

EforAll South Coast's First Pitch Contest



South Coast's First Pitch Contest – October 23!

EforAll is thrilled to announce that on October 23rd, EforAll South Coast will be hosting its first ever pitch contest at the Zeiterion Theater in downtown New Bedford, at 5pm on October 23rd! We're doing this in partnership with Connecting for Change, the Marion Institute's annual conference that will be celebrating people and ideas that are looking to change the world.

For aspiring entrepreneurs, this is a golden opportunity to get a great start with your idea for a business or non-profit. Prizes for the winners, who will be chosen by a panel of judges, are:

- \$1,000 for the Grand Prize winner
- \$750 for Second Place

- \$500 for Third Place
- \$500 for the Fan Favorite (audience votes via text messaging!)

Plus, entrepreneurs can engage with community members and receive encouragement and feedback – it's a great networking event. Plus, this is a special opportunity because we're anticipating many Connecting for Change attendees will join the audience – even more networking opportunities!

The deadline for applications is Friday October 9 at noon.

Want to Be An Audience Member, and Vote for the Best Pitch?

Audience members will have as much fun as the entrepreneurs at the EforAll pitch contest! There are two networking opportunities – before and after the contest – and up to twenty entrepreneurs will be talking about their ideas, looking for feedback and advice! It's a great chance to catch the enthusiasm and energy of passionate people looking to create a business or non-profit.

[Apply here!](#)

**Your Theatre Announces Cast
for Dracula**



*Performance dates
are November 12-14
and 19-21 at 8:00
p.m., November 15
and 22 at 2:30PM.*

Your Theatre, Inc., director Stephen R. Kay, of Swansea, MA, has cast eight South Coast actors for the November production of *Dracula*, by Bram Stoker, adapted by John L. Balderston.

Three cast members are from New Bedford: Roger H. Allen, Suzanne Bergeron, and Robin Richard. From Somerset is Robert Duquette playing Count Dracula. Jeffrey Thomas Griffin is from Fall River and from Fairhaven is John Softcheck. John Sheppard hails from Taunton, and rounding out the cast is Kathleen Seagriff from Rumford, RI. The stage manager is Valerie J. Reynolds and the assistant stage manager is Sylvia White, both of New Bedford. Set design is by Mark P. Fuller of New Bedford, and sound design is by William C. Smith of Dartmouth.

The play follows Lucy Seward, daughter of the physician in charge of a sanatorium near London, who has a mysterious illness. Doctor Van Helsing, a family friend, suspects a vampire that roams the earth by night sucking the blood of victims to sustain its earthly life. With the help of Lucy's father and her fiancé, Harker, they search for the fiend among the sanatorium patients. They widen their search to include the new occupants of the estate next door, not wanting to leave any stone unturned in their quest to rid the world of

the supernatural terror. The identity of the fiend is found at last and its ghost is finally laid to rest in a striking and novel manner.

Your Theatre, Inc. is grateful to our 69th Season Sponsor, Bank5, for their fourth year of strong support for the arts.

Your Theatre, Inc. also thanks Bristol County Savings Bank for its support of this production.

Performance dates are November 12-14 and 19-21 at 8:00 p.m. and November 15 and 22 at 2:30PM. Performances are held at the wheelchair accessible Your Theatre, Inc. Playhouse located at 136 Rivet St. (corner of County St.), New Bedford, at St. Martin's Episcopal Church complex. Free off-street parking entrance is on County Street.

Tickets are \$15 general admission, \$12 for season subscribers (three show minimum), and \$13 for senior citizens, students, and military personnel. For further information call Your Theatre, Inc. at 508-993-0772, or send an email to info@yourtheatre.org. The theatre's web site is www.yourtheatre.org

Your Theatre to hold Open Auditions for Almost, Maine



*Performance dates
are March 10-13,
17-20, 2016.*

Your Theatre, Inc. director, Bob Gillet, will hold open auditions for the heart-warming play *Almost, Maine*, by John Cariani, on October 18, 2015 at 2:00 p.m. and October 20, 2015 at 7:00 p.m.

Auditions will consist of a cold reading from the script. Acting experience is not necessary, but role seekers should have a desire to share the experience of and commitment to live theatre and the enjoyment of collaborating with other talented individuals.

Director Gillet is casting all roles. The play has 8 two-character and 1 three-character scenes that use a maximum of 19 and a minimum of 6 actors (10 men/9 women) or (3 men/3 women) ages mid-20's and up.

About the show – Welcome to *Almost, Maine*, a town that's so far north, it's almost not in the United States ... it's almost in Canada. And it almost doesn't exist. Because its residents never got around to getting organized. So it's just ... *Almost*.

One cold, clear Friday night in the middle of winter, while the northern lights hover in the sky above, *Almost's* residents find themselves falling in and out of love in the strangest ways. Knees are bruised. Hearts are broken. Love is lost,

found, and confounded. And life for the people of Almost, Maine will never be the same.

Just so you know – The people of Almost, Maine are not simpletons. They are not hicks or rednecks ... They are not quaint, quirky eccentrics. They don't wear funny clothes and funny hats. They don't have funny Maine accents. They are not "Down Easters." They are not fisherman. They don't wear galoshes and rain hats. They don't say "Ayuh." The people of Almost, Maine are ordinary people ... They work hard for a living. They are extremely dignified. They are not cynical. They are not sarcastic. They are not glib. But this does not mean that they're dumb. They're very smart. They just take time to wonder about things.

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Cruiser Struck While Transporting Prisoner

At approximately 2:30 a.m. today a Massachusetts State Trooper was transporting a prisoner when his cruiser was struck by another vehicle at Columbia Circle in Dorchester.

The male prisoner was transported to Boston Medical Center for evaluation for possible minor injuries. At the time of the crash, the man was being taken to the South Boston Barracks to be booked following his arrest for OUI.

The operator of the vehicle that struck the cruiser, a woman, was determined to have had a suspended license and will be cited.

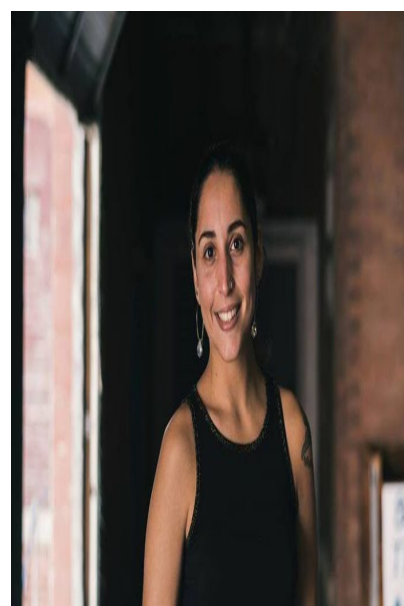
The trooper and the other driver were not injured.

The crash was investigated by Troop H of the Massachusetts State Police with assistance from the State Police Crime Scene Services Section.

No further information is available at this time.

Faces Of New Bedford – #17: Nicole Corkum

Meet Nicole Corkum, a 27 year-old jewelry maker and thrift store owner.



Having lived here her entire life, she has seen several business grow into something out of nothing in the downtown area.

That was, in part, her inspiration to starting New Bedford Negotiables, a thrift store located in the south end of New Bedford. After seeing how profitable it was selling her old and unused clothes through online yard sales, she thought about taking that vision and turning it into a full scale operation.

Three years later, that vision has turned into a reality for Nicole. Teaming up with local artists and jewelry makers, not only does she resell people's older and vintage items, but supports the local art community by providing space for them to sell their wares.

She would love to join others in the community and help development an environment of positivity.

"We are only going to see change if we are actively seeking it, rather than sitting back and complaining. Instead of people seeing things in a negative way, we should be encouraging them to try and see the positive in things. Crime happens everywhere and rather than bash our city we can improve it because complaining gets us nowhere. We need to be the change we want to see in the world."

Faces of New Bedford is a project by Colton Simmons. If you are interested in booking a shoot or getting prints from the series email all inquiries to colton@coltonsimmons.com

Follow Colton on Instagram:
<https://instagram.com/simmonscolton>

Forever Paws Animal Shelter will have Annual Festival of Trees



Come see 50 beautifully themed trees up for raffle

Forever Paws Animal Shelter will be having their November fund raising event at The Fall River Country Club on Sunday, November 8th from 12-5:00 pm. This event will feature their annual Festival of Trees. The drawing will be held at 4:45 pm. Admission is free and there will be complimentary beverages. Featuring 50 beautiful themed trees all worth \$100 or more! All trees will be raffled and the proceeds will benefit the care of animals at Forever Paws Animal Shelter.

The trees are individually decorated with a theme to suit a variety of interests. Some themes from the past few years are: a Lottery tree, Bruins tree, and a Patriots tree. Men, women and children can all find something delightful.

New this year will be a second Festival of Trees at The Wamsutta Club in New Bedford on Sunday, December 6th from 12-5:00 pm. This event will feature over 30 decorated trees. Drawing will be at 4:45 pm.

Please join us at either location to help kick off the 2015 Holiday Season.

For any questions, or if you'd like to help decorate a tree at either of these locations, please call 508-678-0804.

Keith Middle School students to help build outdoor classroom at Haskell Gardens



The Trustees & Keith Middle School

Two community organizations, The Trustees and Keith Middle School, are forming a partnership and will be working together around a concomitant mission – to involve students in the development and building of an outdoor classroom situated on

the 6 acre Allen C. Haskell Garden Property on Shawmut Avenue. A win-win for all in that the students – the intended users – will have direct input and help develop, grow, teach, learn and maintain the project. In doing so the Keith STEM students will learn engineering and science practices by “doing engineering and science” – resulting in greater student learning outcomes and increased connections to the property and community in which they live.

The Trustees want to make Haskell Gardens a special place for the community of New Bedford, through both outstanding stewardship and programming – what better way to do this than to engage students in the prolonged development of Haskell Gardens, working alongside and in collaboration with the professional staff of The Trustees.

When it is happening:

It began with a conversation back in May of 2015 between Matt Walsh and Jeff Bellora and will continue for many years to come. A more immediate goal is a 2-3 year focus on the design and build out of an outdoor classroom that will take us into 2017/18 school year. The program will continue to mature as the Haskell Garden Property grows into an outdoor place for teaching and learning for all New Bedford area community members.

Where it is happening:

Allen C. Haskell Gardens, 787 Shawmut Avenue, New Bedford, MA 02746

Keith Middle School, 225 Hathaway Blvd, New Bedford, MA 02740

Who is involved:

The Trustees:

Matt Walsh – Family Programming Manager, Southeast Region

Kristin McCullin – Superintendent, Allen C. Haskell Gardens

Ross Moran – Engagement Manager, Southeast Region

John Vasconcellos – Senior Regional Director, Boston and Southeast

Keith Middle School – New Bedford Public Schools

Jeff Bellora – STEM Teacher

Ross Grace – Assistant Principal

Joanne Desmarais – Assistant Principal

Dr. Paula Bailey – Principal

Victoria Roman – Mathematics/STEM Director, New Bedford Public Schools

Dr. Pia Durkin – Superintendent of New Bedford Public Schools

ONE Theater Group, Inc. to produce James and the Giant Peach



*100% of profits to benefit Horizons for
Homeless Children*

ONE Theater Group, Inc. is proud to announce its upcoming production of James and the Giant Peach. The play will take place Thursday October 15th, Friday October 16th, Saturday October 17th at 7:00PM, and Sunday October 18th at 3:00PM at the Fairhaven Town Hall Auditorium located at 40 Center Street, Fairhaven, MA 02719.

James and the Giant Peach is a family-friendly show that's sure to entertain all ages. It tells the tale of young James, orphaned to his mean and awful Aunt Spiker and Aunt Sponge. His life is reduced to endless chores, tending to his aunts' needs, and worse, he is not allowed any time for friends or play. One day, James encounters a mysterious old man with a mystifying gift. In no time, James finds himself on a wild adventure on the world's largest peach and the many colorful and funny characters (bugs!) who live inside it. Come meet James, Old Green Grasshopper, Miss Spider, Miss Ladybird, Centipede, and Earthworm, and get lost in the magic and adventure encompassed by their giant peach!

Formed just one year ago, ONE Theater Group, Inc.'s mission is to combine the performing arts with philanthropy. The organization produces two shows annually, selecting a different charity or cause as each show's benefactor. Shows are family-friendly, utilizing local talent, high quality sets, costumes, and entertainment to bring quality theater to the local community.

Tickets are \$15 for adults and \$10 for children. Seating is general admission. Purchase tickets online at www.onetheatergroup.com or anytime during normal business hours at the Millicent Library in Fairhaven. Tickets may also be reserved in advance by emailing onetheatergroup@gmail.com or by calling 508-525-9972. If seating is still available, tickets will be sold at the door. Doors open 30 min. before

each show.

The show is being directed by Gregory Silver and features Shayne Furtado as James, Brianne Allain as Aunt Spiker, Stevie Nicole as Aunt Sponge, Josh Boucher as Old Green Grasshopper, Erika Pires as Miss Spider, Kevin Mitchell as Centipede, Brooke Johnson as Ladybird, Patrick Long as Earthworm, and Taylor Cormier as the Old Man, TV Reporter, and Captain.

Fall River Man Convicted of Vicious Rape and Assault Sentenced to Two Decades in State Prison

Bristol County District Attorney Thomas M. Quinn III announced today that a 44-year-old Fall River man was sentenced to serve two decades in state prison after being convicted late last week of a violent rape of a teenage girl in Fall River.

Eduardo Rodriguez pleaded guilty last Thursday to several charges, including rape, rape-causing substantial injury, Drugging a Victim for Sexual Intercourse, assault with intent to rape, assault and battery causing serious bodily injury, assault and battery, and wanton/reckless behavior creating a risk of serious bodily injury.

The “unagreed plea” was submitted to Superior Court Judge Rene Dupuis. Second Assistant District Attorney Silvia Rudman, who prosecuted the case, argued that the defendant should serve

30-40 years in state prison due to the egregious facts of the case and the significant injuries suffered by the victim. The defense, however, argued for a 20-21 year state prison sentence.

After hearing arguments from both sides, Judge Dupuis sentenced Mr. Rodriguez to serve 20 to 21 years in state prison, to be followed by 35 years of supervised probation. The condition of his probation include undergoing Sex Offender Counseling; participation in a relapse program; cannot reside with any children except his own; no unsupervised contact with minors; no employment that puts him in regular contact with minors; cannot date a parent of a minor without permission of probation; must register as a sex offender; must remain on GPS monitoring while on Probation; no contact with the victim in this case; complete a batterers program; and submit DNA to the state database.

The defendant and the teenage girl were known to one another at the time of the March 2012 incident. The defendant was accused of picking up the victim from school, and instead of taking her to her home, he brought her to his own Fall River apartment. Once inside the apartment, the defendant grabbed the victim by the hair, slapped her across the face and forced her to drink vodka and swallow oxycodone pills. The defendant forced the victim onto his bed, covered her mouth and punched her several times in the face before raping her. At some point during the assault, the victim lost consciousness. The defendant then drove the unconscious victim to a strip mall in another town outside of Fall River, where he left her in the parking lot behind a grouping of retail stores.

The victim was found unresponsive the following day and was rushed to an area hospital for treatment. The injuries to her face were so severe that she required surgery after doctors discovered that her orbital bone was broken.

“I am happy to see that a substantial prison sentence was

imposed for this very violent and egregious crime. This is a defendant who does not belong on the streets again,” said District Attorney Quinn. “I want to thank Silvia Rudman and the entire Fall River Police Department for their hard work and tenacity in holding this defendant accountable.”

Fall River Police Chief Daniel Racine, whose officers and detectives were crucial in building a strong case against the defendant, called the crimes particularly disturbing even to his seasoned investigators.

“This was a particularly egregious case and disturbing to seasoned police officers and prosecutors. I commend District Attorney Quinn and Chief prosecutor Silvia Rudman for their focus and tenacity in securing this significant prison sentence. Also, I commend Detective Brian Cordeiro of the Fall River Major Crimes Division for, not only his investigative work, but also his compassion for a young traumatized victim,” Chief Racine said. “Also, praise to Fall River Police Department’s crime scene Detective Thomas Faris for his expert ability in securing crime scene DNA evidence; where there appeared to be no evidence to connect the suspect to the victim.”

In an effort to protect the victim’s identity, no further details can be released by this office.

Police Arrest Dartmouth Man on Narcotics Charges



Alex Cieplik, 28, of South Dartmouth, MA.

On Sunday, October 4, 2015, the Dartmouth Police Department arrested Alex CIEPLIK (28) of South Dartmouth, MA on narcotics charges.

As a result of the arrest an indeterminate amount of heroin and drug paraphernalia was seized.

CIEPLAK was charged with: Possession of a Class A Substance (Heroin).
