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APAC's Fuel Assistance Program still accepting applications

By John Lynds

As the cold New England winter arrives, the Action for Boston Community Development's (ABCD) annual Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP)/ Fuel Assistance Program at the Meridian Street APAC office heats up. This year ABCD's local APAC office will help thousands of residents in Eastie and across the city stay warm this winter. Although the LIHEAP is still accepting applications for new clients, more than 20,000 households have already exhausted their fuel benefits and need heat to get through the rest of the winter. ABCD's President and CEO John Drew, along with other LIHEAP administrators, is requesting that more money for fuel assistance be put into the Fiscal Year 2020 Massachusetts Supplemental Budget to help Eastie

families and families across the state. "Massachusetts today, the health and safety of tens of thousands of struggling low-income elders, children, people with disabilities, and families are at serious risk with months of frigid temperatures ahead and a critical need for state funding for home heating assistance," said Drew. "In fact, 20,000 households statewide have exhausted their benefits and are on the brink of crisis." Drew said the consequences of not having heat can be dire and this funding is needed immediately. "We appreciate the governor and state legislature's efforts in the past, including last year. We ask these leaders to step up again by increasing funding for LIHEAP (the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program)," said Drew. "We are getting calls from wor-



Massport CEO Lisa Wieland (left) and East Boston YMCA Executive Director Joe Gaeta (right) with Massport staff, YMCA children, and YMCA staff as they kickoff the Y's annual capital campaign.

Massport helps East Boston YMCA kickoff Capital Campaign

By John Lynds

For the 10th straight year, Massport has stepped up and helped kickoff the East Boston YMCA's annual Capital Campaign with a \$25,000 grant donation. The Y's capital campaign will culminate in the agency's annual breakfast fundraiser in April at the Logan Hilton Hotel. Last year, the YMCA raised well above their \$140,000 goal during the annual 'Reach Out for Youth' campaign and breakfast. The campaign culminates each year at the Y's annual breakfast. The donations and money raised during the fundraising campaign ensures that no child, family or adult will ever be turned away from the Y due to an inability to pay full fees. Massport is this year's "Presenting Sponsor" of the upcoming Reach Out Breakfast, which brings together over 500 community members annually to celebrate and raise money for the East Boston community. This year's Reach Out Breakfast will take place on

April 9, at 7 a.m. at the Hilton Boston Logan Airport. "The YMCA is grateful for Massport's continued support over the past decade," says Joseph Gaeta, Executive Director of the East Boston YMCA. "We work closely with our partners to address the needs of the community through programs that promote improving health, and empowering youth and families. We are excited to announce that Massport will be the presenting sponsor of this year's Reach Out Breakfast and thank them for their consistent generosity. With the help from partners like Massport, we as a community are truly stronger together." Gaeta said the Massport grant will provide assistance to programs such as childcare and water safety. Since taking over the Mario Umana Academy pool three years ago, 2019 was the first time the East Boston YMCA was able to offer a full year of swim lessons. The program taught over 600 children in the

Growing education

\$250,000 grant to be shared among Eastie schools adding a sixth grade next year

By John Lynds

The Boston Public School's plan to transition Eastie's elementary schools from the K-5 model to a K-6 model next school year got a little help last week from the Boston Schools Fund. The Boston Schools Fund, a nonprofit that provides grants and technical assistance to expand high quality schools of all types, and to ensure equitable access to schools, has awarded a \$250,000 grant to be shared among the six Eastie elementary schools that are

adding a sixth-grade in the Fall of 2020. The grant will help these schools add the sixth grade classrooms and allow children in the fifth grade at the James Otis Elementary School, Patrick J Kennedy Elementary School, Hugh Roe O'Donnell Elementary School, Samuel Adams Elementary School, Manassah Bradley Elementary School and Curtis Guild Elementary School to remain at their schools next year. In addition to furniture, textbooks, and supplies the

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Affordable housing

BPDA approves Bremen Street project

By John Lynds

Last Thursday the Boston Planning and Development Agency (BPDA) Board of Directors approved the development project on Bremen Street in East Boston. The BPDA approved project will bring 145 residential units, 21 of which are income-restricted to the neighborhood. The BPDA said the project will make progress towards Mayor Martin Walsh's goal of increasing affordable housing to support a strong middle class. Bremen Acquisitions filed the project with the BPDA last year that kicked off an Article 80 review by the BPDA and the appointment of an IAG made up of community members for the proposal. The now approved project

will revitalize a non-conforming and outdated industrial use currently housing Gino's Auto Body on Bremen Street into a development that includes a mix of residential housing and ground-floor retail space. The project consists of the construction of a mixed-use development with 145 residential units, up to 3,200 square feet of retail space, and up to 61 off-street vehicle parking spaces. The project also includes related upgrades in public realm improvements, including pedestrian and vehicular access, landscaping and streetscape design. With a combined land area of approximately 34,160 square feet, the site consists of nine contiguous parcels of land with a series of non-descript

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Sanctuary cities like Boston come under attack from CBP

By John Lynds

Last Friday the U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) confirmed it has deployed specially trained agents to sanctuary cities

like Boston, San Francisco, Los Angeles, Atlanta, Houston, New Orleans, Detroit and Newark, N.J., to help Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) agents capture undocumented immigrants. The decision of CPB to send 100 members of its Border Patrol Tactical Unit (BORTAC) to track down and detain undocumented immigrants has received immediate backlash from Eastie's elected officials at both the local and federal level, as well as immigra-

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grant will help hire new teachers and train staff as these Eastie schools begin engaging families and the broader community around opportunities and impacts of these new K-6 schools.

“Boston Schools Fund works every day to ensure equitable opportunity and access to schools with high-quality academics and high demand from families,” said Chief Executive Officer of Boston Schools Fund Will Austin. “Adding a new grade to a school is challenging. Additional resources for curriculum, professional development, and engagement will support principals, teachers, and families to make this transition successful.”

Boston Public Schools Superintendent Brenda Casseilius said BPS is proud to provide predictability to the families of Eastie by adding a sixth grade to all elementary schools.

“We are grateful to Boston Schools Fund for their support in this,” said Casseilius. “The additional funding will help ensure a smooth transition for our elementary school educators, students and their families.”

The leader of one of the six East Boston schools, James Otis Elementary School Principal Paula Cerqueira-Goncalves echoed the superintendent’s sentiments.

“I would like to extend our sincerest appreciation to the Boston Schools Fund for the sixth Grade Expansion Grant which will support our school community and all the new K-6 schools in Eastie,” said Cerqueira-Goncalves. “This grant will provide additional resources to thoughtfully plan for high-quality instruction and educational experiences for our students. We are eager to begin the 2020-2021 school year with new classes in place and hope to lay the foundation throughout the summer to grow a robust sixth grade in the East Boston community.”

The addition of sixth grade at these six Eastie schools brings the total of Boston Public School elementary schools adding sixth grade next year to 18. The move is part of a larger effort to reconfigure the 125 schools in the district, resulting in less transitions for children and families.

“I am very excited for

the families of my district,” said Rep. Adrian Madaro. “Having clear pathways in our schools has been an important and challenging issue in the neighborhood for several years. I am happy to see City Hall, Boston Public Schools, and Boston Schools Fund take the first step to streamline the school experience for East Boston families.”

Across the six schools, 14 new classrooms will be opened. Principals, teachers, and students and families will be working this spring and summer to ensure these classrooms are ready.

“The expansion to 6th grade for many East Boston elementary schools is a welcome first step in ensuring adequate seats are available for our growing community,” said City Councilor Lydia Edwards. “Thank you to the Boston Schools Fund and CEO Will Austin for the supplemental programmatic, planning, and operational support to BPS. This investment will assist a successful transition to K-6 for our school staff and guarantee certainty, stability, and opportunity for both parents and children.”

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East Boston community how to swim safely.

“Since East Boston is 90 percent shoreline, it is a priority that the East Boston YMCA continues to financially support this program, allowing all families the opportunity to learn how to swim or participate in other programs that promote youth development, healthy living, and social responsibility,” said Gaeta.

Since 2008, Massport has awarded the East Boston Y with more than \$375,000 to support its important work in the community.

“Massport is a proud partner of the YMCA of Greater Boston and supports its mission to build healthy and safe communities,” said Lisa Wieland Massport CEO. “The East Boston Branch greatly enriches the lives of its community members. We are happy to be a part of building a stronger community together.”

This year’s breakfast will again feature Rep. Adrian Madaro will serve as the event host.

“As the former Vice President of the Y’s board I have seen first hand the great work they do for children and families in East Boston,” said Madaro. “I look forward to helping

raise money for this great organization that will help continue their work in our neighborhood.”

As in years past, all money raised through the Annual fund is 100 percent directed to scholarship assistance for programming in Eastie.

For two decades, the East Boston Y has been helping people in the community improve the quality of their lives with programs that focus on healthy living, social responsibility and youth development. It’s the Y’s mission to be a cornerstone for social change, leading individuals and families of all backgrounds and at all stages of life to learn, thrive and improve the neighborhood

At the East Boston Y, the fitness and nutrition programs are educating and supporting members in their quest to have healthier lives. Seniors are using their membership to stay connected to activities and to people to keep them young and living with purpose, and youth in the East Boston Y’s early education and care and after-school programs are learning literacy skills and receiving academic support in conjunction with Boston Public Schools curriculum.

The Y is also empowering teens, socially and academically. The Y’s Safe Dates Program provides teens with the skills they need to help them make positive choices in their personal relationships, and free SAT programs and employment through the Y give them the tools they need to be successful in school and beyond.

The Y’s of Greater Boston foster relationships and collaborate with state and local partners to ensure that all people get the care and respect they deserve. Staff, volunteers, community partners and Reach Out donors like Massport empower more than 100,000 people in Greater Boston to live longer healthier lives. With 13 branches in and around Boston, the Y works to meet unique needs of each community it serves.

Sponsorships and tickets to the YMCA’s Reach Out For Youth Breakfast can be purchased at 215 Bremen Street. For more information on how to support the YMCA of Greater Boston’s Annual Fund contact Joseph Gaeta at jgaeta@ymcaboston.org or 617-418-8320 or visit www.ymcaboston.org/eastboston/breakfast.

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automobile repair structures, one small wood-frame residential buildings, surface parking and multiple curb-cuts off Bremen Street.

The 110,000 square-foot building will also include more than 3,000 square feet of retail space, over 2,155 square feet of artist workspace with gallery programming, up to 61 parking spaces and 145 bicycle storage spaces.

According to the BPDA the ground-floor retail space will be designed for an urban grocery store/market operator, daycare operator

or local retailer. The development team will work in consultation with the BPDA and the Mayor’s Office of Economic Development to market the retail space for these desired uses.

Prior to the BPDA vote Bremen Acquisition released its community mitigation package to members of the project’s IAG.

The package is comparable to other projects of its size with \$200,000 in direct money benefits Eastie. The developer agreed to doing 15 percent affordable onsite housing—two percent more

than what is required under the BPDA inclusionary policy.

The developer is also planting 19 trees, expanding the sidewalks, up to 18 feet in some areas, a safety bump out to make crossing Bremen Street easier for pedestrians, as well as creating a more active Bremen Street in what has been an industrial area.

Bremen Acquisitions has also agreed to expand the retail space to make room for a fresh grocer, which is desperately needed in the area.

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ried elders and oil/propane customers whose tanks are empty – and many others will be out of benefits shortly due to the early cold snaps we have had this season.”

Even as Drew and others urge state legislators to allocate more money for the important Eastie program, ABCD is urging individuals and families to apply for heating assistance today.

“You can call ABCD at 617-357-6012 or visit bostonabcd.org/fuel-assistance to learn more,” said Drew. “If eligible, residents also qualify for a number of energy- and money-saving programs including broken or replacement of boiler or inefficient furnaces, refrigerators, air conditioners, dehumidifiers or front loading washing machines, weatherization assistance, and more.”

Liz Berube, Assistant Executive Director of the community action agency Citizens for Citizens, said, “Despite the successful efforts by our federal legislators to restore federal fund-

ing to Massachusetts for fuel assistance, for which CFC along with our sister agencies are extremely grateful, Massachusetts will still see a cut in this year’s overall funding. In good conscience, CFC will need to reach out to our state legislature for additional resources to ensure that our most vulnerable households will be able to purchase the oil needed to stay warm, safe and healthy as well as assist all eligible households with their total energy burden.”

In Eastie LIHEAP eligibility is determined by annual income and how many people are in the household. The program is available to homeowners and renters – even those living in non-subsidized housing with heat included in the rent.

“Currently, a family of four with an annual income of \$38,625 – 150 percent of the Federal Poverty Level – will not receive any additional fuel assistance or be able to cover their bills

if our state legislators don’t support this request,” said Drew. “The same goes for a family of eight making \$43,430 – that’s 100 percent of the Federal Poverty Level. Or consider one elder living on a fixed income of \$15,613 – 125 percent of the Federal Poverty Level—they’ll be unable to keep their home warm, putting their health and safety in peril.”

Unsafe heating methods can turn into disaster. This funding will help prevent desperate elders and families from turning to unsafe methods to heat their homes – the oven, space heaters, and so forth – risking fire as they try to avoid the dangers of frostbite, hypothermia or worse.

According to the Office of the State Fire Marshal, one of every 68 space-heater fires causes a fatality. Earlier this month, a fire took the lives of two brothers in Fitchburg whose heating oil tank was empty. Investigators suspect the space heater as a cause.

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tion rights activists.

BOARTAC is an elite CPB unit, much like a SWAT team, that are usually deployed to remote and dangerous areas of the U.S. southern border, Iraq and Afghanistan. The use of such a unit is now stoking fear among Eastie’s immigrant population.

“Because this initiative is unnecessary, unwelcome, dangerous, menacing, retaliatory and unlikely to achieve its stated goal, we write to demand that you reverse course and to pose questions to better understand your rationale for employing paramilitary-style immigration personnel equipped with ‘stun grenades and enhanced Special Forces-type training, including sniper certification’ in Boston and elsewhere in the United States.” wrote Mass U.S. Se. Elizabeth Warren and Ed Markey in a joint letter to the CBP opposing the deployment. “BORTAC personnel are

not meant to focus on routine operations in some of the United States’ largest cities, and there is no need for them to be part of these operations. Last July, an ‘emergency’ supplemental appropriation was passed and signed into law (over our opposition), providing ICE with hundreds of millions of dollars of additional funding. It is unclear why ICE now needs to draw upon elite CBP resources in order to carry out its operations.”

Warren and Markey argue the real explanation for this deployment appears to be President Donald Trump and his administration’s attempts to “punish American cities” that reject his immigration policies.

U.S. Rep. Ayanna Pressley, who represents Eastie in Congress, agreed with Warren and Markey.

“Let us be clear, this move has nothing to do with public safety, but rather serves only to further the

Trump Administration’s agenda to intimidate and retaliate against cities that uphold the dignity and humanity of our immigrant neighbors,” she said. “We will not stand for this. Where this administration chooses cruelty, the City of Boston will choose compassion. We will do everything in our power to affirm the safety and humanity of our immigrant neighbors. I call on each of my colleagues in government in the City of Boston and targeted cities across the nation to affirm that we will not comply or cooperate with this abuse of power from the Trump Administration. We know our communities are made stronger by our immigrant neighbors and we will not turn our back on them in this time of persecution.”

The Lawyers for Civil Rights (LCR) called for support so they can continue fighting immigration cases and deportations pro-bono.

“Sanctuary cities are under attack,” said LCR in a statement. “Special tactical teams that normally operate at the border are being deployed in sanctuary cities across the country. Make no mistake: this is all designed to intimidate immigrant friendly cities and towns. These tactics provoke fear and uncertainty. Immigrants are pushed deeper into the shadows, and victims and witnesses of crime are reluctant to come forward. This makes us all unsafe. Right now, we need more immigrant friendly and sanctuary policies, not less. We need more humanitarian protections to keep our families and neighbors safe. We stand ready to deploy our pro bono network to protect and empower immigrant communities.”

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COMMUNITY NEWS

GRACE CHURCH COMMUNITY POTLUCK COMING UP

Grace Church Federated, 758 Saratoga Street, East Boston is inviting all community residents to a potluck supper at the Church on Sunday, Feb. 23, 2020 at 5 p.m.

Bring a favorite dish to share if you are able. Set up and clean up volunteers would be greatly appreciated. For more information, call the Church at 617-569-5358 or visit the

Church web site at www.gracechurcheastie.org.

GOVE STREET CITIZENS ASSOCIATION (GSCA) MONTHLY MEETING AGENDA

Monday, Feb. 24, 2020 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Catherine Leonard-McLean Community Room Logan Airport Rental Car Center

- Welcome and Announcements – Lorraine Curry
- Boston Police Updates – Sergeant Cintolo and Officer Simons
- Office of Neighborhood Services Updates – Lina Tramelli
- “Fresh Slate Eastie” candidates - Victoria Dzindzichashvili (DiLorenzo)
- Cargo Ventures – Pat Capogreco
- Neighborhood Updates – Nat Taylor
- Project Presentations:

14B Geneva: Brief Update. Construct 4 family building on vacant lot with 4 parking spaces in enclosed garage.

VOTE – Sandra DeFeo 198 & 200 Maverick: Brief Update. The proposals are to change the occupancy of the three-family residential dwelling to a four-family residential dwelling.

VOTE – Sandra DeFeo 303 Maverick: To change the occupancy of the three-family dwelling to a four-family dwelling and add a fourth story addition. Also, to renovate.

175 Orleans Street: Brief Update. Next Meeting: Monday, March 23

LOCATION: The Catherine Leonard-McLean (formerly Noddle Island) Community Room is located on the first floor of the Logan Airport Rental Car Center, situated at the end of Porter Street. Free ved parking in front of the

building and in the Porter Street parking lot adjacent to the building.

FREE FAMILY FUN AT BOSTON COMMON WINTER FEST FEBRUARY 20

Mayor Martin J. Walsh and the Boston Parks and Recreation Department will host the annual Children’s Winter Festival on Boston Common in partnership with the Highland Street Foundation during school vacation week on Thursday, Feb. 20, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Other sponsors include XFINITY and L.L. Bean.

“Come join us for the Children’s Winter Festival with free, fun activities during vacation week for Boston Public Schools,” said Mayor Walsh. “The Parks Department has planned an event full of entertainment giving children and families an opportunity to get outside and enjoy the season on Boston Common.”

Attractions will include the 45-foot-long Toboggan Tunnel mountainous adventure with twin roller lanes, the Snow Mazing maze, the Snowzilla Jr. inflatable winter-themed slide, a ride on the three-car Trackless Train, and hands-on games including Giant Connect4, Baggo, Giant Horseshoes, Inflatable Skee Ball, and much more. L.L. Bean’s Bootmobile will be on-site for a photo-op and their Outdoor Discovery Program team will offer sledding and snowshoeing (weather permitting) or a Maps and Compass Challenge if there is no snow.

In addition, Disney is celebrating the release of FROZEN 2 available on Digital February 11 and Blu-ray™ February 25 with free giveaways and a chance to win a copy of the movie and XFINITY is providing a vintage 1960s Volkswagen bus converted to a photo bus so bring your best pose and let XFINITY’s Photobus take your group’s photo. The festival will also feature the Magic 106.7 street team with giveaways (while supplies last), activities with the Girl Scouts of Eastern MA, the Mayor’s Mural Crew, New England Aquarium, a family Zumba class, and hot tea from DAVIDS’TEA.

For more information, please call the Boston Parks and Recreation Department at (617) 635-4505, visit www.cityofboston.gov/parks or go to www.facebook.com/bostonparksdepartment.

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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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.gracechurcheastie.org or call the church at 617-569-5358 for more information.

UPCOMING EVENTS AT THE EAST BOSTON BRANCH LIBRARY

SAT Prep Workshop Series Thursdays, through March 12 at 6 p.m.

SAT course designed for high school students who need an efficient preparatory class in a condensed amount of time. The course will focus on test topics that

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 Summer 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.

will impact your score the most. Students will learn test strategies to help tackle different types of test questions and how to put it all in context with your college goals. This program will run for five weeks and has limited seating. There will be no class during February school vacation week. To reserve a spot, please contact the East Boston Branch at 617.569.0271 or email mkelly@bpl.org.

Music As Art Gallery Presents: Free Winter Concert at the East Boston

Branch Library Saturday, Feb. 15, 1-3 p.m.

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THE MIRACLE ON ICE WAS MORE THAN JUST A GAME

For those who either were not around or were very young on Feb. 22, 1980, it is hard to imagine how low the American psyche had plummeted during the decade of the 1970s.

Although the 1960s generally are regarded as the decade of tumult in America, the events of the '70s did more harm to American self-confidence than any decade in our nation's history.

A brief history lesson of that era would be highlighted by these keywords: Kent State, Pentagon Papers, Watergate, 1972 Olympic basketball defeat, Arab oil embargoes of 1973 and 1979, fall of Saigon, stagflation, New York City bankruptcy, Chrysler bankruptcy, the decline of the U.S. auto industry, the rise of Japanese auto industry, U.S. embassy takeover in Tehran, and Soviet invasion of Afghanistan.

In short, as the new decade dawned at the beginning of 1980, the U.S. was down-and-out, a nation whose best times seemed behind it.

Into the midst of this maelstrom at the height of the Cold War and the depths of American economic and military power stepped the U.S. Olympic hockey team, which was both the youngest team at the 1980 Olympics and the youngest-ever in U.S. Olympic history.

The U.S. squad was by all accounts a mediocre group. The Soviets, Finns, Swedes, and Czechs were the medal favorites. Just making the medal round was beyond the grasp for the Americans.

However, a 2-2 tie in the last minute with Sweden in the opening game was followed by a convincing and unexpected win over the Czechs. The U.S. team improbably advanced to the medal round, along with the Soviets, the Swedes, and the Finns.

Although the U.S. had made it to the final round of four, their first-round opponent would be the U.S.S.R., which had not lost an Olympic hockey game since 1968 and had won the previous four gold medals.

In addition, this was a Soviet team that had trounced an NHL all-star team, 6-0, in the third and deciding game of the so-called Challenge Cup in the summer of 1979. More significantly, the U.S. and the Soviets had met in an exhibition game just a few weeks previously in New York and the result was a 10-3 shellacking administered by the Soviets.

Finally, our younger readers should know that the Soviet team essentially was comprised of players who had "government" jobs -- so technically they were amateurs -- but for all intents and purposes they were professionals. By contrast, the U.S. team was composed almost entirely of college-age kids with no professional experience.

Needless to say, the U.S. team was a huge underdog when the teams took to the ice at Lake Placid on that fateful evening before a national television audience.

What was it that elevated the Americans to accomplish what Sports Illustrated later labeled as THE most significant sporting event of all-time? What was it that kept the powerful Soviets, who took a 3-2 lead into the third period, from scoring after Winthrop's own Mike Eruzione, the U.S. captain, gave the U.S. a 4-3 lead with 10 minutes to play?

There have been a lot of explanations -- the Russian coach said his team's 10-3 beating of the Americans a few weeks earlier had made them overconfident and then they panicked when Captain Mike lit the lamp to give the U.S. the lead -- but what is beyond dispute is that a group of underdog American kids showed to the world that heart, desire, hard work, and a faith in themselves could overcome even the longest of odds.

In hindsight, it is not an overstatement to say that the U.S. team's victory marked the beginning of the end of the corrupt and decaying Soviet Empire and the end of the beginning of American decline. Mike Eruzione's goal from between the face-off circles (which still give us chills when we watch it on YouTube) in Lake Placid truly was the second "shot heard 'round the world," 200 years after a band of scraggly underdog Minutemen fired that famous first shot at on April 19, 1775.

The Miracle on Ice was more than just a hockey game -- and that is why, 40 years later, the U.S. victory on that fateful night still resonates today.

~ GEORGE WASHINGTON ~

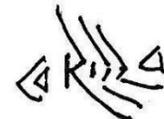
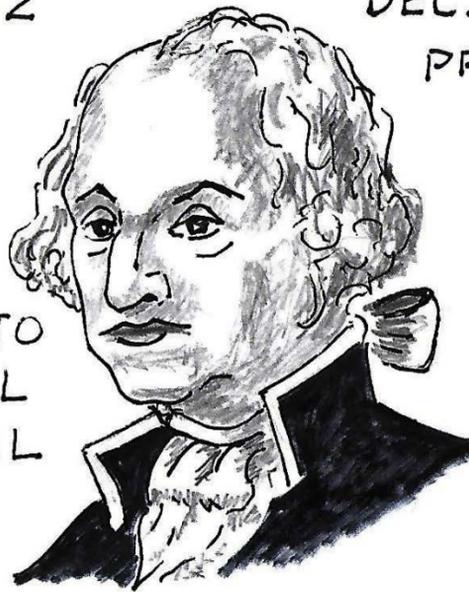
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GUEST OP-ED

Finding a community of support

By Evie Santana-Nola

You might have seen signs up and down Bennington Street that read *Aplica Hoy* in Spanish or *Apply Now* in English. This year I will make the decision for the fourth time to apply for one of my children to go to Excel Academy Charter School. In 2008, I made the decision for my oldest son to enter fifth grade. At the time, I wasn't sure if I was making the right decision, but after having three children go through Excel Academy Charter School and now with the opening of the High School, I am sure that I did what was best for my family. I first heard about Excel Academy from a neighbor and I remember being a little intimidated. I heard the school was different and I wasn't sure what that would mean for my child. I have now had the opportunity to experience what that means for three of my children and I am hopeful my youngest will get the chance as well.

My first child struggled in finding success in school. He is bright, but was not excited to "do work" while in school. During his time at Excel Academy, he was nurtured and supported in a way that he wasn't in his other schooling experiences, including private, public, and trade school. My son found the most success during his time at Excel Academy through the support of his teachers who encouraged him and empowered him to learn through exploring. They pushed him and provided him the unique support he needed to be successful. Unfortunately, at the time, Excel Academy did not have a high school and after leaving Excel Academy he struggled to find the same supportive environment. The same was true for my second child. I believe if my two older children had been able to attend Excel Academy Charter High School they would have had less struggles. I continue to choose Excel Academy for my younger children and

I'm thrilled that they will have the opportunity to continue with Excel Academy through their high school experience. At Excel Academy my children have been guided by the incredible support of a truly exceptional group of teachers and support staff. My daughter recently came home from school on a Friday so excited about her most recent homework assignment. Her Science teacher, Mr. Gaar, asked the students to create something to express their opinion on a specific topic. She chose to create a video on the impact of the world's over-population and its effects on the environment and she got the whole family involved to help her develop her vision for the video. I received a text from Mr. Gaar the same day he received her work to let me know how excited and proud he was to see her go above and beyond. I love how Excel Academy communicates with me as a parent. Whether it is to celebrate or to support my children, I hear

directly from the teachers at Excel Academy immediately. This has helped me to continue to feel involved and assured that my children's individual needs are being met and nurtured. But what I love most about Excel Academy Charter School is that all three of my children were shown how much potential they had. They were supported in ways that were unique to them whether that was with their individual learning challenges or encouraging them to push themselves even further. What initially intimidated me about applying has turned out to be the best thing for my children. Excel Academy provides the structure and consistency while building their confidence and academic independence and I hope that all families have the opportunity to access a similar high-quality public school for their children.

Evie Santana-Nola is a proud Excel Academy parent.

Jeffries Point Neighborhood Association announces available community funds

At the Feb. monthly meeting, the Jeffries Point Neighborhood Association (JPNA) announced \$6,000 in funds are available for local community projects. Funds are available to individuals or groups that have a project that will benefit the greater Jeffries Point Area. Proposals are being accepted at board@jeffreispnt.org until Feb. 28.

Board member Rachel Blometh stated "This is a great way for people with an idea to improve the community, but need some seed money to complete it to

make a proposal. Because the money is limited we wanted to make the application process as easy as possible. A paragraph is all it takes."

Guidelines include that all funding must benefit the greater Jeffries Point area. If an event is funded, the final cost to the community must be free. When making a proposal, applicants are asked to please submit one paragraph explaining what the project is, how much you are asking for, what costs the funding would cover and how this would

benefit the community. Send this to the JPNA board at board@jeffreispnt.org.

Board member Margaret Farmer explained, "The JPNA recently completed a financial audit, reviewing our yearly budget and creating a reserve. With the wonderful efforts of our board we had a very successful Fall Fling. We want the community to have a strong say in how funds raised will be spent. We thought this was a good way to encourage people who have a great idea but may not have shared it to

come forward."

After submission, the JPNA will review all proposals to ensure they fit guidelines, and will be able to be implemented by the end of the year. The person or organization who made the proposal MUST be able to present one slide at the March 9, monthly meeting and have 5 minutes to present and answer any questions from the community. The community will do ranked-choice voting until all funds are assigned. Any funds not assigned will be held until next year.

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BPDA PLANNERS HOST 'PINS WITH A PLANNER' EVENT AT CENTRAL PARK LANES

Last Wednesday BPDA planners hosted a special event at Central Park Lanes in East Boston. The "Pins with a Planner" event included pizza, bowling and a chance to ask BPDA staff of the ongoing PLAN: East Boston initiative.

Last summer, Mayor Martin Walsh announced Eastie was chosen as one of five neighborhoods that will be part of the Boston Planning and Development Agency's planning initiative as part of an Imagine Boston 2030 effort to 'preserve, enhance and grow' the neighborhood.

As part of PLAN: East Boston the city has been working closely with com-

munity groups, community leaders and other stakeholders here to ensure decisions made by the city are following the guiding principles of "preserves wisely, enhances equitably, and grows inclusively" when it comes to re-vamping the zoning across the neighborhood.

As part of the initiative in Eastie comprehensive planning has included a focus on balancing contextually-sensitive development alongside preservation. There is also a focus on supporting existing residents and businesses through increased access to opportunity, affordability strategies, and anti-displacement policies.



Margaret Farmer talks with BPDA's Jason Ruggiero.



Christina Leonardo and Javiera Lagunas-Álvarez.



BPDA's Jason Ruggiero talks to a resident about PLAN: East Boston's goals.



Residents enjoy pizza and bowling at last week's event at Central Park Lanes.



The BPDA's Jason Ruggiero helped organize the event.



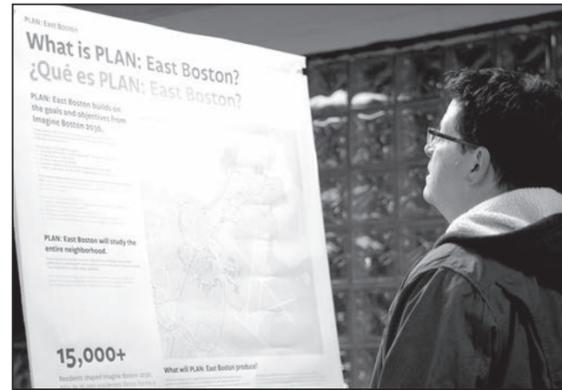
Javiera Lagunas-Álvarez (center) during last week's event.



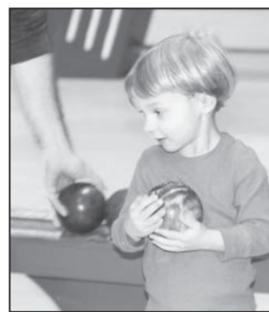
The BPDA's Jason Ruggiero and Jim Kearney.



BPDA Project Manager Raul Duverge talks with Eastie residents.



An Eastie resident gets some info on PLAN: East Boston.



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East Boston Playhouse to hold first fundraiser Saturday

By John Lynds

After five years of successful performances and creating a vibrant East Boston theater scene, organizers of the East Boston Playhouse have dedicated to host its first ever fundraiser this Saturday, Feb. 22 at 7 p.m. at the Beachmont VFW on Bennington Street.

While the evening will help raise money to cover costs of the group's upcoming plays, organizers said it wouldn't be an East Boston Playhouse event if there wasn't a performance to show off the program's abilities.

"We want to invite everyone this February 22nd at 7 p.m. at the Beachmont VFW to get to know us, learn about how to support and get involved, and also build community all together while laughing at ourselves," said East Boston Playhouse founder Javiera Lagunas-Álvarez. "We will have raffle prizes, light refreshment, and dancing. But the biggest event of the night will be an original piece put together based on the acclaimed East Boston

Open Discussion Facebook group. Some of the posts are too hilarious not to laugh at ourselves, so there will be plenty of mention of parking spaces, tunnel traffic, space savers, and obviously Royals (Roast Beef). But also this is an opportunity for us to celebrate this neighborhood and how supportive and vibrant it is, which reflects in the Facebook group and beyond."

Back in 2014 Lagunas-Álvarez and Janet Castro wanted to start a theatre company in Eastie. They two put the word out and met Candice Trimble who was planning to start a similar project. Just a few months later, at a small improv night, the trio founded the East Boston Playhouse and started producing shows right away.

"Since then we have produced eight shows, with our ninth, Ken Ludwig's Moon Over Buffalo, coming up this June," said Lagunas-Álvarez. "We want to bring the whole theatre experience to our community members. With this model we've been able to welcome experienced ac-

tors and theatre makers and new actors who've started their acting journey with us. We've also opened our "doors" to members of all ages, from adults to school age children, which has brought rich, diverse, and inclusive experiences with profound lessons for everyone involved."

While both Castro and Trimble moved on the program has grown thanks to community members who continue to come back and work with the Playhouse---many becoming Playhouse board members.

"This support has made a huge impact in moving the Playhouse forward, particularly in regards to the challenges we face," said Lagunas-Álvarez. "As a small community theatre we do not have a physical home, but thanks to the support from other community organizations, we've been able to continue operating. For several seasons we have been able to rehearse at the

East Boston Social Center and present our shows at Zumix. Both have been an incredible support to continue growing."

Lagunas-Álvarez said not having their own space has been the biggest challenge as a new community theatre.

"That's why we are holding our first annual fundraiser, Curtains Up!," said Lagunas-Álvarez. "We want the community to get to know us more closely, and want to show everything we have been working on and the goals we have. Though our own space is a long term goal, right now we want to have access to storage as our costumes and set pieces grow with each production. We started performing with black boxes and at our last show we were able to have the full front of a house! As these elements increase, we need to store them to build on our productions and make each show better than the last."



A scene from East Boston Playhouse's production of the Diary of Anne Frank. The Playhouse will hold its first ever fundraiser on Saturday, Feb. 22 at the Beachmont VFW.

Capobianco seeks re-election for Democratic State Committee

Democratic State Committeeman Valentino Capobianco has formally announced he is seeking re-election for Democratic State Committee representing the First Suffolk and Middlesex Senate District. Capobianco will appear on the Democratic Presidential Primary Ballot on March 3.

Having served on the Democratic State Committee since the age of 18 and the Winthrop School Committee since the age of 25, Capobianco is in a unique position to use his experience as an asset to the committee. First Suffolk and Middlesex Democratic State Committee Woman Denise LoConte said that "Valentino is a proven Democratic leader and a rising young star in our party. He's a valued member of

the Massachusetts Democratic State Committee and I look forward to serving with him over the next four years."

Capobianco was born in East Boston, and now calls Winthrop his home. Capobianco is a graduate of Winthrop High School and Suffolk University. He is currently Chief of Staff for State Sen. Paul Feeney and has worked on several high profile Democratic Campaigns. He is currently a sitting member of the Winthrop School Committee where he served as Chairman, a member of the Winthrop 2020 Census Committee, and the Winthrop Airport Hazards Committee.

Over the next four years Capobianco is committed to electing and preserv-

ing Democrats running for state and federal offices. He is committed to building a grassroots organization at the precinct level, and building party membership. Additionally he is commit-

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Sea Walls: Artists for Oceans announces festival dates and reveals poster

Local public art group HarborArts is collaborating with the international nonprofit PangeaSeed Foundation to bring their globally renowned public art program to Boston. The initiative, known as Sea Walls: Artists for Oceans will install up to 15 public murals throughout East Boston in 2020, as well as have accompanying community events from Sept. 19 to the 26. The poster design for the festival is being revealed here, for the first time and the website is <https://seawalls.org/activation/boston-usa/>.

Through the Sea Walls: Artists for Oceans program, PangeaSeed Foundation

has created more than 375 public ocean-advocacy murals across the globe. By engaging individuals and communities the world over through public art, PangeaSeed Foundation hopes to inspire, educate, and empower communities to become stewards of our oceans and foster a sense of community pride for the artworks and local natural resources.

Sea Walls Boston, produced in partnership with HarborArts, will create the 15 large-scale public murals in the greater Maverick Square area from the Boston Harbor Shipyard & Marina to Liberty Plaza by a mix of local, regional, and

international artists. Visibility of artworks and sponsors will continue for years through signage on the murals, as well as the potential creation of an "Eastie Art Walk" available for download to your phone.

The week-long programming that surrounds Sea Walls Boston will provide a wealth of opportunities for the community to get involved and learn more about how they can become stewards of our oceans. Events will include an opening reception to meet the artists and a closing festival Sept. 26, to celebrate the installations, as well as mural tours, panel discussions, HarborWalk cleanups, and a speaker and film series. HarborArts is continuing to recruit community partners and plan events. The full lineup will be announced in the com-

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DOMINIC SAVIO HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 1989 THIRTIETH REUNION

Saint Dominic High School Class of 1989 held its 30th Reunion at the Orient Heights Yacht Club.

Classmates reminisced about their days at the well-known East Boston college preparatory school known for its academic excellence, its graduates achieving success in diverse fields of employment and in public service, and for the outstanding performance of its athletic teams.

The Class of 1989 was a particularly gifted and talented group of young men. Some members of the class excelled on the school's basketball team that competed in arguably one of the

greatest MIAA tournament games in state history when the Savio Spartans fell in a three-overtime classic to Milton High School in the 1988 Eastern Mass. final at

the old Boston Garden.

The reunion was a huge success and classmates thanked committee chair Kevin Adamson, a former three-sport standout who

went on to excel at Stonehill College, for his efforts in bringing the class together for such a joyous night of memories.



Roy Avellaneda and Jimmy Olson.



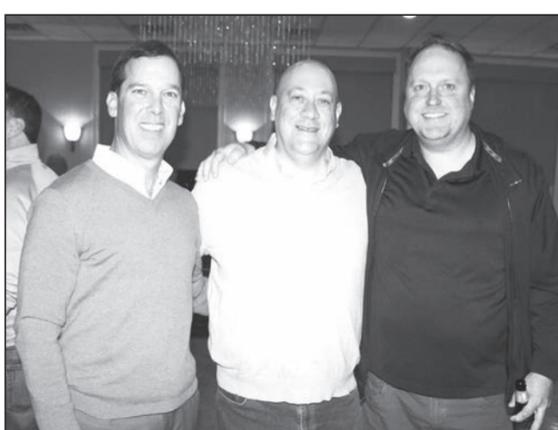
Liam Kyes and Gary Marino.



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Kevin Adamson, Arthur Calvano, and Jay Tracy.



Derek Santoro, Kevin Adamson, and John Anderson.



Nick Moulaison, Derek Spilatieri, and Sean Conway.



Former Dom Savio head basketball coach Jim Doherty, with four of his players from the Class of 1989, John Anderson, Kevin Adamson, Jim DeFelice, and Sean Conway.



Scott Young, John Poto, and Jon Cinelli.



Greg Cataldo, Craig Giardullo, and Rob Hurley.



Roy DiMartino, Matt LaCortiglia, Carlo Basile, Antonio Lanza, Paul Orlando, and Phil Cerundolo.



The Dom Savio football program was a perennial contender under head coach Bill Maradei. Pictured at the reunion are, front row, from left, Roy DiMartino, Matt LaCortiglia, Brendan Gill, Coach Bill Maradei, Paul Giella, and Jim DeFelice. Among those in the back row are Greg Cataldo, Kevin Adamson, Michael Piemonte, Jay McGrane, Todd Peterson, Roy Avellaneda, Tony DiDonato, and Derek Santoro.

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The proud members of the Dom Savio High School Class of 1989, pictured at their 30th reunion at the Orient Heights Yacht Club. First row kneeling: Jon Cinelli, Greg Cataldo, Scott Young, Craig Giardullo, Carlo Basile, Roy Avellaneda, and Derek Santoro. Second row kneeling: Rob Hurley, Kevin Adamson, Liam Keyes, Jim DeFelice, Anthony DiDonato, Phil Cerundolo, Gary Marino, and Matt LaCortiglia. Standing: Carl Svendsen, Joe Teixeira, David Stasio, John Poto, Roy DiMartino, Jon Sablone, Jim Olsson, Arthur Calvano, Jay McGrane, Brendan Gill, Jay Tracy, Paul Giella, Sean Conway, Chris Leone, Ed Limoli, Tom Malone, Nick Moulaison, Antonio Lanza, Derek Spitaleri, Mike Piemonte, Kurt Mallett, and Paul Orlando.

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New report highlights the dangers of deportation

By John Lynds

The U.S. government has deported people to face abuse and even death in El Salvador, a new report by Human Rights Watch (HRW) concluded.

“Some deportees are killed following their return to El Salvador,” the HRW report read. “In researching this report, we identified or investigated 138 cases of Salvadorans killed since 2013 after deportation from the U.S. We found these cases by combing through press accounts and court files, and by interviewing surviving family members, community members, and officials. There is no official tally, however, and our research suggests that the number of those killed is likely greater.”

A major section of Eastie’s population hail from El Salvador, many fleeing the violence and corruption in their homeland for a better life in the states. Of the estimated 1.2 million Salvadorans living in the United States who are not U.S. citizens, just under one-quarter are lawful permanent residents, with the remaining three-quarters lacking papers or holding a temporary or precarious legal status. While Salvadorans have asylum recognition rates as high as 75 percent in other Central American nations, and 36.5 percent in Mexico, the U.S. recognized just 18.2 percent of Salvadorans as qualifying for asylum from 2014 to 2018. Between 2014-2018, the U.S. and Mexico have deported about 213,000 Salvadorans

“No government, UN agency, or nongovernmental organization has systematically monitored what happens to deported persons once back in El Salvador,” read the HRW report. “This report begins to fill that gap. It shows that, as asylum and immigration policies tighten in the United States and dire security problems continue in El Salvador, the U.S. is repeatedly violating its obligations to protect Salvadorans from return to serious risk of harm. Though much harder to identify because they are almost never reported by the press or to authorities, we also identified or investigated over 70 instances in which deportees were subjected to sexual violence, torture, and other harm, usually at the hands of gangs, or who went missing following their return.”

In many of these more

than 200 cases, HRW found a clear link between the killing or harm to the deportee upon return and the reasons they had fled El Salvador in the first place.

In 2010, when he was 17, Javier B. fled gang recruitment and his particularly violent neighborhood for the United States, where his mother, Jennifer B., had already fled. Javier was denied asylum and was deported in approximately March 2017, when he was 23 years old. Jennifer said Javier was killed four months later while living with his grandmother.

“That’s actually where they [the gang, MS-13 (or Mara Salvatrucha-13)] killed him.... It’s terrible,” Javier’s mother told HRW. “They got him from the house at 11 a.m.”

In 2013, cousins Walter T. and Gaspar T. also fled gang recruitment when they were 16 and 17 years old, respectively. They were denied asylum and deported by the United States to El Salvador in 2019. Gaspar explained that in April or May 2019 when he and Walter were sleeping at their respective homes in El Salvador, a police patrol arrived “and took me and Walter and three others from our homes, without a warrant and without a reason. They began beating us until we arrived at the police barracks. There, they held us for three days, claiming we’d be charged with illicit association (agrupaciones ilícitas). We were beaten [repeatedly] during those three days.”

In 2014, when she was 20, Angelina N. fled abuse at the hands of Jaime M., the father of her 4-year-old daughter, and of Mateo O., a male gang member who harassed her repeatedly. The U.S. authorities apprehended her at the border trying to enter the U.S. and deported her that same year. Once back in El Salvador, she was at home in October 2014, when Mateo resumed pursuing, threatening and sexually abusing her at gunpoint.

“As in these three cases, some people deported from the United States back to El Salvador face the same abusers, often in the same neighborhoods, they originally fled: gang members, police officers, state security forces, and perpetrators of domestic violence,” said the report. “Others worked in law enforcement in El Salvador and now fear persecution by gangs or corrupt officials. Deportees

also include former long-term U.S. residents, who with their families are singled out as easy and lucrative targets for extortion or abuse.”

Some people from El Salvador living in the United States have had a temporary legal status known as “Temporary Protected Status” or “TPS,” which has allowed those present in the United States since February 2001 to build their lives in the country with limited fear of deportation. Similarly, in 2012, the Obama administration provided some 26,000 Salvadorans with “Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals” or “DACA” status, which afforded some who had arrived as children with a temporary legal status. The Trump administration decided to end TPS in January 2020, but to comply with a court order extended work authorization to January 2021. It remains committed to ending DACA.

“While challenges to both policies wend their way through the courts, people live in a precarious situation in which deportation may occur as soon as those court cases are resolved,” said the report. “Salvadoran asylum seekers are also increasingly at risk of deportation and return. The Trump administration has pursued a series of policy initiatives aimed at making it harder for people fleeing their countries to seek asylum in the United States.”

The HRW concluded that instead of deterring and deporting people, the U.S. should focus on receiving those who cross its border with dignity and providing them a fair chance to explain why they need protection.

“Before deporting Salvadorans living in the United States, either with TPS or in some other immigration status, US authorities should take into account the extraordinary risks former long-term residents of the U.S. may face if sent back to the country of their birth,” said the report. “The U.S. should address due process failures in asylum adjudications and adopt a new legal and policy framework for protection that embraces the current global realities prompting people to flee their homes by providing “complementary protection” to anyone who faces real risk of serious harm.”

LOCAL STUDENTS

EARN ACADEMIC HONORS

EMMANUEL COLLEGE ANNOUNCES FALL 2019 DEAN'S LIST

In honor of their outstanding academic achievement, Emmanuel College has named more than 800 students to the Dean’s List for the Fall 2019 semester. To earn a spot on the Dean’s List, Emmanuel students must achieve a grade point average of 3.5 or higher for a 16-credit semester. Local students earning Dean’s List honors include:

Annabelle Aguirre of East Boston

Giuliana Barletta of East Boston

Emmanuel College is a co-educational, residential institution with a 17-acre campus in the heart of Bos-

ton’s educational, scientific, cultural and medical communities. Enrolling more than 2,200 undergraduate and graduate students, the College provides boundless opportunities for students to expand their worldview through rigorous coursework, significant internship and career opportunities throughout the Boston area and beyond, collaborations with distinguished and dedicated faculty, and participation in a dynamic campus community. Emmanuel’s more than 70 programs in the sciences, liberal arts, business, nursing, and education foster spirited discourse and substantive learning experiences that honor the College’s Catholic educational mission to educate the whole person

and provide an ethical and relevant 21st-century education.

ST. MARY'S HIGH SCHOOL TERM 1 HONORS LIST

St. Mary’s High School announces its honor roll and principal’s list for the first quarter of the 2019-20 academic year. Honor roll students must achieve an 85 or above in all of their classes. Students earning principal’s list status must achieve 90 or above in all of their classes.

The following students from East Boston have achieved these honors:

- Principal’s List
- Haylie Grossman ’23
- Honor Roll
- Angelina Catino ’23

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ing months.

Many of the events and programs will be run in conjunction with local community partners including East Boston Main Streets and the Donald McKay School. Local leaders, including State Rep Adrian Madaro, are excited about the benefits for East Boston. He stated “I’m thrilled to support Sea Walls Boston in 2020. The Sea Walls: Artists for Oceans program has had a positive social, environmental, and economic impact on coastal commu-

nities like ours around the world. It’s an incredible opportunity for East Boston to receive this new collection of powerful public art.”

Sea Walls Boston is being funded by a wide variety of supporters and foundations including the East Boston Foundation, Boston Harbor Now, the Davis Companies, and Ocean Havens. Presenting Sea Walls Boston is longtime PangeaSeed Foundation supporter Linda Cabot, making a \$50,000 Challenge Grant. For every gift made up to

\$100,000, Cabot will increase the power of each gift by 50-percent. With Cabot’s match, a \$1,000 donation will bring \$1,500. Linda is a lifelong ocean advocate, sailor and founder of Bow Seat Ocean Awareness Programs, a nonprofit that challenges students to explore issues impacting the oceans through art.

For more information on Sea Walls Boston, please visit seawalls.org or contact the local Sea Walls team at SeaWallsBoston@pangeaseed.org.

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Community Meeting

PLAN: East Boston

Frameworks & Today's Transportation Network

Tuesday, February 25
6:30 PM - 8:00 PM

East Boston Social Centers, Gymnasium
68 Central Square
East Boston, MA 02128

Event Description

Please join us for the second mobility-focused PLAN: East Boston community open house. Continuing the conversation from our March 2019 open house, we will highlight what we’ve learned from a neighborhood-wide analysis performed by our transportation planning consultant. We will solicit community feedback about how what we’ve learned will influence the creation of future transportation recommendations. Whether you walk, roll, bike, ride transit, drive, or hail a car in East Boston, we want to hear from you. We will also share information about water transportation and the recently announced East Boston Transportation Action Committee.

This event is part of many public events for PLAN: East Boston, a long-range planning initiative that, when complete, will update the East Boston Master Plan and will recommend changes to East Boston zoning.

Light refreshments, translated materials, and interpretation services will be provided.

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OBITUARIES

Dorothy Moschella

World traveler who loved to cook for family and friends

Dorothy (Vigliotti) Moschella of Saugus, formerly of Revere, passed away surrounded by her loving family on Feb. 14 at the age of 95.

Dorothy was a world traveler who loved to cook for her family and friends. In her free time, she enjoyed knitting at the Saugus Senior Center with her knitting group who would knit hats for the troops and veterans. Dorothy would take an occasional trip to the casino to test her luck. Most importantly, she cherished the time she spent with her family and they will miss her dearly.

The beloved wife of the late Joseph Moschella, she was the caring mother of Dennis Moschella and his wife, Patty of Saugus, Donna Moschella and her partner, Denise of Saugus and Joan Barravecchio, whom she considered one of her own children; adored grandmother of Valerie Moschella and her wife, Gina Palmer, Susie Soldani and her husband, Eric, April Bancarotta and her husband, Pasquale, Jacqueline D'Alleva and her husband, Domenic and



Andrea Dost and her husband, David. She was a proud great-grandmother of nine; dear sister of Robert Vigliotti and his wife, Ann of Minnesota and the late Alexander Vigliotti and his late wife, Marion, and the late Eleanor Petrello and her late husband, Raymond. She is also survived by many loving nieces and nephews.

Funeral arrangements were by the Paul Buonfiglio & Sons-Bruno Funeral Home, Revere. Interment was at Puritan Lawn Memorial Park. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105-9959. For guest book please visit www.buonfiglio.com.

Lucia Delgado

Horse owner and trainer and 35-Year Mass Welfare Dept. Case Manager

Lucia (Rodriguez) Delgado of West Peabody, formerly of Winthrop, passed away peacefully on Feb. 13 surrounded by her loving family after a courageous battle with brain cancer.

Lucia was a horse trainer and horse owner at Suffolk Downs from 1976 to 2012. She also raced and owned other race tracks in the country. Lucia was also a former case manager for the Massachusetts Department of Welfare for 35 years.

She was the beloved wife of Robert Delgado, devoted mother of Cerie Yourawskie and her husband, Walter of West Peabody and Diana Frankel and her husband, Kenneth of West Peabody; dear sister of Jose Rodriguez and his wife, Doreen of New York; loving grandmother of Robert, Caroline, Julian and Austin. She is also survived by many loving nieces and nephews.



Family and friends will honor Lucia's life by gathering today, Wednesday, Feb. 19, at Saint Adelaide Parish, 712 Lowell Street, Peabody at 10:30 a.m. for a mass celebrating Lucia's life. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations can be made to Care Dimensions, 75 Sylvan Street Suite B-102, Danvers, MA 01923.

For more information or to send an online condolence please visit www.ruggieromh.com.

Edward Cheffro, Sr.

Lifelong East Boston resident

Edward "Crystal" S. Cheffro, Sr., a lifelong resident of East Boston, passed away surrounded by his loving family on Friday, Feb. 14 at the age of 79.

The beloved husband of Barbara Nee of East Boston and the late Marion Small, he was the devoted father of Edward Cheffro Jr. and his wife, Roslyn of Everett, David Cheffro and his wife, Ina of Brockton, Diane Cheffro of Revere and Charles Cheffro and his wife, Lia of Haverhill; dear brother of Camille "Dolly" Iacuzio and her late husband, Jerry of East Boston, John Cheffro and his wife, Dorothy of East Boston, Joseph Cheffro and his wife, Marie of Winthrop and the late Robert and Sylvester "Jake" Cheffro and cher-

ished grandfather of Payton, Marion, Edgar, Charles Jr., Ryan, Ashleigh and James. He is also survived by many loving nieces and nephews.

Family and friends will honor Crystal's life by gathering at the Ruggiero Family Memorial Home, 971 Saratoga St., East Boston today, Wednesday at 8:30 a.m. before leaving in funeral procession to Sacred Heart Church, Brooks St., East Boston for a 10 a.m. Funeral Mass in celebration of Crystal's life. Services will conclude with Crystal being laid to rest at St. Michael's Cemetery Boston.

For more information or to send an online condolence, visit ruggieromh.com.

Francis Jevoli

Of East Boston

Francis "Frank" Jevoli, a lifelong resident of East Boston, passed away after a brief illness surrounded by his loving family on Feb. 13 at the age of 79.

The beloved husband of Kathleen (Dobrisky) Jevoli, he was the devoted father of Francis Jevoli Jr. of Saugus, Paul Jevoli and John Jevoli, both of East Boston; dear brother of the late Josephine Burzio, Richard Leonardi and John Ciampa; cherished grandfather of Paul Jr., Michael, Kaitlyn, John Jr. and the late Jason Jevoli and adored great-grandfather of Olivia and Sophia. He is also survived by many lov-



ing nieces and nephews.

Funeral arrangements were entrusted to the Ruggiero Family Memorial Home, East Boston. For more information, please visit www.ruggieromh.com.

Louis Giangregorio

Of East Boston

Louis Giangregorio of East Boston passed away peacefully surrounded by his loving family on Monday, Feb. 17 at the age of 87.

He was the beloved husband of the late Frances (Eori) Giangregorio devoted father of Denise Mayo of East Boston, Lorna LaRocca and her husband, Robert of Winthrop, Louis Giangregorio and his wife, Michelle of Middleton, Mark Giangregorio and his wife, Stella of Peabody, Wayne Giangregorio of East Boston and Alisha McEachern of Framingham; dear brother of the late Ralph Giangregorio, James Giangregorio, Tony

Giangregorio, Theresa Romano, Phyllis DiCristoforo and Mary Autillo and adored grandfather of eight grandchildren.

Family and friends will honor Louis' life by gathering at the Ruggiero Family Memorial Home, 971 Saratoga St., East Boston on Thursday, Feb. 20 from 8:30 to 10:30 a.m. A funeral service in celebration of Louis' life will be held in the Serenity Chapel of the Memorial Home at 10:30 a.m. Services will conclude with Louis being laid to rest in Puritan Lawn Memorial Park in Peabody. For more information or to send an online condolence visit ruggieromh.com

Marianne Arciero

Of Orient Heights, East Boston

Marianne (Lombardi) Arciero of Orient Heights, East Boston, passed away on Feb. 16 at the age of 79.

She was the cherished daughter of the late Nicholas and Victoria (Manzo) Lombardi, longtime partner of the late Pat DeLeo, loving mother of Richard Arciero and his wife, Diane, John Arciero, Lisa Arciero-Bocchino and her husband, Michael and the late Stephen Arciero; adored grandmother of Danielle O'Connell, Kristen Sordillo, Michael Bocchino III, Victoria Lee Bocchino and Brandon Flint; great-grandmother of Benjamin O'Connell and Maya Sordillo and dear sister of Nicholas Lombardi and his wife, Terry and

Barbara Ferrera and her late husband, Ralph. She is also survived by many loving nieces, nephews and cousins.

Family and friends will honor Marianne's life by gathering at the Vazza's "Beechwood" Funeral Home, 262 Beach St., Revere, Saturday, Feb. 22, from 11 to 11:30 a.m. with a Memorial Service beginning at 11:30 a.m. in our Chapel of the Resurrection. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Marianne's name to tunnel2towers.org or St. Jude Children's Hospital, 501 St. Jude's Place, Memphis TN, 38105. For online guestbook and directions please visit www.vazzafunerals.com.

Frances Roy

Of East Boston

Frances E. (Pike) Roy died in East Boston on Feb. 11.

The beloved wife of the late Edward H. "Herb" Roy, she was the mother of Francine Wilson and her husband, Walter of East Boston, Robert Roy of Chelsea, Kevin Roy and his fiancée, Tammy Dalton of Revere, Carole Spera of Somerville, Donna Zawaski and her husband, Richard of East Boston, Stephen Roy and James Roy and his late fiancée, Patricia Robillard, all of Tyngsboro. She was the sister of the late Phyllis Thorne and is also survived by 15 grandchildren and 24 great-grandchildren.

Her Funeral Mass was celebrated in the Most Holy Redeemer Church, East Boston Saturday morning, Feb. 15 and interment fol-



lowed at Holy Cross Cemetery, Malden.

In lieu of flowers, donations in Fran's memory to St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital would be appreciated.

Arrangements were by Magrath Funeral Home.

Phyllis Mary Cali

Formerly of East Boston

Phyllis Mary (Breault) Cali of Winthrop, formerly of East Boston, passed away unexpectedly in Florida on Monday, Feb. 10 at the age of 83.

The beloved wife of the late Philip M. Cali Sr., she was the devoted mother of Denise Cali of Florida, Philip M. Cali Jr. and his wife, Kathleen of Medford, Mishel A. Cali of California, Doug Cali and his fiancé, Deborah Addario of Danvers and the late Gregory Cali; dear sister of Dennis Breault of Saugus and Robert Breault of Lynn; cherished grandmother of Stacy Monaco, Joseph Monaco, Deandra Erdman and Gregory Cali and adored great-grandmother of Wyatt Cole Erdman, Ryan Monaco and Brayden Pires. She is also survived by many loving nieces and nephews.



Family and Friends will honor Phyllis' life by gathering for a Funeral Mass in celebration of Phyllis' life at St. John the Evangelist Church, Winthrop St., Winthrop, on Friday, Feb. 21 at 10 a.m. Please meet directly at church. Services will conclude with Phyllis being laid to rest with her beloved son, Gregory in Winthrop Cemetery. For more information: www.ruggieromh.com.

Dorothea Johnson Greco

Lifelong East Boston resident

Dorothea Johnson Greco passed away peacefully on Jan. 28, at the age of 73. She was a lifelong resident of East Boston. Dorothea worked at the Cliff house and BayView Nursing homes. She was a Nurse's Aide. She also worked for Hudson International.

She was the beloved daughter of the late Allen and Molly (Stornaieulo) Johnson. Sister to Richard Johnson and his wife, Geraldine, who was Dorothea's lifelong friend. Sister to Irene and Edward Costello, Cheryl Van Meter, Daniel and Warren Johnson, and the late Allen Johnson and Anthony Stornaieulo. She was cousin to the late Michael Kramer and Aunt to the late Kenny Johnson.

Dorothea was a very lov-



ing aunt to many nieces, nephews and grandnieces, and grandnephews. She was a dear friend, forever, to Warren Clifford.

A Mass will be held in Dorothea's memory on Friday, Feb. 21, at 11 a.m. at the Most Holy Redeemer Church on London Street. Burial will be private.

Angela McKenna

Of East Boston

Angela (Marciano) McKenna of East Boston passed away on Feb. 10.

The beloved wife of the late Jeremiah McKenna, she was the loving mother of Geraldine Cull and her husband, John of Lynn, William "Billy" McKenna and his wife, Diane of East Boston, Robert "Bobby" McKenna and his wife, Teresa of Lynnfield and Jeremiah "Jerry" McKenna and his partner, Louis Luise, also of East Boston; dear sister of the late Carmella Barrasso, Charles Marciano and Domenic Marciano. She is also survived by

four loving grandchildren: Kendra, Colleen, Kristina and Robert and two loving great-grandchildren, Kaitlyn and Allyson.

Funeral arrangements were entrusted to the Ruggiero Family Memorial Home. Interment was in Woodlawn Cemetery, Everett.

In lieu of flowers, donations in Angela's memory may be made to St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105.

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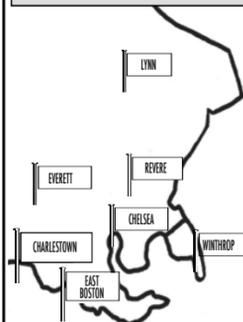
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DISTRICT SEVEN POLICE REPORT

**Monday,
February 3, 2020**
No Arrests

**Tuesday,
February 4, 2020**
Around 11:10 p.m. in the area of 69 Paris St., a 30-year-old female with an East Boston address was arrested for Unarmed Breaking and Entering, Night and Buying, Receiving or Concealing Stolen Goods

Around 10:15 p.m. in the area of 18 Frankfort St., a 17-year-old male with an East Boston address was arrested for Assault and Battery by Means of a Dangerous Weapon and Assault and Battery

**Wednesday,
February 5, 2020**
Around 5:15 p.m. in the area of 1091 Bennington St., a 67-year-old female with an East Boston address was arrested for Operating Under the Influence of Alcohol

**Thursday,
February 6, 2020**
No Arrests

**Friday,
February 7, 2020**
Around 4:30 a.m. in the area of 16 Paris St., a 28-year-old male with an Everett, MA address

was arrested for Unarmed Breaking and Entering, Night

Around 12:35 p.m. in the area of 34 Central Sq., a 43-year-old male with a Boston, MA address was arrested for Assault and Battery

**Saturday,
February 8, 2020**
Around 3:10 a.m. in the area of 274 Chelsea St., a 27-year-old male with an East Boston address was arrested for Assault and Battery

Around 8:30 a.m. in the area of Byron and Cowper St., a 23-year-old male with a Somerville, MA address was arrested for Disorderly Person and Resisting Arrest

Around 11:30 a.m. in the area of 69 Paris St., a 26-year-old male with an Everett, MA address was arrested for Possession W/I to Distribute, Class B, Drugs

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