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AirInc. gives nod to Massport's Uber and Lyft plan

By John Lynds

Earlier this month, Massport Acting CEO John Prankevicius laid out a plan to remove three million trips by Transportation Network Companies (TNCs) like Uber and Lyft from local roadways that have been greatly contributing to East Boston's traffic woes.

Over the past few years Uber and Lyft trips to and from Logan International Airport has exploded with 12 million annual trips a year. However these trips are only picking up seven million riders. The remaining five million trips are what the industry calls 'dead-head' trips or trips that do not include a passenger when arriving or leaving Logan.

Prankevicius and Massport plan to better rematch shared rides so TNCs are not

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Eastie resident killed by MBTA bus in Chelsea

By John Lynds

An East Boston woman walking back from shopping at Market Basket with another family member was struck and killed by an MBTA bus in Chelsea last Thursday morning.

Police identified the woman in the accident that occurred just before 6 a.m. last Thursday as 60-year-old Mary Ellen Pettiglio of East Boston.

The accident occurred near the Everett Ave. on-ramp to the Tobin Bridge. At the scene the bus was surrounded by police tape and appeared to be turning left onto the on-ramp when the accident occurred. A dented shopping carriage was in the street and it appeared that Pettiglio and her companion were in the crosswalk

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HUNTING FOR EGGS



PHOTO BY LIZ LUTTI

Yara Munif, Rayne, Isabella Restrepo, and Zoya Munif are excited to show their haul of eggs at the Constitution Beach Egg Hunt. See Page 8 for more photos.

New England Casket Co. most likely won't rebuild in Eastie

By John Lynds

The 75-year-old East Boston business that Louis Tobia Jr.'s Italian grandfather founded may not return to the neighborhood.

The New England Casket Company, which has won numerous awards in the industry for its innovation and casket designs, suffered a devastating fire last month that completely destroyed the company's manufacturing warehouse on Bennington Street just past Orient Heights

MBTA station.

On Friday, March 15 a nine-alarm fire ripped through the widely successful business that manufactures hand-made caskets for sale to distributors that in turn sell them to funerals and families.

After the Boston Fire Dept. spent hours battling the fire all that was left of the longstanding local family-owned company that employed over 100 people was rubble.

Last week WBZ's Karyn Regal reported that Tobia doesn't think he can rebuild

in Eastie and will most likely take the business elsewhere.

Tobia is looking at locations like the former Malden Mills site in Lawrence as well as a site in Chelsea.

The New England Casket Company was known as the inventor of the 'Concord Casket' designed by Tobia's grandfather. Retailing for around \$25,000 it became the casket of choice for the rich and famous and the likes of Muhammad Ali, Heath Led-

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Friends of the East Boston Greenway sets up Mary Ellen Welch Memorial Fund

By John Lynds

For over a half century Mary Ellen Welch was the steward of social, political and environmental activism in the neighborhood.

Welch, a longtime community activist and school teacher, sought to house the poor, improve the air quality in Eastie and helped bring a neighborhood with the least amount of open space to a

community with award winning sprawling parks and greenways.

Sadly, on Thursday, March 7 Eastie lost Welch, a legend and an icon.

While tributes poured in from every corner of the neighborhood of Welch's work in her beloved community, one cause was near and dear to her heart.

As one of the founding members of the Friends of

the East Boston Greenway, Welch worked for decades to take a neglected stretch of the old Narrow Gauge Railroad and transform it into a system of lush landscaped park so residents could enjoy a stroll from Jeffries Point to Orient Heights.

"Mary Ellen (Welch) was one of a small group of Eastie residents who believed the

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Students have a say

BPS search committee holds public interviews for superintendent finalists

By John Lynds

For the last month the Boston Public Schools Superintendent Search Committee has been conducting private interviews of the finalists vying to become BPS next superintendent.

Three finalists have emerged and now the search committee has kicked off a round of public interviews with students and teachers

that began Monday night and will go through Wednesday.

The three finalists include Marie Izquierdo, Dr. Brenda Cassellius and Dr. Oscar Santos.

On Monday at East Boston High School students and teachers, as well as At-Large City Councilor Annis George interviewed Izquierdo.

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Zumix to participate in annual Walk for Music

By John Lynds

Each year, Zumix participates in Boston's annual Walk for Music fundraiser, which brings music organizations from all over the city together to help raise money for local arts programs.

Kicking off at 12:30 p.m. on Sunday, April 28 at the Zumix Firehouse, 260 Summer St., Zumix will participate in the annual Walk for Music for the 17th time.

Over 250 participants will march with Zumix parents, staff, and supporters in hopes of raising the non-profit's

\$47,500 goal. Fundraisers and teams supporting this year's walk have already raised over \$31,000 towards that goal.

A few years back Zumix changed the walk up a bit. Instead of walking around the Back Bay and Fens, the walk will begin at 2 p.m. after registration and pep rally at the Firehouse. The walk will then take participants through three of Eastie's incredible green spaces: Piers Park, the East Boston Greenway, and Bremen Street Park. The route will end in Piers Park on the

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Zumix staff and participants during last year's annual Walk for Music. Zumix hopes this year's Walk for Music will raise \$47,500 for the popular Eastie youth music program.



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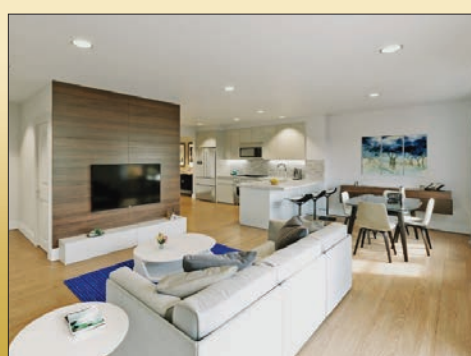


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arriving or leaving Logan airport empty. The Port Authority also wants to make changes to the TNC fee structure; implementing new Logan Express (LEX) and HOV Initiatives; reevaluate Logan Airport parking rates; and find ways to optimize TNC operations at Logan. Another plan is to move all TNCs into the Central Garage at Logan to make it easier for a TNC driver dropping off a passenger to match with a waiting pick up passenger.

The plan has received the nod from the community environmental watchdog group Airport Impact Relief, Incorporated (AirInc.), a group that has advocated for better management of airport related traffic for decades.

“Without regulation, these Taxi cabs, Ubers, and private passenger cars routinely overload the limited road system in and around the airport- helping Boston earn the negative image as the Nation’s most traffic-congested city,” said AirInc.’s Vice President Chris Marchi. “And so as Massport is finally acting to manage the crush of Uber and Lyft- and

begin to combat the cost and convenience disparities head-on with its proposals to move pick-up and drop-offs for these services into the central garage, raise airport access fees on them, and improve Logan Express service, we at AIR, Inc. find ourselves in the strange position of supporting their plans.”

“So clear are the benefits of riding these internet-based services that air travellers are not only shifting from taxi and family rides, but they’re also opting out of MBTA and other more efficient modes of accessing the airport,” he said. “Also clear is the facts that Logan’s ground access problems -led by Uber and Lyft, -are now choking the airport and city on a more-than-daily basis, and are morphing into increasingly severe public health, safety and economic crises.”

Marchi said Eastie and Logan have reached the point at which Massport, elected officials, the city and the state must intervene and called on Governor Charlie Baker and the Massport Board to support Prankevicius’s proposals at

the board meeting this Thursday.

Other suggestions AirInc. is making to the Massport Board aside from Prankevicius’s plan the group endorsed are;

- Reducing Logan Express fares from \$11 one way to the cost of the MBTA fare of \$2.75.
- Reverse Congestion Pricing to further reduce Logan Express fares, making the service free during peak traffic periods.
- Create dedicated HOV lanes along routes into Logan and downtown for Logan Express, Silver Line, MBTA, and other HOV bus service.
- Offer WiFi and On-board Check-in Service on Logan Express.
- Add multiple new Logan Express service locations to downtown, Cambridge and suburban high-trip origination areas.
- Increase the frequency of Logan Express and MBTA train service.
- Connecting the Blue and Red Lines and extending the Blue Line to Lynn.

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ger, Walter Cronkite, Joan Rivers and Tip O’Neill all were all reportedly interred in the Concord.

According to the Boston Fire Dept. the first alarms for a fire on the roof of the plant’s sounded at around 3 p.m. on March 15. For a few hours Boston Firefighters tried to extinguish that flames that seemed to be contained to the casket company’s roof.

However, Tobia later explained that one of the plant’s furnace exhaust pipes started the fire and because the fire was above the building’s water sprinkler system the system was never activated.

Flames and burning debris began falling through the roof and into the plant below that contained mostly highly flammable lumber and chemicals for varnishing caskets.

By early evening the fire had spread to a very rare nine-alarm blaze as fire stations from across the city rushed to Eastie to contain the blaze.

The huge building, which abuts the MBTA Blue Line between Orient Heights and Suffolk Downs train stations, is close to 100,000 square feet and burned for nearly 12 hours.

The fire forced the suspension of the Blue Line from

Airport MBTA station to Wonderland station for three days.

More than half of all on duty Boston firefighters from across the city fought the inferno into the early morning hours and the heavy thick black smoke could be seen from as far away as Lynn. The smoke and wind conditions forced the City to evacuate a portion of the hill around Orient Avenue. Officials feared the burning chemicals inside the plant was causing toxic conditions in and around the fire.

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trash filled, abandoned freight tracks could become a welcoming, safe Greenway that would remove years of contamination in the midst of the neighborhood,” said Welch’s longtime friend and Greenway President Karen Maddalena. “The Greenway would become a beautiful green space for children to ride their bikes, seniors to stroll and residents to make connections through and across the neighborhood. She was sure Eastie would rally to the Greenway. “Oh, yes, they will love it!” she replied about the far fetched idea in 1990. And she was so right.”

Now the Friends of the East Boston Greenway have established the Mary Ellen Welch Memorial Fund to help raise money for future Greenway improvements and programs. “When we lost Mary Ellen

on March 7, 2019, we lost a dear friend and neighbor, a community leader, a wise advisor and passionate advocate for social and environmental justice, a devoted daughter of East Boston and a proud Bostonian,” said Maddalena. “A school teacher for decades in East Boston, Mary Ellen was a born teacher, helping us all to learn, to advocate and to demonstrate for a more just world for everyone. How generous she was with her encouragement, how gentle she was with her correction. We all learned from her, and those lessons are now part of us.”

Maddalena said she and the entire Council are now inviting the community to join in the efforts to continue enhancing the Greenway along the path that Welch led.

“We also wish to create

a special location along the Greenway by way of honoring Mary Ellen’s vision, her compassion and her faith that East Boston deserved this new parkland connecting East Boston’s harbor, beaches, parks and marshes,” said Maddalena. “Please help us honor Mary Ellen by helping us continue her work and to create a beautiful special site for all to enjoy and remember. We appreciate gifts of all sizes.”

Ways of contributing to the Friends of East Boston Greenway are available on the contribute page of the website: <https://eastbostongreenway.com/contribute/> or can be mailed to Mary Ellen Welch Greenway Memorial Fund, PO Box 74, East Boston, MA 02128.

Zumix //CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

Boston Harbor waterfront with a concert at 3 p.m. featuring Zumix youth participants.

“By walking and fundraising for team ZUMIX, you’re helping to keep our classes free and low-cost for almost 1,000 youth each year,” said Zumix Director of Advancement Kim Dawson.

Participants who raise \$25 or more will receive a free Zumix t-shirt.

The Walk for Music has been an annual staple in Zumix’s calendar for many years and has become a community favorite.

In addition to being a fun event, the Walk for Music is also Zumix’s largest annual fundraiser. The money will help support programs that Zumix offers like teen programming in songwriting and

performance, creative technology, community radio, and instrument instruction.

Zumix Founder and Executive Director Madeleine Steczynski said the event has become Zumix’s favorite fundraiser because it involves so many people and gets everyone really excited about supporting a cause that they believe in.

“I want to thank everyone who supports Zumix by walking and donating,” she said. “By walking with us and fundraising for team Zumix, you’re helping to keep our classes free and low-cost for over 1,000 youth each year. Participants who raise \$25 or more will receive a free t-shirt and we encourage you to set a goal of \$100 or more for youth or \$200 or more for adults.”

Founded in 2003, the Walk for Music allows participating team or music program to keep 100 percent of its pledges to support its local music or performing arts program. The Walk was created as a response to the need for high-quality music programming in schools and communities and attracts organizations from throughout the Greater Boston area for an afternoon of music, celebration, and community.

Walkers will gather at the Zumix Firehouse at 260 Sumner St. at 12:30 p.m. for registration and a pep rally, and begin the walk. Anyone who can’t make it to the morning pep rally can meet the group at 3 p.m. in Piers Park for a concert and celebration. In the case of inclement weather, the concert and celebration after the walk will take place at the Zumix Firehouse.

Donations can be made at www.firstgiving.com/event/zumix/Walk-for-Music-2019 or send a check made out to Zumix to 260 Sumner Street, East Boston, MA, 02128. To sign up to walk with Zumix, visit the FirstGiving page provided or sign up in person at Zumix.

Zumix was created to empower youth to use music to make strong, positive change in their lives, their communities, and the world. Since its founding in 1991, the program has grown to serve more than 400 young people every year in programs in instrumental instruction, songwriting and performance, community radio, and creative technology. They serve an additional 400 young people per year through in-school partnerships with East Boston High School and the Umata Middle School Academy. The powerful impact of the program is illustrated by the fact that in the past four years, 92 percent of its graduates enrolled in college.

Earth Day Poem

The colors of mother nature today,
so many, so different
The deep mystical crimson pigment of a rose,
the peaceful calm, white tone of a dove
The intense, exquisite emerald shade on a leaf,
the glistening, enchanting yellow tint of the sun
The uplifting, phenomenal, blue brilliance of the sky,
the dim, frigid, rave cast of a shadow.
So many, so different.
So appealing, so charming.
Although our world is so beautiful, fulfilling,
everlasting, one day,
our colors will be transposed.
The offensive, repulsive, bronze touch of debris,
the unsightly, soiled, drab hint of chemical mist.
The fowl, displeasing, inky gleam of water impurity,
the filthy, disturbed, homely look of rubbish.
You see, you must grasp the fact that it is all up to us.
The cradle of humanity’s future is depending on us to
take care.
The world may be brimming of deep, mystical,
crimson pigmented roses
or
the offensive, repulsive, bronze touch of debris.
Will the colors of the earth stay the same,
or become transformed?
Understanding the concept is very hard, but one day
you must understand,
it’s our decision.
— Christina Bocchino (age 7)
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Izquierdo is the chief academic officer for the Miami-Dade County Public Schools in Florida—a position she has held since 2013.

During her leadership, there has been an 18 percent increase in schools receiving average or high state accountability scores, narrowing of the achievement gap in several student populations, increased graduation rates, and an expansion of academically rigorous programming.

Izquierdo has more than 25 years of experience in education. After becoming principal of a Miami elementary school in 2004, when she oversaw its turnaround efforts, Izquierdo then worked as a regional director for turnaround for the Florida Department of Education in 2009, when 79 percent of targeted schools saw improvement.

She returned to Miami-Dade in 2010, serving as Deputy Chief of Staff and Assistant Superintendent of Academics before her being named to her current role. She is married with three children.

At Monday evening's Izquierdo fielded questions ranging from her plans to close the achievement gap among BPS students to how gentrification is affecting public school enrollment.

Fielding a question on what she has done and strategies or programs she has implemented in Miami-Dade to close achievement gaps Izquierdo said her focus has been on high quality education and learning in all classrooms throughout Miami.

"Closing the achievement gaps has been the collateral of that," she said. "The strategy we have taken has directly led to closing the achievement gaps. In our classrooms it's been about making sure our teachers and students have the access to high quality materials in the classroom that are really challenging students. Also having the same expectations for all students and not just some students is important. On the operational side we have been providing opportunity, access and support to all students. Not every school is created equal I wish they were, but those schools deemed high quality are in high demand but we've expanded those opportunities and rigorous programming beyond those schools."

Izquierdo said some of these strategies have led to the highest graduation rates that Miami has experienced in decades.

Another question from the panel was directly related to the gentrification that Eastie is currently experiencing that

has led to a decrease in student enrollment. For example, soaring home prices and rent here has led to more and more people moving out of Eastie and to cheaper communities. EBHS has lost some 200 students since last year and with it \$1.4 million in school funding.

"All major large school districts are experiencing attrition and declined enrollment," said Izquierdo. "This has forced a lot of districts to look at their footprint and determine what needs to happen. There may be declining enrollment here but the need for additional seats in a school elsewhere. I don't think it's about consolidation or closing (of schools) but looking at the bigger picture and seeing where there is demand and a need for seats and making some changes. Declining enrollment or changes in enrollment (calls for us) to see where the children are and correct ourselves as an organization (BPS) and meet those children with enough seats."

The other candidates — one a Boston native and BPS graduate and the other from Minnesota—are as follows:

- Dr. Oscar Santos, who is currently the Cathedral High head of school. Santos is one of the first superintendent candidates in a long time to have actually attended Boston Public Schools, graduating from Boston Latin School. Santos previously served as Superintendent of the Randolph public schools from 2010-2013; and worked in the Boston Public Schools in various roles from 1996-2010, spending his last six years as headmaster of Boston International Newcomers Academy. He is married and the father of two children.

- Dr. Brenda Cassellius, who was recently Commissioner of Education for the state of Minnesota. Serving as Commissioner from 2011 through a change in administration earlier this year, Cassellius enacted comprehensive education reforms, including historic new funding for schools, enactment of all-day kindergarten, state-funded preschool for 25,000 children, and has overseen historically high graduation rates. She has also served on the board of directors for the Council for Chief State School Officers, and contributed to the development of, "10 Equity Commitments," which education chiefs across the country worked to adopt to further equity goals and outcomes. Cassellius began her career in 1990 and has previously worked as a paraprofessional, teacher, administrator, and



Dr. Brenda Cassellius.



Marie Izquierdo.



Dr. Oscar Santos.

superintendent in Tennessee and Minnesota. She is married and the mother of three children.

"The Superintendent Search Committee has done a tremendous job carefully assessing candidates to ensure our next superintendent will continue making necessary progress for the Boston Public Schools," said Boston School Committee Chair Michael Loconto. "It's imperative that our next district leader shares our commitments to equity, closing achievement gaps, and providing a high-quality education for students of all backgrounds. We are pleased to see all three finalists share our values, and we look forward to a thoughtful public dialogue."

Dr. Brenda Cassellius's public interview was held Tuesday at the Mildred Avenue K-8 School, 5 Mildred Ave., Mattapan while Dr. Oscar Santos's public interview will be held today at 4 p.m. at the Mildred Avenue K-8 School.

Councilor Essaibi-George organizes inaugural 'Needle Take Back Day' for the City of Boston

On Thursday, April 25, City Councilor At-Large Annissa Essaibi-George, the Chair of the Committee on Homelessness, Mental Health, and Recovery and the Committee on Education, is organizing the first ever, city-wide Needle Take Back initiative in Boston. The partners and sponsors of Needle Take Back Day include the Massachusetts League of Community Health Centers, Boston University School of Public Health Activist Lab, the Mayor's Office of Recovery Services, the Boston Public Health Commission, and the Grayken Center for Addiction at the Boston Medical Center.

With only thirteen permanent locations that offer safe needle disposal, Boston lacks sufficient collection sites to meet the volume of disposal needs for used sharps. In addition to the residents that use syringes legally for medical purposes, the rising opioid crisis in Boston increases the necessity of expanding access to safe and free needle disposal.

One of the worst side effects of the growing opioid epidemic is the significant increase of sharps litter in parks, playgrounds, and other public spaces, creating a critical public safety threat. As demonstrated by recent incidents of needle exposure in playgrounds, this threat poses an additional risk for children and has prompted the placement of Sharps Kiosks' in Clifford Parks and Orchard Gardens, both in close proximity to schools, as part of the City's response to reduce improperly discarded needles. With the Mobile Sharps Team collecting upwards of 20,000 needles every year, the growing volume of used sharps creates an urgent need to increase the locations for safe needle disposal.

"As a mother of four and a former teacher of BPS for 13 years, preventing any opportunity for another child to get pricked by a needle in their school playground is my top priority, especially as the Chair of Homelessness, Mental Health and Recovery and Chair of Education," said Councilor Essaibi-George. "When it comes to needle collection, we need to make it much easier, and much more

available. By doubling the number of safe drop-off sites on Needle Take Back Day, we are bringing this service to people rather than requiring people to travel to a small number of sites."

Needle Take Back Day is part of the Councilor Essaibi-George's ongoing efforts to promote proper disposal and expand the number of safe collection sites in the City of Boston. Since arriving on the City Council, Councilor Essaibi-George has been a vocal supporter of the Mobile Sharps Team, from riding along with them to successfully advocating for funding that doubled the capacity of their team during her first term in office. In 2017, the Councilor filed a Sharps Ordinance that will require pharmacies to provide sharps take back, educate consumers about safe needle disposal, share their information on their inventory of sharps with the City, and direct revenue from fines to the Mayor's Office of Recovery Services.

"I filed the Sharps Ordinance because public safety is my priority as a City Councilor and expanding the number of collection sites is essential to preventing improperly dis-

carded sharps," said Councilor Essaibi-George. "Given that pharmacies distribute and profit from the sale of needles, it makes sense that they also provide safe collection. The Sharps Ordinance will result in over 100 collection locations and at least one in each City neighborhood. As I continue my work to implement the Ordinance, Needle Take Back Day is a step in the right direction to raise awareness about the importance of safe collection sites and keep needles out of household trash."

On Monday, the Councilor filed a Resolution to recognize April 25th as Needle Take Back Day in City of Boston. On Thursday, 18 community health centers throughout the city will offer temporary collection hours from 10AM-5PM for safe needle disposal. The addresses of the participating health centers can be found by visiting, Boston.Gov/NTBD2019.

Councilor Annissa Essaibi-George Chairs the Council's Committee on Education and the Council's Committee on Homelessness, Mental Health and Recovery. She was elected to the Boston City Council as in At Large Member in 2015.

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THE CURSE OF SOCIAL MEDIA AND THE INTERNET

In the aftermath of the terrible coordinated attacks by suicide bombers on Easter Sunday in Sri Lanka that killed more than 300 people and wounded about 500 in churches and hotels across the small nation, the Sri Lankan government took the extraordinary step of shutting down social media platforms, including Facebook, You Tube, and Twitter, in order to prevent the dissemination of misinformation that might incite even more bloodshed among its various sectarian groups.

This decade has seen the spread of social media that rightly might be compared to an out-of-control wildfire. What initially was seen as an innocuous manner of sharing information among friend groups -- think of friends sitting around a camp fire telling stories -- has turned into a raging inferno whipped by the winds of greed and hatred that is destroying everything in its path.

Say what you want about the recently-released Mueller Report, what is beyond dispute is that it shows that the Russian government used social media through coordinated bot attacks to spread misinformation among large swaths of the American public who utilize these forms of media. In short, the Russians are using social media to undermine our democracy.

The attacker in New Zealand who committed the atrocities in two mosques drew his inspiration from social media postings by right-wing organizations and individuals from around the world and then posted his carnage live on-line. It was hours before the social media companies were able to take down what he posted, but by then the damage had been done and his carnage had been viewed around the globe.

In some respects, these abuses of on-line platforms by those who wish to spread fear and disinformation are just the tip of the iceberg of the curse that has become the internet.

There is no such thing as privacy for anybody, unless you live under the proverbial rock. Everything we do on-line is tracked and establishes a profile that can be used -- and misused -- by those who are keeping track.

The Chinese government is showing first-hand how the internet can be wielded by a malevolent government (and non-government actors) to control both unfavored opposition groups and individuals.

The Chinese are employing facial recognition software to identify every person in their country -- a monumental task in a nation of a billion or so people -- but it already is being used to keep track of, and suppress, minority religious groups.

The Chinese government also is issuing a "score" for every person in the country -- think of it as a credit score, but taken to the nth degree -- that ultimately will rank every person in the country on a scale of social and economic acceptability, creating a hierarchy that will determine a person's lifelong fate.

It also is clear that the internet has become the new battlefield among nations and others. Who needs nuclear weapons when a hostile government or terrorist organization or criminal enterprise can disable a nation's energy grid or wreak havoc on the financial system or hold individuals and businesses hostage simply by employing malevolent software?

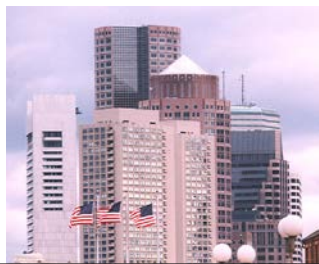
America's military might -- our trillions of dollars worth of aircraft carriers, stealth bombers, and drones -- is no match for a computer virus or worm that attacks our nation's infrastructure.

George Orwell, in his novel 1984, describes a dystopian future in which the government, symbolized by Big Brother, scrutinizes every human action with the aim of creating conformity among its citizens.

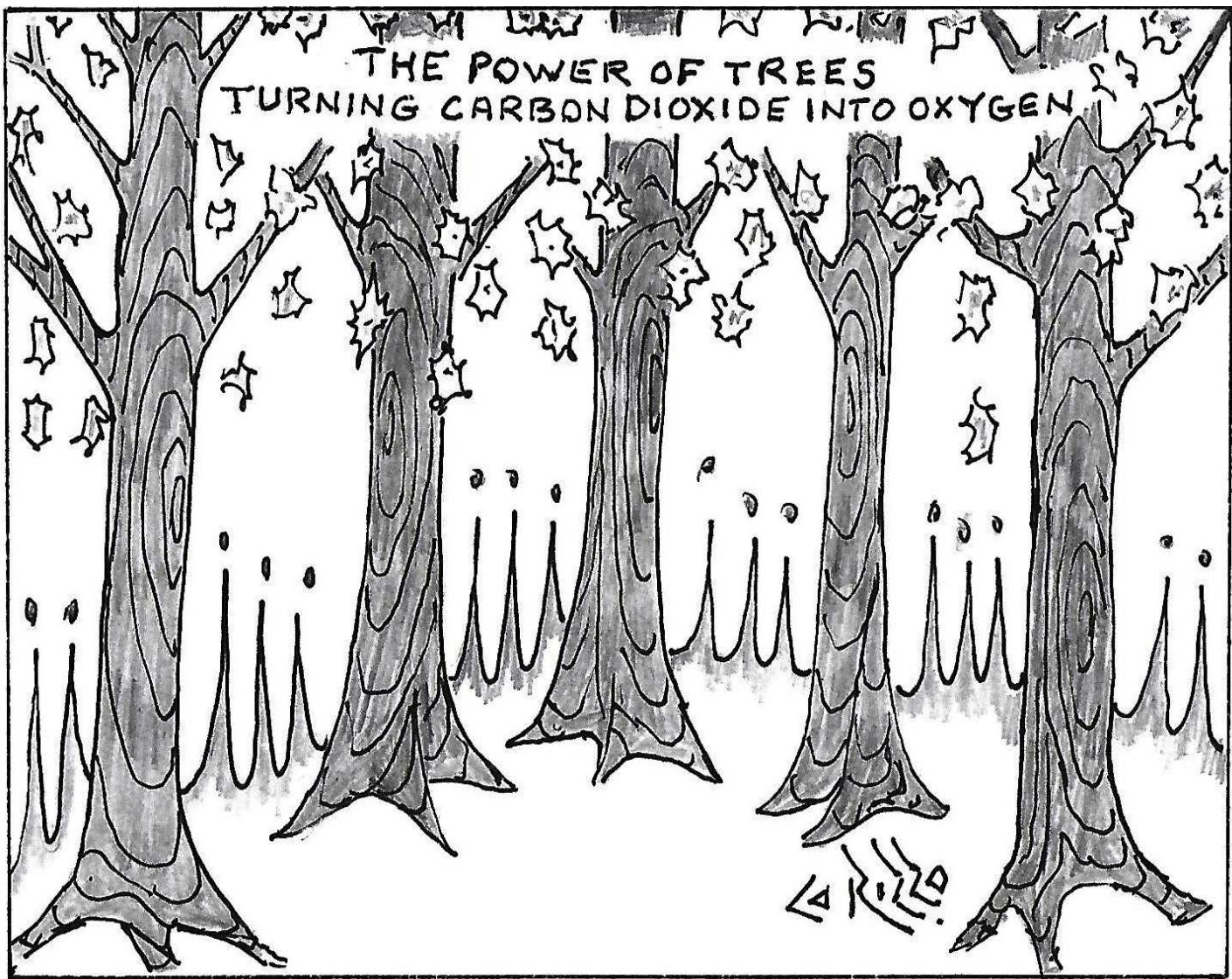
Orwell wrote his novel in 1948. It is ironic -- and incredibly prescient of Orwell -- that the internet as we know it today was beginning to take shape in 1984.

It is clear in 2019 that the world Orwell predicted in 1984 has arrived -- and

we fear that things are going to get a lot worse before we figure out how to get this Frankenstein monster under control, if we ever do.



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GUEST OP-ED

Grassley-Klobuchar ushers in dangerous counterfeit drugs

By Sally C. Pipes

Congress is poised to consider a bill that would allow Americans to import prescription drugs from Canada. The bill's authors -- Sens. Amy Klobuchar (D-MN) and Chuck Grassley (R-IA) -- label their effort as a bipartisan push to "help Americans who struggle to pay exorbitant prices for medication."

It's noble of lawmakers to tackle prescription drug costs. Eight in ten Americans are concerned about the price of medicines, according to a Kaiser Family Foundation survey.

But the Grassley-Klobuchar bill isn't the right solution. While it might deliver some minor financial relief, it'll jeopardize the health and wellbeing of millions of Americans.

On cost, the Grassley-Klobuchar would yield negligible savings at best. If the entire nation legalized drug importation, number crunchers at

the Department of Health and Human Services predict that American drug spending would decrease by less than 1 percent.

On safety, the bill exposes Americans to dangerous counterfeits. It's estimated that 1 million people die at the hand of counterfeit drugs every year, many of which come from Canada.

Last year, U.S. prosecutors fined Canada's largest online pharmacy \$34 million for selling counterfeit medications to unsuspecting Americans. The company earned a \$78 million profit by deceiving vulnerable cancer patients. Two widely sold oncology drugs -- Avastin and Altuzan -- contained zero active pharmaceutical ingredients.

Exacerbating safety concerns is the fact that a startling number of the "Canadian" drugs purchased by Americans aren't actually from Canada.

An FDA operation conduct-

ed at three major U.S. airports examining suspected pharmaceutical shipments from India, Israel, Costa Rica, and Vanuatu revealed that nearly half were ordered from "Canadian" pharmacies -- and of those, just 15 percent actually originated in Canada. The rest came from one of 27 countries across the world, including India, Turkey, and Iran.

The FDA warns Americans that it cannot ensure the safety of medicines "bought over the Internet from foreign sources, from storefront businesses that offer to buy foreign medicine for you, or during trips outside the United States."

Neither, for that matter, can our northern neighbor. Canadian authorities have repeatedly stated that they're not responsible for regulating the safety, quality, or efficacy of medicines sold to U.S. citizens.

Americans should not take the U.S. regulatory system for granted. Before obtaining

FDA approval, new drugs must undergo a rigorous testing process. It takes approximately ten years, hundreds of pre-clinical treatments, and multiple clinical trials to bring just one product to the market.

Unfortunately, the same FDA oversight doesn't apply to foreign pharmacies. And the Grassley-Klobuchar bill fails to acknowledge the dangers of importation.

Lawmakers are right to worry about how much patients spend at the pharmacy. But drug importation is not the right way to lower costs. Congress needs to go back to the drawing board.

Sally C. Pipes is President, CEO, and Thomas W. Smith Fellow in Health Care Policy at the Pacific Research Institute. Her latest book is The False Promise of Single-Payer Health Care (Encounter 2018). Follow her on Twitter @sallypipes.

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Suffolk University student Briana D’Amelio places in national paralegal writing contest

By Tony Ferullo

Briana D’Amelio’s essay arguing that judges should be appointed rather than elected was so persuasive that it won her second place in a national competition.

Never shy to say what’s on her mind, D’Amelio, an East Boston native and Suffolk University student, was eager to enter the essay competition

sponsored by the American Association for Paralegal Education.

The scholarship contest was open to any student majoring in legal or paralegal studies at a college or university with an active Lambda Epsilon Chi chapter.

Students were asked to write a 500-to-750-word essay on whether judges should be elected or appointed, taking an advocacy position grounded in authority rather than based only on personal opinion and emotion.

Entering the contest “gave me more confidence in myself and the chance to incorporate what I’ve learned in legal studies, such as legal research and writing,” said D’Amelio, Suffolk University Class of 2019, who is majoring in public relations and applied legal

studies.

In her essay, D’Amelio emphasized that “there must be a uniform system set forth that keeps this branch free of being taken over by the outside influences that often plague the other two branches internally. There is otherwise imminent possibility of government downfall.

“This can be overcome by granting recognition to an individual who is qualified, distinguished and entrusted with the faith of our trusted elected representatives to keep justice and fairness at the forefront of this country.”

Her essay pointed out that “with around half of the country (24 states) partaking in the practice of appointment successfully for decades, there is adequate evidence to prove that appointment works.”

D’Amelio’s essay will be published in an upcoming issue of The Legal Educator, a publication of the American Association for Paralegal Education.

Suffolk University Government Professor Mary Flaherty, D’Amelio’s academic adviser and mentor, praised

the award-winning effort.

“Briana’s essay was complete and concise, which is the hallmark of good legal writing,” said Flaherty, director of the Undergraduate Law Major and Paralegal Certificate Program. “With a limited word count, that’s not always easy to do.”

D’Amelio, a 2015 graduate of East Boston High School, worked last summer as a judicial intern for the Hon. John E. McDonald, Jr., at the East Boston Division of Boston Municipal Court. Her responsibilities included observing motions, hearings, and arraignments and conducting probation intake interviews.

She is working this semester as a legislative intern for Rep. Adrian C. Madaro (D- Boston). Her assignments range from conducting research on legal matters to corresponding with constituents to assisting on a social media plan.

D’Amelio also is active on the Suffolk University campus, with gigs as a teaching assistant and coordinator, vice president of the Public Relations Society, public re-




Briana D’Amelio.

lations chair of the Commuter Student Council, publicity and promotions chair of the school’s Dance Marathon, and president of the Gamma Lambda Chapter of Theta Phi Alpha.

The next step on her journey comes in the fall when she will be attending Suffolk University Law School.

“As a lawyer, I want to be a voice for those people who can’t speak for themselves,” she said.


(Tony Ferullo is a senior writer in the Office of Public Affairs at Suffolk University in Boston).



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Eight units pitched for Lubec Street

By John Lynds

Attorney Matt Eckel pitched his client’s plans at Monday night’s Gove Street Citizens Association (GSCA) meeting to erect an eight unit residential building on Lubec Street.

The 3,000 square foot vacant lot at 69 Lubec Street would be transformed into a five-story, eight unit building with eight parking spaces.

The exterior of the building would take some architectural elements of the turn of the century tenement brick row houses along the street but put a modern twist like larger windows and modern materials other than brick.

The height of the building would be 50 feet, something GSCA members immediately had a problem with. Since being reactivated in 2013 the GSCA has bucked the trend of developers going above the allowable height. Current zoning allows for a three-story, 35 foot building on the Lubec Street lot. The five story, 50 foot height was something residents said was too large and did not keep in line with the rest of the homes on the street.

“Why not just make it as tall as the buildings on either side?” asked one resident at Monday’s meeting. “As an abutter why can’t you just make it like the rest of the

street.”

The same resident said she’d be okay with even four stories but thought five stories was too tall.

“There’s no place where there are 50 foot buildings on Lubec Street,” she said.

Other’s didn’t mind the more modern design of the building and thought diversity in the architectural feel of the street wasn’t a bad thing.

GSCA members did not vote on the proposal and Eckel reminded the crowd that this was only an initial presentation and would take the group’s comments back to his client for potential design changes.

DISTRICT SEVEN POLICE REPORT

Monday, April 1, 2019
Around 9 a.m. in the area of 37 Meridian St., a 25 year old male with an East Boston address was arrested for Assault By Means of a Dangerous Weapon (knife).

Around 4:30 p.m. in the area of 246 Border St., a 28 year old male with an East Boston address was arrested for Larceny \$50 to \$250.

Tuesday, April 2, 2019
Around 7 a.m. in the area of 46 Chelsea St., a 38 year old male with an East Boston address was arrested for Assault and Battery, Dangerous Weapon.

Around 4 p.m. in the area of Meridian & Gove Sts., a 53 year old male with a Dorchester, MA address was arrested for Larceny Over \$250.

Around 4 p.m. in the area of Central Sq. a 28 year old male with a Chelsea, MA address was arrested for Distribution of Class A, Drugs.

Wednesday, April 3, 2019
Around 8:30 a.m. in the area of Paris St. and Sumner St., a 47 year old male with an East Boston address was arrested for Assault and Battery by Means of a Dangerous Weapon.

Thursday, April 4, 2019
No Arrests

Friday, April 5, 2019
Around 11:45 p.m. in the area of Fruit St. Boston, a 55 year old male with an East Boston address was arrested for Armed Robbery (2 counts), and Assault and Battery by Means of a Dangerous Weapon.

Saturday, April 6, 2019
Around 7:45 p.m. in the area of 10 Gove St., a 32 year old female with an East Boston address was arrested for Assault and Battery.

Around 3:55 p.m. in the area of Central Sq., a 38 year old female with an East Boston address was arrested for Shoplifting \$250 and Over, Possession of Class B Drugs and Possession of Class C Drugs.

Around 3:55 p.m. in the area of Central Sq., a 32 year old female with an East Boston address was arrested for Possession of Class B Drugs, Possession of Class Drugs and Resisting Arrest.

Sunday, April 7, 2019
No Arrests

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when they were struck by the bus. The other victim was not seriously harmed.

According to the MBTA the Route 111 bus operator has been with the T for 12 years and will be unable to drive until the investigation is complete. The driver also had to undergo mandatory drug and alcohol tests following the crash.

The on-ramp was closed

for several hours as police investigated the scene.

The MBTA said the accident is being investigated by the Transit, State and Chelsea Police with assistance from the Suffolk County DA’s Office and the MBTA.

Those who knew Mrs. Pettiglio took to social media following the incident to lend support and condolences to her family here in Eastie.



Community Meeting

PLAN: East Boston


Walking Tours

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|---------------------------|---------------------|------------------|
| Saturday, April 20 | 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM | Orient Heights |
| Saturday, April 27 | 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM | Gove Street |
| Saturday, May 11 | 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM | Harbor View |
| Saturday, May 18 | 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM | Jeffries Point |
| Saturday, June 22 | 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM | Maverick Central |
| Saturday, June 29 | 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM | Eagle Hill |

Event Description

Please join us for a series of walking tours throughout East Boston! Each walking tour is an opportunity to learn more about a distinct neighborhood within East Boston, and to continue focused dialogue with residents and other stakeholders about priorities that will help shape PLAN: East Boston. All dates are weather-dependent, please check the BPDA website at bit.ly/PlanEastBoston for event details. All events start at 10:00 AM. Each walking tour will be about a mile long and will be moderately paced. People of all ages and abilities are welcome to join. Interpretation services will be provided.

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CITY COUNCILOR LYDIA EDWARDS RE-ELECTION CAMPAIGN KICK OFF

PHOTOS BY DEREK KOUYOUMIJIAN

First-term City Councilor Lydia Edwards kicked off her re-election campaign at La Hacienda in Central Square, East Boston, on April 17. She thanked her constituents for giving her the opportunity to represent them, listing her accomplishments, as well as her goals ahead. She emphasized the diversity in her district which encompasses Charlestown, East Boston, and the North End, and restated her goal to bring together people to make a better community. She asked her constituents to, “send me back to City Hall so I can keep fighting for the neighborhood.”



Boston City Councilor Lydia Edwards (center) with East Boston constituents Jack Scalcione and Maria Jimenez.



Boston City Councilor Lydia Edwards thanks her constituents for their support.



Social media consultant Claudia Thompson and Joel Wool, director for Media and Policy for Lydia Edwards.



Constituents Alyssa, Milafay, and Aviva Gannon with Meg and Milo Grady.



Boston City Councilor Lydia Edwards (center) with State Rep. Adrian Madaro (left) and East Boston resident Rick Branca.



Elaine Donovan, Juan Jaramillo, Councilor Lydia Edwards, Adrian Velazquez, Paulina Bastidas, and Gabriela Coletta, Edwards's Chief Of Staff.



Gabriela Ramirez, a community activist who will be voting the first time this November and hopes to run for Council someday, introduces Boston City Councilor Lydia Edwards.



Juan Lopes, Gabriela Ramirez, and Anna Alonzo.



City Council At-Large candidate Alejandra St. Guillen, City Councilors Michelle Wu and Lydia Edwards with supporters Andrea Kramer, and Jessica Early.



Boston City Councilor Lydia Edwards with Luis Vasco, East Boston resident and businessman.

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The event included hands on activities to learn about coastal zone management.



Dozens of families attended the HarborKeepers hands-on Coastal Education and Emergency Preparedness.



Some of the many educational tools and displays at Saturday's event.



The event also included lunch for Shore Plaza residents that attended the event.



Mary Cole works on one of the hands on activities.



HarborKeepers partner, the U.S. Coast Guard, had a table at the event.



Young Shore Plaza residents learn hands-on Coastal Education and Emergency Preparedness



Rep. Adrian Madaro stopped by to lend his support. Madaro is with HarborKeepers Director Magdalena Ayed and young participants.



Residents discuss coastal zone management with city and state officials.



Local environmental activist Chris Marchi (right) during the event.

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CITY LOOKS TO
INTRODUCE 3-1-1
REPORTING SYSTEM
FOR CONSTITUENT
SERVICES

CHELSEA - Have a problem?

Soon Chelsea – like other cities – can “3-1-1” it.

City Manager Tom Ambrosino said he hopes to proceed with introducing a 311 constituent services reporting platform to the City in the next fiscal year, which begins on July 1.

Already, Everett, Revere, Boston and others feature a telephone and online/app 311 system that residents can use to report anything from a pothole to graffiti to a rabid skunk.

“The goal is to provide better and more prompt responsiveness to constituent complaints,” read a letter from Ambrosino to the Council.

Ambrosino said the system he has in mind would operate with two employees working out of the DPW building. They would field complaints from 311 by telephone, email, text message and web-based reporting. They would fall under the supervision of Public Works Commissioner Fidel Maltez.

Once having taken the complaint, the employees would then assign the complaint to the appropriate department.

That would open up a series of accountability measures on each complaint, he said.

“These employees will be responsible for assigning the issue to the appropriate department representative or directly accessing the relevant information in a City database, tracking progress on the issue providing information on the resolution of the issue to the individual who reported it,” he wrote. “We believe this will be a much more effective way of addressing constituent

complaints and hopefully it will be well-received by our residents.”

Start-up costs would look to be \$162,000 for employees and the computer software. He said there is already \$27,000 set aside for the program, and \$50,000 from a state grant received last year. The remainder of the first-year costs would have to come from a budget request.

“I hope the Council will see the benefits of this improved constituent services effort and approve the requested FY20 appropriations,” he wrote.

The new system would replace the old SeeClickFix reporting system, which never worked as advertised.

YOUTH JOB FAIR
LOTTERY HELD

CHELSEA - City Manager Tom Ambrosino and members of the Chelsea Collaborative held a lottery on April 4 to pick the names of scores of young residents who will secure a summer youth employment job.

Director Gladys Vega said that while it was a time to celebrate the employment of more than 100 youth in the community, the need was far greater than the jobs.

“This year we received more than 300 applications, with more that came after the deadline,” she said. “Due to our funding, we are able to offer only 150 spots this year. We are excited to pair youth with more than 40 of our longstanding partners, including City of Chelsea, Chelsea Police, Intergenerational Literacy Program, Jordan Boys & Girls Club, North Suffolk Mental Health and others.”

At the lottery, 185 names in several different age groups were selected.

Some were put on a waiting list, and a vast majority of those applying were of a younger age.

Youth that were picked in the lottery are now going through several interviews this week, during School Spring Break. If they successfully pass those interviews, they will meet their employers in June and receive more training.

The Summer Youth Employment Initiative (SYEI) begins on July 1.

COUNCIL HEARS
ABOUT PROPOSED
CHANGES ON
ADMINISTRATIVE
CODE

EVERETT - On Thursday, April 11, the Council convened for its regular meeting of the Committee of the Whole. On the agenda was a single item, a presentation by the administration to amend the City of Everett Administrative Code.

The Council will be voting on the proposed changes at their next regular meeting on April 22.

All councilors were present save three; Councilors Anthony DiPierro, Wayne Matewsky and Leo McKinnon had prior commitments.

The meeting opened with a slideshow presented by Assistant City Solicitor Matt Lattanzi, which provided an overview of the proposed changes to the code. Councilors received paper copies of the presentation as well as the existing administrative code to compare the changes against.

The Council then analyzed the 60-page administrative code line by line and invited Mayor Carlo DeMaria, Chief of Staff Kevin O'Donnell, and City Solicitor Colleen Mejia to answer the Council's questions about the amended language.

Proposed changes were divided into three groups and included the following:

MURAL SPRINGS TO LIFE AT CHELSEA HIGH



The REACH program teamed up with the Learning Communication and Functional Academics classes at Chelsea High School to create a beautiful Spring mural in the Chelsea High School cafeteria. Thank you to project leaders Gaby Solis, Sonybel Quiñones and Stephanie Rodriguez.

•General Provisions
Those eligible to serve on a board or commission would expand to include those who own property in Everett (previously residents only). Board or commission members can be removed after missing two meetings (previously three) with permission from chairperson, or four total meetings (previously six). The Mayor would be able request the resignation of anyone serving on a board. All boards and commissions would be required to submit recordings and minutes within seven days. The Assistant City Clerk would be able to administer oaths of office to appointees (previously only City Clerk.)

•Multi-member Bodies
Changes to the Everett Public Libraries Board of Trustees (LBoT) would include the following: the City would take over the human resources duties of the LBoT; the City Treasurer would become the default treasurer of the LBoT; and the LBoT would go from overseeing the whole library system to overseeing the management of the trust left by founder Frederick E. Parlin.

Amendments in this section also reflect changes to multi-member bodies including commission names, alternate members, numbers of required members, term lengths, job duties, and language that could be interpreted as ambiguous.

•Executive Administration
The Department of Public Works (DPW) would rename a number of its departments as well as modify the duties and responsibilities associated with various departments and job titles. The Code Enforcement Task Force would add the Superintendent of Schools or his designee as a 10th required member. The City's new Department of Organizational Assessment would provide workplace consulting to and oversight of other City departments. Lastly, the title of Risk Manager and associated duties would be added to the title of City Solicitor.

The Council will be required to vote on these changes as a whole rather than on individual changes. For this reason, the Council requested a clarification in the language regarding associate/alternate members, which the Mayor agreed to. The City Solicitor will present the final document with the incorporated changes to the Council on April 22 where the Council will accept or reject it.

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New Soccer Team relocates to Revere

Boston City FC will play home games at Della Russo Stadium

By Cary Shuman

Revere soccer fans have a new team to call its own.

The Boston City FC, a team made up of current Division 1 college soccer players and other elite players, will play its first home game versus Hartford FC on Saturday, May 4 at Harry Della Russo Stadium on Park Avenue.

Boston City has played its last three seasons at Malden Catholic High School. The team played one game at Della Russo Stadium during the 2017 season.

Michael Preston, communications director for the amateur team, said the organization developed a good working relationship with

Mayor Brian Arrigo in its first three seasons.

“We used to train in the pre-season on Revere Beach,” said Preston. “We’ve considered moving the team to Revere in the past and after discussions with the city, we decided to do that. Boston FC is now officially a Revere-based club.”

Preston also praised the stadium, calling it one of the premier soccer venues in the region.

“It’s a great facility,” said Preston, adding that the team will also practice four nights a week in Revere.

The stadium was built after the city secured a \$2.72 million grant from the Gateway Parks program in 2014 under the leadership of then-Mayor

Dan Rizzo.

“In 2011, prior to the 2012 election, I pledged to Revere Pop Warner, Revere High Head Football Coach Lou Cicatelli and his staff, along with others that if elected, I would make this long-overdue stadium facility a reality – and we fulfilled our promise,” said Rizzo.

“To know that teams, players, coaches, and fans from outside Revere recognize this amazing asset as an outstanding facility only further accentuates its value to our own kids, parents, and residents across this community. It was always meant to be something that we all could be proud of, and I believe it has become that.”

Chelsea star Bustamante is new Boston FC coach

Boston FC welcomes a new head coach, Michael Busta-

mante, a former Chelsea High School and Boston University soccer star who played professionally in the MLS. Bustamante is a Revere resident.

Bustamante has changed the approach of the team, deciding to add several current players from college teams, including BU and Northeastern, to the roster.

Boston FC will compete in an eight-team division in the National Premier Soccer League (NPSL), which is officially the fourth level of soccer in the United States. The MLS is considered No. 1.

“What we’re most proud of is that this is our fourth season and we’re still going strong,” said Preston. “A lot of teams come and go, which harms the sport. Our longevity is really important to us.”

Boston FC is owned by Renato Valentin, who owns and operates several Tavern in the

Square Restaurants. The managing director is Craig Tornberg, a Revere resident who is the former general manager of the New England Revolution.

Preston stands for soccer in Greater Boston

Michael Preston, 50, has become synonymous with soccer excellence in the area, helping elite players realize their dream of playing the game at its highest level.

A former sports journalist in his native England, Preston went on to work in public relations for the National Football League’s office in London. Preston worked at his 20th NFL Super Bowl in Atlanta in February, a game won by the New England Patriots.

Preston moved to the Boston area in 2002. “I came to Boston because my wife is from Massachusetts,” related Preston. He and his wife, Jen,



Michael Preston, communications director for Revere-based Boston City FC, is pictured at the Super Bowl in Atlanta, where he worked for the National Football League.

and their four children live in Providence.

Preston also owns a public relations company and works with Global Football, a firm that specializes in transporting Division 3 college teams to Europe for tours and international exhibition games.

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MAYOR CANCELS SPEECH, WILL DELIVER ‘VIRTUAL’ STATE OF THE CITY

EVERETT - Mayor Carlo DeMaria announced last week that he planned to forego his State of the City Address on April 25 and will instead give a virtual speech at some time in the future.

The confusing news came suddenly late on Tuesday and was confirmed by Council President Rich Dell Isola.

In an invitation prepared by the Mayor’s Office later on Tuesday, it was stated that the mayor had chosen to do a virtual broadcast instead of a live speech before the City Council.

“In order to reach the maximum amount of resident, we have changed the State of the City Address to a virtual broadcast to be viewed on ECTV On Demand, Youtube.com and via Facebook,” the invitation read. “This will allow all residents to watch and listen at their convenience, anytime, day or night.”

The date is to be announced soon but was not given in the invitation.

NEXT STOP REVERE MASTER PLANNING FORUM DRAWS LARGE CROWD

REVERE - Mayor Brian Arrigo said he wanted the community’s input on the future of Revere throughout the Next Stop Revere master planning process.

In their first public opportunity to weigh in on the plan, many residents accepted the mayor’s invitation and attended the first of two community forums April 10 inside the Revere High School cafeteria.

Arrigo delivered the opening remarks at the forum before turning the podium over to Metropolitan Area Planning Council (MAPC) officials who are guiding the master planning process.

“After the turnout that we had in January [for the kickoff], which was amazing and truly showed how invested folks are in making sure the City of Revere realizes its full potential – I’m looking forward to hearing from all of you about your vision,” said Arrigo.

The forum’s focus was on housing, economic development, and the city’s historic and cultural resources.

“I truly believe that now is the time for Revere,” said Arrigo. “We are uniquely positioned with all the right ingredients to unlock the incredible opportunities for our city and for the people of our city,” said Arrigo.

The mayor specifically noted the development potential for the former NECCO and Wonderland Greyhound Park

sites.

Betsy Cowan, chief of economic development of the MAPC and one of the project managers, enlightened the audience with a number of interesting statistics about Revere and feedback from the kickoff event that was held on Jan. 15.

“First of all, the population is growing, you all know that, you feel that,” said Cowan, revealing that there are more than 53,000 residents living in the city. “It’s also a very diverse population in terms of the different age groups that represented. Certainly this is a diverse community in terms of racial and ethnic background.”

She said her group is looking at the use of land in Revere in terms of future development.

“Is it used for residential purposes? Is it used for commercial purposes? Combined with zoning and what is allowed in these difference spaces, that will help us analyze what should be built in the city,” said Cowan.

Reflecting on the kickoff event that focused on a number of topics such as affordable housing green space, and safety, Cowan said her team analyzed the feedback from residents and determined that the “key concerns” were (in order of mentions by attendees) traffic, affordable housing, drugs, racism, education/schools, taxes, cleanliness, and lighting.

Alex Koppelman, regional housing and land use planner at the MAPC spoke about the housing elements of the master plan.

“Affordable housing was the No. 1 topic mentioned at the [Jan. 15] meeting,” said Koppelman. “We heard a lot about why people like living in Revere. We heard that it’s an affordable place that’s close to Boston, close to transportation, and amenities like the beach. We also heard that’s it a very diverse city.”

“We also heard some concerns about the affordability of housing, particularly for families and whether the new apartments at the beach are meeting the needs of the community,” said Koppelman.

He said housing is considered “affordable” if it costs no more than 30 percent of the household’s income.

“This allows that household to pay for other necessities such as food, transportation, and healthcare,” said Koppelman.

He said the City of Revere has “a diverse range of housing types and that’s good, and the City does expect a lot of new market-rate housing units in the next few years, and that’s exciting for a lot of reasons.”

Josh Eichen, regional planner at the MAPC, talked about economic development, saying the term could mean,

“more development in the city, access to better jobs, activating vacant spaces (such as the NECCO factory), hosting community events such as the Sandcastle competition at the beach.”

He said based on community feedback, there were three categories that residents wanted to talk about: employment opportunities at the new hotels being built in Revere; whether competitive wages are being offered by the larger businesses in Revere; and traffic.

“Traffic came up a whole bunch, Revere is a commuting city,” said Eichen. “Twenty-one thousand workers commute outside the city for their employment. About 1,600 work and live in Revere. And Revere is bringing in about 7,000 people to work within the city limits.”

Annis Sengupta, senior arts and cultural planner at the MAPC, spoke about the historic and cultural components of the master plan.

“What we look at are the historic development patterns of the community, the historic preservation activities as priorities, and also the wider spectrum of arts and cultural activities and try to understand the identity of the place and the rich activity that is going,” said Sengupta.

She said some of the feedback that she received from residents were “how much Revere loves its diverse communities and cultures, concerns about racism, and the lack of cultural and recreational opportunities, especially for youth and seniors – and the need for more community gathering space.”

“And we heard about a love for Revere Beach as an historic asset, a regional destination, and as a unique open space,” said Sengupta. “And we also heard about a desire to strengthen its connection to environmental justice and promote is preservation in the face of climate change.”

Cowan said the goal is to present the final master plan to the Planning Board in the early winter of 2020. The next community forum is scheduled for May 8.

The members of the Next Stop Revere Steering Committee are:

Aklog Limeneh Planning Board Member, BIC, Suffolk Downs DAG

Carol Tye School Committee, Former Schools Supt., BIC, DAG

Chris Bright Revere Fire Chief, Suffolk Downs PRB

David Eatough. Conservation Committee Member, Revere High School Teacher

Dean Harris Director of Maintenance and Modernization, Revere Housing Authority

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Stephen Fielding Director of Elder Affairs, Senior Center

Sylvia Chiang Director, Revere CARES, MGH, Revere on the Move

Wendy Millar-Page Executive Director, Chamber of Commerce

DEMONSTRATION HELD OVER TAX FRAUD

LYNN - The New England Regional Council of Carpenters and Local 339 hosted a demonstration at Lynn City Hall on Thursday April 11. Their event illuminated the rampant tax fraud tainting the construction industry.

“Construction industry tax fraud is an issue that robs taxpayers of critical funding for things like firefighters and local schools here in Lynn, and it gets worse when you note that a lot of it happens through the mistreatment of workers and the unethical ways that they are hired,” said NERCC Local 339 member Adam DiGiovanni. He informed attendees on the magnitude of illegal construction employment practices and their impact on Lynn and Massachusetts.

Each year labor brokers and contractors cheat their tax obligations by misclassifying their hires and paying an estimated 1.2 million workers ‘off the books,’ robbing taxpayers of up to \$2.6 billion through lost federal income, employment taxes, and state income taxes. These dishonest tactics deprive city, state, and federal budgets of tax dollars and ethical businesses the chance to fairly compete for work. Local neighborhoods lose funds necessary for school improvements, infrastructure maintenance, veteran assistance, and capacity for first responders.

When employers engage in tax fraud, workers can’t collect unemployment when a job finishes and they get laid

off. When they get hurt, all of the medical costs get paid by the worker and/or the taxpayers, instead of workers comp insurance. They miss out on years of Social Security contributions. Sometimes, employers commit wage theft and refuse to pay or fully pay workers for their work. This not only impacts workers directly, but also indirectly impacts every other taxpayer, since it puts a greater burden on public services.

“When I got hired for my old job I didn’t realize that I had an option to not be treated this way,” said Manny Domingues, an NERCC member. Prior to joining the union, Manny experienced worker exploitation and tax fraud methods though employee misclassification.

He noted, that “Standing up in unison against this behavior means it will stop. The public is being robbed of tax money. If they put pressure on local representatives and developers, we have a real chance to make this right for workers, for locals, and for funding public services in Lynn.”

Together, nearly 100 attending NERCC members and locals called for a unified front against this insidious activity by demonstrating with picket signs and banners.

Representatives also spoke about next steps for protecting taxpayers and workers in Lynn. The Lynn City Council signed an ordinance to protect against wage fraud in March of 2018.

“As a union organizer, I’ve seen tax fraud up close when talking to workers. Now I get to help the people of Lynn see just how pervasive this issue is and make sure they know they have rights. I’m so proud that our leaders here have spoken out against this. Now the hope is that other cities and towns in the North Shore will step up and do the same,” said Justin Anshewitz, an NERCC Organizer and a member of the City of Lynn Wage Theft Committee.

During the week of the April 15, national tax deadline, additional events will be held by other regional councils of the United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners of America. Together these groups are working to elevate the conversation around construction industry tax fraud and the associated costs to American taxpayers and their communities.

STUDENTS USE VOICES FOR SELF-DEFENSE

WINTHROP - If you walked through the halls of Winthrop High School, you may have heard a lot of shouts, as several senior girls were learning to use their voices during a free self-defense class taught by the Win-

throp Police Department.

The four-hour introductory course was designed to empower females and included a presentation on common situations, interactive lessons that taught escape methods and techniques to deter an aggressor, and videos depicting real-life scenarios.

“I loved taking this class, and I felt like it gave me a solid foundation not only for being safe in college but really in any environment,” said senior Faith Hunt. “I wanted to get a better understanding of how to protect myself against aggressors in all situations and be able to predict danger before it happens. Every woman or man should take a self-defense class, because unfortunately, we never know when we might need it.”

The class emphasized the importance of situational awareness and encouraged participants to free themselves from any type of distractions that could cause them to get caught off guard.

“This class is to empower the girls who are going off to college soon and even those who are not,” said School Resource Officer (SRO), Detective Dawne Armitstead. “The purpose of this course is to give some minimal tools and self-defense skills in case you should encounter a dangerous situation and to prevent a dangerous situation from getting out of control.”

Both girls and instructors suited up in protective gear and engaged in real-life scenarios, where they practiced punches, holds, hits, kicks, and letting go of the fear of using their voices.

“It’s dear to our hearts to teach young people how to be safe on the street,” said Kevin Janielis, a personal safety self-defense instructor and former defense and tactical training instructor at the Suffolk County Sheriff’s Department. “We want this to be a positive experience. We want to teach situational awareness, get students empowered, and help them gain confidence, and have fun doing it.”

The class was led by SRO Detective Dawne Armitstead, Officer Michael Connolly, and retired Captain of Suffolk County Sheriff’s Department and Winthrop Harbor Master Kevin Janielis, as part of a police youth partnership. Winthrop Police was awarded a grant through the State Shannon Grant program to improve and build trusting relationships between police and the youth of the community. This is the first of several police-youth partnership events that will be conducted throughout the year.

Another self-defense class will be offered before the end of the school year. Interested students should contact: darmitstead@town.winthrop.ma.us.

Tips on preventing falls in the house for seniors

One in four Americans aged 65 or older falls each year, according to the National Council on Aging. Every 11 seconds, an older adult is treated in the emergency room for a fall; every 19 minutes, an older adult dies from a fall. Falls are the leading cause of fatal injury and the most common cause of nonfatal trauma-related hospital and nursing home admissions among older adults.

Although falls are prevalent in older adults, there could be many ways to help your loved one continue to live safely in their own home.

Falls and accidents seldom “just happen.” Usually there are at least several contributing factors that lead to a fall. The danger in some of these factors can be eliminated or reduced by taking simple steps recommended by Mystic Valley Elder Services to make an elder’s home safer. Here is a room-by-room breakdown of some of these steps.

Bathrooms: Place a rubber mat or rubber safety strips in the tub or shower. Install sturdy grab bars in the tub/shower area to provide support. Have a night light available to use after dark and in the middle of the night.

Bedrooms: Use night lights or bedside, remote-controlled light switches. Place the telephone in an area easy to get to and keep the cord out of walking pathways. Consider a cordless telephone.

Stairs and hallways: Put light switches conveniently at both the top and bottom of stairs. Make sure carpeting is not loose or buckling and use non-skid treads on stairs. Both sides of each stairway should have sturdy handrails running their entire lengths. Avoid waxing hardwood floors that could create a slippery surface.

Living areas: Secure and place electrical/telephone cords out of walking pathways. Remove throw rugs that might slide or attach non-skid strips to rug backings. Furniture should be arranged to allow for unobstructed walkways. It is important to keep floors clear of clutter.

Other tips to prevent falls:

- You should also be aware of clothing and behavior that can help create a safer environment. You should wear well-fitted, flat, rubber-soled shoes to prevent slipping.
- Do not walk or climb stairs with arms loaded—always leave a hand free for balance.
- Slowly get out of bed and slowly rise from sitting to avoid dizziness.
- Make sure to have your vision tested regularly and keeps her glasses clean.
- Be aware of any medications you are taking that could cause difficulty with balance.
- You should be discussing the falls with your primary care physician to see if there is a medical condition that needs attention.

The dangerous situation created by a fall is frequently compounded by the inability to call for help. Personal emergency response systems should be installed whenever someone appears to be at risk of falling. The systems provide 24-hour access to emergency help, giving both the elder and family members some sense of security

Located in Malden, Mass., Mystic Valley Elder Services is a non-profit agency that provides essential home- and community-based care and resources to elders, adults living with disabilities, and caregivers who reside in Chelsea, Everett, Malden, Medford, Melrose, North Reading, Reading, Revere, Stoneham, Wakefield and Winthrop. Agency services include coordination of home care, transportation, Meals on Wheels, and information and referrals. For more information, please call (781) 324-7705 or visit www.mves.org.

OBITUARIES

Steven Travers Of Peabody

Stephen E. Travers of Peabody tragically passed away on April 18.

He was the loving son of Eugene Travers and the late Diane (Doyle) of Cambridge, dear brother of Dana Travers of Marblehead and Valerie Travers and her fiancé, Robert Barker of Lynn, former husband of Darlene Pastore and cherished nephew of Maureen Sheaffer, both of Peabody. He is also survived by his many loving nieces, nephews and great nephews.

Family and friends will honor Stephen’s life by gathering in the Ruggiero Family Memorial Home, 971 Saratoga Street, (Orient Heights) East Boston, on Sunday, April 28 from 2 to 6 p.m. and again on Monday morning, April 29 at 8:30 before leaving in procession to the St. Joseph - St. Lazarus Church, East Boston for a Funeral Mass in celebration of his life at 10 a.m. Services will conclude with Stephen being laid to rest at Woodlawn Cemetery, Everett. Funeral home is handicapped accessible. Courtesy valet parking at front entrance. For more information, please visit www.ruggieromh.com.

Robert “Buzz” Barnes Retired Boston Firefighter

Robert E. “Buzz” Barnes of East Boston, formerly of South Boston, died on April 22.

A US Army veteran, he retired after 33 years of service as a firefighter for the Boston Fire Dept, stationed at Ladder 21, Orient Heights and Ladder 2, Maverick Sq., East Boston.

He was the beloved husband of Beverly A. (Riley), loving father of Judy Barnes of East Boston, devoted grandfather of Robert “Robby” Barnes, son of the late Margaret L. (Varley) and James B. Barnes and cherished uncle of Edwin and Doria Shanahan of Peabody. He is also survived by three sisters, one brother, several nieces and nephews.

His funeral will be from the Magrath Funeral Home, 325 Chelsea St. [at Day Sq] East Boston on Thursday morning, April 25 at 10:30 followed by a Funeral Mass in the Sacred Heart Church, 45



Maria Pisciuneri Of Chelsea, formerly of East Boston

Maria V. (Fazzolari) Pisciuneri of Chelsea, formerly of East Boston, died peacefully surrounded by her loving family at her bedside on Friday, April 19.

She was the beloved wife of the late Rocco Pisciuneri, devoted mother of Marianna Cicia and her husband, Nicola of Argentina, Caterina Pontoriero and her husband, Salvatore of Chelsea, Vincenzo Pisciuneri and his wife, Giulia of Chelsea and Stella Ciurleo and her husband, Attilio of New York; dear sister of the late Maria, Pasquale and Giuseppe Falzzolari; cherished grandmother of Susana, Daniel, Silvia, Richard, Claudio, Maria, Daniela, Alexandra and Marina and adored great

grandmother of 16. She also leaves many loving nieces and nephews.

Family and friends will honor Maria’s life by gathering in the Ruggiero Family Memorial Home, 971 Saratoga Street (Orient Heights) East Boston, today, Wednesday, April 24 from 4 to 8 p.m. and again on Thursday morning at 8:30 a.m. before leaving in procession to the St. Anthony’s Church, Revere for a Funeral Mass in celebration of her life at 10 a.m. Services will conclude with Maria being laid to rest next to her husband Rocco in Chapel Hill Mausoleum Holy Cross Cemetery, Malden. For more information or to send an online condolence, visit ruggieromh.com.

John Buttiglieri, Sr. 30-year UPS employee

John A. Buttiglieri, Sr. of East Boston, passed away peacefully on Tuesday, April 16.

A US Army Veteran of the Korean Conflict, he was also an employee of UPS for 30 years.

He was the beloved husband of the late Josephine (Maslin) Buttiglieri; devoted father of Sandra Kraus of Uxbridge and Nancy Davis of Salem, NH and the late John A. Buttiglieri Jr.; dear brother of Millie Frizzell of Washington and the late Constantino “Sunny” Buttiglieri and Rocco Buttiglieri; cherished grandfather of Michael and Kaitlin Kraus and Charlie and Valerie Davis and great-grandfather of Antonio



Michael Kraus.

Funeral arrangements were by the Ruggiero Family Memorial Home, 971 Saratoga Street, (Orient Heights) East Boston. Services concluded with John being laid to rest with Military Honors at Holy Cross Cemetery, Malden. For more information, visit: www.ruggieromh.com

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Date of Death:
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WITNESS, Hon. Brian J. Dunn, First Justice of this Court.
Date: April 18, 2019
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Christina Zollarcoffer/
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The Plaintiff has filed a Complaint for Divorce requesting that the Court grant a divorce for irretrievable breakdown. The Complaint is on file at the Court.
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Witness, Hon. Brian J. Dunn, First Justice of this Court.
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Marion Rizzari Of East Boston

Marion Rizzari of East Boston died peacefully on April 23.

She was the loving daughter of the late Giacomo and Michelina (Riggi) Rizzari, dear sister of the late Teresa, Salvatore and Joseph Rizzari and Viola “Dolly” Chance and the cherished aunt of 17 loving nieces and nephews.

Family and friends will honor Marion’s life by gathering in the Ruggiero Family Memorial Home, 971 Saratoga St. (Orient Heights) East Boston on Friday, April 26 from 10 a.m. to 12 noon followed by a prayer service in our Serenity Chapel. Services will conclude with Marion being laid to rest in Woodlawn Cemetery, Everett. For more information, visit: www.ruggieromh.com

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YMCA to celebrate 20 years at annual breakfast fundraiser

By John Lynds

The East Boston YMCA started in a small commercial space behind Burger King as a daycare 20 years ago.

Now, two decades later the agency has grown to include its own administration building complete with a gym and daycare on Bremen Street Park, a satellite facility on Ashley Street, numerous afterschool programs housed inside Boston Public Schools in the neighborhood, a teen program, a swimming program at the Mario Umana Academy and dozens of community-wide family programs.

The idea of opening an East Boston YMCA branch was spearheaded by the Greater Boston YMCA Vice President Wendy Zinn. At the time, Zinn was serving in administration at the Y's Boston headquarters on Huntington Avenue.

At that time Eastie's population was exploding and waitlists at other daycares and afterschool programs were growing. While the community had established youth and daycare programs like the East Boston Social Centers and Salesian Boys & Girls Club, Zinn's focus was to take some of the burden off those neighborhood institutions.

"Wendy (Zinn) started with only three daycare classrooms in 1999," said East Boston YMCA current Executive Director Joe Gaeta. "We then expanded to one afterschool program at the Curtis Guild. From there we went to the Adams School, the McKay School, the Kennedy School, the Otis School and the Alighieri."

Zinn was relocated to Eastie, moved to the community, established the first Eastie Y branch and was named its executive director.

A few years later she set her eyes on the old industrial train repair warehouse on Bremen Street. While the dilapidated building was considered an eyesore to many, Zinn thought it would be the perfect place to establish a permanent Y presence within the community. At the time the state was redeveloping the former Park and Fly businesses on Bremen Street into the 16-acre Bremen Street Park. Zinn jumped at the opportunity to transform the old train warehouse into the Y's administrative building with offices, a gym, daycare center, as well as teen and family programs.

In 2006 the Y cut the ribbon on the new facility.

"Then things moved pretty fast after that," said Gaeta. "Wendy (Zinn) went back downtown as Vice President and Joey Cuzzi stepped in and continued to expand the Y."

Under Cuzzi's leadership

the Y grew to include the Ashley Street site in 2011 that includes daycare, afterschool programs, camp in the summer, a test kitchen and gardens.

"It's amazing to think we went from three classrooms behind Burger King to our current locations on Bremen Street to all the other satellite sites," said Gaeta, who attended Y programs as a kid before getting a job there. "It's really like a campus now."

On Thursday, April 25 (tomorrow) at 7 a.m. at the Logan Hilton Y staff, families and the community will celebrate the agency's 20-year history in the community at the annual breakfast fundraiser. Last year, the Y raised well above their \$140,000 goal during the annual 'Reach Out for Youth' campaign and breakfast. The campaign culminates each year at the Y's annual breakfast. The donations and money raised during the fundraising campaign ensures that no child, family or adult will ever be turned away from the Y due to an inability to pay full fees.

Gaeta said not only will the Y celebrate 20 years in the community, but the agency will also highlight the new aquatics programs at the Umana.

For years the Y's board was diligently working to find a way to bring its swimming programs and lessons that are part of the Y's 'Strong Swimmers. Safe Kids' initiative to Eastie.

The board had zeroed in on the unused Umana pool as a possible partnership. The Umana decided looked to join forces with the Eastie Y and to finally bring the Umana pool back to its original glory.

The result was a partnership between the Y and the Umana. The partnership now has the Y staff and run programming at the pool for the community at large while the Umana students benefit from a reopened pool during the school day.

"It's something we are really proud of," said Gaeta. "Since opening in 1999 we were the only Y branch without a pool and we were always trying to find a way to partner with one of the pools here or find space to build one."

Gaeta said at Thursday's breakfast the outside of the ballroom will celebrate the Y's two decades in Eastie while inside the ballroom will highlight the new Umana pool partnership.

"The pool is beautiful and is reaching more kids than we could have imagined," said Gaeta. "We have 390 kids participating in pool programs. We have safety around water which is free for Umana students, adapted kayaking for

special needs students, water aerobics for seniors. Basically we want every kid in Eastie to be able to swim and be safe around water. We are 90 percent shoreline and there are a lot of kids that don't know how to swim. The pool is really going to bring the community together because everyone can use it."

As in years past, all money raised through the Annual Fund is 100 percent directed to scholarship assistance for programming in Eastie.

For two decades, the Eastie Y has been helping people in the community improve the quality of their lives with programs that focus on healthy living, social responsibility and youth development. It's the Y's mission to be a cornerstone for social change, leading individuals and families of all backgrounds and at all stages of life to learn, thrive and improve the neighborhood.

At the East Boston Y, the fitness and nutrition programs are educating and supporting members in their quest to live



East Boston YMCA daycare students perform during last year's Annual YMCA Breakfast. This year the Y will celebrate 20 years in the community.

healthier lives. Seniors are using their membership to stay connected to activities and to people to keep them young and living with purpose, and youth in the East Boston Y's early education and care and after-school programs are learning literacy skills and receiving academic support in conjunction with Boston Pub-

lic Schools curriculum.

The Y is also empowering teens, socially and academically. The Y's Safe Dates Program provides teens with the skills they need to help them make positive choices in their personal relationships, and free SAT programs and employment through the Y give them the tools they need to be

successful in school and beyond.

Sponsorships and tickets to the YMCA's Reach Out For Youth Breakfast can be purchased at 215 Bremen StB. For more information on how to support the YMCA of Greater Boston's Annual Fund, visit www.ymcaboston.org/giving/annual-fund.

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Walter Yourawski of East Boston Gold and Diamond Exchange made his annual donation of new watches to the graduating seniors on the St. Mary's High School (Lynn) boys hockey team. Mr. Yourawski's son is a former St. Mary's player. Pictured at the team's awards banquet are, from left, Damon Maribito, Kyle Oullette, Jared Coppola, Colin Reddy, and Nicky Napolitano.

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East Boston resident Danny Ventura of the Boston Herald is pictured at the press table where he covered the Massachusetts state basketball championships at the College of the Holy Cross in Worcester. A past recipient of the National High School Sportswriter of the Year Award, Ventura will receive the Distinguished Service Award from the Mass. State Football Coaches Association at its annual banquet later this month.

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