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A SUCCESSFUL TASTE OF EASTIE



East Boston Main Streets hosted its Taste of Eastie event at the Tall Ship 1 Pier Drive. The event featured food from more than 30 local "Eastie" restaurants, music, as well as raffles and prizes. See Page 5 for more

Pictured (above and right) show the large turn-out of residents who sampled the variety of food offered by the local restaurants.



East Boston's .400 hitter

At the age of 40, Steve Walsh continues to produce on the diamond

Steve Walsh wouldn't have wanted to have been anywhere else on a beautiful summer night than at East Boston Stadium Sun-

Playing on his hometown field with his partner Milena Gil, their daughter, Isabella, and his father, Paul Walsh, in the stands, Steve Walsh was playing centerfield and batting cleanup for the Brighton Braves of Yawkey Baseball League, just as he has done for 22 summers.

Unfortunately, the result was not what Steve Walsh was looking for as the No. 1-seeded Al Thomas Club ended the Braves' season in the YBL semifinals, taking home a 7-0 victory.

Walsh demonstrated his



Steve Walsh swinging away during a recent game.

power in the first inning by crushing a fastball to the gap 375 feet away that was caught in the cavernous field. He singled sharply in his final at-bat of the season.

The former East Bos-

ton High and Salem State College standout hit .400 in the regular season and drove in 25 runs in 19 games, putting him among the leaders in both categories. He clouted a 400-foot home run at the Braves

home field, Rogers Park in

Brighton.

Walsh's superb season was recognized with an appearance on the YBL All-Star Team versus the Central New England Baseball Association. He also played in the Boston Metro Baseball League All-Star Game representing the Somerville Alibrandis in the Master's (38-over) Division. He is batting a sizzling .444 for the Waltham Cutters in Boston Metro's 18-Over Division.

The Yawkey League's goodwill ambassador

Steve's YBL teammates affectionately call him, "Uncle Walshie," as a tribute to being one of the

See WALSH Page 3

Madaro's mental health bill comes out of House **Conference Committee**

Rep. Adrian Madaro has said for too long, the healthcare system has not treated behavioral health as equal to physical health, creating obstacles in addressing the mental health crisis, which has on been exacerbated by the pandemic.

This is why Madaro, House Chair of the Joint Committee on Mental Health, Substance Use and Recovery spearheaded a timely piece of legislation this legislative session that makes critical steps toward prioritizing mental health services for people across the Commonwealth.

This week, Madaro's bill overcame another hurdle after it was passed by the House and Senate.

With passage in both the House and Senate the Mental Health ABC Act: Addressing Barriers to Care (ABC) came out of

the Conference Committee and now goes to Gov. Charlie Baker's desk for consideration.

The comprehensive legislation continues the process of reforming the way mental health care is delivered in the state. The goal of the bill is to ensure that people get the mental health care they need when they need it.

"Too many people in communities across the Commonwealth struggle to get the mental, emotional and behavioral health care they deserve," said Madaro. "This legislation helps reduce barriers to resources, support, and treatment residents need for their overall wellbeing. It enables enforcement of existing parity laws, enhances emergency response services and acute psychiatric care, develops programs to strengthen the workforce, and invests

See MADARO Page 10

EBNHC pulls out of partnership with the Davis Companies to develop Bremen Street lots

Last year the East Boston Neighborhood Health Center (EBNHC) entered into a somewhat controversial partnership with the Davis Companies to redevelop four parcels along Breman and Orleans Streets used for Health Center employee parking into over 300 units of

mixed-use development. Under the partnership with the Davis Company the Health Center will make around \$80,000 per unit off the sale of the market rate units. These proceeds were to be used to expand and enhance EBN-HC programs throughout Eastie and the other communities the Health Center

serves. In return the Health Center was prepared to commit \$2.4 million in proceeds back to helping the East Boston CDC create the 70 affordable units on Orleans Street.

However, the EBNHC has decided to pull out of the partnership.

In a statement released last week, EBNHC said after careful consideration the Health Center has decided not to proceed with the sale of its four parcels of land along Bremen and Orleans Streets at this time.

"The decision to sell the land in 2018 was an opportunity for the health center to secure resources

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NOAH receives state grant for Aileron Project

By John Lynds

After a delay in construction due to the COVID pandemic, East Boston's Neighborhood of Affordable Housing (NOAH) broke ground last year on Phase I of its Condor Street project.

The Boston Planning and Development Agency (BPDA) approved development project dubbed the "Aileron" will eventually bring 40 mixed-use, mixed-income, ship/rental housing units to Eastie along with gallery spaces for the neighborhood's artist commu-

Phase I of the project will construct the first 7 mixed-income condo units at the Condor Street

This week funding for further phases of the project got a boost from the Baker-Polito Administra-

was announced NOAH will share in nearly \$50 million in direct funding and \$89 million in state and federal housing tax credits to support the preservation and development of 1,474 affordable housing units. NOAH's Aileron was one of 26 projects picked for funding by the administration.

"We are grateful to Governor Baker and the Wu administration for their support of this unique artist-themed rental housing development on Condor Street," said NOAH's Executive Director Phil Giffee. "We worked through the details of this project

for necessary investments

in infrastructure and facil-

ity improvements," said

EBNHC in the statement.

"It also presented an op-

portunity to collaborate

partners, The Davis Com-

panies and East Boston

Community Development

Corporation, who were

committed to providing

affordable housing to the

East Boston community.

Over the past two years,

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tions in the communities

we serve. We have done

this while continuing to

healthcare and expand-

ed social services to our

community, including the

opening of the Commu-

nity Resource and Well-

ness Center on Meridian

Street and the completion

of a first of its kind merger

with the South End Com-

munity Health Center,

EBNHC said they are

proud that local, state

and federal elected offi-

both in 2020."

comprehensive

COVID-19 testing,

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EBNHC

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our development

EBNHC // CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

with the Eagle Hill Civic Association with strong support of Rep Adrian Madaro and our now City Councilor, Gabriela Coletta. Aileron will include artist work spaces for community residents as well as the residents of the building itself. There will also be a community meeting space on the first

Giffee said NOAH will now move to the challenge of securing all the needed financing in these arduous days of inflation and supply-chain delays.

"We will then bid the project to a General Contractor, probably in late winter all of which means a construction start late spring/early summer of 2023," he said. "Construction usually takes 14-16 months so occupancy will begin in late 2024. We are proud to be creating much-needed affordable housing in our wonderful neighborhood which is beset by increasingly high prices."

Giffee said NOAH named the project Aileron because it will help the area take flight economically and culturally.

The proposed gallery and workbar will be available for residents in the building and are designed as communal spaces--not strictly artist work spaces.

The proposed gallery space will have wireless internet access, mirrored walls and perhaps a gasfed fireplace. NOAH envisions a comfortable, neatly appointed space where

cials recognize the Health

Center's unique ability to

serve vulnerable popula-

tions and, as a result, have

helped EBNHC obtain

much-needed supplemen-

tal federal and state fund-

ing to meet these growing

"This funding has al-

lowed the health center

to continue to provide

necessary health care ser-

vices, while also investing

in critical new services,

including our multi-year

renovation of the James

Taylor Building at 10

Gove Street, as well as the

upcoming development of

a 24/7 behavioral health

urgent care access point

at the same location," the

statement continued. "Ul-

timately, the health center

feels that now is an appro-

priate time to pause and

reflect on additional op-

portunities for the future

of these parcels. We will

continue to evaluate op-

tions for the land and look

forward to working with

the City and neighbors on any future projects, always

with the goal of uplifting

our wonderful community

and ensuring that the best

there can be conversion, communication and community for artists. Giffee said neighborhood residents who are interested in having a space to work can access this space as well. Also, there will be an open streetscape concept in the rental building that will highlight public studio and gallery spaces on the ground floor.

The vacant land was previously owned BPDA and was transferred to the Department of Neighborhood Development (DND) in 2017 for disposition in support of affordable housing. Last month, Mayor Walsh announced that the project has received Community Preservation Act (CPA) funding to support affordable housing.

"Housing remains a top priority for our administration and we are proud of the amounts of funding we have committed to affordable housing production as well as the work we have done with our partners in the Legislature to pass major zoning reform and dedicate federal recovery dollars to housing production of all kinds," said Governor Charlie Baker. "As we combat the housing crisis, we will continue to champion production of affordable homeownership, transit-oriented housing, and market-rate housing units in every corner of the Commonwealth so that across Massachusetts, more residents can access housing they can afford."

interests of our patients,

staff and the community

continue to guide our pro-

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However, since floating

the idea of redeveloping

the lots with the help of

the Davis Companies and

CDC the overall project

was met with hostility due

to the parcels' close prox-

imity to the Mary Ellen

Since the first meetings

were held community ac-

tivists worried that the

proposed height of the

buildings would cast a

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sunny greenway into dark-

Longtime activist and

member of the Friends of

the Mary Ellen Greenway

Karen Maddelena said

one of the main concerns

for greenway members is

potential shading from the

larger building being pro-

posed that are five to six

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Welch Greenway.

Street, respectively.

The four parcels of land

LOCAL STUDENTS EARN ACADEMIC HONORS

LOCAL STUDENTS WHO MADE THE **UMASS AMHERST SPRING 2022 DEAN'S LIST**

Below is a list of East Boston students who were named to the dean's list at the University of Massachusetts Amherst for the spring 2022 semester.

In order to qualify, an

undergraduate student must receive a 3.5 gradepoint average or better on a four-point scale. Mariana Alejandra Jaramillo Jiacheng Mei Arlette Vanessa Ordonez Evelyn Dayana Rodriguez Cameron Alexander Shepherd Anna Zou

SMITH NAMED TO CLARK **UNIVERSITY'S SPRING 2022 DEAN'S LIST**

Denise M. Smith, of East Boston was named to first honors on the Clark University Dean's List. This selection marks outstanding academic achievement during the Spring 2022 semester.

Students must have a GPA of 3.8 or above for first honors or a GPA between 3.50 and 3.79 for second honors.

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LOCAL STUDENTS NAMED TO **BOSTON COLLEGE** HIGH SCHOOL HONOR ROLL

The following East Boston students have been named to the Third Quarter Honor Roll at Boston College High School:

• Jack Brodin, High Honors (Class of 2022)

• Pablo Alvila, High

- Honors (Class of 2024) • Jesse Ramos, High
- Honors (Class of 2024)
- Gabriel Aviles-Lemus, High Honors (Class of 2024)

The City of Malden has

announced the musical

line up for the final Sum-

mer Festival on August

13th. Taking place be-

tween 12-4PM in Malden

Center, Pleasant and Ex-

change Streets transform

into an open-air market

that features artists and

artisans, vintage clothing

stores, a farmers market,

and much more. The main

stage located on the corner

of Washington and Pleas-

ant Streets — the line-up

for August 13th features a

musically diverse mix of

Cataldo Quartet

nisants

12:00 p.m. - The Mark

1:00 p.m. - Grupo Fan-

2:00 p.m. - The Remi-

• Thomas Zirpolo, Honors (Class of 2024)

For High Honors a Sophomore, Junior, and Senior must have at least a 3.80 quality point average and all grades "C+" or higher. Freshmen need a 3.6 quality point average and all grades "C+" or higher.

For Honors a Sophomore, Junior, and Senior must have at least a 3.20 quality point average and all grades "C-" or higher. Freshmen need a 3.165 quality point average and all grades "C-" or higher.

About Boston College High School: Boston College High School is a Jesuit, Catholic, college-preparatory school for young men in grades 7 to 12. Founded in 1863, the school enrolls approximately 1,500 students from more than 140 communities in eastern Massachusetts. For more information please visit bchigh.edu.

LOCAL STUDENTS **GRADUATE FROM EMERSON**

Emerson College, the nation's premier institution for the arts, communication, and the liberal arts, awarded more than 1,000 degrees undergraduate during its 142nd Commencement at Agganis Arena in Boston.

Anna Moon from East Boston received a BA in Writing, Lit & Pub: Publishing.

Caitlin Johnson from East Boston received a BFA in Theatre Education.

Ethan Denk from East Boston received a BFA in Acting.

Fiona Luddy from East BOSTON received a BFA in Creative Writing BFA.

Jake Albalate from East Boston received a BA in Writing, Lit & Pub: Liter-

Julia Taylor from East Boston received a BA in Writing, Lit Publishing

Kaitlyn Fehr from East Boston received a BS in Journalism.

Kaitlyn SHOKES from East Boston received a BA in Writing, Lit Publishing (4+1).

Max Gersten from East Boston, received a BS in Journalism.

Xiaoxiao Cao from East Bostonreceived a BA in Media Arts Production.

During the ceremony, the College honored three award-winning artists, innovators, and Em-

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of the next Murder at the

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ter interesting characters

who will present you with

challenges and puzzles to

unlock the mystery behind

the 1863 murder. Visit

In addition, August

ersonians for their contributions and efforts to the arts, communication, and greater humanity. Crazy Rich Asians and Raya and the Last Dragon screenwriter Adele Lim '96; composer and singer Toshi Reagon; and Emerson Trustee, founder and chairman of Samuels & Associates, and film producer Steve Samuels each received honorary Doctor of Humane Letters degrees. Lim '96 gave the commencement address.

"I admire your sense of community, of social justice, fairness, and your willingness to use your voice in the pursuit of those ideals," said Interim President William Gilligan in the President's Address at the ceremony. "The world needs you now to continue that with all the skills and knowledge you have acquired, the values you have developed and displayed, and that indomitable Emerson spirit that you have shown us often."

Commencement speaker Adele Lim '96, said, "I am far from done, but what I hope for myself, for all of us, for all of you, is what all great stories have: a journey that is authentic and meaningful, and if we're lucky, one that touches the lives of oth-

About Emerson College Based in Boston, Massachusetts, opposite the historic Boston Common and in the heart of the city's Theatre District, Emerson College educates individuals who will solve problems and change the world through engaged leadership in communication and the arts, a mission informed by liberal learning. The College has 3,780 undergraduates and 670 graduate students from across the United States and 50 countries. Supported by state-ofthe-art facilities and a renowned faculty, students participate in more than 90 student organizations and performance groups. Emerson is known for its experiential learning programs in Los Angeles, the District of Columbia, the Netherlands, London, China, and the Czech Republic as well as its new Global Portals, with the first program launching this fall in Paris. The College has an active network of 51,000+ alumni who hold leadership positions in communication and the arts. For more information, visit emerson.edu.

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Boston Children's Chorus partners with Zumix for new program

This month, the Boston Children's Chorus (BCC) Executive Director Andrés Holder announced the BCC will be expanding programming and setting up shop right here in East Boston through a partnership with Zumix.

The BCC's new neighborhood choir program will train singers ages 7-11 on Saturday mornings at the Zumix Firehouse on Sumner Street.

"As we enter our 20th anniversary season, BCC is proud to partner with ZUMIX to expand the number of communities we reach and bring our programming into new neighborhoods throughout Greater Boston," said Holder. "ZUMIX is a natural fit in terms of both programming and mission. We can't wait to add more voices from East Boston to BCC's beautiful song!"

Holder said to celebrate its 20th anniversary season (2022-23) BCC decided to partner with Zumix as part of new neighborhood programs that will mark the BCC expansion into new areas throughout Greater Boston.

For over three decades Zumix has been regarded as a well-respected creative youth development nonprofit with award-winning music and creative technology programs, aimed at equipping youth with the tools they need to reach their full potential.

"ZUMIX is so excited to host BCC's new East Boston training youth choral initiative on Satmornings

school year," said Zumix Co-Founder and Executive Director Madeleine Steczynski. "Both of our organizations believe in the power of music to uplift lives and community. We look forward to working more closely with BCC and to having more music in Eastie next year."

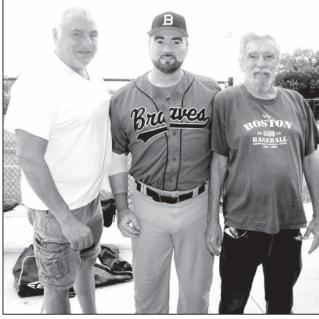
Founded by Boston civil rights icon Hubie Jones in 2003, BCC's 20th anniversary season will celebrate the city's history of civil rights activism and draw attention to the work still to be done. Holder said while exploring an inequitable past and the generational impact of those injustices in the Boston of today, BCC singers will celebrate the anniversary by recommitting to the chorus' core mission of inspiring inquiry, cultivating

empathy, and becoming future generations of Boston leaders.

The organization serves more than 500 youth through after school and summer programs.

BCC's season kicks off in September and includes collaborations with award-winning artists including White Snake Projects and hip-hop artist/ activist Zakiyyah. BCC singers in various choruses will perform at Boston Symphony Hall, Old South Church, the Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum, the Shalin Liu Performance Center in Rockport, Mass. and more.

Singers ages 7-18 are invited to participate in BCC's 20th anniversary season. To learn more, visit: https://www.bostonchildrenschorus.org/.



All-Star player Steve Walsh of the Yawkey Baseball League's Brighton Braves is pictured with his friend, Pat Capogreco (left) and his father, Paul Walsh (right) before Sunday's playoff game at East Boston Stadium.

\mathbf{Walsh} // CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

league's most seasoned and admired players.

As a result of his lengthy tenure in the league, Steve Walsh knows every player on a first-name basis, and it was clear before Sunday's game that the respect is mutual as opposing players and teammates greeted the East Boston native warmly upon his arrival at the field.

"We're all here because we love to play baseball, said Walsh, who will turn 41 on Aug. 19. "I've been playing in the Yawkey League since 2000. I missed the 2013 season when I had knee surgery (following a skiing accident). I feel good and I really enjoy competing with my teammates. Ted Tracy is our player-manager, and he's done an excellent job running the Braves for several years."

Asked if he'll back with the Brighton Braves for the 2023 season, Steve replied, "These younger kids keep me going. We have a good young corps and a group of veterans on the team. It's a good balance. I plan on playing again next season."

And the Braves will be happy to have "Uncle Walshie" back in the fold, writing another chapter in a majestic baseball career that began three decades ago in the East Boston Little League.

Partial collapse of Sumner Street building forces evacuation

By John Lynds

On Sunday night, the Boston Fire Department was called to a partial building collapse Sumner Street.

When firefighters arrived at 282 Sumner St. they found that the exterior masonry veneer had collapsed and came crashing down in the alley between 282 Sumner and the home next door.

Firefighters quickly entered the three family home and evacuated any residents that were still inside.

While there were no injuries reported, the partial collapse displaced nine adults, two children, one cart and one dog. The fire department was forced to shut off power to the building and wait for structural engineers to arrive.

All residents that were displaced were able to find temporary shelter with help from the American Red Cross.

Boston's Inspectional Services Department (ISD) was also on the scene and after the building was secured, ISD's building inspector and firefighters determined that the owner would need to have a structural engineer determine if the home is habitable.



On Sunday night Boston firefighters and building inspectors were called to a partial building collapse on Sumner Street. The partial collapse forced power to be shut off to the three-family home and nine adults, two children, one cart and one dog were displaced.

Checklist: Reach for the off switch before you go on holiday

Hit movie Home Alone made waves about hapless holiday makers leaving their child behind. But in the real world, what gadgets are most likely to have been left on in the home when people head

The holiday car rental experts at StressFree-CarRental.com have researched online for the most likely items in the home to be left on and come up with a checklist of things that need to be turned off before leaving the house.

As well as saving vital energy and reducing the risk of accidents in your absence, these top tips will also help people save money during the current cost of living crisis.

A spokesperson for StressFreeCarRental.com said: "There is so much to think about when you are preparing for a holiday, in terms of packing the right things and remembering your passport.

"It is also worthwhile coming up with a routine to check around the house before you leave to ensure everything that needs to be switched or turned off is done so.

"No-one wants to return to an easily preventable flood or higher energy bill than necessary when you have not been in the home for two weeks. Our checklist should help guide holiday makers on what to do."

The experts at Stress-FreeCarRental.com say the following steps can identify fire risks, other potential hazards and energy draining sources. But they point out not everything can be turned off, citing burglar and intruder alarms which must be checked to see they are in good working order.

Here is StressFreeCar-Rental.com's guide to what to switch off at home before you head off on your travels:

Chargers

Unplugging chargers is a good tactic as they draw power into their power supplies constantly, so you can make an energy and cost saving.

Lights

You need to consider turning lights off, although weighing up if you will have a timer switch to factor in. Sometimes there are lights in the attic, garage or basement which are forgotten about and need to be turned off.

Modems and routers

By turning these off you can also prevent hackers from getting into your wifi as well as saving on power.

Heating

It's a waste of money and energy to heat the house when you are away in the summer. Consider keeping the heating on very low if on holiday in the winter.

Kitchen appliances

Some of these are worth unplugging to save electricity and reduce the fire risk to your home. But not all - it would be unwise to turn off the fridge and freezer leaving you in a real mess on your return. Weigh up which appliances can safely be turned off.

Locate the stopcock and turn off the water before leaving home on your holidays. It's important as it will help prevent water leaks that can result in expensive floods and damage.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING The East Boston Project Advisory Committee, Incorporated

Notice is hereby given that on **Tuesday**, **August 16**, **2022**, **at 6:30 p.m**. a public meeting of the East Boston Project Advisory Committee, Inc., (**aka PIERPAC**) will be held at the Cathy Leonard McLean Community Room, 15 Transportation Way, East Boston, MA 02128 (Lower level of the Logan Airport Consolidated Rental Car Facility). The meeting will also be live streamed via zoom.

A Link to the meeting with instructions for remote participation shall b organization's website (ebpierpac.org) on or before <u>August 12, 2022.</u>

It is the intention of the Committee to discuss in open meeting the following matter(s):

REGULAR MEETING

a. Attendance 6:30 pm
 b. Approval of Minutes, March 29, 2022, April 19, 2022, May 17, 2022-6:35 pm

New Business

- a. 6:45 pm Anthony Guerriero/Massport, Phase II update (w/public
 - comment)
 b. 7:30 pm Vote to fill five (5) Board vacancies (3 year terms to begin September 1, 2022 and end on August 31, 2025 (continued from May
- September 1, 2022 and end on August 31, 2020 (commenced 17, 2022 meeting)
 c. 8:00 pm Review and acceptance of Board resignations
 d. 8:15 pm Job Description Board executive secretary (continued from May 17, 2022 meeting)
 e. 8:30 pm Scheduling of Diversity and Inclusion Training for Board members (continued from May 17, 2022 meeting)
- 8:35 pm Amendment to Operations, Security and Maintenance (OSM) Agreement (continued discussion) b. 8:45 pm – Anticipated adjournment

At the conclusion of its regular business meeting and prior to adjournment, the Board, upon a motion duly made and seconded, the Board may hold an Executive Session pursuant to G. L.

30A.s.21 upon the conclusion of which, the Board will not resume its public meeting MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ARE INVITED AND WELCOMED TO ATTEND – English to Spanish Translation available on request via Zoom.

A copy of this notice and instructions for remote participation will also been posted on the organization's website at: www.EBPierPAC.org and has also been placed on file with the Regulations Division of the Secretary of the Commonwealth by mailing same via first class mail

at least 3 days prior to the scheduled date of the meeting.

East Boston Project Advisory Committee, Inc.

AVISO DE REUNIÓN (REPROGRAMADO) PÚBLICA De conformidad con G. L.c. 30A, §18-20

El Comité Asesor del Proyecto East Boston, Incorporado

Se da aviso de que el lunes 16 de agosto de 2022 a las 6:30 pm, una reunión pública del Comité Asesor del Proyecto de East Boston, Inc., (también conocido como PIERPAC) se llevará a cabo en el Cathy Leonard McLean Community Room, 15 Transportation Way, East Boston, MA 02128 (Nivei inferior de las instalaciones consolidadas de alquiler de automóviles del aeropuerto de Logan). Allí la reunión también se transmitirá en vivo a través de zoom. Se publicará un enlace a la reunión con instrucciones para la participación remota en el sitio web de la organización (ebpierpac.org) a más tardar el 12 de agosto de 2022.

a intención del Comité es debatir en sesión abierta los siguientes asuntos

REUNIÓN REGULAR

- a. Asistencia 6:30 pm
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- NUEVO NEGOCIO
 - 6:45 pm Anthony Guerriero, Massport, Phase II update (con comentario público)
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BILL RUSSELL WAS A BEAUTIFUL PERSON

For those of us who were Boston sports fans in our childhood while growing up in the 1960s, there was only one real hero -- and that was Bill Russell.

With 11 NBA titles in 13 seasons, the Celtics and Bill Russell were the epitome of success, especially in comparison to the other Boston sports teams of that era. However, even at our young age, there was something

about Bill Russell that we recognized as transcending the typical athlete of that period. We recall that when he published his autobiographical memoir in the mid-60s, Go Up for Glory, we eagerly bought the paperback. It was one of the few (if any) books that we read outside of our required school reading. We knew instinctively, even at our young age, that if

Bill Russell had something to say, it would be important and would be told in a straightforward and honest way that often was lacking in the turbulent era that was the The hippies proclaimed, "Don't trust anyone over the

age of 30," but that did not apply to Bill Russell, who won his final NBA title as the Celtics' player-coach in 1969 at the age of 35. Bill Russell's honesty and integrity were unquestioned.

To paraphrase a popular TV commercial, "When Bill Russell spoke, people listened."

Bill Russell was as elegant and graceful in his demeanor off the court as he was in his athleticism on the court. Just as his emphasis on defense, rebounding, and leading the fast break not only revolutionized the game of basketball, but also set the standard for the definition of selflessness and the concept of a team player, so too, did his truthful outspokenness on the subject of racism in America set a new standard in the sports world for LIFE elevating our national conversation about race and other

As we grew into adulthood, if we were hanging out with friends, whenever we might be playing the, "If you could have dinner with anyone famous, who would it be?" game, our answer always would be, "Bill Russell."

Bill Russell will be missed, both in the world of sports and in the realm of life.

GINA RAIMONDO FOR PRESIDENT

This past week, Congress finally passed the CHIPS (Creating Helpful Incentives for the Production of Semiconductors) and Science Act, legislation that will provide \$280 billion in federal funding to ensure that the making of semiconductors, which are crucial to every aspect of our everyday life, will be manufactured here in America.

It is estimated that only 12 percent of the computer chips that are essential to the products that are sold in America, including our defense industry, actually are made in America.

Ominously, the largest maker of computer chips in the world is the Taiwan Semiconductor Company, which has its largest manufacturing plant in its home country of Taiwan -- a nation that could be overrun by mainland China in a matter of days.

The CHIPS Act overcame opposition from both progressives and conservatives in the House and Senate thanks largely to the tireless efforts of Commerce Secretary Gina Raimondo, the former governor of Rhode Island. Raimondo was forceful, eloquent, and politically savvy in her pitch to legislators on all sides of the political spectrum to garner support for the legislation.

Her efforts almost single-handedly saved the bill

Raimondo graduated from Harvard and then went to Yale Law School. She also was a Rhodes Scholar and ran her own venture capital firm before running for State Treasurer and then Governor of Rhode Island.

Yet despite her Ivy League education, Raimondo grew up in a working class family in Rhode Island. She never had anything handed to her and worked hard for

her success in life. Gina Raimondo often is described as a centrist Democrat. When (hopefully) Joe Biden announces that he

will not be running for re-election, there is no one on the Democratic side who would be better suited to running for President than Gina Raimondo. Gina Raimondo is smart, articulate, and can speak the

language of ordinary Americans. In short, she is a star

among a bunch of also-rans.



Forum

GUEST OP-ED

Losing everything, what or who is important?

Dr. Glenn Mollette

What or who is important to you? The recent devastating flood in eastern Kentucky reminds us all that life can be swept away in a moment. Hundreds of families lost everything. One family lost their house and everything in it but lost their family - four children ages less than two up through eight were swept away by the raging flood. One woman who had also lost her house and everything in the house stated she and her family were alive and that's all that mattered.

None of us want to lose our houses and everything we've worked for most of our lives. However, it's all junk in comparison to our children and loved ones.

From the fires of California to the floods of eastern Kentucky to the devastation of Ukraine by Russia, Loss and devastation can come to us all. We don't want loss. We re-

coil from natural disasters, invaders or diminishing health.

It takes a lifetime to pay for a house. Today, cars are often financed five years and more. People work hard to accumulate a few things. Little children, spouses and aging parents are not easy to come by. Most of the time we take everything we have for granted. When the floods of life literally wash away all that we have and love, the loss is horrific.

We really don't know the full extent of how painful loss is until we have lost it all. Recent flood victims in eastern Kentucky essentially lost it all. Many literally escaped with only the shirts on their backs.

Cancer can eat away at our lives. Other forms of diminishing health can take us down to nothing. Financial losses can make us miserable. A fire can destroy everything. Life can change and in a mo-

Sometimes we have warnings that life is on the way to changing. When it rains, we don't automatically think the water will become so deep that we will all drown. Some people in eastern Kentucky will never be able to enjoy a long night of rain because of what it may bring.

Overall, people would like to live out their lives quietly and safely. Avoiding floods, fires and other life-threatening crises. Food to eat, something to wear and the enjoyment of people we love are most meaningful to us.

In the middle of life's devastations, we often look to God and ask why? If he is really so great, so good, and so loving then why would he send or allow eight or nine inches of rain to fall on the hollers of eastern Kentucky and sweep away little children? Did he go to sleep? Does he not care? Is he

detached from what happens in the world? Is he really out there? Yet, as many grieve, they will fall upon God as he is all they have left to get them through. An old saint of God who suffered through the storms of life once said, "I didn't realize God was all I needed until God was all I had.

Whatever or whoever you have today, don't take it or them for granted. Be grateful, give thanks. Love on your loved ones and be kind to all. Consider taking some of your stuff and giving it to someone who may have nothing. It will be good for you both.

Glenn Mollette is the publisher of Newburgh Press, Liberty Torch and various other publishing imprints; a national columnist - American Issues and Common Sense opinions, analysis, stories and features appear each week In over 500 newspapers, websites and blogs across the United States.

LETTER to the Editor

TAKE THE FIRST STEP TOWARD A NICOTINE-FREE

To the Editor,

The Massachusetts Department of Public Health is running Take the First Step, a campaign that educates adults about free resources designed to help them quit smoking, vaping, or using other tobacco or nicotine products. The campaign offers information about 1-800-QUIT-NOW, Massachusetts' Quitline for tobacco/nicotine, and encourages residents to call for support or to connect online at mass. gov/quitting. The campaign has ads, videos, and resources available in English and Spanish.

A brochure about quitting, wallet cards with 1-800-QUIT-NOW information, and other materials are available free of charge at the Massachusetts Health Promotion Clearinghouse.

Learn more about free resources to quit tobacco/ nicotine and watch a video about 1-800-QUIT-NOW at mass.gov/quitting.

Taking the first step toward a nicotine-free life can begin by speaking with a FREE trained quit coach on the phone at 1-800-QUIT-NOW or online at mass.gov/quitting. Please contact me, Edgar Duran Elmudesi, at the Metro Boston Tobacco-Free Community Partnership, eduran@hria.org or 617-502-6549 for more information and to help promote quit attempts in our region.

Edgar Duran Elmudesi **Project Associate Metro Boston Tobacco Free Community Partnership**

Eastie's COVID positive test-rate increases to 10 Percent

By John Lynds

While the latest surge of COVID may be waning a bit citywide, East Boston's COVID weekly positive test rate increased once again due to highly contagious sub variants of the virus.

According to the latest data by the Boston Public Health Commission (BPHC) more than 1 out of 10 residents tested for the virus were positive last

Last week, 617 Eastie residents were tested for the virus last week and 13.4 percent were positive--this was a 25 percent increase from the 10.7 percent that tested positive between July 18 and July 25. Eighty-three additional

Eastie residents contracted the virus between July 25 and August 1 and there have now been 16,259 confirmed cases in the neighborhood since the start of the pandemic. However, Boston's

citywide weekly positive test rate decreased last According to the BPHC,

10,329 Boston residents tested citywide and 9.1 percent were positivean eight percent decrease from the 9.9 percent that tested positive between

July 18 and July 25. Adult COVID-19 Hospitalizations in Boston are

now averaging 132.1 per

day-down 10 percent from

the previous week. This metric helps the BPHC understand the burden of serious COVID-19 cases among adults resulting in inpatient care in Boston hospitals. It includes the total number of adult hospitalizations among Boston and non-Boston residents for COVID-19.

According to the BPHC levels of COVID-19 virus in local wastewater have decreased by 21.1 percent in the past seven days and are now at 578 RNA copies/mL-14 days ago it was up to 763 RNA copies/mL. While the current rate is still high, it is an improvement from the rates of more than 1,000 RNA copies/mL that were observed in early June.

The BPHC also reported that new COVID-19 cases in Boston have stabilized over the last seven days but Suffolk County as a whole remains at medium community risk, according to the CDC. "The improvement in

our COVID-19 trends over the past two weeks is a welcomed sign, but we must remain vigilant, especially with the highly transmissible BA.5 variant making up a majority of cases in the region," said Dr. Bisola Ojikutu, Commissioner of Public Health and Executive Director of the Boston Public Health Commission. "We've seen a consistent

pattern of ups and downs

for the past few months,

but, overall, Boston's metrics are at a medium risk level. The risk of transmission is still significant, and we all need to continue to take proper precautions to slow the spread of COVID-19 in our communities."

The highly transmissi-

ble BA.5 variant, which accounts for 81.4 percent of COVID-19 cases in New England, has resulted in several instances of reinfection. Its ability to evade immunity from the

initial vaccine series and See COVID Page 5

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EAST BOSTON MAIN STREETS HOSTS TASTE OF EASTIE

East Boston Main Streets hosted its Taste of Eastie event at the Tall Ship 1 Pier Drive. East Boston restaurants got to show off their culinary delights to a grateful



Mutual Aid employee Zaida Pena from Mutual Aid with Marda Pena and Will Patten from Maverick Landing Community Services and his daughter, Sofia.



Alejandra Salazar from El Peñol offers pork belly and rice.



Taste of Eastie Board Member Ida Candreva with Massachusetts State Senator Lydia Edwards.



Owners of La Hacienda Aldo and Miguel Callejas with **Executive Chef Jason Bautista and Bar Manager Walter** Pineda with Johan Medina from El Penol and Jose Peres Roads Consultant.



Fernando Rosas from La Casa Del Pandebona Restaurant and Bakery offers some refreshing ceviche.



The Reel House was represented by Chefs Philippe Rodriguez and Andres Ramirez with Catalina Bravo.



The event featured food from more than 30 local "Eastie" restaurants, music, as well as raffles and prizes.



East Boston Main Streets' hosted the Taste of Eastie along the waterfront.





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prior infection are further reasons for everyone to get a COVID-19 booster. Booster doses provide an added layer of protection that supports a strong immune response to the vi-

and severe illness.

rus, significantly reducing the likelihood of infection

The statistics released

by the BPHC as part of its weekly COVID19 report breaks down the number of cases and infection rates in each neighborhood. It also breaks down the number of cases by age, gender and race.

of coronavirus increased

1.6 percent last week and

Citywide positive cases

194,506 confirmed cases since the start of the pandemic.

There were four additional deaths in Boston from the virus in the past week and the total number of COVID deaths is now at 1,502.

went from 197,686 to



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ZUMIX HOLDS ITS THIRD SUMMER CONCERT INDOORS

In its third installation of eight weekly performances, the Zumix Summer Concert Series took the show indoors from its usual location at Piers Park in response to the heat wave besieging the city. Zumix helps prepare youth interested in music to hone their craft and ready them for a life in the music industry.



Jireh Calo on keyboard.



Zumix events coordinator Brian Burke welcomes the audience to the Zumix preformance and introduces the acts.



The first act is a soon to be Zumix graduate Jessica Nayely (right) who will be attending Berklee College Of Music on a full scholarship. She was assisted by her friend Julian Jarjour on keyboard for a song.



Dan Skoler on guitar.



Jessica Nayely starts the show.



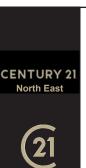
Ava Sophia takes to the keyboard along with her vocals.



Jessica Nayely (left) jams out with Ava Sophia (center) and Jireh Calo.



Headlining the show was Ava Sophia (center) accompanied by Jireh Calo (left) on piano and percussion and Dan Skoler on guitar.











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Massport, elected officials celebrate grant that will bring more Electric Vehicles to Logan

By John Lynds

For a century Eastie has played host to Logan Airport, a significant source of noise and air pollution to the surrounding communities. According to studies, exposure to degraded air quality is responsible for 1 in 8 deaths globally, and in the United States air pollution accounts for approximately three times as many deaths as drug overdose and six times as many deaths as traffic accidents annually. These deaths are concentrated in communities near major sources of fuel combus-

The neighborhood's "Godmother of Environmental Justice", the late Mary Ellen Welch, had for decades tried to force Massport to measure ultrafine particles or PMs.

Welch long argued that the airport's runway and roadside operations pose too much of an environmental impact on the neighborhood not to be considered when Massport files environmental impact statements or operations reports.

PMs from car exhaust and jet aircraft have been shown to cause a wide array of adverse health impacts.

Last week, Massport joined Eastie's elected officials to celebrate a new grant that aims to curb carbon emissions from airport related traffic and roadside operations that pollute our air.

Massport recently received a Massachusetts Clean Energy Center (MassCEC) grant to support planning and facilitating the transition to more electric vehicles (EVs) at Logan.

Getting more passengers in an electric vehicle is an important step as Massport moves toward becoming Net Zero by

According to Massport the grant comes from MassCEC's Accelerating Clean Transportation for All (ACT4All) Program. ACT4All aims to equitably increase access to clean transportation across the Commonwealth, reduce emissions in overburdened areas, and build effective community partnerships. The Department of Energy Resources has contributed to program funding.

"Offering EVs through

rentals and rideshares will catalyze the adoption of EVs and help us achieve our clean transportation and emissions reduction goals," said MassCEC CEO Jen Daloisio. "The growing deployment of EVs at Logan Airport and accompanying infrastructure will both help to educate consumers and begin to reduce emissions in surrounding communities. MassCEC is proud to support this innovative program."

In 2019, there were more than 1.3 million rental car transactions at Logan and 2022 is trending to near 1 million transactions. Today, passengers at Logan can rent more than 200 EVs from the Rental Car Center, or choose an EV option from Uber or Lyft. By renting an EV, passengers can see for themselves how easy these are to use and reduce fear about charging the vehicle.

The demand at Logan Airport for more EV charging both landside and airside continues to increase. Massport has more than 40 chargers landside available for the public, in our parking garages and Ride App and taxi pools. These chargers are funded through Massport's capital budget as well as grant funding.

For those driving their own EV to Logan, there are 173 hybrid, electric, and alternative fuel only parking spaces available and charging ports are located conveniently near the terminals with no cost for electricity use. Massport is also working to transition its own fleet to EVs, and recently ordered 2 electric Ford F-150 trucks and 2 electric Ford Transit vans for use at Logan Airport.

"Shifting to electric vehicles is a crucial step toward improving air quality for East Boston and other airport adjacent communities and reducing the carbon footprint overall," said State Senator Lydia Edwards. "I applaud Massport and the MassCEC for their efforts toward expanding sustainable ride options at Lo-

At last week's event, the speakers acknowledged the airport's proximity to surrounding communities and how their ongoing efforts would reduce emissions for all. Hertz' SVP of Operations Initiatives Jeff Nieman said his company already had 1,000 EVs in the Boston region, and Michael Chisolm, Lyft's business development manager of airports, reiterated his company's commitment to use EVs exclusively by 2030.

"Increasing the adoption of electric vehicles at Logan is another big step toward improving quali-



Edwards, State Rep Adrian Madaro, and representatives from EEA, rental car and Ride App companies. L to R: Jeff Nieman (Hertz), Kevin Parsons (Enterprise), Massport CEO Lisa Wieland, State Rep Adrian Madaro, MassCEC CEO Jen Daloisio, State Senator Lydia Edwards, Mike Chisolm (Lyft), Dan Gatti (EEA), Anne Morrison (Avis), and Quinn Hatoff (Uber).

ty of life in neighboring communities," said State Adrian Representative Madaro. "Thank you to MassCEC and Massport for their collaboration in transitioning our city toward environmentally-friendly transporta-In 2013, the Rental

Car Center, a LEED Gold certified building with rooftop solar, was completed and consolidated multiple rental car company operations into one location. This move allowed Massport to cut hundreds of shuttle bus trips daily, reduce emissions and roadway congestion, and create a better experience for passengers renting vehicles. "Through partnerships

with our rental car and Ride App companies, we are able to offer more environmentally friendly, on-demand transportation options for our passengers. The MassCEC grant will help us prioritize our ongoing efforts to expand electric vehicle availability at Logan Airport," said Massport CEO Lisa Wieland. "Reducing the emissions created at Logan is not only good for the environment, it helps us to be a good neighbor to surrounding communities, while providing our passengers with the sustainable transportation options they desire."

The large number of deaths and other health problems associated with particulate pollution was first demonstrated in the early 1970s and has been reproduced many times since. PM pollution is estimated to cause 22,000-52,000 deaths per year in the United States and 200,000 deaths per year in Europe. The effects of inhal-

ing particulate matter that have been widely studied in humans and animals now include asthma, lung cancer, cardiovascular issues, birth defects, and premature death. The size of the particle is a main determinant of where in the respiratory tract the

particle will come to rest when inhaled. Because of their small size, particles on the order of 10 micrometers or less (PM10) can penetrate the deepest part of the lungs such as the bronchioles or alveoli. Larger particles are generally filtered in the nose and throat via cilia and mucus, but particulate matter smaller than 10 micrometers, PM10, can settle in the bronchi and lungs and

A study published in the Journal of the American Medical Association showed that inhaling PM2.5 leads to high plaque deposits in the arteries causing cardiovascular problems. searchers suggest that even short-term exposure at elevated concentrations could significantly contribute to heart disease and conclude that traffic car exhaust is the single most serious preventable cause of heart attack in the general public and is the cause of 7.4 percent of all heart attacks in the world.

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"Emerald Tutu" floating biomass may help Eastie against sea level rise

By John Lynds

Last year, coastal engineer and professor, Julia Hopkins led a team to place a floating biomass mat off the shores of East Boston.

The mat tested were part of a larger National Science Foundation (NSF) funded research project dubbed the "Emerald Tutu" to see if these mats that resemble a ballerina's tutu can help stave off coastal flooding and sea level rise in the neighborhood.

After a year of testing the mat in Eastie exceeded Hopkins expectations. Hopkins said the mats tested grew "so much vegetation" and her research team didn't expect as much grass or seaweed to grow.

"We didn't realize it would colonize that easily and that much," she said.

The floating biomass, with marsh grass above the waterline and sinewy seaweed below, dampens incoming wave energy and retards storm surge in order to reduce crisis flooding ashore.

Based on the initial results, the research team is looking to design and implement biomass-based coastal protection infrastructure all around Eastie's waterfront.

The goal is to have a floating network of in-

terconnected, massive organic growing modules dampens wave energy and reduces flooding, storm damage, and erosion on shore while improving nearshore water quality. These biomass modules are seeded with marsh grass at the surface, and are home to many seaweeds below the waterline, all of which add significant mass and frictional surface area and provide habitat for many types of creatures, human and non-human.

"But it also draws people down to the coastline in fair weather; its green landscapes and floating pathways enable public access to new waterfronts," said Hopkins.

Eastie and other coastal neighborhoods in the city already see some flooding, including on sunny days, and some new properties are being developed to adapt. Massachusetts had the third highest number of affordable housing units under threat of coastal flooding in the nation, according to a Climate Central analysis released last year.

An alarming report from a UN panel warns that the next two decades will bring more damaging floods, worsening droughts and more dangerous heat waves.

Adaptive infrastructure that absorbs tidal energy

anchored from rising seas is considered a crucial way to adjust to life as climate change makes the world mage, and hore while rshore wa-

According to the project team's website they drew influence from landscape architect Frederick Law Olmsted's 1,100-acre connected park system in Boston known as the Emerald Necklace. Olmsted envisioned the park system in Boston as a collective space where inhabitants of the crowded, chaotic city could find healthy activity and mental solace. A series of pleasant public spaces brought nature back to the city, where it could be enjoyed by all.

A byproduct of the Emerald Necklace is that it solved major drainage challenges of an industrializing city, and it integrated transit while balancing residential development.

According to the team the goal of the Emerald Tutu in Eastie is to provide a climate resilience infrastructure solution that is deployable, flexible, inexpensive, green, non-invasive, and a joy to experience.

"As is abundantly clear in our era, "gray infrastructure" coastal barriers and other traditional coastal engineering approaches are ineffective and even harmful, both ecologically



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and economically," said the research team. "Civil infrastructure for climate resilience should be accessible to all people, encouraging everyday use and environmental benefits as well as protection during catastrophic storms. Furthermore, it should economically empower local populations during its implementation and upkeep."

Jobs fair for Suffolk Downs development draws more than 300 applicants

Special to the Independent

Thomas O'Brien, founding partner and managing director of the HYM Investment Group, was asked the following question at the July 26 jobs fair at Suffolk Downs: How many new construction jobs will there be for HYM's housing and commercial project on the 161-acre site of the former racetrack?

"There are going to be 14,000 total construction jobs, and then in the end there'll be about 20,000 permanent jobs in the buildings" replied O'Brien, whose project will ultimately deliver the largest single creation of housing by a redevelopment project in greater Boston history.

That's why the atmosphere at the jobs fair was so optimistic and inspiring for the close to 300 men and women who attended the event. Interestingly, the well-organized fair was held near the finish line of the former racetrack, but this event represented a potential new start for the many job seekers.

the end there'll be about The Greater Boston 20,000 permanent jobs Building Trades Unions, in the buildings," replied John Moriarty and Asso-

ciates, the HYM Investment Group, and the City of Revere hosted the job information session that was designed to recruit and train the next generation of building trades workers.

Praise for Revere's

Mayor
Thomas O'Brien led off the brief speaking program at the fair by praising Revere Mayor Brian Arrigo, a theme carried forth by the union officials who also addressed the gathering.

"Among the most important partnerships we've

had from the people who helped us and worked with us, there has been no better champion for us than Mayor Brian Arrigo, who's been with us since the very beginning," said O'Brien. "The mayor is leading the city in a way that is helping Revere develop a new direction for creating jobs, creating next tax revenue, rebuilding the school system, building a new physical high school in Revere. All these things are amazing and positive developments in Revere. We're really excited about the work we've been able

Revere Mayor Arrigo

to do."

speaks at the jobs fair
Arrigo, who drew a
significant ovation from
the many union leaders
and job candidates in attendance, said that when
he first met with O'Brien
in the Mayor's Office in
2017, he told O'Brien that
"I want to make something [at Suffolk Downs]
where we're creating jobs
for the people in the City

of Revere."

The attendance at the job fair by scores of Revere residents affirms Arrigo's vision.

"What we have before us is really a transformational opportunity for the people who live in Revere to have economic opportunities, not only in great-paying construction jobs and union construction jobs, but also the ability for us to have long-term investments and jobs for

folks that are going to be able to work here and live here and enjoy themselves forever," said Arrigo.

The mayor said the Revere economy was basically based around a dog track and a horse track, which are no longer in operation.

"So, when Tom O'Brien came knocking, it was really clear that we needed economic opportunity for our residents, your chil-

dren, and your children's children," said Arrigo. "So that's what we have here, and we're excited about the opportunities."

Also speaking at the job fair were Chris Brown, CEO of general contractor John Moriarty and Associates, Sprinkler Fitters Local 550 Business Agent Mark Fortune, and Carpenters Union Local 218 Business Manager Rich-



HYM Investment Group Managing Director Thomas O'Brien and Revere Mayor Brian Arrigo.



Carpenters Union Local 218 Business Manager Richard Pedi speaks at the job fair at Suffolk Downs.



Larry Regalado, president, organizer, and business agent for Plasterers Local 534, Vincent DiSalvo, agent for Plasterers Local 534, William Redmond, director of training, and Jesse Bona, apprentice.



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Matthew Messinger, recruitment specialist for Plumbers and Gasfitters Local 12, makes a presentation for prospective tradesmen at the job fair.

Joe Kennedy III endorses Ricardo Arroyo for DA

Boston City Councilor Ricardo Arroyo announced that his campaign for Suffolk County District Attorney has been endorsed by Former Congressman Joe Kennedy III. The endorsement adds to Arroyo's growing momentum after his dominating performances in debates and forums in the last three weeks.

In a statement endorsing Councilor Arroyo, Former Congressman Kennedy said: "Deeply rooted in the community he serves, Ricardo Arroyo has steadfastly refused the false choice between public safety and equal justice, understanding that the law can – and must – be used to deliver both. From a public defender's desk to the Boston City Council, Ricardo has proven he has the integrity, public safety experience and policy vision needed to build a criminal legal system that protects us all. I'm proud to enthusiastically endorse him for Suffolk County District Attorney."

Kennedy's support is Arroyo's latest high-profile endorsement after previously earning the endorsements of Mayor Michelle Wu, Congresswoman Ayanna Pressley, Senator Elizabeth Warren, Senator Ed Markey, the Boston Teachers Union, Unite Here Local 26, and Iron Workers Local 7.

"I am deeply honored to be endorsed by Congressman Joe Kennedy," said Councilor Arroyo, who would be the first Latino District Attorney in Massachusetts. "Congressman Kennedy was a strong voice for us in

Congress on immigrant and economic justice. As a former Assistant District Attorney, he understands that we can achieve long-lasting public safety by making sure people have housing, high-quality education, and jobs that pay living wages.

Since launching his campaign on February 8, Arroyo has earned endorsements from Boston Mayor Michelle Wu, Congresswoman Ayanna Pressley, U.S. Senator Elizabeth Warren, U.S. Senator Ed Markey, Former Boston Mayor Kim Janey, State Senator Sonia Chang-Diaz, State Senator Sal DiDomenico, State Senator Adam Gomez, State Representative Russell Holmes, State Representative Nika Elugardo, State Representative Jon Santiago, State Representative Andy Vargas, Boston City Council President Ed Flynn, Boston City Councilor Julia Mejia, Boston City Councilor Ruthzee Louijeune, Boston City Councilor Tania Fernandes Anderson, Boston City Councilor Kendra Lara, Boston City Councilor Gabriela Coletta, Former Boston City Councilor Tito Jackson, Revere City Councilor Steve Morabito, Chelsea City Council President Roy Avellaneda, Chelsea City Councilor Enio Lopez, Chelsea City Councilor Giovanni Recupero, Chelsea City Councilor Damali Vidot, UNITE HERE Local 26, Boston Teachers Union, Iron Workers Local 7, United Auto Workers Region 9A, Run For Something, and Mijente.

East Boston Athletic Board names scholarship recipients

East Boston Athletic Board President Nicole M. McCormack and Scholarship Chairperson Jim Kearney, are pleased to announce the 2022 Fred L O'Brien Scholarship Recipients. The Scholarship is named in honor of former East Boston High School Football Coach Fred L O'Brien. The Athletic Board has awarded over \$400,00.00 in scholarships to help support East Boston's Scholar Athletes attend college.

Graduates of East Boston High School and the college they will attend; Jace Wai, Tufts University; Sean Curtis, Suffolk University; Arianna Orlandino, University of New Hampshire; and Brittany Elliott, Salem State University.

Graduate of Arlington Catholic HS Devlin Santillana, Felician University. Graduate of Austin Preparatory School Robert Gilbride Bentley University. Graduate of Boston Latin Academy Emma Marchi, UMass Amherst.

The Scholar Athletes will be honored at a Scholarship Awards Dinner Thursday August 11, 2022. At the Hilton Garden Inn, 100 Boardman St East Boston

The Athletic Board would like to thank the East Boston Foundation Trustees and Tom O'Brien and HYM for their sup-

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Elizabeth Bennett

Retiree of the Mass. Department of Transitional Assistance

Elizabeth A. Bennett of East Boston, formerly of Brighton, passed away peacefully at home surrounded by her loving family on July 29.

Elizabeth worked for over 50 years for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Department of Transitional Assistance.

The loving daughter of the late Peter and Anna (Gillhooly) Wynn, she was the devoted mother of Elizabeth, Lillian and Robert Bennett of East Boston and Ronald Bennett and his wife, Tina of Connecticut; dear sister of the late Mary and Catherine Guresh, Theresa Guillaume, John Wynn and Peter "Joe" Wynn; adored grandmother of Robert and Rebecca Bennett, Paul and Caryn Bennett, Laura and Jered Kraszewski and Andrea Bennett and cherished great grandmother of Dom, Shawmut and Nova Bennett and



also survived by many living nieces and nephews.

The Bennett family requests that visitation and funeral services be attended by family only. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations be made to Care Dimensions Hospice, 75 Sylvan St., Suite B-102 Danvers ,Ma 01923. Funeral arrangements under the care of Ruggiero Family Memorial Home, East Boston and North Shore of Boston. To leave an online condolence, visit www.ruggieromh.com.

Henry Famolare

Mass Port Authority retiree

Friends and family attended a Memorial Mass on Monday, August 1 at St. Lazarus Church, 59 Ashley St., East Boston for Henry A. Famolare, who passed away peacefully at his home in Saugus on July 23 at the age

Henry retired from the Massachusetts Port Authority as a heavy equipment operator.

Henry was a happy simple man who loved life and lived it to its fullest. He is a man who will be remembered and missed

The cherished grandson of the late Ruth and John Famolare of East Boston, (Famolare) Mottola Marino and her husband, Joseph of Saugus, adored

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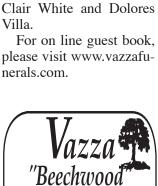
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grandfather of Jason Mottola and Nicholas Marino, both of Saugus, Dante' Mottola and his wife, Christine of Sandown, NH. and Nicholas Mottola of Lynn and the former husband of the late Marie (Iannaccone) Famolare, Clair White and Dolores

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Linda Costa

Devoted wife and mother; retired Telephone Workers Union Bank Teller

Funeral Services were held on August 2, in the Vertuccio & Smith, Home for Funerals for Linda J. (Murray) Costa, 75, who died peacefully on Wednesday, July 27 surrounded by her loving family at her home in Lynnfield following a long illness. Interment was in Puritan Lawn Memorial Park, Peabody.

Linda was born and raised in Lynn and educated in Lynn Public Schools. She was married in 1964 to Jackie Costa and the couple settled in East Boston where they began their life together and started their family. Linda was a devoted and loving wife and mother.

She proudly raised her four children and took great pride in doing so. In addition, she also worked full time as a bank teller for the Telephone Workers Credit Union in both the Boston and Stoneham locations.

Linda and her husband later moved to Wakefield and eventually to Lynnfield.

She was happiest at home and enjoying her family being together. She was known for her great cooking and looked forward to preparing many meals over the years for her family. She will be truly missed.



The beloved wife of 58 years to John J. "Jackie' Costa of Lynnfield, formerly of East Boston, she was the loving mother of Cynthia L. Lander and her husband, Mark of Peabody, Linda J. Costa of Wakefield, David J. Costa of Lynnfield and the late Michael J. Costa; the cherished grandmother of Rebecca Costa of Wakefield, Christine Lander, Joseph Lander and John Lander, all of Peabody and great grandmother of Dominic; dear sister of the late Patricia Patrazza. She is also lovingly survived by her two nephews and her faithful Boston Terrier,

"Molly." To send online condolences, please visit www. vertuccioandsmith.com

Funeral Arrangements entrusted to the care and direction of the Vertuccio & Smith, Home for Funer-

Mark "Al" Hancock

Of Maine, formerly of East Boston

Mark "Al" J. Hancock of Lewiston, Maine, formerly of East Boston, passed away on July 30.

The loving son of Law-

rence and Karen (Foster) Hancock of East Boston, he was the dear brother of Deanne Hancock, Miband Robert and Lawrence Hancock Jr. and cherished uncle of Julia Hancock. He is also survived by many loving aunts, uncles and cousins as well as a host of loyal, dedicated friends and a special thank you to Shane Pontoo.

Family and friends will honor Mark's life by gathering at the Ruggiero Family Memorial Home,



again on Friday morning at Woodlawn Cemetery in Everett for a committal service at 11 a.m. Please meet directly at the cemetery. To leave an online condolence, visit www. ruggieromh.com.



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Wu announces city accepting eligibility forms for community preservation funding

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Mayor Michelle Wu announced the availability of eligibility forms for applications for the upcoming round of Community Preservation Act (CPA) funding. For Fiscal Year 2023, the City of Boston has made nearly \$39 million available for CPA projects under three categories consistent with statewide guidelines: affordable housing, historic preservation, and open space or recreation. Applicants interested in funding for historic preservation or open space or recreation projects must complete eligibility forms by August 31, 2022, which will then be reviewed by the City's Community Preservation Act Office. Candidates deemed eligible by the CPA Office will be invited to submit an application for their proposed projects. Once approved, applications will open on October 5, 2022 by invitation only and close on November 9, 2022. The Mayor's Office of Housing will release a joint re-

quest for an RFP for CPA funding for affordable housing in August. "The Community Pres-

ervation Act empowers residents and local organizations by investing in community-driven developments and preservation efforts across the city," said Mayor Michelle Wu. "I encourage everyone to begin the process of applying for funding to join our citywide work to further our city's goals of affordable housing, historic preservation and open space and recreation."

"Some of the most exciting and creative projects in our ever-changing City-innovative affordable housing projects, parks, and historic preservation projects-- are the result of resident and community driven CPA proposals," said Councilor Michael Flaherty, Chair of the Council's Community Preservation Committee. "I am so thankful for the vision and partnership of the many leaders that helped us get the ballot measure passed years ago and continue to be thankful for the partnership with Mayor Wu and the Community Preservation Committee. I am confident that the nearly million allocation in CPA funds will allow for significant community-driven, transformational change in every corner of our neighborhoods and look forward to another exciting round of applications."

"With the leadership of the parishioners of Eliot Congregational Church and me, we continue to nurture and cultivate partnerships with architects Menders, Torrey and Spencer and the Wentworth Institute of Technology in the hopes of developing alternative use spaces within and around Eliot Church to benefit a wide variety of racial and socioeconomic groups," said Rev. Dr. Evan C. Hines, Senior Pastor for Congregational Church of Roxbury. "With the support of the CPA, the Eliot Church could serve as a prototype for other stewards of historic properties that are striving to preserve legacy, protect open space and address the need for affordable housing." Applicants who would

like to apply for affordable housing projects will need to respond to the joint request for proposals (RFP) released by the City of Boston Community Preservation Program and the Mayor's Office of Housing. This joint RFP must be submitted by Friday, September 30, 2002.

After the end of the application period, the Community Preservation Committee will review applications by January 2023 and vote on a list of proposals in February to recommend to the Mayor. The Mayor will then make a recommendation on the slate of CPA projects to be voted on by the Boston City Council.

The last round of CPA awards in February 2022 funded over \$27 million

ments, open space and recreation, and historic preservation projects consistent with statewide guidelines. Examples of community projects that benefited from this investment include preserving archaeological sites from climate change-induced erosion on the Boston Harbor Islands, creating a new community garden in Mattapan on a vacant lot, rehabilitation and restoration roof repair of the historic 1873 Twelfth Baptist Church in Roxbury and creating a 96unit affordable housing building in Jamaica Plain.

The Community Preservation Fund is capitalized primarily by a one percent property tax-based surcharge on residential and business property tax bills that began in July 2017 after Boston voters adopted the measure on a ballot question in November 2016.

The City of Boston

Community Preservation Act Program has awarded over \$119 million to support 242 projects across the City since 2018. Community Preservation Act-funded projects can be found in every neighborhood across Boston. Of those supported since its creation, there have been 37 affordable housing projects, 97 open space and recreation projects, and 108 historic preservation projects. The Community Preser-

vation Committee (CPC) is committed to broad community participation, supporting accessible and visible projects that have a positive impact on neighborhoods and residents. CPA staff has been hosting virtual meet and greets, community meetings, and workshops to explain the eligibility requirements and the application process to residents and organizations interested in applying for funding.

Madaro // CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

in mental health. Importantly, our legislation also creates initiatives to address the unique mental health needs of young people. This legislation is the first step in addressing the structural deficits in our mental health care delivery system by prioritizing the people it serves and the people who make

Madaro said the Mental Health ABC Act is driven by the recognition that mental health is as important as physical health for every resident of the Commonwealth and should be treated as such. The final conference report proposes a wide variety of reforms to ensure equitable access to mental health care and remove barriers to care by supporting the behavioral health work

Madaro thanked Senate President Karen E. Spilka (D-Ashland) and his colleagues in the Senate for passing the bill.

"One moment, many years ago, I made the split-second decision to share the story of my family's struggle with mental illness—a moment of vulnerability and honesty that has become a movement, as more and more people stand up and speak up for accessible, high quality mental health care," stated Senate President Spilka. "We all deserve to have access to the mental health care we need, when we need it, and today we are on the brink of seeing comprehensive and behavioral health care reform signed into law. Thank you Senator Julian Cyr and Senator Cindy Friedman for their tireless work on this bill, to Senator Tarr for his work on the conference committee, and to our partners in the House for seeing this through. I'd also like to thank the countless individuals, families, advocates, providers and others who stood up for the common-sense idea that mental health is just as im-

setts and never gave up." The Mental Health ABC Act guarantees Annual Mental Health Wellness Exams. A cornerstone of this reform is the

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health is just as important as a person's physical health. This bill would codify this principle by mandating coverage for an annual mental health wellness exam, comparable to an annual physical.

The bill also enforces Mental Health Parity Laws. Madaro said the bill provides the state with better tools to implement and enforce parity laws by creating a clear structure for the Division of Insurance to receive and investigate parity complaints and ensure their timely resolution. Other tools include parity enforcement for commercial, state-contracted and student health insurance plans, increased reporting and oversight of insurance carriers' mental health care coverage processes and policies, and reasonable penalties and alternative remedies for when an insurance company does not comply with

The bill also creates Initiatives to address Emergency Department Board-

"For many people with acute mental health needs, the only place to get help is an emergency department (ED)," said Madaro. "Unfortunately, these patients may wait days, weeks, and even months for more appropriate admission to an inpatient psychiatric unit or less acute level of care. This is referred to as 'boarding,' which continues to rise dramatically."

Madaro said this legislation tackles this by creating online portals that provide access to real-time data on youth and adults seeking mental health and substance use services and includes a search function that allows health care providers to easily search and find open beds using several criteria. These criteria include: requiring the Health Policy Commission (HPC) to prepare and publish a report every three years on the status of pediatric behavioral health as the youth boarding crisis is particularly acute; requiring the Center for Health Information and Analysis (CHIA) to report on behavioral health needs; updating the expedited psychiatric inpatient admissions (EPIA) protocol and creating an expedited evaluation and

stabilization process for

patients under 18; and codifying in statute the working group tasked with implementing the EPIA in law.

Other highlights of the bill include:

Implementation and 911 Expansion. This legislation increases access to immediate behavioral health care through the implementation of the nationwide 988 hotline to access 24/7 suicide prevention and behavioral health crisis services. This legislation also expands 911 to bridge the gap until 988 is implemented by increasing training, funding, and capacity for regional emergency responses to behavioral health crises.

Red Flag Laws and Extreme Risk Protection Orders. This bill initiates a public awareness campaign on the Commonwealth's red flag laws and extreme risk protection orders (ERPOs) that limit access to guns for people at risk of hurting them-

selves or others. Reimbursing Mental Health Providers Equitably. Mental health and primary care providers are reimbursed at different rates for the same service. The bill seeks to level the playing field for reimbursement to mental health providers by requiring an equitable rate floor for evaluation and management services that is consistent with primary

Reforming Medical Necessity and Prior Authorization Requirements. This bill mandates coverage and eliminates prior authorization for mental health acute treatment and stabilization services for adults and children. It also establishes a special commission to bring all stakeholders to the table to study and make recommendations on the creation of a common set of medical necessity criteria to be used by health care providers and insurance carriers for mental health

Creating a Standard Release Form. Behavioral health providers struggle in the era of electronic health records and care coordination to create systems that simultaneously protect an indi-

vidual's right to consent

to share sensitive health information and allow practitioners to access the information they need to treat the individual and coordinate care. This bill directs the development of a standard release form for exchanging confidential mental health and substance use disorder information to facilitate access to treatment by patients with multiple health care

Increasing Access to Emergency Service Programs. Emergency Service Programs (ESPs), which are community-based and recovery-oriented grams that provide behavioral health crisis assessment, intervention, and stabilization services for people with psychiatric illness, are currently covered by MassHealth. The bill would require commercial insurance compa-

nies to cover ESPs as well. Expanding Access to the Evidence-Based Collaborative Care Model. The collaborative care model delivers mental health care in primary care through a team of health care professionals, including the primary care provider, a behavioral health care manager, and a consulting psychiatrist. This evidence-based to mental health care has proven effective, less costly, and less stigmatizing. The bill would expand access to psychiatric care by requiring the state-contracted and commercial health plans to cover mental health and substance use disorder benefits offered through the psychiatric collaborative care

Reviewing the Role of Behavioral Health Managers. Some insurance companies have subcontracted mental health benefits to specialty utilization management companies for years with mixed results. The bill directs the Health Policy Commission, in consultation with the Division of Insurance, to study and provide updated data on the use of contracted mental health benefit managers by insurance carriers, often referred to

vestments in mental health

as 'carve-outs.' Tracking and Analyzing Behavioral Health Expenditures. This bill includes a critical first steps toward incentivizing greater in-

care within the analysis of statewide health care cost growth. Specifically, the bill directs the Center for Health Information and Analysis (CHIA) to define and collect data on the delivery of mental health services to establish a baseline of current spend-

> Establishing an Office of Behavioral Health Promotion. Current behavioral health promotion activities are spread across state agencies. This dilutes the responsibility for mental health promotion and focus on the issues and undermines the important work being done. The bill establishes an Office of Behavioral Health Promotion within the Executive Office of Health and Human Services (EOHHS) to coordinate all state initiatives that promote mental, emotional, and behavioral health and wellness for residents. The new office is tasked with tailoring mental health messaging and intervention to veterans and first responders. It also creates a student advisory council to guide the office on meeting the mental health needs of the Commonwealth's stu-

> Increasing Access to Care in Geographically Isolated Areas. This bill directs the Department of Mental Health (DMH) to consider factors that may present barriers to care such as travel distance and access to transportationwhen contracting for services in geographically isolated and rural commu-

Enhancing Schoolbased Behavioral Health Services and Programming. This bill improves the wellness of young people by enhancing schoolbased behavioral health supports and increasing access points for effective behavioral health treatment by limiting the use of suspension and expulsion in all licensed early education and care programs and creating a statewide program to help schools implement school-based behavioral health services. Increasing Access Points for Youth for Ef-

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fective Behavioral Health Treatment. To support treatment accessibility for young people, this bill requires behavioral health

for children entering the

foster care system. Expanding Insurance Coverage for Vulnerable Populations. Critically, this legislation implements a technical fix to ensure individuals over 26 years old who live with disabilities can remain on their parents' health insur-

Creating a Roadmap on Access to Culturally Competent Care. Under this provision, an interagency health equity team under the Office of Health Equity, working with an advisory council, will make annual recommendations for the next three years to improve access to, and the quality of, culturally competent mental health services. Paired with the Legislature's ARPA investment of \$122 million in the behavioral health workforce through loan repayment assistance programs, this roadmap will make great strides toward building a robust workforce reflective of communities' needs.

Allows for an Interim Licensure for Licensed Mental Health Counselors. The bill creates an interim licensure level for Licensed Mental Health Counselors (LMHCs) so that they can be reimbursed by insurance for their services and be eligible for state and federal grant and loan forgiveness programs, further increasing the number of licensed providers able to serve pa-

Expanding Mental Health Billing. This bill allows clinicians practicing under the supervision of a licensed professional and working towards independent licensure to practice in a clinic setting. This will help to ensure quality training and supervision and encourage clinicians to stay practicing in community-based settings. Updating the Board

of Registration of Social Workers. The bill updates the membership of the Board of Registration of Social Workers to clarify that designees from the Department of Children and Families (DCF) and Department of Public Health (DPH) be licensed social workers.

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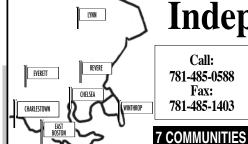
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