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The Sawnsen family, Eli, Verona and Jared at Suffolk Downs Racetrack for the family oriented "Touch a Truck".

Need a hole dug? Call Marcos Zhao. See page 14 for more photos.

McCormick promoted to Night Command

By John Lynds

East Boston native and District A-7 Captain Kelley McCormick, who took over the reins of the neighborhood's police station back in 2012 after Frank Mancini was promoted, announced he will be leaving Eastie.

Kelley, whose roots run deep in Eastie, has been promoted to Citywide Night Command.

"To quote Winnie the Pooh, "How lucky I am to have something that makes saying goodbye so hard," said McCormick. "The Department has asked me to go to Citywide Night

Command. As I look forward to the challenges and opportunities that await me, I want to take the time to thank all of my officers, superior officers, detectives, and civilian staff that made being the Captain of Area A-7 the greatest job in the Department. All of you were, and are out there every day making the "small differences" that create such great, positive change in the world. To the people of East Boston, thank you for the honor of being a returning son of East Boston who was allowed to come home to

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District A-7 Captain Kelley McCormick during a recent youth soccer game at American Legion Playground in Eagle Hill. McCormick will be leaving his post here to serve as Citywide Night Command.

Stand Up for Eastie organizes second rally

By John Lynds

The grassroots group of concerned residents opposed to what they call an 'overdevelopment' of East Boston held their second protest recently in Central Square but this time they were joined by a slew of elected officials and candidates for office.

Stand Up for Eastie, founded by Frankfort Street resident Joni DeMarzo after she and her family opposed a devel-

opment project next door to their home they feared would severely impact their quality of life, held their first rally back in July in Wood Island and Day Square.

This time the group was joined by current City Councilor and state senate candidate Lydia Edwards, senate candidate Anthony D'Ambrosio and At-Large City Council candidates Ruthzee Louijeune and Dave Halbert.

The group and its sup-

porters spent the Saturday afternoon in Central Square handing out flyers, carrying signs and trying to educate people on the impacts development has had on the neighborhood.

"We know development has always been going on, year after year the city expands, more people move here and that is all fine but it's never caused East Boston such disaster and tragedy before," said DeMarzo at the rally. "So why now? Why East Bos-

ton? There are 20 different

neighborhoods in the City of Boston from Allston and Brighton to Charlestown and Chinatown, Downtown, Dorchester, Southie, continuing to Roslindale, Hyde Park, Jamaica Plain, Mattapan plus more..so why is East Boston being singled out, why is East Boston getting slammed with overdeveloped projects?"

DeMarzo argues that the system is being manipulated and residents are left to suffer.

"The zoning laws that are written in black and white are being violated by the authorities," she said. "The mayor's office, the ZBA and BPDA are putting the people of East

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Stand Up for Eastie protesters unfurl a huge Save Eastie sign at a rally in Central Square.

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APPRECIATION

Eastie native Father Flavian Mucci dies at 86

By John Lynds

East Boston native and Franciscan Priest Father Falvian Mucci, who dedicated his life to helping the poor and less fortunate in his adoptive country of El Salvador, died on Saturday, Sept. 25 in El Salvador after contracting COVID-19. He was 86 years old.

With his trademark Boston Red Sox hat and stories of his beloved East Boston, Father Mucci inspired countless immigrants arriving in the US to choose Eastie as their final destination.

Born in Eastie as Dominic Mucci in 1935, Father Mucci grew up in a poor Italian family. It was this experience that shaped his view of the world in later life and sparked a lifelong passion to care for the disenfranchised.

“I was born in poverty and know how it feels to be poor,” he once said of his humanitarian work on behalf of the people of El Salvador. “I know how

these people feel when they have nothing. I want to improve their lives and show them that they too can follow their dreams and accomplish what they want to in life. I must say, love which comes from knowing my people and wanting to help them. With love all is possible. Love keeps us going and we never stop, we are always looking for ways to help them.”

Father Mucci graduated from the Franciscan Seminary in Lowell and became an ordained Catholic Priest in 1963. In 1964 he began humanitarian work in Central America and took the name Father Flavian after Flavian the Confessor, the Patron Saint of Constantinople.

In the late 1960s Father Mucci arrived in El Salvador and lived there during much of the country’s conflict, witnessing the consequences inflicted upon the population. Under his ministry, the SOS Children’s Villages programme was coordi-



Eastie native Father Flavian Mucci, who spent over five decades providing humanitarian work in El Salvador, died at 86.

nated. Feeling that something was still missing in his life, he decided to open a dining facility for the elderly, which became known as the Agape Association.

The Agape Association of El Salvador became a nationwide endeavor and developed 54 programmes in the areas of education, religion, environment, communications, and hotel and restaurant services. It also runs a home for the elderly, a university for students from low-income families, a com-

munal restaurant, several clinics, a TV station and a publishing house. One of Agape’s more recent initiatives has been a training centre in the eastern city of Usulután where unemployed workers can take courses ranging from computer training to cooking lessons.

Father Mucci quickly became a huge figure in El Salvador and the beloved priest’s sermons and stories of his hometown of Eastie inspired many, like NOAH’s Manlio Mendez, to settle here.

In his youth, Mendez was transfixed by his pastor’s hometown. Mendez remembers his office being adorned with photos and newspaper clipping of Eastie. Father Mucci would also travel home once a year to visit his mother who lived in the Lyman School Apartments.

“As a boy, East Boston stuck in my head as a place that must be wonderful and I knew I wanted to go there someday,” said Mendez.

Eventually, with Father Mucci’s encouragement, Mendez, who was an accountant, left El Salvador during the civil war and arrived in Eastie, a place he had heard so much of from his pastor.

It was here Mendez found a new life as a community organizer for NOAH but remained close to Father Mucci and regularly visited the priest’s mother.

On the Tuesday following his death, The Legislative Assembly of El

Salvador approved three days of national mourning for Father Mucci. The initiative was proposed by the government New Ideas party, led by President Nayib Bukele, and approved with the votes of 78 out of 84 in Congress.

The national mourning is in “a demonstration of regret for his death, to honor his memory and as a way to celebrate his legacy by virtue of the altruistic work carried out in the country,” read the legislative decree.

Before his death Father Mucci was asked what he thought his legacy should be.

“I always tell the people after sermons, after telephone calls or after conversations with them....I love you,” he answered. “They are three simple words that express what I think of them no matter who they are. I try to love everyone as best as I can and I would love to be remembered as the priest who loved me.”

Senate candidate Lydia Edwards’s Winthrop headquarters vandalized Monday

By John Lynds

On Monday afternoon a group of staffers working on Senate Candidate Lydia Edwards’s campaign were inside Edward’s Winthrop headquarters when they heard a noise outside.

The volunteers peeked outside to see a man ripping campaign signs off the front of the building at 130 Shirley St. The staffers decided to lock the door and when the man began pounding on the door they fled to the headquarters’ back room and hid until the man left.

Edward’s, who is running for the First Suffolk & Middlesex senate seat that includes East Boston,

Winthrop, Revere, the North End and other parts of Boston and Cambridge, was not there during the incident but filed a police report with the Winthrop Police.

“Earlier today (Monday), signs were torn down from our campaign headquarters at 130 Shirley St. in Winthrop,” said Edwards in a statement. “We have filed a police report to document the incident and we are taking additional security precautions to keep our staff safe. It is unfortunate that we have been forced to take these safety measures. We know this kind of behavior is not a reflection of the people

of Winthrop and the communities in this district, but it will not be tolerated. I speak up today in the hopes that this is an isolated incident. The signs are going back up, we are hitting the doors and we are not deterred in the slightest.”

Edwards, who became the first person of color elected to Boston’s District 1 City Council seat in 2017, previously ran for the senate seat in 2016 but lost that bid to Joe Boncore of Winthrop. Boncore later became an ally of Edwards and endorsed her candidacy for Boston City Council.

The location of Edwards’s headquarters and

the fact she is a person of color sent a chill down the spine of her Winthrop supporters who offered words of support on social media.

In June, Winthrop resident Nathan Allen crashed a box truck into a house on the corner of Shirley and Cross Streets and then executed two Black residents--just two blocks from Edwards’s current headquarters.

It was later revealed that Allen, who was killed by police, most likely targeted Air Force veteran Ramona Cooper and retired Massachusetts State Police trooper David Green because they were black.



Senate Candidate Lydia Edwards’s campaign in Winthrop was vandalized Monday afternoon after a man ripped campaign signs down from the Shirley Street building.

Eastie’s weekly COVID infections decreases

By John Lynds

Two weeks ago the East Boston COVID positive test rate decreased 27 percent and the numbers continue to trend downward according to the Boston Public Health Commission (BPHC).

Last week, 1,833 Eastie residents were tested for the virus last week and 2.9 percent were positive--this was a 6.45 percent decrease from the 3.1 percent reported by

the Boston Public Health Commission (BPHC) on September 27.

Citywide, the weekly positive test rate also decreased and dropped 10 percent last week. According to the BPHC 24,496 residents were tested and 2.7 percent were COVID positive--this was a 10 percent decrease from the 3 percent reported by the BPHC on Sept. 27.

Eastie’s COVID infection rate increased 0.70 percent and the rate went

from 1,767.6 cases per 10,000 residents to 1,780 cases per 10,000 residents.

Fifty-eight additional residents contracted the virus between Sept. 27 and October 4 and there are now 8,353 confirmed cases in the neighborhood since the start of the pandemic.

The statistics released by the BPHC as part of its weekly COVID19 report breaks down the number of cases and infection

rates in each neighborhood. It also breaks down the number of cases by age, gender and race.

Citywide positive cases of coronavirus increased 0.97 percent since Sept. 27 and went from 80,106 cases to 80,885 confirmed cases in a week. There were nine additional deaths in Boston from the virus in the past week and the total COVID deaths is now at 1,429.

GSCA votes down project

By John Lynds

On the surface, the proposed project at 168 Gove St. didn’t seem to be all that controversial compared to some of the other large scale development going on in the area.

Fernando Dalfio purchased the property and with that purchase inherited the dilapidated conditions of the building.

Dalfio, a Colombian immigrant, decided to improve the building and the living conditions of tenants. Working with the tenants in the 4-unit building, Dalfio planned to take the existing multi-family home in need of repairs and updating on the corner of Gove and Geneva Streets and change the occupancy from 4 to 8 units, add a vertical addition and roof deck and completely renovate the existing building.

He offered to extend all the current tenants’ leases for two years and, once renovations were complete, the opportunity to return at market rate rents.

However, the housing advocacy group Vida Urbana, aka City Life, began to stir up opposition to the proposal--arguing the project would displace the residents currently living

there. Some of their demands included offering an 8-year lease extension to the current residents and no increase in rent.

Dalfio, feeling City Life and tenants were being unreasonable, went forward with the project and tried to gain zoning approvals for his project at the Zoning Board of Appeals.

Last Tuesday, the ZBA voted against the proposal because of a “miscommunication of all parties” due to last-minute changes to the project proposal that were not included on the final ZBA agenda.

At the ZBA meeting, it was announced that updated plans reflected Dalfio’s decision to reduce the number of units from 8 to 6 as well as scale back the vertical addition. This would allow Dalfio to begin work renovating the unoccupied portion of the building and add the two new market rate units while not having to displace the current tenants on floors 2, 3 and 4. However, Dalfio’s plan is to eventually update those upper units at a later date after the current tenants’ leases expire.

However, the Mayor’s

ON THE CAMPAIGN TRAIL

Lydia Edwards endorsed by Massachusetts Nurses Association

Lydia Edwards has been endorsed by the Massachusetts Nurses Association (MNA) in the special election to State Senate. Primary Election Day is December 14, 2021. General Election Day is January 11, 2022.

“Lydia Edwards has been a strong ally of the Mass Nurses Association and our members as we stand up to corporate executives and fight for better working conditions for our members and safer care for our patients,” said MNA President Katie Murphy. “Long before serving in office, Lydia was a champion for exploited workers, securing a Domestic Workers Bill of Rights and standing up for them court to protect their rights. We are proud to endorse Lydia Edwards for Senate and we know she will deliver for the people of Boston, Revere, Winthrop and Cambridge.”

The MNA is the largest union and professional association of registered nurses and health professionals in the state, and the third largest in the nation, representing more than 23,000 members working

in 85 health care facilities, including 51 acute care hospitals, as well as a growing number of nurses and health professionals working in schools, visiting nurse associations, public health departments and state agencies.

In 2014, Lydia led the successful efforts to win statewide labor protections for domestic workers, nannies and house cleaners cut out of the New Deal. Lydia has since fought to eliminate sub-minimum tipped wages for restaurant workers and to provide financial resources to restaurants who change their business model to a single, equal wage. Her advocacy resulted in the creation of a Restaurant Revitalization Fund to improve conditions for both restaurants and workers.

At Suffolk Downs, Lydia stood by labor to win a Project Labor Agreement at the largest private development project in Boston’s history, creating good union jobs for a whole generation of workers. She fought for commitments to language justice and won an unprecedented investment in

ESL for job training.

Lydia Edwards has stood with workers in the hospitality industry, service workers at Logan Airport, student workers in our higher education system, teachers, Brazilian immigrant workers and many others.

Lydia Edwards is a candidate for State Senate representing the First Suffolk and Middlesex District, following the departure of Senator Joseph A. Boncore. To date, Edwards has been endorsed by: OPEIU Local 453, Teamsters Local 25, Revere activist Juan Jaramillo, State Representative Nika Elugardo. For a full and up-to-date list of endorsements, visit: LydiaEdwards.org/endorsements.

Councilor Lydia Edwards is a career advocate, activist, and voice on behalf of society’s most vulnerable. She is currently the Chair of the Committee on Government Operations and the Committee on Housing and Community Development in the Boston City Council. Learn more at LydiaEdwards.org/meet-lydia.

D’Ambrosio announces senior campaign staff

“We are thrilled to announce that we are welcoming some of the strongest grassroots political advocates in Massachusetts to the D’Ambrosio team,” said Anthony D’Ambrosio. “They are experienced and committed to our victory.”

Levin-Epstein was the Deputy National Finance Director for Senator Ed Markey, where she helped secure \$10M in funding during a highly-contested Senate primary – out-raising the opponent in every

quarter in 2020 – through creative in-person and digital fundraising on national, regional, and local levels. She also led creative programming, financial performance, and digital engagement for a portfolio of national events for Senator Jon Ossoff, which helped secure a record-setting \$117M raised in the runoff.

Stevens-Goodnight has led teams to victory across the Commonwealth and is a highly sought after field strategist. She has worked

on national, statewide and local campaigns, as well as for numerous progressive unions. She will be primarily responsible for voter outreach strategy and grassroots organizing including the campaign Get Out The Vote operations.

McCarthy, a recent college graduate from Hobart and William Smith Colleges, has experience in community networking and mobilization.

City Workers Union backs Erin Murphy for City Council At-Large

One of Boston’s largest coalition of city workers is getting behind Erin Murphy’s bid for an At-Large City Council seat, the latest sign of Erin’s broad-based appeal and ability to connect with working people in every neighborhood.

The American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees (AFSCME) Council 93, an umbrella union organization that represents roughly 1,700 city workers, endorsed Erin’s candidacy because of her commitment to making life better for every family in every neighborhood.

“This was a pretty easy decision for us, because of the type of leadership Erin has already demonstrated before even taking office,” said Tiger Stockbridge, President for AFSCME Council 93 of Local 1631 and co-chair of the AFSCME Boston Presidents. “Erin is the right person to have a leadership role in our city. She’s lived here her whole life, was a teacher in the Boston Public Schools for more than two decades, and raised her kids here. She’s been an advocate for her community, and she cares

about the same things that our members and their families care about: safe streets in every neighborhood, good schools in every neighborhood, affordable housing in every neighborhood.”

Erin’s campaign has been gaining momentum since her strong fourth-place finish among a field of 17 candidates in the September 14 preliminary election, gathering support across the city as her message of inclusivity continues to connect ahead of the November 2nd final.

“Members of AFSCME Council 93 kept Boston going during the pandemic, a difficult time that created all kinds of personal and professional challenges,” Erin said. “Our city workers kept busting their tails through it all, and that’s the same work ethic I’ll bring to the City Council. I’m honored by their endorsement and I look forward to working with them once I’m elected.”

Erin’s campaign has been gathering steam all year, with a string of high-profile endorsements and a surge in grassroots support and volunteerism



Erin Murphy is endorsed by City Workers Union.

across the city. Erin has also been endorsed by, among others, Senator Nick Collins, State Representatives Dan Hunt, Ed Coppinger, and Dan Ryan. City Councilor Frank Baker and former City Councilor Sal LaMattina, Register of Deeds Stephen J. Murphy, the Massachusetts Nurses Association, Boston Firefighters Local 718, Laborers Local 223, the Massachusetts Women’s Political Caucus, and Boston EMS.

A lifelong Dorchester resident, Erin has centered her campaign around being Boston’s go-to call at City Hall.

Edwards endorsed by Rep. Nika Elugardo

Lydia Edwards has been endorsed by Nika Elugardo, Massachusetts State Representative, 15th Suffolk/Norfolk District (Jamaica Plain, Mission Hill, Roslindale, and Brookline).

In her endorsement, Rep. Elugardo stated:

“I can’t wait to partner with Lydia in the Senate. The State House needs a tough and focused black woman in the Senate to ensure BIPOC and working-class communities get their fair share of resources. Her courage and creativity in housing policy and her record on climate

justice only scratch the surface of the leadership she will bring and expand in the Senate Seat. I always learn a lot from Lydia, and we’re going to have a lot of fun rocking the Beacon Hill world together!”

Rep. Elugardo has over 25 years of experience in community and economic development with public, private, and non-profit leaders, especially in BIPOC communities. As a State Representative she continues her mission to expand the power and voice of people historically marginalized from

incarcerated activists, to public housing residents, to immigrant and BIPOC leaders.

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32BJ SEIU endorses Michelle Wu

32BJ SEIU, the largest property service’s union in Massachusetts and nationwide, is announcing its endorsement of City Councilor Michelle Wu in the Boston Mayoral race. If elected, Councilor Wu would make history as the first Asian-American woman and person to become mayor of Boston.

This endorsement comes on the heels of Mayor Kim Janey’s endorsement of Councilor Wu. It is part of a growing movement of Black, brown, and immigrant working families aimed at combatting income inequality through strong union jobs; addressing the skyrocketing cost of living pushing BIPOC people out of Boston; and fighting against environmental racism through solutions that center impacted communities.

“We are proud to endorse Councilor Michelle Wu as the next Mayor of the great city of Boston,” said Vice President of 32BJ SEIU Roxana Rivera. “Throughout her years in elected office, Councilor Wu has shown up for the cleaners, security officers, and airport workers of 32BJ SEIU. Most recently, she used her voice as a Harvard alumnus to support 32BJ Black, brown, and immigrant cleaners at the University facing potential job cuts during the COVID-19 pandemic, and her advocacy helped them retain those jobs. We are eager to join Councilor Wu in getting right to work to improve the lives of everyone who calls Boston home.”

“I’m honored to have the support of 32BJ SEIU, whose members have helped keep our city go-

ing throughout this pandemic and well before,” said Councilor Michelle Wu. “Together, we’ll keep fighting for economic empowerment, worker protections, better schools, immigrants’ rights, and a city that works for everyone. As we work to build the city that our children deserve, I look forward to continuing to partner with these champions for working families throughout our city.”

32BJ SEIU will roll out a get out the vote effort in the coming weeks in support of Councilor Wu, with members pounding the pavement and hitting the phones in the neighborhoods where it’s members live and work, including East Boston, Mattapan, Dorchester, and Roxbury.

Gove Street //

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Office of Neighborhood Service and Councilor Lydia Edwards spoke in opposition of the project and said more conversations need to happen between the owner and tenants before the project moves forward.

The ZBA directed the owner to continue dialogue with tenants and come back before the ZBA

with an updated plan.

While Vida Urbana took a victory lap they commented that even though the ZBA rejected the 168 Gove project proposal, the main concerns of community members, the issues of displacement and further gentrification, were left unaddressed.

“The ZBA failed to take the stance that Dalfior’s

proposal should not go forward because it will lead to community harm. Instead, they voted based on technicalities. The ZBA gave Dalfior another opportunity to restart and resubmit his proposal to the Gove Street Neighborhood association and later the ZBA,” they said in a statement.

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PROGRESSIVES ARE TRUMP'S NEW BEST FRIENDS

As our regular readers know, we have been fully supportive of everything that entails the Progressive agenda in Washington, from the Green New Deal to tax increases on the wealthy and everything in between.

If anything, we'd like to see the \$3.5 trillion Democratic spending bill be even larger in order to do what truly is needed to bring America into the third decade of the 21st century.

However, we recognize that not everyone agrees with our view, both as to the costs and goals of the legislation put forward by President Joe Biden.

In addition to some Democratic moderates in the House, there are the two U.S. senators, Joe Manchin from West Virginia and Kyrsten Sinema from Arizona, who publicly have stated that they only will support a scaled-down version of the \$3.5 trillion package.

Senator Manchin has been fairly specific in his position, whereas Senator Sinema has been silent and erratic -- both publicly and privately among her colleagues -- suggesting that her psychological fitness to be a U.S. Senator is in question.

But regardless of their motivations, Manchin and Sinema constitute a roadblock to passage of the \$3.5 trillion spending bill. So what is a Progressive to do?

We could suggest the usual clichés, such as, "Half a loaf is better than no loaf at all," or, "Don't make the perfect the enemy of the good."

But we prefer one of our own: Politics is the art of compromise.

If a politician who comes into office expects to be a rigid ideologue, then he or she is in the wrong business. Refusing to compromise is like the little boy or girl who doesn't like the way the game is being played and takes his or her ball home.

We urge the legislators from our districts in Congress to get their act together and get something done. We didn't send them to Washington to accomplish nothing.

In our view, the longer that this gets dragged out -- especially with the Democrats having no room to spare in terms of their majorities -- the more that the average voter will think that maybe Donald Trump wasn't so bad after all.



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GUEST OP-ED

Preparing our children for the 21st Century economy

By Anthony D'Ambrosio

The Covid-19 pandemic has taken a devastating toll on our state's students. Mental health issues have spiked, reaching crisis levels in many school districts. Nearly 300 schools in Massachusetts had chronic absenteeism rates of 30% or higher this past school year. And just last week, the state-wide results for the Spring 2021 MCAS revealed just how far behind academically our students have fallen: only 33% of Massachusetts students in grades 3-8 met expectations for mathematics, compared to 49% in 2019. In English language arts, only 46% of students in grades 3-8 met expectations, compared to 52% in 2019.

The pandemic challenged even the most prepared among us, and I know first-hand that Massachusetts teachers worked tirelessly—and often thanklessly—to guide our students through uncharted waters. However, the data makes clear that—on a policy level—the state government has lost touch with the needs of our students. It should not have taken a global pandemic to force state officials to think about how we should educate students in a 21st century world. Remote learning,

equitable access to the Internet and digital learning tools, and the importance of comprehensive STEM education in a technology-oriented economy have been discussed for over a decade. Our state failed to take these developments seriously when it mattered, and our children continue to suffer as a result.

We need several state-wide initiatives to best support Massachusetts students after this most disruptive year of their lives and set them up for long-term success.

First, funds are needed now to remediate the aftermath of Covid-19 on our state's students, not in 2 or 3 years as is being currently contemplated. If Massachusetts students are unable to make up the lost progress from the last two school years, they will continue to be behind for the rest of their academic careers. Beacon Hill must immediately deploy funds for more tutoring, digital learning aids, and counseling services for all students, especially students with disabilities and ESL students. Additionally, we need a state-wide study on why mathematics proficiency—essential to securing the technology jobs of the future—was specifically undermined by the pandemic's disruptions.

Second, we need to dramatically expand internship and apprenticeship programs for the Commonwealth's high schools and community colleges. Connecting Activities, the largest state-wide apprenticeship program for students, provides opportunities for a mere 3.6% of the nearly 300,000 public high school students in Massachusetts each year. This is unacceptable. All Massachusetts students should have the opportunity to gain real-world job experience for the benefit of their futures and our state economy.

In my job as a technology analyst, I have sat across the table from dozens of technology executives. In making hiring decisions, such executives are not only looking for good programmers, but also for people who have managed real-world projects and worked on teams with people of all ages and experience levels. Internships and apprenticeships are two of the best pathways for students to cultivate these skills, and Massachusetts businesses will benefit from the creativity and perspective of our state's students.

Third, we need to promote equity in school districts so that no child is left behind or disadvantaged. On the Revere School

Committee, I spearheaded the creation of a city-wide Equity Advisory Board that works to address issues of disenfranchisement and representation within our public schools. Equity in schools requires, among other things, equitable access to technological resources and universal, affordable broadband Internet for all students. It is unacceptable that, in this district, there are neighborhoods where more than 25% of residents do not have access to the Internet despite living less than five miles away from some of the top research universities in the world. I want to make Massachusetts the first state in the United States to provide universal, affordable, and reliable broadband Internet to all residents. No child should ever have to miss class because he/she/they cannot access the Internet.

We have the rare opportunity rebuild the state's education system in a way that prepares our children for the challenges and promises of the 21st century economy. Let's make this moment count.

Anthony D'Ambrosio, BA, Yale; Masters, University of Cambridge and a candidate for State Senate.

GUEST OP-ED

Looking at the death of Menhaden "Pogies" in the Mystic River

By Dr. Rob Moir

Last Saturday, September 24, 2021, thousands of menhaden fish, locally known as pogie, were found dead in the Mystic River, resting up against the Amelia Earhart Dam between Somerville's Draw Seven State Park next to Assembly Row and Costco in Everett.

On the surface, literally floating belly-up, it looked like a repeat of the menhaden fish kill in the Mystic that happened in July of 2018. Then striped bass chased menhaden out of Boston Harbor and up the Mystic River. Near the dam, fish swam into an ocean dead zone caused by a harmful algal bloom. All fish and suffocated quickly. Standing on a very rank Everett Shore, I could see larger striped bass floating in a raft of ten-to-twelve-inch menhaden carcasses.

Harmful algal blooms in New England are summer events when the length of daylight is longest and weather warmest. In these conditions, algae grow and die when there are sufficient nutrients. Without nutrients, mostly nitrogen, algae will not grow. Clear tropical waters lacking in nutrients despite high temperatures will not suffer algal blooms.

We need only stop or greatly reduce the flow of nutrients into waterways to prevent harmful algal blooms. Nutrient loading comes from septic/sewage, agriculture and fertilizer. Don't feed the beast, or rather algae, and there'll

be no harmful blooming algae killing fish and fouling our waters.

Looking down at the dead menhaden floating in water and strewn along the shore, I assumed that the extraordinarily hot September weather due to climate change it was the culprit. Then differences between this event and the July 2018 fish kill began to emerge. There were no striped bass mixed in with the menhaden. A fish circled just offshore of the rotting fish. I tried hard to see its shape but the bright light reflected off the water. I waited to no avail for the Jaws moment of a predator taking a chomp out of flesh. Instead, I was observing the distinctive ripple action of a lone pogie.

In front of the Encore casino, eight men and women with nets on the ends of long poles pulled fish from the waters. Noon was approaching and they had been at work since six in the morning for three days. Fish were scooped and turned into a black plastic trash barrel on wheels. I looked into the barrel and only saw menhaden with their characteristic big heads comprising nearly a third of body length. One of the fish flopped. This one was clearly alive but on its last fins.

The foreman pointed across the river to where the dam meets Draw Seven State Park in Somerville. There was the greatest concentration of menhaden. This also differed from the July 2018

fish kill. At that event, the fish died on an incoming tide when the tidal gates were open. The prevailing Southwest wind pushed the fish onto the Everett Shore with a few above the dam and the majority on the harborside in the cove before the Costco Tire store.

The current fish mortality event was not the result of being chased up river by a predator because people observed the fish mingling in front of the dam alive a few days earlier. Five days after the appearance of many dead fish, I witnessed menhaden still alive flopping, swimming in circles, and head pointing upwards spinning about.

Bigelow and Schroeder's Fishes of the Gulf of Maine reports that "mass mortalities of menhaden

occurred from spinning disease, which is caused by a virus named for the erratic swimming behavior and disorientation of infected fish."

The life and death of schooling fish is much more complex than we think. With climate change the impacts of our action become more difficult to find causal connections.

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SOBER OCTOBER: NOW MORE THAN EVER

We all know that the pandemic has not been great for either our physical or mental health. One of the strongest indicators of this is that overall alcohol consumption increased by 14 percent among Americans in 2020 and 23 percent of Americans reported drinking more each day to cope with pandemic-induced stress.

Those are startling statistics. Alcohol in any amount is not good either for our mental or physical well-being. The panel that advises the FDA about the food pyramid recommended that adults should have no more than one drink per day.

However, during the pandemic, the routine for many adults included two or three or more drinks each and every day.

Many people recognize that their pandemic-induced drinking behavior has to change. Although Alcoholics Anonymous may not be the right program for many people, there are other options for support, among the most popular being The Naked Mind LLC, Luckiest Club, and Tempest, all of which charge a fee and are on-line.

Alcohol Use Disorder already was an enormous problem for millions of Americans and it was exacerbated by the pandemic. Sober October is a good place to start to reverse that trend.

SAVE THE HARBOR/SAVE THE BAY’S FIRST-EVER HARBOR HEALING WELLNESS FEST

On Saturday scores of community members took part in the family-friendly event, which included free yoga and family fitness from Trillfit, a free Soca and Bachata dance class from Aashka Dance Company, music by DJ Cake-walk, kayaking with Piers Park Sailing Center, and additional resources from community organizations including the East Boston YMCA, Foster Massachusetts, Namastay Sober, the Boston Water and Sewer Commission, local business vendors, and more.

Thanks to the East Bos-

ton Neighborhood Health Center and Last Mile, free COVID-19 vaccinations were available throughout the day.

“It’s great to see Save the Harbor and the East Boston Neighborhood Health Center encouraging healthy outdoor activities on our public beaches,” said Rep. Adrian Madaro of East Boston, who co chairs the Metropolitan Beaches Commission, which helped fund the event through Save the Harbor’s Better Beaches Program Partnership with DCR.

“We’ve seen record numbers of folks going out and using public green and blue spaces for self-care since the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic,” said Chris Mancini, executive director of Save The Harbor/Save

The Bay. “I think it’s clear from the smiles on the faces of community members kayaking with Piers Park, dancing with Aashka, and working out with TrillFit that being near Boston Harbor is bringing joy and wellness to everyone

on Constitution Beach today.” Harbor Healing is an initiative started by Joye Williams and Maya Smith of Save the Harbor/Save the Bay with the intention to aid in repairing the relationship that communi-

ty members of color may have with our region’s beaches by addressing the traumas that have taken place and providing things to do on the beach that bring spiritual healing, mental wellness, joy, and overall health.



Maria Rodriguez and Miss Massachusetts Earth, Olivia Bulgin, prepare to kayak with Piers Park Sailing Center.



Aashka Dance Company has participants dancing to Soca Zumba.



Participants enjoy free yoga on the beach led by TrillFit.



Damani Duverna of Dorchester receives his first shot of the Pfizer COVID-19 vaccination administered by Last Mile Vaccine Delivery.



Save the Harbor staff and Miss Massachusetts Earth Olivia Bulgin are all smiles at the first ever Harbor Healing Wellness Fest.



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Happy Italian Heritage Month





The East Boston Times-Free Press is privileged to publish this map of Italy which designates the regions of that wonderful land where our Italian-American neighbors can trace their roots



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Below is a list of the families who emigrated from Italy to America. You can use this, combined with the map on the reverse side of this page to see where your ancestors once lived in Italy.

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Boston last. Although they all nod their heads and say “we hear you loud and clear” they are in fact failing us. Over and over and over, we send in our comments and concerns, and over and over they put profit over people. How many times are the authorities going to approve variances to the same old courageous LLC’s with no demonstrated hardship? Is it because the more that is approved then the more the city profits off of our property taxes? Is that why there are so many tiny studios being built? Because more units equals more money? And yet we are told to believe that the reason to keep adding in more luxury condos is because of the “housing crisis”. Is anyone in authority thinking how this is all affecting us, the people who actually live here?”

DeMarzo went on that development projects are taking away open space, knocking down mature trees, and the identity and history of the neighborhood is being demolished. “Families are rapidly leaving this neighborhood and no one can afford to financially live here unless you’re a millionaire,” she said. “And no one can



The protesters were joined by senate candidate Anthony D'Ambrosio and At-Large City Council candidate Dave Halbert.



At-Large City Council candidate Ruthzee Louijeune joins the protesters.

deal with all the stressors to continue to want to even live here. And most importantly many families are being displaced.” DeMarzo called on City Hall to, “Stop permitting developers that destroy our neighborhood. Stop the corruption of the system. Just do your job and protect your people.”

Stand Up for Eastie’s goal is to create homes that are affordable and encourage developments that restore family homes. The group also supports developments that build true ‘family-style’ homes adjacent to pre-existing one, two and three family dwellings.



Stand Up for Eastie founder Joni DeMarzo addresses the crowd. DeMarzo founded Stand Up for Eastie after she and her family opposed a development project next door to their home they feared would severely impact their quality of life.



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Stand Up for Eastie protesters hold signs in Central Square.

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Protesters hand out flyers to people driving through Central Square.



At-Large City Council candidate Ruthzee Louijeune talks with protesters.



City Councilor and state senate candidate Lydia Edwards hugs Stand Up for Eastie founder Joni DeMarzo.

Madaro endorses Wu for Mayor of Boston

By John Lynds

On Monday morning in Central Square East Boston State Rep. Adrian Madaro officially endorsed Michelle Wu for Mayor of Boston growing her multicultural, multi-generational, multiracial coalition. Madaro applauded Wu’s focus on public transit, immigrants’ rights, equity and environmental justice.

“I’m excited and proud to endorse my good friend, Michelle Wu, to be our next mayor of the City of Boston,” said Madaro. “I have known Michelle for many years. In fact, I’ve been on the Wu Train since her first run for city council, long before I became an elected official. The thing that struck me most about her

then is what continues to stand out the most now: her commitment to our city. As an at-large councilor, Michelle has been present and engaged in East Boston, just like she is in every one of Boston’s neighborhoods. She has been a champion on the issues that matter most in East Boston. Whether it’s her tireless efforts to improve our public transportation system and make it more affordable, her commitment to equity, or her Boston Green New Deal to protect our open spaces, Michelle is the best choice for our neighborhoods. Michelle is a first-generation American like me, and I know she will fight for the rights of our immigrant neighbors. I’m proud to endorse her today.”

Madaro said for him there’s no doubt that Wu is the best person to lead Boston into its next chapter.

“Her impressive ability to craft good policy is well known,” he said. “Whether it be tackling issues of economic opportunity, transit equity, environmental justice, supporting youth and families, uplifting our seniors and immigrant neighbors, or reforming City Hall, we know that Michelle has a thoughtful, detailed, and sound plan to move us forward. Michelle is the type of partner I look for at the City level to complement the work I do at the State House.”

Madaro said while Wu’s achievements alone qualify her to be our next Mayor, he also supports

her for the wonderful person she is.

“Michelle’s values and strong moral compass reflect those of our community,” he said. “She’s an incredible friend, daughter, big sister, and mother. She’s a compassionate and empathetic person who listens, learns, and leads with her heart. As mayor, I know that she will address each challenge thoughtfully, centering those who have been excluded from the decision-making process, and always working to equitably advance Boston for all residents in every neighborhood.”

Madaro joins City Councilor Lydia Edward’s as the second Eastie elected officials to sign onto the “Wu Train”.

“I’m grateful and excited to receive the endorse-



Rep. Adrian Madaro joins his staff, as well as Councilor Lydia Edwards and her staff, as he endorses Michelle Wu for Mayor of Boston Monday in Central Square.

ment of my friend, Representative Adrian Madaro,” said Wu Monday. “He has been an incredible advocate for East Boston and a leader on climate, transit, equity and addressing

our substance use crisis. I look forward to working with him and all of our state partners to tackle our biggest challenges and reshape what’s possible for our neighborhoods.”

Police searching for Jeffries Point attempted kidnapping suspect

By John Lynds

Detectives from Boston Police’s District A-7 station in East Boston are searching for a suspect wanted in connection with an attempted kidnapping last week in Jeffries Point.

Police say a young boy on his way to school last Wednesday reported that on his way to school just after 7 a.m. he was approached by an unidentified suspect on Sumner Street.

The 10-year-old boy told police the suspect was passing by in a gray minivan when he made a statement to the child before stopping and exiting the vehicle. The unknown suspect then attempted

to grab the boy by his shoulders but he was able to break free and flee on foot.

The victim described the suspect as a heavy-set white male, short in stature with gray hair and a shadowed beard, wearing a black jacket, gray sweat-pants.

Detectives assigned to District A-7 are actively reviewing the facts and circumstances surrounding this incident and are urging anyone with information relative to this investigation to contact 617-343-4234.

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 assist this investigation in an anonymous manner.

Police also report that two weeks ago on Saturday, Sept. 25 two 11-year-old boys were approached outside a convenience store near the Sacred Heart Church. The boys told police they were followed into the store by a male who later followed them out of the store and asked the boys to get into his car.

It’s unclear at this time if the two incidents are connected.

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voters.

The first question will ask whether or not to reverse the decision in the 1990s to go from an elected Boston School Committee to an appointed School Committee.

“We’re the only city in the Commonwealth that does not have an elected school committee,” said District 1 City Councilor Lydia Edwards, who is running unopposed for her District 1 seat but has announced her candidacy for the First Suffolk & Middlesex state senate seat. “There’s also a ballot question that I introduced on the Boston Budget Process Amendment. It would

allow the city council to engage back and forth with the mayor to check the mayor’s power on the \$3.7 billion budget. It will give the council, just like every other legislative body, the ability to amend and to override the mayor’s veto. So it’s a huge shift in power, and it would be one that hasn’t happened since 1909.”

There’s also a non-binding ballot question regarding the proposed Ever-source Substation in East Boston

The question to voters will read, “Should a high voltage, electric substation be built at 400 Concord Street in East Boston,

along the Chelsea Creek, near homes, parks, playgrounds, jet fuel storage, and in a flood risk area rather than in a nearby alternative safe and secure location such as non-residential Massport land at Logan Airport?”

Councilor Edwards was supportive of the 10 Eastie residents who petitioned the City of Boston to put the question on the ballot this fall.

Historically, a non-binding ballot question provides information to elected officials and the public of voter sentiment on a particular issue.

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serve you, help you, or just be there if needed.”

McCormick is from an Irish family that settled here from Newfoundland in the 1890s. He spent time in Eastie and Springfield before returning to Homer Street during high school. A graduate of UMass Amherst, McCormick studied literature, took classes at a college in County Cork, Ireland and eventually went on to receive his law degree from Suffolk University Law School and is a member of the Massachusetts Bar.

Before arriving in Eastie almost a decade ago, McCormick had been a rising star on the force. He served in BPD’s gang unit, was a Captain in Jamaica Plain and served as Deputy Superintendent of Labor Relations before becoming A-7’s Captain.

A-7’s Elizabeth Ahern, who has worked under several A-7 Captains said McCormick was “the best of the best”.

“It has been an honor working for Captain McCormick and he will be missed by all of us,” she said. “I not only gained a boss when he came to A-7, I gained a lifelong friend and I will forever be grateful for that.”

BCYF Paris Street Community Center Director Nicole DaSilva, who regularly partnered with A-7 for community-wide events, said she wished McCormick all the best.

“This feels very bittersweet. I’m sad to see Captain McCormick go,” she said. “I want to thank the Captain for everything he’s done and to let him know he’ll be missed.”

McCormick became the epitome of community policing in Eastie and never passed on the opportunity to attend community group meetings, Eastie Little League and soccer games in his spare time, peace marches or just walking the neighborhood and talking with residents.

When he came back to Eastie, McCormick said one percent of the job is enforcement and the other 99 percent is community policing. So when problems arose McCormick’s philosophy was to tackle it as a community and his approach of bringing residents and community groups into the fold made Eastie one of the safest neighborhoods statistically in the city.

While the typical attitude towards police de-

partments is, “We have a problem so what are you, the police, going to do about it?”.

During his tenure here, McCormick was able to change that attitude more towards, “We have a problem so what can we as a community do to help the police?”.

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A private Graveside Service was held in Woodlawn Cemetery in Everett for Anthony R. Penzabene, who died on Friday, October 1 at the Light-house Nursing Care Center in Revere following a long illness. He was 81 years old.

Born and raised in East Boston, he was a graduate of East Boston High School, Class of 1958. All of Anthony's working career was spent as a machinist. He lived in Waltham for over 20 years, later moving to Revere, residing on Revere Beach at the Seaview Towers, where he has been for the past 30 plus years.

Anthony was a proud bachelor who loved to dance. He was a jack of all trades and a sports enthusiast who especially loved all the local teams.

The beloved son of the late Frank Penzabene and Lena (Bellitti) Penzabene,



he was the loving brother of Crissa Nichinello and her husband, Joseph A. of Revere and the late Anne Marie Penzabene; cherished uncle of the late Lori Ann Nagle and grand uncle of Justin J. Gomes of Sturbridge and Corey J. Gomes of Revere.

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Theresa Recupero

Great baker who loved to play bingo and watch the Boston Red Sox

Theresa (Fantasia) Recupero of Revere died on October 3 at the age of 88.

Theresa enjoyed the holidays when the entire family would get together. She was a great baker who loved to play bingo and watch the Boston Red Sox. Theresa was a member of the Revere Senior Center.

Born in Chelsea on January 11, 1933 to the late Cosimo and Virginia Fantasia, she was the beloved wife of 38 years to the late Frank Recupero; devoted mother of Raymond Recupero of Lynn and the late Donna Montalto and her surviving husband, Mark; cherished grandmother of Marko and Franki Montalto and dear sister of the late Doris Arrigo, Margaret Lifrierri, Salvatore Fantasia, Fannie Keller, Jennie Zullo and Mary Colarossi. She is also survived by many loving nieces and nephews.

A visitation will be held at the Paul Buonfi-



glio & Sons-Bruno Funeral Home 128 Revere St, Revere on Wednesday, October 6 from 9 to 10:30 a.m. followed by a Funeral Mass at the Immaculate Conception Church in Revere at 11 a.m. Relatives and friends are kindly invited. Interment Woodlawn Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Theresa's name to the Jimmy Fund P.O. Box 849168, Boston, MA 02284 or at www.jimmyfund.org/gift.

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Josephine "Tootsie" Margareci

Bank retiree

Josephine P. "Tootsie" (Palermo) Margareci of Saugus, formerly of East Boston, passed away peacefully at home surrounded by her loving family on October 1.

Josephine was a former employee of the Boston Five Savings Bank and East Boston Savings Bank for over 35 years.

The devoted wife of over 68 years to Michael Margareci, she was the beloved mother of Paula Margareci of Saugus, Michael Margareci and his wife, Susan of New Hampshire; dear sister of the late Guiseppina Palermo, Agrippino Palermo, Ignazio Palermo, Vincenza Colangeli, Pauline Dorazio and Joseph Palermo; cherished grandmother of Michael and his wife, Andrea, Nicholas, Haley, and Joseph and adored great-grandmother of Elora. She is also survived by many loving nieces, nephews and her lifelong friend Celia Strangie.

Family and friends are respectfully invited to a Funeral Mass honoring Tootsie's life in the Blessed Sacrament Church, 14 Summer St. Saugus, today, Wednesday, October 6



at 11 a.m. (Please go Directly to Church. Ushers from the Ruggiero Family Memorial Home will be at church to assist family and friends.) Josephine was a former employee of the Boston Five Savings Bank and East Boston Savings Bank for over 35 years. Services will conclude with Josephine being laid to rest in the Versailles Mausoleum in Woodlawn Cemetery.

In honoring Tootsie's life, in lieu of flowers memorial donations may be made to Care Dimensions 75 Sylvan St Danvers MA, 01923.

For more information or to sign Tootsie's online guest book please visit www.ruggieromh.com. Arrangements with the personal care of the Ruggiero Family Memorial Home.

Rosemarie McSweeney

Of Winthrop

Rosemarie (Carrozza) McSweeney of Winthrop, formerly of Lynnfield, passed away surrounded by her loving family on September 28 at the age of 82.

Rosemarie was a long time devoted parishioner of St. Joseph's Church in Wakefield.

Rosemarie was born in Boston to Mario and Viola (Mosco) Carrozza on October 16, 1938. She was the beloved wife of the late Robert McSweeney, devoted sister of Robert Carrozza and Brenda Carrozza, both of Winthrop and the late Thomas Carrozza, Susan Sheehan and Joseph Russo and is also survived by many loving nieces and nephews.



Funeral arrangements were by the Ruggiero Family Memorial Home, East Boston.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the American Cancer Society, P.O. Box 42040, Oklahoma City, OK 73123. To leave an online condolence, please visit www.ruggieromh.com.

James Cali

Past member of Local 805 and the Orient Heights Civic Club

James V. Cali of East Boston passed away peacefully on October 4.

James was a longshoreman at the Charlestown Navy Yard throughout his life. He is a past member of the Local 805 and the Orient Heights Civic Club.

The beloved husband of Alberta (Tramonte) Cali, he was the devoted father of James Cali of East Boston, David Cali and his wife, Jodi of East Boston and Deborah Cali; dear brother of Thomas, Frank Jr., Robert, Jeanette and the late Philip, Catherine, Rocco, Benjamin, Rose and Gloria and cherished grandfather of Tucker, Charlee and Alexander. He is also survived by many loving nieces and nephews.

Family and friends will honor James' life by gathering at the Ruggiero Family Memorial Home, 971 Saratoga Street, Boston 02128, on Friday, Oc-



tober 8 from 4 to 7 p.m. A Funeral Mass will be celebrated on Saturday, October 9 at Sacred Heart Parish, East Boston, at 10 a.m. PLEASE MEET DIRECTLY AT CHURCH. Services will conclude with James being buried in Holy Cross Cemetery, Malden.

In accordance with the City of Boston Five-Point Plan for the Delta Variant of COVID-19, face masks are required at all times when indoors.

To leave an online condolence please visit www.ruggieromh.com.

Rev. Flavian D. Mucci

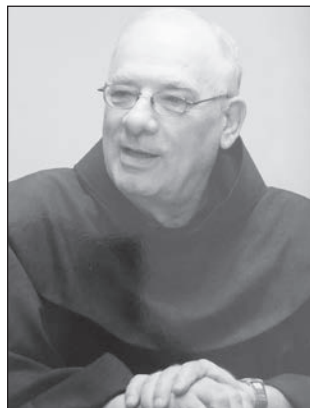
O.F.M.

(Dominic "Dee" Mucci)

Rev. Flavian D. Mucci O.F.M. passed into Eternal Life on September 25 in El Salvador, Central America.

Born Dominic J. Mucci in East Boston on March 1, 1935, Fr. Flavian was the beloved son of the late Camillo and Laura (Gaglini) Mucci, cherished brother of the late Marie Mucci O'Shea of East Boston, George (and Joan) Mucci of Revere, Camille Mucci Selvitella of Winthrop and Joseph (and Elaine) Mucci of Laconia, New Hampshire. He is also survived by loving nieces and nephews and grand nieces and nephews.

After graduating from East Boston High School in 1952, Dominic Mucci studied for the priesthood and was ordained to the Order of Franciscan Friars of the Province of the Immaculate Conception in 1963, taking the religious name of Flavian. After serving in the missions in Honduras and Guatemala, Father Flavian spent the next 54 years serving the people of El Salvador. He founded the SOS Children's Village for abandoned children and the Asociacion of AGAPE of El Salvador. Facing Christmas alone in a new country, Fr. Flavian decided to invite all the homeless people living in the streets to join him for Christmas dinner. This inspired him to open the first soup kitchen, which has continued to feed the poor for the past 54 years. This was the beginning of AGAPE, which grew from a small soup kitchen into one of the largest humanitarian services in the country. For the spiritual needs of the people, AGAPE includes a Church, a Chapel of Divine Mercy and a 24 hour prayer request hotline. For the humanitarian needs of the people, AGAPE includes soup kitchens, homes for the elderly, medical and dental clinics, including the most recent Dialysis Clinic and Covid Clinic, a day care center, after-school programs, workshops teaching over 25 trades, a radio station and a TV station, bringing religious programming to the people in rural areas. To defray the costs of the humanitarian projects, AGAPE operates a restaurant, a hotel, and



function rooms staffed by people who have been trained in the workshops. AGAPE also operates primary schools, secondary schools and schools for children with special needs. Food for the poor is distributed daily at AGAPE and trucks deliver food to people in rural areas.

When El Salvador was in a civil war in the 1980s, the Rebels issued a statement saying, "If the government did as much for the people of El Salvador as Fr. Flavian Mucci, an American, we would lay down our arms."

For 54 years, through many natural disasters and a civil war, Fr. Flavian remained steadfast in serving the poor of El Salvador. During this time, he has received hundreds of awards, from the Pope, the government, the people of El Salvador and other countries for his humanitarian works, including the Most Meritorious Son of El Salvador, the highest honor ever given to a civilian. His biography has been published in Spanish, translated "FLAVIAN MUCCI. Act Without Rest. Love Without Condition." We thank everyone who has helped in any way to allow Fr. Flavian to achieve his dream and be of service to a country in need.

A talented baseball player in his youth, Fr. Flavian remained an avid Red Sox fan. He traveled, gave interviews and served his people, always wearing a Boston Red Sox baseball cap.

A three-day mourning period has been declared in Sonsonate, El Salvador and all flags are being flown at half-mast. A delegate from the Pope is scheduled to bless his tomb.

Due to Covid restrictions, Memorial Masses will be held in the future in Boston and El Salvador.

Gloria Cuoco

Of Peabody, formerly of Revere

Gloria A. (DeMarco) Cuoco of Peabody, formerly of Revere, died on September 28.

The loving wife of the late Orlando, she was the beloved mother of Charlotte Casiello and her husband, Anthony of Peabody, Gary Cuoco and his wife, Maryanne of Revere and the late Dennis Cuoco and his surviving wife, Diane; cherished grandmother of Allan Spencer, Chanel Casiello, and the late Jody Carragal and two great grandchildren; dear

sister of Anthony "Dumar" DeMarco of Weymouth and the late Dean DeMarco, Dorothy Ferragamo, James DeMarco and Richard DeMarco. She is also survived by many loving nieces and nephews.

Funeral arrangements were entrusted to the Paul Buonfiglio & Sons-Bruno Funeral Home, Revere. Entombment was in Holy Cross Mausoleum. For guest book, please visit www.Buonfiglio.com.

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Alicia Jeanne Opidee

With her golden heart, she touched the lives of every person she met

Alicia Jeanne Opidee of Revere, formerly of East Boston, died on September 25.

The cherished daughter of Noreen Opidee and the late Eugene J. McDonald, she was the beloved Godchild of Paula Opidee, loving Godmother of Brandon Rella and is also survived by several special aunts, uncles, cousins, friends and her wonderful students at the Shore Educational Collaborative.

Alicia was born and raised in East Boston, attended school at East Boston Central Catholic and graduated Savio Prep in 1998. She continued her education at Salve Regina University and received her Bachelor's Degree in Social Work in 2002.

Alicia was the Program Director at Shore Educational Collaborative, prior to that she was Assistant Manage at The Sargent House. She was also a therapist-counselor for Bay State Community Services/Quincy Courts.



Alicia recently became a licensed Realtor and partnered in her family business-Advantage Realty. Alicia, with her golden heart, touched the lives of every person she met.

In lieu of flowers, donations in Alicia's memory to Salesian Boys and Girls Club, 150 Byron St., East Boston 02128 would be greatly appreciated.

Please leave messages of condolence for the family on Alicia's Tribute Page at MagrathFuneral-Home.com.

Susan Guarino

Of Revere, formerly of East Boston

Susan (Sacco) Guarino of Revere, formerly of East Boston, passed away peacefully on Saturday, October 2 at 56 years of age.

Susan was born in Boston to the late Anthony and Rose (DeLeo) Sacco on November 1, 1964. She graduated from Pope John High School in 1982.

Susan will be missed by all who knew her. May she rest in peace.

The beloved wife of John Guarino, she was the devoted mother of Princess Victoria Guarino and her boyfriend, John, dear sister of Karen Bryant and her husband, Fred of Winthrop; cherished aunt of Sean Bryant and his wife, Elizabeth, Ryan Bryant; Connor Bryant and his wife, Maya, Chanel Frammartino and her fiancé, Ryan, Anthony D'Angelo and Ashlyn Mackenzie; loving great aunt of Ulla, Violet and Albee.

Family and friends will honor Susan's life by gathering at the Ruggiero Family Memorial Home,



971 Saratoga Street, (Orient Heights) East Boston, on Thursday, October 7 from 4 to 8 p.m. A Prayer Service will be held in our Serenity Chapel at 7:30 p.m. Committal services will be private.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be in Susan's name to the American Heart Association, P.O. Box 417005, Boston, MA 02241.

In accordance with the City of Boston Five-Point Plan for the Delta Variant of COVID-19, face masks are required at all times when indoors. To leave an online condolence please visit www.ruggieromh.com.

BOSTON YOUTH POET LAUREATE SEARCH

The City of Boston is looking for youth interested in civic challenge to Boston's next Youth Poet Laureate!

- Participants must be:
- 13-18 years old
 - Residents of the city of Boston for at least one year prior to nomination
 - Passionate about poetry and the written and spoken word
 - Willing to participate in readings, workshops, and events throughout the city.

The selected Youth Poet Laureate will serve at least one two-year term under the mentorship of current Poet Laureate Porsha Olayiwola. They will receive a \$2,000 honorarium each year, and will also publish their own collection of poetry.

The deadline to apply is November 14, 2021 at 5 p.m. Please spread the word to anyone you know that might be interested!

FALL-O-WEEN CHILDREN'S FESTIVAL COMING TO BOSTON COMMON OCTOBER 22

Mayor Kim Janey and the Boston Parks and Recreation Department will host the Fall-o-Ween Children's Festival on the Boston Common Parade Ground near the corner of Beacon and Charles Streets on Friday, October 22, from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Adults and children are encouraged to wear Halloween costumes and participate in a wide range of fun and spooky family activities. Test your skills and courage to find your way out of the Haunted Fun House Maze, hop on the train hosted by Cabot Creamery Co-operative, and make your way over to our glow in the dark play space for some nighttime fun featuring LED illuminated swings, seesaws, and cornhole. Join LEGOLAND® Discovery Center Boston to build a LEGO® pumpkin for our pumpkin patch and learn how to build spooky creatures with Lego Master Model Builder, Sean. Enjoy exciting acts from the Boston Circus Guild with performances by an aerial artist and stilt walker between 5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

The Fall-o-Ween Children's Festival is presented by the Boston Parks and Recreation Department in partnership with the Skating Club of Boston. Key sponsors are LEGOLAND® Discovery Center Boston, the Farm Families who own Cabot Creamery Co-operative, HP Hood LLC, Dunkin', and L.L.Bean. The media sponsor is Magic 106.7. Additional support provided by Perfect Parties and the Boston Circus Guild.

This free family-friendly event will also include glow-in-the-dark games, children's crafts, scarily delicious snacks and refreshments provided by Cabot Cheese, Dunkin', and HP Hood LLC. Join Harvard University's Stress & Development lab for fun games focused on learning about the brain and how we think. A monster mash of activities will include a visit from the Massachusetts Horticulture Society, the Mass Audubon Society, an art activity with the Mayor's Mural Crew, and other fun fall and Halloween activities.

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ANNUAL BOYS & GIRLS CLUB FUNDRAISER AT NINETY NINE RESTAURANTS

Ninety Nine Restaurant & Pub announced today that the annual Boys & Girls Club fundraiser will go through Sunday, October 31 at all 103 Ninety Nine locations across New England and upstate New York, with 100% of the funds raised going directly to local Boys & Girls Club chapters throughout the communities in which they serve.

"As we have watched our local Boys & Girls Clubs tirelessly support their communities during this challenging time, our team members and guests are honored and excited to be able to continuously donate to the organization, year after year. We take comfort in knowing that our passion to serve does not go unnoticed as we know that our donation efforts will benefit local Boys & Girls Club members throughout the year, especially during a time when it is needed now more than ever," said Charlie Noyes, President, Ninety Nine Restaurant & Pub.

The Boys & Girls Club fundraiser encourages donations with a new initiative Give \$5, Get \$5; for every \$5 donation made through October 31st, guests will receive a \$5 off \$25 coupon valid for a future dine in visit or online To Go order to use now through November 21st.

Guests can donate in-person or online in the following ways:

Guests who dine in, will receive a \$5 off \$25 coupon for every \$5 donation *coupon expires November 21st*

Guests who order online at 99restaurants.com and make a \$5 donation or more will immediately receive \$5 off the online To Go order through October 31st

This year marks the 24th anniversary of supporting and partnering with local Boys & Girls Clubs throughout the region and beyond. To-date The Ninety Nine, along with guests, team members and business partners have raised over \$5 million for local Boys & Girls Club chapters.

BLS DATA ON SUFFOLK COUNTY'S EMPLOYMENT DECLINE

The New England Information Office of the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) has released data on employment and

wages in Massachusetts. The data are derived from the Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages (QCEW) which obtains data from unemployment insurance (UI) summaries. Some highlights from the attached press release are listed below.

· Employment fell in the nine largest counties in Massachusetts from March 2020 to March 2021, the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics reported today. Employment also fell over the year Nationally and within the State by 4.5 and 6.6 percent, respectively.

· Across the nation, employment decreased in 324 of the 343 largest counties from March 2020 to March 2021.

· Among the nine largest counties in Massachusetts, employment was highest in Middlesex County (871,300) in March 2021 and accounted for 26.1 percent of total employment within the state. Within Middlesex County's private industry, professional and technical services accounted for the largest employment. Nationwide, the 343 largest counties made up 72.3 percent of total U.S. employment.

· All nine large Massachusetts counties reported average weekly wage gains from the first quarter of 2020 to the first quarter of 2021. Middlesex County had the largest gain, up 9.3 percent. Average weekly wages increased 5.6 percent nationally. Statewide, average weekly wages increased by 7.8 percent over the year.

· Weekly wages in the 4 of the 9 largest counties in Massachusetts were above the national average of \$1,289 in the first quarter of 2021. Average weekly wages in three of these counties ranked among the top 50 nationwide: Suffolk (\$2,545, 5th), Middlesex (\$2,107, 11th), and Norfolk (\$1,462, 47th).

ROBERTS NAMED NEW EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AT CITY YEAR

City Year Greater Boston, an education nonprofit that recruits young adults for a year of service in public schools, is pleased to announce Monica Roberts has been selected as the organization's new executive director.

"We are pleased to welcome Monica Roberts as the new Executive Director of City Year Greater Boston," said Joe Nedder, chief operations officer at Edelman Financial Engines and board chair of City Year Greater Boston. "Monica has been a champion of education equity and youth development efforts in our community and will bring that passion and commitment to the great work of City Year Greater Boston."

Roberts brings to her work a passion for serving students and families holistically. For the past six

years, she has led family and community engagement at the Boston Public Schools (BPS), most recently as the chief of family and community advancement, where she led partnerships and engagement, and school assignment and constituent services. Roberts is a BPS alumna who has a Bachelor of Arts from Brandeis University, master's degrees in political science and business management from Boston College, and holds a superintendent's license.

"I have devoted my career to advancing opportunities for our community's students and their families," offered Roberts. "This is an incredible opportunity to join a talented team of professionals dedicated to advancing equitable outcomes for the young people in my hometown and continue this work that is so very important to me."

BPS Superintendent, Brenda Cassellius shared, "City Year has a long and established partnership with BPS and I'm excited to have a trusted colleague leading the organization. A BPS graduate and powerful community leader, Monica reminds us of the incredible potential of each of our students, and the work Boston Public Schools does to produce successful citizens of the world."

This year, City Year Greater Boston AmeriCorps members will serve fulltime in 21 schools in Boston and the nearby city of Everett, reaching more than 12,000 students each day. During their year of service, AmeriCorps members serve as student success coaches—tutors, mentors and role models who help make school a welcoming, joyful place. In a survey last year, 98% of partner principals and administrators said they were very satisfied with the quality of service provided by City Year Greater Boston.

ARCHDIOCESE OF BOSTON RAISES \$442,000 FOR HAITIAN RELIEF

The parishes of the Archdiocese of Boston raised \$442,000 through a special collection in late August for earthquake relief efforts in Haiti. On August 14th a deadly earthquake struck Haiti causing great loss of life and enormous damage. The special collection supports relief efforts operated by Catholic Relief Services (CRS) and the Church in Haiti.

Cardinal Seán P. O'Malley, OFM said, "We are blessed by the generosity of our parishioners and the deep and prayerful concern for the suffering being experienced by the Haitian people. The funds raised by the special collection will be a great help to meeting the many diverse needs in Haiti."

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New grant program to help historic places challenged by pandemic

The National Trust for Historic Preservation announces a new \$3.5 million program designed to help preserve and interpret historic places that reflect the inclusive narrative of American cultural history, made possible through a generous grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities' American Rescue Plan Humanities Grantmaking for Organizations.

The goal of Telling the Full History: Sustaining the Stewards of America's Diverse Historic Places, the National Trust's new grant program, is to sustain diverse cultural sites of importance to underrepresented communities, especially those that have been critically impacted during almost two years of pandemic closures. The National Trust expects to be able to award \$25,000 and \$50,000 grants to 60-80 humanities-based organizations through this

initiative, in an effort to sustain an inclusive American narrative that represents all of the peoples involved in shaping our history and identity.

In the last two years, loss has had an abiding impact on our families and our economy, and recovery efforts have rightly been focused on those aspects of our lives. However, without notice or fanfare, the dedicated stewards of important cultural resources have also quietly struggled during this crisis to protect important places that tell the full American story. This grant program is a recognition of the vital roles that historic places and humanities-based organizations play in defining the American experience and is meant to directly benefit the stewards of diverse historic places as they recover momentum that was lost during two years when operation was

critical, yet impossible.

"So many cultural institutions often operate without the material resources they really need," said Paul Edmondson," president and CEO of the National Trust, "but they survive by the grit and sheer determination of a committed few. This program is a visionary effort by the federal government through the National Endowment for the Humanities to recognize these keepers of American identity and strengthen their capacity to tell the full American story. In many cases, these grants will serve as a lifeline to institutions operating in the margins, but who hold the keys to our American past." The National Trust sees

"The National Trust sees historic places as powerful primary sources and their preservation and interpretation advances our quest for a more per-

fect union," said Katherine Malone-France, chief preservation officer of the National Trust. "The very presence of these places and the institutions that steward them makes a positive difference in our country. They tell us the truth about ourselves and affirm the fact that it took many cultures, a variety of peoples, who all contributed their strength, ingenuity, and sacrifice to help build our nation. That is the unifying shared national narrative that these grants are meant to express and to help sustain."

A broad range of humanities-based 501(c)(3) nonprofit organizations are eligible for these grants, including state and local preservation organizations, historic sites, museums, historical societies, and genealogical associations, as well as accredited academic programs in historic preservation, public history, and cultural stud-

ies of underrepresented groups. Additionally, local and state governmental agencies, such as state historic preservation offices, tribal historic preservation offices, city and county preservation offices and planning departments, state and local commissions focused on different aspects of heritage, and publicly owned historic sites and museums also are eligible.

The grants will help preserve and interpret historic places of importance to underrepresented communities including, but not limited to, women, immigrants, Asian Americans, Black Americans, Latinx Americans, Native Americans, and LGBTQA communities. Funding will be awarded in these categories:

- Research, planning, and implementation of humanities-based public interpretive programs that utilize diverse historic

places to tell the full history of the United States;

- Humanities-based research and documentation to enable local, state, and federal landmark designations to recognize places of importance to underrepresented communities;

- Architectural design and planning to advance preservation and activation of historic buildings and landscapes that tell the full history of the United States; and,

- Humanities-based training workshops to support underrepresented groups in preserving and interpreting historic places that tell the full history of the United States.

To sign up for updates on this grant program, please click here to join our grants interest list.

The National Trust for Historic Preservation is a privately funded organization that works to save America's historic places. www.savingplaces.org.

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The Cardinal added, "Having recently visited Haiti, it is clear the people of Haiti are experiencing devastating poverty and dislocation. This is the result of a number of natural disasters over the past ten years, most recently a massive earthquake on August 14th. Political turmoil, the impact of COVID and ongoing threats posed by gangs have contributed greatly to a lack of stability for the Haitian people. We continue to join in solidarity with the Haitian community in the Archdiocese

of Boston praying for their loved ones in Haiti."

TSA PRECHECK ONLINE RENEWAL FEE WILL DECREASE TO \$70

The Transportation Security Administration (TSA) announced that it has lowered the online renewal fee for TSA PreCheck® from \$85 to \$70.

"TSA PreCheck was launched 10 years ago to provide expedited airport security screening for low-risk travelers," said TSA Administrator David

Pekoske. "Our TSA PreCheck program improves overall security and we will continue to look for ways to enhance the benefits of this program for our trusted travelers."

This fee change represents a \$15 reduction in the cost of renewing online, while still allowing TSA to cover the costs of operating the program, which includes performing a security threat assessment and adjudicating applications. Over 95 percent of renewals occur online, as most travelers find this to be a quick and easy

way to maintain membership in the program. The cost for an initial enrollment and in-person renewal will continue to be \$85.

TSA PreCheck allows low-risk travelers to enjoy a streamlined screening experience at more than 200 U.S. airports and with 80 participating airlines. For TSA PreCheck travelers, there is no need to remove shoes, laptops, 3-1-1 liquids, belts or light jackets. This past month, 96% of passengers in TSA PreCheck lanes waited less than five minutes to

go through airport security checkpoints.

LOCAL POST OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED TO CELEBRATE COLUMBUS DAY

Local Post Offices will be closed on Monday, October 11, in celebration of the federal holiday Columbus Day. There will also be no collection or street delivery of mail on Monday, except for guaranteed overnight service.

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A HUGE TURNOUT AT SUFFOLK DOWNS TOUCH A TRUCK DAY AT THE TRACK

There was a large turnout at Suffolk Downs Racetrack for the family oriented “Touch a Truck”. Children of all ages enjoyed crawling around in the driver’s seat of these larger than life working trucks of all sizes and shapes. The event included vehicles from the Boston Fire Department and the Revere Police Department as well. Flashing lights, screaming sirens and the sound of laughing children made it a fun event for everyone. Thanks to the City of Revere and the City of Boston for making the event possible.



All dressed for the event and ready for work, Raphael Wineberg with BFD FF Kenneth Moore.



Hard hat worker, Logan Jordan.



Kai Samaha in the driver's seat of a big rig.



East Boston Neighborhood Health Center, Leticia Flores.



Driving the City of Revere Vac Truck, Charlie Guarino and his dad, Charlie Sr.



The Wrecking Crew of Engine 56 from the BFD, Lorenzo, Luigi and Luca DiGregorio.



Austin Rooney takes a breather on the Northmetro SWAT Bear Cat.



The SWAT vehicle was very popular, RPD Sgt. Joe Internicola, and officers Geri Salvati and Dave Wilson.



Stop the Fog, Kori O'Hara with the Arida family.



Revere Parks and Rec Asst. Dir Charlie Giuffrida, HYM Investments Rep Jess Feroli, Jane Feroli and Nicole Capone.



Theodore Connolly on seated on a roller, enjoying the morning at Suffolk Downs.



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