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EBHS TRACK TEAM

Members of the East Boston High School track team and senior group get together for a team photo on Tuesday, February 7, at the Reggie Lewis Track & Field Center prior to the start of the BPS track championship.



JPNA reviewing plans for 4 Haynes Street development

By Michael Coughlin Jr.

Representatives of a proposed project on Haynes Street came back to the Jeffries Point Neighborhood Association (JPNA) during its monthly meeting on Monday, Feb. 13, to present again and answer any remaining questions before the development went up for a vote.

The project's developers are proposing to combine two parcels located next to 8 and 10 Haynes st. into a singular

1,800-square-foot lot to construct a new residential building – 4 Haynes Street – that will include four units and three parking spaces.

The proposed four-floor building would not only exclusively use its first floor for parking and storage, but it will also include a bike rack to encourage the use of other modes of transportation. Regarding the unit size, there will be two studios on the second floor, each

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East Boston Chamber to honor President's Day

Special to the Times-Free Press

The East Boston Chamber of Commerce will be placing a display of American flags to commemorate the upcoming President's Day on Monday, Feb. 20, at the Daniel H. Solari Square outside the Chamber of Commerce

office at 464 Bremen Street.

President's Day is a celebration of United States' Presidents. It is a day to remember the founding of our nation. Did you know George Washington was the only president unan-

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A view of the American flags being displayed in David H. Solari Square near the East Boston Chamber of Commerce office located at 464 Bremen St.

HVNA majority supporting 1 Westbrook Street field renovations

By Michael Coughlin Jr.

Most of those who voted at the Harbor View Neighborhood Association's (HVNA) monthly meeting on Monday, Feb. 6, are supporting a project that would bring several renovations to the field on 1 Westbrook St.

24 voters supported renovations at the site, including a new field house, new turf fields with lights, a community garden, a playground, off-street parking, and more, while 11 opposed.

Proponents of this field renovation project include the Salesian Boys & Girls Club located just down the road from the site, and Boston Scores, a non-prof-

it organization that "helps urban youth build essential life skills and character through soccer and team-based enrichment programs" per its website.

"It's all about building a better Boys and Girls Club, which in turn leads to a better community for all of us to live, work and function in," said Michael Triant, the Executive Director of the Salesian Boys & Girls Club.

Although the final voting results demonstrated a group of voters in favor of the project, some residents seemed concerned about what this project would mean for their neighborhood.

One of the main issues raised by some was with

the location of the off-street parking lot that runs adjacent to Horace Street. Some were concerned with the lot's location due to potential idling by drivers waiting for their children to be done with games at the field.

John Maconga, the Executive Director of Boston Scores, did say much consideration was taken in on the precise location of everything involved with the renovation plans. However, there are certain limitations due to utilities in the area.

"Many of the final design considerations were based on what is possible in the space to try to maximize the utility given all the different consider-

ations that we're trying to put together," said Maconga.

Another question residents raised was if construction begins, how do the project proponents propose to protect the infrastructure of the private way on Horace Street that leads directly to the field and proposed parking lot.

One resident referenced that during past construction of condos in the area, construction vehicles damaged sewage pipes due to their weight which in turn caused damage to residents' homes.

To make matters even worse, the same resident explained that due to that road being a private way, the owners of the condos in construction did not have to pay for the damages, residents themselves footed the bill.

"You are now talking about bringing in all kinds of construction vehicles and consistent traffic up and down this way," said the same resident, and she

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TRASH DELAY
Due to the President's Day Holiday on Feb. 20, 2023, Trash will be delayed by one day
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Edwards files 24 pieces of legislation in the 193rd Legislative Session

This legislative session Senator Lydia Edwards has filed legislation that will enshrine the status of ride-share app drivers as employees into law, allow people to seal prior eviction records, set clear & safe standards for nurse staffing, ensure that in-home childcare is no longer affected by over-burdensome restrictions, and officially recognize February 4th as Rosa Parks Day. In total the Senator has filed 24 bills spanning issues including: housing, workers' rights, civil rights, consumer protection, education, transportation, and the environment.

"You know I never stop, I burst into the Senate after my election fighting for workers, tenants, and residents in Winthrop, Revere & Boston. With a year in the legislature behind me, I'm eager to continue my work to pass eviction sealing legislation, improve working conditions & pay for nurses, cannabis industry employees, ride-share app drivers, and workers everywhere." said Senator Lydia Edwards (D-Boston)

CIVIL RIGHTS

SD1538 / HD540
An Act Relative to Rosa Parks Day presented by Sen. Edwards, Rep. Kipp Diggs, and Rep. Michael Kushmerek

This bill calls on the Governor to declare February fourth as Rosa Parks Day. The holiday recognizes

the contributions of the historic civil rights leader and should be observed by residents of the Commonwealth.

HOUSING:

SD1592 / HD3625
Housing Opportunity and Mobility Eviction Sealing (HOMES) presented by Sen. Edwards & Leader Michael Moran

This bill will allow individuals to petition to seal their eviction records after a certain time or conditions are met. It protects personal identifying information from commercial use and makes sealed records only available at the discretion of the court for public safety, scholarly, educational, journalistic, or governmental purposes. This act would help those who were no fault evictions or who have satisfied judgments to seal their records. It will hold credit reporting companies accountable for distributing sealed information.

SD1559 / HD2957
An Act providing a Local Option Incentivizing

Landlords to Rent Unsubsidized Properties at Below Market Rent (Good landlord Tax Credit) presented by Sen. Edwards & Rep. Andy Vargas

This bill would provide a state tax credit to landlords that rent below market to identified groups such as seniors or families. Municipalities can opt in an offer additional property tax relief to landlords who choose to rent below market. The state credit is to be the difference between the current rent and the market rent a landlord could receive but no more than \$2000 per rental unit.

SD227 / HD3845
An Act to ensure protections for residents in condominium conversions presented by Sen. Edwards & Rep. Tram Nguyen

This bill expands the basic protections afforded to those facing condominium conversions by extending the protections to renters who are in buildings with less than four units. Those in buildings with three or less units would now be eligible for the following protections where a landlord wants to convert rental units to a condominium: (1) proper notice of conversion, (2) the right of first refusal to buy the apartment, (3) rent protections, (4) the right to moving expenses and any other municipal protections.

SD1720 / HD3914
An Act for a right of first refusal for foreclosed property (Foreclosure TOPA) presented by Sen. Edwards & Rep. Chris Worrell

This bill provides additional requirements for owners and mortgagees of tenant-occupied properties to fulfill before selling or foreclosing the property. This bill provides the opportunity for tenants of foreclosed property to purchase the property or assign their right.

SD1646 / HD889
An Act to Establish an Office of Fair Housing & a Fair Housing Trust Fund presented by Sen. Edwards & Rep Chynah Tyler

This bill establishes an office of fair housing under the executive office of housing and economic development, as well as the Fair Housing Trust Fund, both with the purpose of coordinating efforts to address and eliminate factors leading to housing discrimination, segregation, and disparate access to opportunities.

SD1462 / HD3988
An Act supporting residents and communities

in resolving tax debt presented by Sen. Edwards & Rep. Adrian Madaro

This bill allows residents to enter into a payment agreement with municipal treasurers or revenue services to resolve property tax debt. This would require a minimum initial payment of up to 25% of the tax amount due on the property rather than the current minimum of 25%.

Docket# Pending
An Act Condominium owners' rights act (CORA) presented by Sen. Edwards

This bill sets clear standards for condominium associations, these standards will be enforced by the Attorney General's Office. This bill will set deadlines for unit owner organizations with appointed managers to produce financial documents and repercussions for failing to do so. This bill will also make all documents relating to the administration and operation of the condominium available to condominium owners, will require a condo's by-laws to include an internal dispute resolution procedure for disagreements between unit owners and boards, and creates a Condominium Ombudsman in the Attorney General's Office for the purpose of receiving, investigating, and resolving complaints from unit owners about condominium administration.

WORKERS' RIGHTS

SD1660 / HD2491
An Act Promoting Patient Safety and Equitable Access to Care presented by Sen. Edwards & Rep. Natalie Higgins

This bill would require the Department of Public Health to set limits on the number of patients a nurse can care for at one time. Limits would be set by hospital unit. The bill would empower the Department of public health to hold public stakeholder hearings and promulgate regulations that establish specific limits on the number of patients a registered nurse shall be assigned to care for at one time. Successful passage would both improve patient care and nurse retention.

SD2186 / HD3832
An Act establishing accountability and protections for TNC and DNC workers consumers & communities (EPA) presented by Sen. Edwards & Rep. Andy Vargas

This Bill will reaffirm that TNC/DNC drivers and delivery workers enjoy the same strong presumption of employment that all other workers enjoy within the Commonwealth with regard to the pay, paid sick leave, overtime, unemployment

insurance, discrimination and workers compensation. Additionally, this bill works to revise the current TNC statute with substantial enhancements for consumers, the Commonwealth, municipalities, and drivers. Finally, the bill provides a means for workers to have a voice in setting rates and creating a safe working environment.

SD1806 / HD3500
An Act protecting employee free speech presented by Sen. Edwards & Rep. James Hawkins

This bill protects employee free speech, particularly in the context of compelled affirmation of speech, in the workplace by prohibiting an employer's action or threat of discipline or discharge where (1) an employee has engaged in exercising a first amendment right subject to the limitation that such exercise does not substantially or materially interfere with job performance or relationships; and (2) an employee has refused to attend a meeting or receive speech or electronic communication which has the primary purpose of communicating the employer's religious or political opinions.

SD16 / HD583
An Act to facilitate labor peace among the cannabis workforce presented by Sen. Edwards & Rep. Steven Owens

This bill (amending chapter 94G in the General Laws) defines "Labor peace agreement" and "Labor organizations" as it relates to the cannabis industry workforce and requires marijuana establishment applicants to submit documentation stating they will not interfere with coordination between union agents and cannabis employees.

SD12 / HD217
An Act relative to non-fault unemployment insurance overpayments (UI) presented by Sen. Edwards & Rep. Joan Meschino

This bill will ensure that the Department of Unemployment Assistance's emergency regulation standards continue applying to pandemic-era overpayments, including for federally funded benefits, while also proposing a simpler, easy to administer no-fault waiver standard for future overpayments. This legislation will not impose liability for repayment of overpaid benefits where the claimant is without fault in causing the overpayment

SD1656 / HD724
An Act providing opportunities for Apprentices to complete their training and ensuring for a skilled workforce in the Com-

monwealth of Massachusetts presented by Sen. Edwards & Rep. Peter Capano

This legislation will ensure the Commonwealth has a pipeline of skilled workers to close the projected anticipated shortage. This legislation requires that public construction projects over \$1 million dollars will have apprentices, registered with the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, on those projects ensuring they have the hours needed to be becoming journey person in their trade. This bill also requires that six months after the passage of this act 5% of the hours shall be performed by apprentices, 10% one year after passage, and 15% two years after passage.

SD1807 / HD3709
An Act protecting warehouse workers presented by Sen. Edwards & Rep. Sean Garballey

This bill protects warehouse workers, notably eliminating quotas that prevent workers from taking breaks and monitor work speed. This bill will require warehouse employers to maintain records concerning their employee's work and allow employees to be free from retaliation when exercising their rights.

CONSUMER PROTECTION

SD1718 / HD3120
An Act Protecting Black girls from Targeted Toxicity presented by Sen. Edwards & Rep. Brandy Fluker-Oakley

This bill aims to guard children from harmful products that are advertised to children of color. Skin lightening and hair relaxation products are packed with toxic chemicals that can result in long term health effects. Hair relaxers regularly use young black girls in advertisement. Few if any other harsh product for chemical treatment of hair uses little girls. Most use an adult to advertise hair color or perms.

SD1586 / HD3260
An Act to ensure uniform and transparent reporting of medical debt data presented by Sen. Edwards & Rep. John Mahoney

This bill establishes a uniform reporting system for health care service providers to provide data on medical debt to the center for health information analysis (CHIA) for the purpose of promoting uniformity and transparency on issues related to medical debt in the commonwealth. The average medical debt in Massachusetts is \$900 a family. In order to reduce or eliminate this debt we believe it's necessary to study track and understand, who is debt burdened, what procedures cause the debt and what medical servicing institutions are sending their debt to collectors.

ENVIRONMENTAL

SD18
An Act Promoting Climate Safe Buildings presented by Sen. Edwards

This bill seeks to improve the safety of buildings in danger of flooding. A newly established state board shall update new building codes to help improve the structures of buildings with a threat of flooding. These building codes will help reduce the maintenance needed by the buildings over time while being environmentally friendly. This bill requires climate risk be incorporated into the state building code and empowers cities and towns to better man-

age development in flood prone areas.

SD1651 / HD2192
An Act Relative to the Electrification of New & Substantially Remodeled or Rehabilitated Buildings presented by Sen. Edwards, Rep. Jay Livingstone, & Rep. Kay Khan.

This bill seeks to decrease greenhouse gas emissions with new standards. Newly built or newly remodeled commercial and residential buildings shall use electricity instead of fossil fuels for utilities. Newly constructed or renovated Biolabs and hospitals will only be allowed a level of greenhouse gas emissions per square footage, to reduce to 0 by 2050.

SD1653 / HD2805
An Act Authorizing local control of Waste Collection hours of operation presented by Sen. Edwards & refiled by Rep. Jay Livingstone

This bill would propose that the Board of Health of a Massachusetts municipality be able to restrict the hours when garbage is collected in areas zones for business or commercial use. This bill would ensure that residents would not have their sleep disrupted or be disturbed by trash collection during the night.

TRANSPORTATION

SD1550 / HD3417
Act establishing a program for low-income fares (LIF) presented by Sen. Edwards & Rep. Adrian Madaro

This bill will enable the MBTA and the secretary of health and human services to implement a low-income fare program that provides free or discounted fares to qualified riders on all modes of transportation operated by the MBTA and regional transit authorities.

EDUCATION

SD1510 / HD2852
An Act Promoting a Foundation for Universal Childcare presented by Sen. Edwards & Rep. Jessica Giannino

This bill focuses on expanding the possibilities of childcare opportunities within the Commonwealth by removing barriers to in home childcare in private residences. This bill would prevent municipalities from implementing burdensome or harmful regulations that work as a ban to in home childcare opportunities.

SD1555
An Act Instructing the Board of Higher Education To Engage Houses of Correction & State Prisons presented by Sen. Edwards

This bill instructs the board of higher education to engage the House of Corrections and state prisons so that incarcerated persons and recently released persons receive credit toward their GED. This bill will modify the language of the general law requiring the Board of Education's General Scholarship program to include a separate and specific outreach to each county jail, house of correction, and state prison by financial aid staff of each public institution of higher education.

SD1529 / HD3628
An Act Banning Legacy Preferences in Higher Education presented by Sen. Edwards & Leader Michael Moran

This bill seeks to ban legacy preferences in higher education within the Commonwealth. Colleges and universities could not consider if an applicant has a family tie to the college or university when determining admission.

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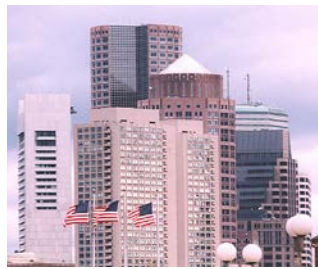
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GUEST OP-ED

School bullying must stop, everyone must work together

Dr. Glenn Mollette

Four New Jersey teenagers have been charged in connection with the attack of a 14-year-old girl who later took her own life after video of the incident was posted on social media.

One juvenile is charged with aggravated assault, two juveniles are charged with conspiracy to commit aggravated assault and one juvenile is charged with harassment, Ocean County prosecutor Bradley D. Billhimer told CBS News in an email. (cbsnews.com)

Adriana Kuch, 14, was found dead in her Bayville home on February 3, two days after the disturbing video of the attack at Central Regional High School was posted online. The video showed girls throwing a drink at the teen, then kicking and dragging her down school hallways. They pushed Adriana into red lockers lining the school hallways and one of the girls in a pink shirt punched Kuch repeatedly. (Source CBSNews.com)

When I was an elementary child riding the school bus, we had a few fights on the bus. One young man who didn't live that far from me was constantly getting into fights on the school bus. One day he had a kid down repeatedly punching him in the face. The bus driver stopped the bus and escorted both boys off the bus while still a couple of miles from their homes. We then drove off and left them on the road.

I don't recall seeing the fight continue as they now had to walk or hitchhike a ride to get home. Since the one boy was being beaten so bad, I don't think the driver made the best decision since the other kid could have finished him off on the rural road we were traveling. However, it did appear the fight had stopped as we drove off. Most likely not having a bus audience, bleeding and having to walk home changed the scenario.

In the sixties and seventies there were bad things that happened in schools that often got swept under the rug. With no social media kids usually ended up working it out or staying away from people we didn't like. Often many of us never took our school problems home because our parents had enough problems without having to worry about our school fusses. Or, we were afraid we might get in trouble at home.

School children face challenges. There are ongoing pressures from bullies who must be corralled and disciplined, dismissed from school or in some cases put in a place where they can get rehabilitation and help for their psychotic issues. Locking a 14-year-old up in jail for years solves nothing. However, kids that bring about injury or death to another student need mental help and rehabilitation before being freed to invoke pain on someone again. Most likely if your family has lost a family

member to a bully you want the offender locked up for life.

Even though my school era was not a perfect world Schoolteachers and principals had authority to paddle our butts. They had authority to discipline us, suspend us from school and could put bite with their bark. We knew the teachers ruled and we respected them. I can remember see paddling's that I never wanted to get and received a couple myself.

No school has the ability to patrol every corner of a school facility. Bullying, fights and bad things typically occur in unsupervised spaces. Schools can't hire enough security guards or have enough monitors to patrol ever corner.

Every day in every state in America a private school is starting or the ground work is being formulated.

Ten years from now almost every city and even small community in America will have a private or faith-based school. Some of these will only be elementary schools but many have or will develop junior and senior highs. Such schools are not free of their own issues but parents across America are desperate for safe places for their kids. Parents want a place where there is zero tolerance of bullies and an administration who means business about protecting the children. They want an environment where their children can be mentored,

taught and prepared better for life, college or to move into adult jobs.

Parents don't want a school who they feel is working against them or hiding things from them.

Life is like this. The world is like a jungle most days. There are bullies in the workplaces, neighborhoods and mean people can be found all over. This is why we have the right to call 911. We can file charges against people with the police. We should have the right to carry a firearm and defend ourselves. We have to work to help each other and protect each other.

Teachers, administrators, parents and students must work together for safety and security. Children and teachers must feel safe with an environment free from bullying, hazing or intimidation. Kids should not have to wake up every day fearful of going to school. Neither should the school staff and parents.

The issue of bullying and school safety requires school boards, all staff, parents and students to work together. It's not a task for a few to accomplish but a job for us all.

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THE SKY IS FALLING?

With U.S. jets shooting down numerous unidentified flying objects seemingly every day over North American air space in the past week, we're all wondering, "What the heck is going on?"

As this is being written, the only thing we know for sure is that the first object that was shot down off the coast of South Carolina was a Chinese spy balloon.

Our military reportedly has adjusted its radar to try to spot more incursions -- which explains why the last three objects were picked up, whereas previously they may have gone unnoticed -- but one thing that these incidents have taught us is that our radar detection apparatus needs a serious upgrade.

It's tempting to joke about it -- Saturday Night Live did a funny skit about the Chinese spy balloon. And for our part, as we were watching the home videos and comments made by civilians, it made us think of the episode from the old TV show "F Troop" from the 1960s (yes, we are that old) when a balloon was shot down with bows and arrows, whereas this balloon was shot down by an F-22 Raptor fighter jet.

But there are so many unanswered questions and so many theories. Were the three other objects that were shot down also spy aircraft from another country? And if so, from where? Or were they owned by a private entity that also might be doing some sort of covert surveillance? How about aliens from outer space?

We'll only know the full story when all of those aircraft are recovered and analyzed. And it wouldn't be surprising if a few more objects are shot down in the coming days.

But in the meantime, let's hope we don't become a nation of Chicken Littles.

THE VICTIMS IN TURKEY AND SYRIA NEED OUR HELP

The ongoing tragedy because of the devastating earthquake that struck the nations of Turkey and Syria is the worst humanitarian disaster the world has seen in many years.

More than 35,000 people have died and that number is sure to rise even further in the coming days.

Natural and other disasters in our part of the world have been barely a blip compared to what the people of Turkey and Syria are dealing with. To put the earthquake in perspective, the combined death toll from the Surfside condo collapse in 2021 and Hurricane Ian in 2022 was 250. Both were terrible tragedies, but that number is less than one percent of the earthquake's death toll.

In addition, tens of thousands have been injured and millions more have been left homeless -- all told, this is a disaster of unimaginable proportions.

There are many international organizations from which to choose to assist with disaster relief efforts and we urge all of our readers who have the ability to do so to make a donation.

FOR PATS FANS, THE SUPER BOWL JUST ISN'T THE SAME

This past Sunday's Super Bowl game between the Eagles and the Chiefs certainly lived up to its hype.

But for those of us who were New England Patriots' fans for the two decades from 2001-19, the Super Bowl season just isn't the same.

Yes, on Sunday we marveled at Mahomes the Magician and rooted for Jalen Hurts, whose story has been so inspiring since his days at Alabama.

But the days when Foxboro was the center of the football universe -- the Pats were in nine Super Bowls in 18 years -- seem like only a distant memory, the likes of which never will be equaled again.

It was a good run, way better than anyone could have imagined when Adam Vinatieri kicked his game-winning field goal as time expired to win the 2002 Super Bowl.

Watching this past Sunday's Super Bowl served as a bittersweet reminder of our home team's former glory and the joy it brought to our region when our children wore their favorite Patriot player's jersey to school and everyone, it seemed, was glued to their TV sets.

But as we all know, all good things must come to an end.

And, not to be cynical, but with young quarterbacks like Mahomes, Josh Allen, and Joe Burrow in the AFC, it will be a long, long time before New England gets back to the big game.

PowerCorpsBOS joined A Better City and Roxbury Community College (RCC) for an orientation event to receive an overview of the newest PowerCorps building operations career pathway, skills to support the transition to energy efficiency and carbon reduction in Boston buildings. This program is a partnership between PowerCorpsBOS, Roxbury Community College's Center for Smart Building Technology and A Better City (ABC). Program participants will study at RCC's Center for Smart Building Technology and receive in-service learning opportunities within large buildings coordinated by A Better City.

"Creating career pathways through skills and job training is essential to growing our green workforce, especially as we work to transition more buildings to renewable, efficient energy," said Mayor Michelle Wu. "I'm grateful to our partners for working with us and the students participating for their commitment to helping lay the foundation for a clean, green future."

PowerCorpsBos works to train residents for green jobs after program completion, while focusing on career pathways into jobs that work to mitigate climate change to protect

the environment. The first PowerCorps cohort graduated in December. All of the 21 program graduates either have a new green job or are enrolled in additional training. An 'earn and learn' program, PowerCorpsBos pays members to participate in hands-on training and provides them with career readiness support, and connections to employers in the green industry. PowerCorpsBOS is a partnership that is led by the Worker Empowerment Cabinet and the Environment Department, in collaboration with Community Safety, Office of Youth Employment and Opportunity, and Boston Centers for Youth & Families. The goals of PowerCorpsBOS are to promote workforce development for young people in growing industries while supporting environmental stewardship.

"The core mission of PowerCorpsBos is to create pathways to earn a livable wage while also helping to care for the environment," said Davo Jefferson, Executive Director of PowerCorpsBos. "We are grateful to partner with RCC and ABC to ensure PowerCorps graduates are able to move directly into careers in the green building industry."

In Boston, 70 percent

of our greenhouse gas emissions come from the building sector," said Reverend Mariama White-Hammond, Chief of Environment, Energy and Open Space. "By creating a building operations career pathway through

PowerCorps, these graduates are preparing for high quality careers which will support our carbon neutrality goals."

"Congratulations to PowerCorpsBOS for

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Big Brothers Big Sisters of Eastern Massachusetts celebrate youth mentoring

On Feb. 4, Big Brothers Big Sisters of Eastern Massachusetts (BBBSEM) celebrated youth mentoring at the agency’s 24th annual Big Night at the House of Blues in Boston. Guests danced the night away to music by Michael Franti, supergroup Ezra Ray Hart, and Boston’s own French Lick. Held in-person for the first time in two years, the nonprofit’s largest fundraiser also featured Daphne Lopes, proud guardian of Little Aren and community activist as she was honored with the James J. Pallotta Award. The event raised more than \$1.5 million to support the organization’s year-round community, site-based and campus-based programs.

Mark O’Donnell, President and CEO of Big Brother Big Sisters of Eastern Massachusetts, emceed the event and spoke about the importance of mentoring, now more than ever, as the need from youth and families has never been higher. “Children are still feeling the effects from COVID,” says O’Donnell,



Shown (left to right) are BBBSEM Board Chair Rosemary Sheehan, Big Brother Ryan Hathaway, Guardian and James J. Pallotta Award recipient Daphne Lopes, BBBSEM President and CEO Mark O’Donnell, and auctioneer John Terrio.

a former two-time Big Brother. “Post-pandemic children benefit from a caring adult mentor who can help build social skills and self-confidence. We need more male identifying volunteers, as well as volunteers that speak different languages, to help create positive relationships between matches.”

Lopes, a Big Brother

Big Sisters of Eastern Massachusetts Constituent Advisory Board member, proud guardian of Little Brother Aren, and community activist, shared her passion and gratitude for BBBSEM programming as she accepted the James J. Pallotta Award. In addition to thanking the village around her, including other guardians in

the program, she shared a self-written poem.

Big Night is the nonprofit’s largest annual fundraiser. Since its inception in 1998, Big Night has raised more than \$42 million, supporting one-to-one friendships between young people and adult mentors.

“I’ve seen firsthand the impact that mentoring

makes in a child’s life,” says O’Donnell. “We rely heavily on the revenue that comes from special events like Big Night to continue running our programs. We need the public’s support and partnership as we continue serving as many youth and families as possible.”

Now more than ever, youth need additional academic, social and emotional support. Big Brothers Big Sisters of Eastern Massachusetts partners with families to provide children with one-to-one relationships with caring adult mentors who help them reach their fullest potential. In its 74th year, BBBSEM aims to serve nearly 4,000 youth.

The nonprofit is already looking forward to next year’s 25th anniversary Big Night to be held at the MGM Music Hall on Feb. 23, 2024.

For more information, to become a volunteer or to register your children, visit: www.emassbig.org.

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Eastern Massachusetts is an innovative, energetic organization that

is making a real difference in the lives of nearly 4,000 youth annually by providing them with an invested, caring adult mentor in long-term, professionally supported relationships. With research and proven outcomes at its core, Big Brothers Big Sisters of Eastern Massachusetts is working to defend the potential of children facing adversity and ensure every child has the support from caring adults that they need for healthy development and success in life. The organization’s vision is to inspire, engage and transform communities in Eastern Massachusetts by helping youth achieve their full potential, contributing to healthier families, better schools, more confident futures and stronger communities. Throughout its 74 years, the largest Big Brothers Big Sisters affiliate in New England has created and served more than 20,000 matches. For more information about the agency and its mission, visit www.emassbig.org.

ZONTA CLUB OF CHELSEA & NORTH SHORE



Bonnie Fishman is celebrated by the Zonta Club of Chelsea and North Shore. A brunch in Bonnie’s honor was held at The Marina at the Wharf in Revere on January 22nd. Bonnie has been a long-time member of the Zonta Club. She and her husband, Ron are relocating to San Diego. We all wish them the best on their move! Pictured (seated left to right) are Janice Sikorski, Bonnie Fishman, and Mary Jane O’Neill. Standing (left to right) are Pam Miller, Georgia Green, Liz Fama, Christine DePrizio, Janice Tatarka, Joan Lanzillo-Hahesy, and Barbara Lawlor.

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creating this innovative partnership with Roxbury Community College and A Better City,” said Trinh Nguyen, Chief of Worker Empowerment. “Expanding opportunities for sustainable jobs at living wages is part of the City and Worker Empowerment’s mission and we look forward to facilitating this new pathway.”

The building operations pathway is training for jobs that reduce greenhouse gas emissions in large buildings by teaching participants skills to maintain building operations at peak efficiency. The curriculum is being offered by RCC’s Center for Smart Building Technology in their state of the art lab and includes topics ranging from conducting energy audits to maintaining electrical, HVAC and plumbing systems. Participants will learn on the job with the goal of transitioning to an employee at the end of the six month training program.

A Better City has supported this partnership by working with member businesses and institutions to establish in-service learning opportunities in Boston-based large buildings. Participating organizations include the City of Boston, Beacon Capital Partners and their building operator partner, NEWMARK, Brigham and Women’s Hospital, C&W Services, Dana-Farber Cancer Institute, the Federal Reserve Bank of Boston, JLL, and Mass-General Hospital. A Better City’s work has been made possible by support from the Linde Family Foundation and the Barr Foundation.

The inaugural PowerCorps cohort were trained in urban forestry. The 21 graduates assisted 87 acres of public land, removed 284 bags of invasive material, worked with 18 service project

partners, planted 61 trees, underwent 16 hours of tree climbing training, earned three college credits from UMass Mount Ida in Arboriculture, talked to 68 employees in private to public industry, worked with four different City departments, pruned 32 trees, attended International Society of Arboriculture New England chapter conference, participated in 12 hours of mock interviews, and completed 16 hours of financial literacy courses. Graduates worked with Boston Housing Authority and UMass Mount Ida Campus to learn skills like tree protection, including pruning, felling, limbing, and bucking.

The City of Boston’s green jobs program is inspired by the Philadelphia PowerCorpsPHL model that builds opportunities for young people by tackling pressing environmental challenges and developing the skills required to secure meaningful work. The priority of PowerCorpsBOS is to create equitable and inclusive workforce pipelines into green jobs for historically marginalized young people. Priority populations include returning citizens, court-involved residents, youth who have experienced homelessness or housing instability, and young people who have been in foster care. In Boston, the program is designed with “earn and learn” practices to ensure that members enter and succeed in career green job pathways. Members go through specifically tailored phases, in a field of their choosing, that embed service and equity, as well as direct connections to job openings. The program also offers connections to continuing education opportunities, including through the City’s Tuition Free Community College program.

Not only current PowerCorps members, but also their families and alumni who are Boston residents, are eligible for TFCC.

“This partnership is not only a wonderful opportunity but essential to diversify the industry and create economic self-sufficiency for our community members,” said RCC Interim President Jackie Jenkins-Scott. “RCC is proud to offer both work force and degree programs in Smart Building Technology, ensuring Boston residents are leaders in this growing field.”

“Public private partnerships are a vital strategy for building a green and growing city for everyone,” said Yve Torrie, Director of Climate, Energy & Resilience at A Better City. “This PowerCorpsBOS partnership is poised to enhance our City’s economic health and competitiveness, while promoting equitable growth for the in-demand jobs of today and tomorrow. We are immensely grateful to the City of Boston for their vision, to RCC for their curriculum expertise, and to the participating A Better City member companies and institutions for stepping up to provide real-world training and employment opportunities.”

“We are thrilled to support the City of Boston’s program to build and train a workforce that will run the energy efficient buildings of the future,” said Jim Tierney, JLL New England Market Director and A Better City Board Chair. “A Better City member companies are providing state-of-the-art buildings as a training opportunity for hands-on experience in building operations. These buildings showcase the latest in technology and sustainability preparing trainees for the jobs of the future.”

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EAST BOSTON CENTRAL CATHOLIC SCHOOL HOLDS SCIENCE FAIR

Story & Photos By Marianne Salza

Students examined strawberry DNA through a microscope, and learned about the chemical reaction of different liquids with the calcium in milk, during East Boston Central Catholic School’s (EBCCS) 7th and 8th grade Science Fair, on February 10. The 19 projects that were on display for Catholic Schools Week included balloon-powered cars, and experiments with magnets.

“We determined that the minimum percent of salt that had to be in the water for an egg to float was 10% (60 grams). When we tried 9% (54 grams), it

sunk. This would explain how density affects an object. If the egg has more density than water, it will sink,” described 7th grader, Carlos Hincapie, about his project with friend, Tom Rozzi, “How Salty Does the Sea Have to be for an Egg to Float?”

Carlos and Tom added varying amounts of salt to mason jars filled with water to observe the buoyancy of eggs placed inside.

“It also works for humans. When we go into water, we float because the water is so dense,” said Tom, who enjoyed using scales to measure the grams of salt. “It was fun doing the project.”



Arianna Salmoran, 8th grade, explaining her project, “Does Dish Soap Repel Glitter?”



Dishawn Newton, 7th grade, explaining his project, “Milk vs. Liquids.”



Kyky, 6-years-old, examining strawberry DNA through a microscope.



Isabella Santoro, 7th grade, explaining her project, “How Much Sugar is in Your Drink?”



Lilly Ezaquiel-Blake, and Luciana Mejia, 7th grade, and their project, “Strawberry DNA.”



Ian Reece and Cole O’Brien, 8th grade, with their project, “Ecosystem in a Jar.”



Kayla Gomes and Samara Mejia, 7th grade, with their project, “Rubber Band Drag Racer.”



Daniella Lopez and Gia Alen, 7th grade, with their project, “Glowing Water.”



Tom, with his little brother, Michael Rozzi, and Carlos Hincapie, 7th grade, with their project, “How Salty Does the Sea Have to be for an Egg to Float?”



East Boston Central Catholic School students attending the 7th and 8th grade Science Fair on February 10.

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Sports

EAST BOSTON GIRLS BASKETBALL IN HOOP ACTION AGAINST CHARLESTOWN

East Boston girls basketball celebrated Senior Day by winning its fifth game of the year with a 51-28 victory over Charlestown at East Boston High School Thursday, February 9. Seven team members of the Class of 2023 were recognized before the Jets took the floor and dominated their City League rivals.



IT'S MINE: East Boston's Cindy Alfaro (3) keeps a rebound from a Charlestown forward.



ON TOP OF THINGS: Senior Sterling Marte(11) creates a difficult path for a Charlestown offensive.



NO DOUBT: Isabella Munoz (10) pulls down a rebound.



INSIDE TRACK: East Boston's Cindy Alfaro (3) reaches for control of a loose ball.

LOCAL STUDENTS EARN ACADEMIC HONORS

BRALEY GRADUATES FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF TAMPA

Jessica Braley, of East Boston, graduated from The University of Tampa on Saturday, Dec. 16. Braley earned a Entrepreneurship BS degree. The commencement ceremony included 985 undergraduate and graduate candidates. The ceremony included remarks by Kim Morris, assistant professor of health sciences and human performance, and the student challenge speaker. The University of Tampa is a private, comprehensive university located on 110 acres on the river-

front in downtown Tampa. Known for academic excellence, personal attention and real-world experience in its undergraduate and graduate programs, the University has about 200 programs of study and serves about 11,000 students from 50 states and most of the world's countries.

MALDEN CATHOLIC ANNOUNCES HONOR ROLL - SECOND QUARTER

Malden Catholic East Boston students have completed the coursework required for the second quarter of the 2022-2023 school year. The school

has three categories for outstanding academic performance honors: President's List (90 - 100 in all classes), First Honors (85 to 89 in all classes), and Second Honors (80 to 84 in all classes.) Malden Catholic Honors - QUARTER TWO 2022 President's List Esteban Perez Chau Minh Tran Second Honors Ariana Noe Since 1932, Malden Catholic High School has shaped emerging leaders in our community, claiming a Nobel Laureate, a Senator, two ambassadors and countless community and business heads among its alumni. Annually, graduates attend some of the nation's most renown universities including Harvard, Dartmouth, Georgetown, Brown, Cornell, Tufts, Duke, Georgia Tech, Bos-

ton College, Northeastern, Boston University and Amherst College. Foundational to student success is Malden Catholic's codivisional model which offers the best of both worlds, single-gender academics during the day and integrated social and extracurricular opportunities after school. Malden Catholic is known in the community for its rigorous academics, SFX Scholars Program and award-winning STEM program (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) with electives such as Robotics and Engineering Design. Malden Catholic curricula is designed to improve individual growth mindset, leadership principles and success outcomes along with integrating the Xavarian values of trust, humility, compassion, simplicity and zeal. <https://www.maldencatholic.org>.

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Malden Catholic welcomes Cardinal O'Malley for Catholic Schools Week

By Marianne Salza

Malden Catholic High School welcomed Cardinal Seán Patrick O'Malley, Archbishop of Boston, in celebration of their Catholic Schools Week liturgy on February 1.

"I am delighted I could be here to mark this important week," Cardinal O'Malley said softly. "Catholic schools are an important part of our ministry in the Catholic church. There have been Catholic schools from the first century, 2,000 years ago. In our country -- for over 200 years -- millions of Americans have studied in Catholic schools. It has been a labor of love."

During mass, Cardinal O'Malley described how Catholic schools help students discover their identity as children of God. His homily encouraged listeners to see the world through God's eyes and to value the gospel.

"The mission we have is to work towards a civili-



Cardinal Seán O'Malley, Archbishop of Boston, celebrating a Catholic Schools Week liturgy with Malden Catholic High School. (Photo by Jim Black).

zation of love, and a world of justice," explained Cardinal O'Malley. "I discussed the importance of science and technology. We need to have a vision of faith to see how to put these wonderful things in the service of God and humanity."

Due to His Eminence's commitments, Cardinal O'Malley attends one or two educational insti-



Cardinal Seán Patrick O'Malley speaking with Marianna Cavuoto, HR Manager, Mary-Anne DiMarco, International Program Director, and Philomena Brackett.

tutions during Catholic Schools Week. Malden Catholic was honored to have been the first to invite him to commemorate the special occasion.

"Welcoming Cardinal O'Malley was a memorable event. It was electrifying all day long with our students and staff," beamed President John Thornburg. "It showed me how important Catholic faith is to our community. He is a symbol of that."

Catholic Schools Week events included an ap-

preciation breakfast and prayer service for faculty and staff; as well as a variety of campus ministry activities.

"This is an important week for us. We're having one of our best years ever. Enrollment exceeded last year. We have a lot of great things happening," Thornburg shared. "We've been celebrating the success of Malden Catholic. We couldn't be happier with the direction of the school."



Hon. Regina Quinlan Doherty and Cardinal Seán Patrick O'Malley.



Cardinal Seán Patrick O'Malley, Archbishop of Boston, greeting John K. Thornburg, President.



Cardinal Seán O'Malley, Archbishop of Boston, presenting his homily to students and faculty of Malden Catholic. (Photo by Jim Black).



Bryce Summers, '25, Tyrese Alexis, '24, Dernas Habtom, '25, Cardinal Seán Patrick O'Malley, OFM Cap., Gabriel Fernandes, '25, Samuel Sympre, '25, Phillip Thomson, '26, Fru Nche, '25, and Roomy Mondestin, '25.



Robert Bucchino, Boys Division Leader, Jeanne Lynch-Galvin, Girls Division Leader, Cardinal Seán Patrick O'Malley, OFM Cap., Archbishop of Boston, John K. Thornburg, President, and Jeff Smith, Principal.



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Cardinal Seán O'Malley with Malden Catholic students. (Photo by Jim Black).



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Sen. Edwards and Rep. Connolly launch Housing for All caucus

Sen. Lydia Edwards and Rep. Mike Connolly, joined by 60 of their colleagues, launched the Housing for All caucus in the Massachusetts Legislature. At the inaugural meeting, legislators presented their priority housing policy ideas for the current legislative session on a myriad of topics including: homelessness prevention, tenant protections, support for first-time homebuyers, affordable housing production, zoning reform, revenue to support local affordability, anti-discrimination, and civil rights.

“I am proud to launch the Housing for All caucus with Senator Lydia Edwards and so many of our legislative colleagues,”

Representative Mike Connolly (D-Cambridge) said. “Today’s affordable housing emergency is without any precedent in modern history, so it requires all of us to come together to seek consensus on comprehensive solutions that can address each aspect of this ongoing crisis.”

“I’m thankful to be joined by Representative Mike Connolly and many of my colleagues from the legislature in this work,” said Senator Lydia Edwards (D-Boston). “Every day I hear from families in my district who are facing eviction, rent increases, and housing instability. I am committed to using every tool available to address the housing crisis, deliver immediate relief

to families in need, and to work collaboratively to create a system that makes housing truly affordable for all.”

The purpose of the caucus is to build consensus for policies addressing all aspects of the housing crisis. Initial areas of interest include: advancing the vision of Housing as a Human Right, working to end housing discrimination in all its forms, building support for local affordable housing policies and programs, and working with DHCD Secretary and the future Secretary of Housing to improve systems currently in place. The caucus will achieve these aims by supporting legislation, advancing budget priorities, expanding the

knowledge base of members, staff, and the public, and by building collaborative relationships with the administration, legislative leadership, local housing authorities and affordable housing developers, and other key community stakeholders.

The Housing for All caucus is being founded by a total of 61 legislators. In addition to Sen. Edwards and Rep. Connolly, members currently include: Sen. Adam Gomez Rep. Lindsay Sabadosa Rep. Joe McGonagle Rep. Adrian Madaro Sen. Liz Miranda Sen. John Cronin Rep. Alan Silvia Rep. Manny Cruz Rep. Judith Garcia Rep. Andy Vargas

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NEWS FROM AROUND THE REGION

TRAFFIC COMMISSION APPROVES MAKING BROADWAY BUS LANE PERMANENT

CHELSEA - The city’s Traffic and Parking Commission approved making the bus and bike lane on Broadway permanent.

The request was initially made by former City Manager Thomas Ambrosino in a letter dated Sept. 28, 2022.

“The goal is to make permanent the bus and bike lane that operates downtown currently between Fay Square and Third Street/Everett Avenue,” said Alex Train, the city’s Housing and Community Development Director. “Currently, the bus lane operates to serve the Route 111, Route 112, and other local bus routes. A study that the city commissioned did demonstrate that it had no adverse impact on traffic and it did improve safety in the downtown.”

As a result of that study, Train said the city administration recommended that the bus and bike lane be made permanent, as well as be integrated into the redesign of the infrastructure downtown.

The City Council typically has the final sign off on recommendations approved by the Traffic and Parking Commission.

In other business, the commission approved a plan to add a second vehicular peak a.m. lane on Everett Avenue southbound.

“Due to rush hour traffic, at times it is difficult for drivers to access the Rte. 1 onramp going into town,” said Train. “We would propose adding a restricted lane that would only operate between 5 a.m. and 10 a.m. Monday through Friday.”

After 10 a.m., drivers would be able to use the metered parking spaces along the southbound side of Everett Avenue.

“We did have our transportation consultant examine this just to determine whether there would be any adverse impacts, and they concluded that there wouldn’t be any negative impacts if it was done,” said Train.

The commission also agreed to have the traffic consultant look into the feasibility of a request made by a resident to make Clark Avenue one way between Stockton Street and Webster Avenue.

“Due to the fact that this involves the direction of the street and traffic circulation, we would want to table this in order

to examine the operational and safety impact a change might have,” said Train. “The resident that petitioned the commission did cite a number of reasons for the request, so we would propose relaying this to our transportation engineer just to look into it to make sure it was viable and wouldn’t have any negative impacts.”

CPD, LA COLABORATIVA TEAM UP TO ASSIST CHELSEA RESIDENTS IN EMERGENCIES

CHELSEA - A new task force in Chelsea, HEART (High Risk Emergency Action Relocation Team) – a collaborative effort between the Chelsea Police Department, led by Chief Keith Houghton and La Colaborativa, led by Executive Director Gladys Vega – was tested immediately during this past weekend’s below-zero temperatures.

Officially formed last week, HEART sprung into action on Saturday during a serious dip in temperatures.

“The day started off at negative-8 degrees, and we had smoke coming out of one of the furnaces [in a residence] and there was an evacuation,” said Officer Jonathan Maldonado. “When we responded [with the Chelsea Fire Department] to the scene, there were 17 people stranded outside the building, from ages 3 to 80, and three cats.”

“We were able to bring the residents to the station in our van, and ultimately we transported them to the La Colaborativa,” continued Maldonado.

Vega ordered food for the residents and arranged for transportation to a local hotel where the displaced residents were able to stay until the situation at their apartments was resolved.

Vega stressed that the task force’s reach will extend beyond relocation efforts. “This is about assisting our community in a partnership [with the Chelsea Police Department,” said Vega.

Norielez DeJesus, policy and organizing director at La Colaborativa, said the task force sprung from an idea “to get law enforcement and the community La Colaborativa serves to build a trust, and we were the vehicle of trust within this project.”

“The lens that we see it is, for the long-term impact to be we step in, we educate, and we connect them to the wraparound services at La Colaborati-

va,” explained DeJesus.

Rosie Medina, a Chelsea Police detective who serves as president of the La Colaborativa board of directors, was instrumental in the formation of the group. “Rosie was able to guide us as to what services we should be tapping into at the Police Department to help us in our daily interactions with the people in need that we assist,” said DeJesus.

Vega said the proposal for a task force was actually hatched 20 years ago.

“We began to do this indirectly with the Chelsea Police Department two decades ago, with Police officers helping us with domestic violence work, mediation, and landlord-tenant issues,” said Vega. “In Chelsea, we have always highlighted that the Chelsea Police are a vital part of the community, they live in the city – and in order for us to enhance the quality of life of our residents, we all have to come together. Chelsea Police officers are always at our festivals and volunteering at our activities, and we highlight that partnership.”

Vega said that when Keith Houghton became the new Chief of Chelsea Police, “he said, ‘Let’s organize this, make this a real program, figure out the resources available, and assign police officers to the group.’”

Houghton said he knew of Medina’s important leadership role in La Colaborativa before becoming chief but was not entirely aware of La Colaborativa’s breadth of experience in meeting the needs of residents in crisis.

“I was working the desk one night and [Officer] Jonathan Maldonado went out on a call for a domestic violence situation,” said Houghton. “Jonathan called and indicated that he was going to help with the La Colaborativa in relocating the victim. That was the day I said, ‘this [task force] is a great idea and we need to solidify with partnership with La Colaborativa.’”

In what would likely be a first-in-the-nation initiative, Houghton is considering the deployment of Medina – in her role as a community detective – at a space inside La Colaborativa – and having police officers at the station [likely Officers Fernando Camacho and Jonathan Maldonado] serving as direct 24/7 contacts with La Colaborativa.

“La Colaborativa is a big part of the community and a core provider for a population that may not trust government, and that was the one missing link in our public safety policy, so this [HEART] wraps it all together. There has always been a connection

[between the Police and La Colaborative, formerly the Chelsea Collaborative], and we’ve finally put together an effective, community service program.”

FORESTEIRE’S TRIAL UNDERWAY

EVERETT-The jury trial of former Everett School Superintendent Frederick Foresteire got underway this past Monday in Malden District Court.

Foresteire is facing multiple counts of indecent assault & battery and simple assault & battery for his alleged actions involving three females who worked for the School Department during his tenure as superintendent of schools.

Monday’s proceedings included the selection of the jury, the opening statements by Middlesex County Assistant District Attorney Carrie Spiros and defense attorney Gerard Malone, and testimony by the first of Foresteire’s three accusers.

Foresteire, who is 79 and who resigned in 2019 after lengthy career when the accusations became public, had attempted to plead out his case last December by means of a continuance without a finding (commonly referred to as a CWOFF), which is an admission to sufficient facts to the charges, but without

pleading guilty.

However, the District Court judge at that time, Emily Karstetter, rejected the plea deal and instead recommended a guilty finding and imposing a sentence of 18 months with 12 months suspended.

Foresteire rejected that offer and opted for a jury trial.


At that December hearing, the three women delivered emotional victim impact statements inside the courtroom. All three women, who worked in different capacities in the School Department, alleged that Foresteire engaged in inappropriate behavior while they were working in their jobs in the School Department. The three women also said that Foresteire’s actions adversely affected their physical and mental health.

At Monday’s hearing, the first of the three witnesses described multiple allegations of behavior directed toward her by Foresteire that have given rise to the charges.

Malone in his opening statement told the jury that Foresteire adamantly denies the charges and that he will be taking the stand in his own defense.

The trial is expected to continue through most of this week.

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Aimee Chambers named new Director of Planning

Chief of Planning Arthur Jemison today announced the hiring of Aimee Chambers, AICP as the new Director of Planning. Her professional experience includes a wide range of planning and urban design work from affordable housing development to bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure design. The planning team led by Chambers, which is currently housed at the Boston Planning & Development Agency (BPDA), will move to a new City Planning & Design Department, which was announced by Mayor Wu in her 2023 State of the City, to restore planning as a core function of City government. As the City Planning & Design Department is being formed to drive the city's planning function, the BPDA will continue to build out a strong planning team to deliver on the Mayor's vision for resilient, affordable, equitable growth.

"I'm thrilled to welcome Aimee to our leadership team, where she will serve a critical role helping us create a more resilient, affordable, and equitable future for Boston," said Chief of Planning Arthur Jemison. "Aimee's experience in other

municipalities will bring new perspectives and momentum for delivering our bold vision for the city."

Chambers will be responsible for implementing the Mayor's vision for citywide land use planning strategies and action plans that shape equitable long-term growth. This vision includes a Citywide plan to rezone and enhance squares and corridors, creating the opportunity for thousands of new housing units and neighborhood small businesses, retail, and jobs. It also includes completing neighborhood plans, bringing them to zoning, and building out the zoning team to evaluate and modernize the zoning code.

"I am very excited to be joining the team at such a pivotal point in time for planning work in Boston," said Director of Planning Aimee Chambers. "Thank you to Chief Jemison for recognizing and valuing my passion for equitable planning principles, service delivery, and zoning analysis. I look forward to serving the Wu Administration and delivering outcomes focused on resilience, affordability, and equity for the people of Boston."

As Director of Plan-

ning, Chambers will also work closely with Deputy Chief of Urban Design Diana Fernandez to ensure a seamless integration of planning and urban design policies to shape the built environment of the city. Another goal of this planning work is to make the development process more predictable for community members and developers, and to reduce the number of proposals that require relief from the Zoning Board of Appeal.

Chambers has worked across the non-profit and public sectors for 12 years as a planner and project manager and, prior to that, as a foster care case manager. She most recently served as the Director of Planning for the City of Hartford, Connecticut, where she led planning and zoning for the city. Chambers also has experience in climate change-related disaster resiliency working for the Greater New Orleans Housing Alliance as a contractor for the State of Louisiana Office of Community Development - Disaster Recovery Unit. In each of the communities that she has served, Chambers has centered her work on the implementation of programs that engage with and advocate for residents

and worked to amplify the voices of people of color and underserved populations.

Chambers is a 2019 Next City Vanguard (Newark, NJ) and was nominated in CT Magazine's 40 Under 40, Class of 2022. She graduated from Manhattan College with a degree in Sociology and Urban Studies. Her master's degree in Community Planning is from the University of Maryland-College Park.

As the City of Boston's urban planning and economic development agency, the BPDA works in partnership with the community to plan Boston's future while respecting its past. The agency's passionate and knowledgeable staff guides physical, social, and economic change in Boston's neighborhoods and its downtown to shape a more prosperous, resilient, and vibrant city for all. The BPDA also prepares residents for new opportunities through employment training, human services and job creation. Learn more at bostonplans.org, and follow us on Twitter @BostonPlans.

OBITUARIES

Theresa DiPerre Of Winthrop

Theresa (Straccamoro) DiPerre of Winthrop passed away on February 6.

The beloved wife of the late Gesamino DiPerre, she was the devoted step-mother of Robbin DiPerre and wife, Charlotte, Wanda Morell and husband, Jim, Dennis DiPerre, Brian DiPerre and the late Kevin DiPerre, Deloris Hennessey and her surviving husband, Stephen; dear sister of the late Barbara Palmucci, Helen Larkin, Louis Straccamoro and Steven DiPerre; adored grandmother of nine grandchildren, 18 great-grandchildren and one great-great grandchild.

She is also survived by many loving nieces and nephews.

Family and friends will honor Theresa's life by



gathering at the Ruggiero Family Memorial Home, 971 Saratoga Street, Orient Heights, East Boston today, Wednesday, February 15 from 9 to 11 a.m. followed by an 11 a.m. prayer service in our serenity chapel. Services will conclude with Theresa being laid to rest with her beloved husband at Holy Cross Cemetery in Malden. To leave an online condolence, visit www.ruggieromh.com.

Ernest Manfra Of East Boston

Ernest "Ernie" Manfra of East Boston passed away peacefully on February 6 at 91 years of age.

The beloved husband of Carole (Brazell) Manfra, he was the devoted father of Ernest and Debra of Revere, Chris of East Boston, Lori Coviello Manfra and her husband, Richard of Peabody and Paul Manfra of Saugus; dear brother of Josephine DeSimone of Millis and the late Constance Turco; cherished grandfather of Deena Internicola Manfra of Topsfield, Matthew and Nicholas of Revere and Alexis and Michael of Peabody and treasured great-grandfather of Joseph, Gia, Sabrina, and Viviana of Topsfield. He



is also survived by many loving nieces and nephews.

Services were held on Friday, February 10 and Ernie was laid to rest at Holy Cross Cemetery, Malden. For more information or to leave an online condolence, please visit www.ruggieromh.com.

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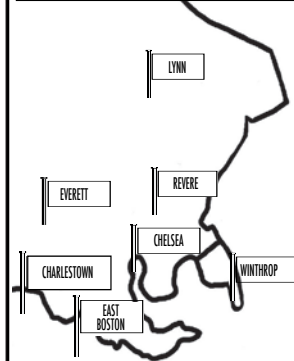
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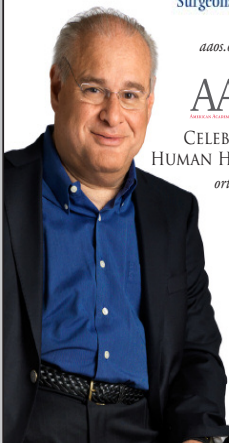
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But Jeffrey Galpin did more than survive polio. He went on to a list of achievements in medical research—including being the principal investigator in applying the first gene therapy for HIV/AIDS.

Dr. Galpin actually credits his own incurable condition for giving him the focus that made him so passionate in his research. His story leaves us with two of the most contagious messages we know. Don't give up, and remember to give back. If Dr. Galpin's story inspires just one more person to make a difference, then its telling here has been well worth while.

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DIDOMENICO
AND ADVOCATES
UNVEIL
LEGISLATION
TO EXPAND
LANGUAGE ACCESS
IN GOVERNMENT
AGENCIES

EVERETT-Last week, Senator Sal DiDomenico joined a collection of policymakers, immigrants-rights activists with the Mass Speaks Coalition, and directly-impacted individuals to unveil his Language Access and Inclusion Act, which would dramatically expand the availability of non-English language applications and interpretation services at the state’s public-facing state agencies, such as MassHealth, the Department of Children and Families, and the Department of Unemployment Assistance.

The Language Access and Inclusion Act was first introduced in 2021 by Senator DiDomenico, Representative Adrian Madaro, and Representative Carlos González. The bill received 25 cosponsors across the House and Senate and was favorably reported out of the Joint Committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight. Advocates at last week’s press conference said the bill is critically needed in Massachusetts, where one-in-10 residents are considered limited English proficient. “Language access is critical for the well-being and daily lives of so many people living in our Commonwealth, especially the residents of my district and throughout gateway communities,” said Senator DiDomenico, Assistant Majority Leader of the Massachusetts Senate. “Non-English-speaking residents should be able to access government services, from public health information to education to unemployment and more crucial resources. I am proud to partner with the Mass Speaks Coalition on this important piece of legislation and look forward to working with them to get this bill across the finish line.”

Introduced as SD.1066 by Senator Sal DiDomenico of Everett and HD.3616 by Representative Madaro of East Boston and Representative Carlos González of Springfield, the Language Access and Inclusion Act would mandate that public-facing state agencies provide interpretation services and translate vital documents in non-English languages. Additionally, the bill would outline minimum language accessibility standards, cultivate best practices, and ensure staff capacity and training across public-facing state agencies. It would also create an advisory board with representatives from limited English-speaking communities, the deaf or hard-of-hearing community, and community groups/legal service providers to help agencies implement the law.

Claudia, a Massachusetts resident who moved from Brazil, shared her story through an interpreter, “It got to the point where any problem I had to solve with public or private companies became an anguish, a torment, something disturbing that I often gave up solving.”

The push to pass the Language Access and Inclusion Act comes on the heels of the state’s 2022

move, led by Senator DiDomenico who secured funding to bolster language access resources at the Registry of Motor Vehicles (RMV). Then, the state allocated funding for services, programs, and activities to expand language access. Advocates hailed that move as a strong step in the right direction, especially considering how public-facing the RMV is, but said it is critical that the state build off of this success and implement language access reform across all public-facing state agencies.

The Mass Speaks Coalition includes the Massachusetts Immigrant and Refugee Advocacy Coalition, Massachusetts Law Reform Institute, Massachusetts Appleseed Center for Law and Justice and the Justice Center of Southeast Massachusetts (an affiliate of South Coastal Counties Legal Services).

REVERE BEACH
PARTNERSHIP
ANNOUNCES
DATES AND THEME
FOR THE 2023
REVERE BEACH
INTERNATIONAL
SAND SCULPTING
FESTIVAL

REVERE-The Revere Beach Partnership, in coordination with its co-sponsors the City of Revere and the Department of Conservation and Recreation, is excited to announce that it will be hosting the 19th Annual Revere Beach International Sand Sculpting Festival from July 28th to 30th, 2023.

“Revere Beach Partnership’s mission is to preserve and enhance America’s first public beach for the enjoyment of all. We are thrilled this world-class festival allows us to showcase the beauty of Revere Beach to people from all over the world. Visitors will marvel at not only the beautiful works of art in the sand but also the incredible revitalization that continues to transform the area along this historic beach,” said John Hamel, Chairman of the Revere Beach International Sand Sculpting Festival Committee.

The theme for this year’s event will be “Celebrating 90 Years of Kong” and will feature a centerpiece sand sculpture highlighting an epic King Kong battle. The event’s signature master sand sculpting competition will feature 15 master sand sculptors, three days of live entertainment, gourmet food trucks, specialty food vendors, exhibitors, amusement rides, as well as some special King Kong-themed surprises

that will be announced closer to the event.

“The International Sand Sculpting Festival is one of the best times of the year to come out and enjoy Revere Beach,” said Mayor Brian Arrigo. “I always admire the work of the sculptors who fly in from everywhere around the world to sculpt on our coastline. We are looking forward to welcoming you back to Revere Beach once again to enjoy the countless activities and peruse all the new amenities and businesses our beach has to offer!”

The Revere Beach Partnership is excited to see everyone on the beach once again for this free, family-friendly event that has become a New England tradition. More details and announcements about the event will be made at a later date. For the most up-to-date information about the event, please visit our website www.rbissf.com, or follow us on social media.

Revere Beach Partnership is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization that was established in 2001. The mission of the Revere Beach Partnership is to preserve and enhance America’s first public beach for the enjoyment of all. The partnership is made up of a volunteer board that shares a love for Revere and Revere Beach. For more information, please visit www.reverebeachpartnership.com or www.rbissf.com.

Traffic Commission
Reduces Length of Visitor
Placards to Eight Days

REVERE-In addition to a lengthy discussion of the traffic study for the Malden St.-Squire Rd. neighborhood, the Traffic Commission took up a number of other items at its meeting two weeks ago.

The agenda included public hearings on proposed amendments to the city’s parking and traffic regulations.

The first was a proposed amendment to Section 10.23.040(G) regarding the duration of visitor parking placards. The present ordinance allows for placards for up to 10 days, but the proposed change would reduce the length of stay to eight days.

Louis Flores of the city’s Parking Dept. spoke in favor of the amendment.

“We’re highly in favor of this,” said Flores. “We’re trying to make parking for residents more of a priority, as opposed to visitors who overstay their welcome. We’re hoping that by reducing the number of days, we can open up spaces for residents.”

There were no opponents to the measure and the commissioners (Chairman Paul Argenzio, David

Callahan, Frank Stringi, Nick Rystrom, and Chris Bright) unanimously approved the amendment without further discussion.

The commission next took up a request to amend Schedule VIII of Title 10 (Parking Restrictions Generally) by adding two, 15-minute parking spaces at 75 Shirley Avenue Monday through Friday between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.

Argenzio said that this item had been put forward by Ward 2 City Councillor Ira Novoselkly. However, with Novoselsky not being present to explain the basis for the request, the commission unanimously tabled the matter.

The commission then held a hearing on a measure to amend Schedule XI of Title 10 (Handicapped Person Parking) by adding two locations, 33 Dehon Street and 37 Barrett Street.

However, this matter also lacked a sponsor. Ralph DeCicco, the chair of the city’s Disabilities Commission, usual-

ly presents the facts as to whether such requests meet the statutory requirements for handicapped signage. However, DeCicco was not present and the commission tabled the matters.

The commission also voted to move to a public hearing a request to amend Schedule IX of Title 10 (Resident Parking Enforcement) by adding Sachem Street.

A public hearing on this matter will be held at the commission’s next meeting in February.

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WINTHROP-Have you ever wanted to own your own fire truck? Well, you’re in luck! The Town of Winthrop is currently auctioning off two used fire trucks — a 1996

Pierce Dash – Tilt Cab Fire Pumper and a 1989 GMC Model TC7D04 E-One (used as a Rescue 1). Both of the fire trucks are perfect for road construction companies or for use in a small fire department. These online auctions are open to the public at municibid.com and end on Monday, February 13.

Why are these auctions important? These auctions are helping to bring money right back into improving Winthrop’s community. 100% of the proceeds from these auctions go back to the Town of Winthrop. These funds are used for road maintenance, setting up local events for residents, community programs, public safety initiatives, and more!

The 1996 Pierce Dash – Tilt Cab Fire Pumper has 69,401 miles on it and features a 6v92T Detroit Diesel Motor and Allison HT 740 Transmission. The 1989 GMC Model TC7D04 E-One has 27,708 miles on it and features a Onan 7.5 KW Diesel Generator.

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FRESH AND LOCAL

Steam it!

By Penny & Ed Cherubino

If all you're steaming is vegetables, you are missing out on a world of easy cooking. Just think of all those Dim Sum carts filled with bamboo steamer baskets of dumplings, fish balls, buns, and cakes.

New England cooking includes many steamed favorites. We love clam shack "steamers," the local name for soft-shelled clams steamed in salt water, wine, or beer. Steaming is our preferred way to cook lobsters or crabs. Traditional Boston brown bread is steamed in a coffee can. This makes sense when you realize that many colonial homes did not have an oven.

Steaming is a great way to cook fish at home. Classic Asian recipes for scallion ginger fish and French fine dining Paupiette de Sole are both steamed. Delicate fish can be steamed off the burner in just the residual steam

in the pan. This helps prevent overcooking.

Double Duty

Melissa Clark recently published her recipe for One Pot Salmon and Rice in the New York Times. She started by steaming a pot of coconut rice with a bit of green curry paste added for zest. When the rice was about half cooked, she added the fish. She wrote, "...since salmon's so easygoing, draping the filets right on top of the rice to steam struck me as the simplest way to go, with the fewest dishes to wash afterward."

Clark is right about clean-up. Not only will you use fewer pots and pans when you steam things but this wet cooking method also makes those things you use easier to clean. Another trick used by those who do a lot of steaming is to protect the steamer with parchment paper with holes to let steam move about. You can make your own or buy

these premade to fit popular steamer sizes.

Equipment

You can spend money and take up space with specialized steaming appliances. However, there's a good chance that your kitchen will have something that can be used to steam food. A soup pot with a folding steamer basket will work fine for many items. Other food can be steamed on a heat-resistant dinner plate.

Most companies that sell pans offer a multi-pot with a couple of baskets that let you steam more than one item at a time. These come in various materials and price points from aluminum to stainless steel. Some cooks use their rice cookers as steamers. Instant Pots have steamer settings.

Simple multi-level bamboo steamers let you cook different food on each level, and you can remove each item from the stack when it is cooked to



Steamed dumplings are always a treat! (photo by Rasmus Gundorff Sæderup)

your desired doneness.

If you have a wok, you could use it for steaming. Although wok guru, Grace Young warns that this might ruin the seasoning patina. She suggests a second wok just for steaming and boiling.

Steaming Tips

Never underestimate the danger of burns with steam. Use protection for your hands when you touch the pan or steamer.

Always lift covers away from your face, so the cover protects you from the steam.

Make certain any plate or bowl you use in a steamer is heat resistant. To encourage good steam circulation, put an upside-down saucer under your food dish to lift it from the bottom of the cooking pot.

Make sure the water does not boil away. You can open the steaming vessel to check the water level. While this is most important when steaming a whole chicken or large pudding, it can also happen with shorter cooking times.

Do you have a question or topic for Fresh & Local? Send an email to Penny@BostonZest.com with your suggestion.

Boston's most popular dog names

Reminder: Boston dog licensing deadline is March 31

The Boston Parks and Recreation Department's Animal Care and Control Division reminds city dog owners that the annual deadline for licensing their pets is March 31. All dogs in Boston require a new license each year.

"We take this time each year to remind pet owners not only that licensing your pet is the law, but a license is your pet's ID and provides their best chance to be returned home if they become lost," noted Animal Care and Control Director Alexis Trzcinski. "If your dog ever gets out, the chances of being reunited

are greatly increased with a license."

In preparation for the 2023 licensing deadline, the Animal Care and Control Division released licensing data from the previous year to reveal the most popular dog names of 2022.

The most popular male dog name in 2022 was once again Charlie with 81 registered in Boston, while Bentley brought up the back of the pack with 23 males with that name. The top female name registered was also the same this year, Luna, with 114 registered while 25th place went to Piper with 27 licensed.

The data also provides

the 25 most popular dog breeds registered in Boston. In 2022 the top ten breeds were Labrador Retriever with 1,694 registered, Golden Retriever (727), Chihuahua (480), German Shepherd (392), Miniature Poodle (331), Pit Bull (321), Yorkshire Terrier (314), Shih Tzu (312), Beagle (311), and Australian Shepherd (296).

All dog owners need to license their dogs by Friday, March 31, 2023. Dogs must be licensed if they are older than six months. Owners must provide a copy of their dog's current rabies certificate. For spayed and neutered

proof of spaying or neutering if they have not done so previously.

Licensing fees are \$15 for a neutered male or spayed female or \$30 for an intact male or female. The dog licensing fee is waived for service animals and residents age 70 and older. Owners must also pay any outstanding Animal Care and Control fines. The fine for an unlicensed dog is \$50. Please call (617) 635-5348 or email animalcontrol@boston.gov with any questions about the licensing process or to update your information in the database.

For an in-depth guide on dog licensing, including a link to license your dog online, visit Animal Care and Control's how-to article.

The City of Boston will also host a series of dog licensing and pet vaccine clinics from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturdays from March 4 to June 3 at seven BCYF community centers. For details, fees, and locations please visit boston.gov/animals or call (617) 635-1800.

Animal Care & Control posts photos of adoptable pets on their social media accounts at instagram.com/bostonanimalcontrol, twitter.com/animalboston and facebook.com/boston-animal.

Top 25 female dog names of 2022

Based on City of Boston 2022 Licensing Data

1	Luna
2	Bella
3	Daisy
4	Lucy
5	Lola
6	Penny
7	Rosie
8	Stella
9	Bailey
10	Sadie
11	Molly
12	Ruby
13	Chloe
14	Coco
15	Maggie
16	Lily
17	Millie
18	Sophie
19	Olive

Top 25 male dog names of 2022

Based on City of Boston 2022 Licensing Data

1	Charlie
2	Cooper
3	Teddy
4	Max
5	Finn
6	Oliver
7	Milo
8	Winston
9	Rocky
10	Ollie
11	Louie
12	Toby
13	Gus
14	Henry
15	Buddy
16	Tucker
17	Archie
18	Leo
19	Jack
20	Bear
21	Bruno
22	Ziggy
23	Jackson
24	Duke
25	Bentley

Real Estate Transfers

BUYER 1	SELLER 1	ADDRESS	PRICE
Mesa, Luis E	Velasquez, Gustavo	17-A Bennington St	\$600,000
Walsh, Matthew	69 Lubec Street LLC	69 Lubec St #202	\$685,000
Bevan, Douglas E	69 Lubec Street LLC	69 Lubec St #402	\$760,000
Svrsek, Scott S	Defreitas, Wagner M	76 Wordsworth St #2	\$729,000
Stone, Carolyn	Fjk Rt	156 Porter St #221	\$595,000
Real Estate Boston LLC	Delgrosso, Maria	165 Gove St	\$2,050,000
McLaughlin, Andea	340 Meridian Street LLC	340 Meridian St #3	\$700,000
Root, Nathan	Barker, Stephen D	379 Meridian St #401	\$400,000
Lee, Alyssa	1150 Bennington St LLC	1152 Bennington St #3	\$575,000

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