

# East Boston

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**Happy Mother's Day!**

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### Excel Academy, elected officials upset over anti-Arab video

By John Lynds

A Revere woman, who goes by the name of Stiletto Dee, walked into the Excel Academy Charter High School in East Boston on April 24 and allegedly began recording an anti-Arab video that was later posted to her Facebook account.

The school, which was celebrating Arab Heritage Month, buzzed Dee into the school's lobby. Inside the lobby a display made by students reflecting the contributions Arabs and Muslims have made to civilization since the dawn of time was clearly visible.

In the video, Dee can allegedly be heard saying, "We're in America, man. I don't like this (expletive). I'm just getting sick to my stomach being here."

The video was picked up by several social media discussion groups where many, including Eastie's three elected officials, condemned the woman's rant.

"Boston's schools prepare students of our diverse city to be members of a global and welcoming society," said Sen. Joseph Boncore, Rep. Adrian Madaro and City Council-

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A scene from acclaimed artist and filmmaker John Akomfrah. Akomfrah will use the Watershed to premiere of major video installation that sheds light on climate change in 2019.

### New artist gets set for the ICA Watershed's 2019 season

By John Lynds

After a widely successful inaugural run, the Institute of Contemporary Art/Boston (ICA) Watershed at the Boston Shipyard and Marina in East Boston ended its first

season on the waterfront last fall.

Last week the ICA officially announced this year's resident artist for the 2019 season that will kick off on May 26.

The ICA announced this week that acclaimed artist

and filmmaker John Akomfrah will use the Watershed to premiere a major video installation that sheds light on climate change in 2019.

ICA Director Jill Medve-

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### Dr Brenda Cassellius named new BPS Superintendent

By John Lynds

Last Wednesday the Boston School Committee voted 5-2 to offer the position of Superintendent of the Boston Public Schools (BPS) to Dr. Brenda Cassellius, who most recently stepped down as Commissioner of Education for the state of Minnesota.

The vote was taken during a meeting where School Committee members publicly

debated the qualifications of the three finalists for the Superintendent position, which also included Dr. Oscar Santos, Head of School for Cathedral 7-12 High School in Boston; and Marie Izquierdo, Chief Academic Officer for Miami-Dade County Public Schools in Florida.

The BPS Superintendent Search Committee held a series of public interviews

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Dr. Brenda Cassellius.

### Piers Park Sailing Center officially opens for the season

By John Lynds



Piers Park Sailing Center staff hoist the sails during the ceremonial sail raising Saturday. See Page 8 for more photos.

On Saturday, the East Boston community helped Piers Park Sailing Center (PPSC) officially kick off its 2019 spring and summer sailing season.

PPSC already has more than 200 Eastie youth enrolled in its summer programs including Science of Sailing and Harbor Explorers.

"While we reduced the overall number of slots to ensure that every child is able to attend at least two weeks of programming, Eastie enrollment continues to grow year over year," said PPSC Executive Director Alex DeFronzo.

"Many of the kids who participate in our after school programs and in-classroom programs have enrolled as

new students, in part because of their exposure to PPSC through off season lessons, and in part because of the Y's awesome new swim programming at the Umana which has a lot more youth learning to swim early on."

Over 200 community members, elected officials and Massport staff attended Saturday's kickoff that included free community sailing and kayaking as well as music from Veronica Robles All-Women Mariachi Band, food and activities for children from the Harborkeepers.

PPSC also honored three Eastie Harbor Heroes--Sen. Joe Boncore, Councillor Lydia Edwards and Massport CEO John Pranckevicius.

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### One killed in Eastie car crash

By John Lynds

Amber Pelletier had just completed her junior year at St. Leo University in Florida where she majored in psychology and minored in education. Her future dream was to complete graduate school and counsel children in hospital settings.

However, those dreams were forever erased early Sunday morning on Bennington Street in East Boston.

Pelletier, and her friend from Saint Leo University, Ava Salvi of East Boston were passengers in a car driven by Dylan Ethridge, of East Boston. The accident killed Pelletier and seriously injured Salvi.

Now Ethridge faces vehicular homicide charges and Pelletier's family, instead of planning for a college graduation next year, are planning the funeral of their loving daughter, granddaughter,

niece, and cousin.

According to witnesses, prior to the crash Ethridge was allegedly traveling between 80 and 90 mph on Bennington Street early Sunday morning before he clipped a series of parked cars, fishtailed, hit the median strip and flipped the car over.

The crash killed Pelletier, of Rhode Island, instantly and seriously injured Salvi. Sources who knew the group of friends said Pelletier was in Eastie visiting Salvi for the weekend.

Ethridge, 22, was arraigned Monday in East Boston Municipal Court on charges of motor vehicle homicide, leaving the scene of personal injury, and leaving the scene of property damage.

Judge Roberto Ronquillo set bail in the amount of \$1,000 and ordered Ethridge to wear a GPS monitor and

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### Dedicated Leader

EBNHC CEO Manny Lopes elected Chair of Blue Cross Blue Shield of Massachusetts Foundation

Special to the Times-Free Press

The Blue Cross Blue Shield of Massachusetts Foundation announced that President and CEO of East Boston Neighborhood Health Center Manny Lopes has been elected chair of its Board of Directors.

Lopes joined the Foundation board in 2016. In the chair role, he succeeds Philip W. Johnston, a state and national leader on health and human services policy.

"I look forward to leading the Foundation board as chair and continuing to collaborate with my fellow board members, Foundation president Audrey Shelto, and partners in the community as we work to expand access to health care for our most vulnerable residents," said Lopes. "Our newest board members add tremendous expertise in behavioral health treatment and health care policy. Their service on the board will further enable the Foundation to meet its mission to broaden coverage and reduce barriers to care



Manny Lopes.

at a time when systemic challenges continue to threaten access to quality health care."

Anyone involved in the East Boston Neighborhood Health Center knows that Manny Lopes is a dedicated leader and one of the most recognizable figures in and around town.

So it came as no surprise when Lopes took over the helm as President and CEO of

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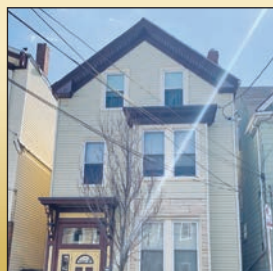
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## Crash //CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

remain alcohol-free.

Prosecutors allege that Ethridge was operating a gray Mazda on Bennington Street at a high rate of speed immediately prior to the crash at approximately 1:10 a.m. Sunday. The vehicle struck several parked vehicles and a cement planter on the roadway center median before coming to a rest on its roof.

One passenger, later identified as Pelletier, suffered fatal injuries in the crash and was pronounced dead at the scene. According to reports, Salvi was seriously injured but is expected to survive.

According to the District Attorney’s Office, Ethridge allegedly left the scene on foot and was nowhere to be found when police arrived. His attorney Peter Marano said his client went to go seek help. However, the prosecution wasn’t buying the excuse and told the court there was



Amber Pelletier of Rhode Island was killed during a fatal car accident on Bennington Street early Sunday morning.

no indication he went to go seek help.

Ethridge reportedly went to a friend’s house after the crash and later checked himself into Mass. General Hospital where police finally caught up with him.



East Boston’s Dylan Ethridge was arraigned Monday on vehicular homicide charges Monday in connection with Sunday’s fatal car crash.

Ethridge will return to court on June 14.

On Facebook, Pelletier’s cousin, Erica Hedger, wrote, “My beautiful, smart, kind cousin is no longer here on earth but forever in my heart.

I will miss you and love you every day, Amber. I cherish every single memory we had and will forever be grateful for the last three years you were in Florida with us. You made my world a better place. Please visit me in my dreams and let me know you’re alright. Rest In Peace my guardian angel.”

As a young girl and throughout college, Pelletier participated regionally and nationally in cheerleading and dance. She participated in the Patriots Junior Cheerleading program and for many years was with the Dance Theater of Rhode Island in Cumberland. She was a National Grand Champion in dance competition.

According to family she worked hard throughout college and when at home on school breaks, was adored by children at her job with Dr. Daycare in Rhode Island.

## Lopes //CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

EBNHC after his mentor Jack Cradock retired.

Lopes’ ascension is a story that embodies EBNHC’s mission and commitment to the community.

More than two decades ago, Lopes joined the health center as an 18-year-old researcher, working with Dr. Jim Taylor on a blood pressure study. In the ensuing years, Lopes went on to hold positions in the Human Resource and Operations Departments. Lopes later served as the Health Center’s Vice President and Chief Information Officer, providing organizational vision and leadership with an eye for technology and collaborative innovation.

Lopes has served as CEO of East Boston Neighborhood Health Center since 2012 and as its president since 2015.

Last year Lopes added another career milestone to his resume when Mayor Martin Walsh announced the appointment of Lopes as the Chair of Boston’s Board of Health. The Board of Health is the seven-member governing body that oversees the work of the Boston Public Health

Commission (BPHC). Lopes succeeds Francis Doyle, who stepped down in October from the Board to assume a leadership role within the Massachusetts Department of Public Health.

Lopes attended Lesley University School of Management and has a master’s degree in business administration from Northeastern University’s Graduate School of Business.

In 2010, Lopes assumed the role of Deputy Chief Executive Officer and began working closely with former EBNHC President and CEO Jack Cradock as part of the Health Center’s strategic succession plan.

The mission of the Blue Cross Blue Shield of Massachusetts Foundation is to expand access to health care for low-income and vulnerable individuals and families in the Commonwealth. The Foundation was founded in 2001 with an initial endowment from Blue Cross Blue Shield of Massachusetts. It operates separately from the company and is governed by its own Board of Directors.

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or Lydia Edwards in a joint statement. “Arab-Americans are celebrated members of our communities, whose contributions have enriched our neighborhoods. We applaud Excel Academy for honoring Arab-American Heritage Month during the month of April. Given recent concerns about the safety and well-being of students, and Arab-American students in particular, we have contacted school staff to ensure that proper security measures are in place. We firmly reject racism directed against any members of our community, particularly as they celebrate participation and unprecedented representation in government.”

Excel’s Executive Director Owen Stearns said the decoration on a school wall commemorating Arab Heritage Month and the contributions of Arab Americans was visible from the street.

“At Excel, we thrive by recognizing and celebrating the diversity of our community,” said Stearns. “We are thankful for the contributions of our Arab Student Union and other student-led affinity groups that organize various events to celebrate the cultures and histories of our student body.”

Stearns said such celebrations include Women’s History Month, Black History Month, Latinx Heritage Month, Mental Health Awareness Month, Arab Heritage Month, Asian/Pacific Islander Heritage Month, and LGBTQ+ History Month.

“Excel Academy condemns any action or speech that disparages the dignity of any person based on their culture, race, identity, national origin, sexual orientation, religion, immigration status, or other aspect of their identity,” he said. “At Excel, we strive to be an inclusive and welcoming space for students of all backgrounds. We believe that by recognizing and celebrating the diversity of back-

grounds and experiences in our community, we support all students to learn, grow, and thrive in our modern world. We will continue to affirm our commitment to these values and to support all students and families in our school.”

Stearns went on to add that the school is committed to enforcing policies that ensure the safety of our students.


“This incident led us to reexamine and make changes to our security protocols for allowing visitors into the building,” he said. “We are investing in locks for our secondary interior front doors, so that all visitors will need permission to enter the building and will only be allowed to pass through the second set of doors once they have been cleared by our front office staff.”

These changes in the school’s security policy and its commitment to the celebration of students’ cultures, identities, and experiences allows Excel to continue to thrive as a diverse community said Stearns.

“We are confident that our students will use their time at Excel to be forces for positivity, inclusion, and change,” said Stearns.

This is not the first time Dee has made the news. She and a group of friends allegedly had a ‘Trump’ party canceled at JW’s in Winthrop because the owner felt it would send the wrong message to its diverse group of loyal customers.

Also, two weeks ago another of Dee’s Facebook videos began circulating online where she allegedly filmed a friend at a Revere GOP meeting. In that video Dee allegedly films the woman expressing her concerns of allowing any celebration of Islam in Revere schools--calling Islam a ‘horrific ideology’ to a stunned crowd.



Public Meeting

2 Ford Street

Wednesday, May 22

6:30 PM - 8:00 PM

54 Ashley Street

East Boston YMCA

East Boston, MA 02128

Project Proponent:

MG2 Group LLC

Project Description:

MG2 Group, LLC propose to construct a four-story, mixed-use development totaling approximately 28,050 square feet. The proposed project will have twenty-seven (27) units which includes four (4) IDP Units, and one (1) commercial unit. In addition, the development will have twenty-five (25) off-street parking spaces.

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Teresa Polhemus, Executive Director/Secretary



Public Meeting

Suffolk Downs

Tuesday, May 21

6:00 PM - 8:00 PM

525 McClellan Highway

Clubhouse, 3rd Floor, Topsider Room

East Boston, MA 02128

Project Proponent:

HYM Investment Group, Inc.

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. HYM has filed a Planned Development Area Master Plan and five Development Plans.

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“On behalf of the 1,300 members of Team Massport we are proud and privileged to be a corporate sponsor to this program,” said Pranckevicius. “We want to thank Alex and his team for all the great work they do day in and day out. This sailing center is a treasured asset to the East Boston community. We are fortunate to be a small part of its overall success. The team does a fantastic job teaching kids how to sail as well as providing opportunities for a new skill they will use throughout their life. This is such a fabulous program here in East Boston on the waterfront.”

DeFronzo also highlighted a relatively new program that started a few years ago at PPSC. “PPSC is also looking forward to continuing a partnership with the McKay school to provide summertime programming through BPS,” said DeFronzo. “Students will walk down from the McKay to sail afternoons in the summer.” For over two decades the non-profit community sailing facility on Eastie’s waterfront that offers free programs to neighborhood youth has been taking kids off the streets and into productive

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with the three candidates last month here in East Boston and elsewhere in the city. “All three superintendent candidates brought excellent ideas and experience to the discussion. On behalf of the Boston School Committee, I thank all of them for participating in this public process,” said Boston School Committee Chairperson Michael Loconto. “We are excited to begin working soon with Dr. Cassellius, whose wealth of experience, commitment to equity, and proven track record as an education leader will be critical in continuing our progress in the Boston Public Schools.”

Cassellius, who served as Education Commissioner for Minnesota from 2011 must, now formally accept the offer for the BPS position, and would need to finalize conditions of her employment, including a salary and a starting date, through negotiations with the School Committee. Cassellius would succeed Laura Perille, the current Interim Superintendent and former CEO of the education improvement organization EdVestors. Perille became the Interim Superintendent last summer following the resignation of Dr. Tommy Chang, who held the Superintendent role for three years.

“With the selection of Dr. Cassellius, we’re investing in a proven leader who knows what’s right for kids and understands the value of community voice,” said Mayor Martin Walsh. “The role of Superintendent of the Boston Public Schools is one of the most important and difficult jobs in the city. I’m pleased that the Boston School Committee selected someone with deep experience improving educational outcomes for students, and I congratulate Dr. Cassellius for her selection. All of the candidates were fully qualified and I would like to thank them for their time. I thank the Boston School Committee and the Superintendent Search Committee for conducting a thorough, transparent search process to make sure the right leader was selected for the Boston Public Schools.”

According to her resume Cassellius enacted comprehensive education reforms, in-

cluding historic new funding for schools, enactment of all-day kindergarten, state-funded preschool for 25,000 children, and has overseen historically high graduation rates. She has also served on the board of directors for the Council for Chief State School Officers, and contributed to the development of “10 Equity Commitments,” which education chiefs across the country worked to adopt to further equity goals and outcomes.

However, before she left Minnesota, the state’s educational system has been embroiled in a lawsuit since 2015 alleging constitutional violations.

In 2015, seven families and a nonprofit organization sued the state, alleging a range of constitutional violations, including the state government’s refusal to change the boundaries of the Minneapolis and Saint Paul school districts; creating charter schools; and inequitably distributing resources. Because the Minneapolis and Saint Paul school systems enroll a disproportionately high number of minority and low-income students, the plaintiffs claim that the districts’ boundaries violate the uniformity requirement of the constitution. Cassellius was named in the lawsuit.

The suit claims that “school children in public schools throughout the State of Minnesota, including the City of Minneapolis, the City of Saint Paul, and their adjacent suburban communities, are largely

segregated by race and socioeconomic status,” and that the state and state officials are allowing and maintaining such segregated schools, and that the Minneapolis and St. Paul public school districts have established numerous “hyper-segregated schools” with the knowledge and consent of Minnesota officials. Those who filed the suit alleged that their children received an inadequate education as the “result of the educational and social policies pursued or accepted by (state officials), including the racial and socioeconomic segregation of the Minneapolis and Saint Paul public schools.”

The complaint included data showing a racial achievement gap among students in Minnesota, as well as achievement gaps between students in Minneapolis and St. Paul public schools and students in public schools in other parts of the state. The data include standardized test scores and graduation rates. The complaint alleges that these gaps are caused by racial and socioeconomic segregation.

The state’s trial court declined to dismiss the suit, but an appellate court ruled in 2017 that the case raised a political question inappropriate for judicial resolution and, therefore, had to be dismissed. However, in July 2018, in a 4-2 opinion, the Minnesota Supreme Court overturned that ruling, asserting that judicial intervention was indeed allowable and sent the case back to the trial court.

ZBA approves Mt. Carmel project

By John Lynds

At last week’s Boston Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) hearing the ZBA approved the Mount Carmel Church project.

The project, recently approved by the Boston Planning and Development Agency, has been a slightly contentious issue as it aims to transform the former Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church and surrounding properties, which include the church, rectory, convent and a large vacant parcel, into housing.

Developers Timothy White and Richard Egan seek to transform the four Mount Carmel Church parcels into on Gove and Frankfort streets in 112 residential units that include 12 income-restricted units.

Members of the Gove Street Citizens Association (GSCA) voted 17 to 7 against the proposal to develop the former Mount Carmel Church property.

While the developer plans to renovate the church and construct four-story row-houses on the vacant parcel along Frankfort Street, the developer’s plan to construct a six-story building at the corner of Frankfort and Gove streets that will replace the existing convent was the most concerning to residents.

However, GSCA members like Jack Scalcione applauded the developer’s work with the community.

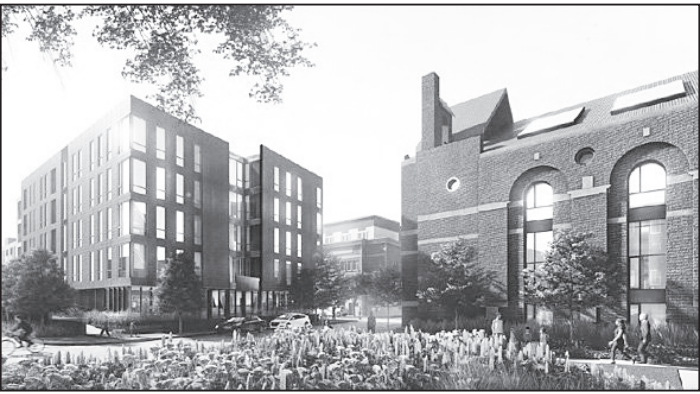
Scalcione, who lives on Frankfort Street, said the developer has worked closely with the abutters for several months.

In total the project will include 112 units and 84 parking spaces, 71 of which are located in a below-grade garage.

The developer recently eliminated the development of the rectory and decided to raze that building to house 13 of the 84 parking spaces as well as create a new landscaped greenspace.

The renovated Mount Carmel Church building will include 14 residential units.

The existing rectory and convent buildings will be razed and the vacant Frankfort Street parcel will include the construction of a new building that includes 98 condominium units. The rectory building located at 128-134 Gove St., and the convent are both compromised structurally and are not suitable for human habitation according to current Boston building codes.



The ZBA approved the Mount Carmel Church project at its hearing last week. Shown is an artist renderings of the Mt. Carmel Church project.

According to the filing the proposed project will provide market-rate and affordable units with a variety of unit sizes and styles to accommodate Eastie’s diverse and growing population.

The unit designs will vary and include apartments and lofts. The unit mix for the 112 units will comprise a mix of studio units, one-bedroom or one-bedroom plus den units, and two bedroom units.

Thirteen percent of the units will be designated as affordable in accordance with the BPD’s Inclusionary Development Policy (IPD).

Attorney for the project Jeff Drago said White and Egan plan to make the former Mount Carmel Church building “the cornerstone of this development.”

“This will be a respectfully reused converted into spacious loft-style living units that capture the soaring interior spaces and volume of the building,” he said. “There will be three levels of residential units with the top floor units capturing the currently hidden truss space above the vaulted ceiling. The exterior of the building, including its brick and stone façade, will be restored. It will be sensitively repaired where religious iconography was removed. The front-door and side-window openings will be lowered to the

ground to better connect the building to the street and surrounding landscape.”

The developers will also create a reflective outdoor space along the widened sidewalks at the corner of Frankfort and Gove streets that honors Mount Carmel’s history.

On the vacant lot the developers plan to erect a building that mirrors the brick row houses along Frankfort Street. The four-story structure will extend along Frankfort Street and articulate as individual row houses with separate, raised entrances and planter boxes. The fourth floor will contain setbacks for private deck space while reducing the massing along Frankfort Street.

This design was in response to many residents at past meetings not liking the modern design of some of the buildings. The original design included a mix of glass and other materials but residents asked the developer to consider replicating the architectural styles of the turn of the 20th Century brick buildings along Frankfort Street.

The developers will also construct the six-story building at the corner of Frankfort and Gove streets that will replace the existing convent.

White and Egan purchased the property in 2015 for \$3 million.

East Boston High School  
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## BIG TOBACCO: THE EMPIRE STRIKES BACK OR: IS YOUR CHILD A NICOTINE ADDICT?

In the mid-1990s, our newspaper group was honored in consecutive years by the Massachusetts branch of the American Cancer Society for our reporting and editorials regarding the regulation of tobacco products in our local communities. We wrote about every aspect of the tobacco industry, from the insidious means by which the tobacco companies were pushing their products with advertising geared toward young people, to taking to task local authorities who were not doing as much as they could have (by means of ordinances limiting smoking in public places) in order to prevent young people from becoming the future tobacco addicts of America.

This exact week in 1999, we editorialized in favor of a state law to ban smoking in restaurants.

So it was with a great deal of personal satisfaction that we took some degree of pride in what seemed to be the vanquishing of a foe -- the tobacco lobby -- that for generations in this country had reigned with impunity and that had seemed invincible until there finally were laws enacted throughout the country limiting the sale and use of tobacco beginning in the mid-2000s.

Shortly after these laws went into effect, teenage cigarette smoking rates began to decline precipitously and smoking in public became an anathema.

Big Tobacco had been defeated.  
Or so it seemed.

But like one of those horror-film swamp creatures that becomes resurrected in even more ominous form when exposed to seemingly deadly radiation, Big Tobacco is back -- and in a big way -- thanks to the new, so-called e-cigarettes.

A recent article in the New York Times put it this way, "Although teen cigarette smoking rates have fallen below five percent, America is now contending with an epidemic of young people using e-cigs, vapes, and other 'nicotine delivery devices,' as the tobacco industry christened them years ago in secret memos, searching for an official alternative to describing their products as cigarettes."

Nicotine is considered by some to be the most addictive substance, legal or otherwise, known to man. In previous generations, teen smokers, encouraged by images of James Dean with a cigarette hanging from his lips, became lifetime smokers, assuring Big Tobacco of a steady stream of income ad infinitum.

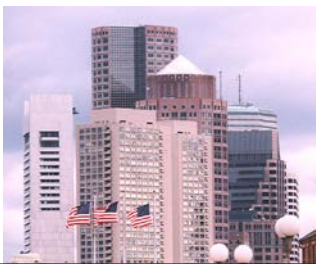
Teens once again have become the target consumer group for Big Tobacco, a dangerous trend on many levels. According to one study, the effects of teens using these new products are dramatic and significant: "For a teen, becoming nicotine-addicted greatly increases the likelihood that they will graduate to traditional, combustible cigarettes. Importantly, nicotine addiction during adolescence increases the vulnerability to subsequent addictions, like opioids or cocaine. For most users of illicit drugs, their initial addiction was to nicotine."

More ominously, the use of these new products, known ubiquitously as juuling, delivers as much nicotine in one pod as 200 cigarettes, all but assuring users of a fast-track to addiction.

The bottom line is that Big Tobacco (which owns or controls all of the largest of these e-cigarette companies) has found a 21st century means by which to hook a new generation of future tobacco addicts.

Parents have to take a watchful eye to make sure their children are not using these products and society needs new laws to ensure that these products cannot be sold to those under the age of 21.

Big Tobacco is back -- and we need to take action immediately.



# Forum



HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY MAY 12

GUEST OP-ED

## Our May Day message: We will not be divided

By Antonio Amaya, Gladys Vega and  
Milagros Barreto

Just a few days ago, we saw the power of workers standing together. Stop & Shop employees represented by UFCW Local 1445 went on strike to protect their income and push back against extreme cuts to benefits. The people of Massachusetts stood with them. And soon they had a fair contract.

Many employers want to divide us. So does the Trump administration, which has tried to split America's working class in half: native-born against immigrants. If they succeed, we might miss their attacks on labor rights, consumer protections or our social safety net.

But it's not going to work. We're smarter than that.

Yesterday, on International Workers' Day, thousands of us took to the streets together in a massive show of strength and unity: labor leaders and immigrant activists, workers born

and raised right here in Eastie, and people from Latin America and all over the world who've made this their home.

We carried signs that proclaimed our common interests: Protect worker safety and the right to organize. End wage theft and worker abuse. Protect public education. And because immigrant rights are workers' rights, too: Protect DACA and Temporary Protected Status (TPS). And stop local officials' collaboration with Immigration & Customs Enforcement.

It's a tradition we've been proud to uphold for two decades. Every year for May Day, the immigrant communities of Everett, Chelsea and East Boston join together for an hours-long march and rally to send a powerful message to the world: We stand together with workers in more than 80 countries who are out on the streets demanding justice, dignity and respect in the workplace and the community at large.

It is true that workers are better off today than a few generations ago -- or in some of the countries that our members came from. But in recent decades, conditions in many workplaces have actually declined. And even in modern times, we continue to fight for labor rights. There is still a wide socioeconomic gap that separates the working class from the rich -- and that gap is widening. Corporate greed is rampant, and white supremacy and corruption enable it to thrive.

This is why it's so important to honor the enormous battles that workers are waging in Massachusetts, across our nation and around the world. Every day, they stand up for dignity and respect, for income security, for an end to exploitation and wage theft. And at the same time, many of those same activists are fighting just to keep their families together and in America.

Yesterday we marched with countless TPS holders who,

after decades in this country, face the prospect of deportation as soon as next January. And we marched with undocumented workers whose status forces them to serve as subcontractors, highly vulnerable to abuse and wage theft.

We'll say it again: Immigrant rights are workers' rights. And in a state where 1 in 5 workers is foreign-born, and key unions are powered by immigrants, workers' rights are very much immigrant rights.

They can try to divide us. They won't succeed. We stand together -- indivisible -- against hate and bigotry, and for justice and dignity for all. See you next May Day!

*Antonio Amaya is executive director of La Comunidad, Inc. Gladys Vega is executive director of the Chelsea Collaborative. Milagros Barreto is coordinator of the Immigrant Worker Center at Mass-COSH. The three organizations jointly lead the May 1st Coalition.*

## LETTERS to the Editor

### LIBERAL HYPOCRISY To the Editor,

You had a very good article on the current Opioid Crisis in New England. However in flagrant display of Liberal Hypocrisy -- three of our leading law enforcement officers -- Healy, Rollins and Ryan, two district attorneys and an A.G. suing to keep illegal immigrants guilty of crimes out of the Fed. I.C.E. Law Enforcement authority. The criminals are suspect of murder and drugs -- M.S.13 have already killed two in East Boston. And Healy, Rollins and Ryan preach about the horrors of Opioid! "Liberal Hypocrisy."  
**Peter A. Gravallese**

### TO MAYOR WALSH, SUPERINTENDENT PERILE AND CFO HANDY

**To the Editor,**  
Schools in District One and East Boston in particular, are facing challenges with regards to Boston Public Schools funding and the availability of middle school seats.  
Economic pressures in our housing market and the current mechanism for school

funding have contributed to a chain reaction. As families are displaced from East Boston, declining school enrollment erodes budgetary support and results in reductions in staff at area schools. To put this concretely, District One schools are facing a multi-million dollar funding cut, with over \$1.2 million cut from East Boston High School alone.

Meanwhile, school principals, teachers, parents and students are eager to expand 6th grader or overall middle school seats in East Boston. School leaders in particular have requested expansion to 6th grade. Today, many East Boston children presently are bused in Charlestown. Significant development planned for both the East Boston and Charlestown communities and projected population growth make it clear there will be an ongoing need for local school options, and additional seats, for both communities.

On Jan. 14, Boston Public Schools invited feedback on a draft set of guidelines for K-6 expansions for SY s0-21 and SY 21-22 outside of major re-configurations. The following criteria was proposed in order for K5 schools to be consid-

ered:

The school must remain within existing space without "substantial" new construction.

Preference to spaces that will maintain 21st century learning spaces i.e. intervention, science, arts, and music programs.

Must accommodate all general educational standards and specialized populations rising to the sixth grade.

Assessment of financial and enrollment implications to feeder school district wide.

Appropriate level of awareness on the part of the school community with regard to feeder patterns.

Of the schools in East Boston, the following meet the draft criteria as proposed: Samuel Adams Elementary School, Manassah E. Bradley Elementary School, Curtis Guild Elementary School, James Otis Elementary School, Hugh Roe O'Donnell Elementary School and the Patrick J. Kennedy Elementary School. The principals of each school has expressed enthusiasm for expansion as soon as SY 19-20.

With the pending acquisitions of a building on Paris

Street and declining enrollment at East Boston High School leading to available classroom space, we believe that BPS is able to begin transitioning East Boston students from Charlestown schools to local schools in East Boston. For example, East Boston High School has indicated that they have a two-year plan to transition the school into 7-12 school, which would both help save funding for the school and save the district on transporting East Boston middle school students to Charlestown. EBHS also confirmed they are willing to lend swing space for sixth grade classrooms as well.

As discussed at a recent council hearing on school transportation, there are instances of students with IEP's that currently ride the school bus longer than allowed by their IEP on occasion. We believe that if these students attended local schools instead, instances of this type could be minimized if not eliminated.

During that hearing, the council requested data on the costs of busing East Boston students to Charlestown. BPS

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## Your opinions, please

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COMMUNITY NEWS

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL CLOTHING DRIVE

The St. Vincent de Paul Clothing Drive and mini flea market to benefit St. Mary/St. Lazarus St. Vincent de Paul Society will be held on Saturday, May 11, from 8am to 5pm and Sunday, May 12, from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. It will be at the Salesian Boys and Girls Club parking lot on Byron St.

BOSTON BUBBLE FESTIVAL COMING TO BOSTON COMMON MAY 11

The air will be filled with fun as Mayor Martin J. Walsh and the Boston Parks and Recreation Department bring the Boston Bubble Festival back to Boston Common on Saturday, May 11, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Building on the popularity of “Bubble Guy” Jim Dichter’s presentations at previous Parks Department children’s events, the Boston Bubble Festival will offer free outdoor activities in and around the historic Parkman Bandstand at 167 Tremont Street.

The celebration will include giant floating bubble demonstrations from various bubble performers, a DJ, live entertainment, giveaways, and more.

The Boston Bubble Festival is presented by the Boston Parks and Recreation Department with sponsors Uncle Bubble, HP Hood LLC, “A Dog’s Journey” in theaters May 17th, “Spirit Riding Free” and “She-Ra and the Princesses Of Power” now streaming on Netflix, and partners Country 102.5, Ameriprise Financial, KIND Snacks, Polar Beverages, Power Crunch nutrition bars and “Bubble Guy” Jim Dichter.

This event is weather permitting. For more information, please call the Boston Parks and Recreation Department at (617) 635-4505, visit [www.boston.gov/parks](http://www.boston.gov/parks) or go to [www.facebook.com/bostonparksdepartment](http://www.facebook.com/bostonparksdepartment).

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HARBOR VIEW NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION AGENDA

May 6, 2019 HVNA Meeting At 6:30 p.m. (doors open at 6 p.m.)

Brooke Charter School  
145 Byron Street  
Welcome/ Introduction (5min)  
Station 7 Update Sgt. Martin & Officer Dan Simons (10min)

Announcements (5min)  
Brad Young, new neighbor welcome. Sharing some home building experiences. (5 min)

Development Presentations  
63 Horace Street 2nd presentation and VOTE. Owners: Terese & Richard Riamondi, Architect, Frank DeMuto and Attorney Richard Lynds  
• Subdivide lot and build a 3 story, 2 Unit house next to existing owner occupied 2 family. (25 min)

Non-Development Presentations  
Richdale Food Store, Director Barznab Khan. Presentation and discussion about being in the neighborhood and moving forward with new ideas. (20min)

New business  
Next meeting: June 3, 2019  
Visit us at: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/harbor-viewna/>

MAYOR WALSH ANNOUNCES 2019 COFFEE HOUR SERIES

Mayor Martin J. Walsh and the Boston Parks and Recreation Department will host the 20th Annual Neighborhood Coffee Hour Series in local parks citywide from April 30 to June 19.

“I look forward to the Neighborhood Coffee Hours every year as a way to start the spring season by getting out to the neighborhoods to engage directly with our residents,” said Mayor Walsh.

The Neighborhood Coffee Hours give residents the opportunity to speak directly with Mayor Walsh and staff from City departments about open space and other needs in their neighborhoods. Through these discussions and a suggestion box at each site, Mayor Walsh looks forward to hearing how the City of Boston can improve upon local parks, public areas, and city services.

Participants will enjoy coffee and breakfast treats provided by Dunkin’ Donuts and fresh fruit from Star Market. In addition, each family in attendance will receive a flowering plant grown in the city’s

greenhouses as a gift from Mayor Walsh. Residents at the event will also be eligible to win a raffle prize from Dunkin’ Donuts. Information will be available on City programs from the Boston Public Library, Boston Public Schools, Boston Police Department, and Boston Centers for Youth & Families.

All coffee hours will be held from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. unless otherwise noted. Locations are weather permitting. Dates for the full schedule of Mayor Walsh’s 2019 Neighborhood Coffee Hours are as follows:

Wednesday, May 8  
McCarthy Playground  
10 Eden Street, Charlestown

Tuesday, May 14  
Symphony Park  
39 Edgerly Road, Fenway  
Monday, May 20  
Walker Playground  
550 Norfolk Street, Mattapan

Wednesday, May 22  
Joe Moakley Park/Dorothy Curran Tot Lot  
1005 Columbia Road, South Boston

Thursday, May 23  
Commonwealth Avenue Mall  
15P Commonwealth Avenue, Back Bay  
Tuesday, May 28  
Marcella Park  
260 Highland Street, Roxbury

Tuesday, June 4  
Paul Revere Mall  
370 Hanover Street, North End  
Wednesday, June 5  
Brighton Common  
30 Chestnut Hill Avenue, Brighton

Thursday, June 6  
Ronan Park  
92 Mt. Ida Road, Dorchester  
Tuesday, June 11  
Lt. Edward Walsh and Firefighter Michael Kennedy Tot Lot  
369 LaGrange Street, West Roxbury

Wednesday, June 12  
Noyes Park  
86 Boardman Street, East Boston  
Thursday, June 13  
Adams Park  
4225 Washington Street, Roslindale

Wednesday, June 19  
Mozart Street Playground  
10 Mozart Street, Jamaica Plain

For more information and updates on possible weather cancellations, please contact the Boston Parks and Recreation Department at (617) 635-4505, online at Facebook or Twitter @bostonparksdept, or by visiting [www.boston.gov/parks](http://www.boston.gov/parks).

GRACE CHURCH NEWS SERVICES

Grace Church Federated is an Episcopal/United Church of Christ church located at 760 Saratoga Street in East

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Community Meetings

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Boston. All are welcome. Please join us for Sunday morning worship at 9:30 a.m., followed by a coffee hour. We also have a food pantry on Saturdays from 10 a.m. until noon in the church basement. There are a number of ways you can help us to serve East Boston. Volunteer at or contribute to the food pantry. Sing with the Festival of Lessons and Carols choir. Bring a dish to the monthly Sunday evening community suppers. Participate in the Sunday worship service. Help with Sunday School. Visit the Grace Church web site at [www.gracechurcheastie.org](http://www.gracechurcheastie.org) or call the church at 617-569-5358 for more information.

EAST BOSTON SENIOR LUNCH PROGRAM

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

The Senior Lunch Program sponsored by ETHOS Con-

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

We welcome seniors from our East Boston Community and surrounding areas.

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 10 a.m. in Room 209. All are welcome to attend. Class is taught by Mr. Montaro. No need to register, just come by on Wednesday at 10 a.m. for this fun class. The East Boston Social Centers is located at 68 Central Square.

LEARN ITALIAN FREE

The class will be held at Robert DeLeo Senior Center, 35 Harvard Street Winthrop for residents age 55 and above.

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For info call 617-846-8538.

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.

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Transportation has since noted that, based on the number of routes in October 2018, such costs exceeded \$380,000. Additionally, two routes have since been added, presumably pushing costs in excess of \$400,000. We would appreciate further dialogue with the administration on the potential for expansion of middle school seats in East Boston to soften transportation cost incurred when transporting children between these two neighborhoods.

These proposed funding changes are untenable for District One and will disproportionately impact families already facing extreme economic pressures. As we work through the budgetary process, we hope the expansion

of sixth grade seats in East Boston, an analysis of school transportation patterns and costs within District One, and other creative interventions, can ease out path toward productive resolution.

We look forward to your response and continued dialogue during the FY20 budget process.

Regards,

Lydia Edwards  
Boston City Councilor  
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# EAST BOSTON K TRUST

## Scholarship Awards Dinner

PHOTOS & STORY BY MARIANNE SALZA

The Kiwanis Club of East Boston presented 38 scholarships to 19 students from four local high schools on April 30 during the East Boston “K” Trust Scholarship Awards Dinner at Spinelli’s Banquet Hall. The charitable non-profit organization celebrated the graduating seniors for their scholastic achievements and extracurricular successes.

“This is truly one of our favorite activities. The ‘K’ Trust Program allows us to assist the leaders of tomorrow,” said John Schwagerl, president. “We had the pleasure of interviewing everyone. It’s inspirational.”

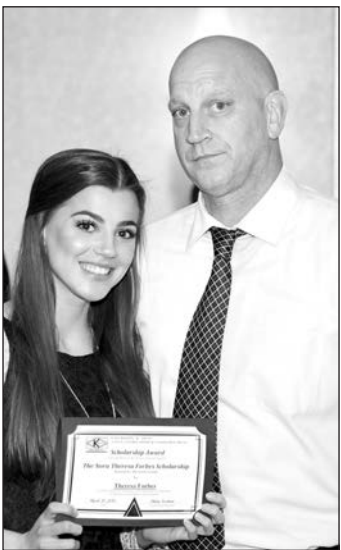
United States Marine and Purple Heart Recipient, Francisco Urena, Massachusetts Secretary of Veterans’ Services, received the East Boston “K” Trust Appreciation Award. Urena came to the U.S. when he was 1-year-old. He shared his fondest memories of conversing with the elderly while visiting the nursing home where his mother worked as a caregiver.

“Education and life learning are pathways,” said Urena, Guest Speaker. “Find a way to volunteer and mentor others. From an early age of 14, I knew that the military was my way of giving back. What I wish for you all is good fortune. Tonight is an aspect of pride.”

The Kiwanis Club encouraged the humble and committed recipients to work hard, have fun as they further their education, and continue to serve the community.



Francisco Urena, Massachusetts Secretary of Veterans’ Services, with East Boston High School JROTC members, Jonathan Lopez, Juan Agudelo, Emily Mayorga, and Anirichna Sophorlath.



Theresa Forbes, recipient of The James and Pamela McGrane Memorial Scholarship, and The Nora Theresa Forbes Memorial Scholarship, donated by the Forbes family.



Above: John Schwagerl, president of the Kiwanis Club of East Boston.



Right: Philip Freehan, East Boston “K” Trust chairman.



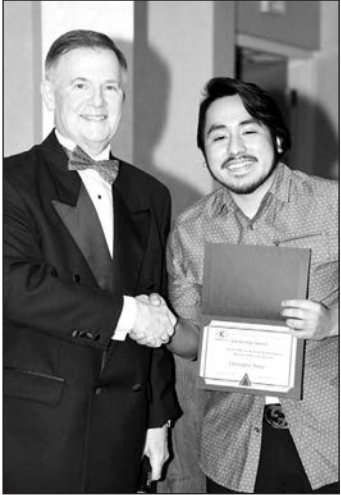
Amanda August, recipient of The East Boston Savings Bank Scholarship, and The Nina Lombardo Memorial Scholarship, donated by the Lombardo family.



Sebastian Parra, recipient of The East Boston Savings Bank Scholarship, and The Salvatore A. Lombardo Memorial Scholarship, donated by the Lombardo family.



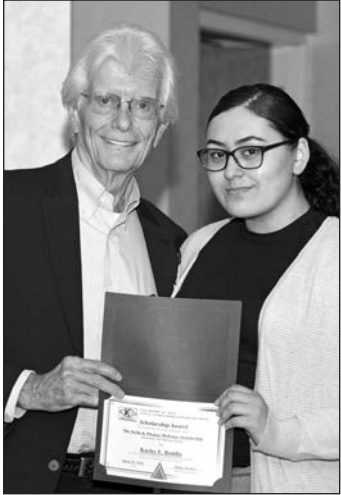
Alejandra Bonilla, recipient of The East Boston “K” Trust Scholarship, and The Ricciardelli and Small Scholarship, donated by Ricciardelli & Small, LLC.



Christopher Manta, recipient of The East Boston Savings Bank Scholarship, and The East Boston “K” Trust Scholarship in Memory of Mario L. Simeola.



Julie Tassinari, recipient of The East Boston “K” Trust Scholarship in Honor of Buddy Mangini, and The James & Pamela McGrane Memorial Scholarship, donated by the McGrane family.



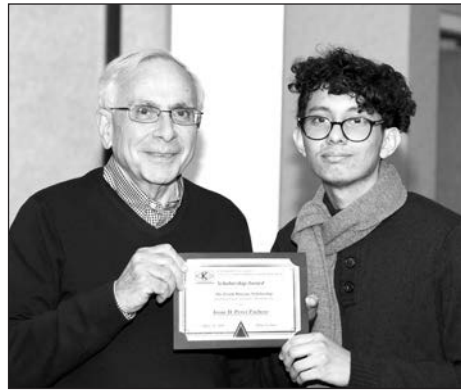
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Nasja Taylor, recipient of The Pratt-Beck-Plunkett Memorial Scholarship, and The East Boston “K” Trust Scholarship.



Serena Gilbride, recipient of The Matthew and Frances Previte Memorial Scholarship, and The Frank Durante Memorial Scholarship, donated by friends and family of Frank Durante.



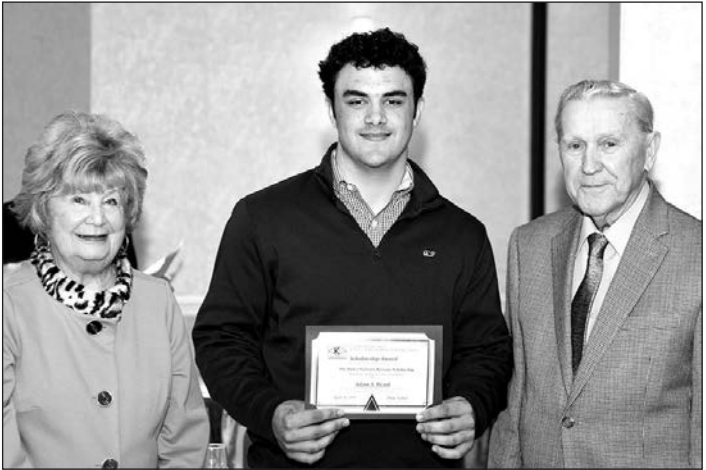
Josue Perez Pacheco, recipient of The Luis R. Vazza Memorial Scholarship, and The Frank Durante Memorial Scholarship, donated by friends and family of Frank Durante.



Gabriella Catino, recipient of The Asunta Rosa-Di Pietro Memorial Scholarship, and The East Boston Neighborhood Health Center Scholarship.



Joanna Andrade, recipient of The East Boston Savings Bank Scholarship, and The Gaetaand Coletta family Scholarship, donated by the Gaeta and Coletta families.



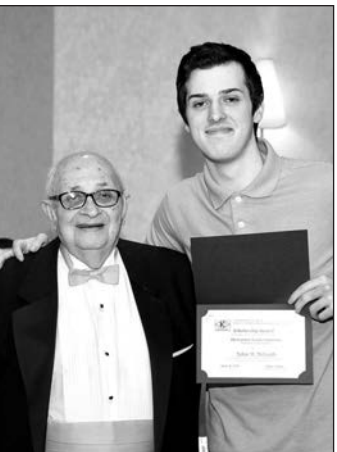
Adam Braid, recipient of The Pasquale “Pat” Rosa Memorial Scholarship, and The James Sorrento Kiwanis Memorial Scholarship, donated by the Kiwanis Club of East Boston.



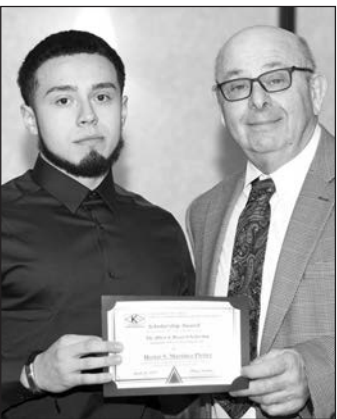
Nicolette Brangiforte, recipient of The Thomas Lima Memorial Scholarship, and The Nichole Baszkiewicz Memorial Scholarship, donated by Patricia and Paul Baszkiewicz.



Gabrielle Mellone, recipient of The “K” Trust Scholarship, and The Suzanne Palma Memorial Scholarship, donated by the family of Suzanne Palma.



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Bridget LePage, recipient of The Maria Roberto Memorial Scholarship, and The Scholarship in Honor of the Ford Family, donated by Marilyn Ford.







LOCAL STUDENTS PLAY FOR AUSTIN PREP SOFTBALL



The history of success is well known when it comes to the girls softball program at Austin Prep High School. Two local girls have been huge contributors to that success. Serena Gilbride (photo right) and Alexandra Santostefano (photo left) have been part of two teams that made the state championship finals and another which made the semifinals in the last three years. Now in their senior seasons the girls are once again helping to lead another strong at Austin Prep. Santostefano has been solid in

the outfield while also batting second and providing several timely hits. Gilbride has started every game on the mound shutting down opposing offenses including throwing a seven inning four hitter in a recent 3-2 victory over defending Division One Northeast Champion Peabody. Longtime Austin coach Frank Sorrenti feels both have been instrumental to the program and this years 9-2 start. "Alexandra contributes at such a variety of positions that we call her our Swiss Army



Knife. She always brings a solid work ethic and enthusiasm to the team," Coach Sorrenti says, adding "As our number one pitcher, Serena brings a confidence to the team and is a key to our success. She's efficient and smart, always staying ahead of hitters with her location and movement." Sorrenti concludes "Both girls exhibit the leadership skills that all good teams need." Currently ranked in the states top 25, Austin Prep sits at 9-2 at the midpoint of their season.

BPDA hosts community meeting on Coleridge Street project

By John Lynds

The developer of a large project on Coleridge Street was back before the community since taking a deferral at the Zoning Board of Appeals back in September of last year.

At a meeting last Wednesday at the Edward Brooke Charter School sponsored by the Boston Planning and Development Agency (BPDA), developer Ryan Acone's team was on hand to update residents on the project.

The project is currently under the BPDA's Article 80 Small Project Review with a comment period that ends Friday, May 10. Comments on the project can be made to [www.bostonplans.org/projects/development-projects/the-residences-at-coleridge-coast#comment\\_Form](http://www.bostonplans.org/projects/development-projects/the-residences-at-coleridge-coast#comment_Form).

At last week's meeting residents in the Harbor View neighborhood of Eastie were still skeptical over the project's size and scope.

Acone started the process in 2018. Before filing a letter of intent with the city he met with neighbors, talked with abutters, had a few brainstorming session at the Harbor View Neighborhood Association before even coming up with a proposal.

After listening for months to the community, Acone first proposed building a 26 unit condo development on a 19,000 sq. ft. vacant lot at 181 Coleridge St.

Reaction from HVNA members wasn't good. While they liked some aspects of the project like the open space—they thought the design was too

'boxy,' the unit count was too high and the overall proposal didn't fit well with the neighborhood because it blocked water views.

So Acone and his team went back to the drawing board and worked with the community and abutters on a better design.

They reduced the number of units to 22 and completely redesigned the look of the project and after further meetings he dropped the unit count to 20 and again to 19.

Of the buildings' design Acone removed the box building everyone complained about and implement an architectural design that was respectful of the other homes that line Coleridge Street. Because Coleridge Street is made up of a mix of A-frame and flat-roof homes, Acone and his team came up with a design that cherry-picked some of the street's architectural elements.

The design included one larger flat-roof building and a smaller A-frame townhouse. Acone also broke up the project into two buildings to keep sight lines down to the water for neighbors across the street.

All these elements and

changes were the result of months working with abutters and the HVNA.

However, HVNA voted 31 to 12 against the development with many HVNA members citing parking as the main issue. The project includes 22 proposed parking spaces.

Longtime residents of the area like Phil Brangiforte think large projects in his neighborhood threaten to destroy the fabric of the once-quiet enclave of Eastie near Constitution Beach. Already on Coleridge an eight-unit project has been erected and another 24 units is being pitched at the other end of Coleridge where it meets Short Street. Brangiforte said at last week's meeting it is just 'too much.'

Other's at the meeting agreed with Brangiforte and worried the charm and family atmosphere of the neighborhood is under attack by many of these larger developments—many of which include only one or two-bedroom units.

Aside from parking what makes the project tricky is the parcel is subjected to the state's Chapter 91 regulations, which

means half the land needs to be public open space and the larger building must include space within one of the buildings for public use.

"The public accommodation space can be anything from a meeting room, to a yoga studio, to public art space," said Acone.

The parcel is the last lot on the right before Constitution Beach and abuts Rice Street, which leads down to the East Boston Yacht Club.

Acone's proposal would include long-term planning as it relates to sea-level rise. The project would be built above the projected sea-level rise totals and would use other climate ready and resiliency techniques to ensure the project stays dry for future generations.

The Chapter 91 public access would consist of a harbor



Ryan Acone's architect talks about the planned development at 181 Coleridge St.

walk in the rear of the development that would be accessible from Rice Street and the project would include a community room or some other public use space inside the larger of the two buildings.

The developer has enhanced

landscaping in the back since the last meeting and after hearing from abutters, the harborwalk that will be mandated by the state under Chapter 91 will have a fence at the end to protect the adjoining properties from potential trespassers.

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# HVNA recap of May 6 meeting

By John Lynds

On Monday night, the Harbor View Neighborhood Association held their monthly meeting and voted on one project and heard from the owners of Richdale Food Stores on future plans for the former 7-Eleven.

First, HVNA members voted 14 to 7 in favor a project at 63 Horace St. There, Terese and Richard Riamondi plan to subdivide the lot and build a three-story, two-unit house next to their existing owner occupied two-family.

While there was some concern over the building's height, the longtime Eastie residents received the blessing of their Harbor View neighbors. The Riamondis plan to continue living in the



Architect Frank DelMuto on the 63 Horace St. project.



Richdale Food Store Director Barznab Khan.

two-family next door to the property they intend to build.

The couple's architect, Frank DelMuto, showed drawings of the proposed A-frame two-family and said the design took elements from

the surrounding buildings both in size and scope.

Next on the agenda, Richdale Food Store Director Barznab Khan pitched his plans to add beer and wine

sales to the store on Byron Street. Barznab said many of his customers have asked for beer and wine sales because it would be more convenient than having to drive to a full-service liquor store.

The store, which started as a White Hen Pantry before converting to a 7-11 was taken over by Barznab last year and turned into a Richdale's chain.

While Barznab may have support of loyal customers, some HVNA members expressed concerns considering the store is across the street from a public park, the Salesian Boys & Girls Club and the Edward Brooke Charter School.

Some also felt the store may lose that 'community'-feel if beer and wine is added.

## GREEN AND WHITE BALL



PHOTO BY PIERCE HARMAN

East Boston residents Stephen and Denise Dunbar were among the 300 guests who came out for the Friends of the Public Garden's signature springtime black-tie gala, the Green and White Ball, at the Four Seasons on Friday, April 26, 2019, raising \$580,000 to provide care for the Boston Common, Public Garden, and Commonwealth Avenue Mall.

Friends Executive Director Elizabeth Vizza, Honorary Chair Peter A. Brooke, whose late wife Anne Brooke played an integral role in the organization and this event for many years, and co-Chairs Ashley Harmon, Amanda Pratt, Jessica Schmitz, and Lisa Taffe (all from Beacon Hill) welcomed guests for the elegant seated dinner of vichyssoise and halibut and dancing with the band Night Shift. Event partner Marc Hall dazzled guests with his floral inspiration for this year - the rose - with towering rose sculptures atop the tables.

The Friends invests over \$1.5 million a year to meet the urgent needs of the parks, from annual care and maintenance to major park improvement projects. Over the past two decades, the Green and White Ball has raised over \$7 million to renew, care, and advocate for the Common, Garden, and Mall. Proceeds from the events have provided critical funds to ensure the health and beauty of these important green spaces.

A slated 2019 project involves working with the City of Boston on a new master plan for the Common to bring this park to a higher level of excellence. Another is to remove the Shaw 54th Memorial from its site for a full restoration, in partnership with the City, the National Park Service, and the Museum of African American History. Plans to light the sculptures on the Mall and improve the lighting of the Brewer Fountain are also in place. Visit [www.friendsofthepublicgarden.org](http://www.friendsofthepublicgarden.org) to learn more.

## Watershed // CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

dow said when the Watershed opens next spring Akomfrah will unveil the U.S. premier of Purple, an immersive six-channel video installation.

"What astounds me about the art of John Akomfrah is that the beauty, power, and grace of his work conveys a sense of the sublime and the possible, despite its depiction of the powerful impacts of climate change, rising sea levels, and the increase of severe weather," said Medvedow. "Purple embodies the belief that inward reflection must be paired with active engagement. The ICA is honored to present this important and timely work at the Watershed."

Purple will be organized by Eva Respini, Chief Curator, and Cara Kuball, Curatorial Project Manager. The two called Akomfrah's Purple the the artist's most ambitious project to date.

They said Purple combines archival footage with newly shot film to address themes related to the implications of climate change across the planet and its effects on human com-

munities, biodiversity, and the wilderness.

Respini said the premier of Purple at the Watershed, an old industrial building situated on Eastie's waterfront, is the perfect place to consider climate change through art. The Watershed opened to the public on July 4, 2018 inside a former copper pipe factory at Boston Shipyard and Marina on Marginal Street. The 15,000-square-foot, raw, industrial space is unlike anything in Boston and has expanded the ICA's artistic and educational programming on both sides of the Boston Harbor.

Respini said the themes of Purple will resonate deeply with the Watershed's harbor location and its proximity to the current and historical maritime industries of the Boston Harbor Shipyard and Marina.

"Purple is a catalyst for conversation and action. Through the poetic interweaving of archival images and new footage accompanied by a hypnotic soundscape, the film confronts the issue of climate change from a philosophical

perspective, questioning what is morally and ethically at stake if human beings continue to exploit the planet," said Respini. "The Watershed's coastal and industrial location provides a powerful backdrop for visitors to explore these subjects."

Respini said Akomfrah draws from hundreds of hours of archival footage, combining it with newly shot film and a spellbinding sound score to produce the video installation. Symphonic in scale and divided into five interwoven movements, the film features various disappearing ecological landscapes: from the hinterlands of Alaska and the desolate environments of Greenland, to the Tahitian Peninsula and the volcanic Marquesas Islands in the South Pacific. "Purple conveys the complex and fragile interrelation of human and non-human life with a sense of poetic gravity that registers the vulnerability of living in precarious environments," she said.

Born in 1957 in Accra, Ghana Akomfrah lives and works in London. A found-

ing member of the influential Black Audio Film Collective (1982-1998) and its offshoot, the film and television production company Smoking Dogs Films (1998-present), his work has been shown in museums and exhibitions around the world including The Museum of Modern Art, New York; The New Museum, New York; Eli and Edythe Broad Art Museum, Michigan; Centre Pompidou, Paris; Serpentine Gallery, London; Tate Britain, London; Southbank Centre, London; Bildmuseet Umeå, Sweden; and the 56th Venice Biennale.

Purple will be on view starting on May 26, 2019 through September 2, 2019.

## DISTRICT SEVEN POLICE REPORT

### Monday, April 22, 2019

Around 10:45 p.m. in the area of Ashley and Boardman Streets, a 45 year old male with a Boston, MA address was arrested for Assault and Battery.

### Tuesday, April 23, 2019

No Arrests

### Wednesday, April 24, 2019

Around 10:30 a.m. in the area of 258 Leyden St., a 30 year old male with a Dorchester, MA address was arrested for Assault and Battery.

Around 5:30 p.m. in the area of Lexington St. & Brooks St., a 25 year old male with an East Boston address was arrested for Violation of an Existing Restraining Order.

Around 7:45 p.m. in the area of 13 Maverick Sq., a male juvenile with a Chelsea, MA address was arrested for Delinquent to Wit: Dangerous Weapon Unlawfully Carried.

Around 10:15 p.m. in the area of Maverick St. and Havre St., an 18 year old male with a Boston, MA address was arrested for Contributing to Delinquency of a Minor and Trespassing

### Thursday, April 25, 2019

Around 5:30 p.m. in the area of Cunard St. and London St., a 19 year old male with a Randolph, MA address was arrested for trespassing.

Around 5:30 p.m. in the area of Cunard St. and London

St., a 23 year old male with a Boston, MA address was arrested for trespassing.

### Friday, April 26, 2019

No Arrests

### Saturday, April 27, 2019

Around 11:30 p.m. in the area of 10 Gove St., a 23 year old female with an East Boston address was arrested for Assault and Battery, Dangerous Weapon.

### Sunday, April 28, 2019

Around 6 p.m. in the area of 85 Condor St., an 18 year old male with an Everett, MA address was arrested for Dangerous Weapons Unlawfully Carried and Miscellaneous Municipal Ordinance.

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# Getting Out Caroline, or Change

By Sheila Barth

Thirteen years ago, in early May, SpeakEasy Stage Company, helmed by incomparable Artistic Director-Director Paul Daigneault, presented the New England premiere of Tony Kushner’s hit musical, “Caroline, or Change,” in association with North Shore Music Theatre,

At the time, I heralded Kushner’s two-act, 2-1/2 hour musical as “a bag full of great things. It’s rife with symbolism, play on words, personification, Tony Kushner’s clever lyrics, Jeanine Tesori’s memorable music ... a clever, four-level set design, and talented cast.”

Fast forward to now, at the same location,Stanford Calderwood Pavilion at the Boston Center for the Arts. 527 Tremont St., Boston. This time, Kushner’s loosely autobiographical play is presented by Moonbox Productions, boasting an ardent, talented cast of Boston headliners, per-

forming on Janie E. Howland’s striking, layered set.

Moonbox Director Allison Olivia Choat and Company provide their own uplifting, lilt-ing nuances, punctuating and separating people embracing modernity vs. those resistant to broadening new horizons. Set in 1963, Kushner’s tale highlights JFK’s assassination, Martin Luther King’s peace marches, civil rights changes, and bylaws that segregated white and black bus riders.

Seated on an upper left-hand level, hidden from theatergoers, pianist conductor Dan Rodriguez and his eight musicians provide fine accompaniment to Tesori’s lexicon of rhythm and blues, gospel, Judaic traditional, Motown, Zydeco, and more.

Portraying lead character Caroline Thibodeaux, Yewande Odetoyinbo is dramatically dynamic as conflicted 39-year-old housemaid-divorced, formerly abused mother of four, who does laundry in the basement o the

Gellman family, while listening to the radio. At times, the washing machine personifies into a bubbles-bedecked and/or lunar, glittery figure (Pier Lamia Porter), whose operatic voice soars in her personified portrayals of the washing machine and the moon.

The dryer, personified by versatile star Davron S. Monroe, unleashes his voice too, resembling religious chanting at times. He’s a hovering, “smooth-singing devil “ in disguise, garbed in pure white garb. Early in Act I, Monroe, encased in a metal frame with bright headlights, doubles as a public bus.

Enlivening the 1960s, harmonic trio Maria Hendricks, Aliyah Harris and Lovely Hoffman portray Radio Voices 1,2,and 3.

Odetoyinbo dramatically and musically captures Caroline’s weariness, discontent and bitterness in her hometown of Lake Charles, La., where she feels stuck. “Nothing ever happens [here],” she intones.

But she’s wrong. Change pervades the country - the world-even Lake Charles in 1963, as black power gains clout, with promises of a better future. However, America’s idyllic Camelot is shattered when President John F. Kennedy is assassinated.

For 21 years, Caroline, who’s uneducated, worked as a housemaid. She’s employed by the Gellmans, a Jewish family, composed of 8-year-old Noah, his clarinetist father, and his well-meaning, New York-raised stepmother, Rose Stopnick Gellman (Sarah Kornfeld), whose acts of kindness Noah (amazing Ben Choi-Harris) rebuffs. Noah grieves for his mother, a heavy smoker who succumbed to lung cancer.Noah longs to be part of Caroline’s family, despite their poverty. They’re happy, he sings.

Surprisingly, Caroline sneaks cigarettes in the basement and allows Noah to light them -but not inhale.

Ben Choi-Harris appears delicate, but his professionalism,

## BOX OFFICE

Moonbox Productions presents Tony and Olivier award-winning Musical, through May 11, Boston Center for the Arts Wimberly Theater, Calderwood Pavilion, 527 Tremont St., South End, Boston:Thursday, 7:30 p.m.; Friday,Saturday, 8 p.m.; Saturday, Sunday matinees, 3 p.m.; \$60; seniors, \$50; students, \$30. boston-theatrescene.com, 617-933-8600.

especially interacting with this phenomenal cast, and ability to blend in tri-part harmony, belies his youth.

Embittered Caroline, a devout churchgoer, resents Noah’s dad, who doesn’t believe in God, claiming he scientific. She resents her best friend, Dotty Moffett (Lyndsey Allyn Cox), too, who avoids attending church, but eagerly embraces new trends

Caroline’s eldest child, Emmie, does, too, frequently clashing with Caroline. Kira Troio delights theatergoers with her youthful demeanor, playing with her two adorable younger siblings, Jackie (Mark Johnson) and Jo (Razan Mohamed). She’s also a banner-waver for change. Troilo’s lovely voice and dramatic fervor beautifully outline

Emmie’s dreams of someday owning her own home, car, and elevating her lifestyle.

In an uplifting second act scene, the Gellmans- Noah, Rose, Noah’s clarinetist dad Stuart (Robert Orzalli), Stuart’s parents (Ellen Peterson and Kevin C. Groppe),and Rose’s dad, Mr. Stopnick (Phil Thompson) joyously celebrate Chanukah, while, on a split stage, Caroline and family’s kitchen and serving chores draw a sharp contrast.

An incident between Noah and Caroline drives her to her breaking point.She storms out of the house, refusing to return.

As their door closes, another opens for Rose and Noah- and us appreciative theatergoers.

# ‘Million Dollar Quartet’ Rocks Greater Boston Stage Company

By Sheila Barth

They came by busloads, walking cautiously, touting canes, pushing walkers, chatting excitedly. Others, raring to go, pushing their way through Greater Boston Stage Company’s crowded lobby at last Wednesday’s senior matinee.

They were all eager for the show, Tony Award-winning musical,“Million Dollar Quartet,” to start.

The lively musical features the true story of a Dec. 4, 1956 impromptu jam during a recording session at Sun Records in Memphis, Tenn. - the birthplace of rock ‘n’ roll - when Elvis Presley, Carl Perkins, Johnny Cash and Jerry Lee Lewis rocked together for one night, now etched in rock ‘n’ roll history. Colin Escott and Floyd Mutrux’ take poetic license but recapture that magical, musical night in that postage-stamp size studio.

The upbeat, two-act, rhythm-laden musical evokes high-spirited memories of days of “real” music - when lyrics made sense - okay, not all of it, like Little Richard’s “Tutti Frutti,” etc. But there was harmony, pulsating rhythm, performed

by extraordinary singers-musicians, such as Johnny Cash, the deep-throated man in black; Elvis “The King” Presley, whose sexy, hip-gyrations made teenage girls swoon, while parents, church groups, and a conservative adult population decried his “Negro, sinful music”.

At least, Carl Perkins was everybody’s favorite He was more morally acceptable, with his country-rock tunes, including his single biggest hit, “Blue Suede Shoes”. Joining the unprecedented, impromptu, historic music event, newcomer Jerry Lee Lewis offended everybody with his unconventional piano-plinking, wacko, unbridled, swaggering, blustery, egotistical demeanor, and scandalous romances.

However, millions of fans overlooked the “morally bankrupt,” iconoclastic Lewis, rising rock and roll firecracker, who shocked the world by marrying his young, teen-age cousin. Nevertheless, they reveled in his raw talent, endless energy, unconventional, movements and musicianship, which actor-music director James Scheider brilliantly recaptures in songs “Real Wild Child,”and signature, self-descriptive “Great Balls of Fire”.

Portraying Johnny Cash, Austin Price’s low-key persona and deep rich baritone resonates in songs, “I Walk the Line,” “Folsom Prison Blues,” and Tennessee Ernie Ford’s hit, “Sixteen Tons”.

Luke Linsteadt, doesn’t resemble Elvis, but he captures the King’s voice, gyrations, and gestures in “Hound Dog,” “That’s Alright Mama,”and “Long Tall Sally,” while Nile Scott Hawver delivers a solid rendition of Perkins’ “Blue Suede Shoes”.

Imagine that December 1956 night at Sun Records, 70 Union Ave., Memphis, Tenn., the small, corner, former auto parts store, where former WREC radio engineer/affable talent discoverer-founder Sam Phillips converted country and small-town performers into legendary superstars.

During Carl Perkins’ recording session, the studio pulsates during an impromptu jam fest, as Perkins, Johnny Cash, Elvis Presley and his curvaceous, platinum blonde girlfriend Dyanne, (Melissa Geerlof), and rising wild star Jerry Lee Lewis let the music rip. Besides highlighting each star’s hits, the four southern country boys musically returns to

their modest roots, singing rock-abilly, ballads, country-western, gospel, and more. Dyanne shares the spotlight, too, with her sizzling rendition of Peggy Lee’s immortal song, “Fever”.

Portraying Sam Phillips, Boston’s versatile award-winning star Robert Saoud narrates and re-enacts the event.

Phillips says he had to sell Elvis’ contract to raise money and keep his studio solvent. It enabled him to surprise Cash with a three-year contract and rebuild Perkins’ career, but he didn’t know the two had other ideas, especially Cash, who accepted a lucrative contract with RCA Records,. After auditioning Lewis on the spot, Phillips comments,

By Sheila Barth

At New Repertory Theater, Jeffrey Petersen’s cluttered set of Dr. Ruth Westheimer’s apartment has stacks of carton boxes she’s filling, preparing to move elsewhere the following day. The indomitable nonagenarian is an adroit multi-tasker, too, answering one phone call after another. Born Karola Ruth Siegel of Frankfort, Germany, the renowned psychologist of human sexuality pioneer and globally-revered sex therapist busily wraps and stacks books and framed photos, while answering her frequently-ringing telephone. She suddenly becomes aware of her visiting guests - us.

Prolific award-winning writer St. Germain met Dr. Ruth in 2013 and convinced her to let him write this play. He said reliving her experience as an orphan of the Holocaust, having lost her family, “deals a blow to anyone who denies the Holocaust ever happened.” Basing it partially on her 1988 autobiography, “All in a Lifetime,” St. Germain adopted the contemporary, popular structure of the one-person, one-act play, in which the character welcomes us visitors while performing mundane tasks and taking phone calls. O’ Sullivan occasionally makes direct eye-

## BOX OFFICE

Two-act award-winning musical, book by Colin Escott and Floyd Mutrux, directed by Associate Artistic Director/choreographer llyse Robbins,appearing through May 19:May 8,15, senior matinees, 2 p.m.; May 9,16, 7:30 p.m.; May 10,17, 8 p.m.; May 11,18, 3,8 p.m. (May 18th, 8 p.m. show sold out); May 12,19, at 2 p.m.at Greater Boston Stage Company, 395 Main St., Stoneham. \$50-\$60; seniors, \$45-\$55; students with valid ID, \$20; 781-279-2200, greaterbostonstage.org. Group discount, call Bryan Miner at 781-587-7907, e-mail bryan@greaterbostonstage.org.

“In the next 10 seconds, I knew I had my next star.”

Rounding out the cast are musicians Trey Lundquist and Matthew Pitts.

This wildly talented cast ignites sparks as they perform

together, “Peace in the Valley,”“Down by the Riverside,”

“Ghost Riders,”and rip-roaring “Whole Lotta Shakin’ Going On,” bringing the crowd to its feet, swaying and bopping.

# Becoming Dr. Ruth

## BOX OFFICE

New Repertory Theater presents Mark St. Germain’s biographical , one-woman, one-act, 90+ minute comedy about the iconic sex therapist, through May 19:May 9, 12 and 6:30 p.m.; May 10, 17,8 p.m.; May 11,18, at 3,8 p.m.; May 12,19, 2 p.m.; May 15,16, 7:30 p.m.; Mosesian Center for the Arts, MainStage Theater, 321 Arsenal St., Watertown. \$25-\$67,newrep.org, 617-923-8487. Senior, student, group discounts.

or conversational contact with individuals, too.

She switches back and forth through the years, her colorful biographical narrative enhanced by Jonathan Carr’s enlarged images of historic, familial, and milestone color and black-and-white snapshots and videos as she encases picture frames in bubble wrap, then stacks them in cartons. Her lilting, sometimes raspy, voice elevates with excitement, her joie de vivre is infectious.

Besides acknowledging us, she directly addresses individual theatergoers.

“All of my life, I’ve gone to the theater; now the theater has come to me,” she jokes.

Directed by award-winning, New York-based Stephen Nachamie, Anne O’Sullivan portrays the four-foot-seven inch, effervescent, energetic, and spritely 90-year-old, brilliantly, capturing Dr. Ruth Westheimer’s spontaneity, rapier wit, and

abundant love of life. Despite O’Sullivan’s dynamic portrayal, the play drags at times.

Her boundless energy and running narrative astounds us as she traces her life - how she escaped the Holocaust when her parents moved her to a Swiss school, but her entire family perished. She immigrated to Israel, joined the underground Haganah, and trained as a sniper. She was married a few times, lived in France, rejoiced in the birth of her son and daughter, came here and earned advance degrees and recognition in America.

Regardless of her circumstances, Dr. Ruth tackled controversy, broke barriers, faced life-threatening danger, trained as a sniper in Israel, and faced other head-on obstacles.

She became a call-in radio host, TV personality, writer, and expert, handling deeply personal, intimate questions about sexuality, that was formerly taboo, and more.

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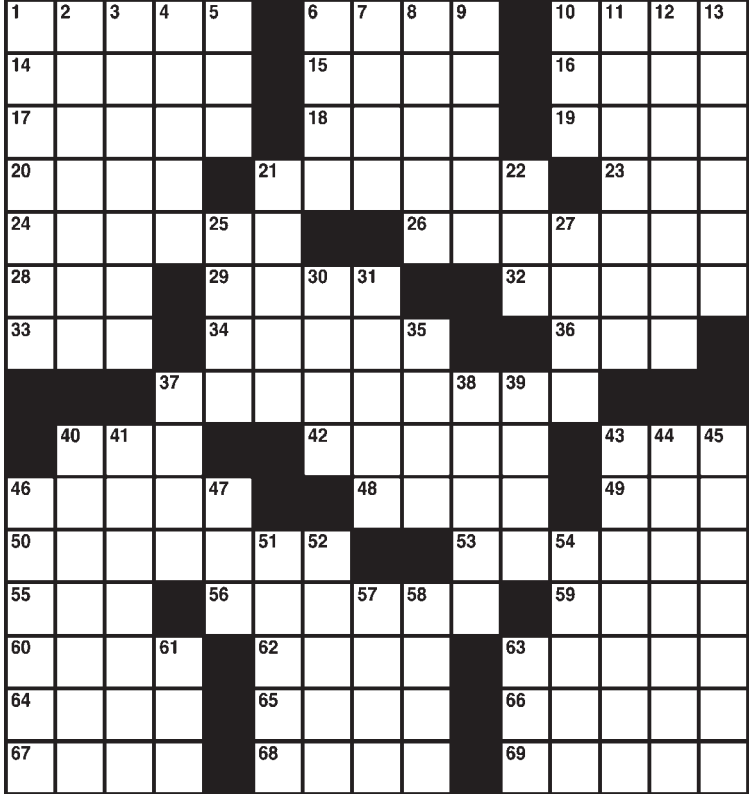
# Crossword Puzzle

## ACROSS

- 1 Aptly, Chinese, e.g.
- 6 Aptly, Park Avenue area
- 10 Aptly, New Jersey beach phenomenon
- 14 Treinta ÷ seis
- 15 Some Neruda works
- 16 Conscription category
- 17 “What else \_\_\_?”
- 18 Tour de force
- 19 Terrible
- 20 Bona fide
- 21 Wall makeup, maybe
- 23 Intl. commerce group
- 24 Anger
- 26 Main vessel
- 28 ‘60s chic
- 29 Virgil contemporary
- 32 Earth, to 29-Across
- 33 29-Across’s “\_\_\_ amatoria”
- 34 Contradict
- 36 Pop-ups, perhaps
- 37 “Apt” geographical element needed to complete the answers to 10 of this puzzle’s clues
- 40 Diamond stat
- 42 Assault
- 43 Spot in a poker game
- 46 Isn’t far from reaching
- 48 Like some blog comments: Abbr.
- 49 Peruvian pronoun
- 50 “So soon?”
- 53 Kind of acid
- 55 Width measure
- 56 Relax
- 59 European wine area
- 60 “Shoot!”
- 62 Relative position
- 63 “\_\_\_ of Bread ...”
- 64 “\_\_\_ take arms against a sea ...”: Hamlet
- 65 Prado display
- 66 Morels, e.g.
- 67 Aptly, Israeli-occupied territory
- 68 Aptly, Oval Office site
- 69 Aptly, Hollywood locale

## DOWN

- 1 Aptly, about 5 percent of the Earth’s surface
- 2 Latin agreement
- 3 Machine makeup, informally
- 4 Amtrak’s bullet train
- 5 Word of impatience
- 6 Lax
- 7 Prefix with logical
- 8 Heads with lists
- 9 Big name in compacts
- 10 Eye-popper response
- 11 Succinctly
- 12 Bee drawers
- 13 Aptly, Pierre’s state
- 21 Break off
- 22 Warmed the bench
- 25 “Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon” setting
- 27 Certain counter’s unit?
- 30 Québec’s Sept-\_\_\_
- 31 Orders
- 35 Thames landmark
- 37 Urgent
- 38 It may be dramatic
- 39 Luxury hotel
- 40 Freshen one’s familiarity with
- 41 ‘70s Robert Blake cop show
- 43 Public projection
- 44 “Are we in?”
- 45 Aptly, “Happy Talk” musical



46 Aptly, Pyongyang resident  
47 Slump  
51 Trendy headgear  
52 Long  
54 Foot bone





NEWS FROM AROUND THE REGION

SUPERINTENDENT FINALISTS AT COMMUNITY FORUMS

CHELSEA - The three finalists for the position of superintendent of schools have been on whirlwind tours of the district last week, concluding the day with a community forum at the Williams School.

On Monday, Weston High Principal Anthony Parker visited Chelsea and spoke with teachers/staff, business leaders and at a community forum in the evening. On Tuesday, Ligia Noriega-Murphy, currently the assistant superintendent of secondary schools in Boston Public Schools, went through the same agenda. Finally, today (May 2), Almudena Abeyta, currently the assistant superintendent of Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment for the Somerville Public Schools, will visit the city and have a forum at 4:30 p.m.

School Committeewoman Jeannette Velez said the School Committee would start with separate rounds of public interviews with the candidates. They would follow the same order as this week.

All interviews are open to the public. Interviews will be held at City Hall Council Chambers in the evening.

The goal of the Committee is to have a vote on May 9 – after the final interview – to decide who to pick and negotiate a contract with. If all goes well, that person would likely begin on July 1.

At Monday’s community forum, Parker said he was very interested in Chelsea because it was a challenge and a place to learn. Though he has spent most of his career in suburban schools like Newton and Weston, he said he feels like he could be very successful in Chelsea.

“I like what I read about Chelsea and I like the emphasis on building bridges and the pathways,” he said. “I like the diversity of it...It was different enough for me to be interesting. I think any district is a challenge. It’s the opportunity to build on what is here. What you have is Chelsea is you have a great district that wants to be excellent in many ways. I believe I can help you do that.”

He also said he hasn’t applied to any other districts, only Chelsea.

“This is where I want to

be,” he said.

The forum was sparsely attended, and likely because it wasn’t well publicized ahead of the beginning of the forums by the Collins Center – which is running the superintendent search process.

However, numerous students from the Chelsea Collaborative and organizers from the Collaborative did show up with many questions.

The conversation went from opinions on expulsion to outside opportunities to gun violence.

At that, Parker said his students – like Chelsea last year – organized a walkout for school safety.

He said he believes in supporting student voices – something that has grown to be very important to students at the high school over the last year. Students at Chelsea High have successfully organized the walk-out, and also successfully advocated to move graduation back outside on the new turf field.

“I walked out with them,” he said. “We knew it was happening and supported it. It was a genuinely student-led effort. We need to support that even if we disagree with that they want to do. I think if a district didn’t support students on that particular situation, I think they missed out.”

When it came to challenges between suburban Weston and urban Chelsea, Parker said he would likely have a learning period with getting community and parent participation – which often lacks in Chelsea but is strong in Weston.

“If our parents cannot make meetings or conferences because they are working multiple jobs or are too busy, then we need to go to them,” he said. “I would spend time finding out where they are and where I need to go to engage them.”

The process with the School Committee next week on Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday is open to the public.

MBTA AWARDS CONTRACT FOR RAIL STATION

CHELSEA - The MBTA’s Fiscal and Management Control Board approved a \$32.3 million contract that will result in the relocation and construction of a new, fully accessible Chelsea Commuter Rail Station.

When complete, the new Chelsea Station will be an intermodal facility that connects the Newburyport/Rockport Commuter Rail Lines to the Silver Line 3-Chelsea service, which began operating in April 2018.

“This is a key investment in our Commuter Rail infrastructure that will allow for faster boarding and improved accessibility for people of all abilities,” said MBTA General Manager Steve Poftak. “Once complete, the new station will serve as a multimodal connection that will give our customers the choice of traveling to North Station on the Commuter Rail or South Station on SL3 from a single point.”

Featuring high-level platforms, canopies, benches, and windcreens, the brand new station will also include new sidewalks, landscaping, stairways, lighting, communications systems, and structures for maintenance and bus operations personnel. The project also includes the demolition of the existing Chelsea Station, upgrades to railroad signal systems, and new traffic signal system installations at local intersections.

The project to construct and relocate Chelsea Station aims to relieve traffic congestion and overcrowding on existing area bus routes in Chelsea while also providing better transit options to environmental justice populations through improved accessibility to employment opportunities in downtown Boston and the Seaport district.

The project also includes the installation of transit signal priority improvements for the SL3-Chelsea along with improved operational efficiency and the incorporation of green operations elements at the new Chelsea Station. Greenhouse gas emissions will also be reduced by increasing the transit mode share and decreasing the idle time of commuter rail and BRT vehicles.

The Chelsea Commuter Rail Station Project was advertised in February 2019 with bids open in April 2019. After six bids were received, the Chelsea Commuter Rail Station contract was awarded to A.A. Will Corporation for \$32,367,200.

Construction could start as early as this summer, with project completion estimated for late 2021.

‘SEUSSICAL’



PHOTO BY DEREK KOUYOUMJIAN

Isabella Blasi, playing a Cat In The Hat, peers from the Seussical Helicopter during the Kelly School’s performance of ‘Seussical’ last Friday night, April 26, in the auditorium. The annual spring show was a hit for students, family and faculty.

FORMER SUPERINTENDENT PLEADS NOT GUILTY TO SEVEN COUNTS

EVERETT - Former Supt. Fred Foresteire pleaded not guilty to seven counts of assault on teachers in the Everett Public Schools in Malden District Court on Friday, April 26.

With his attorney, Gerard Malone, and an entourage that included his wife, Dorothy, and several community members at his side, Foresteire stepped up from the audience to the microphone Friday morning to say he was not guilty of the charges leveled against him, which include six counts of indecent assault and battery and one count of assault and battery. The charges were brought earlier this year, and Foresteire was only just now arraigned on those charges – which followed a lengthy Everett Police investigation.

Among the charges described at the arraignment were “mouth on breast,” “hand on buttocks,” and “pulling clothes down to expose the body.” There are three victims making the allegations.

Judge Benjamin Barnes presided over the arraignment session and let Foresteire, 76, go on his own personal recognizance – meaning no bail was imposed. He was ordered not to have any contact with victims or witnesses, and not to go near school property or school events.

Attorney Malone told the Independent they had no additional comment for the moment on the charges, and Foresteire walked out of the courthouse silently while swarmed by television reporters from Boston.

He did not speak at the arraignment either.

Attorney Malone did ask for permission for himself, and his investigator, to get entry into the School Administration Building so that they could see where the allegations were made.

While the prosecution objected on principle, Judge Barnes allowed them access with 48-hours notice.

All of the information regarding the charges was impounded from the public by Judge Barnes, a move to protect the alleged victims from public disclosure.

A Pre-Trial hearing was established for Aug. 8, which would be Foresteire’s next official court date.

Attorney Tara Swartz, who represents some of the victims, said she didn’t have a comment after the arraignment.

Attorney Mark Rotondo, who also represents some of the victims, said he believed it was time for a complete overhaul of the Everett Public Schools’ administration as a result of the charges brought against Foresteire. Rotondo

is also an Everett native and a former School Committeeman.

“The allegations speak for themselves, and a jury will dictate Foresteire’s guilt or innocence,” he said. “What needs to be done is there needs to be a serious indictment of the Everett Public Schools including the current administration, which has perpetuated the code of silence for more than 30 years. The members of the School Committee should give serious consideration in determining whether or not current administrators should be placed on leave pending the conclusion of their investigation of the alleged wrongdoing of the administrative staff. As a former member of the Everett School Committee, the fiduciary duty is one of the duties held in highest regard. They owe it to the taxpayers, students, parents and teachers in the district.”

SEVERAL GANG MEMBERS ARRESTED

EVERETT - Federal agents descended upon Everett, Malden and other locales April 25 to arrest 14 members of a violent Brazilian street gang – with one member being apprehended in the garage of Councilor Wayne Matewsky.

Members and associates of Primeiro Comando da Massachusetts (PCM) – most of whom were in the country illegally - were charged April 25 in federal court in Boston in connection with perpetrating violent crimes in Massachusetts, including drug and firearms trafficking, robberies and kidnappings.

Three members were apprehended in Everett, including one on Lewis Street, another on Vernal Street and a third on Hancock Street.

“Violent gangs that proliferate violence are a scourge on our communities,” said United States Attorney Andrew E. Lelling. “Over recent months, members and associates of Primeiro Comando da Massachusetts have been committing serious, violent crimes: brazenly robbing community businesses, dealing drugs, trafficking illegal firearms, and even kidnapping a young woman. We will not standby and allow these criminals to disrupt the safety and peace of our communities. Let today’s arrests and charges be a message to gang members and their associates: if you threaten the safety and well-being of Massachusetts residents, we will arrest and prosecute you using all of the federal resources at our disposal.”

On Thursday morning, federal agents and State Police swarmed the City, particularly on Lewis Street at the home of Councilor Matewsky. Officers located Joao Pedro Marques Guimaraes Gama, a/k/a “Bahianinho,” 21, in Matewsky’s

garage, and took him into custody.

Police said it appeared he had been living there for about a week.

Matewsky said he had no idea that the man was in his garage, and that he had hired him to do some work in the yard – as he is transforming his backyard from hardscape to grass.

“I had met him and he told me he was a landscaper and I was going to have him plant some grass in the backyard,” he said. “I had no idea he was in there. I’ve installed a lock on my garage and better lighting in the backyard. I’d like to thank the police for getting rid of the guy from my garage.”

Gama, who is in the country illegally, was charged with RICO conspiracy, conspiracy to commit robbery, engaging in the business of dealing in firearms without a license, and being an alien in possession of a firearm.

The following defendants, in addition to Gama, were charged.

•Alvaro Dos Santos Melo, 22, a Brazilian national illegally residing in Everett, was arrested and charged with RICO conspiracy, conspiracy to commit robbery, and conspiracy to distribute controlled substances. He was taken into custody on Vernal Street;

•Marcio Costa, a/k/a “Marcino” and “Marcinn,” 28, of Malden, is the alleged leader of PCM and was arrested and charged with RICO conspiracy, conspiracy to commit robbery, conspiracy to distribute controlled substances, and engaging in the business of dealing in firearms without a license;

•Breno Henrique DaSilva, 20, a Brazilian national illegally residing in Somerville, was arrested and charged with RICO conspiracy, conspiracy to commit robbery, and conspiracy to distribute controlled substances;

•Edson DaSilva, 19, previously resided in Whitman and is currently in state custody on kidnapping and firearms charges, and was federally charged with RICO conspiracy and robbery;

•Igor Costa, 20, previously resided in Framingham and is currently in state custody, and was federally charged with RICO conspiracy and robbery;

•Vinicius Goncalves de Assis, previously resided in Revere and is currently in state custody, and was federally charged with RICO conspiracy;

•Rodrigo Tevares, 19, a Brazilian nation illegally residing in Stoughton, was arrested and charged with being an alien in possession of a firearm and engaging in the business of dealing in firearms without a license;

•Rony DaFreitas, 21, of Lowell, was arrested and

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charged with engaging in the business of dealing in firearms without a license;

•Elwood Cortes-Navedo, 23, of Lowell, was arrested and charged with engaging in the business of dealing in firearms without a license;

•Fernando DeOliveira, 24, a Brazilian nation illegally residing in Brighton, was arrested and charged with being an alien in possession of a firearm and engaging in the business of dealing in firearms without a license;

•Mouad Nessassi, 21, of Boston, was arrested and charged with engaging in the business of dealing in firearms without a license, distribution of 28 grams or more of cocaine base, and possession of an unregistered firearm;

•Fadwa Chimal, 19, was arrested and charged with engaging in the business of dealing in firearms without a license; and

•Jennifer Romero, 26, of Chelsea, was charged with engaging in the business of dealing in firearms without a license and distribution of 28 grams or more of cocaine base.

According to court documents, in September 2018, federal, state and local law enforcement began investigating members and associates of PCM, a gang with Brazilian origins, which first appeared in Massachusetts approximately two years ago. It is alleged that members and associates of PCM are actively involved in violent crimes including the illegal sale of firearms, drug trafficking, robberies, kidnappings and armed assaults in numerous communities in Massa-

chusetts, including Boston, Malden, Everett, Somerville, Framingham, and Peabody, among others. During the investigation, law enforcement seized 31 firearms, including 27 handguns, two sawed-off shotguns, one shotgun, one rifle and several hundred rounds of ammunition.

The defendants allegedly committed various criminal offenses, some of which they admitted to cooperating witnesses that PCM not only committed robberies in Massachusetts, but also had targeted and robbed a drug dealer and his family in Connecticut. Gama stated that during the robbery, he held a gun to the head of the dealer's daughter. In addition, during the investigation, Costa allegedly discussed a planned armed robbery with an undercover federal agent and repeatedly stated that it was likely that the gang members/associates would commit murder as part of the robbery.

Additional robberies alleged by the court documents include a Dec. 9, 2018, armed robbery of a pizza delivery person in Everett committed by DaSilva.

In addition to the 14 charged criminally, four individuals were arrested administratively by ICE.

STATE, LOCAL OFFICIALS EYEING FERRY SERVICE

LYNN - There's a clear consensus among Lynn local officials that there needs to be a Lynn Ferry, especially now that the Tobin Bridge will undergo construction for the

next two years.

"In order to alleviate the negative impacts and increased congestion and added delays on our roads, bus system, and commuter rail as a result of the Tobin Bridge project, I submitted a letter to MassDOT and the MBTA requesting that they utilize construction mitigation funds to operate the Lynn to Boston commuter ferry service.

The ferry terminal cost of \$6.5 million to construct a couple of years ago funded with the Seaport Bond authorization and funds from the Commonwealth.

"For residents of Lynn and the entire North Shore region, who already face congested roadways and rush hour commuter with rail trains and buses at full capacity, water transportation would provide a public transit alternative as critical mitigation during scheduled bridge repair work that is already underway," McGee said. "I feel strongly that if this is left unaddressed, the effect of this project will result in regional gridlock and the subsequent inability of people to get to and from work, doctors' appointments, schools, and tourist attractions in a reasonable amount of time and will have a negative impact on our regional economy. We are already seeing the negative impacts through reports from constituents of increased travel times on the roads, buses, and commuter rail. Without any mitigation, this situation will only continue to worsen. The service has had successful pilot programs in the past and we are in the process of procuring a dedicated vessel for this operation

in the future. By restoring ferry service from Lynn as soon as possible, I believe MassDOT and the MBTA would be offering the residents and employers North of Boston a viable transit mode to ensure adequate access to downtown Boston, the South Boston Waterfront and to Logan Airport as the necessary maintenance work is completed on the Tobin Bridge. I have reached out to the State Delegation, the City Council, and the business community to encourage them to make this same request to restore ferry service from Lynn to Boston, and I encourage residents and commuters in Lynn and surrounding communities who are affected by this increased commuting time, to make their voices heard as well."

"We've been working with the Lynn Delegation, EDIC, the Mayor's office and Congressman Seth Moulton's office to procure a ferry boat that could hopefully be funded from the \$4.5 million grant we received a few years ago," said State Senator Brendan Creighton. "More importantly we're pursuing federal high-

way mitigation funds for the ferry service because of the ongoing work on the Tobin Bridge."

He added that Lynn has already had a two-year ferry pilot program that far exceeded expectations, and was with limited funds, limited marketing and a limited schedule.

"It has been a long and sometimes frustrating process to return service to the Lynn Ferry Terminal and I am cautiously optimistic that through federal and state funding we secure a ferry boat and con-

tinue service," said State Rep. Dan Cahill. "Especially as infrastructure in and out of Boston makes it really impossible for someone to have a normal commute. Transportation and access to Boston are two issues that I hear often."

"Unfortunately they're doing a lot of work on the Tobin Bridge and there aren't enough routes to get into Boston," said State Rep. Peter Capano, adding that getting from the North Shore to Boston is his number one priority.

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Poems for Mom, this Mothers Day

Each student created an original Acrostic poem. Students in Ms. Grant-Carter class at the Patrick Joseph Kennedy School will host a Mother's Day High Tea Celebration on Friday, May 10, 2019. Students will be reciting their poem in front of all of the mothers. Community men will be assisting each child as well as serving the mothers tea and a light

My loving and caring mother  
Outstanding young lady  
The best person in the world  
Helps me with everything  
Exciting mother  
Respects other people  
Saying "I love you"  
Delightful mother  
Always by my side  
Young and beautiful mother  
Happy Mother's Day  
May 10, 2019  
Joselyn Perez Luna

Makes my heart happy  
Opening me up to a better life  
Talking and listening to what I say  
Having faith in me  
Every day she smiles at me  
Ready to have a good day  
Sharing things I love with me  
Doing what she can do for me  
Always being honest  
You are an incredible person!  
Happy Mother's Day  
May 10, 2019  
Brian Mancia

Making miracles happen  
Outstanding person I love  
Together we rock!  
Hard working person I love  
Emerald in my heart  
Ready to love me  
Sweet, caring, and happy  
Doing your best to make me happy  
Always has my back when things go wrong  
You make me to shine!  
Happy Mother's Day  
May 10, 2019  
Jeremiah Barrantes

Making me feel loved  
On another level of kindness  
There for me  
Helping me through tough times  
Enjoys being with me  
Risking her life for me  
Strong mother  
Doing fun things with me  
Always by my side  
You are the best !  
Happy Mother's Day  
May 10, 2019  
Jai Medrano

Making me have a better life  
Over me so I can have the best life  
The loving mother I have  
Having faith that I'll be the best  
Elegant as always  
Rose are red violets are blue you're the very best  
Sun shining on you  
Doing anything for me  
Always helping me to do my best  
You always keep me safe from danger !  
Happy Mother's Day  
May 10, 2019  
Gaby Majano

Makes me feel joyous  
Other people won't let her down  
Thinking about her family  
Helping me to be happy  
Everthing to my life  
Responsible to everyboby  
Surprises me on my birthday  
Doing anything for her family  
A mother who cares about me  
Young person  
Happy Mother's Day  
May 10, 2019  
William Nunez

Making my favorite dinner  
Out loving you  
The special moments with you  
Helping me with my homework  
Every day with a loving heart  
Riding with me  
Sunshine shines on you  
Day after day hugging me with love  
Adding love in the sugar  
You are my favorite person !  
Happy Mother's Day  
May 10, 2019  
Emily Linares

Makes me happy  
One and only mother for me  
Terffic mother  
Hugs me every day  
Excellent food  
Responsible for cleaning the house  
Special to me  
Determined to get work done  
Awesome at being quiet  
Young beautiful adult !

Happy Mother's Day  
May 10, 2019  
Elio Crisosto

Mother of the day  
On a roll  
Trustworthy when helping me  
Helpful and patient  
Every day she kisses me  
Risking her life for me  
Successful and on task  
Different and delightful  
Average and a good mom  
Yearning for the best in me !  
Happy Mother's Day  
May 10, 2019  
Dishawn Newton

Magnificent mom  
Over powering mom  
Thoughtful mother in my life  
Hero in my heart  
Elegant lady  
Responsible mother  
She is a singer  
Dances to music  
A beatiful woman  
You make my day feel special and bright !  
Happy Mother's Day  
May 10, 2019  
Emilio Pena

Miracle in my life  
Only one I need  
The nicest mom on earth  
Helping me to do my best  
Everything she does is good  
Respectful person  
She means everything to me  
Does the best for me  
A ways working hard for my good  
You're the best mom !  
Happy Mother's Day  
May 10, 2019  
Brian Mejia

My mom is helpful  
Over powering  
The best mom!  
Helping me to become successful  
Every day she cleans  
Running every day  
Smiling every morning  
Daring to help

Always on track  
You are the best !  
Happy Mother's Day  
May 10, 2019  
Ronaldo Palma

Mother, Mother  
Missing your beautiful smile  
Your red-hair  
Spanking my behind  
Missing You  
Mother, Mother  
Elegant with a sassy style  
Mother, Mother  
Working hard for her twins  
Mother, Mother  
Leaving a legacy to carry on  
Teaching, inspiring and empowering,  
Mother, Mother, Mother  
Praying, trusting, believing  
Mother, Mother  
Dreaming, pushing, determining, to never don't give up  
Mother, M other  
Watching me from heaven  
Her words of wisdom are flowing through me  
Guiding me to be a productive strong black woman  
Mother, Mother, Mother  
Thank You  
Happy Mother's Day  
Love,  
Cynthia Ellen Grant Carter  
2019

My mom is helpful  
Obviously the best mom  
Thoughtful person  
Helps me to become smart  
Everyday is amazing  
Really inspiring  
Super beautiful  
Dazzling person  
Amazing cook  
You're always there for me  
Happy Mother's Day  
Love,  
Anthony Torres

Most loving  
On my worst days she helps me feel better  
Taking me to my favorite places  
Helps me with my homework

Every weekend she bakes cookies  
Really good at acting  
Surprises me with her heart  
Does a lot for me  
Always there for me  
You are the best mom ever  
Happy Mother's Day  
Love,  
Osvaldo Orellana

Making miracles happen  
Only cares about me  
Together we are a great family  
Hero to me  
Everything I need  
Respectful to everyone she meets  
Saves me in hard situations  
Delightful, dazzling mother  
A big part of my life  
You will never leave my heart  
Happy Mother's Day  
May 10, 2019  
Love,  
Dylan O'Brien

Mopping and sweeping  
Opens her heart to you  
Thoughtful and generous  
Helps you when you need it  
Extraordinary  
Remebering the memories  
Shows you how to act  
Delicious cookies she makes for me  
Always looking out for you  
You can always count on me  
Happy Mother's Day  
Lucy Carr  
May 10, 2019

Making my life bright  
Only cares about her son  
The star of my life  
Healing me when I am sad  
Every day full of surprises  
Rising up against injustices  
Sacrifing herself for me  
Developing my knoweledge  
A miracle in my life  
Yells out for me when I'm lost !  
Happy M other's D ay  
May 10, 2019  
Oscar Alarcon



# 26th annual Stamp Out Hunger Food Drive set for May 11

With the help of sponsors, volunteer organizations and U.S. Postal Service employees in 10,000 communities nationwide, the National Association of Letter Carriers (NALC) will conduct its 26th annual Stamp Out Hunger Food Drive on Saturday, May 11. Stamp Out Hunger is the nation's largest single-day food drive.

Last year's drive resulted in carriers collecting 71.6 million pounds of food from local communities in all 50 states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, Guam and the U.S. Virgin Islands. Since the drive began in 1993, total donations have surpassed 1.6 billion pounds of food. The food drive has become the nation's largest one-day campaign to collect food for distribution to needy families.

Making a donation is easy. Customers should leave their non-perishable food donations in a bag near their mailbox on Saturday, May 11, before their letter carrier arrives.

In the days leading up to the food drive, letter carriers will be delivering special bags along with your mail that may be used to make donations. Food collected during Saturday's drive will be delivered to local community churches, food banks and food pantries for distribution.

While all non-perishable donations are welcome, foods that are high in protein such as canned tuna, salmon, beans and peanut butter are most needed. Canned fruits and vegetables, whole grain, low sugar cereals, macaroni and cheese dinners and 100% fruit juice also top the list of most needed items.

For additional information about this year's Stamp Out Hunger Food Drive, visit [nalc.org/community-service/food-drive](http://nalc.org/community-service/food-drive).

**Food Drive TIPS**

**WHAT TO GIVE:**

Most-wanted foods include:

- Canned meats (tuna, chicken, salmon).
- Canned and boxed meals (soup, chili, stew, macaroni and cheese).
- Canned or dried beans and peas (black, pinto, lentils).
- Pasta, rice cereal.
- Canned fruits.
- 100 percent fruit juice (canned, plastic or boxed).
- Canned vegetables.
- Cooking oil.
- Boxed cooking mixes (pancake, breads).

**WHAT NOT TO GIVE:**

- Rusty or unlabeled cans.
- Glass containers.
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## OBITUARIES

### Scott Poirier

Family Man

A Funeral Mass was celebrated on Tuesday, May 7 in Sacred Heart Church in East Boston for Scott E. Poirier who passed following a long illness on Wednesday, May 1, at Tuft's Medical Center, Boston.

Born and raised in East Boston, he attended East Boston Schools and was a member of the Class of 1979. Scott worked within the New Technology Business & Ventures and was a 15-year employee with LC Technology & Solutions of Salisbury as a design assembler. His interests were any technology involved with remote control products, i.e. autos, drones and helicopters. He was also a sports enthusiast, especially for the New England Patriots. However, his true and abiding devotion belonged to his wife, children, brothers and sisters and his dear mother-in-law and all his in-laws. He was indeed a "Family Man."

He was the husband of 31 years to Gail M. (Cianciulli) Poirier and the cherished father to Brianna L. and Justin S. Poirier, all of Peabody, the devoted son of Patricia M. (Morris) Poirier-Denehy and the late Bernard E. Poirier and the dear brother of Denise A.



Poirier and Robyn J. Poirier, all of Sacramento, California and Gary A. Poirier of Exeter, Maine. He is also lovingly survived by his mother-in-law, Mildred E. (Casaletto) Cianciulli and the late Salvatore F. "Sonny" Cianciulli, his brother in-law, Cpt. Jerry M. Cianciulli, BFD and his wife, Laurie, all of Peabody and the late Rhonda M. Falzone. Scott also leaves his faithful canine daughter, Rhea and many nieces and nephews.

Remembrances may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis TN, 38105-9959. For more information, please visit [www.vertuccioandsmith.com](http://www.vertuccioandsmith.com).

### William Warren Flynn, Jr.

Decorated veteran



William Warren Flynn, Jr., 72, of Hampton, NH, died peacefully Monday, April 29, at

Portsmouth Regional Hospital where the staff was beyond caring. His strength carried him longer than his cancer prognosis predicted through the loving care of his fiancé, Deborah Lane whom he sadly leaves behind.

Born on January 28, 1947, the son of the late William Warren and Mary (Rapino) Flynn, he was a graduate of East Boston High School and served in the U.S. Army with distinction, earning the Medal of Valor, with the 173rd Airborne Brigade during the Vietnam War.

He lived most his life in New Hampshire between North Conway and Hampton. He loved his morning walks on the beach, playing competitive hockey, softball and his Sunday fantasy football, his Boston sports teams and would end his nights watching old "Cheers" re-runs. He loved his country and was proud of his Irish roots. He will forever be missed.



In addition to his fiancé, he leaves his son, Sean Flynn and his wife, Dayna, his daughter, Tiffany Flynn and her husband, Mikael Mulhall, his brother Patrick Flynn and his wife, Ann, his sister Geraldine Flynn, his grandson, Sean Flynn, Jr., and granddaughter, Keira Flynn, by whom he was lovingly known as Grandpa Red, and his niece, Julie Jenks, as well as several extended family members.

After cremation, private interment with military honors will be held in the Massachusetts National Cemetery, Bourne. Arrangements were by the Remick & Gendron Funeral Home-Crematory, Hampton.

### Vicky Hurst

Served as secretary and president of the East Boston Chamber of Commerce in the 1980's and 1990's

Vicky E. Hurst of East Boston passed peacefully on Saturday, April 13 at Massachusetts General Hospital after a long illness. She was 69 years old.

She was the daughter of the late Betty M. Hurst and The Rev. Dr. Wm. G. Hurst (and his wife Mary Lou) of Ft. Myers, Florida. Vicky was a retired Chartered Life Underwriter for New England Mutual Life Insurance Company. An active member of the East Boston Chamber of Commerce for many years, she served as both secretary and President in the 1980's and 1990's.

She enjoyed writing poetry and children's stories and had been a faithful member of St. John's Episcopal Church, Winthrop for many years.

Vicky will be missed by her brother, Michael and sisters, Susan, Jennifer and Carol. She was especially devoted to her nephew, Jim and nieces: Julie, Ann, Michelle, Rachel, Liz, Sarah, Betsy and Julia. Vicky touched the lives of many people including great friends she made in her various residences in Somerville and East Boston, as well as the



many care-givers and doctors who assisted her throughout her lengthy and wide-ranging medical challenges.

Friends are welcome to join her family for the funeral service at St. John's Episcopal Parish in Winthrop at 11 a.m. on Saturday, May 11. The service will be followed by a Celebration of Life Luncheon at the Winthrop Golf Club. In lieu of flowers, donations in Vicky's memory may be made to St. John's Episcopal Parish, 222 Bowdoin St. Winthrop or to the National MS Society via this online link: [http://main.nationalmssociety.org/goto/Vicky\\_E\\_Hurst\\_Memorial](http://main.nationalmssociety.org/goto/Vicky_E_Hurst_Memorial).

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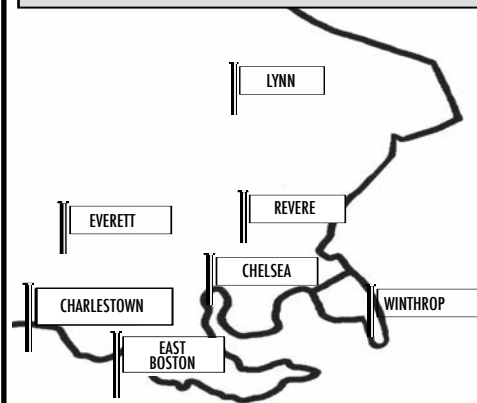
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COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS THE TRIAL COURT PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT Suffolk Division INFORMAL PROBATE PUBLICATION NOTICE

Docket No. SU19P0780EA  
Estate of: Kevin E. Grady  
Date of Death: February 15, 2019

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner Mark C. Grady of Marblehead, MA and Shane G. Grady of Arlington, MA. A will has been admitted to informal probate. Mark C. Grady of Marblehead, MA and Shane G. Grady of Arlington, MA have been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve without surety on the bond.

The estate is being administered under informal 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

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### LEGAL NOTICE

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS THE TRIAL COURT PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT

Suffolk Probate and Family Court 24 New Chardon St. Boston, MA 02114 (617)788-8300 CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION Docket No. SU19P0287EA

Estate of: Mary Elizabeth Lanagan

Also Known As: Mary E. Lanagan

Date of Death: 11/04/2018

To all interested persons: A Petition for Formal Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative has been filed by Henry J. Lanagan, III of Bryantville, MA requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.

The Petitioner requests that: Henry J. Lanagan, III of Bryantville, MA be appointed as Personal Representative(s)

of said estate to serve Without Surety on the bond in an unsupervised administration. IMPORTANT NOTICE

You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: 10:00 a.m. on the return day of 06/07/2019. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you.

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NOTICE OF PETITION FOR CHANGE OF NAME Docket No. SU18C0602CA

In the matter of: Corey Thomas La Chance

To all persons interested in petition described: A Petition to Change Name of Adult has been filed by Corey Thomas La Chance of Boston, MA requesting that the court enter a Decree changing their name to:

Sebastian Caddarik Thomas La Chance Any person may appear for purposes of objecting to the petition by filing an appearance at: Suffolk Probate and Family Court before 10:00 a.m. on the return day of 05/16/2019. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance if you object to this proceeding.

WITNESS, Hon. Brian J. Dunn, First Justice of this Court. Date: April 26, 2019

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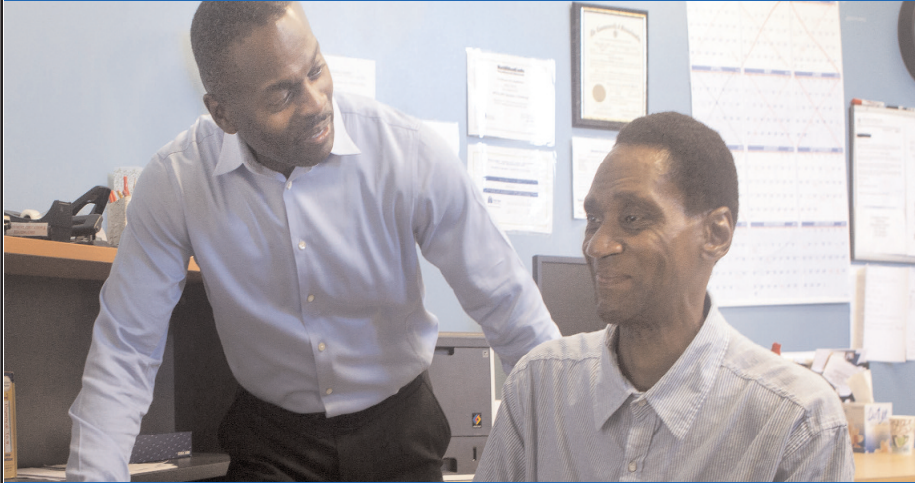


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