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Poll Power: Women's suffrage celebrates 100 years, with caveats

By Seth Daniel

It was a note from mom that changed the landscape for women to get the right to vote 100 years ago on Aug. 18, and 100 years later it has led to a lot of victories and a lot of sobering realities too.

The caveat, of course – and one that must be stated, is that African American women did not win the right to vote 100 years ago, but rather not until the 1960s Voting Rights Act.

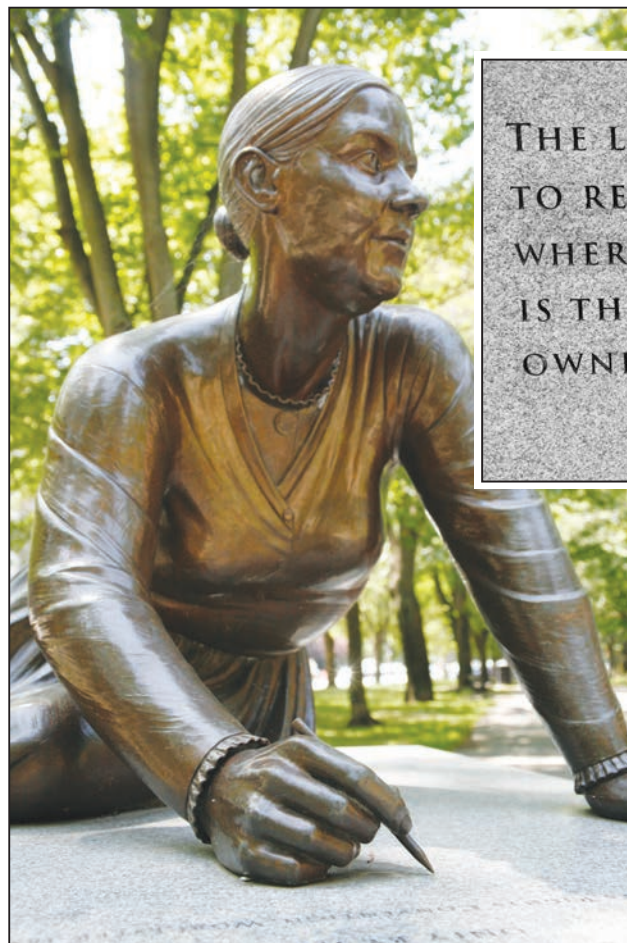
That said, the milestone was celebrated in a muted way this week due to COVID-19 restrictions, but Aug. 18, 1920 was the day that cleared the way for the largest single increase in voting in American

history – known as Ratification Day. And it did come down to one vote by Tennessee state legislator whose mother shamed him into doing the right thing.

Harry Burn was a very young state representative at the time in Tennessee from a very small town, and it was his mother's note that changed his mind.

"It didn't look like Tennessee was going to approve the amendment," said Karen Price of the League of Women Voters in Massachusetts. "He came in wearing a red rose, which meant he was against it. When on the floor, he did find a note from his mother. It basically told him to do the right

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At the Boston Women's Memorial on the Comm Ave Mall, there is a constant reminder of those women who fought for equality in all things – including voting. Pictured here is Lucy Stone, a long-time advocate of suffrage for women. While a leading voice in Women's Rights issues in the late 1800s, she died nearly 30 years before some women won the right to vote. The 100th anniversary of the ratification of the 19th Amendment occurred this week on Aug. 18.

Anthony Martignetti, North End's Prince Spaghetti Boy, dies at 63

By John Lynds

Anthony Martignetti, who played the 'Prince Spaghetti Boy' in the famed 1960s pasta commercial that put the North End on the map, died unexpectedly on Aug. 23.

Martignetti, a former resident of the North End who gained fame as the boy running home for a Wednesday Prince Spaghetti night in the famed commercial, was 63 years old.

Martignetti was only 12 years old when he starred in the 1969 commercial by chance. Martignetti once told the Boston Globe he was asked for directions to Commercial Street by a crew scouting for the commercial's North End location and was picked for the part.

The commercial, that arguably



Anthony Martignetti was 12 years old and had just emigrated from Italy when he landed the role in the famed commercial in 1969.

every longtime North End resident remembers, shows Martignetti's actor mother Mary Fiumara shouting 'Anthony! Anthony!' out

of a second-story window in the North End.

Hearing his mother's call Martignetti, who had emigrated with his family from Italy just three years earlier, runs from Haymarket through the streets of the North End, past a bocce game and finally home for his favorite Prince Pasta.

At the time the commercial was made Prince Pasta was manufactured in the North End at 92 Prince Street. The company gained national fame with the slogan, "Wednesday is Prince Spaghetti Day!" and subsequent commercial starring Martignetti.

Later in life Martignetti became an Associate Court Officer at Dedham District Court and

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Courtesy photos

Anthony Martignetti, who played the 'Prince Spaghetti Boy' in the famed 1960s pasta commercial, died unexpectedly on Aug. 23. Here Martignetti stands outside the apartment building used in the famed Prince Pasta commercial.

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IN BRIEF By Phil Orlandella**BOSTON ARTS COMMISSION TO STUDY COLUMBUS STATUE ISSUE**

The Boston Arts Commission (BAC), at its August 11 meeting discussed the issue of the Christopher Columbus statue that was vandalized, and placed in storage by the City of Boston.

BAC decided, after hearing from both sides to do a study and resume discussions in the fall, whether to reinstall the statue or not. The study will also look at the head of the statue to be restored.

On several other occasions, racial implications involving injustice were painted in red on the base of the statue.

Rumors have been circulated throughout the North End/Waterfront that there is a possibility of renaming the park Italian American Heritage Park as a compromise for not returning the statue.

Some residents feel a real resolve could take months or possibly a year.

NE LIBRARY WILL FEATURE NEW READING CLUB UPON REOPENING

When the North End Library on Parmenter Street officially reopens, a new "Future Reading Club" for infants, toddlers and their families will be available.

The club will offer simple ways of helping young people prepare for kindergarten in fun ways.

Included in the online program is a range of tools that parents can access immediately at bpl.org/futurereaders-club.

Program resources include a free downloadable app called "Beanstalk" that helps track a child's individual reading mile-

stones, provides fun virtual rewards for meeting certain achievements and tracks community levels of achievements.

A weekly live and archived online storytelling program is provided for young children.

List of books in multiple-languages can be downloaded for free.

Once the library is reopened, the programs will be expanded with in person story hours, toddlers storytime, free PreK explore and play, family evening storytime, on-site book giveaways and many other free special events for the entire family.

ATLANTIC AVENUE MILLING AND PAVING THROUGH AUGUST 28

MassDOT has advised that through Friday, August 28, overnight milling and paving along Atlantic Avenue, North End, from High to Mercantile Streets and on the Surface Road from Oliver to Clinton Streets will be taking place from 7 p.m. to 5 a.m.

The work will require temporary lane closures with some pedestrian detours to adjoining side streets.

Signage, law enforcement details and advanced message boards will be in place to guide drivers through the work areas.

All scheduled to work is weather dependent and may be impacted due to an emergency.

NEAA DODGERS COMPETE IN LOU THOMPSON LEAGUE

Undermanned all year, the North End Athletic Association (NEAA) Dodger's baseball team played well but not good enough to capture a playoff spot in the Lou Thompson All Star League.

The league played under the

cloud of COVID-19 restrictions. There were no cases of the virus during the entire season, according to President Ralph Martignetti of the North End.

Coached by Kevin "Sully" O'Sullivan, the NEAA entered a team in the 15U division who said, "The team while shorthanded battled gamely all year."

By the end of the season, the Dodgers were playing very solid baseball upsetting a couple of teams vying for playoff spots.

"We were young but battle all year and never gave up," the coach said. "We had some 12 and 13-year-old players that grew all year and will be ready to hit the ground running next season."

The younger players were: Matt Griffin, Max Howard, Ryan McHugh, Desmond O'Hearn, Alex Puopolo, Gunner Larson and Richard Wells.

"We also had solid 14-year-old including, Richard Bova and Nik McHugh, who were leaders and will be counted on to lead the team in 2021," Coach Sully said.

"The NEAA continues to support sports for the North End with a solid commitment," Martignetti said.

Coach Sully said, "The parents who allowed their children to play and supported the coaches throughout the season should be commended. We could not have done it without them."

The North End Dodgers plan to return to the Lou Thompson Baseball League in 2021.

"NEAA is also looking forward to renewing the Baseball Exchange with North Adams and home baseball competition," Baseball Commissioner Ralph Martignetti noted.

"COVID-19 forced this year's baseball series to be canceled, making it the first time in 30 years the Exchange did not happen," he added.

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moved to West Roxbury. He was the beloved husband of Ruth E. (Ubri) Martignetti. Loving father of Anthony Martignetti of New Jersey. Beloved son of Raffaele and Carmela (D'Alelio) Martignetti of West Roxbury. Devoted brother of Angelo Martignetti of Lynn, Andy Martignetti and his wife Suzy of Dedham, Michelle Knorr and her husband Peter of Buzzards Bay. Also survived by many aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, and cousins.

"I always understood that it was larger than me, that I had a responsibility to preserve what that commercial meant to people," Martignetti said to the Boston Globe during the 50th anniversary of the commercial's airing. "I knew that if I got into trouble, little Anthony from the spaghetti commercial would be all over the paper."

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Early voting for Massachusetts Primary kicks off in Boston

By John Lynds

The City of Boston Election Department kicked off 'Early Voting' in Boston for the Massachusetts Primary over the weekend at several polling locations.

In the North End, voters will head to the polls on Sept. 1 during the state primary and cast ballots for Senator in Congress, Representative in Congress, Governor's Councillors, Senator in General Court, Representative in General Court, and Register of Probate.

However, voters were able to

cast early ballots at several sites across the city on Saturday and Sunday and hundreds of registered voters did so over the weekend.

North End voters can continue to vote early through Friday, Aug. 28 at Boston City Hall between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday, and between 9 a.m. and 8 p.m. on Thursday.

In the North End, voters will make their choice for Massachusetts U.S. Senate between incumbent U.S. Senator Ed Markey or Congressman Joseph Kennedy

III. Republican Shiva Ayyadurai is running against Kevin O'Connor on the Republican side and the primary winner will face either Markey or Kennedy in the General Election.

Incumbent U.S. Congressman Stephen Lynch will take on Robbie Goldstein in Massachusetts 8th Congressional District.

Running unopposed is State Rep. Aaron Michlewitz for Massachusetts House of Representatives 3rd Suffolk District as is State Sen. Joseph Boncore for the Massachusetts State Senate 1st Suffolk and

Middlesex District.

Incumbent Suffolk County Register of Probate Felix Arroyo will square off against Kerby Roberson in the state primary and incumbent representing the Massachusetts 6th District on the Governor's Council Terrence Kennedy will take on Helina Fontes.

Due to COVID-19, health and safety protocols during the early voting period and on Election Day will be implemented at polling locations. All poll workers will receive face shields, face masks, gloves, disinfectant wipes, disinfectant spray and hand sanitizer. Cleaning will take place at each site every two to three hours. Voters waiting in line will be instructed to stand 6 feet away from others and wear a face covering.

Ballots will be available in English, Spanish, Chinese and Vietnamese. Language assistance will be available on Election Day by translators at polling locations or by contacting the Election Department's translation phone



A voter casts her early ballot in Boston on Saturday. North End voters can vote early at City Hall through Friday.

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thing and he did and ended up voting for it. It ended up being the deciding vote when he changed his mind because it prevailed by one vote."

Price said the Ratification Day would have been a major celebration for the League, which was also founded in 1920 to educate women on issues of the day. The official approval came on Aug. 26, 1920 by the federal government.

"It was an extremely large and long movement," Price said. "I think it was probably one of the largest movements ever in U.S. history. It lasted about 80 years and was dramatic at every turn. At every turn, it seemed they were just squeaking through. It's a very impressive story."

As it turned out, women were able to vote in the 1920 presidential election, and it is said – though not proven – that they were the driving force in electing Republican Warren Harding and his Vice President Calvin Coolidge, who was from Massachusetts.

Looking back from 100 years, in Boston, the milestone is met with a City Council that is majority female, with women holding eight of the 13 seats and including the Council President post.

City Councilor Kenzie Bok – who represents Back Bay, Bay Village and Beacon Hill – said the milestone is joyous and sobering at the same time.

"I think it's both energizing and sobering at the same time," she said. "It's energizing because you see how hard people worked to get this right and they were effective in doing it and all they went through, yet it's sobering because you have a majority female Council 100 years later, but it took 90 years to get one or two women."

She also said it is sobering in that African American women were not included in the milestone.

"Black women weren't includ-

ed in that, and you also saw a long history of poll taxes and voter suppression to keep people from voting, and that's sobering too," she said.

Councilor Lydia Edwards, who still wouldn't have been able to vote at the 1920 milestone being an African American woman, said it was a time to celebrate, and also a time to acknowledge more can be done.

"As we enter one of the most consequential elections of our time, it's important to remember so many of us are able to have a voice today and vote because of those who fought for a greater democracy," she said. "This year marks the 100th anniversary of the adoption of the 19th Amendment which gave women the right to vote. Let's utilize this moment to reflect and acknowledge that many people were not included in the movement for women's voting rights. We have learned and are still learning that gender and racial justice are inextricably linked and both are necessary."

Both Price and Bok point out that historically, the Aug. 18 milestone and the 1920 election – which saw the first women voters in the United States – gave birth to larger women's issues.

Bok – a doctorate in history – said the passage of the 19th Amendment gave rise to one of the largest infusions of federal money into what were perceived as women's issues, notably education and maternal health.

"Right after Women's Suffrage passed, Congress took up the biggest set of pro-family, pro-women bills it ever had," she said. "That was because all the men were terrified of losing their seat due to women getting the vote...So that moment of Women's Suffrage also pushed Congress to address education and women's maternal health."

Likewise, Price said that in the moments after suffrage, many of those active in the movement

began to rally around the Equal Rights Amendment – which is still being fought for.

Suffragist Alice Paul authored the ERA shortly after the 19th Amendment passed, Price said.

"Now that they had the vote, they wanted to get equality in other areas," said Price. "That's when the ERA was born – right after the right to vote was won."

Price said that for many young women and girls, it can be confusing for them to hear that women actually couldn't vote at one time – and not so long ago in the history of the country. She said they strive to educate them about the fight, the ups and downs, and the good and bad of it.

This week, however, marks a milestone and a call for more to be done to advance what was achieved 100 years ago this week.

"It's a slow road," she said. "But there is reason to believe we're making progress. We had the first female presidential candidate in 2016, and now we have the first Asian/African American woman as a candidate for vice president and that's a milestone. However, African American women in particular did not get to vote in 1920. They had to keep waiting until the Voting Rights Act...I like to say we've seen a lot of victories but still have a lot of work to do in regards to inclusion."

After holding a small celebration on Tuesday afternoon next to the Boston Common, Kerry Costello of the Boston League of Women Voters, said it was important to know just how important one vote – and one's mother – is.

"It was an important milestone certainly, but it wasn't complete because it wasn't for all women," she said. "It is remarkable how important one vote can be. We saw that in the Boston City Council race last year. One vote does make a difference."

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EDITORIAL

BE SURE TO VOTE IN THE PRIMARY

This Tuesday, September 1, is primary election day in Massachusetts for both national and state legislative offices.

Primary elections in Massachusetts typically are of little or no consequence because of the overwhelming Democratic voting enrollment and because most Democrats run unopposed.

However, this year's primary election is different because of the hotly-contested U.S. Senate race between incumbent Ed Markey and Congressman Joseph Kennedy that will draw a larger-than-usual turnout for a primary.

In addition, there are two truly unique and important aspects to Tuesday's election.

This will be the first election in which we will be voting either early, by mail, or in person amidst the Covid-19 pandemic. Tuesday's primary will be a good test of the ability of Massachusetts' election officials to conduct an election under these difficult circumstances and thus will serve as excellent preparation, both for voters and officials alike, for the upcoming November Presidential election.

It is important that all of us participate in the democratic process on or before Tuesday so that both we and our election officials can be as knowledgeable as possible about the procedures that we will need to follow in November to ensure a successful final election.

In addition, thanks to the chaos that reigns throughout the country (for many reasons), it is not an understatement to say that the elections to be held this year -- both the primaries and the final -- have taken on more significance than any in our nation's history.

The Presidential elections of 1860 (prior to the start of the Civil War) and 1932 (when we were in the midst of the Great Depression) arguably were the most consequential elections since our founding, but the 2020 election cycle will be even more significant than both of those.

The pundits talk about the existential threat being posed to our democracy and institutions because of the situation in the White House. However, regardless of what one thinks of the current policies emanating from Washington, what undeniably is true is that our democracy certainly will come to an end if we fail to exercise the most important right we have as Americans -- the right to vote.

There is no greater threat to America's survival than our own apathy. A strong voter turnout in every election, including the primaries, will send the fairest possible message to our political leaders that we care about the future direction of our country.

We urge all of our readers to be sure to vote in the primary election -- it is more important than ever.

POLITICIZING THE PANDEMIC

This past Sunday evening, President Donald Trump held a news conference to announce that the use of blood plasma in treating patients who have contracted Covid-19 has been shown to reduce the death rate from Covid-19 by 35% -- a rather dramatic reduction -- and therefore the FDA was allowing for the emergency use of plasma throughout the country.

The FDA Commissioner, Dr. Stephen Hahn, also spoke at the news conference and appeared to support Trump's statement.

The problem however, is that what both Trump and Dr. Hahn said was not accurate.

The following day, the New York Times published a story in which experts pointed out that the potential benefits of blood plasma treatment had not been proven by randomized clinical trials and certainly not to the extent claimed by Trump and Dr. Hahn.

When Dr. Hahn was contacted by the Times, he issued this statement via Twitter:

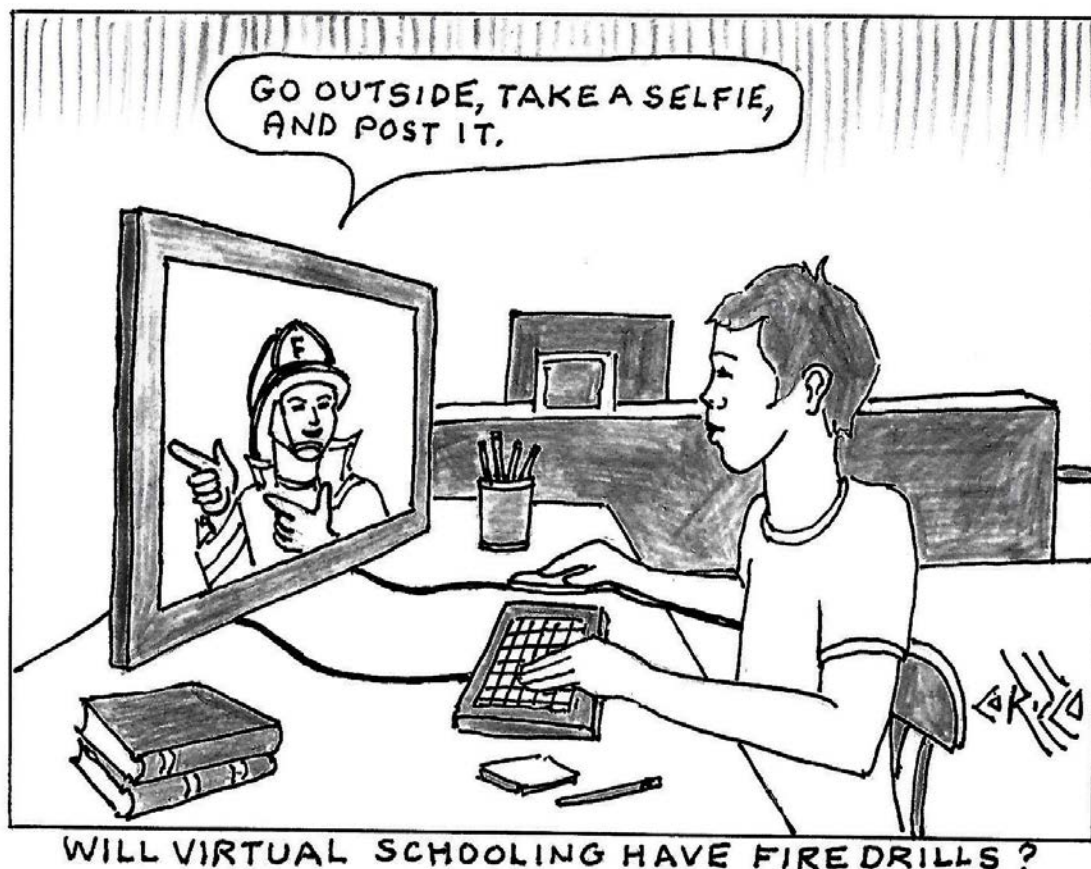
"I have been criticized for remarks I made Sunday night about the benefits of convalescent plasma. The criticism is entirely justified. What I should have said better is that the data show a relative risk reduction not an absolute risk reduction."

In short, Dr. Hahn admitted that the claims made by Trump and himself on Sunday evening were wildly exaggerated.

We would remind our readers that the FDA previously had given emergency use authorization for hydroxychloroquine as a Covid-19 treatment after it had been touted by Trump -- only to withdraw that authorization when it was shown that hydroxychloroquine was both ineffective and dangerous.

It is clear that once again the work of the professional scientists and experts is being interfered with by the White House for political purposes.

With the pandemic still causing carnage across our nation (we continue to lead the world in Covid-19 cases and deaths), it is more essential than ever that we need facts based on science -- not on considerations of political grandstanding.



OPINION BY PHIL ORLANDELLA

NEWRA TURNS OFF ELECTRIC BILLBOARD ORDINANCE

North End/Waterfront Residents' Association (NEWRA) at its last meeting voted to send a letter to the Boston Zoning-Licensing Committee opposing granting of an ordinance allowing the placement of electronic billboards throughout the

neighborhood, NEWRA President Sheryl Delgreco told the Review.

Delgreco also noted that NEWRA voted in favor of a request by Robert Della Russo to install an ADA elevator at 210 Endicott Street.

The next NEWRA meeting is expected to be Thursday, September 10 at 7 p.m. Notifications will be sent out.

Congressional candidate Robbie Goldstein outraises U.S. Congressman Stephen Lynch

By John Lynds

Mass General physician Dr. Robbie Goldstein who is taking on nine-term incumbent U.S. Congressman Stephen Lynch in the 8th Congressional District outraised Lynch in the final weeks leading into the Sept. 1 Massachusetts Primary.

However, while Goldstien cleared over \$175,000 and Lynch only \$10,000 in the final fundraising push ahead of the primary, Lynch has outraised Goldstein \$667,101 to \$468,085 throughout the campaign. Lynch has also outspent Goldstein \$634,429 to Goldstein's \$243,449.

Lynch also has \$1.475 million cash on hand while Goldstein has \$224,636.

A recent poll shows only a 7-point margin between Lynch



U.S. Congressman Stephen Lynch.



Mass General physician Dr. Robbie Goldstein.

and Goldstein, with the majority of voters favoring progressive policies. Goldstien is mounting a progressive challenge against the 19-year incumbent, who is arguably the most conservative of the Massachusetts delegation.

"Over the past two years, we have seen many long-term

Democratic incumbents lose in primary election to candidates who are much more closely aligned with the district they are running in." Reported Lincoln Park Strategies. "From New York to California to Missouri

Athenæum launches ‘(Anti)SUFFRAGE’ exhibition

The Boston Athenæum has launched an online exhibit called “(Anti)SUFFRAGE” at <https://www.bostonathenaeum.org/exhibitions/antisuffrage>

The new, permanent online exhibition highlights rare books, broadsides, photographs and other items from the Boston Athenæum’s special collections. From a variety of perspectives, they reveal how the suffrage movement in the United States, which led to the passage of the Nineteenth Amendment in 1920, contributed to redesigning the societal roles and responsibilities of women as they vied for equality.

The exhibition presents the complexities of the struggle to secure and protect voting rights for

women and people of color in the past and today.

A few highlights include: “Votes for Women” playing cards, issued by the National American Woman Suffrage

Association circa 1915; a contemporary artist’s book by Boston artist Laura Davidson, “We’ve Been Holding This

Sign for 100 Years” (2018); a



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“Votes for Women” playing cards, issued by the National American Woman Suffrage Association circa 1915.

photographic portrait of suffragist Sojourner Truth (1864) that she commissioned and sold to support the cause; and The Trial of Susan B. Anthony, On the Charge of Illegal Voting, 1874, autographed by Anthony and donated to the Athenæum in 1877

“(Anti)SUFFRAGE” was curat-

ed by Theo Tyson, the Polly Thayer Starr Fellow in American Art and Culture at the Boston Athenæum, and was originally on view in the BA’s Henry Long Room from Nov. 1, 2019 to March 13, 2020.

Visit <https://www.bostonathenaeum.org/exhibitions/antisuffrage> for more information.

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the pattern is clear, and in Massachusetts last election cycle we saw Congresswoman Ayanna Pressley defeat Congressman Mike Capuano in the 7th district. Two years later, the 8th district could follow the same pattern. Indeed, Dr. Robbie Goldstein is within striking distance of Congressman Stephen Lynch with three weeks to go before the primary election.”

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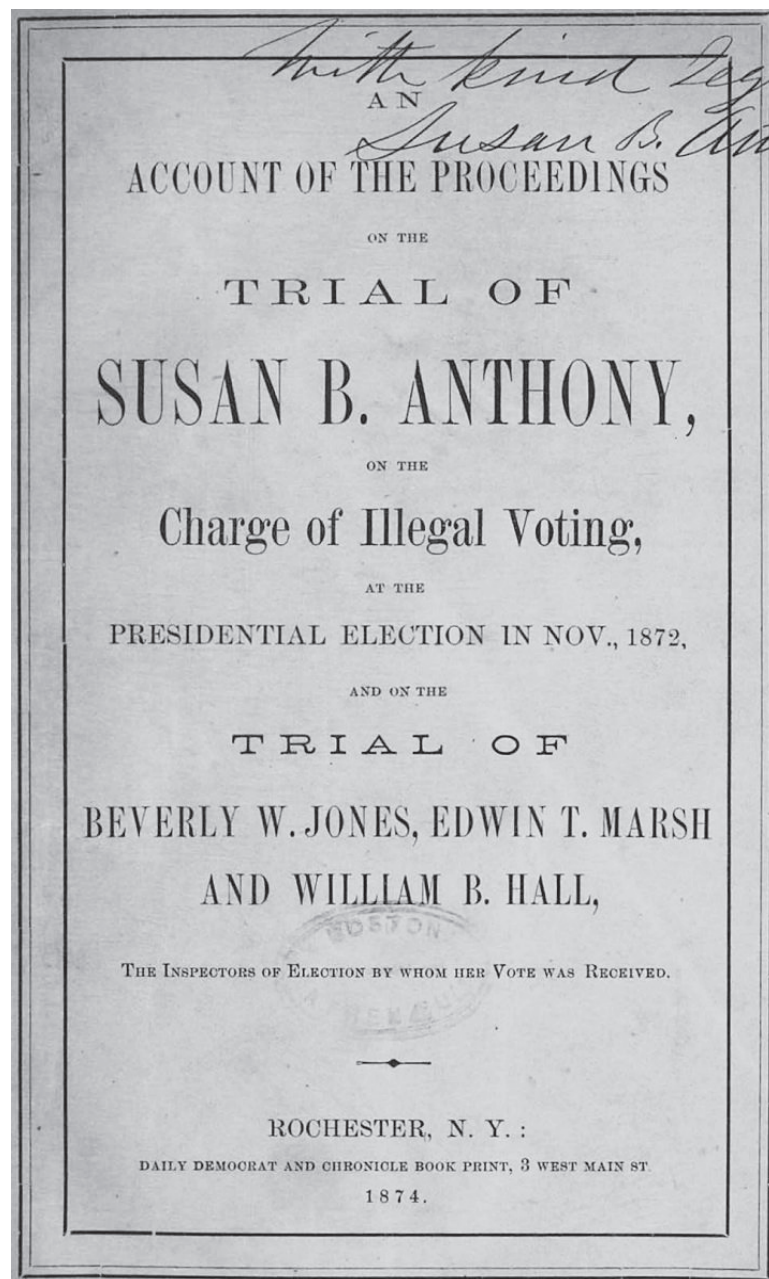
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Michael Francis Giarla

His family was his greatest accomplishment,
he was proud to be called papa

Michael Francis Giarla of Revere, formerly of Boston's North End, passed away surrounded by his loving family on

August 13 at the age of 96.

Michael proudly served his country in the US Navy as a motor machinist II in WWII and received the World War II Victory Medal, American Area Ribbon, Asiatic Pacific Ribbon 2 Stars, and the Good Conduct Medal. He survived an explosion in the South Pacific on PT boat 110. Mike was a life member of the Plumbers Local 12 and has been a member since October 27, 1952.

He was an avid gardener who enjoyed searching for wild mushrooms and caning his own tomatoes every summer. A proud moment for Mike was when he appeared in the movie "they were expendable" and personally drove General MacArthur as well as John Wayne and his date on the PT boat during filming. His greatest accomplishments were his family. He especially loved them and was proud to be called papa.

Born in Boston on December 2, 1923 to the late Michael and Consiglia (Melillo), he was married for 49 years to his late wife Columbina (DiMaina) and was the devoted father of Celia Diakogeorgiou and her fiancé, Robert Stegmaier of Peabody, Michael J. Giarla and his wife, Joanne, Christopher Giarla and his wife, Denise, John Giarla and Robert Giarla and his wife, Karen, all of Revere and the late Richard Giarla; dear brother of Adeline Ameno and her husband, Gennaro of Boston's North End and the late Fannie Giarle, Lucy Giarle,



Mary Totorici, and Louis Giarla. He was the cherished grandfather of Sevi Mulcahy and her husband, Steve, Julianne Erazo and her husband, Hugo, Jennifer Giarla and her husband, Michael Salsgiver, Selina Giaquinto and her husband, Chris, Christopher Giarla, Joseph Giarla and his fiancé, Nicole Lauro, Michael Giarla, Robert Giarla Jr. and his wife, Jill, Tiffany Bohlen and her husband, Brad, Tina Marie Baptista and her husband, Gabe, Janine Giarla and her wife, Katelyn and Richard Giarla Jr. and the adored great grandfather of Brian, Mila, Michael, Jordyn, JoJo, Jayden, Charley, Vincent, Richie, Brianna, Dominic, Madison, Isabella, Aria, and Olivia. He is also survived by many loving nieces, nephews and his best friend, Kei Ikeda who visited him daily and now lives in Japan.

Due to the current spike in Covid-19, the guidelines issued by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Archdiocese of Boston and local officials, funeral services will be privately held for the immediate family. Interment in Holy Cross Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to D.A.V., Room 546 State House, Boston, MA 02133. For guest book please visit www.buonfiglio.com

U.S. Department of Labor finds OSHA falling short when needed most

Staff Report

With unjust firings resulting from requesting a mask, reporting feeling sick, or suggesting safer work protocols to reduce the risk of COVID-19 infection, thousands of workers are finding their rights on the job being violated without consequence, according to MassCOSH.

As complaints of retaliation against whistleblowers skyrocket during the COVID-19 pandemic and the U.S. Department of Labor's Office of Inspector General (OIG) reporting workers suffering emotionally and financially, the Massachusetts Coalition of Occupational Safety and Health (MassCOSH) and its partners say workers' lives are at risk due to a slow and inadequate response from the U.S. Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA).

According to an Aug. 14 investigative report from the U.S. Department of Labor's OIG, OSHA received more than 4,100 complaints of illegal retaliation against whistleblowers during the first months of the COVID-19 pandemic, from Feb. 1, 2020,

through May 31, 2020. This is a 30-percent increase compared to complaints received during the same four-month period in 2019.

Despite the urgency of enforcing public health and safety laws to stop the spread of a deadly virus, OSHA has reduced the number of whistleblower inspectors. It now takes 279 days for OSHA to complete a whistleblower investigation, an 86 percent increase from 2010.

"OSHA was challenged to complete investigations in a timely manner before the pandemic and the potential exists for even greater delays now," states the OIG report. "As COVID-19 illnesses and deaths continue to rise, OSHA needs to act quickly to investigate whistleblower complaints so employees feel protected when reporting unsafe working conditions."

"The reality of the situation is people are getting sick and some are dying because of a disease they acquired on the job," said MassCOSH Communications Director Jeff Newton. "But due to a botched government response, when workers speak up to demand better safety, they are finding

themselves without protection and can become targets for retaliation. OSHA is failing to give workers the protection they urgently need when they report dangers that put their lives, their families, and the public at grave risk."

This past June, the National Employment Law Project surveyed more than 1,100 workers nationwide and found that one in eight reported "possible retaliatory actions by employers against workers in their company who have raised health and safety concerns during the pandemic." Black workers were more than twice as likely as their white counterparts to report possible acts of employer retaliation.

"U.S. OSHA must act immediately implement the inspector general's recommendations," said Marcy Goldstein-Gelb, co-director of the National Council for Occupational Safety and Health, a close MassCOSH partner. "Add staff. Cut red tape. Do whatever it takes to make protecting whistleblowers a priority. When workers can safely speak out, we can save lives in the workplace, and protect our families and communities."

Congresswoman Pressley leads lawmakers in standing firm on postal service funding

Staff Report

Congresswoman Ayanna Pressley sent a letter urging House Speaker Nancy Pelosi and Senate Minority Leader Chuck Schumer to "stand firm" in their fight to protect the United States Postal Service (USPS) from Trump Administration attacks and secure billions in emergency funding for the USPS. The U.S. House of Representatives will vote on a bill tomorrow to provide \$25 billion in emergency funds to the Postal Service to improve mail delivery and service ahead of the 2020 election.

Congresswoman Pressley and Congressman Payne were joined by 101 House colleagues in sending the letter.

"The United States Postal Service provides essential jobs and services to our communities and is critical to our democracy and our economy," said Congresswoman Ayanna Pressley. "As the Trump

administration and their hand-picked Republican accomplices work to undermine and sabotage the USPS, it's critical that we stand firm in our demand to provide the Postal Service with the resources and support it needs to remain the strong, secure, and reliable public service agency that it is."

"We need the Post Office to guarantee that everything from ballots to Census forms arrive on time," said Congressman Donald M. Payne, Jr. "Usually, support for this critical American institution is not a political issue. Unfortunately, President Trump has decided to try and limit service to improve his re-election chances in November. Now, the Post Office needs every dime of this money to thrive. I wanted to write this letter to encourage House and Senate leadership not to negotiate on the final funding figures when it comes to something as important to Americans as mail delivery."

The letter comes before a cru-

cial vote on the Delivering for America Act. Along with providing the \$25 billion in emergency funding, the bill (H.R. 8015) would halt post office closures, consolidations and stop the reduction of hours at postal locations, prohibit the removal of mail sorting machines and mailboxes, ensure that employees receive overtime pay for overtime hours, and return postal service to the level Americans experienced on Jan. 1, 2020, before the coronavirus public health crisis gripped the nation.

Earlier this week, Congresswoman Pressley joined members of the Massachusetts House delegation at a press conference to discuss Congress' response to President Trump's and Postmaster General DeJoy's actions to sabotage the USPS.

Congresswoman Pressley also joined her colleagues this week in demanding that Postmaster General Louis DeJoy be removed from his position immediately.

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COMMUNITY NEWS

NEWRA MEETING

The next North End/Waterfront Residents' Association (NEWRA) monthly meeting will be held Thursday, September 10 at 7 p.m.

VOTE PRIMARY DAY

The State's Primary Election is Tuesday, September 1. Don't forget to vote.

FUTURE READING CLUB PLANNED

Once reopened, the North End Library will host a new "Future Reading Club" for infants, toddlers and their families.

NEWNC MEETING

The next North End/Waterfront Neighborhood Council (NEWNC) meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 8 at 7 p.m.

I AM BOOKS GOODBYE EVENT

I Am Books, 189 North Street is planning to close its doors and is planning a goodbye event on Saturday, September 12 (rain date Sunday, September 13)

People can say goodbye, pick up their online orders and receive some goodies.

NEW HEALTH PROVIDES FOOD ASSISTANCE

Beside the COVID-19 testing NEW Health is providing, in the Nazzaro Community Center parking lot, they are also providing support facing food insecurity.

Residents that are unable to purchase necessary groceries can receive supermarket gift certifi-

cates through NEW Health.

Call 617-643-8000 for testing and information on food assistance.

NEW HEALTH OPERATORS VIRUS TESTING

COVID-19 testing is being provided by NEW Health on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. in the Nazzaro Community Center parking lot on North Bennet Street. For appointments call 617-643-8000.

GREENWAY FITNESS PROGRAM

The 2020 Greenway fitness season, presented by Blue Cross/Blue Shield of Massachusetts includes in-person and virtual offerings from yoga to conditioning every Monday through Thursday and

Saturday.

New safety precautions are in place for the park class

VIRTUAL TASTE OF NE

A virtual Taste of the North End will be held on Wednesday, September 9 from 7 to 8 p.m. The special event helps many benefit community organizations.

NEW HEALTH OFFERS FOOD ASSISTANCE

Located on Hanover Street, the NEW Health is providing support for people facing food insecurity. For more information call 617-643-8000..

OUTDOOR WINERY ON THE GREENWAY

Boston's first outdoor wine garden, City Winery on The

Greenway has opened for another season.

The regular hours of operation are Wednesdays and Fridays from 4-9 p.m., Saturdays from 1-9 p.m. and Sundays from 12-8 p.m. into the fall at Dewey Square.

PLASTIC BAG EXTENSION

The City of Boston executive order to exempt all establishments from the plastic bag ordinance will stay in place until September 30.

FREE VIRTUAL EXERCISE CLASSES

Boston Parks and Recreation Department is hosting virtual dance party classes on Monday and Thursday evenings. Contact Jennifer.Widener@boston.gov.

CITY PAWS

Socialization as a part of training

By Penny & Ed Cherubino

While the puppy class of 2020 has had more time to bond with their families, they have had fewer opportunities to socialize with other dogs and human strangers. Socialization is an important part of a dog's training and lack of it can lead to fear of those people, dogs, and situations the pup hasn't had an opportunity to explore.

Socializing Options

We often recommend puppy kindergarten as a perfect way to combine basic training for the dog and human with safe, early socialization. The good news is that last month those classes began opening with new safety guidelines at both the Animal Rescue League of Boston and MSPCA. Your comfort level with group settings, your schedule, or lack of openings in these limited space classes could prevent you from taking this option.

If that is the case, we suggest you ask friends and neighbors to recommend a great dog walker. The best of these professionals have extensive experience in socializing dogs to walk with other dogs. Many people with a dog who is reactive to other dogs when with their own human are amazed to see that same dog quietly walking away with a canine pack under the direction of a great walker!

Husbandry Training

When we say husbandry training, we mean you should train your dog to behave politely when you, a groomer, or your veterinary professionals work with your dog. Since most of us have kept contact with the professionals in our dog's lives to a minimum since March, all of us can do some additional husbandry work with our dogs.

For those with new puppies, we'll suggest you follow the advice given to us by a very experienced dog person when we brought our first Westie home. She said, "Touch everywhere on the dog all the time. Hold the puppy's paws and examine them. Open her mouth and look inside. Check her ears. Run your hands all over her body." Her reasoning was that the first time something you have to touch hurts, your dog will know that touches that hurt are rare, and not every touch will hurt.

We've learned a lot over the years sharing the lives of three dogs and have a few tips to add. Brush your dog's teeth. With a puppy that might begin as a wipe with a piece of gauze wrapped around your finger.

Pretend to clip your dog's nails. Hold each paw and do a mock run with a nail trimmer or file. You don't have to snip or file, just let the pup get used to the idea of you working near his nails.

Brush and comb your dog so he's used to the process. Wash



The puppy class of 2020 has had fewer socialization opportunities, but these wee pups had a fun tussle while their humans stayed safe.

her paws when you return home from outside. Give him a quick bath when he's muddy. All of this is best begun with someone they already trust and the pup can then transfer that trust to others.

The good news is that older puppies just like older dogs can

learn new things. Just think of all the rescue dogs you know who came to live in an urban area and had to get used to walks on sidewalks and in parks. Most of them have come to accept the traffic, noise, and other canine aspects of city life. Your member

of the puppy class of 2020 can do the same with the right kind of training.

Do you have a question or topic for City Paws? Send an email to Penny@BostonZest.com with your request.

Walsh, Cassellius lay out phased plan for school reopening

By John Lynds

At his daily press briefing last Thursday Mayor Martin Walsh and Boston Public School Superintendent Brenda Cassellius laid out BPS's phased plan to reopen schools in the fall amid the continuing COVID-19 pandemic.

At the briefing Mayor Walsh called the plan a "flexible model" and schools across the district will have unique circumstances that require somewhat different approaches to each phase.

According to the plan all BPS students will begin with remote learning on September 21. Then, BPS will gradually introduce optional hybrid learning for all students, starting with the highest need students and the youngest students. BPS will then introduce optional hybrid learning for additional grade levels, starting with the youngest students, and moving up into the higher grades.

Each new phase will be contingent upon the most up-to-date public health metrics.

"This is the best approach to educate our children," said Walsh.



Mayor Martin Walsh and BPS Superintendent Brenda Cassellius brief the press last Thursday on BPS's phased reopening plan.

"It creates an on-ramp for students to return to the classroom, in a safe and careful way. This is the best way to tackle opportunity and achievement gaps in our city. We're going to make remote learning as high-quality as we possibly can. I have a lot of faith in our teachers to do that, and we're going to support them. But every day outside the classroom is a lost opportunity for many students.

Schools mean more than learning. They mean essential services, care and mentoring, and social development. The other benefit is flexibility. We can adapt this plan to the health circumstances. We have more options for moving forward."

Walsh said this approach will give the city and BPS time to assess health data before each step with the Boston Public Health Commis-

sion. It will allow the City of Boston and BPS to address learning needs and opportunity gaps in person and by providing extra help for students learning online. In every step, families have the choice of whether to opt-in to hybrid learning or stay fully remote.

"The bottom line is this: We need to contain the virus and keep our communities safe," said Walsh. "Kids need to get back to school, in many cases for reasons of equity and safety. And we need to provide quality education, in whatever format is required. That's what this plan makes possible. Every step along the way will follow science and public health data. Every family will have the choice about when to send children into school. And we will continue the work that began long before COVID-19: to close opportunity and achievement gaps, and give every single child the quality education that they deserve."

Walsh and Cassellius said school facilities will be in full compliance with state public health guidelines from the first day anyone enters those buildings, staff or students,

and that work is happening now. It will be complete and ongoing, as teachers and school leaders help identify additional steps.

Cassellius said teachers will begin professional development on Tuesday, September 8 for teaching both the remote and hybrid models.

"Equity remains at the center of Boston Public Schools' planning for a safe and successful start to the school year," said Cassellius. "This plan prioritizes meeting the needs of our most vulnerable learners, respects family choice, and is thorough, thoughtful, and responsive to the feedback we have received from families and teachers. We are excited for the new school year and will continue to support the social, emotional, and physical wellness of our students, staff and community as we lift up equity, promote health and safety, and ensure educators, staff, and families are prepared to support our students in their learning."

According to Walsh and Cassellius after Oct. 1 the BPS reopening plan outlines two options for families: all remote learning with five days a week of online instruction and hybrid learning with two days a week of learning in schools and three days of remote learning.

Students in the hybrid model will be assigned into Group A or Group B. Students in Group A will attend schools on Mondays and Tuesdays and students in Group B will attend school on Thursdays and Fridays (see sidebar).

All will learn online on Wednesdays to allow for cleaning, disinfecting, and sanitizing of buildings. There are specific plans to work with students with disabilities, students who are working towards English language proficiency, and others who require additional time and care to support their learning.

"Science and data is at the forefront of every single plan as we work to gradually and safely reopen the City of Boston," said the city's Chief of Health and Human Services Marty Martinez. "By phasing grades in every two weeks, teachers and school staff will have the time they need to get comfortable with the safety of their buildings and classrooms before students arrive, and allow us to monitor for any COVID activity between phases. As we have said from the beginning, these dates are dependent on public health data, and we will be closely monitoring the public health situation while creating a safe space for Boston's students to learn."

To see the full plan with complete details about this plan, go to bostonpublicschools.org/Reopening.

SAVE THE DATE!

Taste of the North End 2020



We're very excited to announce the

2020 Taste of the North End

will take place virtually on Wednesday, September 9th, 7 p.m. - 8 p.m.!

We're taking the annual festival virtual this year, but it will certainly remain a celebration of North End culture, food and restaurants, all while benefiting neighborhood organizations and charities, including NEW Health, Eliot School, St. John School, Harvard-Kent School, North End Against Drugs, North End Athletic Association, and North End Music and Performing Arts Center.

Due to the immense challenges our longstanding restaurant partners have faced during the COVID-19 pandemic, a portion of this year's ticket, raffle and auction proceeds will support our local restaurateurs as they safely reopen, covering critical costs including bringing staff back to work, PPE and cleaning supplies.

Stay tuned as we share details and ticket information on the new event. In the meantime, we hope you're enjoying the indoor and outdoor dining experience with our partnering restaurants throughout the North End.

Aqua Pazzo	Caffe Paradiso	Lucca Restaurant & Bar	Modern Pastry	Rocco's Cucina Restaurant & Bar
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