

Eastie’s Nantucket Lightship receives prestigious federal grant

By John Lynds

Since 2009, Eastie has played host to a national treasure. The giant red lightship docked on Marginal Street was declared a National Historic Landmark (NHL) in 1989. Since then there has been a push locally to restore the historic Lightship Nantucket, also known as Lightship No. 112 or simply LV-112.

Recently, the efforts to restore and preserve the Nantucket got a huge boost when it was awarded a Save America’s Treasures (SAT) grant from the National Park Service, in partnership with the Institute of Museum and Library Services, the National Endowment for the Humanities, and the National Endowment for the Arts. Announced this fall, a total of \$12.6 million in grants will help fund 41 projects in 23 states. The funds will support the preservation of nationally significant historic properties and collections throughout the country.

The U.S. Lightship Museum (USLM), the non-profit organization that has been overseeing the Nantucket’s restoration, will receive a \$487,500 grant to restore internal structural components and provide general maintenance critical to

maintaining the integrity of the ship’s hull and ability to remain open to the general public for decades to come.

At the time of its NHL designation the Nantucket was the last serving lightship and one of only two capable of moving under its own power.

The ship, which was docked in Oyster Bay, Stat-en Island at the time, and was purchased for \$1 by the USLM under the leadership of Robert Mannino, Jr. The ship arrived in Eastie in October 2009.

The U.S. Lightship Museum’s primary mission is to restore and preserve the Nantucket Lightship as a National Historic Landmark, National Treasure, and operate the ship as a museum and floating educational center in Eastie that is open to the general public. In addition, the museum is currently providing interactive educational programs for grade school students and under-served youths in Boston, especially in the Eastie.

When LV-112 was a commissioned U.S. Coast Guard lightship from 1936-1975 based in Boston, it was also utilized for marine biological, and environmental research by Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution.

“The funds from grants

directed towards LV-112’s restoration and preservation also benefits the community and local economy, as we will hire local contractors and purchase materials, equipment and services from regional vendors and suppliers,” said Mannino. “Moreover, the generosity of private and public donors helps maintain our nation’s important and unique historic sites, critical to preserving our country’s heritage for everyone to learn from and enjoy. Learning from our past is so important in guiding us into the future.”

Earlier this year, the USLM also was awarded \$575,000 from the City of Boston through a Community Preservation Act (CPA-Boston) grant. The CPA-Boston grant serves as the required matching funds for the SAT grant.

“The USLM is sincerely grateful to everyone for their support and assistance that were so instrumental in helping us obtain these two transformational grants, directed to Nantucket LV-112’s restoration and preservation,” said Mannino. “To perform the necessary restoration and maintenance work, LV-112 will need to be hauled out of the water and dry-docked, for which preparations are currently underway.”

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collaboration with community groups and is now on display along the Greenway in the front area of the library. Branch. The project seeks to pilot a new hybrid model that combines art and social technologies for data collection and visualization by which to promote equitable resilience and inclusive planning.

“This is really a special event,” said Rep. Adrian Madaro. “We in East Boston are really susceptible to sea-level rise, climate change and storm surge. We have to approach this issue and bring awareness to the problem of climate change through different mediums. Now, folks walking by that use the Greenway or the library will immediately be hit with this visual impact that shows sea-level rise is very real for us living in East Boston.”

All the colorful ribbons used in the art installation include writing from local students who express their concerns over climate change.

“Some of these writings are very striking,” said Madaro. “There’s a lot of concerns but one thing is for certain that an art installation like this raises awareness.”

Sen. Joe Boncore said the one thing that struck him about the art installa-



Carolina Aragón, public artist and assistant professor of Landscape Architecture and Narges Mahyar, assistant professor of Computer Science at the University of Massachusetts Amherst helped to bring RisingEMOTIONS to Eastie.

tion is that it has already made people think.

“The visual makes people think and when people think they talk,” he said. “And when people talk, taking action is not far behind.”

Professor Mahyar said the RisingEMOTIONS project will also pilot the implementation of digital technologies to gather data on public’s emotions related to flooding due to sea-level rise as part of the overall art installation. The goal is to increase the public’s engagement with climate issues and connect participants to ongoing governmental and grassroots efforts. Residents can visit www.risingemotions.cs.umass.edu/ to voice feel-

ings about sea-level rise in Eastie. An excerpt of what you write will be written on the ribbons to represent different emotions.

“Please help us spread the word to folks you know in and around East Boston,” said Greenway Coordinator Michelle Moon. “Our goal is to get 300 hundred responses for the installation, and we currently have 75 responses. Please tell your family, neighborhood, etc about this project.”

RisingEMOTIONS is funded by the Friends of the East Boston Greenway and is supported by the Boston Society of Landscape Architects with scientific data provided by Sustainable Solutions.

Gunshots fired outside troubled Eastie bar

By John Lynds

It was the site of a murder in February, and now gunshots were reported outside Medallo Bar over the weekend morning.

At around 2 a.m. last Friday morning police responded to shots fired on Chelsea Street outside of the Medallo Bar. Witnesses like Jimmy Villanueva, who lives across the street from the bar, told reporters he heard 10 to 12 shots that woke him out of a sound sleep.

Police closed down the street and investigators found ballistic evidence and bullet holes in at least two cars.

This latest incident, coupled with the stabbing that killed a Revere barbershop owner in February has neighbors and other business owners in the area on edge. Some are even questioning if the bar should remain open.

The problem, explained some business owners in Day Square that have late night licenses to serve food, like Great Chef and La Chiva, is that allegedly intoxi-

cated patrons of bars try to get food after the bars close. The mix of intoxicated people are a recipe for disaster as it leads to confrontations and, in some cases, fights.

One business owner admits he closes his doors and doesn’t let drunken people into his establishment after the bars let out at 2 a.m.

On Sunday, Feb. 17 Alfred Rodriguez was stabbed during an altercation outside Medallo Bar in the early morning hours.

Rodriguez, a father and owner of a barber shop in Revere, succumbed to his injuries at an area hospital three days after being stabbed in the chest.

A night out for Rodriguez turned deadly on that night when police were called to Medallo Bar at 2 a.m. that morning. Police found Rodriguez suffering from a stab wound to the chest. He was rushed to a local hospital with life-threatening injuries. He survived for nearly three days before passing away on Wednesday, February 20.

Police were searching for three people caught on security cameras that may

have had information on the attack.

Police said that the three individuals, one male and two females, were not considered suspects but they were in the area at the time of the stabbing.

The Boston Police Department is actively reviewing the facts and circumstances surrounding Friday’s incident.

Community members wishing to assist this investigation anonymously can do so by calling the CrimeStoppers Tip Line at 1 (800) 494-TIPS or by texting the word ‘TIP’ to CRIME (27463). The Boston Police Department will stringently guard and protect the identities of all those who wish to help this investigation in an anonymous manner.

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about the history of Cape Verde, particularly the slave trade’s part in leading to the colonization of the islands. Most importantly, I witnessed first-hand the poverty that most people in Fogo live in.”

Through his lens as an artist DePina was most struck by the scarcity of music education, musical instruments, and equipment available to young people on the island.

“As I returned to Boston after my three-week visit, I knew there was something I could do to help make a difference,” said DePina.

With the notion that hip hop is rooted in creating something from everything or, in some cases, nothing DePina began mobilizing the Cape Verdean com-

munity in Boston, in the state and beyond to support music education in Fogo through donating instruments, equipment, and money to build a music education center in Fogo.

“Along with my new friend that is the music teacher on the island, I’m trying to mobilize the community and others to support the “Fogo Project”, said DePina. “My dream is to give young people in Fogo access to tools that will allow them to create and nurture their artistry as I’ve been able to do. We are creating a space at a local community center in Fogo that is for music. It will be filled with instruments and equipment so that young people can create, record, and share their art with

each other and the greater community. We want to help add to the culture of Fogo by supporting its rich musicianship and musical expression. All of this is to help nurture and foster the next generation of artists on the island.”

Already, DePina has received numerous instrument donations and is trying to raise \$20,000 to establish a music space and staff to nurture the next generation of artists in Fogo.

“A little bit of money goes a long way in Fogo,” said DePina, who has already raised over \$3,000 to his \$20,000 goal.

You can help DePina reach his goal by donating to the Fogo Project at www.firstgiving.com/event/zumix/The-Fogo-Project.

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Villages, Urban College, and Bunker Hill Community College on this innovative and critically needed partnership to develop the workforce pipeline for early education and care,” said Pasquariello. “By providing lessons in Spanish in East Boston at no cost to participants, and providing food and child care for participants, these collaborators have dismantled barriers to

educational attainment in a time with a desperate need to recruit more people into this field.”

Pasquariello added that the pilot program will benefit the East Boston Social Centers and other partner agencies across this community—and develop a model that could be replicated across the commonwealth.

Co-founder of Neighborhood Villages, Lauren Kennedy, was on hand at the event and said the pilot program will work to break down education barriers for those looking for a career in early education.

“Neighborhood Villages is proud to be partnering with the East Boston Social Centers, Bunker Hill Community College, and Urban College to break down barriers to starting a career in early education and care,” said Kennedy. “Bringing more, highly-trained talent into classrooms in East Boston will result in more children having the opportunity to participate in quality early learning programs.”

Kennedy added through the leadership of DeLeo

and the state’s EEC Commissioner Samantha Aigner-Treworgy, Massachusetts is making a powerful investment in its early educators – who are some of the most important teachers that children have over the course of their education. “Creating free, community-based pathways into teaching careers is critical to making affordable, high quality early education and care available to families across the Commonwealth,” she said.

This pilot program at the Social Centers is part of DeLeo’s ongoing priority of investing in early education and care and funded the program with \$1 million in the fiscal year 2020 budget passed by the legislature in the spring of 2019. Across the Commonwealth early education and care centers seek qualified workers and this program seeks to increase that pipeline by making accreditation classes accessible to teachers needing childcare and other services while they attend classes, which are also taught in Spanish and other languages.

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The East Boston Project Advisory Committee, Incorporated

Notice is hereby given that on Tuesday, Dec. 17, 2019, at 5:30 p.m. a public meeting of the East Boston Project Advisory Committee, Inc., (aka PIERPAC) will be held at:

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 following matter(s):

a. Attendance 5:30
b. Approval of Minutes November 12, 2019 5:35

OLD BUSINESS

c. Vote - Officers for Board of Directors for 2020, 5:40
d. Other Old Business

NEW BUSINESS

e. Draft Treasurer’s Report - 2019 (Final report to be distributed at Jan. 2020 meeting), 5:45
f. Draft Operating Budget - 2020 (2020 Operating Budget to be voted on at Jan. 2020 meeting), 5:50
g. Other New Business, 5:55
h. Adjournment of public meeting

At the conclusion of its regular business meeting and prior to adjournment, the Board, upon a motion duly made and seconded, the Board may hold an Executive Session pursuant to G. L. 30A.s.21 upon the conclusion of which, the Board will not resume its public meeting.

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ARE INVITED AND WELCOMED TO ATTEND

PLEASE NOTE THE CHANGE OF START TIME TO 5:30PM

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COMMUNITY NEWS

OHNC MEETING AGENDA

The next meeting of the Orient Heights Neighborhood Council (OHNC) will be Monday, Dec 16, 2019, at 6:30 p.m. at the YMCA gym at 58 Ashley St. Agenda is subject to change.

Introductions - Welcome and report from the board (President, (VP), Secretary)

Public Safety - Station 7 Community Update: Sgt. Joe Cintolo & Officer Dan Simon

Community Presentation - Boston Water & Sewer Commission

Development Presentations - new and voting matters

INFO: 839 Saratoga St. Proposal to raze existing building and erect a nine-unit residential dwelling with parking for nine vehicles.

VOTE: 16 Whitby, Seeking to erect a four-story residential dwelling with eight residential units and ten parking spaces.

Next meeting: Monday, January 20, 2019.

GRACE CHURCH NEWS AND EVENTS

Grace Church Federated is an Episcopal/United Church of Christ church located at 760 Saratoga Street in East 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 SundaySchool. Visit the Grace Church web site at www.gracechurch-eastie.org or call the church at 617-569-5358 for more information.

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.

LEARN ITALIAN FREE

The class will be held at Robert DeLeo Senior Center, 35 Harvard Street Winthrop for residents age 60 and above.

Whether you have Italian ancestry, or just want to learn one of the world's most beautiful languages, join us at informal and friendly Italian language and culture classes. Wednesday afternoons from 1:15 to 2:45 p.m. For info call 617-846-8538.

EBCC's DECK THE WINDOWS CONTEST

The East Boston Chamber of Commerce Announces the 2019 "Deck The Windows" Holiday Window Decorating Contest.

Awards will include First-, Second-, and Third-Place Best Decorated Windows by an East Boston Business.

Please contact the Chamber office to register: Contact@eastbostonchamber.com or 617-569-5000 or Contact Shirley Fabbo at ebfabbo@msn.com.

Members of the Chamber Board will be visiting participating businesses the weekend of Dec. 13, 14, and 15.

Happy Holidays and happy decorating!

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.

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

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

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

Friends of The East Boston Library
Second Thursday every month
6:30 p.m. at the branch library, 365

Bremen Street

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.

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

Gove Street Citizens Association
Last Monday of every month
6:30 p.m. at the Noddle Island Community Room

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

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other neighborhood groups.

"The Davis Companies and Stephen Davis have been getting to know the neighborhood and saw our work, love what we do and wanted to support our work," said Zumix Executive Director Madeleine Steczynski. "We are so grateful for this contribution, as well as the contribution made to our friends and colleagues at Piers Park Sailing Center."

Piers Park Sailing Center Executive Director Alex DeFronzo said the Sailing Center will use the support for its Ocean Science After School and spring Sailing After School programs.

"This will help continue to provide climate resilience, marine science, and on-the-water programming to East Boston youth for free," said DeFronzo.

The Davis Companies also plans to spend another \$100,000 to The Fund for Parks and Recreation managed by the City's Parks Department for the support of LoPresti Park; and another \$1,000 to the BPDA, to be paid to the Maverick Association of Residents to support their annual community day event;

There will also be \$49,000 paid to the BPDA to support an Eastie community benefits fund. The BPDA will distribute these funds to non-profit organizations serving the community in accordance with its procedures for such community benefit funds. Davis



City Councilor Lydia Edwards, Piers Park Sailing Center Executive Director Alex DeFronzo and Piers Park Sailing Center Director of Operations Daniel Moreno. Davis was on hand at Zumix Monday night to provide DeFronzo and Moreno with a \$10,000 check to support their sailing program.

commented that folks in the community should now those funds are there and he would like nothing better than to see them distributed to worthy local non-profits going forward.

When the Hodge Boiler site was owned by the DeNormandie Companies a few years ago, the group pitched a scaled down version of their original plan to build an eight-story, 119 unit residential complex. DeNormandie decided to build a five-story, 95 units building that is 80,000 sq. ft. less than the original design.

The Davis Companies then purchased the property and reverted back to the original plan of building, 119 condo units. The Davis Companies will also pay into the BPDA's fund to create affordable housing units off site to the tune of \$2.19 million.

According to the Davis Companies' BPDA filing, the project will be a six-story, 125,678 sq. ft.. mixed-

use development.

Aside from the 119 condo units there will a 7,200 sq. ft. public facility. The project also calls for 83 off-street parking spaces, 119 bicycle storage spaces within the building for residents and 28 exterior bicycle storage spaces to be made available for the general public, visitors, and residents.

Approximately 35,750 square feet of the project site will be used as a public open space that will include one of the last links missing from the East Boston Harborwalk.

This missing link will connect the Charlton Wharf site with Lopresti Park. With Clippership Wharf, Portside at Pier One and the Boston East Site under construction, the Harborwalk will be one continuous path that extends from the Hyatt Logan Airport Hotel all the way to the Boston East Site or Border Street.

Sounds of Christmas Concert returns Sunday

The music of the holiday season will fill the air Sunday when the North Shore Philharmonic Orchestra returns to Revere for the annual Robert A. Marra Memorial "Sounds of Christmas" Concert at St. Anthony's Church beginning at 4 p.m.

Admission to the concert is free in exchange for a generous donation of non-perishable food to benefit the Revere Food Pantry. Private sponsorship by Bocchino Insurance, Global Partners, Arbella Insurance, Comcast, RCN, and Action Emergency Services underwrites the concert.

Music Director Robert Lehmann promises another wonderful show. "We are always excited to come to Revere and play in the beautiful surroundings of St. Anthony's Church," said Lehmann. "The people of Revere make the Orchestra feel like family celebrating the holidays together."

Accompanying the Orchestra again this year is vocalist Susie Pepper. "Susie played with us last year and people will remember that she sings just magnificently. We are so fortunate that her schedule allowed her to be part of the Revere concert again this year."

Revere High School senior class president Jason Acosta will narrate an original essay that he wrote for the occasion. "This is a part of the concert we began five years ago," said concert co-chair and Orchestra president Robert Marra Jr. "We wanted to create a connection between the high school, where my father taught for 40 years, and the concert."

Working with RHS Writing Center co-ordinator Allison Casper, an RHS senior has written an essay that expresses the writer's individual perception of Christmas in a modern world. The writer then narrates the piece at the concert. "The essays have been varied in their tone and content," said Marra. "Because the essay is the writer's personal reflection, has been a very moving experience for the audience."

Concert co-chair Domenic Bocchino, president of Bocchino Insurance, has been a principal sponsor of the concert since 2006.

"Every year it is such a fulfilling experience to be part of this concert and Food Drive," he said. "It is unfortunate that there is such a demand for food assistance in this day and age. Everyone who can come and enjoy the concert is fortunate to have all that they have, and so it really reflects the meaning of the holidays when people show their generosity and charity through the food drive."

Marra commented how the concert started in conjunction with Revere's celebration of the United States Bicentennial year in 1976. "The first concert was held at Revere High School, and the following year it was moved to St. Anthony's Church" he said. "It was a perfect setting to celebrate the holidays."

The concert has been held at St. Anthony's every year except for a three-year period in the mid-1980s. The current format of free admission and the associated Food Drive began in 1991. "Thanks to the sponsors, the concert became a free event with the Food Drive as the 'cost' of admission. The food drive was a

huge success right from the start. We hope people will express their appreciation for the concert and the holiday season with a generous donation," said Marra.

This year will mark the concert's 43rd anniversary. "There is great tradition and history to Revere's concert," said Music Director Lehmann. "Not only for its longevity, but in its memorial of Robert Marra, who had such deep connection to the concert and to Revere."

The concert was named in memory of Robert Marra Sr. after he died in 2002. "He was one of the original members of the North Shore Philharmonic Orchestra and concertmaster for 50 years," said Robert Jr. "Three of the most precious things in his life were the North Shore Philharmonic Orchestra, St. Anthony's Church, and his beloved City of Revere. This concert brings all those together. It's a deeply emotional experience for our family that the tradition continues in music, at St. Anthony's, and with such a charitable benefit to the Revere community."

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REMEMBER THOSE WHO ARE LESS FORTUNATE THIS HOLIDAY SEASON

“It was the best of times; it was the worst of times.” -- Charles Dickens, A Tale of Two Cities.

With Christmas just two weeks away, most of us will be rushing about -- either to the stores and malls or on-line --- to do our last-minute holiday shopping in hopes of finding that “perfect” gift for our family members and loved ones. Although the vast majority of Americans have much to be thankful for because of a strong economy and a record-low unemployment rate, there are many of our fellow citizens who have not shared in the general prosperity. Statistics tell us that millions of Americans of all ages, including those in our own communities, are struggling financially, often through no fault of their own, thanks to a combination of low-wage jobs and a strong real estate market that ironically has made apartments (let along buying a home) unaffordable.

Far too many of our fellow citizens, including children, live either in shelters or in similar temporary housing arrangements -- or on the streets -- because the reality of our economy has left them out in the cold -- literally -- thanks to high rents and soaring land values.

This dichotomy is most evident and acute in the cities of Los Angeles and San Francisco. Despite the vast wealth in those metropolitan areas, thousands of homeless persons, including many who have full-time jobs, are living in tent and cardboard “neighborhoods” on city sidewalks.

The homeless always have been among us, but the scope and depth of the problem is far beyond anything that has been experienced in our lifetime. The vast discrepancy between the enormous wealth enjoyed by some Americans and the abject poverty being endured by others is similar to what we read about in major urban centers in South America and India -- but it now is happening right here in the U.S.A.

For these millions of Americans, the holiday season brings no joy. Indeed, the announcement by the Trump administration last week that there will be a cutback in the Food Stamps program (known as SNAP) that threatens to leave millions of Americans (including many children) hungry is a real-life Grinch story, but without a happy ending.

Psychologists tell us that the Biblical directive, that we should give to those who are less fortunate, actually is the best gift that we can give to ourselves. Giving to others activates regions of the brain associated with pleasure, social connection, and trust, creating the so-called “warm glow” effect.

Whether it be donations to local food banks and toy programs, or even as simple as dropping a few dollars in the buckets of the Salvation Army Santas, there are multiple opportunities in the next two weeks for each and every one of us to make the holidays brighter for those who are less fortunate.



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By Dr. Glenn Mollette

As we approach Christmas day let’s take a moment to salute the grand women of Christmas.

My wife knocks herself out preparing for events like Thanksgiving and Christmas. She started preparing the Thanksgiving meal two weeks in advance and for sure we had a feast. For some time now she has been in charge of locating the right Christmas gift for children and grandchildren and most anyone else. She also wraps the gifts and has the wheels turning for our Christmas meal. Let me stop everything here and interject that I have presented myself front and center many times for helping wrap gifts and even preparing the meal. However, my wrapping and cooking do not “meet up to muster,” as we used to say in the coun-

By Congresswoman Ayanna Pressley (MA-07) and Dr. Monique W. Morris, Ed.D.

Too frequently, educational justice is denied for girls – especially for girls of color. Schools should be the safest place for our children and yet, for many girls of color, the school environment adds painful weight to their already heavy emotional backpacks.

Across our country, black and brown girls are pushed out of school not because they pose any sort of threat, but for simply being who they are. Society too often deems our hair too distracting and our bodies too provocative, our voices too loud, and our attitudes too mean — demeaning our very existence before we even reach adulthood. According to the National Women’s Law Center, black girls in preschool are 54 percent of the girls receiving out-of-school suspensions despite making up only 20 percent of girls enrolled in preschool. Preschool.

We are internalizing oppression before we’ve learned to read or write.

From kindergarten to 12th grade, black girls are seven times more likely than white girls to be suspended from school, and four times more likely to

try.

My mom worked hard cooking and wrapping and decorating the Christmas tree. The mother of my two sons loved Christmas and always knocked herself out cooking, shopping and wrapping. I remember my grandmother Hinkle slaving over a stove and my hat is off to my two sisters and deceased mother’s in law who did so much to make Christmas meaningful for family and friends. Trust me here I don’t want to leave anyone out.

Hear me I am not slighting the men of Christmas. My dad, Joseph and Jesus all count big time. Many men cook, wrap gifts and shop. I’ve done all of that. For 12 years my now deceased first wife could do nothing because of multiple sclerosis. Whatever was done was on me. Looking back I know I was sorely lacking when it came

Who makes Christmas?

to pulling it altogether. I simply had to do the best I could and my best wasn’t all that great really.

I wonder how many moms and women feel this way. I wonder how women cook their brains out and wrap to exhaustion, clean house and try to make Christmas wonderful and then feel like nobody gives a dang or appreciates what they have done? I bet plenty do. Don’t let this happen this year. Praise them! Thank the dear souls who knock themselves out to try to make Christmas happen - for you and your loved ones.

Mary the mother of Jesus went through a lot. When she became pregnant and still a virgin, who bought her story? Not many. Joseph did and he married her and took care of her and the new baby Jesus. However, starting out as a young mother with so many unknowns

and the hardships that came with an unexpected pregnancy in that day were not easy. The Bible says, “But Mary treasured up all these things and pondered them in her heart.” For most of her life before and after the birth of Jesus, she carried a heavy load.

Keep the love, kindness and praise flowing this Christmas - especially for those dear women who often carry a heavy load. Often they are the ones who really make Christmas.

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

GUEST OP-ED

A just society doesn’t criminalize girls

be arrested at school. Latinx girls are more than 1.5 times as likely as white girls to receive an out of school suspension, and Native American girls are suspended at three times the rate of white girls. When we unfairly discipline our girls, we rob them of their childhood by treating them as if they need less protection, nurturing, and comfort than other children. We fail to see their humanity and we fail to respond to the adverse childhood experiences that so many of us experience in our youth.

These disturbing discrepancies are the result of a failure to cultivate schools as locations for healing so that they can be locations for learning. The policies and unfair practices that disproportionately push girls of color from institutions of learning stem from deeply entrenched biases that require bold, community-based solutions to correct. Now is the time to support relationship-building, mental health support, and restorative interventions, as opposed to unfair and exclusionary discipline.

This alarming crisis is what led to the development of the Ending Punitive, Unfair, School-based Harm that is Overt and Unresponsive to Trauma

Act. The Ending PUSH-OUT Act aims to dismantle school-to-confinement pathways by creating an ecosystem within our schools where all children, especially children of color, can heal and thrive.

In order to create safe and nurturing school environments for all students, the Ending PUSHOUT Act emphasizes gender-specific and culturally-responsive protocols and policies that work to intentionally and holistically support girls of color. The bill establishes new federal grants to support states and districts that commit to ban unfair and discriminatory school discipline practices; it protects the Civil Rights Data Collection and strengthens the Department of Education’s Office of Civil Rights, both of which have been threatened by the Trump administration; and it establishes a Federal Interagency Taskforce to End the School Pushout crisis, to measure the efficacy of these reforms and share best practices.

The Ending PUSHOUT Act challenges schools to ban most suspensions and expulsions for our youngest learners in pre-k through 5th grade; ban suspensions and expulsions in all grades for minor infractions such as tardiness and violations

of dress codes and hair policies; and ban the heinous practice of corporal punishment, which is still legal in 19 states.

The Ending PUSHOUT Act is the first of many bills stemming from Representative Pressley’s People’s Justice Guarantee — a bold, progressive resolution outlining a new vision for the American legal system that makes good on the promise of justice for all. Achieving this vision requires all of us to dismantle the systems of oppression and control that have unfairly policed and criminalized marginalized communities for generations. The Ending PUSHOUT Act does just that, centering the experiences of young girls of color and keeping them out of the criminal legal system and in the classroom where they can learn, thrive, and develop the skills necessary to achieve their dreams.

US Representative Ayanna Pressley represents Massachusetts’ Seventh Congressional District. Monique W. Morris, Ed.D. is the creator of the documentary “PUSHOUT: The Criminalization of Black Girls in Schools” and the Founder and President of the National Black Women’s Justice Institute.

like him as they should.

He comes from a great family of doers not dreamers. He is a people kind of guy. He never stops trying to make East Boston a better place for all. Those who have been here for a lifetime and those who have chosen to become part of this neighborhood.

You can not have a strong, loving and viable community without individuals like Pat Capogreco. I feel lucky to have him as a friend and ally over these past 16 years. He makes you feel good about East Boston.

Sal Giarratani

with Cargo Ventures. You should always be open to change in one’s life. I wish him well in this his newest chapter in his life.

I was there at Santarpio’s for his retirement party and the room was so packed with his family and friends being there to support him in his future and thank him for his 31 years with the City of Boston.

The editorial was super too. He is a one of a kind guys. He never looks for press. He just lives his life doing what he needs to do. He doesn’t just live in East Boston or come from here. He lives FOR East Boston. He seems to know everyone and everyone seems to

makes a big deal about it. He just does it.

Eventually being a political guy I started doing politics with him. I know his parents well and his two sisters Maria and Lisa. I’ve eaten holiday meals with the Capogreco family. They are very welcoming even though my family roots are Sicilian not Calabrese , even though I can only do Six Fishes, not seven. I hate tripe with a passion, it must be from my Irish side.

Pat loved his job as an inspector down at 1010 Mass. Avenue. When I heard he was making this major change in his life, I urged him on. Seems like he loves the change in his new job

AN AMAZING GUY

To the Editor,

Pat Capogreco and I have been friends for some 16 years now. We met during the vigil that parishioners of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel began following the closing of the church back in 2004. I lived in Quincy at the time but was there every week starting with very disappointed Catholics who felt betrayed by the Church they loved.

Over time I moved to Eastie and Eagle Hill where I stayed for some 11 years. I got to know Pat quite well. He’s an amazing guy who does so much to better his community and he never

LETTER to the Editor

Your opinions, please

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19TH ANNUAL CHRISTMAS ECUMENICAL SERVICE AT WOODLAWN CEMETERY

TOGETHER TO REMEMBER

Last Thursday evening the chapel at Woodlawn Cemetery was filled with people from several surrounding communities, celebrating a memorial service for the souls at rest, awaiting resurrection.

The pre-service time was filled with classic holiday songs performed by the Figgy Puddin’ Holiday Carolers, which was enjoyed by all in attendance.

At the beginning of the service, Francis J LaRovere III, Esquire, President and CEO of Woodlawn Cemetery addressed the gathering with a warm welcome from himself, his family, and the many employees at Woodlawn Cemetery. Giving special thanks to their efforts, making this service very special. Paul Maniff, a life long Woodlawn employee and part of this program from the beginning was singled out for his exceptional dedication to this holiday event. Father Vincent Gianni with his opening remarks and the opening prayer of the service, as well as his reflections on “Nothing is impossible for God”.

Alan Giangregorio recited “A Litany of Remembrance”, followed by Father Edgar

Gutierrez-Duarte, who reminded everyone, that tonight I am not only a priest, I am one of you. Referring to the loss of his mother this past summer, who is laid to rest in Woodlawn Cemetery. Father Gutierrez-Duarte read the “My First Christmas in Heaven” with a special reflection, looking back on the lost of his mother and bonding with the crowd gathered in the chapel for this annual event.

Following the chapel service the crowd was invited outside for the lighting of the tree on the grounds of the cemetery that will stay lit until after the new year.

Tradition following the lighting of the tree, that everyone is invited to enjoy the hospitality of Woodlawn at Patton Memorial Hall. A colation of coffee and ht chocolate with a huge selection of deserts to choose from are offered to all, as well as a meet and greet with Woodlawn’s front office staff.

This holiday tradition is a great way to start off in the right state of mind of spending the holidays without loved ones, taking comfort from being part of a group facing the same as you, not feeling alone during this time of the season.



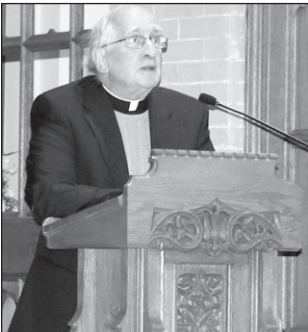
June Baboian gave a brief history of each holiday carol performed by the Figgy Puddin Carolers.



Alan Giangregorio recited “A Litany of Remembrance” last Thursday evening at Woodlawn Chapel.



The Figgy Puddin’ Holiday Carolers.



Father Vincent Gianni with the opening prayer, and a Gospel Reading from St. Luke.



President and CEO, Francis J. LaRovere III, Esquire welcomes everyone to the 19th Annual Ecumenical Christmas Service at Woodlawn Cemetery.



Leila and Sophia Marcus.



Father Edgar Gutierrez-Duarte with the reading of “My First Christmas in Heaven” reflecting on his personal loss of his mother earlier this year.



Carla Lucci was with Joseph and Kaitlin Lucci and Jayden Perez in Patton Memorial Hall following the annual Christmas Service at Woodlawn Cemetery.



Warming up with coffee and treats in Patton Memorial Hall, Ellie Addario, Diane Corkery, Carol Liberato, Cathy Smith, Bridget Gravel.



The Chapel at Woodlawn Cemetery was beautifully decorated for the Christmas service.

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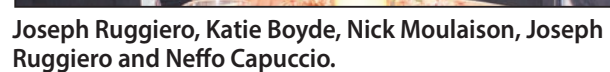
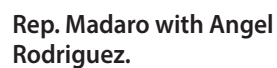
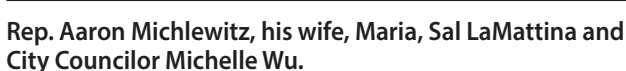
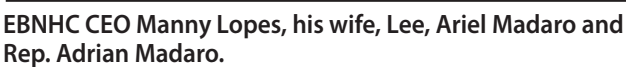
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On Friday the Madaro Family Community Fund held the 15 Annual Eastie's Elves. The annual fundraiser to raise toys for low-income families in Eastie and other neighborhoods. Over 500 people donated over 1,300 toys to the event this year.



Mothers Out Front Julia Burrell, Sonja Tenglad and Heather O'Brien.

Veronica Robles and her youth Mariachi Band performs.



Sports

A GIANT AMONG THE JETS

All-Scholastic Tyrone Figueroa is new boys basketball head coach

By Cary Shuman

Tyrone Figueroa excelled as an athlete, so much so that his accomplishments would cover an entire page in the East Boston High School record books. An All-Scholastic running back who starred for two Super Bowl teams, a standout for two city championship basketball and track teams, and a talented swimmer as well, Figueroa stands among the top tier of multi-sport performers who have worn the Blue and Gold.

The 2004 graduate continued his success in college, competing in football and basketball at Framingham State University. He received MASCAC All-Star recognition in football and led the conference in re-

bounds in basketball, which was no small achievement for the 6-foot guard.

This winter Figueroa, 29, begins another chapter in his illustrious career as he becomes head coach of the legendary Eastie boys basketball program that former coach and school principal Mike Rubin Sr. led to four state titles in the 1980s and 1990s.

Figueroa, an algebra teacher at the high school, is not entirely new to the coaching profession. He has coached softball on Mike Smith's Eastie staff ("He was my gym teacher from kindergarten to eighth grade," recalled Figueroa) girls basketball on Jason Harris' staff, and football on John Parziale's staff. Last year Figueroa was an assistant on Mike Rubin



East Boston High School head basketball coach Tyrone Figueroa (center), with assistant coaches (from left), Greg Tavares, Patrick Aiken, Lavell Bruton, and Kevin Sinatra, pictured at practice Monday in the school gymnasium.

Jr.'s boys basketball staff. **Thirty players attend preseason practices** Figueroa and assis-

tant coaches Lavell Bruton, Greg Tavares, Kevin Sinatra, and Patrick Aiken have been working with 30 basketball candidates in preparation for the Dec. 16 season opener against CASH (Community Academy of Science and Health). Figueroa knows from his own playing career under Coach Malcolm Smith that the expectations for East Boston basketball are high. "I'm really excited to have 30 student-athletes, 15 for varsity and 15 for JV," said Figueroa, who grew up in Orient Heights and attended the Patrick J. Kennedy and Donald McKay Schools. "We're playing an 18-game schedule against mostly city teams and Hope High School (Rhode Island). We have two re-

turning starters, Ronnie Andujar and Jose Reuben, and twins, Nick Festa and John Festa, two very good athletes who played basketball here two years ago and have returned to our program." The Jets scrimmaged Tech Boston Sunday and host Chelsea in a pre-season tilt Wednesday. "We've seen a lot of good things in the scrimmages and at the practices," said Figueroa. Can Tyrone Figueroa return the EBHS program to city and statewide prominence? "That's exactly what I'm hoping for," said Figueroa, who holds a Master's degree in Education from UMass/Boston. "I'm very optimistic. We have 30 kids and I wouldn't trade my

team for any other team in the city. I have a lot of faith in them. We're working as hard as we can every single day and we're hoping to bring Eastie back to its glory days." Reflecting on his own glorious path that has taken him from Eastie student to All-Scholastic athlete to highly regarded mathematics teacher and now a first-year head coach, Figueroa said he's grateful to the mentors who set a positive foundation for him, notably his former high school football coach, John Souza. "Coach [John] Souza was a very good mentor who instilled in me all the qualities I have about sports: leadership, accountability, and how to face adversity – he was very good."



The East Boston High School boys basketball team's players and coaches are pictured at a practice Monday at the school gymnasium. The Jets open their season Dec. 16 at CASH.

AT BOSTON'S TREE LIGHTING



PHOTO BY JON SEAMANS

The Finocchio sisters of East Boston - Mary (left) and Susan - eagerly await the 78th annual lighting of the City of Boston's official Christmas tree on Boston Common with niece and nephew Kennedy (5) and Adam Jakaus (8). Mayor Martin J. Walsh and guests from the Province of Nova Scotia including Minister of Communities, Culture and Heritage Leo Glavine hosted the December 5 celebration presented by the Boston Parks and Recreation Department, title sponsor The Province of Nova Scotia, signature sponsor Encore Boston Harbor, Jumbotron sponsor Geico Local Office, presenting sponsors Exelon and the Coca-Cola Company, and media sponsors WCVB Channel 5, Magic 106.7 FM, and the Boston Globe.

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OBITUARIES

Andrew Botticelli

Of East Boston, formerly of Revere

Andrew Botticelli of East Boston, formerly of Revere, passed away surrounded by his loving family on Dec. 8 at the age of 89.

Born in Revere on June 18, 1930, he was the beloved husband of the late Jane (Akerley), devoted father of Karen A. Molino and her husband Frank, Dennis of Nashua, NH, Steven A. Botticelli of Revere, Kenneth J. Botticelli and his wife, Michelle of East Boston and Janice C. Botticelli of Pittsfield; dear brother of Madeline Perrella and her late husband, Phillip of Revere, Frank Botticelli and his wife, Sherri of Florida and the late Lillian Sullivan, Frank and Rosalie Botticelli. He was the cherished grandfather of David Molino and his wife, Bonnie, Kristina Michaelson and her husband, Michael, Annalise Botticelli and her fiancé, Matt Machain, Angelina Botticelli and Arianna Botticelli and adoring great



grandfather of Emily Molino, and Nora and Emily Machain, Cameron Rinaldi, Sophia and Olivia Michaelson, and Isabel Jane and David Molino. He is also survived by many loving nieces and nephews.

His Funeral will be from the Paul Buonfiglio & Sons-Bruno Funeral Home, 128 Revere St, Revere on Friday, Dec. 13, at 11:30 a.m. Everyone is welcome at 11 a.m. Relatives and friends are kindly invited. A visitation will take place on Thursday from 4 to 8 p.m. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Andrew's name to Care Dimensions, 75 Sylvan St, Suite B-102, Danvers, MA 01923. For guest book, please visit www.Buonfiglio.com.

Anna Horne

Of East Boston

Anna (Cavaleri) Horne of East Boston passed away peacefully on Dec. 7.

Anna was a lifelong parishioner of Sacred Heart Parish in East Boston.

She was the beloved wife of the late Roland "Steve" Horne, dear sister of Lucy "Babes" Clifford of Winthrop and the late Josephine, Tina, Gina, Joseph, Louis, Salvatore and Frank. She is also survived by many loving nieces and nephews.

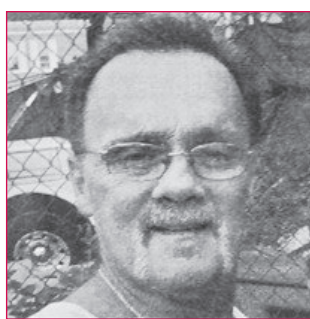
Family and friends will honor Anna's life by gathering in the Ruggiero Family Memorial Home, 971 Saratoga Street, (Orient Heights) East Boston, on Thursday, Dec. 12 from 4 to 8 p.m. and again on Friday at 8:30 a.m. before leaving in procession to Sacred Heart Parish, East Boston, for a Funeral Mass celebrating her life at 10 a.m. Services will conclude with Anna being laid to rest at Woodlawn Cemetery, Everett. For more information, please visit www.ruggieromh.com.

Joseph Frangello

Of Revere, formerly of East Boston

Joseph Frangello of Revere, formerly of East Boston, passed away suddenly on Dec. 6 at the age of 62.

Joe was born in Boston on July 5, 1957 to the late Joseph Frangello and Susan (Alfieri), he was the beloved nephew of Diana Annunziata and her husband, Frank and Lorna Williams, all of Revere, Lois Venezia of Winthrop and the late Emmanuella Rodriguez. He is also survived by many



loving cousins and friends.

A visitation will be held at the Paul Buonfiglio & Sons-Bruno Funeral Home, 128 Revere St, Revere on Thursday, Dec. 12 from 9 to 10:30 a.m. followed by a Funeral Mass at the Immaculate Conception Church at 11 a.m. Relatives and friends are kindly invited. For guest book please visit www.Buonfiglio.com

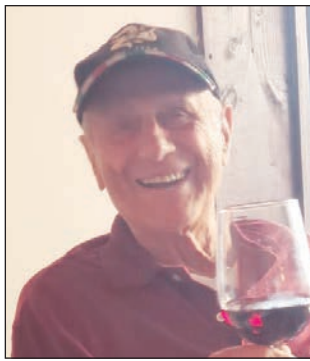
Philip Bentivegna

Of Revere

Philip J. Bentivegna of Revere died on Dec. 7.

He was the beloved husband of the late Arlene F. "Pinky" (McNulty), cherished father of Julie Ann Bentivegna of Revere, brother of the late Lily Fici, Margaret Prato, Fannie Grifoni, Gussie Giardiello, Paul, Vincent, Pasquale, Joseph and Anthony Bentivegna and is also survived by many nieces, nephews, grandnieces and grand-nephews.

Family and friends will honor Phil's life by gathering in Vazza's "Beechwood" Funeral Home, 262 Beach St, Revere today, Wednesday, Dec. 11 from 4 to 9 p.m. and again at 9 a.m.



Thursday for Funeral Services at 10 a.m. followed by interment at Woodlawn Cemetery, Everett.

Phil's family is accepting flowers, but donations to St. Jude's Children's Hospital, 501 St. Jude Pl., Memphis TN 38105-9959 would be appreciated.

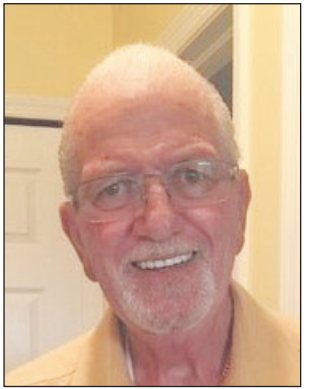
Benjamin Giglio

Past member of the Orient Heights Yacht Club

Benjamin Giglio of Cape Coral, Florida, formerly of East Boston, passed away on Nov. 25.

Benjamin was a past member of the Orient Heights Yacht Club.

He was the devoted father of Mark Giglio and his wife, Merly of Middleton, Pamela Giglio of Saugus, Nicole Giglio of Revere and the late Michael and Michelle Giglio; dear brother of the late Anthony Giglio, former husband of Lillian Laurano; cherished grandfather of Mark, Michael, Matthew, Courtney and Gianna and adored great-grandfather of Matthew Jr. and Luca. He is also survived by many loving nieces and nephews.



A memorial service will be held on Saturday, Dec. 14 from 12 noon to 3 p.m. at the Ruggiero Family Memorial Home, 971 Saratoga Street, East Boston to honor Benjamin's life. For more information, please visit www.ruggieromh.com.

Lola Mayo

Of Winthrop, formerly of East Boston

Lola (Giannoccaro) Mayo of Winthrop, formerly of East Boston, died at home on Dec. 3 at the age of 96.

Lola was born and raised in East Boston, graduated East Boston High School class of 1941 and moved to Winthrop in 1975.

Born on April 27, 1923 to the late Vito and Almina (Dei Rocini) Giannccaro, who emigrated from Italy, she was the beloved wife of 68 years to the late Raymond, devoted mother of Deborah Mayo and Bradley Mayo and his wife, Linda, all of Winthrop; dear sister of the late Gloria Manning, Romeo Giannoccaro, Lillian Danna, Antonio Giannoccaro, Florence Giannoccaro, Josephine Ryder, Anna Graves and John Giannoccaro. She is also survived by many loving



nieces and nephews.

Funeral arrangements were by the Paul Buonfiglio & Sons-Bruno Funeral Home, Revere. Interment was in Woodlawn Cemetery. Donations may be made in Lola's memory to St Jude Children's Research Hospital 262 Danny Thomas Place, Memphis, TN 38105. For guest book please visit www.Buonfiglio.com.



The knitting group with MGH staff.

Knitting for Love

By Amy Goldberg,
RN, Neighborhood PACE

Five years ago, my friend Gayle Gordon, the family liaison volunteer on the Mass General Hospital Neuroscience Intensive Care Unit, asked me if I knew of anyone who knitted blankets. At that time, the intensive care unit (ICU) was starting a program that provided handmade blankets to help family and friends dealing with difficult end-of-life care. The ICU nurses would place a comfort blanket on the patient, and then present the blanket to the family to take home after the patient had passed away. Blankets were chosen because they represent warmth and caring, and because grieving family members could wrap themselves in something that would always have special meaning.

I knew that we had two knitting groups already up and running at Neighborhood PACE. One was at the Lewis Mall PACE Center and the other at the Winthrop PACE Center. I asked the knitting groups if they were interested in knitting "comfort blankets" for patients at Mass. General (MGH) and they were thrilled to help out. Volunteering in this way is rewarding to our Neighborhood PACE members. I know this because they tell me they feel wonderful "paying it forward." Thus began the partnership between Neighborhood PACE and the MGH Neuroscience ICU.

Five years later, we have donated more than 900 beautiful comfort blankets to this unit. Not one blanket is the same as another. During the creative process, our knitters try to imagine colors and themes that will brighten the day and bring smiles. We've had blankets that were red, white, and blue for veterans and others that were simply an array of vibrant colors. The nurses always try to match each blanket to the patient's personality or love of various colors.

While our knitters have in previous years been thanked at special events, this amazing group has grown and MGH staff, including nurses, doctors, social workers, and the chaplain, wanted to again thank the knitters. They did so at a recent luncheon, where we heard many stories that touched our hearts.

The first story was about a family dealing with the imminent death of a loved one. They gently placed the comfort blanket over her while each family placed

their hands on top of the blanket and began to pray. Another family took home their blanket and framed it. As they look at the framed piece, it brings back positive memories of spending time together.

The final story we heard was about a family that cherished their blanket after their loved one passed away. They gave the blanket to a newborn in the family as the baby's first gift. There is something in the eyes of a newborn child that makes everything feel right. The family story, and the blanket, will be treasured by future generations.

At the luncheon, the chaplain blessed the knitters' hands and thanked them as we all linked hands together. Each PACE participant went home with a framed picture of the MGH staff holding a banner that reads: "Thank you for providing the gift of comfort to our patients and families." Pictures, tears, and hugs completed our day.

Do you know someone whose health care needs are changing? For nearly three decades, Neighborhood PACE has enabled adults 55+ to stay healthy, active, and independent in the place they call home. Our participants often tell us they have never been as active or happy! A program of the East Boston Neighborhood Health Center, Neighborhood PACE serves adults living in East Boston, Chelsea, Winthrop, Revere, Everett, Malden, Melrose, Medford, Stoneham, and Boston's North End. As part of the national Program of All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly (PACE) network, we provide the comprehensive care and support that you need as an individual with specific needs and preferences. Our program is the ideal solution for those who want an alternative to nursing home care for the right combination of medical, social, recreation, rehabilitation, home care, and other services. We even provide medications without co-pay and transportation to each PACE Center and medical appointments. Visit neighborhoodpace.org for details!

Knitters from the Lewis Mall PACE Center: Gloria Herpin, Josephine Alegata, Alma Mendoza, Anna Sophia Luna Perez, Irma Lopez, Bi-envenida Vazquez, Rose Dello Russo (volunteer and knitter). Knitters from the Winthrop PACE Center: Donna Carbone, Janet Brown, Marcine Ford, Marie Bolduc, Marilyn Ford (volunteer and knitter).

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EAGLE HILL CIVIC ASSOCIATION ANNUAL WREATH MAKING EVENT

Last Wednesday the Eagle Hill Civic Association held its annual Wreath Making event at East Boston High School.



Eagle Hill Civic Association members spent the evening decorating wreaths.



Each participant brings their own style.



Eagle Hill Civic Association President Debra Cave and her husband, Jacopo Madaro.



This resident gets started on her wreath at the beginning of the event.



Putting the finishing touches on a wreath.



The wreaths were donated by Rep. Adrian Madaro.



Two residents discuss a strategy for decorating their wreath.



Ariel Madaro and Roberta Marchi.



Rep. Adrian Madaro, his wife, Ariel, Katy Emerick and Charlie Lograsso.



Ariel Madaro talks with Eagle Hill residents during the event.

EBCCS 28TH ANNUAL CHRISTMAS FAIR

A gingerbread cookie was decorated with a blue frosting skirt and curly, green icing hair at East Boston Central Catholic School’s 28th Annual Christmas Fair, on Dec. 7. Playing bean bag toss, a boy won a stuffed penguin wearing a Santa hat for his little brother, while students were photographed with Santa. Families took chances at the raffle tables; and after purchasing holiday items, enjoyed homemade Italian food and baked goods for dessert.



Sharon Rossi, Maryann Manfredonia, and Kathleen Hughes.



Maria Pizzicannella serving homemade Italian food to visitors.



Tonianna and Isabella Fiorino, second grade, with Santa.



The Holman family.



Morgan Medeiros, Dante Minacapilli, Roma Braid, and Giana Ribeiro.



David Aguirre playing bean bag toss.



Stephanie Londono decorating a gingerbread cookie.

ST. JOSEPH/ST. LAZARUS PARISH ANNUAL BREAKFAST WITH SANTA

Saint Joseph/Saint Lazarus Parish held its annual Breakfast With Santa Sunday at the parish hall.

The many children and their families enjoyed a delicious buffet style breakfast and desserts. The theme of the breakfast was Disney's "Frozen."

Santa Claus made a special appearance and brought Christmas cheer to the gathering. There was facepainting, cookie deco-

rating, and raffle drawings for great prizes.

The Rev. Mirek Kowalczyk, church pastor, delivered the prayer for the meal. Congratulations go to Breakfast Chair Diane DiGiacomo, event supporter Joseph Ruggiero, and the entire committee for keeping this fun and festive holiday tradition alive and flourishing in East Boston each December.



Santa Claus greets Christopher DiRuzza at the holiday breakfast.



Joseph Ruggiero and Carrie Brangiforte.



Arriving for the Breakfast with Santa event are Steve and Claire Carney and their son, James Carney.



Helping to serve the breakfast foods at the buffet table were Emma Marchi and Sofia Lynds.



Adrienne Salerno and daughter Josslyn Salerno.



Breakfast Chair Diane DiGiacomo welcoming guests Sarah Lachmi, Ava Cincotti, and Alia Lachmi to the holiday event at St. Joseph/St. Lazarus Church.



Nicole Mazzarotta, Carol Pizziferri, Elisa Laplante, Richard M. Russo, Ellen Vignoli, Diane DiGiacomo, and Carrie Brangiforte.



Nico, Lauren, and Justin Shaka visit with Santa Claus at the holiday breakfast.



Ronaldo, Xavier, and Armenio at the breakfast.



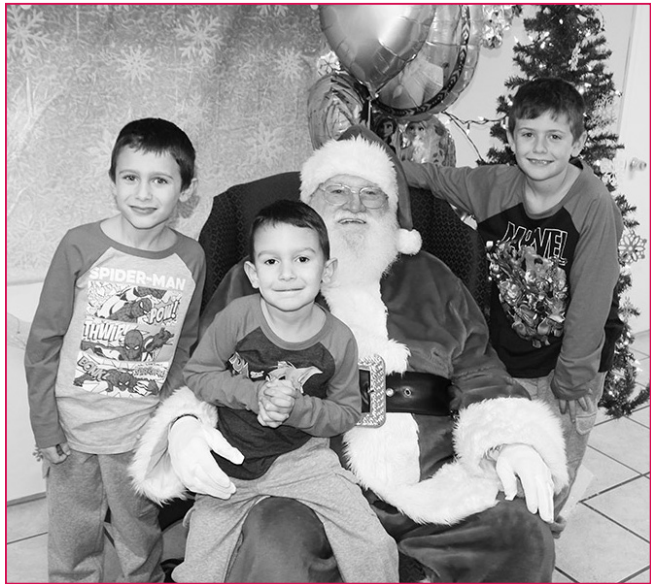
Amani Hassairi and Roman Cinelli visit with Santa Claus.



At the holiday snowmen-decorating table are Laura Keegan (left), Harold Brown and daughter Mia Brown.



At the facepainting table are Mary Biagiotti and Alexandria Brangiforte.



Marco Bicknell, Joey Bicknell, and Corey Bicknell spend some time visiting Santa Claus.



Enzo Polcaro and Silivana Polcaro, with Fabiana Polcaro and Emily Polcaro.



Gianna Caggiano, John Caggiano, and Michael Caggiano greet Santa Claus at the breakfast.



The Cinelli, DeFilippo, Trainito, and Puopolo families.



Diane DiGiacomo, the Rev. Mirek Kowalczyk, and Joseph Ruggiero.



Carrie Brangiforte, East Boston High Principal Phillip Brangiforte, Alexandria Brangiforte, and Bob Anthony visit with Santa Claus.



The Guarino and Wilson families enjoyed the annual Breakfast With Santa.



The Breakfast With Santa Committee, from left, Carol Pizziferri, Mary Biagiotti, Anna Ruggiero, Joseph Ruggiero, Suzanne Ruggiero, Jayne Biagiotti, Breakfast Chairperson Diane DiGiacomo, Elena Guarino, Rose Tacelli, and Coreen Cinelli.

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CITATION ON
PETITION FOR
FORMAL
ADJUDICATION
Docket No.
SU19P2087EA
Estate of:
Robert McComiskey
Date of Death
06/05/2019
To all interested persons:
A Petition for Formal
Adjudication of Intestacy and
Appointment of Personal
Representative has been filed by
Madeline R. McComiskey of
East Boston, 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:
Madeline R. McComiskey of
East Boston, MA be appointed
as Personal Representative(s)
of said estate to serve
Without Surety on the
bond in an unsupervised
administration.
IMPORTANT NOTICE
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petition the Court in any
matter relating to the estate,
including the distribution
of assets and expenses of
administration.
WITNESS, Hon. Brian J. Dunn,
First Justice of this Court.
Date: December 06, 2019
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CITATION ON
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Docket No.
SU19P2143EA
Estate of:
John Harold
Roberts
Date of Death:
08/17/2019
To all interested persons:
A Petition for Formal Probate
of Will with Appointment
of Personal Representative
has been filed by Susan D.
Roberts of East Boston, MA
requesting that the Court
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Order and for such other

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24 New Chardon St.
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Docket No.
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Rosibel Barahona
Plaintiff
vs.
Jose Luis
Barahona Ramirez
Defendant
To the Defendant:
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Complaint for Divorce
requesting that the
Court grant a divorce for
Irretrievable breakdown of
the Marriage.
The Complaint is on file at
the Court.
An Automatic Restraining
Order has been entered
in this matter preventing
you from taking any action
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Witness, Hon. Brian J. Dunn,
First Justice of this Court.
Date: November 21, 2019
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Families wait patiently for Santa.



Rep. Adrian Madaro and City Councilor Lydia Edwards.



Mayor Walsh and Santa count down the tree lighting.



Mayor Martin Walsh poses with families and staff during the annual event in Maverick Square.



City Councilor Lydia Edwards and EBNHC CEO Manny Lopes.



Mrs. Claus gets a big hug from a young resident.



Joseph Ruggiero III, Joseph Ruggiero and Jim Kearney.



Over 500 families turned out for the annual Trolley Tour and Tree Lighting.



Captain Kelly McCormick with Santa.



Families are all smiles.



Mayor Martin Walsh poses Veronica Robles and some of the performers she sponsored as entertainment for the event.



The Gannon and Downing Families during the annual event in Maverick Square.



Santa visiting with local Fire-fighters.



Zumix students playing Uku-leles.



Students an families at Zumix enjoying the event.



Mayor Martin Walsh with EBNHC CEO Manny Lopes, EBNHC Vice President Steve Snyder and local East Boston kids.



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