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Gabriela "Gigi" Coletta wins District 1 Special Election Preliminary

By John Lynds

Lifelong East Boston resident Gabriela "Gigi" Coletta came out on top during Tuesday night's Special Election Preliminary for the District 1 City Council seat left vacant by Sen. Lydia Edwards. With no Republican challenger for the General Election Coletta is on her way to City Hall and will become only the third female to win the seat since it was created in 1983.

"You have heard me say this before, and I will say it again with great pride: I am a daughter of District One. Every opportunity, every relationship, every inch of support – I am so grateful for everything that this community has given me. Together on the campaign trail, we made



Gabriela Coletta giving her victory speech at La Hacienda on Meridian Street.

some ambitious plans together and I meant every word," said Coletta of her victory. "East Boston has given me so much and shaped me into the person I am today. This beautiful and diverse community has been the start of the American dream for so

many immigrant families, including my own almost four generations ago when they climbed the Golden Staircase and settled on Cottage Street in Jeffries Point. I am so proud to be an East Bostonian. Tonight, we celebrate and we may finally get some sleep,

but you should know: The work starts right up again for me tomorrow morning. You saw the energy and dedication with which I approached this race, but that was just a hint of what you can expect from me as your next Boston City Councilor. I cannot wait to get started."

Throughout District 1, which includes Eastie, Charlestown and the North End, Coletta received 57% of the vote with challenger and fellow Eastie resident Tania Del Rio receiving 33% of the vote. The unofficial total Tuesday night had Coletta with 2,799 votes and Del Rio with 1.608 votes.

Coletta won each neighborhood and absolutely crushed the competition in Eastie and Charlestown.

In Eastie she received

1,218 votes (54%) to Del Rio's 932 votes (41%).

In Charlestown Coletta won handedly with 1,094 votes (63%) while Del Rio received 525 votes (30%).

In the North End, Coletta also bested Del Rio by 336 votes and received 487 votes (52%) overall to Del Rio's 151 votes (16%). Write-in votes accounted for 32% of the vote in the North End.

Coletta served as Sen. Lydia Edward's Chief of Staff before leaving Edwards's City Council staff last summer to become the External Relations Manager at the New England Aquarium.

Before running for the District 1 seat Coletta was leading efforts to ensure the downtown waterfront remains resilient, inclusive, and accessible for all

Bostonians by expanding access to the Aquarium and its home on Central Wharf for BIPOC and non-English speaking individuals and families.

Prior to becoming Edwards's Chief of Staff. Coletta led Edwards's successful and historic campaign in 2017 as campaign manager. As Campaign Manager Coletta activated and mobilized a grassroots campaign consisting of a broad coalition of residents, unions, volunteers, and advocacy groups numbering over 500 people - all of whom felt disenfranchised by the political establishment. In the end Coletta's work helped elect Edwards as the first African-American woman to represent District 1.

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Eastie's ICA Watershed to open for the season on May 26

By John Lynds

East Boston's ICA Watershed at the Boston Harbor Shipyard and Marina on Marginal will open for the season on May 26 with a new exhibition that features immersive installations by six international artists.

The exhibit, Revival: Materials and Monumental Forms, are large-scale installations by six international artists-El Anatsui, Madeline Hollander, Ibrahim Mahama, Karyn Olivier, Ebony G. Patterson, and Joe Wardwellthat uses reclaimed and

reused industrial and everyday materials to create the piece.

Inspired by the mixeduse history of the Watershed space—first built in the 1930s as a copper pipe and sheet metal facility and serving since 2018 as a free site for contemporary art—the exhibition highlights how artists have derived inspiration from industry and labor through the poetic and political power of found images

The exhibit is organized by Mannion Family Curator Ruth Erickson and Curatorial Assistant Anni

Pullagura will be on view at the Watershed through September 5, 2022.

ICA's Ellen Matilda Poss Director Jill Medvedow commented that the six installations are as varied as the artists' practices. Anatsui collects bottle caps and other refuse to form glittering, tapestry-like sculptures. Hollander programs automobile head and tail lights as a choreography of street traffic. Patterson makes intricate collages of flowers, birds, butterflies, and figures using the alluring and layered metaphor of the garden. Olivier and Mahama collect used clothing and crates, respectively, to build towering sculptures that reflect on human persistence, labor, and ingenuity. Finally, Wardwell, a Boston-based artist, will create a new, site-specific installation in dialogue with the rich history of labor songs.

"The artworks in Revival capture the power of reuse, resilience, and reclamation, celebrating a revival of the everyday at monumental scale, said Medvedow. "These impressive, large-scale

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Sen. Lydia Edwards with Mayor Michelle Wu at an after party celebrating her last day on the Boston City Council after five years of service.

Edwards says farewell to the Boston City Council

By John Lynds

Last Wednesday Sen. Lydia Edwards delivered her final speech inside the Boston City Council Chambers after a five year tenure representing District 1, which includes East Boston, Charlestown and the North End.

Edwards's time on the Council officially came to an end at midnight on April 30 and she will now focus

on her work as a member of the Massachusetts Senate. Edwards was elected to the First Suffolk & Middlesex seat in January but decided to pull double duty as a senator and city councilor until last Friday.

"I don't normally struggle with what to say but this has been very hard," said an emotional Edwards at the end of last week's

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By John Lynds

In 2018 the East Boston YMCA breathed new life into the Mario Umana Academy pool after years of budget restraints and lack of staffing left the pool idle. That year, the Eastie Y partnered with the Umana, Boston Public Schools (BPS) and BCYF to bring its swimming programs and lessons that are part of the Y's 'Strong Swimmers. Safe Kids' initiative. The Eastie Y zeroed in on the unused Umana pool, which had been closed for five years, and restored the pool and locker rooms back to its original glory.

Over the next two years

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A group of Eastie youth learn to swim at the Y's program at the Umana pool. The learn to swim program will return at the end of May.

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Violent Part One crime up 2.5%; nonviolent Part One crime down 6%

Boston Police released the first quarter crime stats for East Boston and while Violent Part One Crime was up 2.5%, a closer look at the stats shows that non-domestic aggravated assaults are the main culprit for the increase.

Part One Crimes are the more serious crimes the Boston Police keep track of and are split between violent and nonviolent Part One Crimes.

When comparing January 1, 2022 through April 24, 2022 with the same time period during the first quarter of 2021 non-domestic aggravated assaults increased 61.5 percent with 13 incidents in the first quarter of 2021 and 21 so far this year.

Domestic aggravated assaults also increased and jumped 20 percent with 15 incidents in the first quarter of 2021 and 18 so far this year.

However, there have

been no homicides in Eastie so far this year and there were zero during the first four months of 2021

Rape or attempted rape is down 50 percent with two incidents in the first quarter of 2021 and one so far this year.

Robbery and attempted robbery is way down so far this year and dropped 90 percent with 10 incidents reported in the first quarter of 2021 and only one reported so far this

All in all there were 41 reported violent Part One Crimes in the first four months of 2022, a 2.5 percent increase from the 40 reported during the first four months of 2021.

As for nonviolent Part One Crimes, the overall numbers are down six percent according to the report but commercial burglary and auto theft are up so far this year in the neighborhood.

There were only four

commercial burglaries in the first four months of 2021 but that number has jumped 225 percent with 13 reported so far this

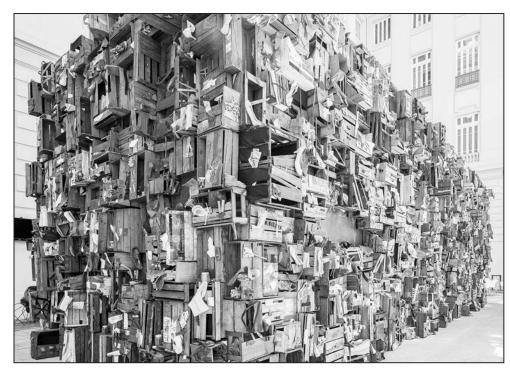
Auto theft is up 214 percent with seven reported in the first four months of 2021 and 22 reported so far this year.

Residential burglaries are down 85 percent with 26 reported in the first four months of 2021 and only four reported so far this

Larcenies from a motor vehicle are down 5 percent and other larcenies are down 16 percent respectively.

there were Overall 187 nonviolent Part One Crimes reported so far this year, down six percent from the 199 reported during the first four months of 2021.

As always, if you observe any unusual activity or observe a crime in progress, don't hesitate to call 9-1-1.



Revival: Materials and Monumental Forms will open at Eastie's ICA Watershed on May 26. Exhibition features immersive installations by six international artists: El Anatsui, Madeline Hollander, Ibrahim Mahama, Karyn Olivier, Ebony G. Patterson, and Joe Wardwell. Shown is an installation by Ibrahim Mahama.

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works take full advantage of the Watershed's voluminous space, offering visitors the opportunity for exploration, discovery, and reflection."

Erickson said the Watershed's physical environment uniquely brings its past and present into dialogue, offering a bridge between the histories and

practices of industry and

"The idea for Revival came out of this dialogue," she said. "In their work, the artists in the exhibition reflect on systems of industry, nature, and society, making visible the often invisible forces that shape human experiences."

Entry to the Watershed

COVID positive test-rate climbs once again

is free. Timed tickets are required for Water Shuttle transportation between the ICA and the Watershed, and can be purchased in advance online at icaboston.org. Water Shuttle tickets will be available online beginning May 4 for ICA members and May 11 for the general public.

NSMHA taps Veteran Behavioral Health **Executive Damien Cabezas as next CEO**

North Suffolk Mental Health Association's Board of Directors has announced that veteran behavioral healthcare executive Damien Cabezas will succeed Jackie K. Moore, Ph.D, as Chief Executive Officer of the Chelsea, Mass.-based behavioral health nonprofit. Cabezas starts on June 13 and Moore will assist through the transition.

"In her 17 years of service to our organization and the people we serve, Jackie has NSMHA positioned as one of the most innovative and responsive providers of behavioral healthcare in Massachusetts," said Board President Deborah Wayne, "We believe that Damien is the right person to build on her successes and lead our organization into the future."

Cabezas comes to NS-MHA from Mercy Care in Atlanta, where he is president of the federally-qualified health center that offers a continuum of integrated behavioral and medical health care, including dental and vision services. Prior to Mercy Care, Cabezas was CEO Horizon Behavioral Health in Lynchburg, VA, for more than seven



Damien Cabezas.

years, overseeing a budget of \$52 million with more than 700 employees and 35 locations.

The son of immigrants who grew up in New York, Cabezas earned a Master of Social Work degree from Fordham and a Master of Public Health from New York Medical College. He has experience working in and leading a wide variety of programming that mirrors the many services offered by NSMHA, including day programs, outpatient and residential programs, and substance use, addiction and recovery services.

"The first time I visited Chelsea, met the Board and staff and visited the neighborhoods and programs, it felt like home," Cabezas said. "As a son of immigrants, my parents received support from the non-profit community,

back on their feet. That personal experience led me at a young age to know that public service was my calling. I am humbled and thrilled to lead this amazing organization and mission and I look forward to partnering with the North Suffolk Board, leadership, team, and community. The opportunities are many and the future is bright."

Founded in 1959, NSM-HA has an operating budget of about \$65 million and employs more than 900 people in over 75 programs throughout Chel-Revere, Winthrop, East Boston, Charlestown and Boston. It serves adults, children and families of all ages who are experiencing mental health challenges and substance use disorders; those with developmental disabilities; or those who need Early Intervention services from birth to age 3. The agency provides services in nine languages, including ASL, through its four outpatient clinics; 39 residences, including two providing residential addiction treatment; and three Recovery Support Centers. It operates a robust Training Center as well as a 24/7/365 Recovery Support hotline.

made in our community." By John Lynds

With the neighborhood

and city's weekly COVID positive test rate still climbing, the Boston Public Health Commission (BPHC) is recommending residents take precautions to stop the spread.

The BPHC also renewed its recommendation that masks be worn in indoor public settings, including public transportation and transportation hubs, government buildings, and crowded indoor venues. The recommendation is especially important for those who are at high risk for severe illness or who live with someone who is high risk.

all Bostonians to take extra precautions to protect yourselves, your family, and our community. If you are feeling unwell, get tested at one of our free City sites or take a rapid test. It's also important to stay up to date on your vaccinations," said Executive Director of the BPHC Dr. Bisola Ojikutu, "We are recommending that individuals protect themselves and others by masking indoors, particularly in crowded places. These precautions are how we protect the progress we've

Last week, 976 Eastie residents were tested for the virus last week and 8.6 percent were positive--this was an 2.4 percent increase from the 8.4 percent that tested positive as reported by the BPHC on April 25.

Eighty-four additional Eastie residents contracted the virus between April 25 and May 2 and there are now 15,051 confirmed cases in the neighborhood since the start of the pandemic.

Boston's citywide weekly positive test rate also increased last week and is still above the 5 percent threshold.

According to the BPHC "With COVID-19 cas- 16,256 residents were testrising, we are urging ed citywide last week and 7.8 percent were COVID positive--this was a 13 percent increase from the 6.9 percent that reportedly tested positive for the week ending on April 25.

The BPHC reported there has been a 65 percent increase in COVID-19 cases over the past three weeks.

Health experts are saying the new subvariant of the omicron strain, known as BA.2, is now the dominant strain in the US and 30 percent more infectious than the BA.1 omicron strain responsible for the last surge.

Dr. Ojikutu and the also reported BPHC last week the amount of COVID-19 particles in local wastewater samples has increased by 109 percent over a 14-day period, suggesting that cases could continue to rise in the coming weeks. New hospitalizations have also slowly risen in Boston during this time period.

With higher transmission levels, wearing a mask can prevent individuals from getting sick, testing can help stop the spread of COVID-19, and vaccination with boosting reduces the risk of severe

illness and hospitalization.

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 1.5 percent last week and went from 175,628 to 178,291 confirmed cases since the start of the pandemic.

There were four additional deaths in Boston from the virus in the past week and the total number of COVID deaths is now at 1,458.





Grant opportunity to advance District **Attorneys' Safer Communities Initiative**

The Baker-Polito Administration is pleased to announce a new competitive grant opportunity, which will award approximately \$1 Million to support programs that will enhance community safety through crime reduction and violence prevention initiatives. The federal funds from the Edward J. Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program will empower the Commonwealth's District Attorney's Offices to address community-based criminal activity related to gang violence, illegal firearms, and narcotics. Grant-funded programs will focus on prevention, intervention, diversion,

and enforcement efforts, particularly during the

summer and fall months

when activity is at its

The Executive Office of Public Safety and Security (EOPSS) developed this grant opportunity to support District Attorneys and their ability to adapt to their communities' evolving criminal justice system needs. Applicants are required to outline evidence-based plans designed to positively impact the quality of life within each District's cities and towns. As the State Adminis-

tering Agency, the Office of Grants and Research (OGR) manages all JAG funds awarded to the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. The application deadline for this competitive process is Friday, May 6, 2022, by 4:00 p.m.

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The unprecedented leak to Politico Monday that five Supreme Court Justices may be gearing up to reverse the court's landmark decision that has protected a woman's right to choose for a half century has set off a firestorm of condemnations from pro-choice advocates and elected officials.

In 1973 the Roe v. Wade case, the Supreme Court issued a 7-2 decision that the Constitution of the United States protects a pregnant woman's liberty to choose to have an abortion without excessive government restriction. The decision struck down many U.S. federal and state abortion laws at

The first draft of a majority opinion written by Justice Alito leaked to Politico on overturning Roe v. Wade and Planned Parenthood v. Casey calls the Roe decision "egregiously wrong from the start". Alito's opinion would allow states to decide on abortion restrictions or guarantees after nearly fifty years of federal constitutional protection.

"This is a devastating moment for our country, when lives are being threatened by a fringe minority determined to drag us back to the dangers of decades past," remarked Mayor Michelle Wu. "It's also a call to action—that Massachusetts must continue to lead. In Boston, we affirm our absolute commitment to protecting reproductive rights as core to building a city

for everyone. We are here. We are ready. And we will continue to organize and legislate and fight for the future our communities deserve."

Congresswoman Ayanna Pressley, who represents East Boston, called Roe v. Wade, a woman's right to choose and protecting women's health a 'fundamental' right. With conservative attacks on Roe v. Wade ratcheting up in recent years, the House has passed legislation to protect women's health and a woman's right to

"Abortion care is a fundamental human right and we must legislate like it," she said. "The Senate must act before it's too late. Abolish the filibuster. Pass the Women's Health Protection Act."

Sen. Elizabeth Warren asked every member of the Senate, "What other judicial outrage must we endure from this illegitimate majority before we act? A stolen, illegitimate, and far-right Supreme Court majority appears set to destroy the right to abortion, an essential right which protects the health, safety, and freedom of millions of Americans."

Warren said there was no other recourse but to expand the Supreme

Warren was backed by Sen. Ed Markey who called for the end of the filibuster.

"Codify Roe v. Wade with a national law protecting abortion rights," he said. "Expand the Supreme Court and stop this horrifying injustice in its tracks."

Rep. Adrian Madaro said, "I stand with those who are outraged by the Supreme Court's draft opinion which would overturn Roe v. Wade. This opinion represents a fundamental attack on people's freedom to make decisions about health care."

Madaro said in 2020, Massachusetts passed the ROE Act, which repealed outdated laws that erect barriers to abortion.

"Last week, the House reaffirmed its commitment to reproductive care by providing funding for reproductive care providers in our FY23 budget," he said. "In Massachusetts, abortion is, and will remain, safe and legal. However, people in other states will lose these rights and standard of care. It's past time for Congress to enshrine the protections of Roe v. Wade in law so that all can freely access reproductive health care."

Suffolk County District Attorney Kevin Hayden said he fully supports Roe

"As a prosecutor and the chief law enforcement official in Suffolk County, I will always work in support of laws that protect access to reproductive healthcare," he said. "Equitable access to health services - not just in Massachusetts but across our nation - helps ensure the rights and wellbeing of every woman. Public health is key to public safety, and it is a priority of my office."

Eastie organization among six to receive mental health mini-grants from the City of Boston a way that meets residents

where they are, and I am

grateful that the City can

By John Lynds

An East Boston organization working with the community immigrant here is among six organizations in the the City of Boston to receive a mental health mini-grant from Mayor's Office for Immigrant Advancement (MOIA).

Mayor Michelle Wu made the announcement this week that the Community Healing Center Project with Mutual Aid Eastie will receive \$6,500 to help expand mental health programming for immigrant communities.

"Accessing traditional mental health services can be challenging for immigrant communities because of barriers from language and culture," said Mayor Wu. "These nonprofits are providing mental health support in

> A SHORT STORY ABOUT GROWING UP WITH AN UNFAIR ADVANTAGE.

As one of the last American children to contract polio, Jeffrey Galpin grew up in a

world of iron lungs and body casts, alone

with his imagination. His story would be dramatic enough if it was just about his

But Jeffrey Galpin did more than survive

polio. He went on to a list of achievements

in medical research—including being the

principal investigator in applying the first

Dr. Galpin actually credits his own

incurable condition for giving him the focus

that made him so passionate in his research. His story leaves us with two of the most

contagious messages we know. Don't give and remember to give back. If

Dr. Galpin's story inspires just one more person to make a difference, then its telling

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(MAE) connects neighbors to neighbors by Immigrant Advancement. building safe, welcoming, and resilient community spaces where residents and organizations live in solidarity with one another. MAE creates community by connecting each other to reliable and trustworthy information, resources, services, culture, and movements.

The grant money will be used to help the Community Healing Center Project with MAE host art fairs and training sessions focused on healing practices like peace circles in Eastie.

"COVID-19 has disprosupport their important portionately impacted our immigrant communities," said Yusufi Vali, Director of the Mayor's Office for "As we address recovery efforts, we must prioritize mental health and explore innovative ways to help people heal."

MOIA will partner with the Leah Zallman Center for Immigrant Health Research to learn how the Community Healing Center Project with MAE and other awardees improve mental health resources for immigrants. The results will be used to guide the City's future investments in programming.



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MAY IS **RECOGNIZED** AS NATIONAL MENTAL HEALTH **AWARENESS MONTH**

According to data from

the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI), nearly 1.2 adults in Massachusetts - nearly 7 times the population of Chelsea, Revere, Winthrop and East Boston combined -- have a mental health condition. Statewide, 42.2 percent of adults in Massachusetts reported symptoms of anxiety or depression, based on February 2021 data from NAMI, and 66,000 youths in Mass. ages 12-17 have been diagnosed with depression. More than half of Americans report that COVID-19 has had a negative impact on their mental health.

The most important message to understand, this month and every month, is that you are not alone. Annual prevalence of mental illness among U.S. adults, by demographic group:

- Hispanic or Latino:
- Non-Hispanic Asian:
- Non-Hispanic white: Non-Hispanic black or
- African-American: 17.3%
- · Lesbian, Gay or Bisexual: 47.4%

If you have questions or concerns about your own or a loved one's mental wellbeing, there are resources available, including NAMI (www.nami.org and www.namimass.org).

In Chelsea, Revere, Winthrop and East Boston North Suffolk Mental Health Association serves children, adults and families, offering programs, groups and services in multiple languages. NSM-HA has outpatient clinics in Chelsea, East Boston, Downtown Boston and

Revere. Child-focused providers who speak English, Spanish and Portuguese are available. NSMHA offers Rapid Access hours at the Chelsea Counseling Center at 301 Broadway (617-912-7900) and at East Boston at 14 Porter St. (617-569-

In 2020, 363,000 adults in Massachusetts reported not receiving needed mental health care. We must do better, and we can if we are "Together for Mental Health."

JEFFRIES POINT NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION MEETING AGENDA

In order to speak aloud as an abutter, you must live within the 300' radius from the subject property AND you must register for this meeting by Sunday, May 8th at 7pm.

In order to qualify to vote at a voting meeting each person must be registered and join the meeting as an individual. You will not be counted as an attendee at a meeting should you participate in the Zoom call as a couple or family.

The following is the agenda for our upcoming monthly meeting:

AGENDA (subject to change):

Announcements JPNA Board Seats -Nominations Open

Boston Police - Community Update Mayor's Liaison Nathalia Benitez Perez - Up-

Tailwinds - Peter Man-

82 Webster Street -VOTE - Presented at 1 planning and zoning meeting. Proposal to erect a roof deck exclusive to Unit 3.

Developer: James Geor-

gaklis, represented by: Richard C. Lynds 231 Everett Street -VOTE - Presented at 1 planning and zoning meeting. Proposal to erect a new residential structure with 4 units and two roof

Group LLC, represented by: Drago + Toscano LLP 377 Maverick Street VOTE - Presented at 1 planning and zoning meeting. Proposal to change occupancy to 5 units, renovate the existing structure, extend living space

> Developer: 377 Maverick, LLC, represented by: Richard C. Lynds Everett Street

into basement, erect a rear

addition with rear and roof

Developer:

VOTE - Attended 3 JPNA Planning and Zoning Meetings. Proposal to erect a 5 unit residential dwelling.

Developer: Karina Mejia, represented by Richard C. Lynds.

As a reminder, all questions will be handled via the Zoom chat feature. We ask all attendees to remain muted unless called upon to speak. Looking forward to "seeing" you all there!

We are using eBallot to manage the voting process. Within 48 hours after the meeting, eligible voters will be emailed a link that will allow them to vote online. All votes must be cast by Friday, May 13th at 7pm. Late votes will not be accepted, no exceptions. Please be sure to check your spam folder as the e-mail frequently ends up there for many residents.

We hope you and your loved ones are well. We are all in this together as neighbors and friends. Please don't be afraid to reach out.

2022 meeting dates are posted at jeffriespoint.org

Coletta // CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

After the election Coletta was appointed by Edwards as her Chief of Staff. There she centered and amplified the lived experiences of those systemically overlooked in every policy discussion, constituent case, and civic engagement initiative. She spent the entirety of her tenure in the neighborhoods of Eastie, the North End and Charlestown, understanding constituents' concerns to build bridges between differing popula-

Prior to Edward's 2017 victory, Coletta was Rep. Adrian Madaro's Community Liaison where she sat shoulder-to-shoulder with community members for years listening and learning about their priorities. She served as Madaro field director during his successful 2015 special election campaign.

Coletta was elected as the Democratic State Committeewoman for the 1st Suffolk and Middlesex district in 2016 and to the Ward 1 Democratic Committee in 2020.

She was also the Associate Director of the Massachusetts Women's Political Caucus (MWPC), where furthered she MWPC's mission to recruit, elect, and train women to run for office across Massachusetts while creating strategies to elect endorsed candidates for its Political Action Committee. She has become a frequent guest trainer for Emerge Massachusetts, where she advises women seeking to run for office or manage campaigns for fe-

male candidates. Coletta is a graduate of Boston Latin Academy. She received a degree in Political Science from the University of Massachusetts at Boston as well as a minor in Human Rights.

She currently lives in Eastie with her partner, Sebastian Zapata, and in her spare time loves to cook dishes that honor her Italian and Mexican heritage.

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ALCOHOL IS STILL #1

Americans have been dying prematurely at unprecedented levels in the past two years from a number of

COVID-19 has taken away almost one million of our fellow Americans, with the number still rising daily for the foreseeable future.

Fatal accidents on our roadways, as we noted last week, have skyrocketed over the past two years.

Drug overdose deaths, mainly attributable to the lethal synthetic drug fentanyl, have exploded, exceeding 100,000 in 2021, compared to about 60,000 in 2019.

However, another statistic came to our attention in an article in the New York Times which is equally tragic and worrisome:

Among adults younger than 65, alcohol-related deaths outnumbered deaths from COVID-19 in 2020. Alcohol-related causes accounted for the deaths of 74,408 Americans ages 16 to 64, compared to 74,075 deaths of individuals under 65 who died from COVID.

More ominously, the rate of increase for alcohol-related deaths in 2020 - 25 percent — outpaced the rate of increase of deaths from all causes, which was 16.6 percent. Alcohol-related deaths went up for men and wom-

en, as well as for every ethnic and racial group. Deaths among men and women increased at about the same rate, though the absolute number of deaths among men was much higher.

However, death rates alone don't tell the whole story of the direct and negative impacts that alcohol abuse has upon individuals, their family members, and our society as a whole.

Alcohol abuse is a crucial factor in just about every negative context one can imagine, ranging from domestic abuse, to violence among unrelated parties, to non-fatal traffic accidents that leave victims severely injured, to lost productivity in the workplace, to mental health issues, to health-care costs, to fetal alcohol syndrome.

Clearly, our society needs to undertake a public health campaign similar to what we did in the 1990s when the American public and politicians finally got tough on the tobacco companies by means of public health campaigns, increased taxes, and stricter enforcement of the laws prohibiting sales to minors.

Unlike tobacco or drugs, alcohol abuse impacts more than just the user -- and it's time that we acknowledge that reality and do something about it.

IS NUCLEAR WAR **INEVITABLE IN UKRAINE --**AND BEYOND?

We don't want to sound like alarmists, but in our opinion, the escalation both in military weaponry and rhetoric by the Western powers and the Kremlin is bringing us closer and closer to the brink of nuclear warfare in Ukraine.

We fully support the effort of the U.S. and NATO to help the Ukrainian people defend themselves against the Russian genocide that is occurring in their country.

But none of the politicians or the experts have prepared the public for the possibility that Vladimir Putin will use tactical nuclear weapons to avoid what is looming as a significant military defeat.

The conventional wisdom is that Putin will restrict his army only to the use of conventional weapons.

But that is the rational thinking of those who do not have the mindset of a sociopath for whom rules do not

History has shown us time and time again that sociopathic leaders have no limits. Just when we think, "They will never go THAT far," the sociopaths indeed cross the line and push the boundaries further.

Putin has at his disposal tactical "mini-nukes" that have the explosive power of just a fraction of the bombs we dropped on Japan in WWII.

So our question is this: If Putin uses one on the battlefield, what do we do?

Your opinions, please

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Forum

GUEST OP-ED

Let us never forget our solemn pledge

By Joseph Reagan

On Memorial Day, 1945, the war in Europe had ended but the fighting in the Pacific continued, Lt. Gen. Lucian Truscott voiced remarks at the Sicily-Rome American Cemetery at Nettuno, Italy. Turning his back on the assembled VIP's he faced the rows upon rows of headstones and apologized to the 20,000 fallen Americans who had been laid to rest far from home. He was quoted as saying, "All over the world our soldiers sleep beneath the crosses. It is a challenge to us - all allied nations to ensure that they do not and have not died in vain."

Fast forward to Memorial Day 2022, and the familiar voices of brothers in arms begin to call one another on the phone. People usually think of reconnecting with former military buddies as a joyous happening. However, for this Memorial Day, the topic of conversation was not an armistice, a promotion, or even a daughter's wedding or new addition to a home, it was about the latest in a string of suicides that silence the voice of our brothers but brought renewed connections from other familiar voices. One desperately said, "Sir, I needed to call someone who could understand this."

Everyone in the greatest generation understood war. At home they experienced rationing, schoolchildren collected scrap, and women took up factory jobs while overseas the troops endured combat and were witness to some of the largest and most brutal atrocities in the modern age. When the war was over, they followed the lead of Lt. Gen Truscott and committed their lives to ensure that they "have not died in vain." The shared sacrifice of a generation unit-

ed them and helped them

solve tough problems.

In subsequent wars, such as the Korean and Vietnam era, Veterans did not experience the same level of understanding and thus either turned their voice inward or used their voice to fight for one another on subjects that varied from Agent Orange, PTSD, and other once-silent conditions.

The War on Terror introduced a unique time in our nation's collective history as acts of war played out in real-time on our media devices. Although only one percent of Americans served post 9/11, it seems 100 percent of the country used their voice to express their opinions of this shared history as it unfolded.

For Korea and Vietnam Veterans, war was not a shared experience and therefore various voices having various opinions helped further the national conversation regarding the treatment of veterans leading to safer and more thoughtful approaches. Unlike the veterans of Korea and Vietnam, the veterans of the last several decades did not return home to the voices of dissent that could be addressed directly, instead, they returned to a polite nation that creates media of dissent and very little opportunity for honest,

open dialog. This new era of media, learning, and personal discussions bring rise to the question, "Do people really remember why we hold our veterans in a place of honor?" For years, voices saying meaningless phrases like "the enemy gets a vote" or "there's nothing you could have done" were meant to comfort those of us who have held the heavy responsibility of leading troops in combat. However, many people seem to lack the understanding that our hearts have been forever scarred

by the invisible wounds of war, scarred by guilt and grief, and by the longing for forgiveness that will never come. Even if forgiveness was offered, it would be hard to accept as no mere words can undo a life experience and because of this, we often feel isolated, misunderstood, and undervalued therefore our voices remain silent.

As conversations with

the voice on the other end of the phone come to its inevitable conclusion, I am reminded that to remain silent is a betrayal of my obligation to those who made the ultimate sacrifice. As Horace Bushnell once said, the best thing for us to do is to remember "what they have put it on us to do for the dear common country to which they sold their life." As we gather as one nation this Memorial Day, my hope is that instead of directing shallow words of gratitude at each other, we do as Lt. Gen. Truscott did and direct our gratitude directly towards those who made the ultimate sacrifice. In both our words and actions, let us all commit ourselves to serve the country to which

they gave their lives. While there is still much work to be done, the generation of Veterans from this century have access to vast resources, life-saving technology, and increased information. This same generation of Veterans is just now starting to define our post-service legacy and like our grandparents, return home with a deep commitment to service, and a desire to address the many problems that we

One such issue needing to be addressed is helping Veterans find purpose in their post-service lives. Truscott's apology to the dead are not empty words, but a strong voice reminding us that we have an obligation to choose resil-

ience and purpose when faced with guilt or grief. As an example, Gold Star Families, who have experienced tremendous loss, continue to serve their communities to maintain the legacy of the loved one they lost. I often recall a colleague of mine responding to the question "why do you do so much to help Veterans?" he simply held up his finger, choking back tears he responded, "for the one I couldn't save." By choosing to use his voice to advocate for other veterans, he not only helped them find their purpose - he

found his own. It's often said that for those who have served "every day is Memorial Day," a traditionally silent observance in the Veteran's mind that can best be described as an impossible trinity made up of an overwhelming sense of guilt, grief, and grit. Usually, a moment of silence on this day is a welcomed and solemn way to honor the voices from our past, but for myself, after losing three former soldiers to suicide in the past few months, silence is no longer an option and the freedom to use our voice is the greatest gift that our veterans have to offer this

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Memorial Day.

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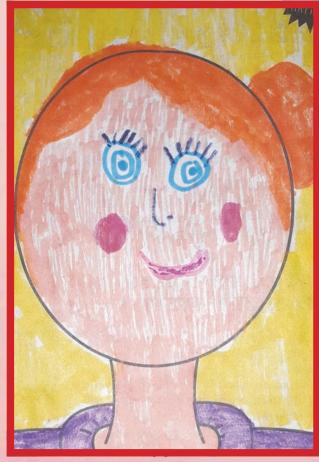
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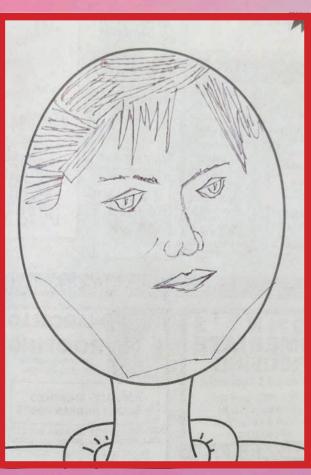
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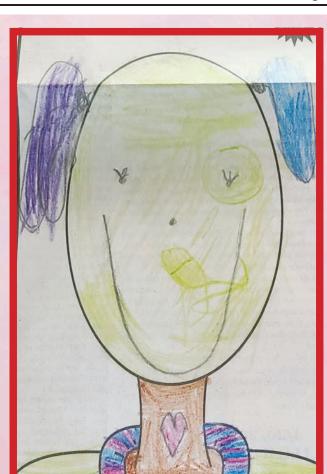
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Excellent
Respectful
Sweet
Divine
Awesome
You are the best!!

Feliz Pía Pe La Madre Emiliano Perez Magnificent mother
Outstanding
Terrific at taking care of her
daughter
Hard-working at her job
Excellent at being a mother
Responsible for her family
Sweet
Dramatic
Amazing
You are magical

Happy Mother's Pay Mariana Rodriguez Mesmerizing my sister and I
Original Person
Tired from working hard
Honorable for her passion
Excellent mother
Responsible for our family
Smart mother
Different from other mothers
Awesome mother
Young personality
Happy Mother's Pay

Happy Mother's Pay Joel Vasquez Marvelous
One-of-a-kind mother
Together
Happy
Encourages me when I need help
Respectful
Strong
Divine
Artist
You always try your best

Happy Mother's Pay Johnathan Mazariegos

Madre
Gorgeous, brilliant
Smiling, working, laughing
She's an amazing mother
Mom

Happy Mother's Pay Valeria Mejia Mama
Kind, generous
Walking, running, helping
Makes me feel good
Mother

Happy Mother's Pay Lisette Vasquez Mom Kind, gorgeous Helping, caring, loving She is the best Mother

Happy Mother's Pay Kimberely Anaya Mother Intelligent, awesome Caring, hugging, loving Always believes in me Mommy

Happy Mother's Pay Justin Garay

Managing her work
Overprotective of me
Teaching young people to
learn more
Helping my family
Encouraging me to do better
Responsible for her
responsibilities
Pelightful voice
Amazing decorator
Youngest daughter

Happy Mother's Pay Alison Henriquez Makes me feel safe
Outstanding mother
Teacher
Happy spirit
Extremely hardworking
Respectful
Smart
Petermined to get a new house
Amazing
You are incredible

Happy Mother's Pay Piego Argueta Makes me feel safe
Optimistic
Thoughtful
Helpful
Encourages me when I need it
Respectful person
Smart
Voes the best she can do
Always by my side
You make me feel happy

Happy Mother's Pay Justin Garay Makes me feel better
Outstanding
Tremendous
Helps
Excellent
Really loves mangos
Super playful
Poes love to cook my favorite
lunch
Awesome
Yummy food, yummy attitude

Feliz Día De La Madre Anthony Monterroza

My helper
Optimistic
Thinker
Hero
Encouraging me for my future
Respectful to everyone
Strong when there's a problem
Vark beautiful hair
Animal lover
Young mother

Happy Mother's Pay Valeria Mejia Makes me feel happy
Organizes her house
Thoughtful when I ask for
something
Helpful when I need help
Encouraging me to do my best
Respectful to her family
Smart at math
Dedicated to her children
Amazing mother
Young at heart

Happy Mother's Pay Jason Aquilar My mom helps me with math
Organized
Tired from working
Helpful
Entertaining
Respectful
Smart
Petermined to do good
Amazing
You are making me happy

Happy Mother's Pay Anis Obah Mother
Generous, playful
Cooking, helping, walking
Always kind to people
Mom

Madre Generosa, juguetón Cocinar, ayudar, caminar Siempre amable con la gente Mamá

Feliz Día De La Madre Anthony Monterroza

Mother
Careful,delightful
Caring, sharing, cooking
To celebrate your personality
A'MA!!

Happy Mother's Pay **Dishawn Newton**

alabby

Mother
Caring, helpful
Cleaning, yelling, encouraging
Makes me feel happy
Mama

Happy Mother's Pay Alison Henriquez

Magnificent
Outstanding
Tender heart
Honorable
Extraordinary
Remarkable
Sweet and Kind
Divine
Always respectful
Young

Happy Mother's Pay Lisette Vasquez Mom Responsible, loyal Caring, loving, helping Love her to infinity Mother

Happy Mother's Pay Pigeo Argueta

My hero
Optimistic when I play soccer
games
The best mother on planet Earth
Hard-working mother
Energetic when she is happy
Responsible
Supportive of me
Park gorgeous eyes
Amazing long hair
Young in my eyes

Happy Mother's Pay Kimberely Anaya Making me lunch
Optimistic
Together with me till death
Helping me when I could barely
breathe
Ending the argument
Resting from working all day
Sweet and kind
Pelightful
A person who will take a bullet
for you
Youth is in her forever

Happy Mother's Pay Pishawn Newton



Sports

EAST BOSTON YOUTH BASKETBALL LEAGUE ROUNDUP



Coach Christian Lopez with EBYBL Marty Pino Division champs.

EAST BOSTON HIGH SCHOOL BASEBALL ROUNDUP



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from Anthony and Marty Pino.

Right, East Boston **High School Jets** baseball player Andry Marte was a recent MVP during the Malden Chris Serino High School **Baseball Tourna**ment. Marte batted 6 for 7 with 3 triples and was also the winning pitcher in Game 2.



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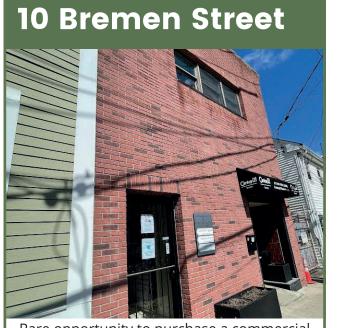
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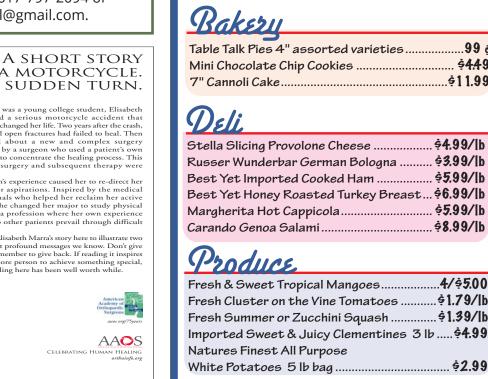
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Elisabeths experience caused her to re-direct her own career aspirations. Inspired by the medical professionals who helped her reclaim her active lifestyle, she changed her major to study physical therapy—a profession where her own experience could help other patients prevail through difficult recoveries.

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EAST BOSTON CENTRAL CATHOLIC SCHOOL 2022 LEGACY GALA

By Marianne Salza

East Boston Central Catholic School (EBCCS) held its 4th Annual Legacy Gala fundraiser in celebration of Catholic education on April 28, at Spinelli's Function Facility. Two remarkable educators, John Teixeira and Sharon Rozzi, and one exceptional community leader, Manny Lopes, were honored for their selfless dedication and uplifting inspiration to the families of East Boston.

"These honorees have done amazing things for our community," said Gala Co-Chair, Lisa Cenca, who is serving her first year on the Board of

ek, a past EBCCS teacher.

Trustees, and has been an educator for 20 years. "No person is an island. Tonight, these honorees are here with their families and friends whose shoulders they have stood on to do the things that they do."

John Teixeira, an educator for 48 years, believes that everyone should be treated with dignity and respect. He currently serves as the EBCCS middle school science and math teacher, and assures his students that effort and confidence (and a canine companion) will lead to success. Teixeira believes that family is the backbone of life and provides

the utmost support.

Sharon Rozzi has taught at EBCCS for 34 years, and is currently serving in the 5th grade classroom. The lifelong East Boston resident is a mother of two, grandmother of four, and believes that all roads lead to East Boston. Her family's love is most important to her.

Manny Lopes joined the East Boston Neighborhood Health Center at 18-years-old, and in 2012, was appointed as the Chief Executive Officer, leading residents through the Covid-19 pandemic. He currently serves as the Executive Vice President of Public Markets and Government Relations for Blue Cross Blue Shield, Massachusetts. Lopes advises students to let their faith guide them, and support those in need.

"We honor three extraordinary citizens who support our mission. EB-CCS is an extraordinary school serving a diverse community of families; who, like our honorees, treasure our Catholic faith," said Principal Bobby Casaletto. "On behalf of the students and families we serve, faculty and staff I am proud to work with every day, we offer our collective 'thank you' for your leadership, commitment, and support."



Principal Bobby Casaletto and his wife, Toni Casaletto.



Honoree John Teixeira and his siblings, Edmond Teixeira and Ellen Selnick.



Joseph Ruggiero, Gala Co-Chair.



Lisa Cenca, EBCCS Legacy Gala Co-Chair.



Gala Co-Chairs Joseph Ruggiero and Lisa Cenca with honoree Manny Lopes and Principal Bobby Casaletto.



Honoree Sharon Rozzi, and her siblings: Beth Durfee, Glenn Carlton, and Carol Baglio.



Lauryn Rozzi, EBCCS 1st grade teacher, with Claire Tratmy-

Honoree Sharon Rozzi and her nephew, Chris Kelsen.

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Honoree Sharon Rozzi with her friend, Donna Katzman.



Honoree Sharon Rozzi, with her family: Thomas, Robert, Michael, Emily, Alyson, Lauryn, and Victoria Rozzi.



Honoree Manny Lopes with his family: Gabe, Lee, and Johnny Lopes, Chris, Manny, and Anna Facada, Rose Evora, and Stephanie O'Gara.



Honoree Sharon Rozzi with her family.

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City Council meeting. "I will first say thank you to the people I owe such immense gratitude toby that I mean the ones who busted through some of these barriers to allow for some of us to be here today. I'm talking about Maureen Finney. I'm talking about Diane Modica from East Boston. I'm talking about Peggy Davis Mullen. These women are part of breaking a lot of barriers and making sure that us women can be here today."

Edwards reflected on her first year in the Council as part of the so-called "Sensational Six", which included Edwards, Ayanna Pressley, Michelle Wu, Kim Janey, Andrea Campbell and Annissa Essaibi George. The group was given the honorary title because It was the first time six women of color served together on the Boston City Council.

"I'm the last of the six," said Edwards. "We were put on the cover of Boston Magazine and we took this famous photo and when you look at that picture we were six city councilors (at the time). Now that picture is of a U.S. Congresswoman, a future Attorney General, a Senator, two Mayors so that is amazing and I want to thank them. Kim Jeany and I came in at the same time, but the other four women were there before us and were trailblazers."

Edwards went on to thank her current and former City Council colleagues that she served with along the way.

"I honestly have to say thank you," she said. "I learned so much from all of you and the patience that you gave me. This body is special and while I'm their granddaughter. it is completely different now than when I first came in, the ability to truly become friends and call on each other is something so deeply unique. I hope that you don't ever give that up. Stand up for each other. You are the Boston City Council and you should stand with each other."

Edwards also gave a shout-out to the Council's Central Staff that she said are instrumental in keeping the Council going.

"To the Central Staff, you're the backbone of this institution and I am so grateful to have worked for you," said Edwards. "You've raised a huge bar and your approachability, your dedication to the body and wanting us to be our very best. You have been under-appreciated and there was not a day that you didn't meet your 10 out of 10 every single time."

Edwards went on to thank her current and past City Council staff like Gabriela Coletta, Joel Wool, Kathy Carangelo, Ricardo Patron, Jesse Purvis and Judy Evers among others.

"So to my family, also known as my staff, if I look like I didn't miss a beat when I lost my partner. It's because my staff was literally holding me up," said Edwards, who went on to tell anecdotes and stories of each staff member that served in her office over the years.

"I'm deeply grateful to every single section of my district," Edwards continued. "When I first ran I heard stories about how I would never have been able to walk in the North End 10 years ago but the Once you're your family, your family.

East Boston is an inneighborhood credible that is growing-sometimes too fast-but it's a beautiful neighborhood and I'm so happy, so happy it's diverse. Charlestown will always be my second home and was the toughest nut to crack. Many people told me about Charlestown and that I would never win it. Then I went to Charlestown and talked to mothers who lost their children to addiction. I talked to people who were wanting to get into the Union. I talked to people who wanted to pay rent. I talked to people who were proud of my mother's military service. Ultimately we won Charlestown because we were real, we didn't promise too much and didn't pretend to be anything we weren't."

In the end Edwards said she was proud of everything she was able to



Sen. Lydia Edwards joined colleagues and friends for a party celebrating her last day on the Council.

accomplish with the help of her colleagues during her time on the Council and is looking forward to continuing to support her friends on the Council in her new role as Senator.

"I'm sad to leave," she concluded. "But it's time and I love you all and I'm grateful for all of your friendships."



Councilor Kenzie Bok and Sen. Lydia Edwards.



Sen. Lydia Edwards and Councilor Ruthzee Louijeune.



Michael Bonetti (right) and Sen. Lydia Edwards poses with friends, colleagues and supporters last Wednesday.



Mayor Michelle Wu (left) joined Sen. Lydia Edwards to celebrate her final day on the City Council last week.

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Catherine Lochiatto

Of Revere

Catherine (Megna) Lochiatto, 85, of Revere, passed away on Saturday, April 23 surrounded by her loving daughters.

The cherished daughter of the late Joseph and Rose (Favaloro) Megna, she was the beloved wife of the late Anthony J. Lochiatto, loving mother of Deborah A. Lochiatto of Harwich and Sandra M. Lochiatto of Revere and the late Genevieve (Lochiatto) Riley; dear sister of Anthony Megna of Medford; adored grandmother of Derek, Anthony and Catherine Riley and she also leaves nieces and nephews.

Family and long loved friends will honor Catherine's life by gathering at Vazza's "Beechwood" Funeral Home, 262 Beach Street, Revere, today, Wednesday, May 4 from



8:30 to 10:30 a.m. followed by a funeral procession to St. Anthony of Padua Church, 250 Revere St., Revere for a Funeral Mass to be celebrated in her honor at 11 a.m. Interment Woodlawn Cemetery, Everett. In lieu of flowers, please make donations to: Care Dimensions 75 Sylvan St., Suite B 102, Danvers, Ma 01923.

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Steven DiPrima

Boston Police Department Administrative Clerk

Steven M. DiPrima (Boston Police Department), a 26 year resident of East Boston and formerly of Charlestown, entered into eternal life on Sunday, May 1 at Massachusetts General Hospital in Boston following a five year courageous battle with cancer. He was 61 years old.

Steven was born in Boston on March 15, 1961, a son of Priscilla R. (Flaherty) DiPrima and the late Santo S. DiPrima. He grew up in Charlestown where he was educated at St. Francis De Sales Parochial School and graduated from Malden Catholic High School in 1979. He furthered his education at Northeastern University and the University of Southern New Hampshire. Steven worked in several civilian capacities for the Boston Police Department and as an Administrative Clerk following 28 years of dedicated service to the City of Boston.

He enjoyed acting and was so very proud that he appeared in several small independent films and was always willing to belt out a song to whomever would listen to him. He enjoyed old movies watching and listening to 50's era music. Steven was well known for his great sense of humor and he enjoyed making people laugh and always knew that it was important for people look on the bright side of situ-

The beloved and loving husband of 25 years to Maria G. (D'Angelo) DiPrima and the beloved

ations.



son of Priscilla R. (Flaherty) DiPrima and the late Santo S. DiPrima, he was the devoted brother of Joseph DiPrima, Charles DiPrima and his wife, Nubia, Rita Gingras and her husband, Albert, Lisa Sgrosso and her husband, Joseph and the late Luci Ann DiPrima; the beloved brother-in-law of Angela Maniaci and her husband, Vito, Fina Briguglio and her husband, Joseph and Salvatore D'Angelo and his wife, Diane. He is also survived by his many loving nieces and nephews.

Relatives and friends are invited to attend Steven's Funeral on Friday, May 6 at 10 a.m. from The Carr Funeral Home, 220 Bunker Hill St. Charlestown followed by his Funeral Mass in St. Francis De Sales Church, 313 Bunker Hill St. Charlestown at 11 a.m. His burial will be private. Visiting hours will be Thursday, May 5 from 4 to 7 p.m. in the funeral home.

In lieu of flowers, kindly make a memorial donation in Steven's name to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, Tennessee 38105-9959.



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Winifred Rizzuti

OBITUARIES

Of Saugus, formerly of East Boston

Winifred E. (O'Connell) Rizzuti of Saugus, formerly of East Boston, passed away on Monday, April 25, at the age of 76.

The beloved wife of

the late Ralph Rizzuti, she was the devoted mother of Christine Rizzuti, Ralph Rizzuti, Michele McKinney, Michael Rizzuti, Anthony Rizzuti and the late Domenic Rizzuti; loving grandmother of Jordan Verbin Rizzuti, Dana Rizzuti Faye, Domenic Mahoney, Daria Mahoney, Gabrielle Rizzuti, Thomas Delgado, Ralph Rizzuti, Nicholas Rizzuti, Stephen McKinney, Ryne McKinney, Alexis Rizzuti, Alana Rizzuti, Aubrey Rizzu-



ti, Emma Lea Rizzuti and the late Sara Rizzuti. She is also survived by great grandchildren and many loving friends.

In accordance with the family's wishes, all services are private. To leave an online condolence visit www.ruggieromh.com.

George Buttiglieri

He was a product of one of the greatest youth organizations ever assembled, the East Boston Youth Hockey

George M. Buttiglieri of East Boston, 67, passed away peacefully on Sunday, April 24 surrounded by his loving family.

George was a product of one of the greatest youth organizations ever assembled, East Boston Youth Hockey. He continued his brief career on the ice, playing for Charlestown High School and later on, East Boston High in an outstanding, Division I, Boston City League.

The loving son of the late Constantino (Sonny) and Margaret (Burke) Buttiglieri, he was the dear brother of Jack and his wife, Christine and Jim and his wife, Karen, all of East Boston, Bob and his wife, Chris of Stoneham and Tom and his wife, Carla of Peabody. He is also survived by many loving nieces and neph-

Family and friends honored George's life by gathering at St. Anthony of Padua Church, Revere,

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on Friday, April 29 for a Funeral Mass celebrating his life. Services concluded with George being laid to rest with his beloved parents, Constantino and Margaret, at Holy Cross Cemetery, Malden.

In accordance with the Buttiglieri family's wishes and in lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made in George's name to the Dana-Farber Cancer Institute, 10 Brookline Place, W 6th floor, Brookline, MA 02445. To leave an online condolence, please visit

Francis Xavier Tosney, Sr.

B&M Railroad retiree and owner of Concord Coin and Antiques in Concord, NH

Francis Xavier Tosney, Sr. "Uncle Frank," died unexpectedl, on April 26 at his home in Berwick, Maine.



Born Jan. 18, 1943 Boston, son of John Tosney Sr. and Elizabeth

(McGrath) Tosney, he was raised and educated in East Boston and served in the Army Reserve for six years. He worked for the Boston & Maine railroad and retired after 25 years as a supervisor. Following his retirement, Mr. Tosney opened Concord Coin and Antiques, in Concord, NH, where he was sought after for his expertise in precious metals, rare coin collecting and train memorabilia.

He was a former resident of Winthrop, later moving to Weare, NH where he resided for many years. He recently moved to Berwick, ME with his wife, Linda, where they settled in their beautiful log home.

He is survived by his wife of 56 years, Linda Calla Tosney, the love of his life; one son, Frank Jr. of East Boston; his brother, Christopher Tosney, two sisters, Maryann Lombardi and Geraldine Bowen, along with many special nieces and nephews whom he loved dear-

Frank was a character with a big personality who had many friends in his life. If he had an opinion about something, you and the world would know about it! He was never shy about expressing his genuine love for family and friends. He loved his Irish



ancestry and embraced the love of Italian food and traditions of his wife's family. You would often hear him say, I need more "gravy" on my meatballs and pasta. He was a man of many talents and hobbies. Frank always had a story to tell and was a huge Boston sports fan. He loved being with his family and friends watching and cheering for the New England Patriots, Celtics and Boston Bruins. If anybody needed anything, he always knew a guy, who knew a guy. You would always find Frank working around his home fixing plumbing or working on a new project. He loved collecting antique guns and B&M train memorabilia. He also enjoyed fishing, swimming and boating. He especially enjoyed challenging someone to a game of Pool, which he usually won. Frank will be missed but not forgotten

by all who loved him. Family and friends honored Frank's life by gathering at the Ruggiero Family Memorial Home, (Orient Heights) East Boston on Monday, May 2 and a Funeral Mass was

celebrated at Saint Joseph - Saint Lazarus Church, East Boston, on Tuesday, May 3. Services concluded with Frank being laid to rest at Holy Cross Cemetery, Malden. To leave an online condolence, visit www.ruggieromh.com.

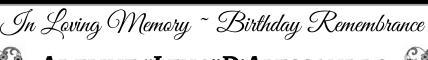
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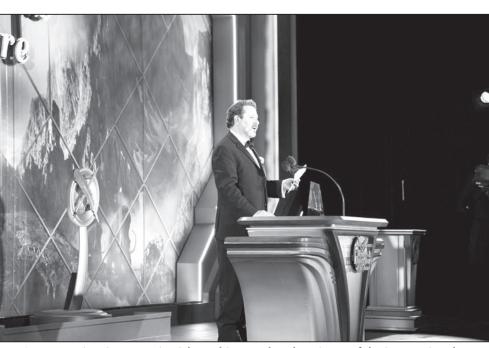
East Boston native's art wins international contest

By John Lynds

East Boston native and artist Jim Zaccaria was honored in Hollywood last month as the winner of the international Illustrators of the Future Contest. Zaccaria accepted his award at the Taglyan Complex in Los Angeles.

In addition to being named the winner of the contest, Zaccaria's art has earned him a cash prize and will be published in the international bestselling anthology, L. Ron Hubbard Presents Writers of the Future Volume 38. Prior to the black-tie awards gala, Zaccaria attended a week-long workshop with some of the top professionals in the indus-

The contest, one of the most prestigious writing and illustrating competitions in the world, is currently in its 34th year and is judged by some of the



East Boston native Jim Zaccaria picks up his award as the winner of the international Illustrators of the Future Contest. Zaccaria accepted his award at the Taglyan Complex in

premier names in speculative fiction.

Zaccaria was born and raised in Eastie and worked varied jobs in

printer, then a print buyer, and then as a graphic designer specializing in book cover design.

His work has won acgraphic design—first as a claim from Bookbuild-

ers of Boston, The New York Book Show, and the Boskone Art Show.

His work has appeared in the annuals from Bookbuilders of Boston and In-

fected by Art.

Zaccaria said much of his daily work is book cover design for publishers and independent authors, though he feels the pull toward image cre-

"Over the last several years, I started to build his portfolio and exhibit at various conventions, squeezing in new art every chance I get," he said. "I was drawn to the arts from an early age. Music is an immense inspiration for ideas, and much of my work is influenced by a song title, lyric, or mood."

Zaccaria said other subjects that motivate and spark his imagination are mythology, poster design, and artists working in imaginative realism. Most of his art is produced digitally, and he sees that as a perfect medium for commercial works, but he also enjoys working in traditional methods as well as

a blending of the two.

Following the 1982 release of his internationally acclaimed bestselling science fiction novel, Battlefield Earth, written in celebration of 50 years as a professional writer, L. Ron Hubbard created the Writers of the Future in 1983 to provide a means for aspiring writers of speculative fiction to get that much-needed break. Due to the success of the Writers of the Future Contest, the companion Illustrators of the Future Contest was inaugurated five

years later. The intensive mentoring process has proven very successful. The 382 past winners of the Illustrating Contest have produced over 6,000 illustrations, 360 comic books, graced 624 books and albums with their art and visually contributed to 68 TV shows, and 40 major

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As dogs age

By Penny & Ed Cherubino

Our dog Poppy recently turned ten, and according to many authorities on the subject, she's now considered a senior dog. This means we need to take her age into consideration as we decide how often to schedule veterinary check-ups and lab work.

That said, Poppy is the healthiest dog we've had. Our last two Westies had ongoing health issues that required frequent veterinary visits. We never needed an extra annual visit because our vets saw them more often and would schedule lab work at some of these appoint-

When Is a Dog Old?

Lynn Buzhardt, DVM writing for VCA Animal Hospitals, pointed out that dogs age differently, just as humans do. We all know people who are old and frail at 50 and some

80-year-olds who are mentally sharp, active, fit, and healthy. Buzhardt writes, "Ca-

nine senior status varies, too. Small dogs are considered senior citizens of the canine community when they reach 11 years of age. Their medium-sized friends become seniors at 10 years of age. Their larger-sized colleagues are seniors at 8 years of age. And, finally, their giant-breed counterparts are seniors at 7 years old. So a Great Dane becomes a senior citizen far earlier than a Pomeranian."

Signs of Aging

This article included the signs of aging. Our little pup shows no signs of loss of vision, hearing, energy, muscle tone, skin elasticity, hair, or immunity. Weight gain is another sign of aging. Exercise and a sensible diet have kept her weight at a healthy level.

Our ten-year-old is showing no sign of arthritis or other joint problems. And Poppy's mental acuity is excellent. She quickly learns new things, remembers her favorite people and places, responds to the same words, and reacts to the same things.

Poppy had recent lab work when she had a dental cleaning that showed no loss of organ integrity with her heart, liver, and kidneys. She has lost four teeth in the past year, but that was due to an accident, not dental or gum

Monitor and Report

It felt good to use Dr. Buzhardt's list of signs of aging and find that Poppy is in excellent health for her age. Our task is to keep her that way to the best of our ability. Penny has put the list into a reminder app and set it to repeat in six months. We'll change the frequency as needed.



Our Poppy scored well for a ten-year-old on a checklist of signs of aging.

We're with our dogs all the time, so it can be hard to see how much they may have changed. Some changes come on quickly, and you know you have to make an appointment to investigate.

Other aspects of health decline gradually, but if you use the list to check each category, you may see that your dog moves slower, and jumps up on

the sofa with less ease. Your dog may wake you at night with restless movements or need to go outside more often. These could be signs of an acute issue (like a urinary tract infection) or may relate to cognitive decline.

We are fortunate to have a good friend who knows Poppy well and loves her. Sadly we don't see her as often since she moved out

of the city. However, when we do see her, we plan to have her take a good look at Poppy and give us her opinion on how the dog has changed since they were last together.

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A Junior ROTC contingent from East Boston High School led off a procession from the Old South Meeting House to Old City Hall and City Hall Plaza as part of an observance commemorating the 200th anniversary of Boston being established as a city on May 1, 1822 on Sunday evening, May 1, 2022.

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Red bull Cliff Diving World Series returns to Boston June 4

After a nine-year hiatus, Red Bull Cliff Diving World Series returns to Boston. The Boston stop, set for Saturday, June 4, will serve as the start to the 2022 season as the only stop in North America. The city's Seaport neighborhood will serve as the backdrop to the competition and the diving platform will rise again atop the Institute of Contemporary Art (ICA Boston). The event will take place on Saturday, June 4th atop the ICA Boston, with doors opening at 12PM and the show starting at 2PM.

To attend, spectators must obtain a complementary ticket via Eventbrite. As the 2022 season kicks off in Boston, art and sport will intersect in front of the prevailing ICA Boston where 24 of the world's cliff diving elite - 12 Men and 12 Women - are confirmed to once again leap, twist, and somersault from breathtaking heights into Boston Harbor. 8 full[1] time male and female divers will compete at each stop along the series with 8 additional location specific wildcard divers, 4 male, 4 female who will spice up what is already an eagerly awaited World Series. This will be the debut of the Women's Division in Boston since its inauguration in 2014, one year after Red Bull Cliff Diving's last appearance

in Boston. Ellie Smart sits on the roster as the only American with a permanent spot on the tour. Joining her, will be American female wildcards; Genevieve Bradley and Meili Carpenter, and male wildcards; Andy Jones and David Colturi. Fans can expect this year's series to deliver another packed season full of high-flying drama, all set against a series of visually stunning and iconic backdrops from around the world. Red Bull Cliff Diving is considered the original extreme sport and combines aerial, acrobatic free falls and dives from almost three times the Olympic Diving height, with the daring elite athletes hitting the water in excess of 53mph/85kph, protected only by their concentration, skill, and physical control.

The series is pure, fast, and breathtaking. Spotlighting the sport's finest



highest level, it provides a platform for awe-inspiring action and dives of incredible complexity where participants launch themselves from heights of 90ft / 27m (men) and 70ft / 21m (women), hitting the water in under three seconds. A thrilling quest for perfection and excellence to win the glorious King Kahekili Trophy is guaranteed in this 13th season. King Kahekili, after whom the women and men champion's trophies are now named, was a Hawaiian chief who first leapt from the holy cliffs of Kaunolo in the 1700's. He challenged his warriors to do the same to prove their bravery and loyalty. Since 2009, the World Series has featured the sport's finest talents alongside promising newcomers, and since 2014, has also provided a platform for Women. Although reigning champions Gary Hunt (FRA) and Rhiannan Iffland (AUS) are the veterans to catch, the 2022 World Series will be younger and stronger than ever before with 4 permanent divers between 20 and 23 years of age.

Sports Director and cliff diving legend Orlando Duque believes that it is all up for grabs this season, as established divers up their games and newcomers look to podium on a regular basis. Exciting battles will be in store this season. 2022 Red Bull Cliff Diving World Series Calendar includes:

June 4 – Boston, USA June 18 – Paris, FRA July 16 – Copenhagen,

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September 25 – Polignano a Mare, ITA October 15 - Sydney, AUS Red Bull Cliff Diving

Bull Cliff Diving World Series has provided a platform for aesthetic free falls and dives of ever-growing complexity, spotlighting the sport's finest athletes as well as the most promising breakthrough talents. A pure extreme sport, the World Series is hosted in exceptional locations where athletes launch from natural rocks, historical bridges or next to waterfalls always with the aim of acting environmentally responsible and increasing the awareness for the sustainability of our planet. In 2022, 24 of the world's best cliff divers - 12 women and 12 men - will once again leap, twist, and somersault from breath-taking heights of up to 90ft / 27m and at speeds in excess of 53 m/h / 85km/h, with no protection but their concentration, skill, and physical control, at eight demanding stops around the world. A thrilling quest for perfection and excellence to win the glorious King Kahekili Trophy is guaranteed in the Red Bull

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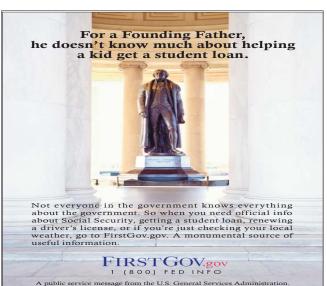


BREAD OF LIFE RECEIVES AWARD

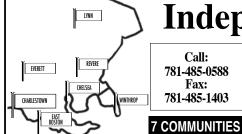


The Savings Bank Charitable Foundation recently presented a financial award to Bread of Life of Malden as part of the Foundation's 25th distribution of funds. Taking part in the award presentation were (from left to right) The Savings Bank Charitable Foundation Director Therese Jarmusik; Bread of Life Executive Director Gabriella Snyder Stelmack, and Bob DiBella, President and Chief Executive Officer, The Savings Bank.

The Savings Bank Charitable Foundation was established in 1997 through an initial endowment of \$550,000 from The Savings Bank. The foundation presented a total of \$65,975 to 18 nonprofit organizations during the 25th distribution of funds, bringing the total donations to more than \$823,447 over the past 25 years.



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the Eastie Y ran successful aquatics programs at the Umana until 2020 when the COVID pandemic hit.

Out of an abundance of caution the Eastie Y's administrators decided to close the pool during the pandemic until it was safe to reopen.

This week Eastie Y Executive Director Joe Gaeta announced the pool will finally reopen at the end of this month after a two year hiatus.

"It's been a long two years but we will finally reopen the Umana pool in East Boston," said Gaeta. "On May 31 the East Boston Y will reopen their Umana Academy Aquatics site for their first Mini Session swim lesson offering since March 2020."

Gaeta said the four year partnership between the Eastie Y, the Umana, BCYF and BPS allows the Y to operate the pool site that had laid dormant for a

a swim instructor at the Umana prior to the pandemic.

"Patrick is from Eastie and is ready to get our community ready to be water safe for the sum-

the Eastie Y was the only site in the Greater Boston YMCA system without a pool. Gaeta said Eastie is one of only a few communities in Boston that is surrounded by water so it is very important to teach neighborhood kids how to

"Access to water is a social justice and equity issue," said Gaeta. "Most East Boston adults don't know how to swim, that's why their children don't swim, we aim to curb that by offering not only lessons for youth but for teens and adults."

Gaeta said this Mini

Session will lead to a regular season of lessons as the Y builds back staffing capacity at the pool. They will also increase their inclusivity by offering some classes in all Spanish.

The pool site will operate on weekday evenings and weekends for lessons and soon lap swim for members.

"We want to thank our partners at BPS and BCYF for working with us to make sure that we could get this site open and ready as soon as we were safely able to," said

The Y will also resume lessons for students at the Umana during the school day as part of the partner-

Registration is open now for the Mini Session but Gaeta says summer lesson registration will be available soon.

You can check out the Y's Aquatic offerings https://ymcaboston.org/healthy-living/



A young girl learns to swim at the East Boston YMCA's learn to swim programs at the Umana pool. After a two year hiatus due to COVID, the Eastie Y will reopen the pool at the end of the month.

the reopening the Eastie Y will welcome back Patrick Kearns as the Y's Aquatics Director. Kearns served as

mer," said Gaeta. Prior to the partnership

swim.

number of years. Gaeta said as

Red Cross offering free smoke alarm installations

The American Red Cross

of Massachusetts will be

installing hundreds of free

smoke alarms to commu-

nities in need in a targeted

campaign called Sound the

"Our goal is to save

lives," said Kelly Isenor,

Director of Communica-

tions for the Red Cross of

Massachusetts. "Every day,

our disaster action teams

are responding to home

fires around the Common-

wealth. Working smoke

alarms can cut the risk of

dying in a home fire by

free smoke alarm instal-

lations 365 days a year to

any Massachusetts resident

(regardless of renter or

homeowner status), but in

the month of May, surges

efforts in five vulnerable

Everett, Methuen, Spring-

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Alarm to May 22.

A swim student learns the basics of swimming.

smoke alarm should call 1-800-564-1234 or visit redcross.org/MA to schedule an appointment. During the 20-minute home visits, Red Cross volunteers will also share information on the causes of home fires, how to prevent them, what to do if a fire starts and how

to create an escape plan. "Most people don't realize they only have two minutes to escape a home fire — and that smoke alarms need to be replaced every 10 years," Isenor said, "Taking action with this knowledge can be the difference between survival and tragedy."

Event volunteers are needed to install 400 smoke alarms and share fire safety information with families. Register at SoundTheAlarm.org/MA to join this rewarding day of giving back. No prior experience is needed training will be provided. You can also make a financial donation to the Red Cross to help people prepare for, respond to and recover from home fires.

This Sound the Alarm event is part of a national Red Cross initiative in May to install 50,000 free smoke alarms with partners in more than 50 at-risk communities across the country. Sound the Alarm events are a critical part of the national Red Cross Home Fire Campaign. As of March 31, the Home Fire Campaign has helped save 1,275 lives since launching in October 2014. As part of the campaign, the Red Cross and local partners have installed more than 2.3 million free smoke alarms, making more than 980,000 households safer.

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swimming-lessons/. Gaeta said scholarships are also available to those who need assistance.

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"The Y wants to ensure everyone has the ability to learn to swim, especially with May being National Water Safety Month," said

Gaeta. "Cost should not be a barrier, our goal is to teach every kid in Eastie how to swim."



A parent and child learn to swim class at the Umana.





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