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South End welcomes the March for Our Lives

BY MICHELE D. MANISCALCO

Tens of thousands of people, from children to grandparents, marched, chanted, carried signs and called for gun control reforms at Saturday, March 24's March for Our Lives, held in concert with marches across the US inspired by the shooting at the Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland, Florida that claimed 17 lives.

Boston was one of dozens of cities in the US and 800 around



Photo by Michele Maniscalco

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From Springfield to Boston to Washington:

Youth Lead Movement to End Gun Violence

BY SARAH O'CONNOR,
ST. STEPHEN'S YOUTH PROGRAMS

On Thursday March 14th, young leaders from around Massachusetts stood in front of the Smith



B-PEACE for Jorge Campaign Leaders at Action at Smith and Wesson in Springfield / photo by Jonathon Leiner, JOIN for Justice

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Crime

Rodriguez convicted for South End rape Faces trial for third

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A Suffolk Superior Court jury on Friday convicted Eduardo Rodri-

guez, 32, on two counts of aggravated rape and on single counts of kidnapping, unarmed robbery and indecent assault and battery for an attack on a woman at Claremont Street and Greenwich Park in the South End on Aug. 22, 2016, the Suffolk County District Attorney's office reports.

Suffolk Superior Court Judge Maureen Hogan yesterday sentenced

him to 30 to 35 years in state prison, followed by 10 years of probation. Prosecutors had asked for a sentence of life.

According to the DA's office, Rodriguez faces trial later this year for a third rape, committed just hours after the South End attack.

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Misa Kuranaga and Paulo Arrais in Romeo & Juliet. Photo by Lisa Voll

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BY JULES BECKER

"Romeo & Juliet" is arguably the greatest love tragedy, one that John Cranko's 1962 ballet version captures in both story and spirit. Cranko's

rich conception ranges from the humor of Mercutio, Benvolio and Romeo toying with Juliet's Nurse and attending the Capulet ball as masked mysterious figures to Juliet's emotional abuse by her domineering parents and the vulnerability and sad fate of the title lovers.

At the same time, the masterful dance storyteller vividly depicts the bustling life of the townspeople—especially the street vendors and a

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Easter Happenings!

Saturday, March 31

The Titus Sparrow Park. Refreshments at 9:30 am, egg hunt at 10:00 am for kids of all ages. Also some fun activities. Organized by a partnership of Friends of Titus Sparrow Park, The Little Lovage Club, and The YMCA. The park is located on West Newton St. between Columbus and Huntington Avenues, next to the Southwest Corridor Parkland.

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Theater

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carnival with eye-catching clowns. Boston Ballet is doing full justice to this narrative classic in an exquisitely danced revival at the Opera House.

Dance buffs and Boston Ballet Fans will find that Jane Bourne's staging and Gabriel Heine's conducting are as masterful as the ballet itself. Bourne brings grace and flair to the first act Capulet ball and fires up the townspeople's rousing second act tarantella and carnival clowning. Heine sharply captures the haunting passages as well as the soaring ones in Prokofiev's exquisite music.

In solo, pas de deux, trio and ensemble, soloists, principals and the full corps demonstrate the kind of high caliber technique and strong synchronization that distinguish the likes of American Ballet Theatre and New York City Ballet.

Opening night Paulo Arrais as Romeo and Misa Kuranaga as Juliet (casts alternate through the run) danced with both great heart and technique as the ill-fated lovers. Arrais had all of Romeo's spirit and adventurous nature—in his electrifying turns and leaps and in Three Musketeers-like sequences with Isaac Akiba's Benvolio and Derek Dunn's Mercutio. Kuranaga found Juliet's early diffidence, a, her ongoing vulnerability and her blossoming wit Romeo. Their pas de deux moments were

exquisitely moving in their earnestness, and Arrais lifted Kuranaga handily and impressively high. Akiba displayed the right protectiveness as Benvolio tried to keep Romeo from retaliating against Tybalt for killing Mercutio. Dunn captured Mercutio's signature mischief with a trio of townswomen and danced with striking playfulness even as Romeo's witty friend moved closer and closer to death. The trio perfectly fulfilled Cranko's dance combinations.

Maria Alvarez was a standout as aloof Lady Capulet, especially when she displayed over-the-top grief for Tybalt—going so far as to cling to her dead kinsman and reject any consolation. Pavel Curevich captured Lord Capulet's easygoing demeanor at the ball and his rigidity and mean-spirited manner with Juliet. Eris Nezha caught Tybalt's volatility and dangerous arrogance. Florimond Lorieux danced with the right combination of formality and tenderness as unrequited suitor Paris. Elizabeth Olds had the right variety of emotions and moves as Nurse supported romance-embracing Juliet. Lawrence Rines demonstrated singular agility and engaging expressiveness as Carnival King.

Boston Ballet introduced the pleasures of Cranko's "Romeo & Juliet" to Hub dance buffs in 2008. The company's meteoric rise under the smartly demanding guidance of artistic director Mikko Nissinen makes the current revival a landmark event and dance magic to treasure.

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Sunday, April 1

Ringgold Park

The Annual Egg Hunt, 10am sharp. Please bring your own basket for children to collect candy-filled eggs. The park will be divided into

sections by age. Kids will also have a chance to shake hands with a life-size bunny. Ringgold Park is located in Boston's historic South End, in the Eight Streets area. It is between Waltham Street, Hanson Street, and Ringgold Street.

South End Library

The Eleventh Annual South End Library Easter Egg Hunt will take place in Library Park

11:00am, rain or shine. We heard the Easter Bunny can't wait. Many eggs have been filled by FOSEL volunteers with chocolates, poems and knock-knock jokes. There's a separate area for the very young. We have some baskets for those who can't find the ones from last year. We offer refreshments and baked goods. 685 Tremont Street.

Crime

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At the time of the rapes, Rodriguez was on probation for a 2007 rape, for which had received a sentence of 8 to 10 years. His new sentence will begin only after he finishes a 3-5-year sentence for violating the terms of his probation - by getting arrested for a new rape—the DA's office reports.

According to the DA's office:

"During the course of last week's jury trial, prosecutors presented evidence and testimony to prove that at approximately 12:30 a.m. on Aug. 22, 2016, Rodriguez was riding a BMX bicycle as he approached the victim walking in the area of Greenwich Park and Claremont Street. Rodriguez threatened the victim with a knife and forced her to walk with him to Carter Playground. There, he sexually assaulted and robbed the victim of her phone and approximately \$250.

The victim was treated at Brigham and Women's Hospital and underwent a sexual assault examination.

Boston Police detectives linked Rodriguez to the attack through the GPS monitoring device he was ordered to wear as a condition of his probation for his earlier conviction. Those GPS records placed him at Carter Playground at the time of the assault and showed his movements to and from the location - including a stop in an alley where police later found the clothing Rodriguez had worn at the time of the assault. Security cameras along his path also captured him riding a bicycle and then walking with the victim in the direction of the playground.

The victim positively identified Rodriguez in a photo array as the man who attacked her, and relatives of Rodriguez identified the bicycle he was observed riding as one he borrowed from a family member that day."

Police say drunk guy's loaded gun fell down his pants at South End drugstore

Boston Police report arresting a Dorchester man on a variety of gun charges last night after a worker at the CVS on Columbus Avenue, around the corner from the Back Bay T stop, called to report the guy was at the counter, and pretty unsteady when a gun slipped out of his pants leg and onto the floor.

Police say that by the time officers arrived, Christopher Baker, 29, had picked up the loaded black Desert Eagle gun and put it back in his waistband.

Officers were able to secure the suspect without incident, however, as they did so, he threatened that he could have shot the officers if he wanted. The officers observed that the suspect appeared to be unsteady on his feet and slurring his words, leading officers to believe he was intoxicated.

Police say he was charged with unlawful possession of a firearm, unlawful possession of ammunition, unlawful possession of a large-capacity firearm, unlawfully carrying a loaded firearm and threats to do bodily harm. Police add that during booking, Baker threatened to "take down" officers.

March

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the world marching for change on Saturday. U.S. Senator Elizabeth Warren, congressman Stephen Lynch of South Boston (D-8th), Rep. Michael Capuano (D-7th), Mayor Martin J. Walsh, and recently elected city councilors Kim Janey and Ed Flynn were among the elected officials who took part in the event, which began at Madison Park High School and culminated in a rally at the Boston Common.

Among the speakers at the rally were Leonor Muñoz and Emma González, survivors of the Douglas High School shooting. The march followed Tremont Street to Ruggles and turned onto Columbus Avenue. The first marchers arrived at the Columbus Avenue overpass above the Mass. Pike shortly before 1:00 PM and the last marchers passed by the same spot around 1:40 PM, packing the streets and the sidewalks on each side of Columbus Avenue as they headed toward the finale, a rally at the Boston Common. Attendance estimates ranged from 50,000 to 100,000 for the event.

Around the intersection of Berkeley Street and Columbus Avenue, about 100 people waited along both sides of the street to cheer on the marchers, some with signs showing their support. There were no counter-protesters in evidence.

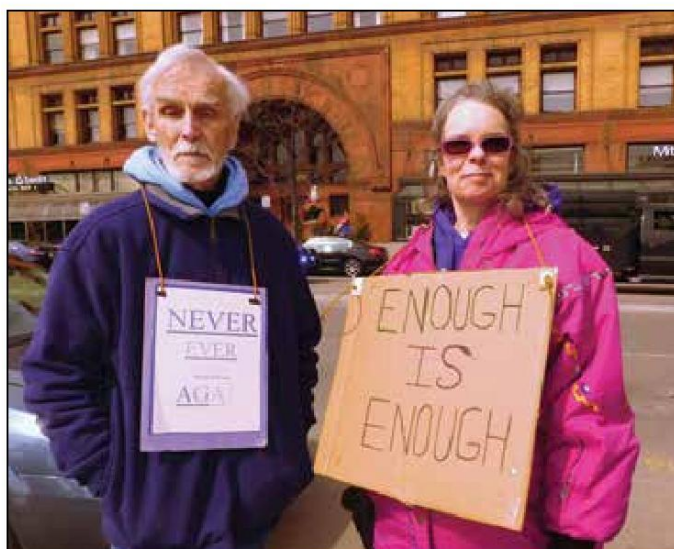
Norman Parker and his daughter, Jennifer Parker of Gloucester held signs supporting the marchers. Norman Parker said, "It's incredible! You go on-line and there are people who want to put them down because they are kids and it's ridiculous. Look what they've done." Former South End News writer and founder of Milford Street's Little Free Library, Lydia Walshin and husband Ted Chaloner stood across the street.

Walshin commented, "I couldn't be more proud of this generation. We are here to support them and I am in awe of how much energy they have and how much creativity they have." Chaloner added, "We have two granddaughters marching in Chicago today, because they are out there visiting."

Similarly, elected officials who took part expressed pride in the young activists. State representative Aaron Michlewitz, who went to the rally at the Common, weighed in via e-mail, "It was inspiring to see so many young people engaged in this important conversation and gives me great hope that we will see meaningful change in Washington and across the country."

Flynn, who also attended the rally, commented, "It was an honor to be with thousands of young people, students, teachers and concerned residents on Saturday for the March for Our Lives in Boston. We must work together as a country for tougher gun control laws that protect everyone. As a parent, I am always concerned about the safety of my children and all children in our schools. This must be the highest priority to ensure we have the toughest gun control laws possible and keep our children safe."

Janey, who walked in the march, wrote, "Historically, young people have always been at the forefront of social justice movements. I am so incredibly proud of our students here in Boston for standing up for what is right and demanding change. Inaction is not an option. Our children are being gunned down in our streets and in our schools. This must end."



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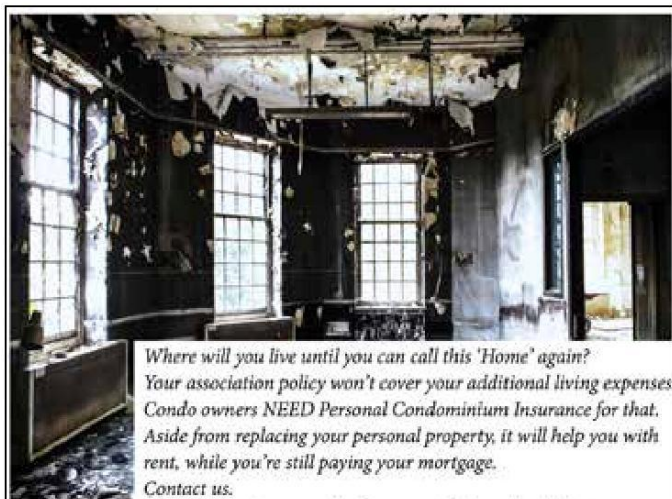


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Springfield

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and Wesson headquarters in Springfield, where the assault weapons used in the Parkland, Aurora and San Bernardino shootings were produced.

Teens traveled by bus from Boston, car pools from Holyoke, and by foot from Springfield, walking the quarter of a mile from Springfield Central High School. They led over 200 youth educators, faith leaders, and allies in asking Smith and Wesson's CEO, P. James Debney, to meet with students and become an industry leader in addressing gun violence in this country.

Boston student leader Ekran Sharif said, "This gun [Smith and Wesson M&P-15] was never intended to be used by civilians. We are here at Smith and Wesson to demand that executives from Smith and Wesson engage directly with us, specifically with youth leaders, about how their company will be part of the solutions to end gun violence."

These students come from the urban neighborhoods in our state where gun violence occurs not only as a headline grabbing phenomenon, but as a fact of their daily reality. "But any effort toward solutions — and what are we all doing, post-Parkland, if not seeking solutions? — must address urban violence, too," said Ekran Sharif, 17, a student at Edward M. Kennedy Academy for Health Careers in Boston.

"We don't see this in the current debate," she said. "The death of a child in Springfield or Boston matters just as much as the death of any child from Parkland. The trauma of losing a loved one is just as great no matter if it's Sandy Hook or Chicago."

Their action at Smith and Wesson in Springfield is part

of a national moment and movement against the gun violence that is nothing new for so many of them. Many of these young leaders were heart-broken and outraged when tragedy struck in Dorchester and reverberated through the communities where Jorge Fuentes had been a part of in Boston and beyond. Jorge was shot and killed outside his home while walking his dog in September of 2012.

His senseless murder galvanized those who knew him to take action to prevent future gun violence; together with then Bishop M. Thomas Shaw of the Episcopal Diocese of Massachusetts they formed The B-PEACE for Jorge Campaign, the diocese's ongoing effort to address the underlying roots of violence.

While not new for the B-PEACE for Jorge leaders, the issue of gun violence has never captured the public's attention in quite this way before. Last Saturday, these same B-PEACE young people and adult allies were marching alongside hundreds of thousands of others in the streets in Boston and Washington, DC.

At the Boston March for Our Lives, members of The B-PEACE for Jorge campaign showed up wearing the purple shirts and white buttons emblazoned with Jorge's face that they have been wearing in his honor for years.

In Washington, D.C., Emma Gonzalez's powerfully moving speech was particularly resonant for Boston teens who had traveled there for the action. As Gonzalez spoke about the urgency of taking action to end gun violence in our streets and in our schools, they could see she was wearing on her jacket the same B-PEACE for Jorge button they wear every day.

To follow the lead of young people in our neighborhood and across the country in this movement to end gun violence, join B-PEACE for Jorge teens in local actions and campaigns. Email sarah@syboston.org to get involved.

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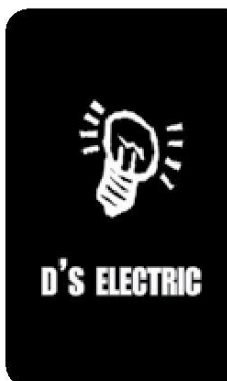
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Public Meeting

ROXBURY STRATEGIC MASTER PLAN OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE

MONDAY, APRIL 2
6:00 PM - 7:45 PM

980 HARRISON AVE
*Boston Water and Sewer
2nd Floor, Training Room
Roxbury, MA 02119*

PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

The Roxbury Strategic Master Plan Oversight Committee (RSMPOC) was developed to oversee projects that fall under the Roxbury Strategic Master Plan. Since last year's launch of PLAN: Dudley Square the RSMPOC meetings also include progress reports on the initiative. All meetings are open to the public and community input is desired. RSMPOC meetings are held in the evening the first Monday of the month at the Boston Water & Sewer Commission (BWSC) in the 2nd Floor Training Room. Free parking is available in the BWSC parking lot. PLAN: Dudley Square workshops are typically every third Monday of the month, location varies.

Please come join your neighbors and the City of Boston to help shape the future of the neighborhood!

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Public Meeting

EXCHANGE SOUTH END

MONDAY, APRIL 9
6:00 PM - 8:00 PM

540 ALBANY STREET
*The Flower Exchange
Boston, MA 02118*

PROJECT PROPONENT:

The Abbey Group

PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

Proposed redevelopment of The Flower Exchange site at 540 Albany Street with 1.6 million square feet of office, lab, biotech, biomedical uses with a 1.1 acre publicly accessible open space, ground floor retail and other activating uses, and 30,000 square feet of civic/cultural space. Meeting is an opportunity to learn about the project, the review and comment process, and proposed rezoning.

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