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Councilor **Edwards calls** for ZBA reform

By John Lynds

In the wake of the scandal that has rocked the Boston Zoning Board of Appeals in recent months, District 1 City Councilor Lydia Edwards is calling for an overhaul of the city's zoning board.

The John Lynch bribery scandal has trickled down to the ZBA itself and now Mayor Martin Walsh is calling for an investigation into the board.

Lynch, the city's Director of Real Estate, plead guilty in federal court to accepting \$50,000 from a developer to sway members of the ZBA on a vote.

Since his plea, ZBA Board Member Craig Galvin has resigned and former ISD Commissioner Buddy Christopher, who has been serving as an advisor to Walsh, also recently left City Hall. Reports then surfaced that Galvin's real estate company allegedly may have benefited

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Gov. Baker calls for four month ban on vaping products

By John Lynds

Neighborhood shops like the Eastie Smoke Shop sell dozens of e-cigarettes, vape devices, tobacco juices and vape-related products. Touted as a safer alternative to cigarette smoking vaping has become the fad for former smokers and those who never even touched a cigarette for the past decade.

Vaping has also became the preferred method for cannabis consumption in the age of legalized marijuana in the state and both medicinal and recreational pot shop stock their shelves with THC-infused vaping

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Boston Centers for Youth & Families, and the City of Boston's Public Facilities Department officials host a meeting last week regarding the planned Paris Street Pool rehab project.





Architectural drawings of what the pool will look like once completed are shown at last week's meeting.

City hosts meeting on Paris Street Pool rehab

By John Lynds

The Boston Centers for Youth & Families, and the City of Boston's Public Facilities Department hosted a community meeting last Wednesday at the Paris Street Community Center regarding the upcoming renovations to the Paris Street Pool.

Mayor Martin Walsh earmarked \$8.9 million for

the rehab and construction of the Paris Street Pool across from the Paris Street Gym. The Gym recently underwent a \$14 million overhaul and the pool's rehab will compliment the new state-of-the-art gym and community center.

When the pool was first built, it featured a glass roof, sliding doors that looked out onto the Paris Street playground, as well

as a veranda so residents could enjoy a swim and then sit outside during the hot summer months. The pool underwent an overhaul under then Mayor Kevin White due to constant vandalism of the glass roof and glass doors. The pool was encased in cement blocks and now looks more like a bomb shelter than a

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Smoke Smoke Councilor Edwards establishes scholarship to honor famed Maverick Street Mothers

By John Lynds

To honor the historic group of brave East Boston woman that kick started a tradition of community activism in the neighborhood, City Councilor Lydia Edwards founded an annual scholarship that will pay tribute to the Maverick Street Mothers.

The Maverick Street Mothers organized community protests in the late 1960s against Logan Airport expansion construction. The protest was widely publicized as women, mostly mothers, formed a blockade using baby carriages to stop construction and delivery trucks on Maverick Street.

Now, the Edwards Empowerment Fund is seeking applicants for the new scholarship. The Edwards Empowerment Fund is a registered non-profit established by the District 1 Councilor to uplift, amplify, and empower residents providing equitable access to educational and skill-building opportunities. The annual scholarship will be awarded to parents wanting to further their education or are attending Boston-area colleges.

"To honor the Maverick Street mothers, we celebrate the legacy of leaders whose shoulders we stand on and helped shape the history of East Boston," said Edwards. "Scholarship recipients will be shining examples of what it means to be involved and engaged members of the commu-

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Tackling Issues

New environmental justice group to hold event next Tuesday

By John Lynds

Last summer East Boston Olin College students, Taylor Sheneman and Christine Dimke, under the direction of their professor Scott Hersey installed instruments that have been measuring a wide array of pollutants caused by fossil fuels emanating from highways and Logan International Airport.

The pilot program is a collaboration between Olin, East Boston's AIR Inc., Eastie's airport mitigation

advocacy group and Aerodyne, the manufacturer of the ARISense air quality measuring technology. The pilot program and

other environmental issues

sparked renewed interest in environmental justice for a group of Eastie mothers. Led by Sonja Tenglad and Julia Burrell an East Boston chapter of

the national Mothers Out Front movement has been formed. Mothers Out Front encourages mothers across

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EBNHC honors Board **Chair Rita Sorrento**

By John Lynds

The East Boston Neighborhood Health Center (EBNHC) last week honored its longtime Board Chair Rita Sorrento by dedicating its new Neighborhood PACE facility in Revere in her name.

Sorrento, who has served

as as the EBNHC's board president for 23 years, is a retired educator and former principal of the Dante Alighieri School in East Boston. Sorrento also serves on the board of the National Association of Community Health Centers

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East Boston Neighborhood Health Center Board Chair Rita Sorrento and EBNHC President and CEO Manny Lopes at last week's dedication of the Health Center's Neighborhood PACE facility in Revere in Sorrento's name.



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the nation to fight for meaningful environmental mitigation to ensure a liveable climate for children.

Mothers Out Front will partner with Olin College and AIR Inc. on Tuesday, Oct. 8, at 6:30 p.m. at the East Boston YMCA Ashley Street site (54 Ashley St.) to host a community education event outlining Professor Hersey and the Olin students' findings.

"The problems we face, and what Mothers Out Front and AIR Inc are doing to tackle these issues head on and to give parents ways to protect their children," said Mothers Out Front in a statement. "The news keeps flooding in on the harmful effects that air pollution has on people, especially children. These problems are linked to mental and physical development alike. The data is staggering: children in heavily polluted areas of East Boston are 3-4 times more likely to experience symptoms of asthma than kids in surrounding neighborhoods, and twice as likely to experience symptoms of COPD. These issues will only worsen as the airport expands and air and car traffic increases."

Last week, Hersey was featured in an article by WGBH showcasing the work that he and his team at Olin College have done to understand local air pollution in Eastie and its surrounding communities.

According to the WGBH article, the equipment Hersey and his Olin students used found a type of air pollution that, "can lead to heart attacks, and strokes and is contaminating homes

and schools near highways in Eastie."

Hersey told WGBH that it's not just vehicles that are contaminating Eastie, but planes flying in and out of Logan Airport are releasing harmful air pollution, and it's impacting surrounding communities.

"Just behind us, you know, a dozen feet, is a line of houses. This is a massive residential area," Hersey told WGBH as he stood on Bayswater Street in Eastie. "And a couple hundred meters in front of us is this line of taxiing aircraft that's emitting a lot of gas phase pollutants and ultrafine particles."

Like cars, jets burn fuel and release harmful ultrafine particles that are so small they are absorbed right into the bloodstream and can lead to heart attacks and strokes.

In 2013 the East Boston Times reported that the neighborhood's "Godmother of Environmental Justice", the late Mary Ellen Welch, had for decades tried to force Massport to measure ultrafine particles or PMs.

Welch long argued that the airport's runway and roadside operations pose too much of an environmental impact on the neighborhood not to be considered when Massport files environmental impact statements or operations reports.

PMs from car exhaust and jet aircraft has been shown to cause a wide array of adverse health impacts.

The large number of deaths and other health problems associated with particulate pollution was

first demonstrated in the early 1970s and has been reproduced many times since. PM pollution is estimated to cause 22,000-52,000 deaths per year in the United States and 200,000 deaths per year in Europe.

The effects of inhaling particulate matter that have been widely studied in humans and animals now include asthma, lung cancer, cardiovascular issues, birth defects, and premature death. The size of the particle is a main determinant of where in the respiratory tract the particle will come to rest when inhaled. Because of their small size, particles on the order of 10 micrometers or less (PM10) can penetrate the deepest part of the lungs such as the bronchioles or alveoli. Larger particles are generally filtered in the nose and throat via cilia and mucus, but particulate matter smaller than 10 micrometers, PM10, can settle in the bronchi and lungs and cause health problems.

A study published in the Journal of the American Medical Association showed that inhaling PM2.5 leads to high plaque deposits in the arteries causing cardiovascular problems. Researchers suggest that even short-term exposure at elevated concentrations could significantly contribute to heart disease and concluded that traffic exhaust is the single most serious preventable cause of heart attack in the general public and is the cause of 7.4 percent of all heart attacks in the world.

Suspect in custody after stabbing across from District A-7 Police Station

By John Lynds

An East Boston man was arraigned on numerous charges in East Boston District Court following a stabbing incident last Friday at the gas station across from District A-7 Police Station.

Eric Vargas, 32, of East Boston, was arranged this week on charges of Assault and Battery by Means of a Dangerous Weapon, Assault by Means of a Dangerous Weapon and Possession of Counterfeit Notes or Bank Bills.

Just before 11:30 a.m. Friday, Sept. 27 officers, who were standing in front of the police station, were approached by a concerned citizen who stated that an adult male had just been stabbed inside the food mart of the Shell gas station across the street. The witness told police that the suspect had fled on foot down Paris Street towards Maverick Street.

The officers immediately ran to the store where they were met by a store clerk who began yelling and pointing in the direction of the suspect who was attempting to walk away from the scene.

The officers immediately approached the suspect, later identified as Vargas, and

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The scene of last Friday's stabbing incident at the Shell gas station food mart across from District A-7 police station.

placed him into custody without incident. A pat frisk of Vargas allegedly turned up a Swiss Army knife, which officers confiscated.

When officers returned to the store to better understand the facts and circumstances surrounding the incident, the store clerk informed them that Vargas allegedly tried to make a purchase using a counterfeit bill. According to the clerk, when he refused to accept the counterfeit bill and returned it to Vargas the suspect allegedly became enraged and lunged at the clerk---allegedly reaching over the counter and striking him with his clenched

The clerk, however, was able to defend himself and stop the suspect's attack. The suspect then allegedly turned his attention on a second store employee whom he allegedly stabbed before fleeing the store. The second store employee received treatment for minor lacerations on scene by Boston EMS but refused further medical attention and was not transported from the scene.

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community pool.

The plan, according to the city is to restore the pool back to its original glory and strengthen the connection between the pool building and the adja-

According to city officials at the meeting, the pool will close in January 2020 and renovations should take about 14 months to complete.

At the meeting BCYF and Public Facilities officials unveiled pictures of what the pool would look like once construction is

completed. There were numerous 'oohs and ahhs' from pool members that use Paris Street for exercise on a regular basis.

The pictures show that the exterior of the pool will be fitted with new siding panels. An addition of the pool's foyer will allow for more room and make the entrance more modern and inviting. There will also be an addition to the back

of the building to make room for a family changing room--a feature that is absent from the current pool's layout.

The side of the building that houses the pool that abuts the Paris Street Playground will be changed from a wall to windows. This will allow more light into the pool and better connect the facility to the playground. The building's roof will also be transformed and will include skylights to bring even more natural light into the pool and make it feel more 'open'.

The investment to the pool will also include a new pool filter room, mechanical and electrical upgrades, modified main entrance and lobby area, building interior and exterior repairs and other upgrades necessary to make it a more inviting and user-friendly space.

At the meeting, longtime East Boston High School swim coach Dave Arinella wondered if the city could delay the start of construction by one month. This, said Arinella, would let the swim team finish their season at Paris Street before having to relocate to the Mario Umana pool next

The city said they would explore that option but cautioned that the city is eager to get construction started as soon as possible.

Paris Street Director Nicole DaSilva added that her team has been working closely with the Umana School and the East Boston YMCA, who runs the pool there, to transfer as many swim programs to the Umana's pool while construction is ongoing. However, DaSilva said because the Umana pool is housed inside a school building there will be limits on swim times, lap swims, aquatics, etc. and these programs most likely won't be able to start until late afternoon, evenings or on the weekter East Boston.' All scholarship applicants must be residents of

Scholarship // CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

East Boston; have at least part-time custody of minor child/children, or guardianship of children/adult child, demonstrated hardship, demonstrated dedication to the community in the spirit of the Maverick Street Mothers--i.e. attend PTA or civic association meetings, fundraisers, volunteer, or attend any accredited insti-

tution. The make a case-by-case determination to prevent predatory institutions from benefiting from aid.

To request a copy of the application and guidelines, please contact edwardsempowermentfund@gmail. com. The application will be provided in both English and Spanish and all are welcomed to apply. Deadline to apply is Friday, Oct. 25,

2019. The Maverick Street Mothers protest was in response to the construction trucks bringing fill for a Logan expansion project. The trucks drove very fast down the densely populated Maverick Street, creating an unsafe situation for children, the elderly and the mothers that took their children out for walks or to run errands.

Eastie's Karen Maddalena was a young mother when she made the decision to stand up against Massport's expansion of Logan Airport. Her choice then to fight for the quality of life for herself and her neighbors ignited a lifelong career in community activism.

On Sept. 28, 1968, and led by local legend the late Anna DeFronzo, Maddalena joined a group of mothers in what was to become a historic protest against the Port Authority and airport expansion.

The became group known as the 'Maverick Street Mothers' and their protest became the true beginning of environmental justice in Eastie that marked the opening salvo and first victory in the neighborhood's famed transportation justice struggles

"As a young mother, my involvement as a community activist started," said Maddalena during a Massport dedication of a plaque honoring the mothers in 2015. "I joined my friends and neighbors to protest the huge trucks carrying fill along Maverick St. to the bird island flats section of the airport."

After a series of meetings with Massport officials there was no relief in spite of the residents simply asking the Port Authority to use another route to haul the fill.

Frustration was growing in the neighborhood and former State Reptresentative, the late George DiLorenzo, met with the Maverick Street residents and the group decided to meet on the street the next day and block the trucks. People felt this radical 'sit in' approach could be effec-

It was decided that only women and children would participate in the demonstration because many felt if men were involved it might lead to fights and violence. The group notified the media, put out a simple press release and on the next day, September 28, the demonstration began.

As the dump trucks arrived the mothers, most pushing their children in baby carriages, blocked the street.

"When the first truck arrived there was a lot of noise with the drivers yelling and cursing at the mothers," Maddalena remembers. "The trucks began to roll closer and closer to the protesters and someone

called the State Police." The State Police arrived to restore order to the street and when the Maverick Mothers refused to back down the State Police began to drag and push the mothers to the sidewalk so the trucks could continue. However, former Mayor Kevin White, who was being kept abreast of the situation, sent in the Boston Police to counter the State

Police's use of force. The Boston Police made the trucks stop and ordered the protest to continue.

That night the event was all over the evening news.

When Massport caught wind the protests would not end and continued the next day, Eastie's elected officials pointed out that there were several other viable truck routes on Massport property that could be used.

After negotiations, Massport agreed to use the alternative truck routes and the Maverick Mothers scored a major victory during the era of Logan expansion.

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COMMUNITY NEWS

SAINT VINCENT DEPAUL CLOTHING **DRIVE**

The St. Vincent dePaul Clothing Drive will take place on October 5, Saturday, from 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. and Oct. 6, Sunday, from 8 a.m. - 1 p.m. at the Salesian Boys and Girls Club parking lot on Byron Street.

There will also be a Mini Flea Market to raise funds for St. Vincent dePaul at the same time and location.

So come by, say hello, and drop off your donations of clothes to "Help those in Need".

HVNA AGENDA FOR OCT. 7 MEETING

October 2019 Harbor View Neighborhood Association Meeting is set for Oct. 7, 2019 at Brooke Charter School at 6:30 p.m. (doors at 6 p.m.)

Welcome/ Introduction (5min)

Station 7 Update Sgt. Martin and Officer Dan Simons (10min)

Announcements/ New Secretary Chris Assante McLean Park/St Mary

Park Update, Subcommittee Chair Barbie Puopolo (10min) 100 Byron Street 2nd

Presentation and VOTE, Attorney Matthew Eckel for Forbes family.

Proposal to erect a 2.5 story single family home on subdivided lot. (15min)

Steve Scire, Sammy Carlo's Deli and Jay Grey, Owner Food for Thought. Presentation and discussion about a GastroPub Test Kitchen at Sammy Carlo's. (15min)

437 Frankfort Street 2nd Presentation. Richard Belliveau owner and Attorney Richard Lynds. Update to erect a 6 Unit, 6 parking space building in an existing yard. (10min)

Presentation of changes to the By-Laws. Proposed changes: requiring abutters meeting prior to hearing/ vote, minimum voting age

116-120 Moore Street, 1st Presentation, Attorney Richard Lynds for Debbie White. Demolish existing 9 Unit building and build a 19 Unit complex with 17 parking spaces (30min)

ATLANTIC WORKS PRESENTS TWO **ARTISTS**

PARIS STORIES - by Sandrine Colson

SICILY ... IT'S COM-PLICATED! - by Diane Modica

Oct. 5, 2019 through Oct. 26, 2019

Opening Reception -Saturday, Oct. 5, 6-9 p.m. 3rd Thursday Reception - Oct. 17, 6-9 p.m.

In Paris Stories and

Sicily ... It's Complicated ..., the artists are exploring their origins and how they influence who we are through stories and various places. From physical locations to the world of the invisible and beliefs, we are who we are through our experiences and stories we have heard, created or followed. In their two-person exhibition, Sandrine Colson and Diane Modica, each tell stories about places close to their heart and beliefs by taking you through a journey of imagination or reality depending on the tale being represented under their brush.

For Sandrine, her journey as a painter began from childhood influenced by her grandmother's artistic guidance and continued through various studies, her world travels, native Provence in France and current Boston residence. In her Paris Stories, a series of unique and original pieces of mixed media work tell each a different story about the "city of light." Each piece - represents unique events, memories, words, and accounts of fictional or real people, past events or emotional journeys related to Paris. Each invites the viewer to let his or her imagination decides where the story goes, somewhat guided by the composition created.

For Modica, this exhibit reflects her continuing search for the connection to her family roots in Sicily. A Boston native, both sets of her grandparents emigrated from Mineo, Sicily to the U.S. in the early 1900's. While one raised its family Lizzie and deciding her in Boston and the other in guilt or innocence. Did she Portland, Maine, the two or didn't she? You be the

contact with one another.

As in previous shows, Modica mines the complex and rich history and heritage of her Sicilian roots. Sicily, a strategically located island at the boot of Italy, survived centuries of invaders including Greeks, Romans, Byzantines, Arabs, Normans, Swabians and Spanish all of whom left their mark on the island and its people. Using colorful mixed media including painting, collage, stitching, textiles and written text, she finds a visceral and visual bond between the past and the present.

ATLANTIC WORKS GALLERY is East Boston's Collaborative Space for Art and Ideas. Established in 2003, it is a member-operated gallery located on the top floor of 80 Border Street on the waterfront. It is T-accessible (Maverick stop on the Blue Line) and there is usually ample parking. For detailed directions, information about members, future shows, etc, please visit atlanticworks.org.

LIZZIE BORDEN AND THE 40 WHACKS

The Delvena Theatre Company will be presenting Lizzie Borden and the 40 Whacks at the Boston Public Library, East Boston Branch, 365 Bremen Street, Boston, MA on Thursday, October 3, at 6 p.m..

On a scorching hot day in Fall River, back in August of 1892, a heinous crime occurred. Spinster Lizzie Borden was accused, tried and acquitted of the vicious axe murders of her father and stepmother. This true unsolved mystery has fascinated people for over 100 years. Two people died on that day in 1892, but Lizzie continues to live on in American folklore.

An edutainment production, written by Fran Baron and directed by Joseph Zamparelli, the show will feature Lynne Moulton and Joseph Zamparelli in multiple roles. The performance includes a mock trial that invites the audience to participate by questioning sides always remained in judge on October 3rd at the

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Community Meetings

Harbor View Neighborhood Associa-

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

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

Orient Heights Neighborhood Associ-

Third Monday of every month. 6:30 p.m. at Ashley Street YMCA, 54

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

Maverick Central Neighborhood Associ-

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

Boston Public Library, East

Lynne Moulton has per-

formed several roles for

Delvena Theatre including

her IRNE nominated Mar-

tha in Who's Afraid of Vir-

ginia Woolf? and Sissy in

Piece of My Heart and also

for numerous other theatre

companies in the New En-

gland area. She received

her acting training at the

Royal Academy of Dramat-

ic Art under the direction

of Sir Robert Palmer and at

Joseph Zamparelli is a

Trinity Rep Conservatory.

professional actor, director

and producer. A graduate of

Boston College (Psychol-

ogy/Theater Arts) he went

on to the professional train-

ing program at Circle in the

Square Theater School in

NYC. In addition to com-

mercial film and television

work, he is Producing/

Artistic Director of Bosto-

The Delvena Theatre

Company was founded in

1992 and has performed at

various venues, most often

at the Boston Center for the

Arts. The company was

nominated for five Inde-

pendent Reviewers of New

England awards. Its pro-

duction of 'Who's Afraid

of Virginia Woolf?' was on

Theatre Mirror's Best List

for acting, directing and

production. Presentations

of 'Anna Weiss' and 'Be-

yond Therapy' were includ-

Boston Branch.

ed on Theatre Mirror's best play list and 'Blue Heart' was placed on Aisle Say's

For more information, call the Library at (617) 569-0271.

THE JPNA FALL FLING IS BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND

By popular demand, the Jeffries Point Neighborhood Association is bringing back the Fall Fling, their neighborhood cocktail party to encourage local residents to meet one an-The Fall Fling will be on

Thursday, October 3, from 6:30 to 9 p.m. at the Embassy Suites at Boston Logan Airport. Tickets are on sale for a cost of \$25 in advance and \$35 at the door.

Tickets are available on Eventbrite, or the JPNA webpage at, www.jeffriespoint.org. A variety of restaurants with easy access to Jeffries Point are being asked to participate, providing food tastings.

"Neighbors want the chance to meet other neighbors" stated Margaret Farmer, Co-Chair.

"Hopefully, everyone will meet someone on their street they didn't know bechel Blomerth added, "We really appreciate the sponsorship of Embassy Suites, Portside Development and

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

Gove Street Citizens Association

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

JPNA monthly meeting

The Jeffries Point Neighborhood Assocation will hold its September meeting on Tuesday, Sept. 10 at the Jeffries Point Yacht Club starting at 7 p.m.

The agenda for the Tuesday Sept. 10 monthly meeting of the Jeffries Point Neighborhood Association is below:

Odd-Year Board Swearing-In

Police - Slide Show

Lina Trameli with the Mayor's Office Boston City Council At Large Candi-

Please note, the meeting is on TUES-DAY because of the Labor Day holiday. Questions can be directed to board@jeffriespoint.org

hood Health Center to make this event possible." Ryan Persac of The Per-

the East Boston Neighbor-

sac Group real estate is the "King of the Bar", sponsoring an open beer and wine bar from 7 to 8 p.m. for all attendees. There will be a full cash bar available for the entire event as well. The event was last held in 2016, when residents gathered at CrossFit Jeffries Point.

"Funds raised will help us provide free events, such as the 3 movies we did this summer with NOAH, as well as neighborhood potlucks and park beautification" explained JPNA Secretary Mary Cole.

EAST BOSTON **SOCIAL CENTER'S** SENIOR PROGRAM **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.

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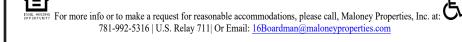
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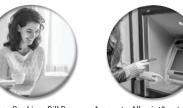




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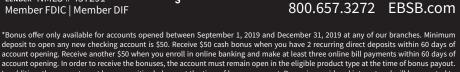


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NEW COORS AD GLORIFIES PROBLEM DRINKING

"The official beer of Saturday morning," is the reprehensible (and that's the only word that comes to mind) tag line for a new TV ad for Coors Light beer that appeared during the football games this past weekend.

The ad depicts two roommates in their early to mid 20s who are preparing breakfast and then sit down on their couch to watch the football games while still clad in their

They then break out the Coors Lights while eating breakfast and watching TV.

In our view, this ad represents a new low for a liquor industry that increasingly is targeting a younger and younger audience with messages that essentially equate having a good time with getting drunk.

Right after the Coors ad came one for Budweiser's Platinum Light beer. We did not know why it was called platinum so we looked it up. It turns out that regular Bud Light has an alcohol content of 4.2 percent, but Bud Platinum has an alcohol content of 6 percent.

Here's how Bud describes its Platinum product on its web site: "Platinum is back. And the memories are sure to follow. With a sleek new look and the same smooth, slightly sweet finish, it's time to kick your night off the right way. The Platinum way."

In other words, "kick your night off" is a euphemism for becoming inebriated faster. And what about this line: "And the memories are sure to follow." Really? Drunken memories will be something to remember?

But the liquor industry is not the only one to blame. Universities also are now part and parcel of the problem of drawing-in underage drinkers. As the Wall Street Journal recently reported, a growing number of colleges are striking deals for in-stadium beer sales and sponsorships, in part to combat declining ticket sales.

The opioid crisis rightly has attracted national attention because of the number of overdose deaths attributable to drug abuse. However, the harm to individuals and society in general caused by drugs, legal and illegal, still pales in comparison to the harm caused by alcohol abuse.

It is clear that the big liquor companies, aided and abetted by our universities, are trying to attract young people to their products. Given that the research definitively has shown that drinking before the age of 25 can harm the still-developing brain, and that drinking while in the teen years can increase the risks of alcoholism by five-fold, the time has come for our government to step in and regulate alcohol advertising similar to what occurred in the 1990s when the tide was turned against Big Tobacco, which clearly was targeting a youthful audience with its Joe Camel and other advertising campaigns.

If encouraging "Saturday morning" drinking is consid ered acceptable in liquor ads, what's next?

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ZBA // CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

from votes he took approving projects that he and his wife later sold.

Last week Edwards filed legislation to modernize and reform the ZBA.

According to Edwards, the proposed legislation would change the membership, mandate, electronic notice and records policy, staffing and standards of review for the ZBA, and require quarterly reports on the ZBA's activities. It would also improve the general public's ability to appeal zoning by enabling electronic appeals and establishing a community counsel to provide neutral advice to residents. Finally, it would require new financial disclosures from appellants seeking zoning relief and require appellants seeking variances on occupied buildings to discuss plans to prevent displacement.

Edwards called for an overhaul of the ZBA that would include membership requirements, staffing improvements, better notices and records, expanded public access, the creation of a community counsel, and regular reporting, as well as anti displacement plans, enhanced standards and addition conflict-of-interest

protections. "These changes protect against conflicts of interest, improve standards of review, ensure critical perspectives of tenants and environmental protection are represented, and modernize the Zoning Board of Appeal by providing 21st-century transparency for all residents," said Edwards. "This

overhaul is a team effort, and I appreciate that Mayor Walsh is already calling for administrative changes. I am looking forward to working with Sullivan and Worcester to ensure we have a comprehensive conversation on ZBA reform. However, many changes will require a legislative revision of the board and this Home Rule Petition is starting that necessary conversation."

Under Edward's plan, real estate interests would be removed from the board and no named organizations or interests would have a permanent seat. Members and alternate members (seven each) of the ZBA would represent perspectives from affordable housing, civil rights and fair housing, environmental protection and climate change, urban planning, homeowners, renters, and expertise in zoning and the general laws.

Staff for the ZBA would be prohibited from engaging in other permitting, planning, development or real estate functions, and prohibited from engaging in private business in these

Records would be avail-

able electronically and in person at City Hall and 1010 Massachusetts Ave. no later than seven days following a hearing. Notices of hearings would be posted and delivered electronically 20 days in advance. Contact information for the board would be posted

Appeals could be filed electronically, in person at

electronically.

city hall or at 1010 Massachusetts Avenue.

A new legal support office to provide neutral advice and guidance explaining standards, votes, procedures, the appeal process and other matters relevant to the board of appeal.

The ZBA would file a quarterly report on the number and type of conditional use permit or variance granted, by neighborhood and zoning district.

The ZBA would require appellants to submit statements of financial interest.

The ZBA would require appellants seeking a variance for occupied or recently-occupied structures to submit plans to mitigate displacement and to provide information about any recent evictions.

The ZBA would be newly required to consider whether a variance would impact the city's goals for income-restricted housing, furthering fair housing, preventing displacement and addressing climate change, as well as consistency with neighborhood planning.

People engaged in the construction, development, purchase or sale of real estate would be ineligible for membership on the ZBA. The City of Boston would be able to require as a condition of appointment that members will not be engaged in the business of real estate construction, development, purchase or sale within the city for up to five years after their term of service concludes. The ZBA would be required to publish additional regulations to prevent conflict of

interest. Last month Walsh announced his administration had hired the former head of the public corruption unit inside the U.S. Attorney's Office, Brian Kelly, to conduct an independent review of the Lynch scandal.

Walsh also called for a comprehensive review of the ZBA and related processes, in order to ensure that best practices, including strong internal protocols and policies, are in place to best serve applicants in a way that is transparent and accountable to the public.

Walsh has asked Sullivan & Worcester LLP to conduct this comprehensive review beginning with the rules and regulations in place that dictate how the ZBA conducts business on behalf of the residents of Boston, and those with matters before the board.

"Since taking office, my Administration has worked to level the playing field in the development process in Boston, emphasizing transparency and ensuring broader access and input from the community," said Walsh last month. "I recognize that there is always more work to be done to make the business of city government more accessible and transparent to everyone. I am hopeful that we will learn from the findings of this review how else we can better serve our constituencies and implement best practices used in the field.'

Your opinions, please

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Not if we can help

Wu takes citywide vote, Essaibi George comes in second

By Seth Daniel

Councilor Michelle Wu scored an impressive victory citywide in the Preliminary Election on Tuesday, Sept. 25, over her opponents, but Councilor Annissa Essaibi George also made a strong move in finishing second ahead of the rest of the field.

the top eight spots. The top

eight now move on to fight

for five seats in the Nov. 5

City Election.

The Preliminary Election featured 15 candidates from the Council At-Large race squaring off to claim

There was no district seat race this time around, as Councilor Ed Flynn has no opponent.

Citywide, the vote totals were as follows:

- •Michelle Wu 26,622
- Annissa Essaibi George 18,993
 - •Michael Flaherty
 - •Alejandra St. Guillen -
- 11,910 •Julia Mejia – 10,799
- •Althea Garrison 9,720
- •Erin Murphy 9,385 •David Halbert – 6,534

The campaign will begin in earnest now through the Nov. 5 City Election.

EASTIE FARM HOLDS FOOD AND FUN EVENT

Last Thursday residents gathered at Eastie Farm's other location at 293 Border Street across from the Umana School for an evening of food and fun! Residents and Eastie Farm volun-

teers took part in the evening long event that included cooking demonstrations by Chef Matt McPherson who served up delicious options.

There was also fresh produce to

take home, demonstrations on composting, rainwater harvesting, and the environmental benefits of green open spaces and healthy soil, as well as live



and cooking demonstrations during the event.



Some of the options that were available during Eastie Farm's Food and Fun event last Thursday on



Neighborhood kids learn how to grind apples for cider.



Fresh apples being turned into cider.



could take home samples.





Residents learn about the different ways to compost organic materials.



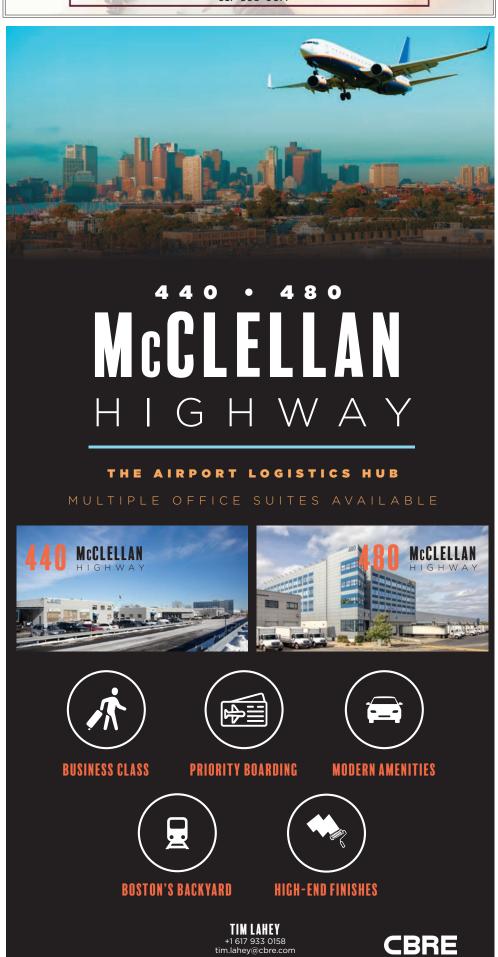
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Residents harvest some fresh produce during Thursday's event.





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Vaccinations are important for pets

By Penny & Ed Cherubino

When is your dog or cat's rabies vaccination due? If you are already on a 3-year schedule, you'll want to make sure your animal is revaccinated before the end of that 3-year window or you may find yourself in violation of the law and back on a yearly schedule.

Timing Is Critical

To understand how critical the timing of a rabies vaccination is, we offer the following information from the American Veterinary Medical Association. They explain, "A dog is not considered to be vaccinated until 28 days after the initial inoculation. Rabies vaccinations are considered outdated 1 day beyond the 1-year or 3-year anniversary of the vaccination. (Generally, the only difference between the 1-year rabies vaccine and the 3-year rabies vaccine is how it's labeled.) On revaccination, the pet is considered immunized immediately."

In Massachusetts dogs, cats, and ferrets must be vaccinated against rabies by a licensed veterinarian. For a new animal, this must be done, "... within 30 days of acquisition or arrival into the Commonwealth or upon reaching the age of 6 months, whichever occurs last." For additional information on rabies vaccination requirements in this or any other state, go to www.



An annual check up or wellness exam is more important than annual vaccinations. Here the doctor examines Beans' teeth. (Photo Courtesy of AVMA)

rabiesaware.org.

And, of course, you must present current proof of a rabies vaccination to obtain a dog license, board your animal, or in the case of a dog bite, to save your animal from being quarantined or euthanized.

Other Core Vaccinations

Beyond rabies, your veterinarian will suggest routine vaccinations for a variety of preventable diseases. Since 2011, the American Animal Hospital Association Canine Vaccination Task Force set the protocol for core vaccines to every 3-years.

For dogs, canine parvovirus, distemper, canine hepatitis, and rabies are considered core vaccines. The non-core or elective vaccines are bordetella

bronchiseptica and canine parainfluenza virus, B bronchiseptica, leptospira, borrelia burgdorferi, canine influenza virus-H3N8, and canine influenza virus-H3N2.

For cats, core vaccines are used to protect against panleukopenia (feline distemper), feline calicivirus, feline herpesvirus type I (rhinotracheitis), and rabies. The non-core or elective vaccines are for feline leukemia virus, bordetella, chlamydophila felis, and feline immunodeficiency

Annual Checkup and Titers

There are still veterinarians who promote annual revaccination of animals. This should make you cautious. This person may be poorly informed, motivated by profit, or they may believe that this is the only way to have guardians come in for an annual checkup.

An annual checkup or wellness exam is more important than annual vaccinations. This is an opportunity to work with your veterinary professionals to assess general health, dental health, review behavior, dietary issues, and make decisions on any additional testing or follow-up procedures that may be needed.

Make that appointment for an annual checkup, but don't automatically allow annual vaccinations. While relatively safe for healthy animals, every exposure to a vaccine is an opportunity for an adverse reaction. Talk with your veterinarian about risk assessment for non-core vaccines. Diseases that are currently present in your area, your lifestyle, and that of your companion animals are important factors in making these decisions. You might opt for titer testing which will show the animal's level of immunity.

Currently approved guidelines and protocols for vaccinations are on the websites of organizations like the American Veterinary Medical Association and the American Animal Hospital Association. With the exception of rabies, where only the local board of health can allow an exemption upon the request of a veterinarian, you are allowed to make final medical decisions for the animals in your care.

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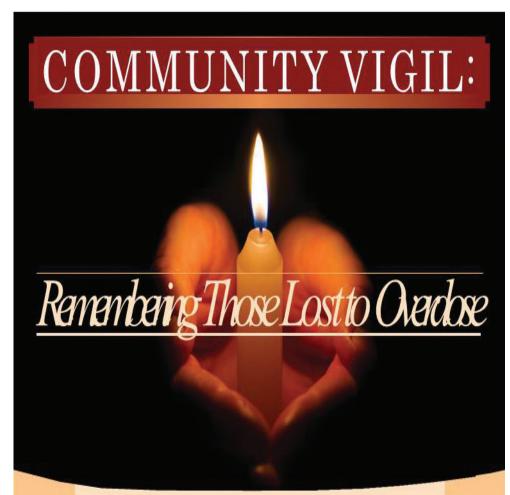
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For more information, contact Joanna Cataldo: cataldoj@ebnhc.org; 617-568-6492.

Sports

Boston Police team up with FMC for free hockey clinic

By John Lynds

Over the summer District A-7 Community Officer Gary Marino had a plan to start bringing hockey back to its past glory in East Boston.

Marino, who grew up playing hockey in the youth neighborhood's leagues, said there are plenty of kids who want to play but are hindered by the cost of the sport or lack of access to ice time.

"I played Mite Hockey I ever played for." with East Boston Youth Hockey growing up," said Marino. "I moved on to the North Shore Raiders under coach Joe Yanetti from Squirts to Midgets and he was one of the best coaches

Marino said growing up in Eastie and playing organized hockey was a great experience and wanted to be able to provide that same experience to neighborhood youth.

Marino, through the Boston Police's Youth Activities League, started a free skills hockey clinic two days a week at the Porrazzo Rink in East Boston

over the summer with the help of FMC who oversees the rink's programs.

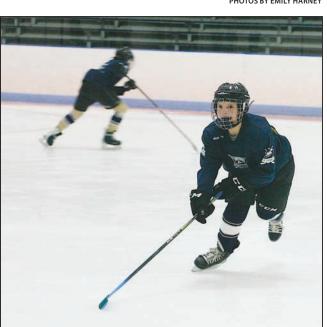
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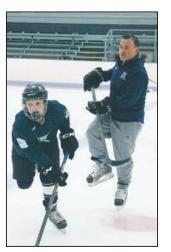


Officer Gary Marino of the District A-7 Community Office presents FMC's Patrick Furza with a hockey shirt for his support of the program and donating ice time. Also pictured are Sergeant Joe Leeman, Officer Derek Russo and Captain Darrin Greeley.

PHOTOS BY EMILY HARNEY



Area youth get the chance to have one-on-one instruction, as well as group skills training.



Officer Gary Marino working with one of the youth hockey players last Thursday at Porrazzo Rink in East Boston.



Officer Gary Marino said

without the donation

of ice-time by FMC the

program would not be

possible.

Officer Gary Marino of the Officer Gary Marino said **District A-7 Community** he loves the energy of the Office started the hockey youth who participating skills training program each week. over the summer.



Youth hockey players run a drill that involves jumping over a hockey stick and then quickly turning direction around a series of cones to improve speed and skate work.



Officer Gary Marino during a pep talk with players last week at Porrazzo Rink.



Officer Gary Marino, a former hockey coach, shows one of the female participants a drill.



A group photo of Boston Police, FMC staff and the skaters last Thursday during the free hockey skills training program run by Officer Gary Marino of the District A-7 Community Office at the Porrazzo Rink in East Boston in conjunction with FMC.

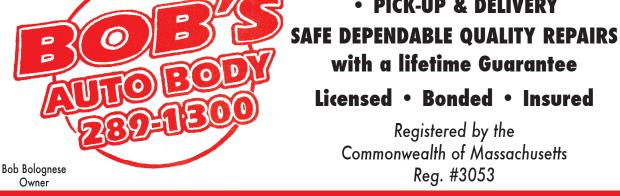
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East Boston," said Marino who coached boys hockey at the former Savio Prep High School, as well as the Islanders Hockey Club Elite team with Tom And Scott Fitzgerald--two icons in the hockey world. "I wanted to be able to give back and share my skills with the area's youth. We are extremely fortunate to have the FMC working with us. Without the partnership of FMC this program would not be possible. Ice is extremely expensive and hard to come by. We were able to secure two days a week with the help from FMC's

Patrick Furze."

Marino, who has served in the Boston Police Department for over 20 years and was part owner and instructor of Break Thru Hockey Skills with Christian Scourletis from 2012-2016, said the program has been fantastic so far.

"There have been many highlights with this program thus far," said Marino. "Our first class was a group of high school players. Two players in particular were thinking about quitting football so they could participate in our second session. They said

they got so much out of this class and have never seen anything like it. Parents love the skills training and commented on the variety of drills and structure of the program."

Marino said the program's goal, with the help of the FMC, is to use the program to help strengthen community policing.

"Sharing my passion for hockey will not only make the youth better hockey players, but will build a relationship with the community, as well as trust with the Boston Police Department," said Marino.

or similar battery-powered

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Fresh and Local

Our spice experiment made SIMPLE

By Penny & Ed Cherubino

When you love as many world cuisines as we do, you find yourself with a lot of herbs, spices and blends in your cupboards. Recently Penny cleaned out our supplies and picked two flavorful selections to leave on the counter and use as often as possible for a time. Her choices were za'atar and sumac.

The word za'atar stands for two different ingredients. The first is a species of the herb savory that traditionally grows as a wild shrub in the Middle East. The second is a blended condiment that is made with this herb plus other seasonings - often sumac, sesame seeds, and salt. It's the blend that's on our

We started our challenge by purchasing some excellent manakish (a flatbread topped with za'atar) from a vendor at the farmers market. We then dressed a market salad with a vinaigrette seasoned with za'atar and served it with feta marinated in olive oil and sumac. (Sumac is the lemony, red fruit of a shrub that can be substituted for citrus should you ever find yourself short of lemon.)

Along Came SIMPLE Serendipitously, a library notice arrived announcing it was our turn to borrow a cookbook that puts these two ingredients front and center. "Ottolenghi SIM-PLE: A Cookbook" is the latest offering from Yotam Ottolenghi and his team of recipe developers.

The word SIMPLE is capitalized because each letter stands for one of the characteristics of the recipes. The LA Times explained it well, "The six



Avocado toast is a great base for trying a new seasoning. We let each person add as much or as little za'atar as they

letters of the word 'simple' stand for, in order: 'short on time,' '10 ingredients or less,' 'make ahead,' 'pantry,' 'lazy' and 'easier than you think." This is everything most Ottolenghi recipes are not. But it is also what makes this book perfect for the busy home cook.

Za'atar and sumac are two of the ten ingredients (beyond normal pantry staples) that are used in the book to add that famous element of surprise to Ottolenghi dishes. We had most of the list on hand, so our exploration began by selecting the recipes that highlight our spice challenge duet.

Two to Try

Our first choice was oven roasted sweet potatoes that are tossed with smoked paprika, cayenne, garlic, a bit of uncooked polenta, olive oil, and flaked salt before roasting and then sprinkled with sumac and a bit more salt before serving.

Next was a pasta dish that starts with chickpeas crisped in a mixture of olive oil, softened onion, garlic, cumin, thyme, anchovies, and lemon peel.

This is then simmered with chicken stock and lemon juice and reduced before adding cooked pasta, spinach, and parsley. Za'atar and a drizzle of fresh olive oil are added to each serving the way you might add cheese to a more traditional pasta. We like this preparation for anyone new to this flavor because each person can add their own level of

Your Assignment!

Clean out your own spice selection. In the process, you may discover a spice or spice blend that you love and don't use often enough. Put it front and center in your cooking area. Make whatever family favorite you always make with it. Go online and research other recipes using that ingredient. Pull out favorite cookbooks from a cuisine that makes the most of it and find a few more uses. Make a point of enjoying the flavors you love in your

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However, a recent outbreak in vape-related lung diseases and deaths have state's and the federal government scrambling to figure out what exactly is going on with devices that promised to deliver nicotine and THC in a safe manner.

Last week Governor Charlie Baker declared a public health emergency in response to confirmed and suspected cases of severe lung disease associated with the use of e-cigarettes and marijuana vaping products in the state. The governor called for a temporary four-month statewide ban on the sale of flavored and non-flavored vaping products in both retail stores and online. The sales ban applies to all vaping products and devices, including tobacco and marijuana.

The ban took effect immediately and lasts through January 25, 2020.

"The use of e-cigarettes and marijuana vaping products is exploding and we are seeing reports of serious lung illnesses, particularly in our young people," said Governor Baker. "The purpose of this public health emergency is to temporarily pause all sales of vaping products so that we can work with our medical experts to identify what is making people sick and how to better regulate these products to protect the health of our residents."

The Center for Disease Control (CDC) confirmed as of last week there are 805 lung injury cases reported from 46 states and one U.S. territory related to vaping or vape products with 12 deaths confirmed in

The CDC has also received sex and age data on 771 patients. About 69 percent of patients are male. Nearly two thirds (62 percent) of patients are 18 to 34 years old; with 22 percent of patients between

18-21; and 16 percent of patients are under 18 years.

All reported patients have a history of e-cigarette product use or vaping.

The latest findings from the investigation into lung injuries associated with e-cigarette use, or vaping, suggest products containing THC play a role in the outbreak. CDC has received data on substances used in e-cigarettes or vaping products in the 30 days prior to symptom onset among 514 patients and about 77 percent reported using THC-containing products; 36 percent reported exclusive use of THC-containing products; about 57 percent reported using nicotine-containing products; and 16 percent reported exclusive use of nicotine-containing products.

However, the CDC said specific chemical exposure(s) causing lung injuries associated with e-cigarette product use, or vaping, remains unknown at this

"No single product or substance has been linked to all lung injury cases and more information is needed to know whether one or more e-cigarette or vaping products, substances, or brand is responsible for the outbreak," the CDC said in a statement.

Earlier this month, the Massachusetts Department of Public Health (DPH) mandated that Massachusetts physicians immediately report any unexplained vaping-associated pulmonary disease to the department. As of today, 61 cases have been reported to DPH. Three confirmed cases and two probable cases of vaping-associated pulmonary disease in the state have already been reported to the CDC. The rest are pending further clinical analysis.

Vaping consists of inhaling and exhaling the aerosol (often called vapor) produced by an e-cigarette

Baker said during the temporary ban his Administration will work with medical experts, state and federal officials to better understand vaping illnesses and work on additional steps to address this public health crisis. This could include legislation and regulations. The administration will also work on providing more resources for a public awareness campaign and

smoking cessation pro-

"Vaping is a public health crisis and it is imperative that we understand its impact at both the individual and overall health care system level," said Health and Human Services Secretary Marylou Sudders. "As a result of the public health emergency, the Commonwealth is implementing a statewide standing order for nicotine replacement products like gum and patches, which will allow people to access these products as a covered benefit through their insurance without requiring an individual prescription, similar to what

our administration did to increase access to nalox-

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Cathy Leonard-McLean Community Room Located on First Floor of the Rental Car Center 15 Transportation Way, East Boston, MA 02128

It is the intention of the Committee to discuss in open meeting the

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b. Approval of Minutes September 17, 2019 6:35

c. Nominations for 1 opening on the Board of Directors 6:40

d. Massport, Pressley Assoc. and Kleinfelder 6:50 e. Park regulations and design 7:15

f. Old Business 7:30 g. New Business 7:35

h. Adjournment of public meeting

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Getting Out

SpeakEasy's 'CHOIR BOY' Extended a Week By Popular Demand

By Sheila Barth

Seeing SpeakEasy Stage Company's superlative production of Oscar winner Tarell Alvin McCranney's musical coming-of-age drama, "Choir Boy," has special meaning for 28-year-old Chikaosolu Nwankwo. For the first time ever, the songwriter-rapper-hopeful/health caregiver attended professional stage productions.

He was especially mesmerized by "Choir Boy's" upbeat, rhythmic ensemble's performance, and identified with the play's teen-agers. When he was 11-17 years old, the native Nigerian-American attended a boarding school in Nigeria, much like the play's prestigious Charles R. Drew Prep School for Boys.

He also reminisced about the boys' interactions and the school's discipline; Nigeria's and the school's strong taboo

against homosexuality; the separation of boys and girls in different schools; and the ban on their getting together. They weren't allowed to phone girls, either.

Besides all these similar experiences, he was stunned to witness brief, live nudity Overall, the play resonated

deeply with Nwankwo, creating a life experience he'll never forget, he said. "Choir Boy" obviously

touched other theatergoers, too. They applauded frequently at the cast's highly energetic, live gospel, spiritual and R&B melodies they sang and stomped out, choreographed by Yewande Odetoyinbo and Ruka White. .Scenic designer Baron

Pugh ensured the ensemble's space by designing the set sparsely, decorated by a large, illuminated pastel-hued cross in the background, that changes color during key

scenes.

McCranney's songs and lyrics punctuate the play's action, keenly defining features like the school's rules in song,"Trust and Obey;" its advice to students to "Keep Your Eyes on the Prize;" and its veiled references to slavery's cruelty in "Motherless Chile".

Directed by Boston's meteoric rising star-director Maurice Emmanuel Parent. (co-founder/executive director of the Front Porch Arts Collective), the actors clearly portray each character, highlighting his inner and interactive conflicts, escalating to an unexpected finale. Stocky Isaiah Reynolds is

self-assured yet self-effacing, sensitive, yet cunning, as lead character, effeminate student choir leader Pharus Jonathan Young, while Malik Mitchell portrays Bobby Marrow,

Pharus' jealous foil. Bobby torments, bullies, and

taunts Pharus, calling him a sissy. Bobby is Headmaster Marrow's (Jerome Rogers) entitled nephew, who has political-family connections., Bobby thinks Pharus broke the student code of not snitching on each other. Pharus doesn't have to. He researched and found damaging information on the students and faculty, thus ensuring his invulnerability.

Pharus yearns for his athletic, baseball-star roommate Anthony Justin "AJ" James, and is horrified, when he is acutely embarrassed while horsing around together on the bed.

Pharus also is infatuated with handsome, muscular scholarship student David Heard, whom Dwayne P. Mitchell portrays sympathetically - conflicted.

Pharus keeps tabs on Junior Davis (Aaron Patterson), too, after discovering potentially damaging secrets about

BOX OFFICE

SpeakEasy Stage Company's New England premiere of one-act, 100-minute musical play by multi-award-winning Tarell Alvin McCranney, extended through October 19, appearing Wednesday, Thursday, 7:30 p.m.; Friday, 8 p.m.; Saturday, 4,8 p.m.; Sunday, 3 p.m., also Oct. 10, at 2 p.m., Boston Center for the Arts, Stanford Calderwood Pavilion, 327 Tremont St., South End, Boston. Tickets start at \$25; student senior, age 25-under, student rush discounts. 617-933-8600, SpeakEasyStage.com.

Equally talented Jaimar Brown, Antione Gray, Thomas Purvis and Nigel Richards round out the ensemble, and multi-award winning Boston-area veteran actor Richard Snee is uncomfortably awkward, yet strongly effective as the boys' white, new teacher Mr. Pendleton.

In Pendleton's classroom, Pharus delivers an interesting premise about spirituals and their importance to slaves, which Bobby challenges. Spirituals are real but we are evaluating them wrong says Pharus. The songs create

"The music made us well That's proof. That strengththat is the rebellion. We left earthly things to the oppressors by way of this music, snd we joined the ranks of the heavenly host with its praise and love.

Great food for thought, isn't it?

NIXON'S NIXON

By Sheila Barth

Playwright Russell Lees' interpretive play about Richard Nixon's final hours in the White House, before his agonizing decision to resign as president, in disgrace, is a fascinating, 11th-hour conversation between the beleaguered president and his Secretary of State, Henry Kissinger.

Lees doesn't pretend to have an inside track on that historic conversation between the two iconic men who hated each other, but needed each another politically. Based on their personalities, Lees imagines what may have happened between them, injecting humor at times.

Costume designer Zoe Sundra recreates Kissinger's chic, well-dressed GO image, his perfectly-tailored black suit, white shirt, and formal black bow tie, down to his always-shiny black shoes, while Kissel is a natural image of Nixon. Germanborn Kissinger also served as adviser for national security affairs and helped shape U.S. foreign policy for both Nixon and his successor, President Gerald Ford. He also earned the Nobel Peace Prize and

Designer Afsoon Pajoufar has handsomely recreated a room in the White House and a white clapboard facade; and Elizabeth Cahill 's intoned voices and announcements elevate the drama. Just watching 40-year,

Boston area, multi-award winning actor Jeremiah Kissel's uncanny performance as Nixon is worth double the price of admission. He has channeled the paranoid, scheming, foulmouthed, worldwide leader's every gesture, every facial expression, along with his tippling "wodka" and frequently dropping f-bombs and other unsavory words.

Longtime, multi-award winning Boston-area actor Joel Colodner portrays the secretary of state-national security adviser with finesse,

highlighting Kissinger's dignified, patient calmness during a crisis, in contrast to Nixon's neurotic mien. Nixon's brainstorms are knee-jerk, and sometimes unreasonable, while Colodner captures Kissinger's ability to think quickly, and formulate on-the-spot, reasonable solu-

Will I be arrested? Nixon

Probably not, but perhaps impeached, Kissinger replies. How can I avoid that, save face and my place history?

Hm. Declare himself insane? How about creating a disaster, an attack on the country, and Nixon's saving us with immediate reaction, making him a hero? Then he could resign.

Will it work? Will anything diminish the smirch on Nixon's presidency? The contrite Nixon has misgivings about the wrongs he created in office and letting his family

At one point, Nixon insults Kissinger so badly, Kissinger decides to leave; but Nixon beseeches him to stay. Everyone else has deserted him, he cries.

Then, too, there's the tapes. The Watergate tapes, that indisputably authenticate Nixon's shameless behavior.

How can they circumvent such damning evidence? Aja Jackson's lighting

softens and brightens scenes, along with a wide, crimson-hued background that intensifies at times, signaling the deterioration of Nixon's

BOX OFFICE

New Repertory Theatre kicks off its 35th session with Russell Lees' one-act, two-person, 90-minute play, appearing through October 6:September 26, I and 7 p.m.; Sept. 27,Oct. 4, at 8 p.m.; Sept. 28, Oct. 5, at 3,8 p.m.; Sept. 29, Oct. 6, at 2 p.m.; Oct. 2, 3, 7:30 p.m.; in its MainStage Theater, Mosesian Center for the Arts, 321 Arsenal St., Watertown. \$27-\$67; senior, student, group discounts.617-923-8487, newrep.org.

power and self-control. Colodner doesn't resem-

ble Kissinger very much or have Kissinger's Germantinged accent that Nixon liberally satirizes, but the

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and convincing performances (kudos, Director Elaine Vaan Hogue) keep the audience rapt throughout the play.

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actors' impeccable timing

DISTRICT SEVEN POLICE REPORT

Monday, **September 16, 2019** No Arrests

Tuesday, **September 17, 2019**

No Arrests

Wednesday, **September 18, 2019** Around 12:56 a.m. in the

area of 205 Maverick St., a 50-year-old male with a Revere, MA address was arrested for Destruction or Injury of Personal Property Around 10 a.m. in the area of 246 Border St., a 44-year-old male with a Boston, MA address was arrested for Failure to Attend Jury Duty (Warrant)

Around 7 p.m. in the area of 212 Waldemar Ave., a 54-year-old male with an East Boston address was arrested for Assault and Battery by Means of a Dangerous Weapon

September 19, 2019 No Arrests

Friday, **September 20, 2019**

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Joanne Rozzi

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Joanne M. (Siracusa) Rozzi, 73, a lifelong East Boston resident, passed away on Tuesday, Sept. 24 surrounded by her loving

She was the cherished daughter of the late Angelina "Ann" (Modica) Siracusa, beloved wife of Dominic Rozzi, loving mother of Christopher Rozzi and Maria Conti and her husband, Thomas; adored grandmother of Francesca and Christopher Rozzi Jr. and Isabella Conti; caring sister of Albert and Louis Siracusa. She is also survived by many loving nieces, nephews and cousins. Funeral arrangements were by

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Funeral Home, 262 Beach St., Revere.

Donations may be made in Joanne's memory to the St. Jude Children's Research Hospital by visiting

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Angelina Serra

Lifelong East Boston resident

Angelina (Quagliati) Serra, a lifelong resident of East Boston, passed away peacefully on Monday, Sept. 23.

She was the beloved wife of the late Frank "Che Che" Serra, devoted mother of Linda Serra of East Boston, Richard Serra Sr. and his wife, Diane of Buffalo, New York, loving sister of Mary Colometo of Revere, Clementina "Tina" DeMeo of East Boston and the late Rose Acquadro of Wellesley, cherished grandmother of Richard Serra Jr., Veronica Boisvert, Gina Chiazza, and Dante Serra, and great-grandmother of Julianna Serra. She is also survived by many adored nieces and nephews.

Family and friends will honor Angelina's life by gathering at the Ruggiero Family Memorial Home, 971 Saratoga Street, (Orient Heights) East Boston,



today, Wednesday morning, Oct. 2 at 8:30 a.m. before leaving in procession to Saint Joseph ~ Saint Lazarus Church, East Boston, for a Funeral Mass celebrating her life at 10 a.m. Services will conclude with Angelina being laid to rest with her beloved husband, Frank at the Mausoleum in Holy Cross Cemetery, Malden. May they rest in peace. For more information or to send an online condolence visit ruggieromh.com.

Andrea Butler

Attorney and theater production director

Andrea Butler of Revere passed away on Sept. 28.

Andrea was an attorney who also had a true passion for arts and entertainment focusing on the fine art of modern theater. Directing theater productions was near and dear to her heart.

Her true love was her niece Francesca. Andrea was blessed with a large, loving family. May God hold Andrea in the hollow of his hand. May he be with her and bless her. The dear sister of Allison

Butler, she was the loving aunt of Francesca Zakharia and dear cousin of Paul Spates, all of Lynn; daughter of the late Leonard J. and Gwendolyn (Del Greco) Butler; beloved Godchild of Uncle Joey, Auntie Rosie and Auntie Marie. She was the blessed little sister of cousin Robert and felt truly loved by Auntie Nora. The cherished friend of Nina of Hamilton, she is also survived by many loving uncles and aunts: Elio and Denise Del Greco, Rosemarie and Joseph Pisano, Joseph and Victoria Del Greco, Elia and Cosmo Dell'Anno, Eleanora and her late husband, Angelo Diruzza, Peter and Camille



Del Greco, Stefan Del Greco and Julie Petermann and the late Pasquale and his surviving spouse, Phyllis Del Greco, the late Salvatore and Lucille Del Greco, the late Josephine and Edward Harrington and also survived by many cousins.

survived by many cousins.

A Memorial Mass will be held at St. Anthony's Church, 250 Revere St., Revere on Wednesday, October 9, at 10 a.m. (Everyone to meet at church). Private interment. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105. For guest book, please visit www.Buonfiglio.com.



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Theresa Oliva

Of East Boston

Theresa "Terry" Oliva, 75, of East Boston, passed away on Friday, Sept. 27.

The cherished daughter of Samuel Oliva and the late Gilda (Filippone) Oliva, she was the caring sister of Jeanette Champion and her husband, Lee of Nahant, loving aunt of Gregg Champion and his wife, Margo of Florida, Keith Champion and his wife, Ismeyly of Winthrop and Brad Champion and his wife, Kelly of East Boston and adored great aunt of Zoe, Everett, Julian, Adrian and Jack. She is also survived by many loving uncles, aunts and cousins.

Family and friends will honor Theresa's life by gathering in Vazza's "Beechwood" Funeral home, 262 Beach Street, Revere for a Memorial Vis-



itation on Saturday, Oct. 5 from 10 to 11 a.m. followed by a Memorial Service beginning at 11 a.m. Inurnment will follow at Puritan Lawn Cemetery in Peabody. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Theresa's name to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude PL, Memphis TN 38105-9959. For guest book and directions please visit www.vazzafunerals.com.

Elisa Ventresca

She had a special way of helping people in need with her kind and warm smile

Elisa (LoStracco) Ventresca of East Boston passed away peacefully on Sept. 23.

Elisa came to the United

States in 1956 with her son Joseph, to join her beloved Mario. They made their home in the Orient Heights section of East Boston. As a long time resident of East Boston, Elisa enjoyed her garden, sewing and cooking for endless families and friends. She worked as a seamstress for many years.

Elisa opened her home to many friends and families and devoted her time to her beloved church, St Joseph St Lazarus Parish and cherished Don Orione Shrine. She loved volunteering in the church choir as well as the Don Orione Shrine in anything that was asked of her. Elisa had a very special way of helping people in need with her kind and warm smile. May God himself hold you in the palm of his hand.

The beloved wife of the late Mario Ventresca, she was the devoted mother of Joseph and his wife, Marlene of California and Joanne and her husband, William J. Mahoney Jr. of Winthrop; dear sister of Alba Ventresca of It-



aly, Maria Molinaro of Hamilton, Canada and the late Filadora, Amelia, Nunziata and Francesco and the cherished grandmother of Desmond Mahoney. She is also survived by many loving nieces and nephews.

Family and friends will honor Elisa's life by gathering at the Ruggiero Family Memorial Home, 971 Saratoga St. (Orient Heights) East Boston today, Wednesday, Oct. 2 from 4 to 7 p.m. and again on Thursday morning at 8:30 before leaving in procession to St. Joseph - St. Lazarus Church, Ashley St., East Boston for a Funeral Mass celebrating Elisa's life at 10 a.m. Services will conclude with Elisa being laid to rest with her beloved husband, Mario in Woodlawn Cemetery. May they rest in peace.

Antonio Vigliotta

Of East Boston

Antonio Vigliotta of East Boston passed away peacefully on Sept. 27 surrounded by his loving family.

He was the beloved husband of the late Concetta Vigliotta, loving father of Maria DelGrosso and her husband, Ugo of Norton, Pasquale Vigliotta and his wife, Lisa of Andover, Josephine Saraceni and her husband, Ralph of Melrose, Libertina "Libby" Vigliotta of New Hampshire, Salvatore Vigliotta and his wife. Alycia of East Boston and the late Anthony Vigliotta and his wife, Claudia of Revere; dear brother of Angelo Vigliotta and his wife, Antonetta of East Boston and Luigi Vigliotta and his wife, Pasqualina of Italy. He is also survived by 14 loving grandchildren, six loving great-grandchildren and many nieces and nephews.

Funeral arrangements were by the Ruggiero Family Memorial Home, 971 Saratoga St. (Orient Heights) East Boston. Entombment was in Holy Cross Cemetery, Malden. In lieu of flowers, donations in Antonio's memory may be made to Care Dimensions Hospice, 75 Sylvan St., Suite B-102, Danvers, MA 01923. For more information: www. ruggieromh.com.

George Heffron

Member of first graduating class of Dominic Savio Prep High School



George A. Heffron of Gardner, formerly of East Boston, passed

away peacefully surrounded by his loving family on Monday morning, Sept. 16.

George was educated

George was educated in East Boston and was a member of the first graduating class of St. Dominic Savio Prep High School. He then served in the U.S. Army National Guard. George worked 15 years as a dental technician before joining Teradyne in Boston where he worked for 25 years. He was a faithful Catholic who attended daily mass at Arch St. Chapel on his way to work.

A former athlete who loved football, George was a lifelong fan of Notre Dame and the New York "Football" Giants. His favorite Sunday was when the Giants won and the Patriots lost, but eventually he became a fan of the Patriots.

He was also a self-taught wood worker and especially crafty on the wood lathe. Another favorite pastime came every October when he would make wine with family and neighbors.

George's true passion was his family. He always looked forward to large Sunday dinners, birthdays and holidays where he could enjoy great food and the company of family and friends. He treasured his trips to Courgne, Italy to reunite with extended family.

He was the loving son of the late William J. and Mar-



garet (Savio) Heffron, devoted father of Toni Anne St. John of Taunton, Michael Heffron and his wife, Laurie of Hanover and Denise Alley of Gardner; dear brother of William G. Heffron of East Boston and the late Patricia J. Falcone; cherished grandfather of Anthony, Dominic, Dante, Frankie and Tessa; dear brother in-law to Louis Falcone and Anne Marie Heffron and uncle to Mark Falcone, David Falcone, John "Jack" Heffron, Katie Heffron and Gracie Heffron.

Family and friends will honor George's life by gathering in the Ruggiero Family Memorial Home, 971 Saratoga St. (Orient Heights), East Boston on Saturday, Oct. 5 from 10 a.m. to 1p.m. for a Memorial Visitation ending with a Prayer Service. George's ashes will be interred at Winthrop Cemetery with his beloved family at a later date. In honor of George, memorial donations in his name can be made to the American Cancer Society, 30 Speen Street, Framingham, MA 01701, (508)-270-4635.

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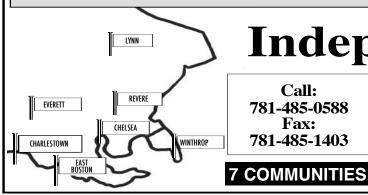
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(NACHC) board, the Massachusetts League of Community Health Centers and is a member of a number of other service organizations here in Eastie and Revere.

Aside from serving as the EBNHC's board chair, Sorrento also sits on many other Health Center committees for including mar-

keting and finance. "Last Wednesday we had the honor of dedicating our Neighborhood PACE Revere facility to our longtime board chair Rita Sorrento, who has devoted decades of her life to our community through education and health care," said EBNHC President and CEO Manny Lopes. "There is only one Rita, and we can't imagine our organization or community without the positive impact she has made. Rita, you are deeply loved and appreciated by all of us. We are pleased that the gorgeous Neighborhood PACE facility will bear your name as a testament to your legacy."

Sorrento first got involved with the EBN-HC while principal at the Alighieri. There she formed a partnership between the school and the EBNHC to bring programming into the Alighieri for students and families. She was later elected EBNHC's board chair and has become a fixture in the community.

"It was a great honor to be recognized by EBNHC," said Sorrento. "Thanks to so many who attended such a wonderful event."

Sorrento's son, Jimi, said last Thursday was a wonderful day for his mom.

"Congratulations mom for your commitment to community service to the East Boston Neighborhood Health centers for almost



EBNHC President and CEO Manny Lopes said there is only 'one' EBNHC Board **Chair Rita Sorrento and** the Health Center, "Can't imagine our organization or community without the positive impact she has made."

30 years," said Jimi Sorrento. "Our family and friends are so proud and I am personally inspired to attempt to follow in both her and my late father's footsteps to serve the public in some fashion, to give back and help others with my own talents and experiences. Bless you mom and thank you for being such a great role model for us all."

At the event Revere Mayor Brian Arrigo made a proclamation that September 25, was Rita Sorrento

Sorrento also received a certificate of commendation from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts by Speaker Robert Deleo and as the Revere City Council in acknowledgement of her lifelong dedication to the communities of both Eastie and Revere.



A priest offers a blessing during last week's dedication of the Neighborhood PACE facility in Revere in honor of EBNHC Board Chair Rita Sorrento.



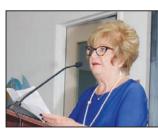
EBNHC Board Chair Rita Sorrento poses with a Neighborhood PACE member.



EBNHC Board Chair Rita Sorrento and Deirdre Alba.



EBNHC Vice President of the Neighborhood PACE program Greg Wilmot.



EBNHC Board Chair Rita Sorrento thanks the crowd for the honor.



EBHC President and CEO Manny Lopes, EBNHC Board Chair Rita Sorrento and Revere Mayor Brian Arrigo at last week's dedication.



Former EBNHC President Jack Cradock, Bill Hunt, Board Chair Rita Sorrento and EBNHC President and CEO Manny Lopes.



From left, EBNHC President and CEO Manny Lopes, Revere City Councilor Ira Novoselsky, Revere Mayor Brian Arrigo, EBNHC Board Chair Rita Sorrento, Revere City Councilor Revere City Councilor Arthur Guinasso, Revere City Councilor John Powers, Revere City Councilor Anthony Zambuto and Revere City Councilor Steven Morabito.



EBNHC Vice President Steve Snyder unveils the plaque naming the Neighborhood PACE facility in Revere in Sorrento's name.



EBNHC Board Chair Rita Sorrento with her family during the dedication event.



The EBNHC staff gets ready to unveil the dedications.



EBNHC Board Chair Rita Sorrento poses with EBNHC staff of the Neighborhood PACE facility in Revere.



EBNHC Board Chair Rita Sorrento receives applause from friends and family during last week's dedication.