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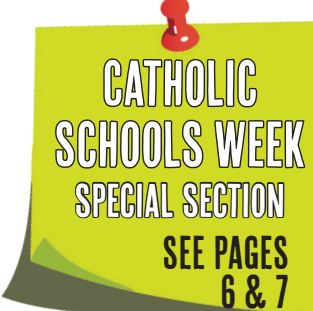
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Dear Family, Friends and Colleagues,

As many of you know, in 2018 my father, Stanley DeMartinis Sr. passed away unexpectedly. Over the years, we have been discussing how we can honor my father's legacy and give back to the East Boston community.

My father's philanthropic mindset started

at a young age. While opening multiple businesses in the Revere and East Boston communities, he was always there to lend a hand to those in need. From his early days of owning restaurants, through his first gym opening in 1993 in East Boston, my father always gave back to the East Boston community that

held his roots. Whether it was working with East Boston High School to provide summer jobs, participating in fundraisers, or providing access to health and wellness to everyone in the community, he truly cared about the people he was surrounded by and felt gratitude towards them for supporting his business ventures

throughout the years.

One such partnership was between World Gym in East Boston and Savio Preparatory High School. My father worked with the administration to have the students bussed from the school to the gym during school hours to be sure they were pro-

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Benitez provides updates on mattresses, newsletters, and more

By Michael Coughlin Jr.

During the Gove Street Citizens Association's monthly meeting on Monday, Jan. 23, East Boston's Liaison Nathalia Benitez shared some updates residents should be aware of as 2023 rolls on.

One of Benitez's most important updates came as a reminder regarding the City of Boston's newest way to dispose of mattresses.

"Starting in January, the City of Boston requires an appointment for collection of all mattresses and box springs," said Benitez.

The city accepts memory foam, box springs, innerspring, hybrid, latex, and air beds. However, the city is not accepting futons as part of the new disposal appointments.

To set up a mattress pick-up, residents can call 311. Currently, the 311 app does not have the capability to make these appointments; however, it is something the city is working on.

"Because we just launched it, we are only doing phone calls for now. The way the mattresses are picked up are by a recycling team, so if you were to just do a trash pick-up ticket on the 311 app, it would take them to public works, and public works will pick it up as trash, and that's not what we want," said Benitez.

"So we are trying to troubleshoot the data to make sure that it's going through the proper channels so it can actually get recycled."

The new disposal system ensures that some of the mattresses and box springs will be donated for reuse or recycled for materials such as insulation, carpet padding, and more.

For more information on mattress disposal, residents can visit <https://content.boston.gov/departments/public-works/mattress-recycling>.

"We are very excited to be launching this service

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BPDA holds Inclusionary Development Policy forum

By Adam Swift

A proposed change to Boston's inclusionary development policy needs to offer more opportunity for truly affordable housing units in the city, according to housing advocates who spoke during a Boston Planning and Development Agency online forum on Saturday, Jan. 21.

BPDA and city officials laid out the background of inclusionary development and the proposed zoning proposal, as well as the

path it needs to take for final approval, during the forum.

Mayor Michelle Wu announced proposed changes to the IDP policy on December 15, 2022.

The Mayor's proposed changes to IDP include: Lowering the threshold from 10 to seven units, and, for rental projects, increasing the proportion of the project that is income-restricted from 13% to 20% of the project, while also deepening affordability requirements.

In addition, 17% of the project will be income restricted at an average of 60% of Area Median Income, and an additional 3% of the project will be offered at market rents and reserved for people with housing vouchers.

"Up until now, the only way we got inclusionary development units was because a project needed some kind of zoning relief and was 10 or more units," said Tim Davis, a deputy director in the mayor's housing office. "With this

new power that was given to us in 2021, we can now put inclusionary housing into the zoning code, and this process is part of the legislatively required process to include a feasibility study, housing conditions study and to put that in and then go forward with zoning."

The current policy applied to projects with 10 or more units that require zoning relief. In 2015, the city created three zones for inclusionary development.

"Looking at the pro-

posed inclusionary zoning, developments that do not need zoning relief and are built as right will still have to support income-restricted housing," said Davis. "The proposal is to drop the trigger from 10 units to seven units."

Under the new policy, rather than requiring a set number of inclusionary units, requirements will be calculated in square footage to allow for more flexibility and the production of family sized units, Davis said.

"For example, if we would have required 15 units under the old policy, but a lot of them were studios and one bedrooms, we might get 14 units instead of 15 units because we are also getting two-bedroom units as part of the package," Davis said.

The biggest change in the housing zones would see Charlestown moving from Zone B to Zone A, and East Boston moving from Zone B to Zone C

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Tobia family files DPIR for former casket site destroyed by fire

Special to the Times-Free Press

The family that once operated a successful casket manufacturing company on Bennington Street recently filed a Draft Project Impact Report (DPIR) with the Boston Planning and Development Agency (BPDA) in connection with their plans to construct a mixed-use development on the now vacant site.

The Tobia Family, who

ran the New England Casket Company at 1141 Bennington St. for over seven decades until a fire destroyed the business, is looking to construct 220 new units of housing and commercial space at the site of the former company.

Redgate, the development team working with the Tobia Family, has scheduled a virtual meeting with the project's Impact Advisory Group

(IAG) on Thursday, Jan. 26 at 6pm and a virtual public meeting with the BPDA on Tuesday, Jan. 31 at 6pm.

In March 2019, an enormous 9-alarm fire ripped through the Tobia Family's historic business that gained international fame as one of the premier casket manufacturing companies in the country.

After generations of operating the business, the Tobia Family made the


painful decision not to rebuild after the devastating fire.

"It was a very tough decision," said Louis Tobia Jr., whose Italian grandfather founded the casket company 75 years ago. "Before the fire we carved out a really good niche in the industry making custom high-end caskets."

Before the fire destroyed the company's manufac-

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A rendering of the proposed 1141 Bennington redesign.





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News in Brief

MFA PRESENTS EXHIBITION HIGHLIGHTING WARTIME IN UKRAINE

Since the start of Russia’s full-scale invasion of Ukraine in February 2022, attacks have continued endlessly in different regions of the country, and ordinary citizens have been forced to pick up arms and fight back. Organized in partnership with The Wartime Art Archive at the Museum of Contemporary Art (MOCA) NGO in Kyiv, Who Holds Up the Sky? presents the work of artists who have been documenting the war—providing testimony of Russia’s crimes and a glimpse into many Ukrainian citizens’ lives.

Reportage photographs from Vadym Belikov capture Russian missile launches targeting Kharkiv, one of Ukraine’s largest cities. War correspondent Efrem Lukatsky films missiles striking fields where farmers still reap their grain harvests, awaited by trading partners around the world. Yana Kononova documents destruction in the northern region of Kyiv in her series of abstract X-Scapes, and Kostiantyn Polishchuk’s The Night Watch portrays his fellow soldiers on the front lines of the Ukrainian defense. Inga Levi’s graphic series Double exposure juxtaposes news from the war-front with sketches of civilians’ everyday routines.

The exhibition also highlights Behind Blue Eyes, a project started by Dima Zubkov and Artem Skorohodko, volunteers who distribute food and supplies to residents in liberated Ukrainian villages. The pair provided disposable cameras to children and teens in Lushchivka, in the Chernihiv region, asking them to document their lives for a week. Paired with interviews about the children’s dreams and hopes for the future, the resulting images—of family and friends, bombed houses, flowers still blooming amid destruction, and selfies on tanks—capture

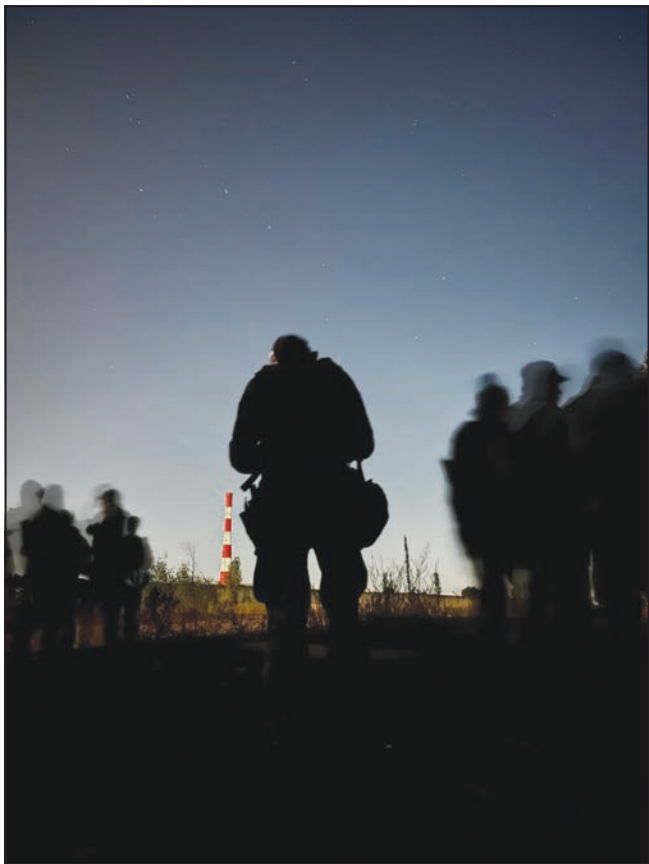


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The Night Watch, Ukrainian soldiers.

the many facets of their complex reality. The title of the project, taken from a Limp Bizkit cover of a song by The Who, refers to hiding internal negative emotions, worries, and rage under a completely normal appearance and condition; the color blue signifies the sky.

Together, all of these works create a collective portrait of the wartime experience—paying tribute to those who, in the curators’ words, are “holding up the sky over Ukraine.”

BOSTON WARD 1 REPUBLICAN COMMITTEE MEETING FEB. 7

The East Boston Republican Ward Committee will hold its bimonthly meeting Tuesday evening, February 7, 2023. The meeting will be at Kelley Square Pub at 84 Bennington St. (at the corner of Marion Street) in East Boston starting at 6:30 p.m.

Registered East Boston Republicans and unenrolled voters are welcome and encouraged to attend.

For more information please call the committee secretary at (617) 569-4075 or text (617) 755-7697. The committee e-mail addresses are ebrwc@yahoo.com and eastbostonrepublicanwardcomm@gmail.com.

NOMINATE A YOUNG CONSERVATIONIST

Do you know an outstanding youth who is an advocate for wildlife and conservation? Nominations are now being accepted for the Young Conservationist Award, presented by Zoo New England.

As part of the celebration of Zootopia, Zoo New England’s annual fundraising gala, zoo staff is excited to announce that applications are now being accepted for the Young Conservationist Award. The nominated youth should be enrolled in grades 3 through 12, have demonstrated a positive commitment to conservation at large and/or Zoo New England’s mission, and have engaged in some outstanding action to support this. The award, which includes a \$2,500 scholarship to further the recipient’s project and conservation work, will be presented at Zootopia on June 10 at Franklin Park Zoo. The winner and two adults will receive complimentary tickets to Zootopia to participate in the awards ceremony.

“We are honored to once again present the Young Conservationist Award to an outstanding youth who is making a difference for wildlife and the environment,” said John Linehan, President and CEO of Zoo New England. “A cornerstone of the Zoo is to protect the natural world and cultivate the next generation of environmental stewards. Our past winners have been inspiring young individuals who share this mission and we can’t wait to continue this tradition.”

for the Young Conservationist Award are being accepted through Friday, April 7, 2023 at 5:00 p.m. Nomination forms are available at <https://www.zoonewengland.org/zootopia>. Please email questions to YoungConservationistAward@zoonewengland.org. Zootopia is Zoo New

England’s annual fundraising gala. This year’s event, to be held at Franklin Park Zoo on June 10 from 6:30 – 9:30 p.m., promises to be an unforgettable evening. The gala begins with an auction, followed by catered tasting stations

and dancing. Attendees are encouraged to wear animal-inspired attire.

from Zootopia will directly benefit Zoo New England’s Franklin Park Zoo and Stone Zoo and will help to further the Zoos’ mission to inspire

and educate the next generation of conservation stewards and leaders.

To purchase tickets or to learn about sponsorship opportunities, visit <https://www.zoonewengland.org/zootopia> or call 617-379-5190.

THE ZONTA CLUB OF CHELSEA AND NORTH SHORE CELEBRATE ZONTA'S ANNUAL AMELIA EARHART EVENT AT ANTHONY'S OF MALDEN

Courtesy photo

The members of the Zonta Club of Malden and the Zonta Club of Chelsea & North Shore plan this local event each year to memorialize Amelia Earhart, a former

Zontian, and to celebrate recipients of Zonta Fellowship Awards in the fields of aerospace-related sciences and engineering. This year Zonta Fellows Adriana Mitchell and Maya Nasr spoke about their Ph.D. work at

MIT and received certificates and wing pins presented by Donna Sroka, Zonta District I Governor. A third recipient, Madeleine Schroeder, who could not be present, sent a video presentation of her amazing work at MIT.



Shown left to right, Front row: Donna Sroka, Zonta District I Governor; Christine DePrizio; Elizabeth Fama, and Janice Sikorski. Top row: Barbara Lawlor; Adriana Mitchell, Zonta Fellow at MIT; Lee Farrington; Maya Nasr, Zonta Fellow at MIT; Georgia Green, and Mary Jane O'Neill.

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when it comes to some of the specifics of the inclusionary development plan.

“For home ownership in zones A and B, we would be looking at getting 10 percent of the square footage at 80 percent of area median income, and an additional 10 percent at 100 percent of area median income for a total of 20 percent of square footage for and average AMI of 90 percent,” said Davis. “Under Zone C, we get 6.5 percent square footage of 80 percent and 6.5 percent at 100 percent of area median income for a total of 13 percent of square footage of average area income. The reason why we have differentiated for Zone C is that we are finding through our usability analysis that even at 13 percent, condo projects in the outer neighborhoods are not actually currently feasible.”

Bryan Glasscock, the deputy director of regulatory planning and zoning for the BPDA, highlighted the next steps in the process for the inclusionary development changes.

“As with any potential change to the zoning code, there is a fair amount of public process that’s required,” said Glasscock. “We’ve scheduled ... two citywide public meetings to present the work that has been done and what our proposed response is to take to the zoning commission.”

After gathering feedback from the public meetings, the final proposed zoning amendment

would go to the BPDA board to recommend the zoning change.

“Unlike ordinary zoning, this particular proposal would also then go to the Boston City Council for a vote,” Glasscock said. If it passes at the council level, it would then go forward for a public hearing before the Boston Zoning Commission for approval, and eventually be signed by the mayor and become part of the zoning code.

During the public question and answer period on Saturday, Sasha Goodfriend read a statement on behalf of the Coalition for a Truly Affordable Boston (CTAB), an organization made up of over 20 housing justice organizations that have been advocating for a stronger inclusionary development policy since 2017.

The points addressed in the CTAB statement were echoed by a number of the speakers who followed Goodfriend.

Goodfriend CTAB recently worked with several councilors to introduce a resolution that called for Mayor Wu to do an executive order to strengthen IDP and specifically decrease the income limit for rental units from 70 percent AMI to an average of 40 percent AMI, and decrease the limit of ownership units from 80 to 100 percent AMI to 50 to 100 percent AMI.

“There are some changes in this proposal that CTAB is very excited about, including requiring a percentage of building

square footage to be affordable, using an average AMI to allow units to reach lower AMIs, and increasing the payout units,” said Goodfriend. “But importantly, the average of 60 percent AMI must be lowered to an average of 40 percent AMI, we believe, specifically to close the racial housing gap. In the city of Boston, most Black, Latinx, and Asian renters have household incomes of less than \$31,000 to \$37,000, and this IDP proposal keeps most units at 60 to 100 percent AMI, which is about \$84,000 to \$140,000 for a family of four.”

Goodfriend said CTAB does support the mayor’s proposal to mandate 3 percent of units for mobile voucher holders because it believes it will make units more accessible to lower income households.

“However, this proposal to increase the set aside percentage from 13 to 17 percent must be increased, and vouchers can be used on top of that higher number,” she said. “We also believe Zone C must have the same affordability requirements for ownership as the rest of the city and shouldn’t stay at 13 percent.”

Lastly, Goodfriend said the proposal should ensure that the IDP units are made permanently affordable and not converted back to market-rate units.

Several other Boston residents also spoke to advocate for more accessible affordable units for disabled renters.

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John McCain, Heath Ledger, Walter Cronkite, Joan Rivers and Tip O’Neill were all interred in New England Casket Company Caskets. Over the years, the family won numerous awards in the industry for its innovation and quality casket design.

“We had every intention after the fire to re-open,” said Tobia. “Sadly, however we weren’t going to be able to rebuild the building and reopen where we were at business-wise and financially.”

Tobia said the family looked to Lawrence, Amesbury, and even upstate New York to rebuild the business from the ground up.

“But we came to the conclusion we couldn’t do it without the employees from East Boston, Revere and Somerville,” said Tobia. “Some of these workers had been with us for 40 years.”

Now, four years after the fire, Tobia and his family want to construct a 220-units of housing and some retail space on the acre-plus site.

“We interviewed 25 to 30 companies and they brought proposals for everything from a hotel to a warehouse to a self-storage facility,” said Tobia. “We decided in the end that Redgate’s plan for a housing development with some retail space was the best option for us and the community.”

The Tobia Family teamed up with Redgate, a downtown developer, to build a residential complex on the Bennington Street site.

One feature that Tobia hopes will spark community support is the family’s plans to keep a lot of open space around the development and enhance accessibility to the Belle Isle Marsh behind the property.

“My dad and I have enjoyed having coffee and speaking with our neighbors about the future. We have tried to listen and incorporate neighborhood suggestions such as increased open space and retail opportunities in our proposal,” said Tobia.

Community benefits listed in the DPIR include: More than 14% of the total approved units exceeding the City’s IDP standards, including 29 units at 70% area medi-

an income (AMI) and 2 units at 100% AMI; Construction of approximately 1,144 sq. ft. of retail space along Bennington Street; Planting of more than 35 new shade and ornamental trees on and/or adjacent to the site to promote development of new urban tree canopy to combat urban heat island effect, and to mitigate the impacts of climate change; as well as improving stormwater quality by capturing, treating, and infiltrating stormwater runoff from the site and large portions of Austin Avenue, which under existing conditions runs off into Belle Isle Marsh uncontrolled and untreated.

Other highlights listed in the DPIR include:

Addition of appropriate residential height and density near transit to support PLAN: East Boston’s goals. The project is adjacent to the accessible MBTA Orient Heights Station, which is serviced by the Blue Line subway and multiple bus routes.

Provide a higher proportion of 2+ bedroom IDP units, meeting the needs of the area households and enabling more equitable access to housing options.

Provide 220 bicycle storage spaces for residents, located along an accessible route with direct access to the building exterior and supply of 44 publicly accessible short-term bicycle storage spaces for visitors.

Supply of 31 EVSE (electric vehicle supply equipment)-installed parking spaces and 90 EV (electric vehicle)-ready parking spaces in compliance with the City’s EV Readiness Policy for New Developments.

Installation of a system capable of infiltrating groundwater at a volume equal to 1.25- inches of rainfall over the site. Incorporation of green infrastructure within the public realm, including tree pits, planters, and landscaped areas to contribute to stormwater absorption and groundwater attenuation.

Visit www.bostonplans.org/projects/development-projects/1141-bennington-street for more information on the project, upcoming meetings and how to submit a public comment.

MVES hosts free virtual health events

Mystic Valley Elder Services (MVES) will present two FREE virtual workshop series in January and February 2023.

“Healthy Eating for Successful Living” will be held on Tuesdays, January 31 to February 28 from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. Learn how to connect virtually through a Zoom platform and take this free class from the comfort of your home.

Throughout the series, you’ll learn more about how nutrition, physical activity and lifestyle changes can promote better health. This virtual workshop series focuses on heart- and bone-healthy nutrition strategies to help maintain or improve wellness and prevent chronic disease development or progression in older adults. Healthy Eating uses the USDA’s MyPlate as a framework.

“My Life; My Health,” a FREE virtual chronic disease self-management workshop series, will be held Monday, February 6 to March 20, from 10 a.m. to

12 p.m. (No class on Feb. 20.) Learn how to connect virtually through a Zoom platform and take this free class from the comfort of your home. You don’t want chronic disease, pain or discomfort to limit the activities and life you enjoy.

The series is for anyone living with an ongoing medical condition, such as arthritis, asthma, chronic back pain, chronic fatigue syndrome, cancer, COPD, diabetes, fibromyalgia, heart disease, high blood pressure, Parkinson’s disease, or stroke. Topics will include managing and controlling pain, beginning (or improving) an exercise program, handling stress and learning to relax, increasing energy, and eating for your health and wellbeing.

Class size is limited for both workshop series, so reserve your spot today. To register, or if you have any questions about the program, contact Donna Covelle at dcovelle@mv.es.org or call 781-388-4867.

John Borders named Director of Tourism, Sports and Entertainment

Staff Report

Mayor Michelle Wu announced that John Borders IV will serve as the new Director of Tourism, Sports and Entertainment for the City of Boston, a critical department within the Economic Opportunity and Inclusion Cabinet.

Borders IV most recently served as Principal of VTH & Madison, a consulting firm based in Boston, where he concentrated on implementing strategies focused on the growth and expansion of businesses owned by people of color like startups and celebrity boutique brands. Prior to his work at VTH & Madison, he served as an Account Executive at Everfi, a mission-driven company that addresses education inequities through data-driven software, and as Senior Manager of Community Engagement at the Boston Celtics.

“Boston is a city for everyone, with something special for every resident and every visitor to experience across our neighborhoods,” said Mayor Michelle Wu. “As Boston continues to grow



John Matthew Borders IV, new Director of Tourism, Sports and Entertainment.

and welcome people from around the globe, we look to center and highlight the vibrancy of our communities even more. I’m grateful to John for his commitment to serving our city and look forward to his leadership in ensuring that Boston is a welcoming and inclusive place for all.”

“As Boston emerges from the pandemic, it is an exciting opportunity to bring residents and visitors together,” said Segun Idowu, Chief of Economic Opportunity and Inclusion. “With a vision of revitalizing our communities and turning our neighborhoods into destinations, I know that John, as a son of

Senator Edwards serves on the Transition Committee’s of AG Andrea Campbell, Auditor Diana DiZoglio, and DA Kevin Hayden

Staff Report

Senator Lydia Edwards (D-Boston) has been serving on the Attorney General Andrea Campbell’s Public Protection and Advocacy Bureau Team on her Transition Committee, additionally has been advising Auditor Diana DiZoglio on issues regarding workplace culture, inclusion, and accountability, and is the Co-Chair of District Attorney Kevin Hayden’s Transition Committee.

“I’m proud to be asked to serve on the transition teams of Attorney General-Elect Andrea

Campbell, Auditor Diana DiZoglio, and District Attorney Kevin Hayden. I’m honored to be chosen to help guide these capable officials as they enter their first full terms”, said State Senator Lydia Edwards (D-Boston)

“Thank you, Attorney General Andrea Campbell, for asking me to serve on your transition committee and advise you on Public Protection and Advocacy. I was inspired by Andrea Campbell’s ability to lead on the Boston City Council and am eager to help her succeed as Attorney General’s office. said State Senator Lydia Ed-

Boston, will enhance our standing on the local and global stage.”

In this role leading the Mayor’s Office of Tourism, Sports and Entertainment, Borders IV will help to advance the department’s new vision of creating a more welcoming City by proactively attracting the meetings, events, conventions, and festivals that amplify Boston’s rich cultural diversity and bring people together. This will be done through the planning, development, and implementation of special community-driven events and celebrations, and deeper collaboration with agencies like Meet Boston, the Massachusetts Convention Center Authority, and the Greater Boston Chamber of Commerce. Additionally, Borders IV will oversee the process of film and TV production in the City, ensuring a broader understanding of the City’s diversity is highlighted and that all neighborhoods are cast in a positive light.

“What an opportunity to join the Administration in this role at such a critical time in the history of our city,” said John Borders IV, Director of Tourism,

Sports, and Entertainment. “As the narrative of Boston continues to shift we get to shape the next chapter of what that means locally, domestically, and internationally. I am excited to leverage Boston’s greatest resource - its people - to enhance the great work already being done by so many and to amplify what’s to come. The possibilities are endless and the best of Boston’s communities will be showcased like never before.”

A son of the City, John Borders IV is a graduate of Morehouse College and proudly hails from Dorchester, MA. With a career focused on leveraging brands for impact, his skill sets have shown forth through focused work in the areas of corporate social responsibility, community engagement, relationship management, and business development. Some of the organizations Borders IV has worked with include Goalsetter, Everfi, CUME, Morning Star Baptist Church, the Boston Celtics, as well as the Patrick administration for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.



State Sen. Lydia Edwards.

wards (D-Boston)

“Thank you, Auditor Diana DiZoglio, for asking me to serve on your transition team I look forward to continuing our conversations ahead about how the Auditors office can be used to best serve

the people of the Commonwealth” said State Senator Lydia Edwards (D-Boston)

“Thank you, District Attorney Kevin Hayden, for naming me as one of the co-chairs on your transition team. My focus is to use this position to ensure the District Attorney’s office serves every community in the county. I approach this role seriously and intend to give him direct, honest, feedback and suggestions which are supported by many stakeholders even those that didn’t support his candidacy”. said State Senator Lydia Edwards (D-Boston)

Rockland Trust launches its 19th annual scholarship program

Staff Report

Rockland Trust is pleased to announce the launch of its 19th Annual Scholarship Program, which is open to students who are enrolling in a part-time or full-time undergraduate study program for the first time at an accredited two or four-year college, university, or vocational-technical school for the entire upcoming academic year (2023-2024). This year, Rockland Trust will be awarding up to sixteen \$3,000 renewable scholarships.

Applications will be considered based on financial need, academic performance, participation in school and community activities, and

work experience. There will be a section for applicants to write a brief essay of educational goals and potential career aspirations, along with a section to provide insight for any unusual personal or family circumstances. Applicants must reside in one of the following counties to be eligible: Barnstable, Bristol, Dukes, Essex, Middlesex, Nantucket, Norfolk, Plymouth, Suffolk, or Worcester in Massachusetts or Providence County in Rhode Island.

“Rockland Trust is deeply committed to strengthening the communities in which we live and work. The scholarship program is particularly meaningful because it allows us to make an

investment in the future of those communities,” said Christopher Oddleifson, Chief Executive Officer at Rockland Trust. “Every year, we look forward to hearing the stories and goals of tomorrow’s generation of leaders. We are honored to play a small role in helping each student advance their educational journey and take another

step toward a purposeful future.”

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THE MAURA HEALEY ERA HAS BEGUN!

Governor Maura Healey wasted little time since her inauguration a few weeks ago in setting the pace for what we're sure will be an active -- and activist -- administration with her announcement last week that she will be filing her first two pieces of legislation, one of which is a \$987 million "immediate needs" bond bill targeting housing and economic development and another for an additional \$400 million for MassWorks that will make grants available to cities and towns for infrastructure projects.

Governor Healey, who highlighted economic development as a top priority during her campaign, said she filed the "immediate needs" bill "to ensure critical housing and economic development programs across the state can continue to serve people in Massachusetts without interruption."

The \$400 million for infrastructure will continue the funding stream for MassWorks, which was established in 2010, that will ensure that this key program will create essential infrastructure improvements in communities across our state,

In our view, Governor Healey's announcement represents a burst of energy that portends a refreshing change in the atmosphere on Beacon Hill.

To be sure, her predecessor, Charlie Baker, was the most popular governor in the country during his eight-year tenure. But it was clear that after two exhausting terms in office, Baker's enthusiasm for the job had waned -- which, by the way, is to be expected, especially after three years of battling a pandemic.

But beyond that, Healey represents a true changing of the guard in politics on Beacon Hill. For all of his progressive views, Charlie Baker was a straight, male Baby Boomer who, like all of us, was a product of his age and his times. There were some things he just could not accept, such as marijuana legalization and providing driver's licenses for non-citizens, that showed that he was out-of-step with the times.

By contrast, Maura Healey is a gay, female Gen Xer -- and accordingly will bring a perspective to the job of governor that will be based on her personal experience.

(We also would note that both Baker and Healey are Harvard graduates where they both played basketball, but Healey was the captain and a star player, whereas Baker was...not so much.)

Yes, the times they are a changin' -- and we're looking forward to the Maura Healey era in Massachusetts.

JACINDA ARDERN: A TOTAL CLASS ACT

We wish to make note of the incredibly classy announcement last week by New Zealand Prime Minister Jacinda Ardern, who told her country that she will be stepping down from the post after almost six years in office.

Ms. Ardern took over the job at the age of 37, making her at the time the youngest head of state in the world.

She admitted very forthrightly that she had "nothing left in the tank," and that she was shifting her focus in life to her family (she has a four year-old daughter.)

Jacinda Ardern epitomized the term "political courage." Her tenure will be remembered for her compassionate response to a massacre in a mosque in the nation's capital, Christchurch, and for her subsequent spearheading of a ban on assault weapons in that country. She also guided New Zealand through the worst of the COVID crisis with courage, determination, and competency that saw New Zealand ultimately have one of the lowest COVID mortality rates in the world.

Ms. Ardern will be missed on the world stage. We can only hope that political leaders in our country might learn from her example.

EXTEND YOUR DRY JANUARY INTO FEBRUARY

Over the past few years, Dry January has become more and more popular. It is estimated that 15% of regular drinkers choose not to drink during the month as a means of detoxing their minds and bodies from the pernicious effects of alcohol.

Those who are nearing completion of their Dry January may want to consider a recent report from the Canadian Centre on Substance Use and Addiction which stated:

"Research shows that no amount or kind of alcohol is good for your health. It doesn't matter what kind of alcohol it is -- wine, beer, cider or spirits. Drinking alcohol, even a small amount, is damaging to everyone, regardless of age, sex, gender, ethnicity, tolerance for alcohol or lifestyle."

The Canadian report confirms what scientific studies have been reporting for the past few years. The World Health Organization has labeled a Class 1 carcinogen, with even small amounts of alcohol linked to many cancers, particularly breast cancer in women.

Alcohol presently outranks drug abuse as a leading cause of death in our country, behind only heart disease and cancer. In addition, the direct cost to our health care system and the hidden toll on families and individuals from alcohol abuse far outweighs the damage to society caused by legal and illegal drugs.

If you've been able to complete a Dry January, then try to extend it for another month into a Dry February. Your mind and body will appreciate it.



Forum



GUEST OP-ED

Monterey Park, Evansville shootings, Hero Brandon Tsay, We need the news, good and bad

By Dr. Glenn Mollette

We like good news but typically the news is not good. Too often no news is good news. In reality, no news is bad news for us all.

There is lots of recent bad news. A crazed gunman entered a dance hall in Monterey Park, California killing 10 people and wounding many innocent people. A former employee walked into an Evansville, Indiana Walmart and shot an employee in the face in the store breakroom. The shooter was killed by local police. A planned protest in downtown Atlanta turned violent when protestors damaged stores and burned a police car over the weekend.

We did hear astonishing good news from Monterey Park. Brandon Tsay confronted the gunman at a second location where he was about to enter and kill more people. He heroically wrestled the gun away from the killer and pointed it at him causing the gunman to leave the scene. Only God knows how many lives Tsay saved. He is a true hero.

News is always happening nationally, locally and individually to us all. We need the information whether it's good or bad. We need the national and regional news but the local news is up front and close to us.

For example, all around us we are targets of scams, thieves and prowling bad people. Americans were scammed to the tune 5.8 billion dollars in 2021. (Digital Guardian). We are never beyond being duped. Today, daily text messages, emails, phone calls and mail come to Americans

phishing for a sucker who will buy the false story they are telling. They are good at what they do.

My son was away in a foreign country when I was duped out of \$350 years ago. The caller was very professional sounding and convincing. I believed that if I did not pay the money owed by my son it would negatively impact his career. This was at the beginning of the telephone scam industry and I paid him the money. Later I realized that I had been scammed.

Years ago, a dear friend received a telephone call from someone posing as an IRS agent. The scammer told the senior adult man that he owed \$45,000 in back taxes for various reasons. The friend was about 90 years old and living on a meager retirement income. He didn't realize he was being scammed, was overwhelmed with anxiety and killed himself.

"At every level of life there is a new devil," an old friend once said. At every stage of life there are new twists, turns and curves. We are never beyond being informed, learning and developing. Young people make mistakes but so do old people. We often think we've lived long enough and know most everything, but we don't. Most of us have become more aware of this problem but crooks work at catching people off guard and are constantly developing new schemes.

Today, we have search engines and are inundated with news and information. However, we don't hear all the news nor do we know everything we need to know when we need to know.

Often, we learn the hard way. This is why education is expensive. Life experience education is often the most expensive and difficult of all learning processes. Even in life education we learn but we don't always utilize the life experience very much. Too often we repeat the same mistakes hoping for a different outcome.

We can't go wrong with good information. This is why you need the publication you are reading. Your local paper and online news sources are crucial to a community's health and overall well-being. Local newspapers, blogs and online sources tell what is happening in your local

town and county. Support this news source with your subscription and advertising needs. County newspapers that have been around for years continue to close. Every week I receive notification of a newspaper printing its final edition and that's not good news.

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SCENES FROM EASTIE HIGH JETS BOYS BASKETBALL TEAM VS. CHARLESTOWN



ESCAPE ROUTE: Angel Franco (1) races away from a pair of Charlestown defenders.



ALL MINE: Christian Sanders (30) hauls in a rebound.



ACCELERATION LANE: Leroy Martin (2) steps into high speed as a drives past a Charlestown defender.



GROUND GAME: Isaiah Fisher (13) and a Charlestown defender go to the floor chasing a loose ball.



WHERE TO?: Robin Cartegena (22) looks for a way around a Charlestown defender

Photos by Bob Marra

The Jets fought from behind all night and crept within 8 points late in the third quarter, but powerful Charlestown won their tenth straight with an 86-

67 win over East Boston Monday at East Boston High School. Alex Franco led the Jets with 16 points, Isaiah Fisher had 15. The loss evened the Jets record at 6-6



PICTURE PERFECT: Leroy Martin (2) goes up for two points.



INSIDE FORCE: Javon Wise Normil (33) makes a power move toward the basket.



NO YOU DON'T: Draggo Tejeda Feliz (11) dribbles away from a steal attempt.



BASELINE MOVE: Alex Franco holds off a Charlestown defender on the baseline.

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Catholic Schools offer students more than just an education

Staff report

For parents seeking a well-rounded education that emphasizes good citizenship and a devotion to God, in addition to a regular academic curriculum, there are a number of Catholic School options for students in the Greater Boston area.

Good Shepherd School is an independent, non-profit Catholic preschool for children ages 2 to 5 years old located at 20 Winthrop St. in Charlestown. The school, which was formed through the leadership of Father James Ronan Ph.D., Pastor of St. Mary-St Catherine of Siena parish in Charlestown and a board of parents, citizens, and friends, opened in October of 2009.

“Good Shepherd School prepares its students for a life of joy by growing in the love of Jesus,” according to the school’s

mission statement on its website. “We seek to integrate this belief into all aspects of our educational programs.”

Good Shephard School has a range of half day, “lunch brunch,” full day, and extended day options for Toddlers, Young Preschool, and Preschool. Financial aid is available via the FACTS system.

Visit gscharlestown.org or call 617-242-8800 for more information.

Immaculate Conception Parish School, located at 127 Winthrop St. in Revere, is a co-ed Catholic elementary school for pre-school through eighth grade, which has been extolling the virtues of “tradition pride, and excellence” to its students since opening in 1913. The school currently serves more than 300 students in Grades 3-8 from Revere and surrounding communities.

“The mission of Im-



Students are all smiles during an outing at St. John's School in the North End.

maculate Conception Parish School is to prepare a culturally diverse student community to become responsible, well-rounded, faith-filled citizens by focusing on Catholic values and high academic standards,” according to the school’s website. “Our school celebrates its faith by practicing the ideals of peace, justice, and service

to others, thereby witnessing to Christ's teachings.”

Total tuition and fees for Preschool (3-year-olds) and Pre-K (4-year-olds) is \$7,315; total tuition and fees for Kindergarten is \$6,315; and total tuition and fees for Grades 1-8 are \$6,015 for one child, \$11,330 for two children, and \$16,645 for three children. Families who can provide the necessary factual documentation are eligible for financial aid.

An Open House takes place on Wednesday, Feb. 1, from 5:30 to 7 p.m., and on Thursday, Feb. 2, from 10 to 11 a.m., at the school.

For more information on Immaculate Conception Parish School, call (617) 933-9230, email dtracy@icreve.org, or visit ICRevere.org.

St Pius V School is a coed Catholic elementary school for pre-K through Grade 8 located at 28 Bowler St. in Lynn. The Sisters of Saint Joseph founded St. Pius V School in cooperation with the Parish of St. Pius V I in 1945. The school was initially based at a former public school building on Maple Street and served only two grades before relocating to its current Bowker Street home in 1959 and expanded to serve pre-K to Grade 8.

“Education at St. Pius V School is a ‘Lived Experience’ and focuses on developing the whole child according to the gospel of Jesus Christ,” according to the school’s mission statement on its website. “The school provides a unique, comprehensive, quality education with particular emphasis on Catholic values, fundamental skills, critical thinking, technology, and the fine arts.”

St Pius V School has financial aid available via the FACTS system, but there is a \$25 non-refundable processing fee for each application.

An Open House will take place on Sunday, Jan. 29, from 12:30 to 2 p.m. at the school.

For more information, visit stpiusvschool.org, email info@stpiusv-school.org, or call 781-593-8292.

East Boston Central Catholic School is a faith-based school serving Pre-K through Grade 8 located at 69 London St. in East Boston. The school was established in September of 1974 as a multi-parish, collaborative elementary school serving Our Lady of the Assumption, Our Lady of Mt. Carmel, Most Holy Redeemer and Sacred Heart Parishes.

“East Boston Central Catholic School is committed to strong basic skills development within a solid Christian Framework,” according to the school’s mission statement. “The curriculum at all times is geared to foster the growth of individual self-worth; to develop a love and commitment to our faith; to encourage knowledge and pride in one’s heritage; to develop an appreciation and respect for cultural diversities; and to develop a commitment of service to

others.”

Full-rate tuition for 2023-2024 is \$6,200 for one child; \$9,900 for two children (\$2,500 savings); \$11,600 for three children (\$7,000 savings); and \$12,600 for four children (\$12,200 savings). Discounted tuition rates and financial aid are also available.

Visit ebccs.org, call 617-567-7456, or email dgutierrez@ebccs.org for more information.

St. John’s Prep, an inclusive Catholic school for young men in Grades 6 through 12 located at 72 Spring St. in Danvers, was founded by the Xavierian brothers in 1907.

“Our rigorous academic and extensive co-curricular program encourages students to develop their spiritual, intellectual, moral, physical, and creative potential, and inspires them to honor the diversity that enriches both our school community and the world beyond St. John’s,” according to the school’s website. “We challenge our young men to grow in faith and wisdom, to promote human dignity, to act with compassion and integrity, to pursue justice and peace, and to live lives of service to society.”

The 2022-2023 tuition for Grades 6, 7, and 8 is \$27,885, and the tuition for Grades 9 through 12 is \$29,150. Around 36 percent of students received needs-based tuition assistance, while St. John’s meets 99 percent of families demonstrated need using the services of Blackbaud Financial Aid Management to process and determine need for all tuition assistance applications.

Visit stjohnsprep.org or call 978-774-1050 for more information on St. John’s Prep.

ARCHDIOCESE OF BOSTON CATHOLIC SCHOOLS AT A GLANCE

Saint John Paul II said that "Community is at the heart of all Catholic education, not simply as a concept to be taught, but as a reality to be lived." The 100 schools in the Archdiocese are united in teaching our children our faith and in our efforts to provide our students with the best possible academic programs. We believe that Catholic education is the beginning of our students' journeys to college and to heaven.

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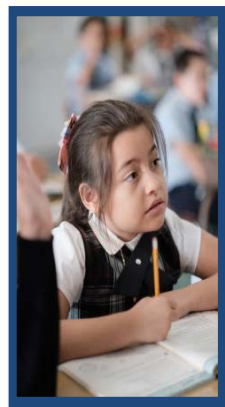


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NCEA CATHOLIC SCHOOLS SNAPS

A quick take on issues and statistics

Number of Schools

There are 5,938 Catholic schools in the United States; 4,765 are elementary/middle schools and 1,173 are secondary schools.



Sources: U.S. Catholic Elementary and Secondary Schools 2021-2022: The Annual Statistical Report on Schools, Enrollment and Staffing (NCEA).

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Wonderful to be together again at St. John School!

By Rebecca Griffin

Nestled in the heart of Boston's historic North End, St. John School has educated children since 1895. Welcoming students in PreKindergarten Three through Grade Eight from over thirty five zip codes, we instill Catholic values while focusing on Faith and academic excellence.

In September 2020 during the pandemic, St.

John School remained open. Every child continued to learn either in-person or through remote learning. We were able to remain open without closure throughout the past two years, while also continuing to focus on students' academic and spiritual growth because of the exceptional hard work of our entire community. Through diligent planning and execution, we kept our school healthy, safe,



First, Seventh and Eighth graders from St. John School at Quincy Market. They are pictured on their walk to St. Anthony's Franciscan Food Center to deliver fresh produce food donations and Christmas Cards that the students made.



Advent Angels from grades Kindergarten and Sixth Grade working together on their Nativity Scene crafts.



Student hard at work at our in house Hydroponic Tower Garden.

and open. To be able to remain open, our ages did not mix, our families did not come into the building, and we did not gather as a community.

This past Christmas Season, it was such a joy to bring everyone back together again as our greater St. John School Community. It was wonderful to celebrate through several school wide events:

Our Advent Angel initiative matched older students with younger students to spend time together, share snack times, and to create a multi-week nativity craft. Our very own art teacher, the amazing Mr. Barber drew our nativity scene that St. John School students added to

each week of Advent. At the conclusion of this initiative, our older Advent Angels accompanied our younger Advent Angels, and sat together at our whole school Christmas Mass at our beautiful Parish Church, St. Leonard's Church. (St. Leonard's Church is celebrating 150 years this year, www.saintleonardchurchboston.org/150thcelebration).

It was wonderful to see friendships develop and flourish across grade levels through this initiative. It is wonderful to be together again at St. John School!

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HISTORY OF NATIONAL CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK

National Catholic Schools Week is held for seven days, starting from the last Sunday in January. Aside from its promotion of education, it's also a great opportunity to recognize the value, principles, and contributions that the Catholic schools have relayed to the Church and every citizen for decades. Showcasing what makes Catholic schools the best for every parent, family, and child is the priority for conducting Catholic Schools Week.

What usually happens during National Catholic Schools Week is the ob-

servance of catholic masses, assemblies, open houses, seminars, and many other activities for every family, parishioner, and community member. The quality and distinction of Catholic schools can be seen through these, especially for the young, those who will attend and enter school. The theme and logo for National Catholic Schools Week for the year 2022 is "Catholic Schools: Faith, Excellence, Service."

The first Catholic school that opened in the United State was called St. Mary's School in Philadel-

phia, in 1783. After some time, the enthusiasm and curiosity for Catholic education grew and the nation noticed a massive inflow of Catholics from all over the world. By the 1920s, more than 6,000 Catholic elementary schools accepted and enrolled almost two million students and employed 42,000 teachers. By the latter half of that century, enrollment grew, even more, reaching double the number of students. Ever since Catholic schools have been widely perceived and established as a viable means of education.

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION STUDENTS IN WASHINGTON, D.C.



Some students from the Immaculate Conception Eighth-Grade class, Mrs. Tracy, and parent chaperons joined together with many others from the Archdiocese of Boston, traveling to the annual March for Life in Washington, D.C. previously. The trip included attending a Christian rock concert called "LifeFest," followed by adoration, Mass, and the March itself. It was a memorable experience for all. Students accompanying the Archdiocese this year will be leaving on Jan. 28 to participate in the March for Life in Washington, D.C.

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Two new museum exhibits celebrate contrasting elements of maritime life

The USS Constitution Museum, in partnership with the USS Constitution Model Shipwright Guild and the Seafarer’s Trust, proudly presents the 43rd annual exhibit, Masters of Miniature: Ship Model Show, and the new companion photography show "Life At Sea 2022". The exhibits, opening on Saturday, January 28, showcase the intricate and spectacular handcrafted models from local modelers alongside photography documented by seafarers worldwide, shining a light on the human side of the experiences and challenges this essential workforce faces.

Ship modeling is an art as old as shipbuilding itself and one for which USS Constitution has been a favored subject. Model shipbuilding provides a glimpse into vessels' remarkable history and intentional design. The process reveals much about the original shipbuilder’s design, engineering, form, and functional considerations as they built a ship to accomplish a specific purpose. This year’s Model

Show showcase over 70 exquisite, handcrafted models of all types created by USS Constitution Model Shipwright Guild members across New England. From ninth-century ships to pleasure craft of today and everything in between, the show includes vessels of many kinds made by skilled Modelers representing Master Craftsmen and a new generation of modelers. They will be available daily to answer questions and demonstrate the craft of model building. Attendees can vote for their favorite model.

This year, the Museum also features a companion exhibit, ITF Seafarers’ Trust LIFE AT SEA 2022, to convey the human side of maritime life. Featuring submissions to the ITF Seafarers’ Trust photography competition, the images were taken by seafarers at work, communicating their unique perceptions and experiences while forging lives connected to ships and the sea. In contrast to the perfectly and intricately designed ship models, the emotionally charged imagery

conveys the challenges and incredible passion of people who work in various ways connected with the sea. Robert Kiihne, Director of Exhibits at the USS Constitution Museum, explains, “These personal, moving images shine a light on the experiences of people who are often invisible to us; the seafaring men and women from around the world that make trade possible. By presenting their reality alongside the work of highly skilled Model shipwrights, we hope to explore the engineering beauty of ships throughout history and the realities their human crews face daily.”

The Masters of Miniature and LIFE AT SEA 2022 exhibits will run from January 28 through February 25, 2023. Both exhibits are open to all visitors during regular Museum hours, from 10:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. daily. Admission is by suggested donation.

The Boston Marine Society sponsors Masters of Miniature.

The USS Constitution Model Shipwright Guild encourages the art of



PHOTO BY ARVY VERDER, ITF SEAFARERS' TRUST LIFE AT SEA PHOTO COMPETITION
: Arvy Verder's "PATINTERO" is part of the "Life at Sea 2022" photo competition by the ITF Seafarers' Trust on display at the USS Constitution Museum. The image captures crew on a vessel at anchor in China playing a traditional Filipino children's game known as "block and catch" or "block the runner."

constructing model ships and supports research in nautical history through its monthly meetings, workshops, educational activities, and exhibits. Guild members maintain a working model shop at the USS Constitution Museum, with an extensive library of modeling books and plans. For more information about model building: <https://www.uscmsg.org>

The ITF Seafarers Trust is a UK charity established in 1981, which funds programs that advance the well-being of maritime workers, seafarers, and their families. They are funded by the

Trust’s own capital funds, and by the investment income of the Welfare Fund at the International Transport Workers Federation, a global federation of transport workers’ unions representing nearly 20 million members. For more information, visit <https://www.seafar-erstrust.org/>.

The USS Constitution Museum serves as the memory and educational voice of USS Constitution by offering award-winning exhibits where all ages can have fun while learning and exploring history together. The Museum’s mission is to engage visitors in the story of Consti-

tution to spark excitement about maritime heritage, naval service, and the American experience. The Museum is open seven days a week with a pay-what-you-wish admission policy, and the Virtual Museum is open 24/7. The USS Constitution Museum is a 2022 winner in USA Today’s 10Best Readers' Choice in the “Best History Museum” category and Boston Parents Paper’s Family Favorites in the “Historic Sites & Tours” and “Museums & Attractions” categories. For more information, visit usscm.org.

New sex assault charges for former MGH medical assistant

Special to the Times
An East Boston man who recently worked as a medical assistant at a Massachusetts General Hospital health center on Commonwealth Avenue in Boston was arraigned on a second case involving an indecent assault and battery on a patient, Suffolk District Attorney Kevin Hayden announced.

Damien Knighton, 39, was charged in Roxbury BMC with a single count of indecent assault and battery. Judge Suzanne DelVecchio released Knighton on personal recognizance and ordered no contact with the victim and no unsupervised access to patients. Knighton, who was arraigned last week on similar charges and ordered held

in lieu of \$5,000 bail, will return to court on February 23 on the new charge for a pre-trial hearing.

Hayden urged any patient who believes they may have been assaulted under similar circumstances to contact the Boston Police Department Sexual Assault Unit at 617-343-4400.

“We’re asking anyone who may now realize that

they were victimized in a similar manner by this individual to contact the police,” Hayden said. “We don’t know if there are additional victims, but if there are, we hope they come forward to provide information about what happened to them.”

The new charges stem from a January 12, 2023 patient visit at the MGH Back Bay Health Center on Commonwealth Avenue. The patient, who came forward to police after seeing news reports of Knighton’s arrest, said he was taken to an exam room where Knighton instructed him to remove his underwear in order to check his skin. The pa-

tient said Knighton examined his genitals, then left the room. After seeing his doctor, the patient, now dressed, was approached by Knighton, who asked if the doctor had performed a rectal exam. The patient said no. Knighton then led the patient back into an exam room and performed a rectal exam.

All charged individuals are presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty beyond a reasonable doubt.

Suffolk County District Attorney Kevin Hayden’s office serves the communities of Boston, Chelsea, Revere, and Winthrop, Mass. The office handles over 20,000 cases a year.

More than 160 attorneys in the office practice in nine district and municipal courts, Suffolk Superior Court, the Massachusetts Appeals Court, the Supreme Judicial Court and the Boston Juvenile Courts. The office employs some 300 people and offers a wide range of services and programs to serve anyone who comes in contact with the criminal justice system. This office is committed to educating the public about the services we provide, our commitment to crime prevention, and our dedication to keeping the residents of Suffolk County safe.



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starting this year,” said Benitez.

Along with mattresses having a new disposal system, so do clothing and textiles. Accepted clothing and textiles can be left at designated drop-off boxes – East Boston’s is at 166 London Street – or an appointment can be made for curbside pick-up.

To make an appointment and for more information on this disposal system, residents can visit <https://www.boston.gov/departments/public-works/recycling-clothing-and-textiles>.

“We are really, really encouraging people to recycle textiles, so they don’t end up in landfills,” said Benitez.

As for other updates,

the East Boston neighborhood newsletter is returning after a brief hiatus due to the lack of a communications person in office.

With a new Communication Chief Officer, the newsletter is slated to return this week; Benitez indicated the release would probably happen by Friday.

Not only will the newsletter make a return with both an English and Spanish version, but it will also include a new section called “Spotlights,” which, according to Benitez, will probably start in the next two weeks.

“It’s [Spotlights] going to be a forum where residents in the community can basically nominate businesses and neighbors

for a special spotlight. We want to have people involved in letting us know what they like about the residents and the many, many amazing businesses we have in the area,” said Benitez.

To subscribe to the newsletter, visit <https://newsletters.boston.gov/subscribe>.

Finally, as winter continues and with the recent snow, Benitez reminded residents to use 311 for non-emergency issues during storms and to report things like fire hydrants or handicap ramps covered in snow.

“The city is also requesting that residents wait for three hours after the snowfall before you call 311. As you can imag-

ine, our lines often get tied up with the increase of calls from residents,” said Benitez.

“So if you have any trouble getting in contact with one of our live team members, we encourage you to download the 311 app on your smartphone.”

Upon completing her updates, Benitez mentioned ways to get in touch with her in person to speak about issues or concerns, such as her coffee Fridays.

“If you want to meet up in person and have a coffee and talk about issues, I am more than happy to do so,” said Benitez.

Benitez can also be reached via email at nathalia.benitezperez@boston.gov.

OBITUARIES

Catherine Pagliarulo

Worked for over 25 years for AARP

Catherine (Price) Pagliarulo of Saugus, formerly of East Boston, passed away peacefully on January 21 at 83 years of age.

Catherine worked for over 25 years for AARP as well as being a resident of the Cheverus senior housing.

The beloved wife of the late John Pagliarulo, she was the devoted mother of John Pagliarulo and his wife, Lucia and Susan Wesley of Saugus, dear sister of the late Helen Ellis and loving grandmother of John Logan Pagliarulo.

Family and friends are

respectfully invited to attend a Memorial Mass in celebration of Catherine’s life on Saturday, January 28 at Saint Joseph - Saint Lazarus Church, Ashley Street, East Boston at 10 a.m.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to MSPCA, Attn: Donations, 350 South Huntington Avenue, Boston MA 02130.

Funeral service under the direction of Ruggiero Family Memorial Home East Boston, 617-569-0990. www.ruggieromh.com.

Earl Russell Fisher

Of Revere

Earl Russell Fisher, 82, a lifelong resident of Revere, passed away peacefully at home surrounded by his loving family on January 23.

Earl graduated from Everett Vocational School in 1958. He worked for Houghton Mifflin Publishing Company and was also employed by General Electric for many years. He was a skilled mechanic and owner of several gas stations and also worked for Gem Auto Parts for 35 years. He was a veteran of the Air National Guard and trained at Lakeland Air Force Base.

He was pre-deceased by his parents, Robert and Sarah (Chemin) Fisher. He is survived by his wife, Madeline (Lombardi) Fisher. He was the loving father of two daughters, Lisa Bain and Barbara Fisher.; loving grandfather of Gabrielle and great grandfather of Ronnie. He is also survived by his sister, Nancy Fisher and brother, Kenneth Fisher and by many friends, nieces and nephews.

Earl was a kind, wonderful man who worked very hard his entire life and took exceptional care of his family. He will be remembered and missed by all who knew him.

Funeral services will be held at Torf Funeral Service, Chelsea on Friday, January 27 at 10 a.m. Memorial remembrances may be donated to the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society.



Scholarship // CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

vided with a proper space for physical activity and supplement their regular “phys ed class”. My father was there to help guide students, right alongside the teachers and administrators of the school. Many of those students became members, as well as team members, for their first summer jobs at the gym. This original gym was later converted into my family’s first Planet Fitness in 2007, which be-

gan our journey with the Planet Fitness franchise.

Savio Preparatory High School has since closed, and the property has been repurposed as the Salesian Boys & Girls Club of East Boston. Over the years we have continued our relationship with the Salesian Boys & Girls Club, and our team just completed building a mini-Judgment Free Zone gym at their location to help cultivate the next judgement

free generation. In connection with this build, my family has decided to start the Stanley DeMartinis Sr. Scholarship Fund through the Salesian Boys & Girls Club of East Boston. In the true essence of my father, this scholarship will be given out annually to Boys & Girls Club members that exemplify my father’s values of dedication to community, hard work, and generosity. We will be awarding scholarships to

seniors that are moving on to further their education, in any form, to help defray the cost of education for them and their families.

Our family is so excited to start this new scholarship with the Salesian Boys & Girls Club, where, starting with my father, we have served the community for over 30 years! As a show of support and dedication to ensuring we can help as many students as possible, my family has funded an initial \$100,000 donation. We would be truly honored for any contribution you are able to make towards this scholarship that we hope, like my father’s legacy, will live on in perpetuity. If you feel so inclined to donate to the Stanley DeMartinis Sr. Scholarship Fund, you may do so online at <https://secure.donationpay.org/salesianclub/demartinis.php>.

Thank you for your help and consideration,

SDM Jr. & The DeMartinis Family

CITY PAWS

A tired dog...

By Penny & Ed Cherubino

“A tired dog is a good dog” is an old saying with a ring of truth to anyone who has lived with an energetic dog during a blizzard. Keeping your pup physically fit, socialized, and well-behaved requires a winter workout plan.

Add Fun to Winter Walks

One way to achieve the goal of keeping your dog socialized in winter is to make walk dates with friends. It’s far too easy to turn around a head home on a clear cold day when it is just you and your pup making the decision. If you’re meeting up with someone, you are more likely to walk longer.

Winter offers opportunities for burning calories and creating a tired dog. We remember a Husky in our neighborhood who loved catching and chasing snowballs. Our Westie Poppy loves running in the snow; the deeper, the better. We know this activity will tire her out quicker than walking on a shoveled sidewalk.

Of course, your dog has a place in deciding how long you are out in the cold and how far you walk. You must watch for signs that your dog has or will have had enough by

Winter Warm-Up Spots

You can extend your walks by planning a stop where you and your dog can shelter and warm up. For example, stop into a favorite, pet-friendly spot. Great pet supply shops around the area mean having places that your dog will try to visit each time you are nearby. You can pick up a bag of treats or a new toy on a day when being inside is a welcome respite.

Public transit can offer a two-way solution. If the weather takes a turn for the worse (or you think your dog has had enough), you can go to the nearest transit option. The MBTA allows companion animals on their vehicles at the drivers’ discretion. The stations themselves are pet-friendly, and while they may not be toasty warm in winter, they can shelter you from the wind, snow, and rain.

Pick a dog-friendly shop or transit station as the distant point of your

Train Away a Problem

This winter, we’re working on our dog’s barking problem. Poppy thinks it’s her place to bark anytime she hears a bark, sees an animal on TV or a computer screen, or hears a child screech in our building. We disagree and aim to teach her to come to us, lie down or go to her designated quiet spot. Poppy is food motivated and tends to gain weight in winter, so we’ve stocked up on training treats she loves, which are only two calories each.

One or more of these solutions might fit into your winter workout plan. Think about the friends you might walk with, the places you might warm up, and what problem you might solve with a winter of training sessions.

Do you have a question or topic for City Paws? Send an email to Penny@BostonZest.com with your request.



We’re teaching Poppy to go to her quiet spot and calm down instead of barking as a winter training exercise.



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Boston Festival Orchestra and Boston Athenaeum to offer unique chamber music series

Special to the Journal

Deep in the pandemic, when the concert halls were shuttered, the Boston Festival Orchestra now and then used the Boston Athenæum as a practice space, and their music filled the building. A friendship began, and from that, an artistic collaboration.

Now, in an innovative multidisciplinary artistic collaboration, the Boston Festival Orchestra (BFO) and the Boston Athenaeum have formed a partnership to reflect on special Athenaeum exhibitions through the lens of chamber music.

With three 2023 chamber music concerts in the intimate setting of the Athenaeum's Henry Long Room, the BFO will perform compelling and relevant repertoire that blends the familiar with the unknown, according to BFO conductor Alyssa Wang. "The concerts will span many time periods, cultures and mediums, prodding us

to ask questions such as: Who is art for? In what ways can we use art to connect with our heritage? In what ways can we use art to reconcile with the past?" she said.

Each chamber music concert will reflect on a specific Athenaeum exhibition:

- February 9 - Materialia Lumina, the BFO pairs new and old works of classical music with stunning selections of artists' books showcased in the Athenaeum's current gallery exhibition, Materialia Lumina / Luminous Books.
- April 8 - Performing previously hidden and game-changing voices in classical music, the BFO reflects on the ramifications of an exclusionary past and reconsiders the constructs of race, gender, and class. The music is inspired by Re-Reading Special Collections, a new Athenaeum initiative to reinterpret and recontextualize works of art from its permanent collection.

- June 22 - A Place I Never Knew explores a series of photographs by local photographer Tira Khan., The BFO will use music to reflect bridges among Khan's Indian, American, British heritages.

Departing from tradition, the concerts will include opportunities for audience participation. Concert-goers will be able to walk through the featured exhibits and converse with artists during the receptions following the concerts.

"For many audience members, these events may serve as the first introduction to the Boston Athenaeum or the Boston Festival Orchestra," said Boston Athenaeum director Leah Rosovsky. "We hope that by mixing communities we strengthen the entire arts and culture community of Greater Boston."

Concert Schedule

All three concerts are in the Henry Long Room at the Boston Athenaeum,

10 ½ Beacon St., Boston.

- Thursday February 9 at 6 p.m.
- Saturday April 8 at 3 p.m.
- Thursday June 22 at 6 p.m.

The concerts are free to BFO subscribers, Athenaeum members and the general public, but registration is required at: bostonathenaeum.org/events

The Boston Festival Orchestra, founded in 2019, brings the highest caliber of artistic performance to the Greater Boston community through its Summer Stage, Chamber Series, and partnerships with local nonprofits. By employing local professional musicians, presenting creative and relevant programming, and engaging with the community through education and outreach programs, the BFO fosters a welcoming and inclusive environment that enriches the culture of the city. Since its inaugural season in 2021 - when they became Boston's first or-

chestra to perform live concerts since the start of the pandemic - the BFO has grown to become one of Boston's celebrated music institutions, redefining young leadership in classical music and what it means to make music today.

Founded in 1807, the Boston Athenaeum is a unique combination of library, museum and cultural center. The Athenaeum's present home at 10 ½ Beacon St., designed by Edward Clarke Cabot, opened in 1849 and was named a National Historic Landmark in 1965. One of the country's oldest and most distinguished independent libraries, the Athenaeum's circulating collection in-

cludes over half a million books, from works published in the 1800s to the latest best sellers. Special collections include active research holdings of 100,000 rare books, maps and manuscripts, and 100,000 works of art, from paintings and sculpture to prints and photographs. Members, visitors and the community enjoy a year-round calendar of cultural programs - book talks, exhibitions, concerts, speakers, social gatherings and other opportunities for connection. The Athenaeum is a member-supported not-for-profit institution that everyone is invited to join. Bostonathenaeum.org

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Kick off the New Year with an updated COVID-19 booster and \$75 gift card

The Massachusetts Department of Public Health (DPH) has extended its \$75 gift card offer through March 31 for Massachusetts residents who get a COVID-19 vaccination or booster at participating "Get Boosted" vaccination clinics in Chelsea, Everett and Revere. The clinics offer first and second doses of the vaccine as well as the updated bivalent COVID-19 booster, which is approved for everyone ages six months and older. Staying up to date on vaccines, including boosters, is the most effective way to prevent serious illness from COVID-19. Commonwealth residents who get vaccinated or boosted against COVID-19 at any of the designated clinics can re-

ceive a \$75 gift card to a local retailer for each dose administered, while supplies last.

DPH is working with local partners to make the COVID shots accessible to as many people as possible.

- In Chelsea, clinics are currently scheduled at the Senior Center, 10 Riley Way, every Saturday and Sunday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. through Feb. 26;
- In Everett, clinics are currently scheduled on Tuesdays and Saturdays at Eliot Family Resource Center (times vary), and on Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Pope John High School through March;
- In Revere, clinics are currently scheduled at Women Encouraging Empowerment, 50 Walnut

Ave., on Tuesdays Jan. 24 and Jan. 31 from 3 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

To find a clinic offering the \$75 gift card near you, go to Mass.gov/Get-Boosted. No ID or proof of health insurance is required.

In October 2022, DPH launched the Get Boosted campaign as part of its Vaccine Equity Initiative to increase vaccination rates, with a focus on boosters. Massachusetts is a national leader in COVID-19 vaccination; according to the CDC, 93% of the state's population age 6 months and older has received at least one dose, compared with 81% nationally. Some 64% of fully vaccinated individuals in Massachusetts have had a booster.

"We'd like to see as many people vaccinated as possible, so we are offering these community-based COVID vaccination clinics - including a \$75 gift card incentive at select locations - to make it easier for people to protect themselves and those around them," said Massachusetts Public Health Commissioner Margaret Cooke. "These boosters provide the best protection against the Omicron sub-variants, which are currently the most prevalent strains of COVID-19 in Massachusetts. The vaccine and boosters are proven to be safe and effective for adults and children. If you've been thinking about getting the vaccine, now is the time."

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NEWS FROM AROUND THE REGION

KEEPING HOUSING UNITS AFFORDABLE

CHELSEA - Chelsea has one of the highest percentages of affordable housing units in the state, but one City Councilor wants to ensure that housing remains truly affordable for Chelsea residents.

District 6 Councilor Giovanni Recupero recently requested an update on the number of affordable housing units in the city.

At a recent council meeting, outgoing City Manager Thomas Ambrosino provided an update with the latest subsidized housing inventory prepared by the state’s Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) in April of 2022. “It provides a breakdown of each building with affordable units in the city,” stated Ambrosino. “The DHCD recognized 2,416 subsidized units, or 19.19 percent of our total housing inventory.”

However, Ambrosino said there are several caveats with that figure.

“The city has notified DHCD that a handful of subsidized units are missing from this inventory,” stated Ambrosino. “Further, and more importantly, this inventory is based on housing statistics from the 2010 census. DHCD does not anticipate updating this inventory with more recent numbers from the 2020 census until mid-2023, so this inventory and the percentage numbers are a little misleading.”

Ambrosino also addressed Recupero’s questions about the number of units occupied by residents who already lived in Chelsea.

“Unfortunately, it is impossible to determine how many residents residing in these units were previous Chelsea residents before occupying these subsidized units,” stated Ambrosino. “You should note that the city does encourage all developers of new affordable units to provide a preference for existing Chelsea residents for the maximum allowed by federal housing laws.”

Recupero said affordable housing is an important issue and a big need in the city.

“I wish there was more affordable housing, but actually for the people of Chelsea to be able to afford it,” said Recupero.

He said that oftentimes, the developers of the affordable units get a tax

break for those affordable units, and that the price of the market rate apartments are driven up and aren’t affordable for Chelsea residents.

“You build 70 units, and 10 out of those 70 units are affordable, and seven go to Chelsea people, so all the other units are not affordable for Chelsea people,” he said.

Recupero said he would like to see the next major building development in Chelsea consist of 100 percent affordable units and for the city to continue to advocate for affordable units for Chelsea residents.

District 1 Councilor Todd Taylor questioned the numbers used by Ambrosino from the state.

“I believe the state put out numbers in 2014,” said Taylor. “These numbers are fairly antiquated and I didn’t realize we had to go back to 2010. I believe there are state numbers from 2014 and they have a higher percentage of affordable housing than 19 percent, I believe it is 21 or 22 percent.”

Ambrosino noted that the information from DHCD was from April of last year, even though the statistics relied on 2010 census data.

“The total housing unit number that is the denominator is based on the 2010 census,” said Ambrosino. “They will change it eventually based on the housing statistics from the 2020 census. As soon as they change that denominator, I expect our percentage, even with additional units, will drop from 19 percent.

“We will still be far and away one of the communities in the commonwealth with the most affordable housing, but we could be in the 17 percent range.”

ATHLETES NAMED AS ALL SCHOLASTIC

EVERETT - Everett High School senior quarterback Karmarri Ellerbe and junior wide receiver and safety Christian Zamor were named All-Scholastic by the Boston newspapers.

Ellerbe was selected to the Boston Globe and Boston Herald Football Teams. Zamor was selected as a Boston Herald All-Scholastic.

Both players made major contributions to Coach Rob DiLoreto’s 2022 team that captured the Greater Boston League title and advanced to the quarterfinals of the Division 1 state playoffs.

Ellerbe, who was voted the Greater Boston League’s most valuable player, led Everett to a 17-3 record in his two seasons as Everett’s starting quarterback. He rushed for 888 yards, passed for 750 yards, and scored 10 touchdowns this season. He had 19 career touchdown passes.

The 6-foot, 225-pounder averaged close to 10 yards per carry during his two-year reign at the helm of the Everett offense. Ellerbe is considering prep school or a four-year college for the next chapter in his football career.

Zamor became one of the leaders of the Everett defense this season. “In many ways, he is clearly a Division 1 college-level player on the defensive side of the ball,” said Coach Rob DiLoreto. “He made a lot of our coverage calls. He really understood what we were trying to do schematically on defense.”

Zamor has received an offer from Boston College and will join the Division 1 program in Chestnut Hill following his graduation from Everett High in 2024. His older brother, Ish Zamor, is a wide receiver for the Eagles.

Everett’s non-league opponents set

Everett High will play Xaverian High School in its non-league opener to the 2023 season. In Week 4, Everett will host Boston College High School.

The Crimson Tide have not been able to find an opponent for their Thanksgiving game.

Likely completes successful NFL rookie season

Former EHS football star Isaiah Likely completed a successful inaugural season for the Baltimore Ravens in the National Football League with an appearance in the Wild Card game against the Cincinnati Bengals Saturday. The Bengals prevailed, 24-17, over their AFC North divisional rival. The Ravens were without their No. 1 quarterback Lamar Jackson for the game.

Likely, a 6-foot-4-inch, 235-pound tight end, had 36 pass receptions for 373 yards for a 10.4 yards-per-reception average. He scored three touchdowns and emerged as a strong blocker and dependable pass receiver for the Ravens.

Mike Sainristil will return to Michigan

Everett’s Mike Sainristil has announced online that he will return for another season in the University of Michigan football program. Sainristil was a starting defensive back for the Wolverines who finished the regular season undefeated and won the Big-10 championship game before falling to TCU, 51-45, in the national semifinals in the Fiesta Bowl.

Sainristil had considered making himself eligible for this year’s NFL Draft, but he opted to return to Coach Jim Harbaugh’s surging program that has qualified for the College Football Playoffs the past two seasons.

Sainristil moved from wide receiver to defensive back at the start of the 2022 season.

COUNCILLORS LOOK TO OPEN BETTER COMMUNICATION WITH MAYOR

REVERE - Some City Councillors want to see better communication between the council and the mayor’s office.

For his part, Mayor Brian Arrigo said he has an open door policy, and

councillors are free to contact him whenever they need an update on the status of a motion or request.

Ward 3 Councillor Anthony Cogliandro filed a motion at last week’s meeting requesting the mayor establish lines of communication with the council regarding motions that have been approved and signed by the mayor.

Cogliandro noted that he recently spoke with mayoral aide Gianni Hill and that he appreciated that Hill, who started with the mayor’s office in the summer, has been an effective line of communication between the administration and the council.

“I’d like to see that continue, as we are really the link between the people and city services and the administration,” said Cogliandro.

Councillor-at-Large (and former mayor) Dan Rizzo said he would like to see a more formal method of communication between the council and the mayor’s office.

He noted that mayoral responses to the council motions used to be included in the council packets, or there would at least be a direct email response to councillors requests.

“I think that would be helpful, instead of it going off into oblivion so that we know that this is being acted on,” said Rizzo.

Rizzo said there are several motions he’s put in that he’s never heard back about, and that it can be frustrating because those motions are often put in at the request of constituents.

Ward 6 Councillor Richard Serino said there have been motions he has made that ultimately he hasn’t heard back on, including a motion for the city to ask MassDOT to change the traffic light configuration at the old cinema intersection.

“I went back into the records, and the mayor’s office did send a letter (to MassDOT), but then I ended up reaching out and I talked to somebody at the Arlington office at MassDOT, and he said that never trickled down to them, and that if we sent a letter to the secretary, it didn’t always trickle down to them,” said Serino. “So there was no follow up, and there was no follow up on my end either, maybe I should have, but it would be nice if we could have some collaboration with motions like that and in general.”

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