

South Ender Castronuovo A Marathon "Fastest Bostonian"

Mayor Wu And B.A.A. Announce Recipients Of The Inaugural Fastest Bostonian Awards At The 127th Boston Marathon

SUBMITTED BY CITY OF BOSTON

Mayor Michelle Wu and the Boston Athletic Association (B.A.A.) today

announced the recipients of the previously announced inaugural awards for the Fastest Bostonian. The awards will be given to Vinny Castronuovo, who finished the race in 2:25:56, and Shannon Lamarre, who finished the race in 2:54:34. Castronuovo is a 23 year old South End resident and mechanical engineering graduate student at Northeastern University who ran his second Boston Marathon today and set a personal record. He is a member

of the university's club running team. Lamarre, a 28 year old Charlestown resident, is an environmental engineer and a member of the Greater Boston Track Club who ran her fifth Boston Marathon and also set a personal record today.

This is also the first year the Boston Marathon has a category for non-binary runners, and one Boston

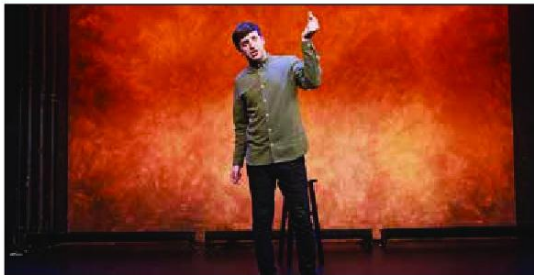
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What happens when a Jew crashes a White Nationalist meeting?

Just for Us, Just for Us, Presented by ATG Colonial at Roberts Studio Theatre, Calderwood Pavilion, and Boston Center for the Arts, through April 23. 617-933-8600 or bostontheatrescene.com. Performance added May 20 at Emerson Colonial Theatre. 888-616-0272 or EmersonColonialTheatre.com. Hudson Theatre, New York, June 22-August.

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Are there limits to empathy? Can a proud Jewish man find any empathy for virulently anti-Semitic White Nationalists? In 2017 Brookline-raised and New York-based comedian Alex Edelman—the victim of online anti-Semitic abuse—decided to explore



Continued on page 7 Alex Edelman in "Just for Us" at Calderwood Pavilion. Photo: EMILIO MADRID

Widett Circle Land bought by MBTA for New Train Yard

BY SOUTH END NEWS STAFF

The Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority (MBTA) announced that it has acquired a large

parcel of land in South Boston for a new commuter rail train yard. The land, located in Widett Circle, was once considered as a potential site for an Olympic stadium and a mixed-use

development.

The MBTA says the new train yard will help improve the commuter

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Santiago to the Rescue!

State Representative Jon Santiago

Apr 9 at 6:50 PM

Happy Easter!

Even when the Easter Bunny doesn't show up for the neighborhood egg hunt...sometimes you just got to take one for the team!

(Aside from almost tripping over toddlers every 5 seconds, wasn't too bad!)

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Marathon Day at the Cathedral



Msgr. Kevin O'Leary, rector of the Cathedral blessed runners attending the Sunday Mass at 11:30 a.m. in preparation for the Marathon Day run in Boston on Monday, April 17.

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SE Landmark District Commission Approves Project At BFCIT Campus



View into Courtyard from Berkeley

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BY LANDMARKS COMMISSION

At its March 7, 2023 public hearing, the South End Landmark District Commission voted to approve the application for the redevelopment of the 1.2 acre Benjamin Franklin Cummings Institute of Technology (BFCIT) campus. BFCIT is relocating to Nubian Square and has sold the South End property to developers who propose to preserve and renovate the South End site's existing historic buildings as well as to introduce new spaces to allow for a change in use of the site – continuing the mission of BFCIT, but modifying to meet the needs of the community. New uses include a senior care facility, retail space, both market and income restricted housing, and improvements to the Tremont, Appleton and Berkeley streetscape.

The focus of historic preservation efforts centers around the Franklin Union Building (erected in 1908) and numbers 4 and 6 Appleton Street (erected in 1891 and 1883 respectively). The facade of the Franklin Union Building as well as its existing floors will be preserved. A

concealed, one-story rooftop addition will be added to the building. The existing facade of 4 Appleton Street will be preserved and a horizontal expansion added. At 6 Appleton Street, the facade will also be preserved and at street level the facade will be restored to its original configuration.

A new Senior Care Building facing Tremont Street clad in brick and terra cotta will also be erected. This building will provide 190,000 square feet of assisting living and memory care space and also provide 5,300 square feet of ground level retail and restaurant space. Finally, the site interior will be reframed into a landscaped courtyard passage open to the public connecting Berkeley and Tremont Streets.

The Commission looks forward to future material mock-ups, discussions on facade and public realm details in subcommittee, and a return to the Commission for a presentation as work nears 75% completion. The proposed project will bring much needed housing opportunities to the South End while maintaining the architectural characteristics that tell the story of this unique neighborhood.

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LGBTQ+ Victory Fund Endorses John Moran for 9th Suffolk District State Representative

SUBMITTED BY LGBTQ+ VICTORY FUND

BOSTON — Today, John Moran's campaign announced that LGBTQ+ Victory Fund — the only national organization dedicated to electing LGBTQ+ people to public office — has endorsed John Moran for State Representative. The endorsement signals Victory Fund's confidence that Moran is well-positioned to win the state representative race and will be a strong voice for equality once elected. Moran would be the first openly

LGBTQ+ person to hold this seat, one that encompasses a historically LGBTQ+ population in the South End.

"LGBTQ+ Victory Fund is pleased to endorse John Moran for State Representative," said Mayor Annise Parker, President & CEO of LGBTQ Victory Fund. "John will bring a unique and important perspective to Beacon Hill and ensure all residents are considered when policy decisions are made. He will also make history when elected, becoming the first out LGBTQ+ person to

represent this district."

"I am proud to earn the LGBTQ+ Victory Fund endorsement," said John Moran. "When I arrived in the South End 24 years ago, I was not completely confident in who I was as a gay man. What I found here, in the 9th Suffolk district, was a welcoming community that helped me to develop my voice and inspired my call to progressive values and real change. I look forward to giving back this great gift by working hard for all if I were to be elected your next State Representative."

SOUTH END CALENDAR

Friday, April 14 South End and Bay Village Coffee Hours

10:00AM - 11:00AM

1595 Washington Street

South End and Bay Village Coffee Hours are hosted by neighborhood liaison Kim Crucioli.

Wednesday, April 26 Better Bike Lanes Office Hours

3:00PM - 7:00PM

Phone of Virtual meeting

www.boston.gov/calendar/better-bike-lanes-office-hours

Transforming Boston's streets to better serve people walking, rolling, and riding bikes. Connecting our bike network and bringing safer streets to every neighborhood.

Friday, April 28 South End Library Designer Selection Committee

2:00PM

Virtual Meeting

www.boston.gov/public-notices/15975736

The Public Facilities Department will be hosting a virtual meeting of the Designer Selection Committee for the South End Library.

Saturday, April 29 Love Your Block

Saturday, April 29: Back Bay, Bay Village, Beacon Hill, East Boston, Hyde Park, Jamaica Plain, North End, South End, South Boston, St. Botolph (Back Bay), West End, Wharf District.

Mayor Michelle Wu and the Office of Civic Organizing (OCO) recently announced the Love Your Block spring 2023 cleanups will take place on April 22nd and 29th. Love Your Block is a Citywide community service event that invites community organizations, local businesses, and neighborhood groups to host a spring cleanup in their neighborhood. Groups interested in hosting a cleanup can now sign up here. Additionally the City is seeking volunteers to participate in scheduled cleanups

Sunday, May 7 Hayes Park May Day in the Park

3:00 - 5:00 P.M.

<https://hayespark.org/>

Corner of Warren Avenue and West Canton Street

Come celebrate the return of spring with yummy treats, music by Wayne Potash and the Music Fun Band, and 1000 tulips in the center bed!

Thursday, May 25 Mayor Wu Neighborhood Coffee Hours

9:30 - 10:30 A.M. - Weather Permitting

South End: Hayes Park, 158 Warren Avenue

Mayor Michelle Wu and the Boston Parks and Recreation Department will host the 2023 Neighborhood Coffee Hour Series in partnership with Dunkin'® in parks city-wide from May 2 to June 21. Visit boston.gov/coffee-hours for more information.

Mayor Wu's Neighborhood Coffee Hours are a unique opportunity to speak directly with the Mayor and staff from City departments about open space and their neighborhoods. Through these conversations, and a suggestion box at each site, Mayor Wu looks forward to hearing how the City of Boston can improve upon parks, public areas, and City services.

Participants will enjoy Dunkin' Iced Coffee and assorted Dunkin' MUNCH-KINS® Donut Hole Treats along with fresh fruit from Star Market. Additional support is provided by City Express courier service. Each family in attendance will receive a free flowering plant from the Parks Department, while supplies last. Residents at each event will also be eligible to win a raffle prize from Dunkin'.

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The celebration will include a parade, a festival, block parties, and more as this new organization creates a unified city Pride celebration.

Get more information at

www.bostonprideforthepeople.org

Marathon

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resident made history running in this category. The City and the B.A.A. will recognize Danielle Bishop, who finished the race in 3:32:29, as the first Bostonian to participate in the race registered as non-binary. Bishop is a 28 year old Allston resident running in their fifth Boston Marathon. They are a Team Lead at New Balance, a Boston University alum, and enjoy running for fun.

"We are thrilled to celebrate three Bostonians who exemplify the spirit of the Boston Marathon," said Mayor Michelle Wu. "Each of these athletes ran an incredible race. I'm grateful to the B.A.A. for joining with the City of Boston to recognize the incredible talent right here in our neighborhoods that is part of what makes this the greatest race in the world. Congratulations to Shannon LaMarre, Vinny Castronuovo, and Danielle Bishop! We look forward to celebrating with them and the larger Boston running community."

"Congratulations to our Fastest Bostonians! Vinny, Shannon and Danielle made history today and have set the stage for many Bostonians in the year to come. In typical Bostonian fashion, our champions showed grit, determination and a never-give-up attitude," said Jack Fleming, CEO and President of the B.A.A.

The Boston Marathon is the world's oldest annual marathon. This is the first year that Boston residents with the quickest time crossing the Finish Line will receive a commemorative glass bowl engraved with the phrase "Fastest Bostonian."

The reception to honor Boston's fastest runners will be announced soon.

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rail service by reducing the distance between trains and South Station, the main hub for the rail network. The current train yard is located in Readville, nine miles away from South Station.

The MBTA paid \$255 million for the 24-acre property, which was owned by a group of food wholesalers. The deal was finalized on April 14, 2023.

"This is a historic moment for the MBTA and for the region," said MBTA general manager Phillip Eng. "We are investing in our future and creating more opportunities for our customers and our communities."

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Just For Us

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these questions in a secret visit to such a hate group meeting in Queens. One year later, that undercover odyssey became the defining experience of his one-man effort "Just For Us." Now the talented 34 year old writer-comedian has returned to the Hub with this often humorous, vividly insightful and ultimately all too timely show.

Comedy aficionados who think "Just for Us" is an excuse for material about the sign language savvy gorilla Coco and an unlikely joke about a fat horse should think again. Early on in this disarming no-intermission 90-minute stunner, Edelman candidly describes it as a show full of silliness, and then something happens. At the same time, the multiple talent—who has worked as a speechwriter for the Boston Red Sox—advises that he is no political authority and calls his comedy "a little more personal, a little more anecdotal."

If anyone is an ideal candidate for such a personal exploration of anti-Semitism, it is Edelman. Alex grew up in an Orthodox Jewish family and graduated from Brookline's Maimonides yeshiva (full disclosure—this critic is a Maimonides graduate who knows Edelman's doctor-professor father Elazar). The recipient of an "avalanche of anti-Semitism," Edelman ingeniously put such haters on

a Twitter list and notified them that they were now Jewish National Fund Contributors. Deciding to 'crash' the Queens White Nationalist meeting in question, the proud Ashkenazic Jew traveled to its 27th Avenue setting.

In detailing that telling 2017 meeting, Edelman richly describes several very different participants. An 80 year old woman works on the biggest jigsaw puzzle—12,000 pieces in all. A young woman named Chelsea claims that Jared Kushner and his friends are running America. For his part, Edelman amusingly tells the audience that Kushner walks up so arrogantly when called for a synagogue

Hearing Chelsea admit to not being crazy about the N-word, Edelman humorously speaks of being surprised by the "spectrum of Nazis." He also notes "so much kvetching" by the attendees. On a serious note, Edelman singles out the group's "conspiracy level anti-Semitism." He does wonder to whom one owes empathy—which he does see as an essential Jewish value. Verbal abuse and stereotypes notwithstanding, Edelman does admit to a brief attempt at understanding the participants as "not life's winners."

Throughout this lively and well-paced show—kudos to director Adam Brace, Edelman displays sharp timing,

expressive body language and fine physical comedy. Look for an unforgettable example of empathy on the part of Edelman's parents in helping a friend of his mother—grieving over the loss of her parents—celebrate Christmas. Other highlights include references to Judaism as a "Hotel California

religion" from which one cannot unsubscribe and Edelman's reaction to a religious Jewish couple's belief that the vaccine for measles could make their child autistic.

Near the end of his show, Edelman explains that he went to the Queens meeting because he thought "I could make it work." Quite simply, "Just For Us" works as a brilliant encounter with anti-Semitism and a laughter-rich exploration of identity and empathy. Edelman's comic gifts are just for everyone.

EARLY ON IN THIS DISARMING NO-INTERMISSION 90-MINUTE STUNNER, EDELMAN CANDIDLY DESCRIBES IT AS A SHOW FULL OF SILLINESS, AND THEN SOMETHING HAPPENS.

Aliyah as though he wrote the Torah. Asked for his name at the meeting, he answers 'Alex'—not his long Hebrew name, which he tells the audience. A man who calls himself Cortes—later identified as Mac—interrogates Alex with the persistence of an FBI agent. Concealing his identity as long as possible, he informs Cortes that he studied English at New York University. The 'Jigsaw Lady' bemoans Prince Harry's marriage to mixed raced Meghan Markle and uses the N-word.

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