

Stephen Christiansen Honored with Achievement Award

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at Boston Medical Center (BMC). His National Institutes of Health funded research includes clinical studies of pediatric and adult strabismus (misalignment of the eyes), pediatric cataract, retinopathy of prematurity and retinoblastoma. He has served in numerous leadership roles including president of the American Orthoptic Journal and

The American Academy of Ophthalmology (AAO) honored South End resident Stephen Christiansen, MD, chairman of ophthalmology at Boston University School of Medicine, with a Senior Achievement Award. The award recognizes significant scholarly work, teaching and committee contributions to the Academy. The Senior Achievement Award honors those members with at least ten years of noteworthy contributions.

Christiansen serves as professor of ophthalmology and pediatrics at BUSM as well as the chief of ophthal-

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Puerto Rican Veterans Park Arch Dedicated

BY MICHELE D. MANISCALCO

As they have done every Veteran's Day since November, 2013 when the Puerto Rican Veterans Monument Park was dedicated, the Puerto Rican Veterans Monument Association (PRVMSA) gathered with neighbors, veterans and public servants to commemorate Veteran's Day.

On Monday, November 18, the 100th anniversary of the armistice that ended land, sea and air fighting in World War 1, the PVRMSA dedicated a new entrance arch to the park at the corner of West Dedham and Washington Streets.

PVRMSA president Anthony Medina emceed the proceedings, which included remarks by a host of state and local elected officials and veterans' affairs professionals; musical selections befitting the



Photo by Michele Maniscalco

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Crime Briefs

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Suspect Apprehended

Edwin Fantauzzi, 30, of Lawrence, who was wanted on numerous charges stemming from an incident that occurred on Saturday November 3, 2018, in the area of 10 Hammond Street in Lower Roxbury, has been located and arrested. Members of the BPD Fugitive Unit received information indicating that the suspect may be in the area of Bayonne, New Jersey. Investigators then coordinated with officers from the Bayonne Police Department

who were able to locate the suspect and place him in custody without incident.

At the time of his arrest, the suspect was utilizing the alias of Roberto Santiago. The suspect is currently being held at the Hudson County Correctional Facility as a Fugitive from Justice while awaiting extradition based on the Roxbury District Court warrant charging him with Assault with Intent to Rape a Child Under 16, Aggravating Kidnapping, Enticement of a Child and Indecent Assault and Battery on a Child Under 14.

Male Arrested, Firearm and Ballistics Recovered

Following Call for Shots Fired

At about 8:08 AM, on Saturday, November 3, 2018, officers assigned to District D-4 (South End) onsdited shots fired in the area of Emerald Court and Shawmut Avenue in the South End. Officers responded to the above area and were able to locate a male suspect at Ringgold Park. The male suspect was wearing a dry, white undershirt which was unusual due to the inclement weather conditions at the time of the incident. Further investigation led to officers discover-

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ASK DOG LADY



Advice on Pets, Life, Love

BY MONICA COLLINS

Dear Dog Lady,

We got Sadie a few months ago. She is a Labrador mix about five-years-old. Her owners wanted to give her away and keep her sister. When she arrived, she was scared. We thought it was just the new sur-

roundings but it got worse.

When we had a guest in the house, she would bark furiously and finally retreat to her crate. During the process she would defecate everywhere. We finally took her to the veterinarian who diagnosed severe anxiety. We got prescriptions for two meds to treat her. We were also referred to training. The trainers said they had not seen quite so intense a case of anxiety and suggested she go to Doggie Day Care and get used to other dogs. We took her there and she learned to get along with the other dogs. However, she still greets our house guests with fangs bared. She seems to be better after taking the medication but I would like her to feel better.

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SEnders attend Joslin Diabetes Center's High Hopes Gala

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Christine Bray, Joel Lombardo and Teresa Fitzgerald, all South End residents, were among the 500 guests who attended Joslin Diabetes Center's 19th Annual black-tie High Hopes Gala at The Castle at Park Plaza on Saturday, November 3rd. Guests had the opportunity to mingle with former New England Patriots cornerback and Class of 2018 Pro Football Hall of Fame Finalist Ty Law.

The evening was emceed by Kristy Lee of NBC 10 Boston and honored the Aiello and Beetham families of the Beetham Eye Institute for their generations of work in treating and reversing diabetes-related blindness. Emma and Sarah Sabourin, young Joslin patients, ages 9 and 13, and diabetes advocates, received this year's Spotlight on Hope award, and Casey McNamara was named Joslin's 2019 Merritt Levitan Youth Ambassador.

As ambassador, the 18-year-old high school senior will take an active role in enhancing diabetes awareness. The event raised more than \$1.3 million for Joslin's High Hopes Fund which directly supports the Center's greatest efforts to identify breakthrough advancements in diabetes research and in providing world-renowned clinical care.

The event was also attended by Dr. Peter Amenta, president and CEO of Joslin Diabetes, and his wife Edna, along with Jerry Rossi of the TJX Companies and U.S. Senator Jeanne Shaheen of New Hampshire.



Christine Bray, Joel Lombardo and Teresa Fitzgerald

Crime

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ing the male suspect's sweatshirt underneath an orange traffic drum as well as a firearm in the lock back position indicating the rounds it contained had been fired. Ballistic evidence was located in the area of Emerald Court and Shawmut Avenue.

Officers arrested Jamaal Gross-Christie, 20-years-old, of Roxbury. Gross-Christie is charged with Unlawful Possession of a Firearm, Unlawful Possession of Ammunition, Firearm Discharged within 500 Feet of a Dwelling, and Assault with Intent to Murder. Gross-Christie is expected to arraigned in Boston Municipal Court.

Christiansen

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chairman of the Program Planning Committee at the American Association for Pediatric Ophthalmology and Strabismus (AAPOS). He has published more than 100 peer-reviewed journal articles, book chapters and editorials and has received numerous awards including the Senior Honor Award from AAPOS and

the Secretariat Award from the AAO.

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Rain or Shine!

We wouldn't miss the annual #SouthEnd #BayVillage Fall Clean up! Thanks to all the neighbors who participated. Via Twitter, Faisa Sharif @SEBVONS, South End, Bay Village, and Somali Community Liaison. Boston City Hall



Photos from @SEBVONS on Twitter

Dog Lady

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—Dave

Dear Dave,

Yes, be patient and loving. Even with medication, people don't change overnight, why should dogs? Sadie is working through her issues and this takes time. Sending her to doggy day care was a fabulous idea. Keep her there.

When Dog Lady got her rescue dog, he was a bundle of nerves. He too defecated in the house. Dog Lady thought she'd go crazy with this skittery spooked terrier. Yet, over two years, sweet Dexter has calmed down considerably. He's still occasionally scared of men walking behind him on the street. He stops and waits until they pass. He can get nervous when Dog Lady leaves the room but he's not nearly as

terrified as he used to be. He takes no medication except good food, lots of canoodling with his humans and a good doggy day care where he can mix it up with his own kind—so very important for a dog's mental health.

Dear Dog Lady,

I need some advice: My neighbor is fostering a very timid little dog, Vivian. She is very sweet and shy. Marla has had her about 24 hours. And the dog is so frightened she won't poop. She hasn't gone to the bathroom since Marla brought her home, but she has eaten dinner and breakfast. The poor little thing needs to poop. Any advice?

—Janet

Dear Janet,

You wrote a follow-up email to "Ask Dog Lady" saying all is well. Vivian did her business and everybody exhaled. The anxious foster dog

simply needed a little time and space.

Mr. Dog Lady tells a story about his mother, Mother-In-Law-Dog Lady, who had to care for her daughter's cats when daughter went away to college. Mother-In-Law wanted to feed dry food instead of canned but, at first, the cats refused to eat the dry stuff. Mother-In-Law went to the family veterinarian and asked for help to coax the cats to eat. The wise vet told her not to do a thing because, eventually, the cats would get hungry enough to chow down. And they did.

This is a good lesson for anyone whose dog refuses to follow simple biology. If you wait long enough, everything comes out for the best.

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Veterans

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occasion, the placement of a red, white and blue wreath at the park's sculpture of male and female soldiers by city councilor at large Michelle Wu and Boston Veterans Services commissioner Giselle Sterling. Members of all six branches of the United States armed forces were called forward to be recognized.

Efraín Salgado sang the "Star Spangled Banner" and Sebastian Medina sang "La Borinqueña," the Puerto Rican national anthem. Among the crowd of approximately 40 people were Vanessa Calderón-Rosado, Inquilinos Boricuas en Acción (IBA) CEO and Jovita Fontanez, Boston's first Hispanic female election commissioner and the first Latina elected to the Electoral College of Massachusetts.

The park pays special tribute to the Borinqueneers, the 65th Infantry Regiment, the first Puerto Rican regiment of the United States Army which has gone to battle since World War I.

Speakers included Massachusetts Secretary of Veterans Services Francisco Ureña; Boston Mayor Martin J. Walsh; Boston Commissioner of Veterans Services Giselle Sterling; Boston Police commissioner William Gross; Boston Fire Commissioner Joseph Finn; Boston city councilors Michelle Wu and Ed Flynn; 9th Suffolk District state senator-elect Jon Santiago, a captain in the US Army Reserves; and Dr. Ernie Rosado, director of military outreach at Columbia Southern University.

Secretary Ureña said, "This monument continues to honor all veterans and the Puerto Rican veterans who have served with distinction and honor." In his address, Walsh noted

with pride that the Puerto Rican Veterans Monument Park in Boston is the first and only monument to Puerto Rican veterans, male and female, in the US.

"This monument represents all of our gratitude, it helps keep stories alive and it shows our commitment to making sure that veterans have all the supports they need to get through their own lives. Our commitment is a holistic approach including housing, social supports and health care. It's about helping the vets work through their limits and unlock the skills of civilian life," Walsh said. The mayor then described the city's Veterans Care program, which helps veterans with PTSD. "The most important thing we can do is to say thank you, gracias," Walsh added.

He called the unveiling of the entrance arch a symbol of the city's ongoing commitment to the veteran community, concluding with the words of President John F. Kennedy, "We must never forget that the highest appreciation is not to utter the words, but to live by them." Flynn, who served in the U.S. Navy for 25 years, was stationed in Guantánamo Bay and in the Persian Gulf during Operation Enduring Freedom.

Flynn said after the ceremony, "It was an honor to serve overseas with the Puerto Rican National Guard. He described the Puerto Rican service members as "Very hard-working and always looking out for other vets." Wu saluted the contributions of service members with remarks delivered fluidly in Spanish.

The entrance arch, which was draped in red, white and blue bunting, was unveiled by Mayor Walsh, some of the government officials and a member of the military. The arch reads, "Puerto Rican Veterans Memorial Plaza" "Bienvenidos" (Welcome).



(Top Right) Councilor Wu and Commissioner Sterling (Center Left & Center) Unveiling of the arch (Center Right) Guillermo Candelario plays "Taps" (Bottom Left) Jon Santiago speaks (Bottom Right) Commissioner Sterling speaks

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Outrageously Wrong

The Play That Goes Wrong, Mischief Theatre tour at Emerson Colonial Theatre, through November 18. BroadwayinBoston.com

BY JULES BECKER

Sharply timed silliness is not easy. Think of the slapstick of the musical "Spamalot" and the set hijinks and cast romp of the inspired play "Noises Off." Now add a take-off on classic Agatha Christie. The result is the deliberately outrageous but always hilarious "The Play That Goes Wrong," now in a rollicking Broadway in Boston tour at the Emerson Colonial Theatre.

Theatergoers will know right away that slapstick is the delightful order of the day right from the start. The Emerson Colonial marquee upends the play's title, and playbills purposely have the word 'WRONG' in red with the 'G' trailing off lower than the other letters and both the 'G' and the 'S' of 'GOES' split up as if murder victims themselves.

Then a la "Noises Off," the cast members are listed with their actor roles on one page of the program and with their characters in the play within a play "The Murder at Haversham Manor" on another.

"The Murder at Haversham Manor" is billed as a presentation of the fictional Cornley University Drama Society. While the drama society is profoundly inept, the Mischief Theatre tour has the skill and flair of Monty Python regulars.

What follows is a kind of sealed room mystery where anything that can happen will and even technicians get into the act. Early on even an audience member (clearly chosen prior to curtain time) assists with a conveniently troublesome part of designer Nigel Hook smartly detailed mansion set.

Once the body of mansion host Charles Haversham appears, the Henry Lewis, Jonathan Sayer and Henry Shields laugh riot fully lives up to its title. Set pieces fall. The upper set area gradually deteriorates and tilts precariously. Props prove as mysterious as suspects. Actors end up in the wrong places. Some grandstand looking out to the audience for attention as though this is their first time onstage. Even Charles moves.

If the Comley effort seems helter skelter unprepared, the Mischief ensemble — sharply helmed by tour director Matt DiCarlo after the original Broadway direction of Mark Bell — possesses the disarming disorder of an apparently perfect murder. "The Play That Goes Wrong" may not have the verbal wit of "Noises Off," but audiences need not care (as was the case with the nonstop laughter opening night).

Quite simply, the Mischief Theatre cast has the agility and ardor of a Norman Lloyd or Buster Keaton. Evan Alexander Smith has the proper air of authority as Inspector Carter. Angela Grovey as Cornley actress Annie and Jamie Ann Romero as counterpart Sandra are equal hoots apart and especially together in a standout sequence. Ned Noyes displays impressive versatility as quirky brother Cecil Haversham and enigmatic Arthur the Gardener.

Yaegel T. Welch has the right elusiveness as 'moving' victim Charles. The talented ensemble also features Brandon J. Ellis, Peyton Crim and Scott Cote.

Did the butler do it? Agatha Christie buffs are likely to figure out which of her mysteries this hilarious take-off resembles and the identity of the murderer. Everyone will warm to the production's spirited playfulness. It is no spoiler alert to reveal that "The Play That Goes Wrong" always goes right.



National tour of "The Play That Goes Wrong" (Photo: Jeremy Daniel)

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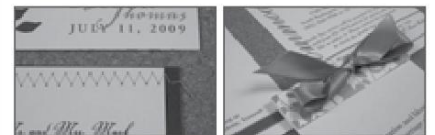
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