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Red-Blue Line Connector cheaper than once thought

By John Lynds

Last week MBTA officials announced that the project to connect Red and Blue Lines thus ending the only two train lines that currently do not intersect might be a lot cheaper than once thought.

In 2010 the MBTA released a study on the viability of connecting the Red Line to the Blue Line at the Charles Street/ MGH stop. This would make commuting for East Boston residents heading to doctors appointments at Mass General or jobs in Cambridge a whole lot easier.

The Red-Blue Line Connector project was a commitment outlined through the Big Dig Memorandum of Understanding in 1990, but nearly 30 years later this commitment remains unfulfilled. For decades the state pointed to the cost of constructing a 1,500 ft. tunnel

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EHCA votes in favor of retail marijuana shop

By John Lynds

The plan to place an adult use retail marijuana facility on the heavily trafficked Meridian Street near Central Square, the East Boston Social Centers, a bus stop and the neighborhood's shopping district was met with resistance at two previous community meetings.

However, in a close vote at their October meeting Eagle Hill Civic Association members voted 14 to 11 to support Berkshire Roots, Inc.'s plans to open the marijuana dispensary at 253 Meridian St.

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HALLOWEEN BASH



Paris Street staff and youth show off their elaborate costumes at the annual Halloween Celebration at the Paris Street Gym. See page 6 for more photos.

East Boston Social Centers 100th Anniversary Gala set for November 7

By John Lynds

Next Wednesday, Nov. 7 at Suffolk Downs in East Boston the East Boston Social Centers will celebrate a century serving the community.

The Social Centers "Cruisin' Through the Decades" 100th Anniversary Gala will celebrate the agency's past while looking towards the future.

A year in the making, Executive Director Justin Pasquariello said the gala will be a 'reunion' of sorts for many people that were connected to the Social Centers in some way.

"We are really grateful for the work the East Boston Social Centers Host Committee has done," said Pasquariello. "It's been all hands on deck and that has really made all the difference to make this event and fundraiser a success."

The gala will be set up as 10 exhibit stations that represent each decade the Social Centers has been in the community.

In 1918 the East Boston Social Centers was founded

during the Settlement House movement in the late 19th and early 20th centuries. The Settlement House movement was a reformist social movement that tried to bridge the gap between the upper and middle class and poor immigrants living in urban areas.

"We have a lot of archives, photos and other items for each station," said Pasquariello. "Each station will be set up like the interior and exterior of the buildings the Social Centers occupied during the given decade. There will also be a Living Legend at each station to talk a little about what life was like at the time in the neighborhood. They will also talk the role the Social Centers played during that time period. There will also be a little about what was going on nationally at the time and how those events impacted like here and shaped the mission of the Social Centers."

Pasquariello said there will also be a future station where representatives will talk about the Social Centers future and

needs moving forward.

Pasquariello added that the event will feature 14 of Eastie's more prominent restaurants that will signify the diversity of the community both in the past and the present.

To help gear up for the event the Social Centers hired a historian, Kyle Ingrid Johnson, who spent the past year researching the Social Centers' history and roots in the Settlement House movement but also collecting stories and testimonies from the community.

Pasquariello said the gala the will help to raise the profile of the EBSC and increase its ability to have a greater impact.

"Through this event, we will engage more opinion leaders, politicians—who already are so supportive of our work—philanthropists, and community members in the important mission and work of the Social Centers," said Pasquariello. "That important work impacts nearly 600 people on a typical

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East Boston voters still have early voting option

General election set for Nov. 6, get out and vote

By John Lynds

East Boston voters can cast their ballots in the Commonwealth's general election at their assigned polling locations on Election Day, Tuesday, Nov. 6, or take advantage of early voting that ends on Nov. 2.

Voters will cast their ballots and decide who they want for several local state seats as well as those hoping to head to Capitol Hill in Washington D.C. There are also three state ballot questions that will be voted on during Tuesday's general election.

As far as local election are concerned both State Rep. Adrian Madaro and State Sen. Joseph Boncore are running unopposed and will return to the State House representing Eastie.

Clerk of Supreme Judicial

Court Maura Doyle is also running unopposed as is Michael Donovan, Clerk of Civil Superior Court, and Maura Hennigan, Clerk of Criminal Superior Court.

In statewide races Eastie voters will cast their ballot for Governor and Lieutenant Governor. Incumbent Gov. Charlie Baker and incumbent Lieutenant Gov. Karen Polito will take on Democratic challengers Jay Gonzalez and Quentin Palfrey.

Incumbent Attorney General Maura Healey will take on Republican challenger James McMahon III for the state attorney general seat while incumbent Secretary of State William Glavin has two opponents, Republican Anthony Amore and Green-Rainbow Party candidate Juan Sanchez.

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HALLOWEEN FUN



PHOTO BY JON SEAMANS

The Robinson family of East Boston - little dragon Edward (6 months), Elizabeth, and Joe - were among the thousands of residents and visitors who made their way to Boston Common for Halloween fun and activities on October 19 as Mayor Martin J. Walsh, the Boston Parks and Recreation Department, and the Skating Club of Boston hosted the annual Fall Pumpkin Float at the Frog Pond. The celebration was presented by key sponsors Highland Street Foundation, HP Hood LLC, Polar Beverages, and the Floating Hospital for Children at Tufts Medical Center. Media sponsor was Magic 106.7 with additional support provided by Boston Cares.



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COMMUNITY NEWS

EAGLE HILL CIVIC ASSOCIATION OCTOBER MEETING

The Eagle Hill Civic Association will hold its October Meeting on Wednesday, Oct. 24 at 7 p.m. at East Boston High School inside the cafeteria.

The agenda is as follows:
 * Station 7 Update: Officer Danny Simons & Sgt. Jim Martin
 * Suffolk Downs Update: HYM CEO Tom O'Brien
 * Lorene Schettino, Esq.: 308 Paris St. Extend living space into the basement and add a roof deck VOTE
 * Andrea Nuciforo, Berkshire Roots: 253 Meridian St. Retail store for cannabis both medicinal & adult recreational VOTE
 Eagle Hill Sweatshirts for sale !!! \$35.00

EAST BOSTON TECH MEETUP

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

HVNA MEETING NOV. 5

Nov. 2018 Harbor View Neighborhood Association Meeting
 Nov. 5, 2018 at 6:30pm (doors open at 6pm)
 Brooke Charter School, 145 Byron Street
 Agenda
 Welcome/Introduction (5min)
 Station 7 Update Sgt. Martin, Officer Simons (10min)
 Announcements (5min)
 Winners of the Halloween House Decorating Contest
 Non-Development Presentations
 Barznab Khan the Food Director from Richdale Convenience (5 min)
 • Introduce himself to the community
 Kannan Thiruvengadam from Friends of the East Bos-

ton Greenway (10 min)
 • Discuss Greenway programming
 Development Presentations
 631 Saratoga St, 2nd Presentation (30 min)
 • Existing two family, 2nd floor not habitable; developer proposes a 4 unit, 3 story building (Atty Drago)
 Suffolk Downs (20 min)
 • Updates from last visit (June)
 New Business (5 min)

GRACE CHURCH NEWS POSTED

Grace Church Federated is a United Church of Christ and Episcopal church located at 760 Saratoga Street, East Boston. All are welcome. Please join us for our Sunday morning service at 9:30 a.m., followed by a coffee hour. We also have a Food Pantry open to all East Boston residents, every Saturday from 10:00 – Noon. For additional information regarding our church services or food pantry, please visit our website: gracechurcheastie.org

SOCIAL CENTERS SENIOR LUNCH

If you are age 65+, The East Boston Social Centers at 68 Central Square in East Boston has a table and a meal waiting for you. The Senior Lunch Program Sponsored by Kit Clark Senior Services provides a hot, nutritious lunch along with wonderful socialization Monday through Friday, 11:30 am until 1:00 pm. A suggested donation of \$2.00 is asked.

5TH BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION AT THE EAST BOSTON BRANCH LIBRARY

Countdown to Kindergarten Playgroups
 Fridays at 10 a.m.
 Parent-child playgroup for children 1-5 years old. Moms, dads, grandparents and other caregivers are welcome!
 Grupos de Juego
 Paras niños 1 hasta 5 años. Damos la bienvenida a los padres, los abuelos y otros adultos que cuiden a los niños!
 Senior Social Club,
 Monday, October 29, from 1-3:30 p.m.
 Join us for a new club at the

East Boston Branch Library. Make new friends and meet old ones over a cup of coffee, some snacks and some fun activities. Some of the activities that will be offered are film screenings, games, dancing, and book discussion.
 Halloween Dance Party
 Tuesday, October 30, 10:30-11:30 a.m.
 Let's Boo-gie! Wear your Halloween costume and come dance with us to silly songs. For ages 5 and under, accompanied by an adult. Groups welcome.

Score Boston Workshop: Starting Your Own Food Business: What You Need to Know

Thursday, October 25, at 6 p.m.

In this workshop, you will learn initial steps to take in starting your own restaurant or food-service related business. The workshop will address not only the basics of starting a business of this type, but also many important do's and don'ts of undertaking a very rewarding but sometimes risky, start-up of a food business. To register, visit: <http://events.r20.constant-contact.com/register/event?ll-r=pwjaircab&oeidk=a07ef-pa8cfd15ae369>

Meet Julia Child!
 Monday, Nov. 5, at 6 p.m.
 Meet Julia Child! - the beloved French Chef. A live performance featuring Lynne Moulton as Julia Child doing what she did best.Learn more about her life – from her privileged childhood in California when she had no interest in food, except for eating what the family's private chef prepared – to becoming one of the culinary legends of all time. The audience will have the opportunity to view Julia on the set of The French Chef television show, an amusing and fun experience! After the performance, the cast will open up for discussion regarding Julia Child. Sponsored by the Friends of the East Boston Branch Library

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The class will be held at Robert DeLeo Senior Center, 35 Harvard Street Win-

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Community Meetings

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

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

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

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

Central Square Flats Civic Association
 Third Wednesday of every month
 7 p.m. at Paris Street Community Center, 112 Paris St.

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

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

throp for residents age 55 and above.

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EAST BOSTON SOCIAL CENTER'S SENIOR PROGRAM NOW OFFERING SPANISH LANGUAGE CLASSES

The Senior Program at the East Boston Social Centers is now offering Spanish Language Classes for adults over 60 years old. Classes are held every Wednesday at 10am in Room 209. All are welcome to attend. Class is taught by Mr. Montaro. No need to register, just come by on Wednesday at 10am for this fun class. The East Boston Social Centers is located at 68 Central Square.

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Sen. Joseph A. Boncore endorsed Rachael Rollins for Suffolk County DA

Rollins believes that justice is best served when every person who comes into contact with the system is treated with dignity and respect. She is running for Suffolk County District Attorney to keep communities safe and to ensure justice for victims. Rollins is committed to improving our criminal justice system through best-practices and data-driven programs that prioritize equity and justice. That includes focusing on treatment, not prosecution, for those swept up in the justice system for minor crimes. This will also allow prosecutors to focus more resources on the serious crimes that undermine public safety like domestic violence and sexual assault, gun violence, and homicides. Rollins is looking forward to working with the city leaders, police, community partners and residents of Suffolk County to transform the District Attorney's office.

Sen. Joseph A. Boncore, a former public defender and co-sponsor of the criminal justice reform bill passed by the legislature this year, expressed his support for Rollins;

“We need a district attorney that will honor the transformative power of the law created by the legislature this year. I am confident that Rachel's leadership on this issue will allow prosecutors to focus their resources on serious crimes that undermine the safety of our residents and away from non-violent drug offenders, diverting people from our jails and into substance use and mental health programs that lift people up rather than locking them up” said Sen. Boncore.

Rollins responded by saying, “I am honored to have the

support of Sen. Boncore who fights every day for the people of his district. I look forward to working with him to protect public safety and make sure we have a justice system that is fair for everyone.”

If elected, Rollins would be the first woman to serve as Suffolk County District Attorney, and the first African-American woman to serve as a District Attorney in Massachusetts.

Election Day is Tuesday, Nov. 6, 2018. To learn more about Rollins or to get involved, please visit: www.rollins4da.com.

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NO EXCUSES -- BE SURE TO VOTE, EITHER EARLY OR ON ELECTION DAY

This Tuesday, Nov. 6, is Election Day. Americans across the country will have the opportunity to choose a new House of Representatives in Washington and one-third of the members of the U.S. Senate in what commonly is referred-to as a mid-term election.

While every election matters, some are more important than others.

Based on our experience -- we can feel safe in asserting that this is the most important mid-term election of our lifetime.

The question before the voters in the mid-term election is quite simple: Do you approve of Trump and want more of the same from the Republicans, or do you want to change with the Democrats?

However, regardless of your answer to that question, it is irrelevant if you do not get out to vote, an act that represents the purest expression of our approval or disapproval of our elected officials.

Early voting -- which began last week -- is available in every city and town across Massachusetts up to and including this Friday, Nov. 2. Simply go to your city or town hall and vote at your convenience any weekday this week-- there is no need to stand in lines and get caught up in the maelstrom at the polling places on Election Day.

On the other hand, if you enjoy the adrenaline rush that comes with going to the polls, then do so this Tuesday, Nov. 6.

But either way -- be sure to vote -- it never has been more important to the future of every American.

ON THE PITTSBURG SHOOTINGS

In the aftermath of the terrible shooting in a synagogue in Pittsburgh this past Saturday, Pennsylvania Gov. Tom Wolf said, "These senseless acts of violence are not who we are as Americans."

We agree with Gov. Tom Wolf .

While a majority of Americans still find these senseless acts abhorrent, the fact remains that there are more mass shootings in this country than in all of the rest of the world combined. Yes, there should be sensible gun control legislation to limit the number of guns, the sales of high-powered weaponry, and the easy availability of guns to those with criminal records and a history of mental illness, along with other laws that would not impinge on the Second Amendment.

However, even the most-stringent gun control laws will only go so far in reducing incidents of mass shootings in America. That's because the bigotry and hatred that exists among some of our fellow citizens is so ingrained -- and has been for a long time -- that the call for stricter gun control laws represents a simplistic solution to a complex problem.

The guy in Florida who sent the pipe bombs to Democratic office holders and other citizens exhibits a degree of mental illness and hatred that -- we are sorry to say -- is endemic among a growing segment of our citizenry.

We'll leave it to the sociologists and others to explain why there have been more and more of incidents similar to this in recent years. The economic dislocation of our middle class no doubt has fueled the rise of the hatred in the hearts of some Americans.

For those of us who came of age during the civil rights movement, the expansion of reproductive and other rights for women, and equality for LGBTQ persons, these past few years have been among the saddest time in our lives. We always had believed that America would become a better place for all of our citizens. Instead, we seem to be circling the proverbial drain in a downward spiral of hatred and prejudice.



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GUEST OP-ED

How We Are Addressing Climate Change in Boston

By Mayor Martin J. Walsh

This year is shaping up to be one of the strongest years in Boston's history. We've continued to add 20,000 new jobs each year, and we've brought unemployment down below 4 percent. And perhaps most importantly, we've made a plan to ensure that the benefits of Boston's booming economy are enjoyed by everyone who calls this city home. We're making record investments in affordable housing, sidewalks and bike lanes, community policing, libraries, and schools. Through our BuildBPS plan, we are making bold investments in our educational infrastructure, so that every school has the resources to provide a comprehensive, 21st century education for Boston's young people.

I am proud of the progress that Boston has made this year in so many areas, but there is one area of concern which impacts our future more than any other: climate change. It's an urgent priority, and one which Boston must take aggressive steps to address if we hope to continue down this path towards a more prosperous, equitable, and resilient society.

The science is clear: climate change has given us hotter and more volatile weather; it has amplified the frequency and impact of severe storms; and it has increased the rate of sea level rise. Just look at what other cities have faced. In 2012, Hurricane Sandy in-

flicted \$70 billion worth of damage and caused the deaths of 71 people. It brought Lower Manhattan's financial sector to a standstill. Last year, Hurricane Harvey caused \$125 billion of damage and 68 deaths in Houston and Southeast Texas. Hurricane Maria devastated Puerto Rico and caused over 3,000 people to lose their lives. These disasters, which uprooted so many lives, stand as dire warnings of what could follow a failure to act. But I have faith that with a plan, and the partnership of our Boston community, it is a challenge we are capable of overcoming.

That's what we've set in motion with our "Resilient Boston Harbor" vision. It's a roadmap for how we'll protect the City's residents, homes, jobs, and infrastructure against the impacts of rising sea level and climate change. It lays out strategies along Boston's 47-mile shoreline that will increase access and open space along the waterfront while better protecting the city during a major flooding event.

Resilient Boston Harbor builds on Imagine Boston 2030 and uses the City's Climate Ready Boston 2070 flood maps and coastal resilience neighborhood studies to focus on Boston's most vulnerable flood pathways. The strategies laid out in the plan include elevated landscapes, enhanced waterfront parks, flood resilient buildings, and revitalized and increased connections and

access to the waterfront. The strategies will require collaboration and funding between federal, state, private, philanthropic and nonprofit partners.

We must anticipate consequences generations down the road, and work proactively to counteract them. With the help of experts and our communities, we have tailored plans specific to the unique condition in each of Boston's neighborhoods, and at each point along our city's coastline.

The solution comes not in the form of flood walls and barricades, but a system of beaches, parks, trails, and open spaces. The system will bring 67 new acres of open space to our city, and adapt 122 acres of idle space along Boston Harbor, connecting the existing Emerald Necklace with a revitalized waterfront, and bringing our city closer together. By prioritizing green space over concrete barriers, we are ensuring that our investment in a more resilient city doubles as an investment in public health, access to green space, and the ecological preservation of our city and Boston Harbor. By investing proactively, we will preserve and strengthen the character of our coastline, something that has contributed so much to our success as a city.

The impact of these improvements will touch every part of our city, through the creation of new green spaces, and the resilient renovation

of existing ones. Moving forward, the City of Boston will dedicate 10 percent of all new capital spending to resilience projects. We will harness the power of public-private coalitions, philanthropy, and partnerships with neighboring communities, because meeting such ambitious goals requires us all to contribute.

Our city can't counter the impact of climate change on our own, and this plan represents the first steps towards addressing a problem that will not disappear anytime soon. But the Boston we know is built on a legacy of bold leadership. The Boston we know is built on promises of a better future. Getting there has not always been easy, and it won't be easy now. But our city sparked the uprising which became the American Revolution. We built the first public schools in this nation. Our hospitals revolutionized health care. We filled the Back Bay. We built the Emerald Necklace. We cleaned up our harbor.

History shows that when Boston speaks up and steps up, the nation listens. When we harness the power of our communities to come together for a greater cause, the nation follows.

I know we can do it again. For more information on Resilient Boston Harbor, please visit: boston.gov/climate-ready.

Martin J. Walsh is the Mayor of Boston.

GUEST OP-ED

Nurse staffing ratios would harm Cambridge Health Alliance

By Joshua Posner

As the Chair of the Board of Trustees at Cambridge Health Alliance (CHA), a health system that serves more than 140,000 patients in Cambridge, Somerville, Everett, Malden and Revere, I am writing to express concerns about Question 1, the government-mandated nurse staffing ratio proposal on the November ballot. If approved, this mandate would negatively impact access to care and services at CHA hospitals and primary care centers.

Question 1 would threaten access to emergency services, increase wait times and force patients to seek care elsewhere. The law would prevent us from being able to effectively manage a surge

in patients in our emergency departments, leaving patients waiting in our reception areas.

The mandate endangers CHA's unique role in behavioral health care for patients at a time when it is needed most in light of the opioid crisis. It would limit access to inpatient behavioral health care, cause delays and barriers to care for other vital behavioral health services and put a vulnerable population at risk. Ratios are not consistent with behavioral health clinical standards of care and overlook the wide range of clinicians and staff members on our care teams, including social workers and counselors.

Health care staffing is dynamic, and our nurses make decisions at our patients' bedside based on a wide range of

factors including individual patient needs and care team skills. If there is a crisis or emergency, nurses need the flexibility to jump in and help without fear of breaking the law. This proposal would override their clinical judgment and expertise.

Ratios would also threaten CHA's financial stability. An October 3rd report from the Massachusetts Health Policy Commission, an independent state agency, estimated that the mandate would cost Mass. hospitals up to \$949 million to implement. In particular, the Commission flagged the potential impacts on community hospitals, especially those, like CHA, that serve higher percentages of publicly insured patients. The report validates our concerns that

the high costs of ratio would damage our mission to serve all patients.

In a time when access to care is more important than ever, we fear this proposal would harm CHA's ability to provide that access and jeopardize critical services delivered to our communities.

Joshua Posner is Chair of the Board of Trustees of Cambridge Health Alliance (CHA), a Harvard-affiliated community health system that serves more than 140,000 patients in Cambridge, Somerville, Everett and Boston's metro-north region. The CHA Board of Trustees is comprised of volunteer community members from Cambridge Health Alliance's primary service area.

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BPDA hosts community meeting on Saratoga Street project

By John Lynds

After nearly a dozen community meetings, abutters’ meetings and making several changes to the project to address community concerns the community voted against MG2’s large development project on Saratoga Street a few months back.

This sent the developer back to drawing board to make further tweaks to the size and scope of the project at 656 Saratoga St.

On Monday night during a Boston Planning and Development Agency (BPDA) meeting at the Salesian Boys & Girls Club MG2 announced further changes to the project.

Developer MG2 plans to develop the 16,500 sq. ft. vacant lot at 656 Saratoga St. into market rate rental housing by combing six parcels on the lot into one developable parcel.

The original plan would have MG2 erect a five story, 50 ft.tall building. The building would have included 62

units with a mix of studio, one and two-bedroom units and retail opportunity on the ground floor. A later scaled down version then called for 43 units of market rate rentals that would be a mix of studio, one and two-bedroom units and 39 parking spaces and eliminated the retail component.

However, the community still felt at five stories and over 50 ft. tall the building was uncharacteristic of the surrounding neighborhood and sent MG2 back to the drawing board. MG2 then lowered the building to four stories and 40 units with 30 parking spaces. This plan was rejected by members of the Harbor View Neighborhood Association (HVNA) at a meeting a few months back.

At Monday night’s HVNA meeting MG2’s attorney, Richard Lynds, said his client has reduced the number of units to 30 and knocked an entire floor off the building, bringing the height down to just under 32 ft. at three sto-

ries. “This is more in line with the triple deckers that one may see along Saratoga Street,” said Lynds. “This addresses many of the comments and concerns over the height. At 31.8 ft in height the building would be below 35 ft. zoning code.”

The entrance to the building’s parking has been moved around the block to Chaucer Street after residents objected to a curb cut and vehicles entering and exiting a garage on Saratoga Street. MG2 also added more landscaped buffers between the proposed building and abutting homes.

Variances MG2 would be seeking from the Zoning Board of Appeals will include Use, Floor Area Ratio or FAR, Open Space and Parking. The developer would also need a variance for Height. While up to 35 ft. is allowed in the area and the building is under this threshold, zoning does not allow for buildings to be over two and half stories.

While most residents seemed to be pleased with the changes some still expressed concerns over the building’s massing and asked the development team if there was anyway to break up the building or incorporate architectural details to make it look less ‘boxy’.

The public comment period for the project will end on Friday, Nov. 2. Comments can be sent to www.bostonplans.org/projects/development-projects/656-saratoga-street#comment_Form.



An artist rendering of the building reflecting the most recent changes made by the developer

Vote // CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

Democratic Treasurer Deborah Goldberg will take on Republican Keiko Orrall and Green-Rainbow Party candidate Jamie Guerin in the General Election next Tuesday while Auditor Suzanne Bump, a Democratic incumbent, will face off against Republican Helen Brady, Libertarian Daniel Fishman and Green-Rainbow Party candidate Edward Stamas.

Incumbent U.S. Sen. Elizabeth Warren hopes to head back down to Washington D.C., in her race over Republican Geoff Diehl while Boston City Councilor Ayanna Pressley will be unopposed in the General Election for the 7th Congressional seat after upsetting incumbent Congressman Michael Capuano in the State Primary.

In the Suffolk County Dis-

trict Attorney’s race Democrat Rachel Rollins will take on Independent Reformer Michael Maloney for the seat left vacant by D.A. Dan Conley.

Incumbent Register of Deeds Stephen Murphy will take on the Unenrolled challenger Gabriela Mendoza.

Governor’s Council candidate and incumbent Terrence Kennedy will face off against Vincent Dixon who is unenrolled.

There are also three state ballot questions.

A yes vote on Question 1 would limit the number of patients that could be assigned to one registered nurse in hospitals and certain other health care facilities. A no vote on the question would make no change in current laws relative to patient-to-nurse limits.

A yes vote on Question 2

would create a citizens commission to advance an amendment to the United States Constitution to limit the influence of money in elections and establish that corporations do not have the same rights as human beings. A vote would not create this commission.

A yes vote on Question 3 would keep in place the current law, which prohibits discrimination on the basis of gender identity in places of public accommodation while a no vote would repeal this provision of the state’s public accommodation law.

Eastie voters can visit www.sec.state.ma.us/wheredoivote and type in thier address to see the most up to date voting locations for Election Day.



“Dance for Dana” Dance-A-Thon participating studio owners and directors (pictured L-R): Jessica Gordon Schettino, Jessica Gordon Academy of Performing Arts; Trudy Macero, Winthrop School of Performing Arts; Beverly Richards Buckey, Beverly Richards Dance Center; Jodi Mantia Macone, Mantia Sisters Dance Academy; Sheila Rosanio, Sheila Rosanio’s School of Dance & Gymnastics; Erika Gregory- DiCicco, Dance Revolution with Erika; Nikki DiBisceglia, The Studio Dance Complex; Nicole Paolo, Nicole Zervas Dance Academy; Lisa Consolo, “Dance for Dana” Event Facilitator; Alaina Coppola, “Dance for Dana” Co-Director (not pictured: Christina Gibson, “Dance for Dana” Team and Rachel Ferrante, Rachel Ferrante’s Academy of Performing Arts).

Dance for Dana Dance-A-Thon returns Nov. 18

On Sunday, Nov. 18, nine local dancing schools will join together to host the 2nd Annual “Dance for Dana” Dance-A-Thon at the Rumney Marsh Academy Gymnasium to benefit Dana-Farber Cancer Institute. Nicole Paolo, owner of Nicole Zervas Dance Academy (NZDA), founded the event last year in honor of those who courageously fight or have lost their battle to cancer. The event exemplifies dancing for a purpose, an important philosophy at her studio that she instills in all of her students.

The “Dance for Dana” Dance-A-Thon is a fun, finessed-based event for dancers of all ages and levels that instills the importance of coming together as a community to help others. There will be live dance performances, follow-along routines, event day drawings, and prizes for the top earning dancing schools, including an opportunity to perform at the 2019 “Scooper Bowl” in Boston’s City Hall Plaza.

Last year, in the event’s inaugural year, NZDA was able to raise over \$10,000. This year, NZDA has extended the invitation to additional local dance schools, in hopes to collectively raise \$25,000 for vital cancer research at Dana-Farber. The “Dance for Dana” team is comprised of the following dancing schools: Beverly Richards Dance Center, East Boston; Dance Revolution with Erika, Revere; Jessica Gordon Academy of Performing Arts, Winthrop; Mantia Sisters Dance Acad-

emy, Revere; Nicole Zervas Dance Academy, Revere; Rachel Ferrante’s Academy of Performing Arts, Revere; Sheila Rosanio’s School of Dance & Gymnastics, Revere; The Studio Dance Complex, Revere; and Winthrop School of Performing Arts, Winthrop.

Paolo, whose own studio is celebrating its 30th season, says that “partnering with other local dance schools to strengthen the ‘Dance for Dana’ impact makes me extremely proud. This event is one of the greatest achievements in my career. I am honored to collaborate with other women in the dance community to raise money for an extremely worthy cause that affects all of us in some way.”

As we embark upon the hol-

iday season, please consider giving back by making a monetary donation or donating an auction item to the event. If you are interested in donating an auction item, please email dancefordanafarber@gmail.com by November 1st. You can also donate directly by visiting: <http://www.myjim-myfundevent.org/2018/DanceForDana>. All donations are appreciated immensely, and one hundred percent of all money raised is given directly to Dana-Farber.

The “Dance for Dana” Dance-A-Thon is not a public event and is only open to students of the above-listed dancing schools and their families. For more information, please email dancefordanafarber@gmail.com.



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EBECC raises money for Migrant Caravan

By John Lynds

The migrant caravan making its way through Mexico from Central and South America and planning to arrive at the U.S. border in the next few weeks has really gotten under President Trump’s skin. Trump who has deployed troops to the border, said he would refuse protective status for those in the caravan seeking asylum and has even gone as far as threatening to defy the U.S. Constitution and end birthright citizenship in the nation.

Local organizations that help immigrants, like the East Boston Ecumenical Community Council (EBECC), have launched websites and programs to help those in the caravan.

The EBECC recently launched a website to raise money for the caravan migrants. The group hopes to raise \$200,000 for the migrants.

“A continuation of the human rights crisis of central American migrants is unfolding in front of our eyes once again,” said EBECC CEO Frank Ramirez. “EBECC will like to be prepared to help those seeking asylum in the US and might arrive here in

Boston. It has been fully covered in the media that Central American migration to the U.S. has been occurring for many years.”

Ramirez said the difference now is that it has become a humanitarian crisis and recently became more visible as migrants band together for self-protection during the dangerous journey through Mexico.


Ramirez said those wishing to donate to the cause can visit www.ebecc.networkforgood.com/projects/55255-fulfillment-of-families-together.

“On behalf of EBECC, I thank you in advance for your kindness and generosity,” said Ramirez.

EBECC promotes the advancement of Latino immigrants of all ages through education, services, advocacy, community organizing, and leadership development.

Just last year, EBECC has assisted over 5,600 Latino immigrant families and youth in Eastie to learn English; to integrate into a new society or reunite with their families; and to acquire skills to become leaders.

“Immigrants come to this country for many different reasons, but all share a common goal: to make life better for themselves and their families,”



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Suffolk Downs

Tuesday, November 13

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Project Description:

The HYM Investment Group proposes approximately 10.5 million square feet of development on the approximately 109 acres of the Suffolk Downs site in the City of Boston. The multi-phased proposal will include development of a new mixed-use neighborhood, a 40-acre publicly accessible open space system, and two retail squares at Suffolk Downs and Beachmont stations. The initial project phase will include approximately 1.39 million square feet of development consisting of the Phase 1 Project (520,000 square feet of corporate use and amenity space), three residential buildings, a portion of the townhomes proposed along Waldemar Avenue totaling over 800 housing units and construction of the Horseshoe Pond landscaped wetland enhancements and Belle Isle Square public plaza with over 100,000 square feet of ground floor retail.

The topic of this meeting will be climate change resilience and environmental impacts. Spanish language interpretation services will be available.

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Paris Street Community Center’s Nicole DaSilva, Tiffany Clark, Sophia Buonopane and Jackie Vasquez.



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Reid Landry Garrant Foundation assists family of EBCCS student

By Cary Shuman

Paula Garrant received a warm greeting upon her arrival Friday at East Boston Central Catholic School.

Paula had traveled to the school to personally deliver an act of kindness and generosity to the family of EBCCS first-grader Cristopher Chavarria, who is battling leukemia.

In a personal and heartwarming ceremony in the school library, Garrant presented a \$1,000 donation to Cristopher's mother, Yohana Velasquez, to help her family through this difficult time.

Paula presented the check on behalf of the Reid Landry Garrant Foundation that honors her son Reid's memory. She started the foundation a few weeks after the passing of her son on June 1, 2018.

Reid was a former All-Star lineman at Pentucket Regional High School. At 6-feet-3 inches tall, he was a larger-than-life young man who was universally admired by his teammates and coaches. Reid led by example and worked hard to become one of the best two-way linemen in school history. The Pentucket Sachems dedicated the 2018 season in his memory.

Tragedy, in the appearance of a rare form of leukemia, struck down this seemingly indestructible gentle giant at the age of 22. Reid Landry



Paula Garrant presents a gift to Cristopher Chavarria, as his mother, Yohana Velasquez, looks on with a smile of appreciation.

Garrant died just two weeks after entering the hospital to fight the illness.

Kathy Carabine, a pre-kindergarten teacher at EBCCS, said Paula, who is a friend since childhood, reached out to her after learning about Cristopher's plight on her Facebook page.

"Paula saw photos of Cristopher's Angels' Walk and she reached out to me to honor her son, Reid, which I think is a beautiful gesture," said Kathy. "I had Cristopher in my class two years ago and now he's a big first-grader."

The funds will assist Yohana and her family in many ways.

"The family can use the funds however they want to, because it's very expensive doing treatment, going back

and forth to Boston, needing a babysitter – it's just a way of helping out in any way they need it," said Paula.

Yohana Velasquez said she couldn't be more grateful to Paula Garrant for her assistance.

"I just want to say, 'thank you very much' for the love and doing this for us – it means so much," said Yohana.

Yohana said Cristopher is battling bravely against the illness. "We try to be strong and we have a lot of support from the school, the teachers, the kids the parents – everyone here has been so nice," said the mother, whose 3-year-old son, Dylan, also attends EBCCS.

(To learn more about the Reid Landry Garrant Foundation, please visit Facebook).



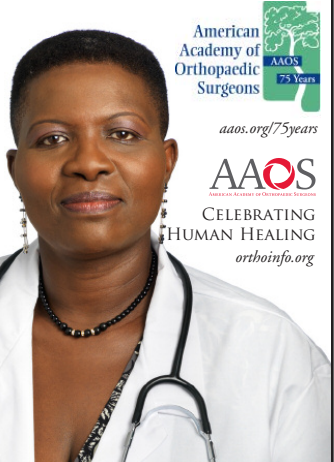
Paula Garrant presented a \$1,000 donation to Yohana Velasquez and her son, Cristopher Chavarria, on behalf of the Reid Landry Garrant Foundation. Pictured at the ceremony inside the East Boston Central Catholic School library are, from left, Yohana Velasquez and her son, Cristopher Chavarria, Paula Garrant, Cristopher's aunt, Fatima Velasquez, and EBCCS pre-kindergarten teacher Kathy Carabine.

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The Senior Division champion Red Storm with Coach Dan Gold-Pitegoff.



The co-champion Jaguars, with team sponsor appreciation award recipient Eleanore Campagna.



The Gators, with (front row) Coach Leah Forbes and (back row) Coaches McKenzie Powers, Monica Cioffi and Renee Elliott.



Left, a contingent from the Senior League champion Red Storm, from left, Coach Dan Gold-Pitegoff and players Izzy Mahoney, Colleen Buckley, Emma Buckley, Gianna Uminski, Sofia Vitale, and Angie Pepe.



The Major League co-champion Jaguars, with sponsor Eleanore Campagna, and Coaches Melanie Ribeiro and Patti Braid.



East Boston High School Principal Phil Brangiforte and his wife, Carrie Brangiforte (right) thanked EBGSL President Kathy Orlando for her outstanding leadership of the league.



The Senior League Sun Devils, with Coach Brian Troville.



The Major League co-champion Wildcats, with Coaches Eric Morash and Jason DaSilva.

The East Boston Girls Softball League held its Awards Banquet on Oct. 25 at Spinelli's. The players, coaches, parents, and guests enjoyed a delicious buffet dinner before the awards ceremony. Many players danced to the music of DJ Damien Margardo.

EBGSL President Kathy Orlando presented appreciation plaques to the following team sponsors: the Ruggiero Family Memorial Home, the Kiwanis Club of East Boston, Paris Street Community Center, Mayor Martin Walsh, Sen. Joseph Boncore, Rep. Adrian Madaro, Eleanore Campagna, Scott Heigelmann Industries, Mario Century 21 Real Estate, DelVecchio Mechanical, City Councillor Anissa Essabi-George, Belle Isle Seafood, and Taqueria Jalisco.

President Orlando also presented a special recognition award to her mother, Jeanette Nealon. The graduating players received awards.

Also honored were the Senior League champion Red Storm team and the Major League co-champions, the Jaguars and the Wildcats.

EBHS Principal Phil Brangiforte and his wife, Carrie Brangiforte, were in attendance at the banquet.

One-hundred-and-eighty-five players, ages 5 to 17, participated in the league that was founded in 2000.

Several former players in the league, including Monica Cioffi, Krysten Hunt, Nicole McCormack, and Kristina Burri, have gone on to have outstanding high school and collegiate softball careers.



East Boston Girls Softball League President Kathy Orlando presented a special appreciation award to her mother, Jeanette Nealon, in recognition of her support.



EBGSL President Kathy Orlando recognized all of the league's graduating players, including Sophia Losano, a senior at Revere High School.

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‘THE ROOMMATE’

By Sheila Barth

Sharon, an Illinois transplant, who’s a bored, lonely divorcee, lives alone, in a big, empty house in Iowa City, Iowa. Unable to convince her (unseen) twenty-something son to visit her from New York City- even with his lesbian girlfriend- Sharon advertises to take in a roommate. But she gets more than she bargained for in Jen Silverman’s wonderfully human, two-person comedy, “The Roommate”.

This must-see play, starring award-winning Boston actresses Paula Plum portraying Sharon, (who’s originally from Lynn) and Adrienne Krstansky as her foil, Robyn, is currently at Lyric Stage Company of Boston through Nov. 18.

Although the play seems simplistic - a story about two contrasting women, who are strangers, living together as roommates - their personalities, especially elusive



Robyn’s, have many layers.

Directed by multi-award winning Lyric Stage Producing Artistic Director Spiro Veloudos, iconic Plum and Krstansky’s spot-on timing and artistic flair add depth, emotion, and suspense to their roles as their glaringly contrasting personalities unfold.

Superb set designer Jenna McFarland Lord has created a wonderful, rustic, Middle

American set, and designer Tobi Rinaldi’s costumes punctuate the women’s personalities.

At first meeting, they’re awkward. Sharon is wearing a skirt and dons an apron. Robyn, claiming she’s from the Bronx, NY, wears jeans, a leather jacket and hat. She says she’s 54 years old, a slam poet, and a would-be potter.

The sheltered, suppressed,

naive Sharon chatters away about her reading group and invites Robyn to come along to a meeting. Robyn demurs. Sharon adds she’s retired - from marriage - but her husband “retired” before her, not for another woman, but probably from midlife crisis.

Sharon commits a faux pas, discussing her one-and-only-son, whom she calls frequently but can’t reach, leaving messages, requesting him to call or visit, even with his lesbian girlfriend. She quickly explains to Robyn that although her son is a woman’s dress designer, he isn’t gay.

When she asks Robyn what she does for a living and whether she has children, Robyn retorts she’s a lesbian and has done several things.

Sharon and we learn Robyn’s vegan and enjoys growing some of her own “medicinal herbs”. Robyn’s also trying to stop smoking, but sneaks smokes anyway. She adds she wants to change

BOX OFFICE

One-act, 90-minute comedy by Jen Silverman, appearing at Lyric Stage Company of Boston, through Nov. 18:Wednesday,Thursday, 7:30 p.m.; Friday, 8 p.m.; Saturday, 3,8 p.m., Sunday, 3 p.m., Wednesday matinees, Oct. 31,2 pm.; no evening show Oct. 31.140 Clarendon St., Boston. Tickets start at \$25, senior, student, group discounts. lyricstage.com, 617-585-5678.

her lifestyle to a simpler pace.

She says she was married to a man, too, but doesn’t reveal she has a daughter, Amanda, who’s alienated from her.

In an early scene, alone in the kitchen, Sharon calls her son excitedly, describing her new roommate, Robyn enters the empty kitchen shortly afterward and tries calling Amanda, leaving the message that she’s in Iowa, trying to change, and vowing she will.

A priceless scene occurs when Sharon tries smoking marijuana for the first time with Robyn, gets a little high, and proudly calls her son to tell him.

The mystery about Robyn unfolds when Sharon goes through a box of Robyn’s clothes. In another great, giddy scene, Sharon dons

Robyn’s leather cap and jacket, parades around in it, but discovers something far more perplexing about Robyn - and exciting!

Throughout the play, the audience is rapt. Robyn eventually tells Sharon the shady stunts she committed and is escaping from, which Sharon eagerly embraces, to the point of hyperbole.

Sharon is desperate for excitement, and a change in her lifestyle. But she goes overboard, wanting more. “I don’t remember being this happy,” she declares.

Robyn’s desperate, too, intent on reforming.

I’ll let you imagine what happens next.

And be aware -the ending is startlingly satisfying.

THE SALONNIERES

By Sheila Barth

Definition of salonnières: Women who were agents and funding agencies for significant writers, philosophers and artists, who encouraged and supported the founding of the French Academy and writing of the Encyclopedia. Created in Catherine Vivonne, Marquise de Rambouillet’s famous chambre bleue in 1618, salons were groups of people who came together to discuss a common topic led by a hostess, or salonnière.

At Greater Boston Stage Company, theatergoers seeing “The Salonnières” stage as they enter are dazzled by scenic designer Katy Monthei’s splendid, huge gilded, bird cage-like structure, adorned

with crystal chandeliers and stunning white-and-gold furniture.

Award-winning designer Gail Astrid Buckley’s resplendent period costumes punctuate the magnificent wealth of pre-French Revolution’s aristocracy.

This new work by Liz Duffy Adams is part of the theater’s Don Fulton New Play Project, named after the late philanthropist-benefactor who died in May. The theater is honoring Fulton’s memory by continuing to produce worthy new works.

Directed by Producing Artistic Director Weylin Symes, the cast features three veteran Boston performers and two newcomers to the theater: award-winning Laura Latreille, portraying Henri-

ette, the Comtesse de Mare, who mixes up her words and phrases, but is cunning and self-serving. Garbed in black, Sarah Newhouse portrays Gabrielle, the Marquise D’Aulney, whose austere presence masks her pragmatic, caring personality. Award-winning actor Bill Mootos portrays Claude, the Duc de la Beauchene, who shows his true colors as these patron women of the arts, literature and education spin seemingly harmless fairy tales that are veiled political denunciations.

Portraying Madeleine de Sauvetterre, newcomer Elainy Mata is charmingly youthful and innocent. Set in pre-French Revolutionary Paris - or as further suggested, pre-Feminist revolution, love-ly maiden Madeleine, who

is motherless and lived in a convent, is promised to marry an older duke, to pay off her father’s debts. Frightened, she flees to the literary salon of her late mother’s aristocratic female friends, seeking refuge and advice.

Another newcomer Lisa Joyce, portrays uneducated maid, Francoise, who obediently, and at times, grudgingly, answers the aristocratic women’s beck and calls. Francoise can’t read, but she’s clever, hiding her own agenda that’s revealed at the end.

During the Duc’s visit at the salon to meet his young

BOX OFFICE

World premiere of acclaimed playwright Liz Duffy Adams’ one-act, 90-minute play,“The Salonnières,” appearing through Nov. 11: Wednesday, Nov. 7, 2 p.m.; Thursday, 7:30 p.m.; Friday, Saturday, 8 p.m.;Sunday, 2 p.m.Greater Boston Stage Company, 395 Main St., Stoneham.\$45-\$55, seniors, \$40-\$50; students with valid ID, \$20. 781-279-2200, greaterbostonstage.org.

betrothed, Henriette spins a “Beauty and the Beast” type fairy tale that has a happily-ever-after ending, while Gabrielle has a darker, frightening version of the tale. Their storytelling is enhanced by Chris Fournier’s lowered lighting and Christine Banna’s projected, cartoon-like silhouetted figures looming in the background.

There are fun scenes, too,

especially when Francoise and Madeleine conjure up and carry out a plan to dupe the Duc and Henriette.

In a printed quote, Director Symes says, “The moment I read Liz’s witty, anachronistic fantastical riff on the lead-up to the French Revolution, I was hooked. The play is smart, funny, and has something to say about our world today.”

AROUND THE CITY

PABLOVE SHUTTERBUGS

Gallery at Spencer Lofts will showcase the world of the 2018 graduates of the pablove Shutterbugs gallery show, Saturday, Nov. 4, from 4 to 7 p.m., 60 Dudley St., Chelsea. The group teaches children and teens living with cancer to explore their creativity through photography. Show proceeds from sales of student works benefit the Pablove Foundation.pablove.org/ bostonshow. pablove.org.

MUSEUM AT WALNUT STREET SYNAGOGUE

The museum at the 145 Walnut St. synagogue, Chelsea Collaborative and Eureka Ensemble present free performances celebrating Chelsea’s rich diversity, Nov. 5,1-3 p.m.; Nov. 15,6-8 p.m.; and Nov. 19, 1-3 p.m. The concerts include Boston area classical musicians and orchestra playgrounds where kids and adults can explore the instruments with the musicians. Refreshments, and suggested donation box. 617-884-8668, info@walnutstreetsynagogue.com.

GOREFEST

ImprovBoston presents Gorefest XVI: A Space Slaughterssey, through Oct. 31, a musical pro-

duction that is highly interactive, with buckets of blood, guts and laughter. \$25; students, \$20 at the door. Ponchos may be purchased online or at the door. Recommended for patrons, ages 16+ years old. Improvboston.com/gorefest.

HAIRSPRAY

They’re bopping and jiving, jitterbugging and colliding at Bill Hanney’s North Shore Music Theatre production of “Hairspray,” Oct. 30-Nov. 11: Tuesday-Thursday, 7:30 p.m., Friday, Saturday, 8 p.m., matinees, Wednesday, Saturday, Sunday, 2 p.m. 62 Dunham Road, Beverly. nsmt.org, 978-232-7200.

ADVENTURES OF A COMIC BOOK HERO

Marblehead Little Theatre’s Children’s Program presents Pat Lyderson’s play, with music by Wendy Woolf, Friday, Nov. 2, at 5:30 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 3, and Sunday, Nov. 4, at 1 p.m., 12 School Street, Marblehead. \$10. mtlive.org.

PETER AND THE STARCATCHER

The Hub Theatre Company of Boston presents Rick Elice’s beloved story, Nov. 2-17, based on the novelty Dave Barry and Ridley Pearson, with music by

Wayne Barker, Thursday, 7:30 p.m.; Friday, Saturday, 8 p.m.; Sunday, 5 p.m. at First Church Boston, 66 Marlborough, Back Bay, Boston. Tickets, pay-what-you-can. Hubtheatreboston.org.

NUNSENSE THE MUSICAL

Dan Goggins’ wacky nuns are up to their old shenanigans, now through Nov. 4, Friday, Saturday at 8 p.m., Sunday, 2 p.m., with Curtain Call Theatre, Braintree. \$25. 781-356-5113, curtaincall-braintree.org

POP-UP PROHIBITION PARTY

SpeakEasy Stage presents its annual benefit performance and party, Sunday, Nov. 4, 7 p.m., at the Carrie Nation Cocktail Club,Boston.Reserved tickets \$100, \$75,\$50,\$25 (after-party only).

CANTATA SINGERS

The singers kick off their new season Saturday, Nov. 3, 8 p.m., in New England Conservatory’s Jordan Hall, 30 Gainsborough St., Boston, performing Bach’s “Watchet auf, BWV 140, John Harbison’s Sacred Trilogy: The Flight Into Egypt, But Mary Stood, and The Supper at Emmaus. \$25-\$75, cantatasingers.org, 617-868-5885.

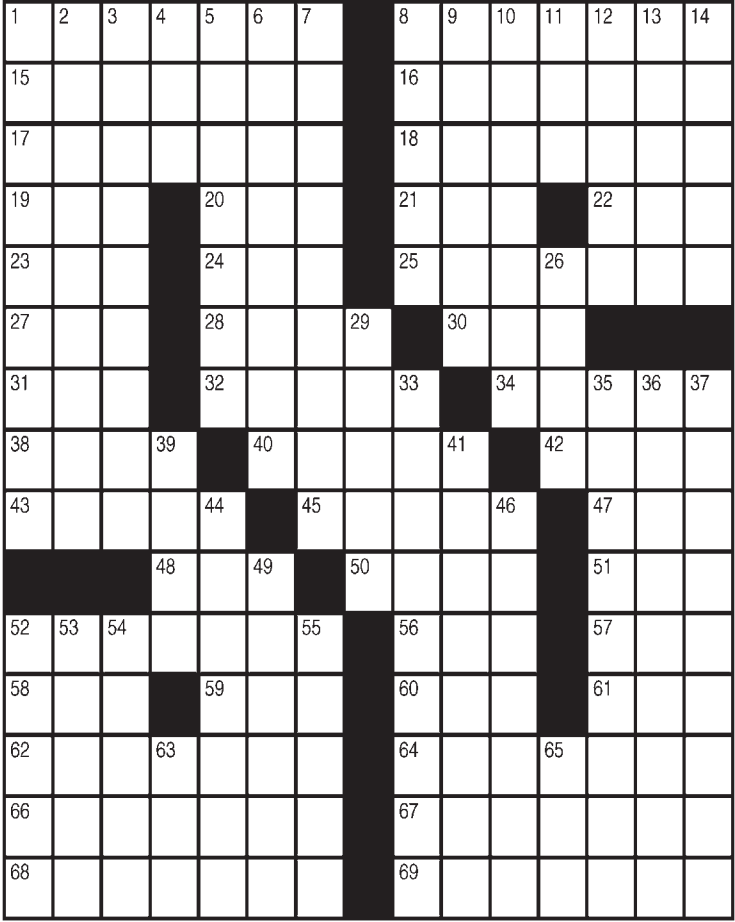
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- 16 Water pipe
- 17 Mourns
- 18 Love of Theseus
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- 20 Baby fox
- 21 Gridiron zebra
- 22 Precious stone
- 23 Seixas or Damone
- 24 Psychic’s ability
- 25 Superior skill
- 27 Building wing
- 28 Pass over
- 30 Unrefined mineral
- 31 ___ Grande
- 32 Like many showers
- 34 Mediterranean republic
- 38 Imprint clearly
- 40 Gift recipient
- 42 Marsh grass
- 43 Raised causeways
- 45 After-shower powders
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- 52 Michigan city
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- 69 Female ruler

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- 8 Fortification slope
- 9 Bullfighter



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11 Vladimir Nabokov novel

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“Barnaby ___”

13 Fork points

14 Pipe parts

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29 Involving punishment

33 Central Park fountain

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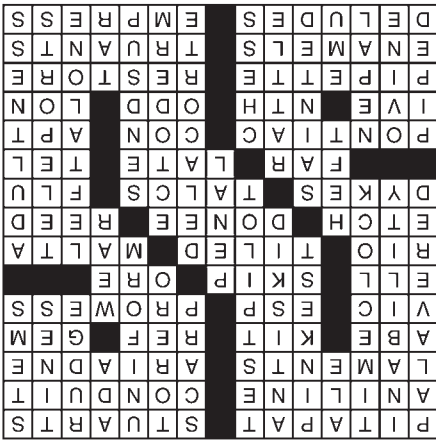
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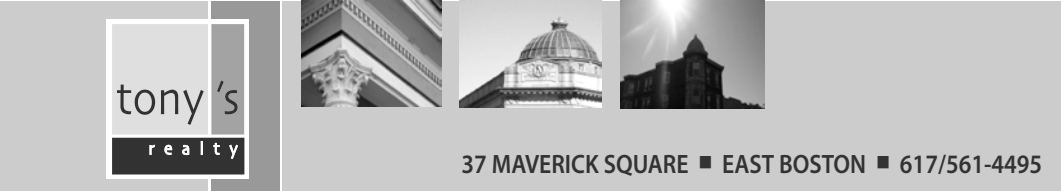
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OBITUARIES

Gloria Overton

Former East Boston resident

Gloria L. (Tassinari) Overton, in Revere, formerly of East Boston, died on Oct. 27.

She was the beloved wife of the late Al H. Overton, mother of Aleta Lanzilli and her husband, William of Revere and Ronald Overton and his wife, Lorna of East Boston; sister of Tosca Tassinari of East Boston and the late Giaconda Smart, Max, Antenori, and Albano Tassinari; grandmother of David Lanzilli and his wife, Ana, Danielle Overton Russo and her husband, Derek, Dawn Lanzilli Townshend and her husband, Mark and Richard Overton and his husband, Kim and great-grandmother

of Deandra, Domenic, Gwen-dolyn, Dario, Isabel, William, Ava and Dante. She is also survived by many nieces and nephews.

Funeral Services will be held in the Magrath Funeral Home, 325 Chelsea St. [at Day Sq] East Boston on Thursday, Nov. 1st 1 p.m. Relatives and friends are invited. Visiting hours will be held prior to services commencing at 11 a.m. Interment will be at Holy Cross Cemetery, Malden. In-door parking and entrance to funeral home available from 340 Bremen St. For additional information, visit: Magrath-FuneralHome.com

Marie Barrasso

Avid Bingo player

Marie C. (Massaro) Barrasso of East Boston died peacefully on Oct. 25.

Marie was an avid Bingo player for over 50 years.

She was the beloved wife of the late Nicholas, devoted mother of Nicholas Barrasso and his wife, Gail of Florida, cherished sister of Anthony Massaro and his wife, Ann of Andover and Frederick Massaro and his wife, Marion of Winthrop. She is also survived by many loving nieces and nephews Family and friends will honor Marie's

life by gathering on Thursday, Nov. 1 at the Ruggiero Family Memorial Home, 971 Saratoga St. (Orient Heights) East Boston from 9 to 10:30 a.m. before leaving in procession to St Joseph St Lazarus Church, East Boston for a Funeral Mass in celebration of Marie's life at 11 a.m. Services will conclude with Marie being laid to rest with her beloved husband, Nicholas in Holy Cross Cemetery. May they both rest in peace. For more information: www.ruggieromh.com

James 'Jimmy' Sartori, Sr.

Suffolk County Sheriff's Dept. retiree

James A. "Jimmy" Sartori Sr., a life-long resident of Jeffries Point East Boston, passed away peacefully surrounded by his loving family at Massachussetts General Hospital on Tuesday, Oct. 23 at the age of 78.

Jimmy attended the Assumption School in East Boston and later Don Bosco Prep. He joined the US Army during the Korean Conflict and served in various places throughout the world. When he came home, he married the love of his life, Patricia Murphy. They raised their family in the Jeffries Point Section of East Boston. He was a well known member of the East Boston community, always involved in various community events.

He worked for the Suffolk County Sheriff's Department as a corrections officer at Deer Island and South Bay House of Corrections and retired as a Lt. Deputy Sheriff. He was a member of the Beachmont VFW and a life-member of the Winthrop Elks.

Friends and family will remember Jimmy as a man who always had a smile on his face and sought to make other people's days brighter. He will be missed by all.

Jimmy was born in Bos-



ton on May 27, 1940 to John J. and Amalia (Martella) Sartori. He was the beloved husband for over 55 years of Patricia (Murphy) Sartori; devoted father of Patricia "Patti." Sartori-Braid and her husband, Chuckie of East Boston and James A. Sartori Jr. and his wife, Joanne of Mount Saini, NY; dear brother of the late John J. Sartori Jr. and his surviving wife, Anita of Dracut; cherished grandfather of Christian, Andrew, Gabriel, Adam and Roma and is also survived by many loving nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

Funeral arrangements were by the Ruggiero Family Memorial Home, East Boston. Services concluded with Jimmy being laid to rest with full military honors at Woodlawn Cemetery in Everett,. For more information, visit ruggieromh.com

Marie A. Reid

Of Hyannis



Marie A. (Savino)(Sauro) Reid, age 77, a longtime Hyannis resident, recently of Hingham, formerly of Tewksbury, passed away on Saturday, October 27, 2018 at Rose Court at Linden Ponds in Hingham.

She was the beloved wife of the late James H. Sauro, who passed away in 1993, and the late Allen B. Reid, who passed away in 2014.

Born in Boston on December 6, 1940, she was the daughter of the late Charles Savino and Rose M. (Pinto) (Savino) Chieppo.

Marie was raised in East Boston, attended local schools, and graduated from East Boston High School.

Prior to her retirement, she worked in the hospitality industry and was employed as a travel agent.

Marie resided at Linden Ponds Assisted Living Community since July of 2017. She previously lived in Hyannis for over 20 years, and in the Lowell-Tewksbury area for several years.

Marie is survived by three sons, James D. Sauro and his significant other Sharlene Hansen of Plymouth, Charles G. Sauro and his wife Kay of Paola, KS, and Keith J. Sauro and his wife Tiffany of Shawnee, KS; six grandchildren,

Annacella 'Ann' LaRosa

Amazing mother and grandmother

Annacella "Ann" (Vietro) LaRosa of Everett, formerly of Malden, died on Oct. 22 at the age of 98 after a brief illness.

Ann was the most amazing mother and grandmother who was full of life, love and compassion and will be in our hearts forever.

She was the beloved wife of the late Feliciano, loving mother of Anthony LaRosa, Sandra LaRosa, Cheryl LaRosa Guerriero and the late Philip; devoted mother in law to Ben Guerriero and Christine LaRosa; daughter of the late Michael and Concetta Vietro and the sister of Gloria Colantuoni and the late Rose Santagate, Eleanor Brickley and Paul Vietro. She is also survived by four grandchildren: Dawn LaRosa and her husband, Mike McClure, TJ LaRosa and his wife, Heath-



er, Salvatore Guerriero and Gianni Guerriero and by five great grandchildren: Rilee LaRosa, Vincenzo McClure, Alex LaRosa, Aiden LaRosa, and Annacella LaRosa and by many nieces, nephews and cousins.

Funeral arrangements were by the Salvatore Rocco & Sons Funeral Home, Everett. For more information, visit: www.RoccoFuneralHomes.com or 1-877-71-ROCCO

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First Year Timothy Joseph Keohane II Feb. 2, 1980 – Oct. 31, 2018 After Glow I'd like the memory of me to be a happy one, I'd like to leave an afterglow of smiles when life is done. I'd like to leave an echo whispering softly down the ways, of happy times and laughing times and bright and sunny days. I'd like the tears of those who grieve to dry before the sun, of happy memories that I leave when life is done. Love Mom, Sisters & Daughters

One Year Anniversary To My Sister Gia DiGiacomo

Part of my Eulogy for you, with love — Your Brother John

JimmyValvano was the head coach of the North Carolina State men's basketball team that won a national title in 1983. Ten years later, in 1993, he gave a speech accepting ESPN's Arthur Ashe Award for Courage less than two months before his battle with cancer came to an end. In this moving speech, Valvano says that there are three things that we all should do every day in our lives. We must laugh, we must think, and we must cry. Laugh, think and cry.

Although events like this one are undesirable, I tend to usually enjoy them because they force us to do these three things. They force you to laugh, to think, and to cry. And they allow you to do so, as a collective group. These events allow you to experience what life is all about, together.

However, given this particular situation, I find it incredibly difficult to do any of these things in a satisfying manner. When I've laughed, I feel there's a wrongness to it. When I've thought, I feel there's an aching emptiness to it. When I've cried, I feel there's a shortness to it. I immediately run out of tears and lack the energy to start screaming.

One year ago, on November 2nd, my sister Gia was found dead. My father, had lost his Geegee. My mother, had lost her peanut. My sister, Sophia, and I, had lost our triplet.

Gia wasn't a younger or an older sister to me, Rather, she was an extension of myself. We grew up together. We began to learn the same things – to walk, to have fun, to read, to write, to count, to create, to make friends, at her same time. Because of these simultaneous experiences, we shared a lot of things and were alike in the most subtle ways. For the longest time, we enjoyed the successes and

Miss you so much, Gia! I cannot believe it has been one year. We love you and you will always be in our hearts. Mom, Dad, Sophia, Ava and Myself



faced the hardships of human life as a trio.

Whether her presence found its way in those loud evenings, when my best friends and I would surround my kitchen counter, teasing and swearing at each other over a game of RISK, and Gia would come in with Sophia, Deanna, and other friends, storming the kitchen for some leftover pizza and joining in on our fun, taking sides in our arguments with the brutally honest comments and telling the most outrageous stories.

Scattered throughout these times, the true Gia - the loving, the silly, the honest Gia shown through and touched all of us, friends and family, in a unique way.

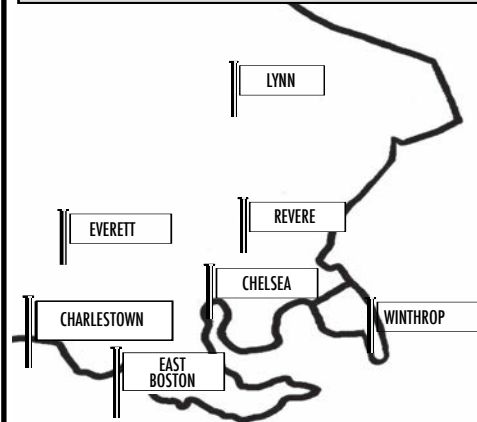
What hurts the most, about all of this, of course, is imagining what could have been with my Gia. Gia excelled in mathematics and with her loving, silly, and honest self, I understand now why she had wanted to be a veterinarian when she was little, and an elementary school teacher as she grew bigger. She had this personality that saw the importance of looking after beings that were too small or too innocent. Looking after things, that needed someone to care. No wonder she had a reputation for being loved. She looked to take care of everyone.

I loved my Gia. The thought of not being able to see her and hear her words again is one that I cannot accept. I believe this is because I know that with the support of all the people here today, her presence, will still be felt and she'll continue to live on through the thoughts and actions of each and every one of us. And that Sophia and I will build a future for ourselves that she would have wanted to be a part of.

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Date of Death: May 18, 2016
To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner Leslie A. Bunnell of East Boston, MA, a Will has been admitted to informal probate. Leslie A. Bunnell of East Boston, MA has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve without surety on the bond.

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formal procedure by the Personal Representative under the Massachusetts Uniform Probate Code without supervision by the Court. Inventory and accounts are not required to be filed with the Court, but interested parties are entitled to notice regarding the administration from the Personal Representative and can petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including distribution of assets and expenses of administration. Interested parties are entitled to petition the Court to institute formal proceedings and to obtain orders terminating or restricting the powers of Personal Representatives appointed under informal procedure. A copy of the Petition and Will, if any, can be obtained from the Petitioner.

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AROUND THE CITY

DISNEY'S LION KING

Neverland Theatre presents the youth version of Disney's "The Lion King," Nov. 2, at 7 p.m.; Nov 3, 12,4 p.m.; Nov. 4, 2,5:30 p.m., at The First Baptist Church, 221 Cabot St., Beverly. \$15. neverlandtheatre.com, 978-500-8832.

BB@HOME: CHOREOGRAPHER

Boston Ballet presents BB@home?: Choreographer, a program dedicated to Boston emerging female choreographers from the Boston Ballet Company dancers, Nov. 1,2, at 7:30 p.m., at its South End, Boston headquarters, 19 Clarendon St. bostonballet.org.

INK SPOT FESTIVAL

Fresh Ink Theatre presents its Ink Spot Festival, a weekend of fun and new play readings, Nov. 2-4, at Kuumba Library, 140 Clarendon St., Boston. Included are Michael Hisamoto's play, "someone who isn't me," Nov. 2, 7 p.m.; Maggie Kearnan's "Idawalley," Nov. 3 at 3 p.m.; Nick Malakhov's "Seeing Eye," Nov. 3, 7 p.m.; MJ Halberstadt's "Two Below Zero," Nov. 4, 5 p.m. Free. Recommended donations, \$5, single plays \$10 weekend. Eventbrite.com/e/fresh-ink-theatres-ink-spot-festival-tickets-51218259192.

HEATHER HEADLEY

The Broadway headliner performs Broadway songs and personal selections, Saturday, Nov. 3, at 8 p.m., Emerson Colonial Theatre, Boston. Tickets start at \$35.

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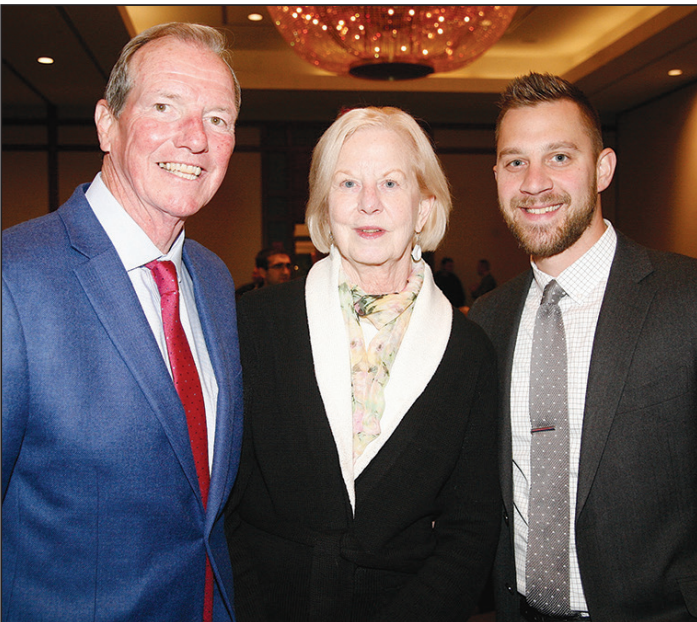
Last Thursday at the Hilton Logan Airport Hotel over 300 family, friends and supporters turned out for Rep. Adrian Madaro's annual fall fundraiser and reception.

This year's event was hosted by Rep. Madaro's good friend and supporter, Sheriff Steve Tompkins.

The evening included food, music and speeches by both Madaro (left) and Tompkins encouraging people to get out and vote Democrat.



State Rep. Adrian Madaro and his sister, Lauren Owens.



Jim Kearney, Jane Simpson and Jason Ruggiero.



Rep. Adrian Madaro greets supporters during his fall fundraiser.



Rep. Adrian Madaro with NOAH Executive Director Phil Giffie.



Rep. Adrian Madaro poses with staff and supporters from the Piers Park Sailing Center.



Rep. Adrian Madaro, Marisa Di Pietro and Joanna Cataldo.



Rep. Adrian Madaro with his mother-in-law, Robbie Levy, and his mother, Debra Cave



Sen. Joseph Boncore, BTDC Commissioner Gina Fiandaca and Rep. Adrian Madaro.



Sheriff Steve Tompkins hosted the fundraiser for Rep. Adrian Madaro.



Rep. Adrian Madaro with his mother, Debra Cave (second from left) and the Cosgrove and Hallahan families.



Rep. Adrian Madaro, Adjie Burnett, Sheriff Steve Tompkins and Jim Kearney.



Rep. Adrian Madaro with the staff of the Salesian Boys & Girls Club.



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