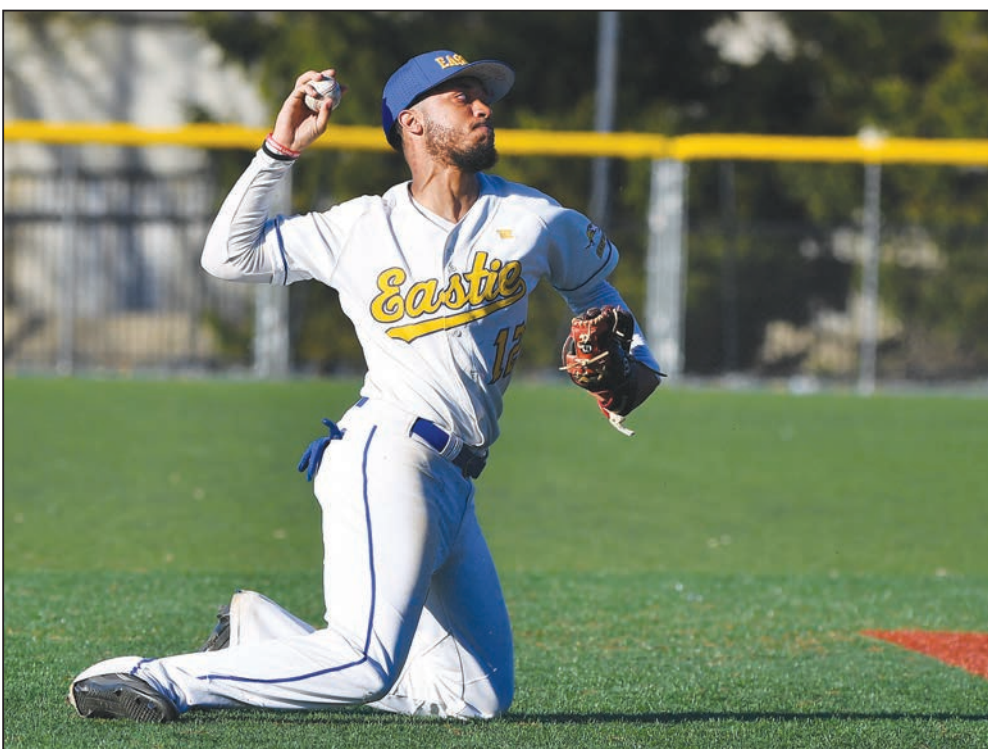
The Jets wrestled through five innings and trailed Revere 2-1, but a disastrous fifth inning turned the game into a rout as Revere went on to win 13-2 at Memorial Field Friday. East Boston's record fell to 2-7 going into home games against O'Bryant (Monday, May 6) and Charlestown (Thursday May 9).



ON THE MARK: Third baseman Brian Munoz lines up his throw after fielding a ground ball.



LOOKING GOOD: Daniel Colon (27) celebrates as he arrives at third base after a Revere error turned his hit into a three-base at-bat that knocked in an East Boston run.



MAKING THE PLAY: Shortstop Tyler Duncan makes a throw from his knees after diving to field a ground ball.



KEEP IT IN PLAY: First baseman Daniel Colon prepares to field a pickoff throw as Revere's Kyle Cummings dives back to the base.



CONTACT: Tyler Duncan connects for an East Boston hit.



STRONG OUTING: Stephen Chiappa started on the mound for East Boston and held Revere to two runs through four innings but faltered in the fifth.

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EAST BOSTON LITTLE LEAGUE HOLDS OPENING DAY

Photos & Story by Marianne Salza

East Boston Little League celebrated its opening day ceremony on May 4 at Al Festa Field with some 200 players and their families. The league is proud to have formed six farm league teams for children 4-6-years-old for the first time this year.

The East Boston High School JROTC presented the colors; and Mayor Michelle Wu was among the local officials who threw the first pitches of the season.

“This league is an example of the history and

traditions of our city. In recent years, it has taken a lot of the community coming together to bring it to this level where it’s growing and bringing in the next generation of families,” said Mayor Wu, who autographed players’ baseballs. “We are excited for how well you represent our city. You take care of each other, play your hardest, and demonstrate teamwork in the field and off the field. Sports help you grow, be healthy, and have fun. You are giving a strong example for the city to follow.”

The volunteer-driven

organization has received more donations and sponsorships than ever. During opening day, East Boston High School softball and baseball players – many of whom were former little league members – volunteered on the field.

Local businesses such as East Boston Oysters, Slush King, Kayem, and Shaw’s, provided shrimp cocktail, hot dogs, and slush for the festivities. East Boston Little League also offers scholarships at every elementary school in the neighborhood to support member registration.



JJ Tritto pitching.



Matthew Pimentel, Luca Curella, Holden Free, and Arianna Hernandez, of the Reds team, enjoying slush on the bleachers.



Colin Birkett and Luca Curella.



Lily and Sophia Moran, Brian Rodriguez, and Janiya Pettyway, of the East Boston High School JROTC, presenting the colors.



Thalia Forbes hitting the ball with East Boston High School softball player volunteers supporting her.



Coach Johnny Forbes, who President Nick Free recognized for his 40th year volunteering as a coach with East Boston Little League, with Major League players.



East Boston Farm League members and their families.



Mayor Michelle Wu, Representative Adrian Madaro, East Boston Little League President Nick Free, Councilor Gabriela Coletta, Senator Lydia Edwards, Councilor Erin Murphy, East Boston Little League board members Tommy Welch and Alexis Cervasio.



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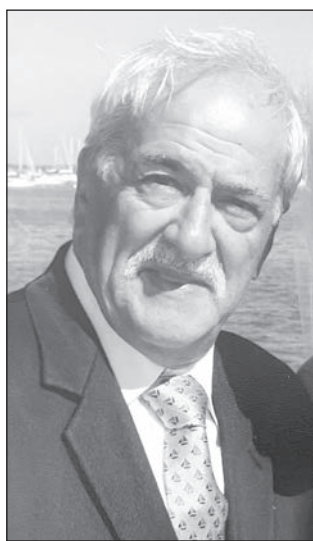
Mayor Michelle Wu throwing the first pitch during East Boston Little League’s Opening Day Ceremony on May 4 at Festa Field.

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OBITUARIES

Anthony DiCicco

Member of the Don Orione Choir



Anthony R. DiCicco, 85, of East Boston passed away peacefully on Sunday, May 5, 2024.

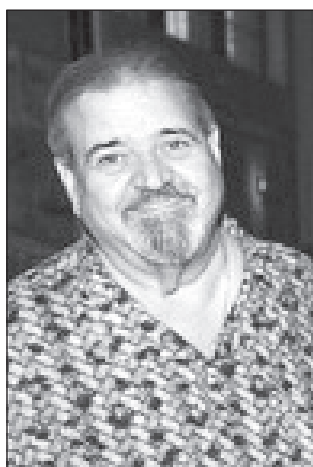
Anthony was a member of the Don Orione Choir in East Boston.

He was the loving son of the late John and Margaret (Giodanni) DiCicco, beloved husband of the late Alba (Colarusso) DiCicco; devoted father of Anthony DiCicco Jr. and his wife, Erika of Revere, Rosemarie Squeglia and her husband, William of Reading, John Paul DiCicco of East Boston and Christopher DiCicco and his fiancé, Rachael Toppi of East Boston; dear brother of the late Sadie Zirpolo, Charles, Nicholas, Tommy, George, and Joe DiCicco, Carpina "Cuppy" Ciampa, Rita Roseann Tarmy, and Linda Dioguardi; cCherished grandfather of Julianna Alba, Anthony Vincent, Liam Rory, and Charles Anthony. He is also survived by many loving nieces and nephews.

Family and friends will honor Anthony's life by gathering at the Ruggiero Family Memorial Home, 971 Saratoga Street, East Boston, on Friday, May 10th from 4 to 8 p.m. and again on Saturday morning at 8:30 before leaving in procession to St. Joseph - St. Lazarus Church, East Boston, for a Funeral Mass celebrating his life at 10 a.m. Services will conclude with Anthony being laid to rest at Holy Cross Cemetery, Malden. May he rest in peace.. For more information www.ruggieromh.com.

Anthony "Tony" Albano

Of Everett, formerly of East Boston



Anthony V. "Tony" Albano of Everett, formerly of East Boston, passed away peacefully on May 3, surrounded by his loving family.

The beloved husband of 47 years of Donna M. (McCormack) Albano of Everett, he was the devoted father of Anthony C. Albano and his wife, Mary Alyce of Dorchester and Kristin Albano and her partner, Mark Wisniewski of Everett; cherished grandfather of Matteo Wisniewski. He is also survived by many loving nieces and nephews.

Family and friends will honor Anthony's life by gathering at the Ruggiero Family Memorial Home, 971 Saratoga Street, East Boston, today, Wednesday, May 8, from 4 to 8 p.m. and again on Thursday, May 9th from 9 to 10 a.m. before leaving in procession to Sacred Heart

Church, Brooks Street, East Boston for a Funeral Mass in celebration of his life at 10:30 a.m. Services will continue with Mr. Albano being laid to rest at Puritan Lawn Memorial Park, Peabody. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made in Anthony's name to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 262 Danny Thomas Place, Memphis TN 38105. For more information please visit www.ruggieromh.com.

James Mosca Sr.

Member of Teamsters Local 379



James A. Mosca Sr. of Saugus, formerly of East Boston, passed away peacefully on Saturday, May 4. He was a member of the Teamsters Local 379.

The loving son of the late Pietro and Carmella (Viscione) Mosca, he was the beloved husband of the late Mabel (Riley) Mosca, devoted father of Teri Coluntino and her husband, Joe of Stoneham, Jimmy Mosca of Stoneham, Dave Mosca and his husband, Roy Silva of Palm Desert, CA, and Lisa Jones and her husband, Neil of Saugus; dear brother of Mary Rowe of Everett and the late Nicholas Mosca, Frank "Lucky" Mosca, Anthony "Chubby" Mosca and Edith Greathead; cherished grandfather of Nicole, Joseph, Jim, Christopher and Nicholas and adored great-grandfather of six loving great-grandchildren. He is also survived by many loving nieces and nephews.

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Ruth "Ruthie" (Wolf)

Caponigro

World War II War Bride



Family and friends are respectfully invited to gather for a Memorial Visitation on Thursday, May 9, from 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. in the Vertuccio Smith & Vazza, Beechwood Home for Funerals, 262 Beach St., Revere for Ruth (Wolf) Caponigro, who died unexpectedly at the Melrose-Wakefield Hospital on Friday, April 26. She was 97 years old. A Funeral Service will be conducted in the funeral home at 10:30 a.m., followed by entombment at the Massachusetts National Cemetery in Bourne at 1:15 pm.

Ruth was a native of Offenbach-on-the-Main, Germany. She was born to her late parents, Karl and Rosa Wolf. Ruth, affectionately known as "Ruthie", was the youngest of four children. She met and fell in love with her Italian-American husband, Michael Caponigro, a soldier in the U.S. Army, toward the end of World War II.

After Michael was discharged in 1946, he began the immigration process to bring Ruth to the United States so they could be married. Ruth finally arrived in December 1947, and they were married on January 25th 1948, at the Most Holy Redeemer Church in East Boston where they settled.

They began their family and had two children, a son and daughter. Ruthie was a devoted wife and mother who proudly raised her children with good values, manners and respect. She was a very talented seamstress and began working for B & M Sportswear while her children were in school. She retired from there after 30 years.

Ruthie was a very talented painter. She enjoyed painting anything from Abstract art to landscapes. She played an array of musical instruments, became a Boston Sports fan and especially loved the Boston Bruins.

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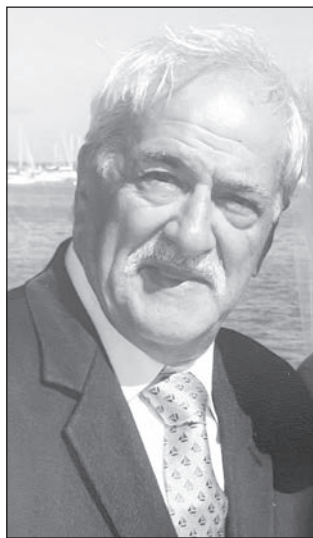
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Member of the Don Orione Choir



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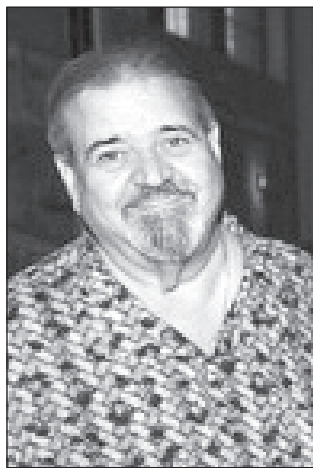
Anthony was a member of the Don Orione Choir in East Boston.

He was the loving son of the late John and Margaret (Giodanni) DiCicco, beloved husband of the late Alba (Colarusso) DiCicco; devoted father of Anthony DiCicco Jr. and his wife, Erika of Revere, Rosemarie Squeglia and her husband, William of Reading, John Paul DiCicco of East Boston and Christopher DiCicco and his fiancé, Rachael Toppi of East Boston; dear brother of the late Sadie Zirpolo, Charles, Nicholas, Tommy, George, and Joe DiCicco, Carpina "Cuppy" Ciampa, Rita Roseann Tarmy, and Linda Dioguardi; cCherished grandfather of Julianna Alba, Anthony Vincent, Liam Rory, and Charles Anthony. He is also survived by many loving nieces and nephews.

Family and friends will honor Anthony's life by gathering at the Ruggiero Family Memorial Home, 971 Saratoga Street, East Boston, on Friday, May 10th from 4 to 8 p.m. and again on Saturday morning at 8:30 before leaving in procession to St. Joseph - St. Lazarus Church, East Boston, for a Funeral Mass celebrating his life at 10 a.m. Services will conclude with Anthony being laid to rest at Holy Cross Cemetery, Malden. May he rest in peace.. For more information www.ruggieromh.com.

Anthony "Tony" Albano

Of Everett, formerly of East Boston



Anthony V. "Tony" Albano of Everett, formerly of East Boston, passed away peacefully on May 3, surrounded by his loving family.

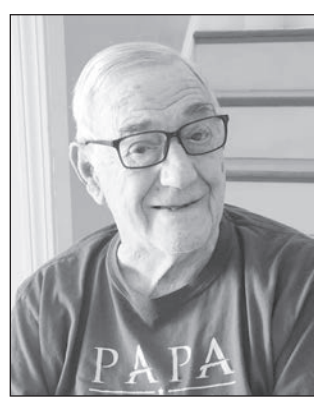
The beloved husband of 47 years of Donna M. (McCormack) Albano of Everett, he was the devoted father of Anthony C. Albano and his wife, Mary Alyce of Dorchester and Kristin Albano and her partner, Mark Wisniewski of Everett; cherished grandfather of Matteo Wisniewski. He is also survived by many loving nieces and nephews.

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Church, Brooks Street, East Boston for a Funeral Mass in celebration of his life at 10:30 a.m. Services will continue with Mr. Albano being laid to rest at Puritan Lawn Memorial Park, Peabody. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made in Anthony's name to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 262 Danny Thomas Place, Memphis TN 38105. For more information please visit www.ruggieromh.com.

James Mosca Sr.

Member of Teamsters Local 379



James A. Mosca Sr. of Saugus, formerly of East Boston, passed away peacefully on Saturday, May 4. He was a member of the Teamsters Local 379.

The loving son of the late Pietro and Carmella (Viscione) Mosca, he was the beloved husband of the late Mabel (Riley) Mosca, devoted father of Teri Coluntino and her husband, Joe of Stoneham, Jimmy Mosca of Stoneham, Dave Mosca and his husband, Roy Silva of Palm Desert, CA, and Lisa Jones and her husband, Neil of Saugus; dear brother of Mary Rowe of Everett and the late Nicholas Mosca, Frank "Lucky" Mosca, Anthony "Chubby" Mosca and Edith Greathead; cherished grandfather of Nicole, Joseph, Jim, Christopher and Nicholas and adored great-grandfather of six loving great-grandchildren. He is also survived by many loving nieces and nephews.

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Ruth "Ruthie" (Wolf)

Caponigro

World War II War Bride



Family and friends are respectfully invited to gather for a Memorial Visitation on Thursday, May 9, from 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. in the Vertuccio Smith & Vazza, Beechwood Home for Funerals, 262 Beach St., Revere for Ruth (Wolf) Caponigro, who died unexpectedly at the Melrose-Wakefield Hospital on Friday, April 26. She was 97 years old. A Funeral Service will be conducted in the funeral home at 10:30 a.m., followed by entombment at the Massachusetts National Cemetery in Bourne at 1:15 pm.

Ruth was a native of Offenbach-on-the-Main, Germany. She was born to her late parents, Karl and Rosa Wolf. Ruth, affectionately known as "Ruthie", was the youngest of four children. She met and fell in love with her Italian-American husband, Michael Caponigro, a soldier in the U.S. Army, toward the end of World War II.

After Michael was discharged in 1946, he began the immigration process to bring Ruth to the United States so they could be married. Ruth finally arrived in December 1947, and they were married on January 25th 1948, at the Most Holy Redeemer Church in East Boston where they settled.

They began their family and had two children, a son and daughter. Ruthie was a devoted wife and mother who proudly raised her children with good values, manners and respect. She was a very talented seamstress and began working for B & M Sportswear while her children were in school. She retired from there after 30 years.

Ruthie was a very talented painter. She enjoyed painting anything from Abstract art to landscapes. She played an array of musical instruments, became a Boston Sports fan and especially loved the Boston Bruins.

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EASTIE RESIDENTS PAST AND PRESENT ATTEND SUGIE'S CORNER REUNION

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A large contingent of East Boston friends and residents gathered for the Sugie's Corner Reunion May 4 at the Orient Heights Yacht Club.

It was the sixth-ever reunion for the group that ranged in age from 50 to 93, all of whom had special connections to Sugie's, which was located on Maverick Street – with the adjacent corner being Cottage Street.

"Most of us started hanging on that corner in our late teenage years and through the years," said Gina Guange, main organizer of the reunion.

Guange explained that Sugie's closed many years ago, but Sugie's Corner remained a meeting place for many years after.

"We are lucky to have these reunions," said Guange. "We keep in touch through the year to be sure everyone knows when the next reunion is being held. Sadly, some of our members have passed on. This is why it's so important to keep this tradition alive."



Gina Guange and Arline Vitale Murray.



Pictured at the Sugie's Corner Reunion Saturday at the Orient Heights Yacht Club are, from left, Lorraine "Dreamie" Cioffi, Debbie Marzano, event chairperson Gina Guange, David Bocchino (back), Joyce Cogliani Mooney, Marie DiNocco D'Amico (back), Arline Vitale Murray, and Mary Cogliani.



Sugie's Corner Reunion chairperson Gina Guange and her sister, Ann Guange.



Gina Guange and Nick Moulaison.



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East Boston friends and residents, past and present, are pictured at the Sugie's Corner Reunion Saturday at the Orient Heights Yacht Club.

House passes bill to increase the Commonwealth's competitiveness for federal funds

Special to the Times-Free Press

The Massachusetts House of Representatives passed a bill that will enable the Commonwealth to leverage the interest earned by the Stabilization Fund, which currently stands at a historically high balance of \$8.2 billion, to bolster our ability to compete for federal funds and pay down debt obligations, such as pensions and other post-em-

ployment benefits. With the passage of this bill, Massachusetts will be able to more aggressively compete for federal funding made available through the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act, the Inflation Reduction Act, and the CHIPS and Science Act.

"Ensuring that the Commonwealth is able to aggressively compete for the federal funding being made available to states

is critical, especially given the challenging revenue conditions that we are facing here in Massachusetts this fiscal year," said House Speaker Ronald J. Mariano (D-Quincy). "The projects and investments that will be funded throughout the U.S. because of Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act, the Inflation Reduction Act, and the CHIPS and Science Act will transform this country and cre-

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"This legislation leverages the Commonwealth's robust resources and the wise investments the legislature has made into the Rainy Day fund to make Massachusetts more competitive," said Representative Adrian C. Madaro (D-East Boston). "This legislation will allow us to access more federal funding from numerous programs to benefit communities across Massachusetts, creating jobs, and paying down debt to put us in a stronger economic and financial position."

"Giving the Commonwealth a competitive edge when it comes to competing for Federal dollars is paramount. By building off the interest earned from the historic high balance of the Rainy Day Fund we will be better positioned to compete for Federal matching grant to improve our infrastructure and other critical needs," said House Committee on Ways and Means Chair Representative Aaron Michlewitz (D-Boston). "I want to thank Speaker Mariano and Chair Lewis

for their hard work and determination on this issue and I look forward to seeing this bill over the finish line in the weeks ahead."

"This legislation expands our Commonwealth's competitive edge as we compete for federal funds and pay down our debt obligations. The Bipartisan Infrastructure Act, CHIPS Act, and Inflation Reduction Act, all contain time-sensitive opportunities for our Commonwealth and our local communities, opportunities that require us to have matching resources available," said Representative Jack Patrick Lewis (D-Framingham), Chair of the House Committee on Federal Stimulus and Census Oversight. "The passage of this bill today ensures that we can properly compete for all available federal funds. I am grateful to Speaker Ron Mariano and Ways and Means Chair Aaron Michlewitz, along with the House Committee on Federal Stimulus and Census Oversight, for their support of this legislation."

The legislation passed today establishes the Commonwealth Federal Matching and Debt Reduction Fund to be administered by the Executive Office for Administration and Finance (A&F). The fund will consist of the interest earned on the Stabilization Fund in each fiscal year, any money appropriated to the fund, and inter-

est earned on the fund. The Comptroller will transfer interest from the Stabilization Fund to the newly established Commonwealth Federal Matching and Debt Reduction fund each quarter, but as a safeguard, no transfer will occur if the balance has decreased over the preceding year, or if it no longer exceeds 10 percent of budgeted revenues.

A&F may expend the funds to pay down the Commonwealth's debt or pension obligations, OPEB, capital leases, general or special obligation contract liabilities, or transfer any amount back to the Stabilization Fund. A&F may expend up to \$750 million from the fund to provide matching funds for federal programs through December 1, 2026:

- Up to \$50 million may be used for matching funds for federal programs in the form of grants, loans, and other financial assistance to cities, towns, tribes, and regional organizations.
- Up to \$12 million may be used to provide grants to support municipal, tribal, and regional organizations in planning efforts.

Having passed the House of Representatives 152-0, An Act to provide for competitiveness and infrastructure investment in Massachusetts now returns to the Senate for further consideration.

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Massachusetts House passes bill to remove outdated and offensive terms

The Massachusetts House of Representatives today passed two bills that update the Massachusetts General Laws by removing out-of-date and offensive terms related to persons with disabilities, and by renaming the Massachusetts Rehabilitation Commission (MRC) as MassAbility.

“As lawmakers, we know that words matter,” said Speaker of the House Ronald J. Mariano (D-Quincy). “This legislation is our latest effort to ensure that our state laws do not use antiquated words that carry negative connotations, words that also serve as a reminder of past injustices. I would like to thank Chairman Livingstone and the entire Joint Committee of Children, Families, and Persons with Disabilities, as well as Governor Healey and the bill sponsors, for their work on this important legislation.”

“The name ‘MassAbility’ will help to reduce stigma and better reflect the strengths and capabilities of the people we serve,” said Governor Maura Healey. “We’re grateful to Speaker Mariano and the House for advancing this critical legislation.”

“The language we use reflects our values, and this legislation will ensure that our laws and institutions are updated to treat the individuals they serve with dignity and respect,” said Representative Adrian Madaro (D-East Boston). “Outdated and offen-

sive language has no place in our statutes, and these changes underscore our commitment to advancing and uplifting persons with disabilities in our communities across the Commonwealth.”

An Act relative to individuals with intellectual or developmental disabilities removes out-of-date and offensive language from the Massachusetts General Laws when referencing people with disabilities. The language in the bill removes all variations of outdated terms such as “handicapped,” “disabled,” and “retarded.” The bill replaces these terms with current terminology such as “person with a disability” and “person with an intellectual disability.” Additionally, the term “autistic” is replaced with “autism” in reference to Autism Awareness Month. Originally filed by Governor Healey, the House also passed legislation to rename the Massachusetts Rehabilitation Commission to MassAbility and to update the outdated terms included in its enabling statute.

“Removing out-of-date, antiquated and offensive language from the Massachusetts General Laws to describe people with disabilities is an important step in ensuring that our values, as a Commonwealth, are also reflected in statute,” said Representative Jay D. Livingstone (D-Boston), House Chair of the Joint Committee

on Children, Families and Persons with Disabilities. “As legislators, it is our job to help make sure that people with intellectual or developmental disabilities feel included, accepted and embraced for who they are, and this is an important step in doing so. I am appreciative of all those who have worked on this effort before me who helped make this possible. I’d also like to thank the Speaker, Chairman Michlewitz, Chairman Honan, and all of my colleagues in the House for their support on this important issue.”

The Joint Committee on Children, Families and Persons with Disabilities heard from many advocacy organizations in the disability community in support of the bill and all changes were vetted with relevant agencies, including Executive Office of Health and Human Services, Executive Office of Education, and the Massachusetts Commission Against Discrimination.

“Today with the passage of this legislation the Commonwealth is taking a critical step towards fostering inclusivity and upholding our long-held principles of dignity and respect for all who call the Commonwealth home,” said Representative Michael J. Finn (D-West Springfield), a

lead sponsor of the bill. “We can all celebrate that it is long past time for the Commonwealth to update its General Laws, ensuring that no individual is subjected to negative and harmful language”

“Today the House of Representatives takes a transformational step towards a more inclusive Commonwealth,” said Representative Sean Garballey (D-Arlington), a lead sponsor of the bill. “By removing outdated words like ‘handicapped’, ‘disabled’, and the ‘R Word’ from MA General laws, we make a collective statement that Massachusetts is a place for all.”

Having passed the House of Representatives, the bills now go to the Senate for their consideration.

Statements of Support:
The Arc of Massachusetts:

“The Arc of Massachusetts is grateful for the passage of the Archaic Language Bill. This legislation has been a priority to The Arc and we appreciate the efforts made by the sponsors of the bill and our legislative champions at the MA State House. Thank you to the past and present Chairs and members of the Joint Committee on Children, Families and Persons with Disabilities. Special rec-

ognition to the self-advocates who led the way and never gave up. Words hold power! The language people use is important and influences thoughts and attitudes about people and their capabilities. The use of inappropriate language in society and in our Massachusetts General Law perpetuates negative stereotypes about people with intellectual and developmental disabilities (IDD). This legislation will not just create legal change but also social change. The Arc strongly supports

the passage of this bill as a sign that Massachusetts is listening and will support people with IDD by using thoughtful and positive language in the laws.”

Barbara L’Italien, Executive Director of the Disability Law Center:

“Removing archaic language in legislation plays an important role in reducing social stigma and ensuring that state agencies and courts view people with disabilities as entitled to full, equal, and integrated lives in the community.”

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To all interested persons: A Petition for Formal Adjudication of Intestacy and Appointment of Personal Representative has been filed by Erika Castiello of Isernia, IT requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.

The Petitioner requests that: Gino Castiello of East Boston, MA be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve Without Surety on the bond in unsupervised administration.

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WITNESS, Hon. Brian J. Dunn, First Justice of this Court.

Date: April 11, 2024
Stephanie L. Everett, Esq. Register of Probate 5/08/24 EB

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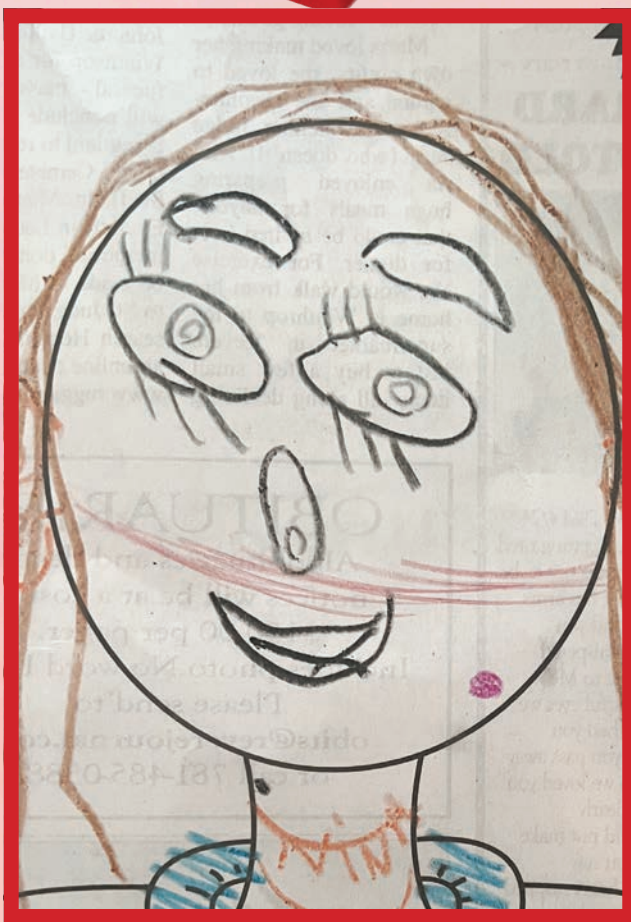
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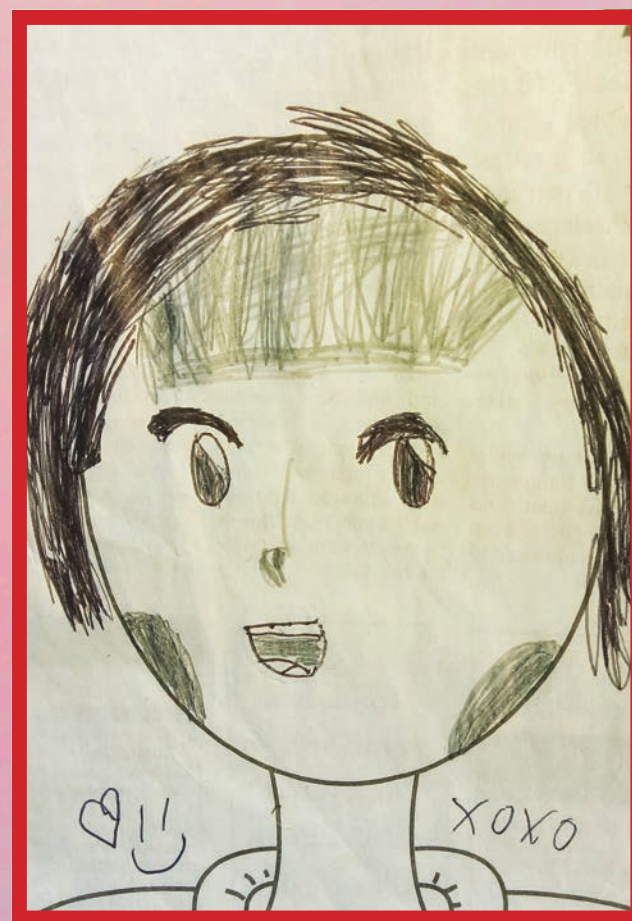
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