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### Paris Children's Choir **Performed At Cathedral**

CATHEDRAL OF THE HOLY CROSS

The Le Choeur d'Enfants d'Île-de-France ("The Children's Choir of Greater Paris") performed a unique and free summer concert at the Cathedral of the Holy Cross on Thursday, July 25 at 7 p.m.

Under the director of conductors Francis Bardot and Raphaëlle Boutillier, and accompanied by pianist Laurent Jochum, the choir performed selects by Bach, Delibes, Fauré, Franck, Mendelssohn, Offenbach, Pergolesi, Pulenc, Rameau,

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Photo courtesy Nate Fried-Lipski

### **Festival Betances sizzles**

On a steamy weekend with soaring heat and humidity that triggered weather alerts for Greater Boston. IBA's Festival Betances marched and danced on with a schedule packed with music, dancing, sports, food and fun on Saturday and Sunday, July 21 and 22.

The annual festival, which honors Puerto Rican physician and

nationalist Dr. Ramón Emeterio Betances, opened with a parade featuring local civic, sports, dance and youth groups joined by Mayor Martin J. Walsh, congressional representative Ayanna Pressley, state representative Jon Santiago (9th Suffolk), and District 2 city councilor Ed Flynn.

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### **Obituary**

### Political candidate, landlord, motorcycle rider Kevin McCrea dead at 52

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The Globe reports that Kevin McCrea, a South End resident who ran for mayor in 2009 and as a clown named Pat Payaso for an at-large City Council seat in 2017, has died of a heart attack.

Kevin leaves his behind his wife, Viktoria Kravtsova McCrea, and their 8-month-old son, Kieran Robert McCrea; his parents, William Mc-Crea, of Indianapolis, and Joanne Fitzgerald McCrea, of Ipswich, and a half-brother, Jaron Henrie-McCrea.

Many shared their remembrances on www.universalhub.com

I was initially very skeptical of his political antics, but grew to appreciate McCrea's directness, and refusal to mince words when addressing civic issues. He served the residents of Boston in so many ways by saying the impolitic but truthful things that are wrong with our city government, including the ongoing games of the BRA (yes I know they rebranded, but they are still the same BRA). I did not know about his volunteer work, but am not surprised.

Sincere condolences to his

Continued on page 4 Kevin McCrea





Advice on Pets, Life, Love

By Monica Collins

Dear Dog Lady,

I have a four-year-old amazing dog, Wyatt. I have had him since he was a puppy. I got him with my ex as our second dog. We just split up,

and I got Wyatt. My ex got our other dog, Hank. Wyatt has anxiety and we've always had to make special accommodations to leave him at home. He had never been left alone for more than ten minutes, and any time Heft him, he'd go crazy barking and howling. He did fine when my ex left him for a little longer.

I'm bringing him to daycare, which I can't afford so am putting on my credit card. I can't ever leave to run errands or do anything without either bringing him, or dropping him off at my ex's or daycare. My ex brings Hank over a few times a week to stay with Wyatt to help out, which is wonderful. However this

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### **Dog Lady**

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isn't a long term solution. I've never thought it would come to this, but I'm starting to wonder if I am the best home for him.

I've started him on some Prozac, but I'm having to really think about what happens if I can't train him to stay home alone in the near-ish future. I have JUST enough money right now to pay bills and stay fed. The idea of giving him up seems awful and I don't know that I could forgive myself, but I also can't not have a life outside of being at home with my dog.

-Christy

Dear Christy,

This letter is rather painful to read. In writing this column and hearing of people's life problems—breakups and bankruptcy are the most severe—Dog Lady aches for the dog in the middle. And, clearly, your "amazing" dog Wyatt is caught in the middle of your breakup and money woes.

Seems you're flailing and "some Prozac" is not a sensible solution. Why not talk it overwith your ex honestly and openly. You adopted the dog together and even though you got custody after the breakup, your ex still has a measure of responsibility. Maybe your ex will decide to take Wyatt—a good solution. Maybe you will

discuss putting the dog up for adoption, in which case you can research the best shelter together. Or maybe your ex will volunteer to help you out more. In any case, find a solution because the more this goes on, the more you will resent and fear Wyatt, which is not fair to you or the dog.

Dear Dog Lady,

I just moved into a new house with my mom. Her boyfriend comes to visit with his dog, a big 109-pound German shepherd. When I went to pick up the dog's toy he barked and tried to bite me. I'm afraid I will have to live in fear! I really don't want to get bitten. Is there something I can do to have him trust me?

-Mike

Dear Mike

Yes, ignore him. Don't feed him, walk him, try to grab his toys, or worry the big German shepherd doesn't like you. Talk to your mother and her boyfriend about the dog and let them know what happened. Tell them you feel unsafe in your own home with the big dog. If the boyfriend is half the man your mother thinks he is, he will handle the situation. He's the one responsible for his dog and he should be the one to help you learn to trust the animal.

Write askdoglady@gmail.com





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### **Free Movie Nights Return**

SUBMITTED BY THE CITY OF BOSTON

Mayor Martin J. Walsh's Movie Nights, part of the Boston Parks and Recreation Department's ParkARTS program, return in August and September giving residents and visitors the opportunity to enjoy popular films under the night skies in 11 City of Boston parks.

All shows begin at dusk (approximately 7:45 p.m.) and are sponsored by Bank of America and the Boston Parks and Recreation Department with support from the Mayor's Office of Tourism, Sports, and Entertainment, Highland Street Foundation, and HOT 96.9. Snacks and beverages will be provided by NextHome Titletown Real Estate.

Dates, locations, and movies are as follows:

> Monday, August 5 Fallon Field, Roslindale "The Incredibles 2"

Monday, August 12 Moakley Park, South Boston "Ralph Breaks the Internet"

Wednesday, August 14 Ramsay Park, Roxbury "Spider-man: Into the Spider-Verse"

Monday, August 19 Rogers Park, Allston-Brighton Tuesday, August 20 Walker Playground, Mattapan "Black Panther"

Wednesday, August 21 Ronan Park, Dorchester "Spider-man: Into the Spider-Verse"

Thursday, August 22 Hynes Playground, West Roxbury "Wonder Park"

Monday, August 26 Noyes Park, East Boston "How to Train Your Dragon: The Hidden World"

Tuesday, August 27 Winthrop Square, Charlestown "Dumbo"

Thursday, August 29 Iacono Playground, Hyde Park "The Lego Movie 2: The Second Part"

Friday, September 6 Frog Pond, Beacon Hill "Avengers: Endgame"

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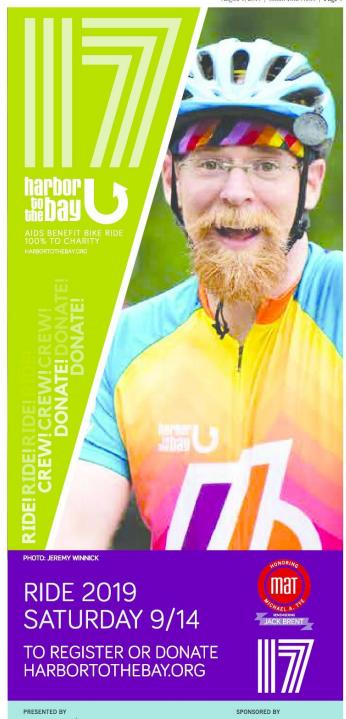
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### **BFIT names Camacho as Dean of Academic Affairs**

SUBMITTED BY BFIT

Benjamin Franklin Institute of Technology (BFIT) has named Dr. Dennis Camacho, Ed.D. of Reading, MA to the position of Dean of Academic Affairs which is the institution's Chief Academic Officer (CAO). BFIT is a private, nonprofit technical college responding to the Massachusetts skills shortage by educating Greater Boston diverse, urban youth for well-paying jobs in today's high demand industries.

In his new role as Dean of Academic Af-

fairs, Dr. Camacho will provide guidance and support to prepare the division of Academic Affairs to meet the changing needs of its student population and the college's impending relocation. He will also increase the strength of existing BFIT programs in high demand technology fields including Automotive Technology, Construction Management, Electronics Engineering Technology, and Health Information Technology, while creating new academic programs in emerging fields such as robotics. "BFIT's genuine student-centered approach and academic programming are two

of its biggest strengths," Dr. Camacho says. "I am proud to be joining a college that is committed to making sure its students have the technical, communication, teamwork and problem-solving skills they need to build a successful career and help close the technology skills gap." More than 90 percent of BFIT students graduate either with a career-track job earning a living wage or with plans to pursue further educational opportunities. BFIT is one of New England's oldest colleges

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### **Obituary**

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By Marco

Atrue pillar of the community! We should be so lucky to have city residents as civically engaged as Mr. McCrea, whether one agreed with his views or not. He was trying at least, and passionate. This is the saddest I have ever been upon first glance at Uhub in the morning.

Pouring one out for Payaso today...

By Rob P

Kevin was a character to be sure. But also a deeply sincere person. I remember him coming to a candidate forum on transportation by bicycle: it was in part a show to walk into the room with the bike but also a sincere way for him to understand the issue and advocates he was in front of. Sums him up well in all his complexity as a person and political figure. It's especially heartbreaking to learn he had such a young child. My sincere condolences to his entire family and especially wife and son. Gone far too soon.

By HarryMattison

Kevin was a good man with a great heart. He loved Boston and helped people publicly and privately in many ways. We are better for having known him and will miss him.

By adamg

Back in the day, like, 2015, the city had this decaying, closed garage in Winthrop Square, which DND was simply going to hand over to the BRA, which figured it might get, oh, at the very most, \$40 million for.

But McCrea and Shirley Kressel knew the city couldn't just hand over real property without a City Council hearing, basically embarrassed the council into holding one (at which Brian Golden had to be basically hit over the head before he'd even say maybe, maybe the site would net, maybe, \$40 million), which led to negotiations with the net result the city could earn more than \$150 million from the site's sale to Millennium Partners.

By Philip Lee Kevin was a true pioneer. "Always, Think Big!" he would tell me. Kevin became a successful businessman allon his own because he thought big and was extremely self-motivated. He talked the talk and walked the walk and always had a sound game plan for whatever

Kevin gave me my 1st job out of college as his campaign manager for Boston City Council At Large. I also spent time with him and his brother in New Orleans helping Wabash reconstruct homes in New Orleans. We eventually became friends and even would spend nights playing poker. He was a people's person and related to everyone. Kevin has been a true inspiration for me and others. Because of his teachings, I am who I am today. I am saddened by the news but I know Kevin's memory will live on.

According to Meighan McCrea, visiting hours will be held on August 9 from 4-8pm at Mann Rogers Funeral Home, Jamaica Plain. Service at Forrest Hills cemetery Saturday, August 10, 10 am. A celebration life is in the works.

externalFeast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross, the patronal feast of the Cathedral.

A suggested donation of \$25 (or \$15 for students and seniors) will be gratefully accepted to benefit the Organ Restoration Fund.

Cathedral of the Holy Cross is located at 1400 Washington Street, Boston.

### Cathedral

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and Saint-Saëns.

First Concert On Restored 1875 Organ: Sept. 15, at 3 PM

The Cathedral of the Holy Cross' enormous 1875, 101-rank, E. & G. G. Hook & Hastings Opus 801 pipe organ will once again play following an extensive restoration during the overall renovation of the Cathedral. More than 2,000 of the instrument's 5,300+ pipes were removed and cleaned off-site along with other work. After remaining silent during the two-year interior renovation of the Cathedral. the historic Opus 801 will now sound again.

Leo D. Abbott, FAGO, Ch.M., Music Director Emeritus of the Cathedral, will perform the first organ concert on Opus 801 following its restoration on Sunday, September 15, 2019 at 3 p.m. on the occasion of the

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### **Festival**

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About 4,000 people joined the party over the weekend, with higher attendance on Sunday. After Saturday's parade, attendees watched the basketball tournament in O'Day Playground, 85 West Newton Street, spentthe afternoon and evening dancing to the music on the stage at Plaza Betances, 100 West Dedham Street, re-fueling with food and drinks from a variety of vendors selling Puerto Rican and Caribbean street food.

Sunday afternoon began with the much-anticipated palo enceba'o (greased pole) contest, in which teams vie to climb a pole covered with red grease to claim the Puerto Rican flag near the top to win a \$1,000 prize. This year's competition had two teams including the returning Boricua All Stars, who won the contest in 12 minutes.

According to IBA chief operating officer Mayra I. Negrón-Rivera, while the crowd was still sizeable, the heat may have affected attendance. "(It) was the hottest festival in years. In addition, there are other festivities in the city, which affect our two-day festival."

This year's music lineup emphasized female talent, including Dominican singer Gilenny Gi, who delivered crowd-pleasing sets of bachata and merengue on Saturday and Sunday afternoons, as well as appearing at the Tito Puente Latin Music Series on the previous Thursday, July 19, at the Tito Puente Latin Music Series at O'Day Playground.

Puerto Rican salsa singer Michelle Brava kept the audience moving with a sizzling set of salsa, and Sunday's festival headliner, Gisselle, brought the weekend to a memorable close, moving the audience with fluid merengue and charming them with heartfelt remarks and handshakes and autographs from the stage.

Commenting on this year's woman-focused talent, Negrón-Rivera said, "(We received) excellent feedback. It was innovative and relevant to today's discussion about the lack of female empowerment and expositions."



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### **BFIT**

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of technology, started with a bequest from Benjamin Franklin and a gift from Andrew Carnegie.

Dr. Camacho brings to BFTT almost 20 years of experience in Student Affairs and Academic Affairs. In addition to working as an Affiliate Consultant for CREDO Higher Education Consulting Group with offices in North Carolina and Wisconsin, he has served as the Dean of the Center for

Academic Success and Enrichment – CASE for all three regional campuses of MCPHS University and Director of Student Outreach for First Year Programs at Newbury College. In 2007, he received the Community Advancement Service Award from the Latin@ Network, Standing Committee for Multicultural Affairs, American College Personnel Association ACPA at the joint ACPA/NASPA conference in Orlando, Fl. He has also been an adjunct professor and has created several undergraduate, graduate and doctoral courses since '07 in mathematics, higher education administration and first year programs at MCPHS University, Newbury College, New

York Institute of Technology and the University at Stonybrook.

Dr. Camacho earned his Ed.D. in Organizational Leadership Studies from Northeastern University, dual Master's degrees in Higher Education Administration and Secondary Math Education from Teachers College, Columbia University and a Bachelor of Arts in Liberal Arts with a minor in Secondary Math Education from Hofstra University. Dr. Camacho also volunteers on the Board of Trustees for Phi Iota Alpha Fraternity, Inc. Est. 1931 The Oldest Latino Fratemity an organization he joined as an undergraduate. He was Chairman of the Board from 2015-2018.

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