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Police search for group of teens involved in shooting

By John Lynds

Just before 10 p.m. on Sunday, Transit Police got a call for a report of shots fired at the MBTA's Aquarium Station following a scuffle aboard an inbound Blue Line train that originated in East Boston..

Once police arrived they spoke to several witnesses who told officers there was an argument onboard the inbound Blue Line train that involved several juvenile males.

The disturbance turned physical and continued onto the platform at Aquarium station.

Police said at some point as the juvenile males were proceeding out of the station at least two shots were fired from an unknown caliber handgun.

Luckily no one was struck.

The shooting closed the station through Monday morning so police could thoroughly process the scene for evidence.

Police said this is an active and ongoing investigation being handled by Transit Police detectives and no further information will be released at this time.

"We are extremely grateful no one was injured during tonight's incident and all available resources will be deployed to identify, locate and apprehend the person/s responsible for such reckless and criminal conduct," said Transit Police Superintendent Ricgard Sullivan.



John Nucci and Kerri Abrams pose for a picture with Nucci's wife, Peggy, and the couple's three sons as well as Abrams fiancé Frank Perullo. Nucci celebrated the one year anniversary of Abrams donating one of her kidneys to Nucci so he could have a life saving kidney transplant surgery.

John Nucci celebrates his one-year anniversary of life-saving kidney transplant

By John Lynds

Last Wednesday, a group of close friends and family were invited to a luncheon at Rino's Place in East Boston by John Nucci.

The day marked the one year anniversary of Nucci's life-saving kidney transplant. The former Boston City Councilor and current Suffolk University senior vice president wanted to bring a group of friends and family together to thank them for all their love and support during his battle against Polycystic Kidney Disease, his life-saving transplant surgery and subsequent recovery.

One person in the room, Kerri Abrams, who donated one of her kidneys to Nucci stood out among the crowd.

"There are really no words to explain the gratitude I feel towards my family and friends and of course Kerri, my wonderful donor who gave me this second chance at life," said an emotional Nucci holding Abrams's hand last Wednesday. "Being surrounded by all of you today makes this already special day even more special and rewarding. The one anniversary gift that would make Kerri and I the most happy would be if everybody here spread the word about organ donation and

how important it is. It literally saves lives."

Abrams said she loves watching how far Nucci's family has come since the surgery.

"Watching them enjoy these moments, it's everything," she said at last week's luncheon.

Nucci's wife, Peggy called Abrams's kidney donation "a beautiful gift" to the Nucci family.

"Thanks to the beautiful gift of life that John's remarkable and generous donor Kerri Abrams provided, John is still with us, feeling great, and entirely back to normal," said

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Two finalists vie for Massport CEO job

By John Lynds

The Massport Board of Directors announced that Boston Planning and Development head Brian Golden and Massport's Port Director Lisa Weiland have emerged as the two finalists being considered for the Massport CEO post.

The Massport board will meet during a special meeting Thursday and make its final decision on whether it will be Golden or Weiland for the \$300,000 a year job to oversee Logan International Airport and the Conley Shipping Terminal in Southie.

After a nation-wide search that included 170 applicants for the job the Massport board cut the list down to 40, then 10, then four before Golden and Weiland emerged.

"I want to hear three things from the two candidates; their vision, how familiar and experienced they are in working the levers of local and federal government, and maybe most importantly, what experience



Massport's Port Director Lisa Weiland.



BPDA Director Brian Golden.

they have working with local impacted neighborhoods," said Massport board member

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Additional charges filed in fatal car accident case

By John Lynds

The East Boston man charged with killing a Rhode Island college student and seriously injuring her roommate during a car crash on May 5 was indicted and arraigned last Wednesday in Suffolk Superior Court and now faces additional charges.

The Suffolk County District Attorney's Office has upped the charges against Dylan Etheridge to include Operating Under the Influence of alcohol and causing serious bodily harm.

Etheridge is also charged with manslaughter by motor vehicle and two counts of leaving the scene of personal injury or death. The same \$1,000 bail imposed at Etheridge's district court arraignment remained in place at his Superior Court arraignment. He returns to court Aug. 28.

Etheridge, 22, of East Boston stands accused of causing the death of Amber Pelletier, of Rhode Island and seriously

injuring her friend from Saint Leo University, Ava Salvi, of East Boston, and then fleeing the scene during an early morning crash on Bennington Street on May 5.

According to court documents on May 4 Pelletier was in Boston visiting Salvi. The two decided to have dinner and drinks at the Koy Restaurant in Faneuil Hall.

A group of three other friends, that included Etheridge, were invited to join Pelletier and Salvi. Salvi had driven herself and Pelletier

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EBNHC Farmers Market to returns to Central Square July 3

By John Lynds

The East Boston Neighbor-

hood Health Center's (EBNHC) Let's Get Movin Farmers Market will kickoff next



Wednesday, July 3, at 3 p.m. in Central Square.

Once open, the widely popular market that features a wide array of locally sourced fresh fruits, veggies, meats, cheeses, coffee and preserves will run each Wednesday from 3 to 6:30 p.m. until Oct. 16.

Director of the EBNHC Let's Get Movin program Gabrielle Whitman said the East Boston Farmers Market has become a place during the summer and fall that brings together farmers and neighbors to shop, enjoy performances by local musicians, and find

information on healthy eating. The Farmers Market is the place to see friends, meet your neighbors, and celebrate being a member of Eastie's diverse and vibrant community.

"So we have several vendors this year with some of the favorites coming back like Farmer Dave's and Asia Farms," said Whitman. "One of our new vendors this year is Arrowhead Farm and they sell produce, meat, eggs, flowers and preserves."

Whitman was also glad to announce the return of Eagle

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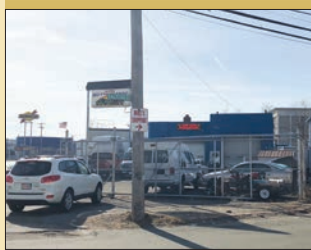
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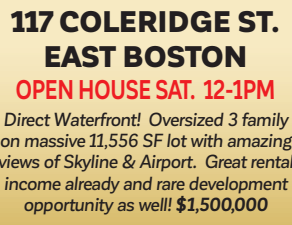
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OUR NATIONAL DISGRACE AT THE BORDER

Hundreds of migrant children have been transferred out of a filthy Border Patrol station in Texas where they had been detained for weeks without access to soap, clean clothes or adequate food, the authorities confirmed on Monday, -- The New York Times, Monday, June 24

Regardless of how one may feel about the issue of immigration, legal and illegal, we would hope that every American would agree that the policy of separating children from their parents, and then detaining those children in facilities that are not fit for animals, represents a stain on our national consciousness that is evident for all the world to see.

These children, who range in age from toddlers to young teens, have been treated as less than human by our government. Some have died while under the care of the Border Patrol; others have become sick and malnourished. All will bear the psychological scars for the rest of their lives of being held in makeshift jails in conditions that are nothing less than appalling.

America is supposed to be a beacon of light in a world of darkness, a place where everyone, regardless of race, creed, or national origin, is treated with dignity and respect.

However, from our nation’s inception, all too often we have failed to live up to the noble words in the Declaration of Independence that, “All men are created equal.”

Slavery was embedded in our Constitution; segregation was legally permissible for almost 100 years after the Civil War; Native Americans were massacred and forced onto reservations; women were second-class citizens and not allowed to vote until 1919; and Japanese-Americans were interned during WWII.

None of us can change the past, but hopefully we can learn from it and not repeat the mistakes of previous generations. However, the present policies that are being enforced at our southern border are as cruel and as inhumane as any that have existed in our nation’s history.

The consequences of these policies are tragic, not just for those who are being subjected to them, but for all Americans, who stand as complicit, and therefore, shamed, by our own government’s inhumane subjugation of these innocent children.

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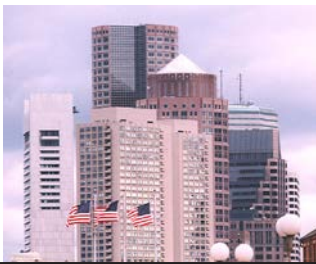
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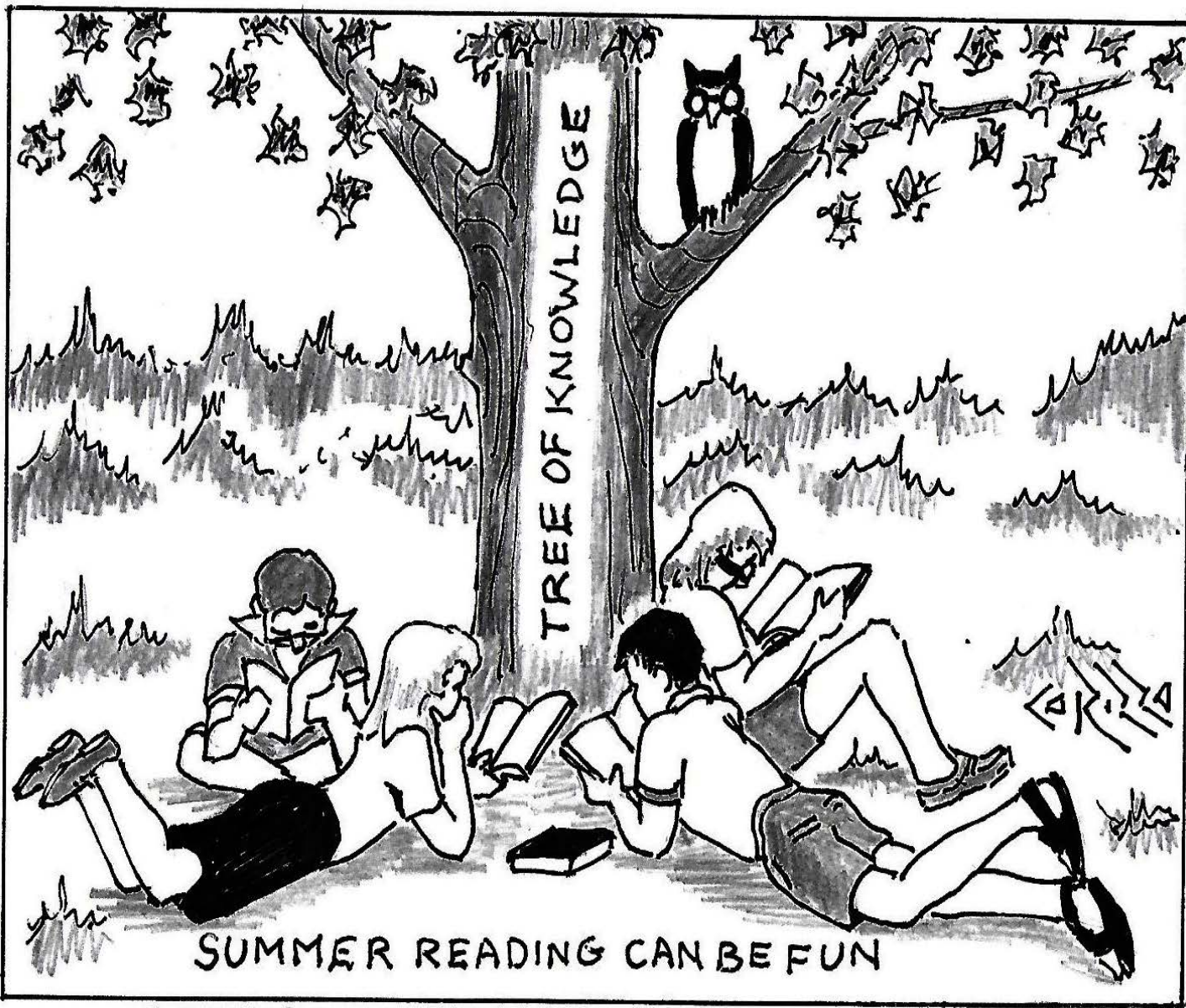
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GUEST OP-ED

Celebrate your community on Independence Day

By Quint Studer

As I go about my work of helping communities revitalize and reinvent themselves, I often get to see the best of America and I’m reminded that the foundations that built this country are still just as important today.

It’s long been said that America is all about rugged individualism, and that is true to some extent. Yes, being as self-sufficient as you can be is an admirable trait, but it only takes one so far. People need people in order to really live and nowhere is that more true than in communities.

Back when our ancestors landed on our shores, they didn’t head off into the woods to build a log cabin single-handedly. No, they banded together in small communities. They worked together, struggled together, cried together, and celebrated together. They shared what they had when they could—and expected others to do the same for them when they needed help.

Early Americans had to live this way. Otherwise, they would never have survived in

this unfamiliar, unforgiving land.

Today, something very similar is happening. We’re in the middle of a massive community revitalization movement. Across America, cities and towns of all sizes are looking to reinvent themselves after a long, hard recession and several chaotic decades that turned their world upside down.

For many communities, globalization and technology reshuffled the deck. Much like our forefathers and foremothers, people found themselves lost in uncharted territory. Jobs disappeared. Unemployment skyrocketed. Infrastructure crumbled. Once-bustling downtowns deteriorated. Young people moved away in search of better lives (and who can blame them).

Now, we’ve collectively decided to look homeward. We’ve decided to bring our communities back from the brink. And we’re not doing it as a nation of rugged individuals. We’re doing it in small, tight-knit groups as we embrace the spirit of cooperation, collaboration, and partnership.

Community leaders, business owners, and citizens are deeply engaged and working together to breathe new life into our downtowns. We’re encouraging entrepreneurs to start new ventures. We’re choosing to eat, drink, play, and shop locally. We’re showing up at street festivals, volunteering, and supporting the institutions that feed, educate, and heal our community.

As I look to communities that are thriving, one thing is for certain. We are still the land of opportunity. People are finding they can still start a business, make a living, and provide jobs to others. While a strong local government is part of every vibrant community, in most cases private industry is the backbone. Thriving local business communities lead to long-term prosperity.

So here’s what I believe: Real independence is about working hard, playing hard, building strong relationships with family and friends, and being happy in the place we’ve put down our roots. It’s about choosing the kind of life we want to live. For the most part, this can exist only in the

context of community.

This Independence Day, I hope you’ll take a moment to be grateful for your community and reflect on what you might do to make it better. Get involved. Find a cause that speaks to you. Share your ideas. Join together with like-minded neighbors and work to make something happen.

The spirit of community is the spirit that built America. And it’s what will rebuild us as we work together to create our future.

Quint Studer is author of “Building a Vibrant Community” and founder of Pensacola’s Studer Community Institute, a nonprofit organization focused on improving the community’s quality of life and moving Escambia and Santa Rosa counties forward. He is a businessman, a visionary, an entrepreneur, and a mentor to many. He currently serves as the Entrepreneur-in-Residence at the University of West Florida. For more information, visit www.vibrantcommunityblueprint.com and www.studer.org.

Mass Audubon ‘Picture This:’ annual statewide photo contest alive and clicking

Do you appreciate the outdoors and enjoy taking photographs that celebrate your connection with nature? Then you and Picture This: Your Great Outdoors, Mass Audubon’s annual statewide photo contest, are a picture-perfect fit!

Picture This: welcomes shutterbugs of all ages, backgrounds, and levels of experience to share the natural beauty of the Bay State through their photography. The competition, which each year attracts hundreds of photographers who submit thousands of images, is now under way and continues through Monday, September 30.

Participants can enter in either 18-and-Older or Under-18 age categories and can focus on six subject ar-

eas: People in Nature, Birds, Mammals, Other Animals, Landscapes, and Plants and Fungi. Contestants can submit up to 10 images.

Photographs can have been taken any time prior to or during the 2019 contest period, but must have been shot in Massachusetts or at Mass Audubon’s Wildwood Camp in Rindge, NH.

One Grand Prize winner will be awarded a \$250 gift card, in addition to being featured in Mass Audubon’s member newsletter, Explore. Eleven winners will receive \$100 gift cards, and at least six honorable mentions will receive \$50 gift cards. Additional honorable mentions may be awarded at the discretion of the judges.

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NOAH youth busy with a host of summer activities

By John Lynds

The East Boston Neighborhood of Affordable Housing (NOAH) youth will be busy all summer long with a host of activities as well as introducing new projects focused on creating change and achieving environmental and social justice in the neighborhood.

N-Yo (NOAH Youth Organizers) is an all youth lead group where they focus on empowering and building strong relationships with the community, educating and creating public awareness on issues impacting Eastie, transforming the Chelsea Creek, fight against environmental racism, create change, and achieve environmental and social justice.

“In the past, they have done environmental justice boat tours along the Chelsea Creek describing different issues that both East Boston and Chelsea residents organized on, hosted different family community building events and activities along the Chelsea Creek, bi-Monthly concerts, clean ups, monthly events and stewarding at the

Condor Street Urban Wild,” said NOAH’s Community Engagement Coordinator Melinda Vega.

While most of the youths’ work mobilized around environmental justice issues, N-Yo has expanded to running a trash initiative campaign, basement flood assessments, clean air campaign, a soccer tournament and free kayaking at Constitution Beach and the Urban Wild.

“They have also been present at youth summits and attend monthly community meetings throughout East Boston to update residents on some of their initiatives in the neighborhood,” said Vega.

The youths’ new initiative Scale-Up, which stands for Social Cohesion, Adaptation and Leadership in Emergencies in Urban Places includes canvassing and door knocking around the community to survey Eastie regarding emergency preparedness.

The Scale-Up project is funded by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation to enhance community resilience to both cumulative and sudden climate-related events in Eastie. The project accomplishes this by helping residents and community leaders be better prepared for catastrophic events.

N-Yo will try and get 1,000 residents to participate in the survey that involves speaking with an interviewer or completing a survey online and answering questions about one’s thoughts on climate change, disaster preparedness, the community, local government and local leaders.

The youth will also continue two other signature NOAH programs.

“This summer they are continuing to do our Kayaking Program at Constitution Beach Thursday to Sunday from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.,” said Vega. “This is one of their favorite events but also a community favorite in which the community has free access to the harbor. In the past we’ve had 3,000 people attend and take advantage of this free and family event.”

Along with that N-Yo are continuing their efforts in their tree canopy campaign hoping to plant over 2,000 trees in East Boston.

“This campaign, which just celebrated two years, is centered towards increasing the percentage of tree the community has given that in their research they found that East

Boston only has 15 percent tree coverage of what it could have if a tree was planted every 25 feet,” said Vega.



This summer NOAH youth will continue the Kayaking Program at Constitution Beach as well as the Urban Wild



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N-Yo (NOAH Youth Organizers) meet with Rep. Adrian Madaro to discuss creating public awareness on issues impacting Eastie.



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Peggy. “Maybe you volunteered to donate a kidney, or maybe you prayed and sent us good wishes —it all made a difference and we are forever grateful. Thank you all so much.”

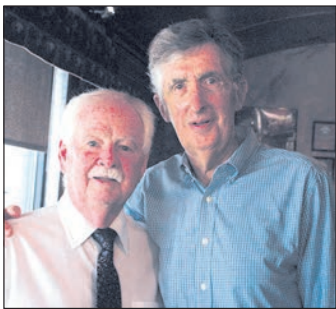
Nucci, 67, suffers from Polycystic Kidney Disease, the same kidney disease that killed his father at the age of 64. He and Abrams underwent the lifesaving kidney transplant surgery on June 19, 2018.

“My kidneys went from 12 percent down to 2 percent from February to June,” said Nucci after the surgery. “Kerri is just an amazing and brave woman. To read about my story, step up and undergo all the testing and agreeing to go through with donating her kidney to me after she found out she was a match is something that is so moving to me and my family.”

In his 30s, after the passing of his father following complications of Polycystic Kidney Disease, Nucci found out that he had inherited the same genetic disorder where the renal tubules become structurally abnormal, resulting in the development and growth of multiple cysts within the kidney.

The diagnosis was grim and for the last three decades, Nucci lived knowing that some day his kidneys would begin shutting down.

“I was tested in my 30s to find out if I had inherited the disease and I was told then that I did in fact have cysts on my kidneys,” said Nucci. “As these cysts form over the years your kidney function gets lower and lower. My doctors at MassGeneral had been watching it every year since I was in my 30s and in the past year my levels have been dropping fast. That’s the nature of this disease. Once you’re diagnosed you’re never at full kidney function but you can live at 30 percent kid-



Suffolk County Clerk Michael Donovan and John Nucci.



Mike Greico and John Nucci.



Maryann Perullo and her son, Frank Perullo.



Kerri Abrams and John Nucci celebrate the one year anniversary of Abrams donating her kidney to Nucci.

ney function for years. Once it drops down to about 15 percent is when they say ‘It’s time.’”

Abrams, who owns Kinship Florist in Revere, had a family connection to Nucci.



Kerri Abrams and John Nucci cut a ‘Kidney Cake’ in honor of the lifesaving transplant Nucci received last year.



Eddie Coppinger, Al Caldarelli and John Nucci.



John Nucci with his Suffolk University staffers Lauren Campbell and Jason Wright.





John Nucci with Karen and Jim Buttiglieri.

Thirty-five years ago Abrams’ parents, Kim and Al, were political supporters and friends of Nucci. At the time Nucci nor the Abrams could have ever guessed that Kim and Al’s daughter would donate her kidney to help save Nucci’s life nearly four decades later.

Since undergoing a lifesaving kidney transplant Nucci has been making it his life

mission to raise awareness and money for the disease that could have ended his life.

Last fall in Brighton, Nucci and his family took part in the Walk for Polysystic Kidney Disease. Team Nucci’s goal is to raise \$3,500 or more for research. The family plans to do the walk again this year.



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LOCAL STUDENTS EARN ACADEMIC HONORS

COSTANZA NAMED TO DEAN'S LIST AT AMERICAN INTERNATIONAL COLLEGE

Matthew Costanza, is among 463 students who have been named to the Spring 2019 Dean's List at American International College. Dean's List students are full time students who have achieved a 3.3 to 4.0 GPA.

Founded in 1885, American International College (AIC) is a private, co-educational, doctoral granting institution located in Springfield, Massachusetts, comprising the School of Business, Arts and Sciences, the School of Education, and the School of Health Sciences. AIC supports and advances education, diversity, and opportunity for its students and the community.

MENDEZ EARNS DEGREE FROM DREW UNIVERSITY

Iliana Mendez of East Boston earned a degree from Drew University at its 2019 Commencement.

Speakers at the ceremony encouraged graduates to celebrate who they've become, actively engage in the world and enjoy the fruits of it without sweating the details.

Paraphrasing a Jane Ken-

yon poem, University President MaryAnn Baenninger said, "See the pears in your life. Contemplate them. Savor them. All the other stuff is simply just not as important in the moment."

Looking back on years “filled with opportunities to grow, to find ourselves, make mistakes and learn,” student speaker Alina Qasim said, “I want all of you to remember who you were when you entered Drew and who you are now. The person you are now is capable of so much more and school is the reason for that.”

Former New Jersey Gov. Christine Todd Whitman went further, saying that the liberal arts education that the students received gave them the skills they need to help solve vexing problems such as global climate change, gun violence, income inequality, prejudice and intolerance.

"You learned how to collect facts. You also learned how to learn effectively and how to think critically," said Whitman, who also led the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency under President George W. Bush. "Those two things—learning effectively and thinking critically—are absolutely central to your ability to succeed in how to make a difference in the world. As the author Joyce Carol Oates put it once, 'At a time when pol-

itics deals in distortions and half-truths, truth is to be found in the liberal arts.””

Drew University, a Phi Beta Kappa liberal arts university, includes the College of Liberal Arts, the Drew Theological School and the Caspersen School of Graduate Studies. Drew is located on a beautiful, wooded, 186-acre campus in Madison, New Jersey, a thriving small town close to New York City. It has total enrollment of more than 2,000 students and 148 full-time faculty members, 99% of whom hold the terminal degree in their field. The Theological and Caspersen schools offer MA and PhD degrees and the College of Liberal Arts confers BA degrees in more than 30 disciplines.

EMMANUEL COLLEGE NAMES LOCAL STUDENTS TO SPRING 2019 DEAN'S LIST

In honor of their outstanding academic achievement, Emmanuel College has named more than 700 students to the Dean's List for the Spring 2019 semester. To earn a spot on the Dean's List, Emmanuel students must achieve a grade point average of 3.5 or higher for a 16-credit semester. The following local students were awarded:

Annabelle Aguirre of East
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Ricardo Jimenez Solis of
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Project Description:

The proponent is proposing changes to the existing mixed-use development located at 6-26 New Street (a.k.a. The Eddy). The proposed changes to the project consist of 1) the addition of an approximately 1,893-square foot canopy to the existing 4,900 square-foot restaurant located within the existing development, 2) increasing the existing dock space by approximately 1,550 square feet, and 3) relocating the Designated Port Area (DPA) access route on the Site. The approximately 23' x 82' canopy will be located between the waterside of the existing restaurant building and the raised deck. The new floats will accommodate up to nine (9) additional vessels. The DPA vehicle access route will be relocated from the area in front of the restaurant building to the passageway between the two residential buildings.

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COMMUNITY NEWS

NEXT HVNA MEETING AUG. 5

The Harbor View Neighborhood Association,(HV-NA), will not be meeting on July 1, 2019 as announced at our June meeting. This is because of vacations and the holiday. Our next meeting will be on Monday, Aug. 5, 2019. See you then at Brooke Charter School 145 Byron Street at 6:30 p.m. Enjoy the beginning of summer.

CELEBRATE INDEPENDENCE DAY ON NANTUCKET LIGHTSHIP/LV-112 — TWO EVENTS!

July 2: Boston Harbor Fireworks

Watch the Boston Harbor fireworks from the decks of the famed floating lighthouse, Nantucket Lightship/LV-112, which has one of the best views of Boston’s vibrant city skyline from the East Boston waterfront. This also is a chance to tour Nantucket/LV-112, the largest U.S. lightship ever built.

The event is Tuesday, July 2, 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. (fireworks start at nightfall).

Anyone who wants to reserve a spot and join us on Nantucket LV-112’s weather deck, with friends and family, to watch a spectacular fireworks display in Boston’s inner harbor.

You can bring picnic supper, your favorite beverages, beach/lawn chairs to sit on the decks of Nantucket LV-112, which will remain at the dock. We’ll supply the ship and panoramic view. The ship’s powerful rotating light beacon will be activated just before the fireworks begin.

This is a fundraising event for Nantucket LV-112, for which we still have much restoration work to do. The ship’s future solely depends on the generous contributions of corporations, private foundations, maritime enthusiasts and individuals such as you.

We request a \$25 donation per person. Tickets can be purchased on Eventbrite. For more information, contact us at: rmmjr2@comcast.net

LV-112 is berthed at the Boston Harbor Shipyard & Marina, 256 Marginal St., East Boston, MA. Street parking is available near the shipyard, but it’s limited due to holiday volume. Best option is public transportation. MBTA Subway: take Blue Line to Maverick Station, walk to shipyard/marina (approx. 15-minute walk). Water taxi service (617-227-4321) is also available to the Boston Harbor Shipyard & Marina, stop #68.

July 4: Watch USS Constitution turnaround cruise from Nantucket Lightship LV-112

View the USS Constitution, a National Historic Landmark, from the deck of another National Historic Landmark, the Nantucket Lightship LV-112. Kicking off Boston’s Independence Day celebration, the USS Constitution will participate in its annual turnaround cruise in Boston Harbor. Named by President George Washington after the Constitution of the United States of America, “Old Ironsides” is the world’s oldest commissioned naval vessel afloat. Join us on board Nantucket LV-112 to celebrate. The famous floating lighthouse, which is berthed on the East Boston waterfront, has one of the best views of this spectacular event. Space is limited to the first 60 people who reserve with a \$25 donation (see details below). This also is a chance to tour Nantucket LV-112, the largest U.S. lightship ever built.

This event will be Thursday, July 4, 10am to 2pm

Anyone who wants to see these two National Historic Landmark vessels on the same historic day.

Again you can bring a picnic lunch, your favorite beverages and beach/lawn chairs to sit on the decks of LV-112, which will remain at the dock. We’ll supply the ship and panoramic views.

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SUPPORT GROUP MEETING SCHEDULED

National Alliance on Mental Illness Greater North Shore is hosting a Family & Friends Support Group and a new Individual (Peer) Support Group on Wednesday June 26, from 7 - 8:30 p.m. at Beverly Hospital, 85 Herrick St., Beverly MA. The two groups are for family and friends of those dealing with mental health challenges and for individuals (peers) and they meet the last Wednesday of Every Month . For more information e-mail csadkowski@yahoo.com or call 617-984-0504 and leave a message. Also visit www.namigreaternorthshore.org.

EAST BOSTON HIGH CLASS OF 1969 50TH REUNION

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Massport, American Airlines celebrate unveiling of Terminal B Great Hall

The Massachusetts Port Authority (Massport), Lieutenant Governor Karyn Polito and American Airlines celebrated the unveiling of the new Terminal B Great Hall as part of the Terminal B Optimization project at Boston Logan International Airport. This project offers passengers more convenience, increased efficiency, both at the airline ticket counters and security, and overall better customer service.

“Massport has played a vital role in supporting the Baker-Polito Administration’s commitment to promoting economic development and expanding global business connections for the Commonwealth,” said Lt. Governor Polito. “This collaborative project between Massport and American Airlines provides customers with a more comfortable airport experience accompanied with local flavor and innovative technology.”

The Terminal B Optimization project connects all 37 gates post-security and consolidates three TSA security checkpoints on the former US Airways side into one modern checkpoint, including new Automated Screening Lanes (ASL), which improve efficiency and reduce wait times for passengers. Additionally, the project included the expansion and reorganization of ticketing counters and kiosks; gate modifications to better

accommodate airline requirements; an improved baggage handling area; reconfigured concession locations and improved aesthetics, specialty seating and wayfinding.

The Great Hall also features:

- Better flow for passengers, from the ticket counter, through security and to their gate;
- Most notably, an entire wall of energy-efficient windows that let in more natural light and darken while in direct sunlight, making the area more comfortable for passengers and employees;
- New concessions and restaurants with local flavor, such as Lucca’s and Kelly’s Roast Beef;
- Exhibits that celebrate New England athletes, sports teams, and special moments in the region’s sports history;
- More comfortable seating options, including couches, lounge chairs, and work stations with device plug-in capabilities;
- A new KidPort decorated with characters from children’s books written by local authors;
- A new pet relief station.

Another essential change is that all American Airlines operations will now occur on one side of the Terminal. Since the merger between US Airways and American finalized in 2015, American has had operations on both sides

of Terminal B. This consolidation optimizes the space in the passenger hold rooms, gate areas, and baggage claim areas. American serves more than six million passengers per year at Logan and is the airport’s third largest operator. “We’re investing back into our business in partnership with Massport and Boston Logan,” said American’s Vice President of Government & Airport Michael Minerva. “These upgrades will provide a more modern, enjoyable travel experience for our customers and a better workplace for our 1,700 Boston-based team members.”

In total, the project included the construction of an additional 75,000 sq. ft. and the renovation of approximately 70,000 sq. ft. of existing space within Terminal B. The project is pursuing green building initiatives and LEED Certification.

“American has always been a great partner and we are grateful for their collaboration to improve the customer experience,” said Massport Aviation Director Ed Freni. “Safety and security is our top priority and having one security checkpoint makes the whole process more efficient. We appreciate passengers being patient throughout this process and we hope they enjoy the new exhibits and spaces we have to offer.”

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Community Meetings

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| Harbor View Neighborhood Association First Monday of every month 6:30 p.m. at the Edward Brooke Charter School, 145 Byron St. | Friend of the East Boston Greenway Fourth Thursday of every month. 6:30 p.m. at the Anna DeFronzo Center, 395 Maverick St. All are welcome to attend. |
| Kiwanis Club of East Boston First and Third Tuesday of every month 6 p.m. at Spinelli’s Restaurant in Day Square. New members welcome | Maverick Central Neighborhood Association Third Wednesday of every month 7 p.m. at Paris Street Community Center, 112 Paris St. |
| Jeffries Point Neighborhood Association Second Monday of every month. 6:30 p.m. at the Jeffries Point Yacht Club, 565 Sumner St. | Gove Street Citizens Association Fourth Monday of every month 6:30 p.m. at the Noddle Island Community Room, Logan Rental Car Center |
| Orient Heights Neighborhood Association Third Monday of every month. 6:30 p.m. at Ashley Street YMCA, 54 Ashley St. | Eagle Hill Civic Association Last Wednesday of every month 7 p.m. at East Boston High School Cafeteria, 86 White St. |

Please contact Corinne (Caggiano) Barisano via email: Ronny731@aol.Com.

EAST BOSTON SOCIAL CENTER'S SENIOR PROGRAM NOW OFFERING SPANISH LANGUAGE CLASSES

The Senior Program at the East Boston Social Centers is now offering Spanish Language Classes for adults over 60 years old. Classes are held every Wednesday at 10 a.m. in Room 209. All are welcome to attend. Class is taught by Mr. Montaro. No need to register, just come by on Wednesday at 10 a.m. for this fun class. The East Boston Social Centers is located at 68 Central Square.

GRACE CHURCH NEWS SERVICES

Grace Church Federated is an Episcopal/United Church of Christ church located at 760 Saratoga Street in East Boston. All are welcome. Please join us for Sunday morning worship at 9:30 a.m.,

followed by a coffee hour. We also have a food pantry on Saturdays from 10 a.m. until noon in the church basement. There are a number of ways you can help us to serve East Boston. Volunteer at or contribute to the food pantry. Sing with the Festival of Lessons and Carols choir. Bring a dish to the monthly Sunday evening community suppers. Participate in the Sunday worship service. Help with SundaySchool. Visit the Grace Church web site at www.gracechurcheastie.org or call the church at 617-569-5358 for more information.

EAST BOSTON SENIOR LUNCH PROGRAM

If you are 60+ years of age, the East Boston Social Centers at 68 Central Square in East Boston has a table and a meal waiting for you!

The Senior Lunch Program sponsored by ETHOS Congregate Meal Program provides a hot, nutritious lunch, along with wonderful socialization, Monday through Friday from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. A sug-

gested donation of \$2 is asked.

We welcome seniors from our East Boston Community and surrounding areas.

LEARN ITALIAN FREE

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EAST BOSTON TECH MEETUP

The purpose of the East Boston Tech Meetup is to build a community of people currently working in tech or those aspiring to move into a tech career who live or work in East Boston. These meetings will be held in the heart of Maverick Landing conveniently located steps from the Maverick T station, in the Maverick Landing Meeting House at 31 Liverpool Street.

Free ParkARTS children’s workshops in July and August

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Wednesdays, July 31, August 7, 14
Iacono Playground, Hyde Park
Ringer Playground, Allston
Thursdays, August 1, 8, 15
Christopher Columbus Park, North End
Malcolm X Park, Roxbury
Fridays, August 2, 9, 16
Hunt/ Almont Park, Mattapan
Billings Field, West Roxbury
The New England Aquarium will be at the following locations at 10 a.m. to 12 noon:
Tuesday, July 16, McConnell Park, Dorchester
Thursday, July 18, Doherty Playground, Charlestown
Tuesday, July 23, Joyce Playground, Brighton

Thursday, August 8, Malcolm X Park, Roxbury
Rosalia’s Puppets Marionette Performances are at 11 a.m. Dates and locations are as follows:
Wednesday, July 10, Medal of Honor Park, South Boston
Thursday, July 18, Ringgold Park, South End
Thursday, August 1, Malcolm X Park, Roxbury
Friday, August 9, Billings Field, West Roxbury
Tuesday, August 13, Town Field, Dorchester
Thursday, August 15, Christopher Columbus Park, North End

For information on this and other ParkARTS programs, please call the Boston Parks and Recreation Department at (617) 635-4505, visit www.facebook.com/bostonparks-department or www.boston.gov/parks or follow @Boston-ParksDept.

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WARD I DEMOCRATS AT LARGE CANDIDATES MEET & GREET

The East Boston Ward 1 Democrats hosted a community Meet & Greet with all at Large Candidates for Boston City Council on June 12 at the Orient Heights Yacht Club. This event was open to all who were interested in meet-

ing the candidates and having informal conversations. Each candidate had a brief opportunity to introduce themselves to the crowd as well as answer individual questions. “We held this event to

promote interest in the City Council At Large Race, which is expected to have a historic number of participants this year” said Ward 1 Democratic Committee member Margaret Farmer “With Ayanna Pressley moving off of the Council,

there is a ton of candidates, but not a lot of focus on who they are and what they believe”. The primary date for all City Council seats is September 24th.



At Large Candidate Herb Lozano talks with voters and residents during the candidate Meet & Greet event.



At Large Candidate William King talks with Eastie democrats.



At Large Candidate Domingo DaRosa talks with Margaret Farmer.



At Large Candidate and former Eastie resident Dave Halbert.



At Large City Councilor Annissa Essaibi George talks with Liana LaMattina.



At Large Candidate Jeffrey Ross.



At Large City Councilor Michelle Wu during the event.



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Gilbride and Santostefano key Austin Prep state title run

East Boston residents Serena Gilbride and Alexandra Santostefano had been part of successful Austin Prep softball teams the last three years, having played in the state championship game two of the last three years. Now in their senior seasons, the local girls made sure to leave their own mark on the program, helping to lead the school to its first ever state title.

Both girls enjoyed strong regular seasons, with Santostefano batting second and providing several timely hits, while playing solid defensively in the outfield. Gilbride, with a 23-2 record, started every game on the mound while also providing game winning hits vs Division one contenders Dracut and Danvers.

Austin Prep was ranked number one and given the top seed in the recent MIAA playoffs, and the girls were instrumental in the schools playoff March to the title. In the Division North championship game vs. St. Mary's at a packed Martin Field in Lowell, when Santostefano's first inning single gave Austin an early 1-0 lead, it appeared like Gilbride would make the run stand up for the victory, holding the potent St. Mary's offense in check for four innings. After St. Mary's tied the game in the fifth inning, Gilbride retired the next 11 batters into extra innings, setting the stage for Santostefano's game-winning 8th inning double, which plated the winning run.

Traveling down to Taunton to face Case in the state semi finals, Gilbride, after being hit on the leg by a line drive, battled through the injury to help Austin to its 20th straight victory and a birth in the state championship game. Santostefano's incredible catch in right field and subsequent throw was the key, leading to game-ending double-play.

Saturday's state champi-

onship game played before a packed house at Worcester State University, had Austin Prep facing a familiar foe, the Turner Falls team that had beaten them in two previous state title games. The local Austin seniors made sure that this time their school would be wearing the crown with strong performances. Gilbride threw seven innings of six hit shutout ball, while Santostefano was huge in the outfield and at the plate, leading the Cougars from Austin Prep to a 3-0 victory and their first ever state title, with the girls creating their own legacy not only at the school but as East Boston residents who have won a state title.

Austin Prep also provides another East Boston connection, as they are coached by Frank Sorrenti and Michelle Brewer, the latter the niece of longtime Dom Savio football coach and EB legend Bill Maradei.

Sorrenti couldn't say enough about the local players, "These girls have been incredible and the program is lucky to have them. Serena is just unreal. She's one of the rocks of the team. She's taken her game to another level, always keeping hitters off balance with pinpoint control, movement, and change of speeds. Serena has a mental toughness that's rarely seen at the high school level, and is always so poised on the mound. I'm not sure where we'd be without her." Regarding Santostefano, the coach continued the praise, "This season has been Alex's best. Defensively, her versatility allows the coaching staff to use her in a variety of positions. She's always reliable at the plate, and her bat really came alive in the playoffs with so many timely hits, none bigger than her game winner vs St. Mary's in the North Division Finals. Both girls are a huge part of our success and will be



Alexandra Santostefano and Serena Gilbride holding the Mass. state softball championship trophy.

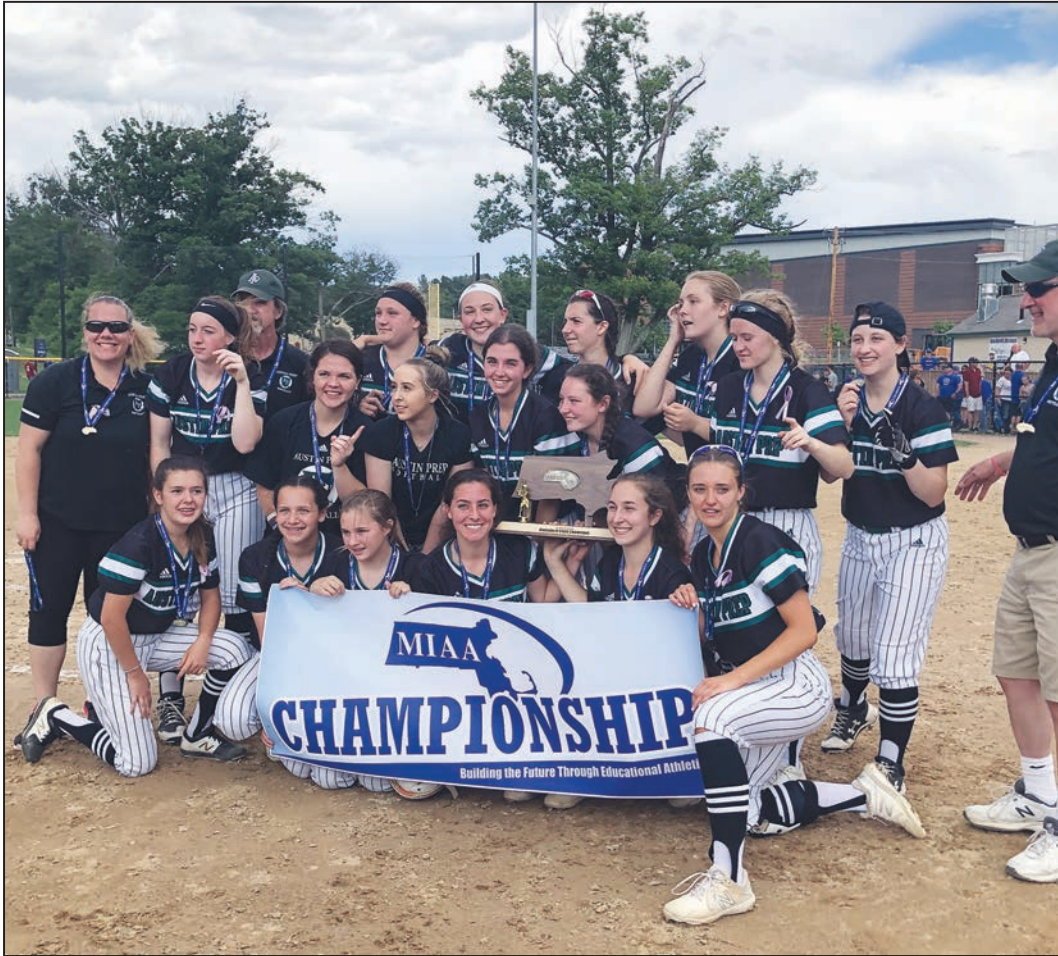


Gilbride and Santostefano celebrate with team after winning state crown.

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Santostefano and Gilbride have been playing together on teams for years, and the significance of winning a state championship as East Boston residents is not lost on them. "As a team we worked extremely hard to accomplish what we wanted to after losing to Turners Falls twice in this same game. This was an unforgettable season with the best group of girls I've ever played with," said Santostefano. While Gilbride added, "I'm extremely grateful that I got to spend my last season with such an amazing group of girls. Winning the state championship for the first time is a moment I'll never forget. It means even more that we shutout Turners Falls. I'm so proud of everything we've accomplished this season."

It truly is an unforgettable moment for two local student-athletes and one that the East Boston community can be proud of.



Coach Michelle Brewer and Austin Prep girls softball team with MIAA championship banner.

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Getting Out

OKLAHOMA! -A rip-roarin’ season opening at NSMT

By Sheila Barth

Bill Hanney’s North Shore Music Theatre had everything - and more - in its season-opening production of Rodgers and Hammerstein’s two-act, 2-3/4 hour classic musical, “Oklahoma!”

It ended June 16, but happy memories of this family-oriented, pull-out-all-the-stops production linger.

Although the musical debuted in 1943, it has far more substance than the usual cowboy-girlfriend love story, or the feudin’ and fightin’ between farmers and ranchers. “Oklahoma!” also traces the territory’s bid for statehood and imminent changes to demographics.

For local and area theatergoers, there was an extra-special attraction- award-winning, versatile, veteran actress Susan Cella, who’s originally from Revere, and still has relatives and fans there. Portraying the main role of Aunt Eller Murphy, Cella sang and danced energetically, stompin,’ struttin’, and whooping it



The cast of Rodgers and Hammerstein's OKLAHOMA! at North Shore Music Theatre. Photo courtesy © Paul Lyden.

up with the 24-strong cast of cowboys and farmers, girls and their fellers. She also was the mediator, matchmaker, territory leader, and pragmatic voice of reason, not only to her lovely niece, Laurey Wil-

liams (Madison Claire Parks), but to everyone else.

Perhaps the corn wasn’t as high as an elephant’s eye on the circular stage, but Blake Price’s opening number as Laurey’s hopeful boyfriend,

Curly McLaine, held theatergoers in awe, as he rode a horse down the aisle and onstage, while singing, “Oh, What a Beautiful Mornin’”.

Parks’ beautiful soprano voice was another stunning

bonus, especially in favorite songs, “Many A New Day,” accompanied by the female ensemble; her duet with Blake Price in “People Will Say We’re in Love;” and a charming rendition of “Out of My Dreams,” followed by Mara Newbery Greer’s exquisitely choreographed dream ballet.

To impress Laurey, Curly rented the finest “Surrey With the Fringe on Top” to take her to the town picnic. But Laurey can’t accept right away.

Besides the parallel romance between Laurey and Curly, there was the comedic romance with Laurey’s friend and foil, flirty Ado Annie Carnes (Melissa Carlile-Price) and Ado’s ultra-male cowboy boyfriend, Will Parker (Sean Bell). Will wanted to corral Ado Annie and marry her, but she had a problem, which Carlile-Price comically expresses in “I Cain’t Say No”- to other men.

While Will was in Kansas City earning money to marry Ado Annie, she kinda-sorta got involved with seamy traveling salesman Ali Hakim (comical Cooper Grodin).

Assessing his and Ado Annie’s situation, Will pronounced an ultimatum in song - “All er Nuthin”.

Amid the fun and friendly fire, a dark, sinister character emerged - Aunt Eller’s new, pornographic-collecting farmhand, Jud Fry (terrific Alex Levin), who wanted a real woman - namely Laurey - which he graphically described in song “Lonely Room”.

Adhering to the original choreography of Agnes de Mille, Mara Newbery Greer kept the pace rapid, rhythmic and exciting in the cowboys’ kick-up-your-heels’ number, “Kansas City;” rivalry dance-off between “The Farmer and The Cowman;” rousing theme number, “Oklahoma!,” and the rooin-tootin’ finale.

As the cast took their final bows and reprise dance, music director Mark Hartman on keyboard and 13 musicians’ rousing accompaniment had theatergoers, wriggling in their seats, clapping in time to the music, reluctant to let the show stop.

AROUND THE CITY

DEADBEAT

The New England popular Grateful Dead tribute band performs a free, all-ages, outdoor concert, Wednesday, June 26, 7 p.m., at Wellesley Town Commons, 525 Washington St., Wellesley. They’re also the opening show for the new Beer Garden Pavilion, 64 Franklin St., Worcester, Friday, June 28. Doors open at 7 p.m., show, 8 p.m. Advance tickets \$10, at the door, \$15. Deadbeatband.com, deadbeatband.com/facebook.

SEAPORT AFTER WORK CRUISES

Starting June 27, Seaport Sangria After Work Cruises, Boston’s biggest after work floating deck party, with dancing, Dj, and gorgeous views of the city and Harbor Islands, is held every Thursday, on the MV Provincetown II, June 30-August 25, 5:30-6:30 p.m., with Bay State Cruise Co.,200

Seaport Blvd., Commonwealth Pier. Boarding starts at 5 p.m. \$30,discount offered with code “Summer”. Patrons must be 21+ years old, with proper identification. There’s also Summer Party Cruises Thursdays, 7-10 p.m.,with boarding at 6:45 p.m. \$40, discount also. bostoneventguide.com,781-444-7771.

ROX FILM FESTIVAL

The annual Roxbury International Film Festival celebrating people of color is held through June 29, Besides the Museum of Fine Arts, Boston. the festival is held at Hibernian Hall, Haley House Bakery Cafe, and Berklee College of Music.

BOSTON SUFFRAGE CENTENNIAL KICKOFF CELEBRATION

The Women’s Suffrage Centennial Coalition and the Mayor’s Office of Women’s Advancement’s Greater Boston

Women’s Vote Centennial, supported by the Barbara Lee Family Foundation, is held Tuesday, June 25, 5-7 p.m., at Faneuil Hall, One Faneuil Hall Square, Boston. Free, open to the public.

PRIED

Works by national and New England, lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and queer-identifying crafts artists are on exhibit through June 30 at the Society of Arts and Crafts, 100 Pier Four Blvd. at Seaport Blvd. second floor, MBTA Silver Line, Courthouse Station, free, open to all, societycrafts.org.2.

BERKLEE PERFORMANCE CENTER

The Berklee Global String Festival Showcase appears June 27, starting at 7:30 p.m., 136 Mass. Ave., Boston.

Market //CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

Hill Coffee Company that were a big hit with the Farmers Market crowds two years ago but were on hiatus last year.

“Another new vendor is Valicenti Pasta who does fresh pasta, ravioli and sauces,” said Whitman. “Also Mr. Tamole will be selling tamales biweekly as well as Seacoast Cheese Maven that sells locally sourced cheeses.”

Another newcomer will be TC Market who will be on hand Wednesdays to offer preserves, hot sauces, honey and vinegars.

Whitman said the residents of Easte come from many different places, and have many favorite foods, and the Farmers Market should reflect that diversity.

With a community that has roots in the Americas, Europe, Southeast Asia, and Africa, the Farmers Market has become a source for the greens, herbs, fruits, and vegetables of all traditions. Aside from tomatoes, corn and beans, hot peppers there are always unique items like amaranth, yierba mora, and papalo, water spinach and bok choy, pea tendrils, scallions and Asian mustard, collard greens, cilantro, peaches and apples, Italian and sweet Thai basil.

“I think people will be excited,” said Whitman. “Some have asked for more variety, and to meet that demand, we’ve added those new vendors to give folks more variety. That was kind of our goal--to diversify things and have a little bit of everything. Diverse cultures make up the community of East Boston, and I think we are starting to achieve that variety that reflects the neighborhood.”

Whitman said aside from shopping at the Farmers Market the market will include musical performances, a Bike Safety Day, Back to School Backpack Day, and more.

The Farmers Market will also be an out-of-school summer lunch site for kids.

Whitman also noted that the market would not be possible

without all of this year’s sponsors.

EBNHC does not charge a fee for vendors to participate in the Farmers Market, and all vendors take home 100 percent of their profits. However, there are still costs associated with running the market and sponsors like First Priority Credit Union, Portside at East Pier, Reelhouse and Spinelli’s helps defray those costs.

The Farmers Market accepts cash, credit, debit, WIC coupons, senior coupons, and SNAP/food stamps. Vouchers and coupons for shopping at farmers markets are available for qualified families. SNAP/EBT customers receive a 100 percent incentive (a dollar-for-dollar match up to \$40-\$80, depending on household size) for each SNAP dollar spent on targeted fruits and vegetables purchased at the Farmers Market.

WIC supports farmers, as well as good nutrition, through the Farmers Market Nutrition Program. WIC Farmers Market coupons may be used at the East Boston Farmers Market on fresh, uncut fruits and vegetables.

Also eligible seniors can contact the senior agency that serves their town to find out when and where Senior Farmers Market Coupons will be distributed. Senior Farmers Market coupons may be used on fresh, uncut fruits and vegetables and honey.

“I love working with the different vendors year after year and see the work they do farming all year and be able to bring those affordable fruits and vegetables to the community,” said Whitman. “The farmers definitely try and make the food accessible to people by accepting SNAP, WIC coupons and senior coupons and that makes it a lot more affordable for those folks.”

2019 Vendors

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Meadowbrook Orchards: Fruit, preserves/sauces, bakery products. Sterling, MA. Weekly

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Veronica Robles Cultural Center: “Elotes locos” (Mexican street corn). East Boston, MA. Weekly

Eagle Hill Coffee Company: Iced coffee, bagged coffee beans. East Boston, MA. Bi-weekly

Valicenti Pasta: Fresh pasta, ravioli, sauces. Hollis, NH. Bi-weekly

Mr. Tamole: Tamales. Dorchester, MA. Biweekly

Seacoast Cheese Maven: Portsmouth, NH. Biweekly

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2019 Events

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August 7: National Farmers Market Week: Join us in celebrating our farmers with a cooking demo by Project Bread Chef Vanessa LaBranche, a raffle, and more!

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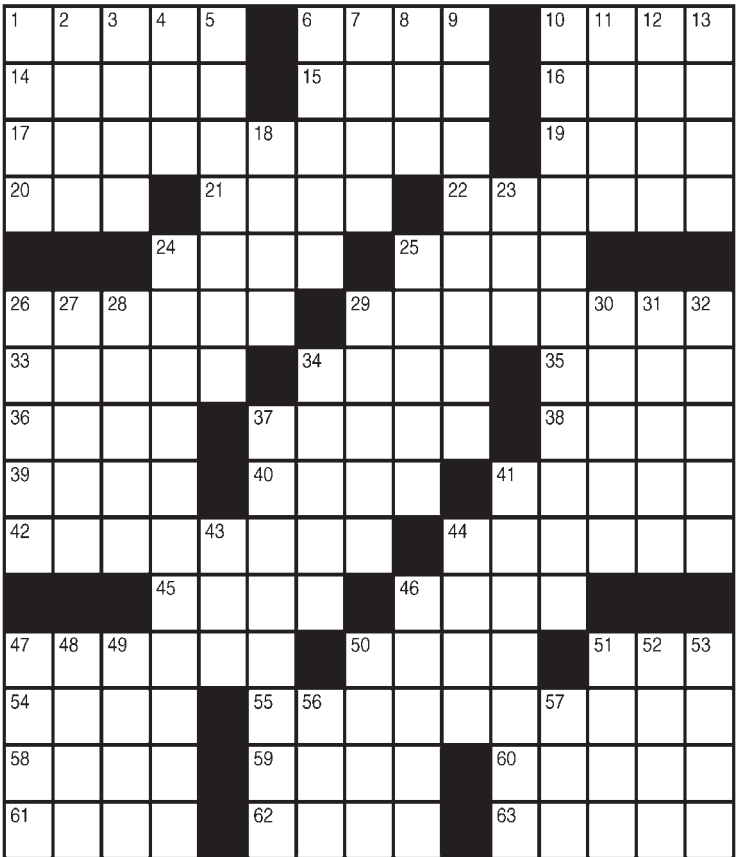
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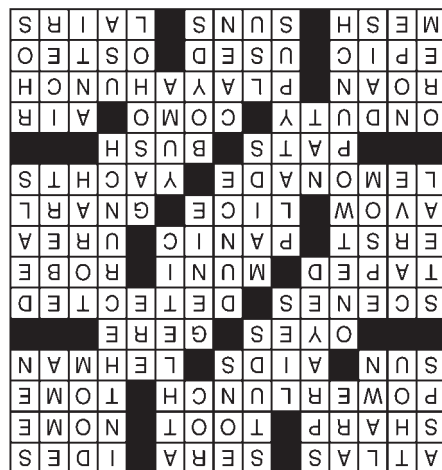
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Serena Gilbride receives her scholarship from Joseph Ruggiero and Rosalie Petralia.



Serena Gilbride, Christian Santillana and Anamarie DePaulo pose with family members as well as Rosalie Petralia and Joseph Ruggiero at Kelley’s Square Pub last week as part of the Buddy Mangini Scholarship awards.



Christian Santillana receives his scholarship from Joseph Ruggiero and Rosalie Petralia.



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NEWS FROM AROUND THE REGION

DIDOMENICO DELIVERS FOR CHELSEA

CHELSEA - Senator Sal DiDomenico and his colleagues in the Massachusetts Senate recently passed a \$42.8 billion budget for Fiscal Year 2020, after three days of deliberations. The budget recommends targeted investments to provide access to opportunity and economic vitality across the Commonwealth. As Assistant Majority Leader of the Massachusetts Senate, Senator DiDomenico was able to secure a number of amendments providing additional funding for his local communities, bringing home resources for the city of Chelsea.

"After careful deliberation, the Senate has passed a thoughtful budget that both reflects the shared priorities of our chamber and addresses the pressing needs of our communities," said Senator DiDomenico, Assistant Majority Leader of the Massachusetts Senate. "This budget includes key investments in many of my top priority items that will have a positive and direct impact on Chelsea, and I am

happy to report that many of my amendments providing additional resources for our community were also adopted to the final Senate budget. I would like to thank Senate Ways & Means Chair Michael Rodrigues and Senate President Karen Spilka for all of their great work to craft a budget that will undoubtedly help to move our entire Commonwealth forward."

Funds secured by Senator DiDomenico for the city of Chelsea include:

- * \$75K for a youth worker in the Chelsea public schools
- * \$25K for CONNECT, a financial opportunity center in the city of Chelsea

- * \$3.8M increase in Chapter 70 education funding for the Chelsea public schools

Other budget amendments filed by Senator DiDomenico include:

- * \$2M to establish a grant program for statewide census outreach to support trusted community organizations and grassroots leaders to help reach historically hard-to-count communities

- * \$1M in new funding to create a pilot program that seeks to close the SNAP Gap

in Massachusetts

- * new language to ensure high-needs schools continue using a breakfast after the bell model to boost school breakfast participation rates

- * \$300K to Nurture to help expand their network of family child care providers

- * \$250K for Operation ABLE, the only agency in Massachusetts committed solely to the employment needs of mature workers (those 45 years and older)

- * \$200K for the 1199 SEIU Training and Upgrading Fund to help increase the quality of consumer, patient and resident care.

The Senate's budget also strengthens Massachusetts' commitment to being a national leader in ensuring children of all backgrounds have access to greater educational opportunities. Consistent with the Senate's long-standing commitment to supporting increased investments in education, this budget makes a significant down payment on the work of the Foundation Budget Review Commission (FBRC), and funds Chapter 70 at its highest level ever: \$5.176B, an increase of

\$268.4M over FY 2019. The city of Chelsea will receive over \$81.5M in Chapter 70 education funding, a \$3.8M increase over the previous fiscal year.

"With this budget, we are making it clear that we are serious about securing more funding for our K-12 public schools and reforming our state's outdated education funding formula," said DiDomenico. "This has been- and continues to be- my top education priority, and I am proud that my district will receive the additional funds that they deserve in the Senate budget."

Other top priority items for Senator DiDomenico that were included in the Fiscal Year 2019 Senate Budget and will benefit Chelsea residents are:

- * \$4.8M for the state's pediatric palliative care network- a \$1M increase over FY19- to ensure there is no wait list for these critical services so children and their families have the extra care and support that they need;

- * \$350 per child clothing allowance to help low-income families meet their basic needs

- * \$12M for grants to the Head Start program to maintain access to early education services for low-income families

- * \$6.5M for Youth-At-Risk Matching grants, including support for YWCAs, YMCAs and Boys & Girls Clubs

The Senate's budget also invests in programs and policies to educate, train, and prepare Massachusetts workers in order to provide them with opportunities to grow and succeed. Opportunity investments include:

- * \$38.5M for adult basic education services to improve access to skills and tools necessary to join the workforce

- * \$15.6M for summer jobs and work-readiness training for at-risk youth, after adding \$1.2M on the floor

- * \$7M for the Workforce Competitiveness Trust Fund to connect unemployed and under-employed workers with higher paying jobs

The Senate's budget maintains the Senate's commitment to increasing access to quality, affordable housing, investing in low-income housing and homelessness services and supports. Housing investments include:

- * \$178.7M for Emergency Assistance Family Shelters

- * \$110M for the Massachusetts Rental Voucher Program (MRVP)

- * \$48.3M for assistance for homeless individuals

- * \$30.8M for the Home-BASE diversion and rapid re-housing programs

- * \$21M for Residential Assistance for Families in Transition (RAFT), including \$3M to continue expanding eligibility for individuals in need, including persons with disabilities, seniors, unaccompanied youth

- * \$5M for housing and supportive services for unaccompanied homeless youth

The FY 2020 budget fur-

thers regional equity and supports cities and towns by directing significant resources to local and regional aid. Local investments include:

- * \$1.129B for unrestricted general government aid to support community investments in education, health care, public safety and roads and bridges

- * \$18M for the Massachusetts Cultural Council to support local arts, culture and creative economy initiatives

- * \$18.1M for local Councils on Aging to strengthen programs and services in senior centers in communities across the state

- * \$11M for Shannon Grants, which are distributed to municipalities for youth gang violence prevention

A Conference Committee will now convene to reconcile the differences between the Senate budget and the version passed by the House of Representatives in April. Fiscal Year 2020 begins on July 1, 2019.

AMBROSINO ASKS TO RENEGOTIATE CASINO AGREEMENT TO SHIFT MONEY TO WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

CHELSEA - Money the city is set to receive from Encore Boston Harbor could be going toward job training for Chelsea residents.

Monday night, the City Council voted 8-3 to allow City Manager Thomas Ambrosino to renegotiate the city's Surrounding Community Agreement (SCA) with Encore to set aside \$100,000 of the \$225,000 earmarked for roadway repairs in the agreement for workforce development.

"I still believe that workforce development is an important and unmet need in the City," Ambrosino stated in a letter to the council. "This casino mitigation agreement provides an opportunity to set aside a modest annual amount for that purpose. The source would be a portion of the funds set aside in the existing Agreement for roadway improvements, a program which the City already adequately supports through other available revenues."

Although the council approved Ambrosino's renegotiation with Encore, several councillors opposed moving funds away from road improvements to workforce development.

"Why take the money from where it was intended to go and put it somewhere else?" District 6 Councillor Giovanni Recupero asked.

Councillor-At-Large Roy Avellaneda countered that there are numerous mechanisms in the budget for roadway improvements, but revenue streams for workforce development are nonexistent.

"This is a good use, in my view, of that \$100,000," he said, adding the training would benefit Chelsea residents.

But District 1 Councillor Robert Bishop said the workforce development money would be used mainly for casino and other hospitality trades.

"That is something the casino should be spending money on, not us," said Bishop. "Why should we pay to train people at the casino?"

District 3 Councillor Joe Perlatonda cast the third vote against the measure, agreeing with Bishop that the wording of the proposal focused too heavily on training for jobs in the casino industry.

In other business, the Council approved the Community Preservation Act Budget for Fiscal Year 2020, and approved Community Preservation Act funds for six projects, including renovating the Civil War Monument, the Marlborough Street Community Garden, Bellingham-Cary House building repairs, the Garden Cemetery project, Congregation Agudath Sholom repairs, and money for an affordable housing trust fund specialist.

District 4 Councillor Enio Lopez also asked Ambrosino to look into the city installing removable speed bumps at Marlborough and Shawmut streets for the summer.

Lopez also asked the City Manager to provide the Council with a list of all City cars being taken home by City employees, and to provide the Council with a list of overtime hours worked by the Inspection Services Department.

TAKES LEAD ROLE IN STATE LAWSUIT

CHELSEA - Several parents of Chelsea Public School students and the Chelsea Collaborative have taken a lead role in a statewide school funding lawsuit filed against the state Department of Education on Thursday for ignoring the constitutional mandate requiring the Commonwealth to fund a quality education for all students.

The parents allege constitutional violations of students' education and civil rights as a result of the state's inadequate school funding system.

"Students in underfunded school districts are being deprived of the opportunity to receive the education to which they are entitled," alleges the lawsuit filed with the Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court. "Public schools are increasingly unable to provide sufficient resources to meet ever-increasing educational challenges."

Collaborative Executive Director Gladys Vega said her organization and several parents tried to work within the system, but it came time to take action because the system wasn't responding.

"For us, we've been working in the system; we've tried everything," she said. "The failure of the system means our children are being neglected and their future is compromised because our legislators do not have the moral courage to do what benefits these children. We feel we have done everything right, right, right, but the state leaders don't do their part. In Chelsea, we have to take municipal dollars that may be going to hire two or three police officers and using that for the schools instead. We need the state to step up and provide these funds. At some point, you have to take action."

Parent Mayra Balderas is one of the Chelsea residents that joined the lawsuit, and she spoke at a rally last Thursday as well.

"Chelsea is one of the poorest communities in Massachusetts and it sits within a stone's throw of Massachusetts' capital city," said Balderas, a parent from Chelsea whose son is a plaintiff in the case. "For years, the state has ignored the education needs of children here, including my



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10-year-old. Our Constitution requires the state to educate all students, no matter where they live, their family income, the color of their skin, the language they speak at home or the services they need to succeed.”

Balderas, who is blind, said it took an incident where the Department of Social Services (DSS) got mistakenly involved with her son to get the Chelsea Schools to do the evaluation she had wanted for years. She said those things are not done because there is not money to implement the costly plans that are often a remedy to help students with learning or behavioral challenges.

“I wanted help and nobody would help,” she said. “It took DSS involvement for the schools to jump and do the evaluation...Everything is not fine. We need help. For others, it could be worse than it was for me, especially if they don’t have the language skills. They just stay silent because they don’t know. Imagine how many people are going through so much pain with their children and no one is listening because they don’t have the language to speak up.”

Karen Louis-Pierre is a graduate of Chelsea High, and now has a young child at the Silber Early Learning Center. Studying to be a teacher, she said she sees the problems that are creeping up due to lack of funding. It’s something she also remembers as a student at Chelsea High.

“The situations we have here sends a message these kids don’t matter,” she said. “That message really gets to the kids – that they are not as important or not as valuable as the children from wealthier districts. It’s an unfortunate situation. This is something I have worked all my life to address. I want to come back to be a social worker at Chelsea Public Schools for this reason. The teachers and administrators need more support...It’s infuriating as a parent. The teachers are overwhelmed and the classrooms are too big. I worry about the teachers. I see they are exhausted and burning out. That all goes back to the state funding formulas.”

The plaintiffs – children and their parents from Chelsea, Chicopee, Fall River, Haverhill, Lowell, Orange, and Springfield – are joined in the suit by the New England Area Conference of the NAACP and the Collaborative, whose members include parents and students in those seven underfunded school districts.

The lawsuit was developed by the HYPERLINK "https://www.fairschoolfinance.com/"\t "_blank" Council for Fair School Finance (CFSC), which has a history of advancing the cause of education through the courts. Over a quarter-century ago, in a landmark case brought by the CFSF, the court held on June 15, 1993, in *McDuffy v. Secretary of the Executive Office of Education*, that the Commonwealth of Massachusetts has a duty under the Massachusetts constitution to provide students with a high-quality education.

“Education rights are civil rights and this complaint documents in stark detail the neglect that persists in public schools for children of color and poor students throughout this state,” said Juan Coffield, President of the New England Area Conference of the NAACP, which is also a plaintiff in the case. “Disparities between the wealthiest and the poorest districts are widening, and students in underfunded school districts are being denied the education they are constitutionally guaranteed.”

In Chelsea, inadequate state funding means many classrooms have over 30 students, even at the elementary level, CFSF said. In Chicop-

ee, afterschool programs and 37 staff positions were eliminated this year, while many school buildings are over 50 years old and books that are over 30 years old are still used in class. In Fall River, a single English language learner specialist often is responsible for the language needs of 75 students, while students themselves often serve as translators for parent-teacher meetings, as the district cannot recruit, retain, or afford enough bilingual professionals to meet a growing ELL population.

The nearly 100-page complaint documents, in painstaking detail, numerous disturbing facts about the failures of our public education funding system. It cites the bipartisan Foundation Budget Review Commission report, issued in 2015, which conclusively found that significant additional funding was needed in four key areas: services for low-income students, students with disabilities, and English language learners, as well as employee and retiree health insurance.

DeMARIA NOW FOCUSING ON TRANSPORTATION

EVERETT – The ‘wow’ factor has barely set in at the Encore Boston Harbor resort for Mayor Carlo DeMaria, and already he is shifting his focus to yet another risky dream – a major shift in transportation thinking.

“My focus now is entirely on transportation planning, figuring out how I’m going to move people from Everett to Boston,” he said.

This week, DeMaria said with the opening of Encore he has started to shift his thinking towards revolutionizing transportation in Everett – and those early plans include a massive Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) investment and, potentially, closing off Broadway to personal vehicles.

“I want to get that BRT here,” he said. “I want to see it going from Glendale Square to Rutherford Avenue and connecting with North Station. I’m going to shut down traffic on Broadway and create walkable neighborhoods and people cutting through from Rt. 1 will have to go elsewhere...People will think I’m nuts and crazy, but it will take some time to work it out. However, if you put a reliable, frequent BRT system in, it’s like a train running down Broadway. It’s a plan. I’m not building a city for outsiders, but for residents. Having a frequent and reliable BRT in the heart of our city allows developers to have more flexibility to build denser and create more affordable housing.

“I want to bring back the days when you walked to the small flower shops, the cheese shop, the butcher and the wine shop,” he continued. “I want the small farm stands back in the downtown. You don’t need a car to drive to the supermarket. That’s the vision I have and I’m going to get it done. If people sit down with me and I can explain the vision to them, I think they’ll like what I want to do here.”

The BRT system DeMaria is talking up comes from a study put out by ITDP and the Barr Foundation. That plan has already seriously contemplated a center lane BRT service on Lower Broadway where the new median now exists.

He hopes that Boston Mayor Martin Walsh will also consider implementing that same plan on Rutherford Avenue in Charlestown so that there is an uninterrupted connection to North Station.

“The design on that will be complete in a year or so and go into construction in 2022,” he said.

He said his vision includes bringing that service all the way up Broadway and to Glendale Square – with the idea of closing off Broadway

to personal vehicles figuring in with that.

That is all part of an overall plan, he said, to help Everett residents get to Boston and Encore without having to use a car. Whether it’s a bicycle, by foot or on a BRT, he said his goal now is to revolutionize how Everettites get around.

If the people agree with his vision, he said he believes Everett could be a nationwide model for how a modern city can move people without the ills of traffic and transportation slowing things down.

REDUCE RECYCLING TONNAGE IN LYNN

LYNN – The City of Lynn has seen a decrease in the amount of recycling tonnage, but it has also seen an increase in the amount of trash just being thrown out. In 2017 there were 7,104 tons recycled; 6,722 tons in FY18 and the same for FY19.

“There can be a couple of reasons for reduced recycling,” said Ed Pacek of Waste Management, which has the city’s trash and recycling contract. “The last three years there has been a downward trend,” he added.

One factor is the amount of contaminated recycling could be stopping collectors from picking up the good recycled materials.

Pacek said the city launched an aggressive and successful education campaign in the spring called the Recycle IQ Program. It is a grant program through the Department of Environmental Protection.

“Workers go around and check the recycling carts, if it’s contaminated it’s no good and a note is left behind explaining what was wrong,” Pacek said. “We also have to look for material that may injure someone or damage our equipment. People have put in propane tanks and even a lawnmower blade probably thinking of metals’ recycling.”

The City of Lynn has been recycling for the past 17 years and spent about \$7 million in outreach. It continues in outreach to educate people on recycling.

By weight the most common item recycling is “mixed” paper, 30 percent; cardboard, 15 percent; glass, 15 percent, plastic, six percent and metal (and cans), 2 percent.

“Contamination – trash – makes up the remainder. Plastic bags must be placed in the trash,” Lynn’s Associate DPW Commissioner Lisa Nerich said.

For a complete list of recyclable materials can be found on the city website ci.lynn.ma.ca

Trash, however is on the rise with 24,756 tons in FY17 to 25,206 tons in FY18 and FY19 based on figures and data supplied by the Department of Public Works.

Back in April the city launched an effort to bolster education in the schools. Recently the city held a National Public Works Week and visited the Ford, Tracy and Sission schools to spread the word about recycling.

Waste Management’s Lynn Recycling truck drivers are now enforcing correct curbside recycling rules.

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The current trash and recycling contract with Waste Management expires on June 30, 2024.

COUNCIL PASSES FY 20 BUDGET

REVERE – The Revere City Council approved a city operating budget of \$203.4 million for the Fiscal Year 2020 at the Council meeting last week. The total of expenditures for the year is

\$217,053,143, which is a 5.6 percent increase from this past year’s budget.

Councillor-at-Large Dan Rizzo, chair of the Council’s Ways and Means Committee was the only councillor to vote against approving the new budget. Rizzo, who is a candidate for mayor, made his objections to the budget increase clear in an interview following the meeting and in a live town hall broadcast on Facebook later Monday evening (see related story).

Ward 5 Councillor John Powers, who voted in favor of the new budget, said, “I supported the new budget because it included many of the services that needed to be offered to the public, such as street and sidewalk repairs, drainage improvements, public safety (police, fire), recreation services, and additional school funding for teachers because of the increased enrollment in our schools.”

Council President Arthur Guinasso thanked Rizzo and the subcommittee for their work during the budget process that included presentations by department heads and public hearings to discuss the budget.

VOLUNTEERS CLEAN UP COSTA PARK

REVERE – Costa Park in the Shirley Avenue neighborhood is shining a little brighter after a revitalization project that added murals, fixed up the playground and planted new greenery around the much-loved community space. The project, co-sponsored by Republic Services, the City of Revere and The Neighborhood Developers, drew dozens of volunteers who live and work in Revere to the park on Saturday, June 8.

Republic Services General Manager Kurt Lavery was joined by company employees and family members who helped in the days leading up to the project day as well as on the day itself. “This is a special day for Republic Services, for The Neighborhood Developers and for all of our community partners,” Lavery said. “We are proud to join you in this rebuilding day project to achieve a safe, clean and welcoming Costa Park.”

The park is one of the busiest in Revere with hundreds of children and adults using the

playground each week. Due to its heavy use, the city park needed some TLC to keep it in tip top condition. The playground’s rubber surfacing was worn away in many places, some playground and park equipment was broken, and the park’s murals and art installations no longer shined.

A planning committee composed of neighborhood children and adults had been working since late winter to plan the park improvements. Kyla Alterman, a community organizer for The Neighborhood Developers, worked with residents. “Each improvement that you see in the park was the result of engaged children and adults who showed up at design meetings. They helped select our new ball hoops, balance beam, and accessibility swing,” Alterman said. “We painted a hopscotch on the ground after dozens of children drew pictures of one as an element they wanted to see most in the park. Community members also selected the painted butterflies that will be installed on the park’s fence, came up with the idea to collect plastic caps to make murals, and to paint a welcome mural at the entrance of the park.”

During the event, a shiny new Republic Services truck was positioned just outside the park’s entrance. The company, which has a local division in Revere, is one of the nation’s largest trash and recycling haulers with 14 million customers. In his remarks, Lavery, the general manager, said, “This past year, our Foundation launched a substantial company-wide charitable giving program we call the National Neighborhood Promise. And, through this program with partners like The Neighborhood Developers, Republic is committed to helping rebuild, revitalize and restore neighborhoods just like here in Costa Park. Our goal is to help build stronger, more unified neighborhoods. And through our programs and volunteer projects we believe we can – with each of you – make a meaningful difference in the communities where we live and work.”

Republic Services has 200 employees working out of the company’s Revere facility picking up recycling and trash from regional residential and commercial customers,

including the residential properties of The Neighborhood Developers that are home to more than 1,100 children and adults in Chelsea and Revere.

Mayor Brian Arrigo and City Councilor Ira Novoselsky were on hand to thank Republic Services, The Neighborhood Developers, community residents and city employees who helped to make the day productive and fun. Qin Li, a mother of two who regularly enjoys the park with her children, told the Mayor that she is recruiting volunteers to join a Friends of Costa Park group. “Our goal is to keep the park clean, and to use the park for organized activities,” she said.

STAFFING SHORTAGE IMPACTING FERRY SERVICE

WINTHROP – The Winthrop Ferry Valkyrie had to suspend service on Wednesday, June 19, and the morning shift on Thursday, June 20 due to a shortage of eligible captains to drive the boat. Service will resume starting at 3 p.m. on Thursday, June 20.

“We deeply regret any inconvenience that this suspension may cause and are working diligently to resolve the issue as soon as possible. Thank you for your cooperation and continued support of the Valkyrie,” said Town Manager Austin Faison in a release.


Faison told the Town Council Tuesday night that staffing is an issue and right now there are only captains available for transporting six passengers or less. The ferry has 43 seats.

“There was also a series of bad timing, one person is at a wedding out of the country and the other has been ill in the hospital,” Faison explained. “We do not want to reduce service. We have reached out to several companies for captains. We are working as hard as possible to make sure that all shifts are full. This just speaks to the difficulty for a municipality to manage a ferry. We don’t have captains that can come in at any time and staff us. We want to provide an alternative for people driving into the city.”

Faison also wants to fulfill obligations to the Transportation Network of Metro of Greater Boston.

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Sumner Tunnel swing lane gate installed, hours of operation announced

By John Lynds

MassDOT has installed a swing lane gate at the mouth of the Sumner Tunnel that will open to allow for an additional travel lane into the Sumner or close to optimize traffic flow into the tunnel by East Boston residents.

On Monday MassDOT announced the hours of operation for the swing gate and swing lane based on traffic data since the Sumner Tunnel toll plaza was removed and reconfigured as part of the All Electronic Tolling (AET) program.

Starting this week the tunnel's swing lane will be closed each weekday from 5 a.m. until 10 a.m. This means there will only be one lane of travel for motorists accessing the Sumner via Route 1A South. Motorists will merge from the center lane into the far left lane to access the Sumner between those hours of operation.

The swing lane will then be open all other times, including weekend hours, unless otherwise noted. This will mean the center lane into the tunnel will be open for traffic

as an additional lane into the tunnel.

"Members of the public should note that MassDOT activated the automated "swing gate" and digital signage this week at the Sumner Tunnel," said MassDOT in a statement. "This swing gate consists of the same infrastructure that is in place on the I-93 HOV lane and replaces traffic cones that were previously utilized to close the Sumner Tunnel Swing Lane."

The Sumner Tunnel swing lane is in place due to the unique traffic conditions in Eastie.

During the peak morning hours, much of the traffic traveling through the tunnel is local traffic from Eastie. During other times, local traffic decreases while traffic coming from Logan Airport on Route 1A increases. As a result, the Sumner Tunnel Swing Lane will be closed during the morning rush to accommodate Eastie traffic, and will be open during other hours to provide additional access for traffic on Route 1A.

Eastie's traffic nightmare began over two years ago after the Sumner Tunnel tolls

were taken down and replaced with AET.

Apparently MassDOT, when designing the new entrance into the mouth of the tunnel used outdated traffic projections that predicted traffic going into the tunnel would grow by half a percent each year.

Going on those projections traffic into the Sumner should have only grown by 2.5 percent from 2013 to 2018.

However, MassDOT engineer Andrew Paul said that traffic has exploded and there was a whopping 47 percent increase in tunnel traffic since 2013. That is nearly 45 percent more than MassDOT predicted over the same time period.

Paul said that an increase in traffic can be traced back to several unforeseen factors.

For one, Massport allowed ride-sharing companies like Uber and Lyft to begin doing business at Logan Airport in the middle of the project to replace the Sumner Tunnel tolls. Logan represents almost a third of the all the traffic flowing into the Sumner during the morning commute and over half of all the traffic

in the evening.

Paul said last year Uber and Lyft were responsible for 10 million pick-up and drop-off trips at Logan in 2018. That represents roughly 10,000 trips per day in and out of Eastie using the neighborhood's tunnels.

Also, new apps like 'Waze by Google' that help motorists avoid traffic have had dire effects on the traffic in Eastie. Paul pointed out that what has boggled and frustrated MassDOT engineers is that while traffic has increased going into the tunnel a large portion of this increase is coming from Eastie streets and not Route 1A.

Out of all the cars accessing the tunnel from Porter Street, London Street and Visconte Way only 45 percent of the motorists are Eastie residents. The remaining 55 percent are from outside the neighborhood.

This could be because traffic avoidance apps are taking motorists off Route 1A and putting them on neighborhood streets that are not well equipped or designed to handle the increase in traffic volume.

Charges //CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

into Boston in her Mazda. The others took an Uber from Eastie and met the two college roommates at the restaurant just after 8:30 p.m.

The group remained at Koy until about 10:30 p.m. During that time Etheridge allegedly drank at least one or two cocktails and one shot. Etheridge can be seen on various surveillance videos wearing light colored clothing and a black jacket.

One of the group's friends had been tapped as the designated driver for the night and, using Salvi's Mazda and drove the group back to Eastie.

The group stopped at a Dunkin' (Donuts), where Etheridge bought Gatorade bottles. They also allegedly drove to several liquor stores before finding one open at about 11 p.m., and Etheridge and Salvi allegedly entered the store while the others waited outside. Etheridge allegedly bought a bottle of Bacardi rum while Salvi allegedly bought a bottle of tequila, and a smaller bottle of an unknown liquor.

After buying liquor the group was driven by the night's designated driver to the waterfront where Pelletier and Salvi allegedly shared the tequila. Etheridge allegedly alone drank from the bottle of rum that he had purchased earlier. That bottle was later found at the crash scene closed and unbroken approximately half empty.

Just before midnight the designated driver drove the group to La Chiva to get take-out. One of the friends in the group decided to Uber home leaving just Etheridge, Pelletier, Salvi and the designated driver.

Just after 12:30 a.m. the designated driver drove Salvi's Mazda to her Leyden Street home and returned the car to Salvi.

At approximately 1:11

a.m., several witnesses saw a vehicle travelling very fast on Bennington Street from the direction of Revere towards Boston. In fact, the so-called 'black box' later recovered from the vehicle indicated that the Mazda was moving at 86 mph when the side airbags deployed, and the accelerator was 100 percent engaged one-half second before the airbag's deployment.

The vehicle struck several cars parked along Bennington Street, flipped over, and slid into a concrete planter near 1025 Bennington St. Most of the wreck is captured on MBTA surveillance video from the Orient Heights train station.

Several passersby rushed to the scene.

Within seconds, a man wearing light colored clothing, later identified as Etheridge, allegedly emerged from the driver's side window, picks up what appears to be a black jacket, and runs away.

One witness had been walking her dog when the wreck occurred in front of her. The woman, who has some medical training, ran to check on the remaining occupants. Immediately she noted that the rear seat passenger, later identified as Pelletier, was dead on impact.

The front seat passenger, later identified as Salvi, appeared conscious but only partially responsive. The witness asked for a flashlight and eventually ended up with a cell phone in a black and red case, which the police later identified as Etheridge's phone.

Other passersby attempted

to force open the doors, but without success. Fire department personnel arrived quickly and cut the doors off.

Salvi was rushed to the hospital where she was diagnosed with severe injuries, including a fractured skull. Pelletier was pronounced dead at the scene.

Before losing consciousness Salvi told officers Etheridge allegedly had been driving. This led the police to begin searching for Etheridge.

Because the vehicle was flipped over and severely damaged it took minutes for first responders to realize that no driver was present. Pelletier and Salvi had both been belted in passenger seats but the driver's seat was empty.

A search was organized to locate the driver, now believed to be Etheridge, for it was feared that he may have been thrown from the car and injured. He was never found at the scene.

Meanwhile, surveillance cameras allegedly captured Etheridge walking away from the accident along Ashley Street.

Shortly thereafter, he allegedly went to a friend's house on Leyden Street. The friend noticed that Etheridge was bleeding. He allegedly told his friend that there was an accident and Pelletier and Salvi were still in the car. After he cleaned up Etheridge said that he would return to the accident scene.

His whereabouts were unknown until his parents took him MGH at about 9:15 a.m.

At that time, he was wearing the same light-colored clothing and a black jacket as shown on several surveillance

cameras the night before.

Etheridge presented as mildly lethargic and confused so blood tests and a CT scan were ordered.

Etheridge initially told hospital staff that he was the driver in an accident, and he denied drinking. He later said that he was unsure who was driving but he was certain he had been thrown from a window.

The blood drawn from Etheridge was preserved and later tested by the Massachusetts State Police crime lab. It was determined that Etheridge's blood alcohol content was .023 percent by weight, for blood drawn more than eight hours after the wreck.

Everyone, regardless of age, size, or race, metabolizes alcohol at the same pace. That pace is .015 of blood alcohol concentration (BAC) per hour. Working backwards and multiplying the .015 by eight and adding the .023 that was found in Etheridge's blood the next morning his BAC could be most likely .143 at the time of the crash. The legal limit in Massachusetts is .08.

It was also noted in court that Etheridge had been diagnosed with alcohol consumption binge two months before the accident on March 18, 2019 and been warned not to drink and drive.

"We really don't have much to say other than we believe in the justice system, but whatever justice is served will never be enough, whether criminal or civilly," said Pelletier's family in a statement. "There is no time or enough money to bring back the loss the family has suffered."

OBITUARIES

James Robert Goodwin Of Lynn, formerly of East Boston

James Robert Goodwin of Lynn, formerly of East Boston, passed away suddenly on Saturday, June 15. He was 59 years old.

The cherished son of the late John and Yvonne (LeBlanc) Goodwin, he was the beloved husband of Deborah (Zirpolo) Goodwin caring brother of John Jr., Chris, Jeffrey, Joseph and Michael Goodwin, Michelle Torres and the late Corrine, Marc and Tommy Goodwin. He is also survived by many loving nieces, nephews and cousins.

A Memorial Service will be



held at a later date.
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Julia Turner Former East Boston resident

Julia (Scacchi) Turner of Danvers, formerly of East Boston, passed away on June 21 at the age of 95.

She was the beloved wife of Kaiser Turner, loving mother Darlene Nordstorm, Sherry Davis and Robert Worster, dear sister of Angelo Scacchi and cherished grandmother of John and Darlene Bickford, Jean Davis and Eden Nordstorm.

A Graveside Service will be held at Holy Cross Cemetery in Malden today, Wednesday, June 26 at 2 p.m. Family and friends are kindly invited. For guest book and



directions please visit www.vazzafunerals.com.

Olympia Cardillo April 5, 1937 – June 12, 2019

Olympia (Nardizzi) Cardillo of East Boston died in Chelsea on June 12.

The beloved wife of the late Joseph A. Cardillo, she was the devoted mother of Sharon Scapicchio and her husband, Stephen of East Boston, Vincent Cardillo and his wife, Helene of Winthrop, Joseph Cardillo of Providence, RI, Michael Cardillo and his wife, Nancy of Middleton and John Cardillo and his wife, Christann of Center Conway, NH; dear sister of James Nardizzi of Chelsea and cherished grandmother of Stephen, "Em" Scapicchio, Michael Cardillo, Matthew Cardillo and Madison Cardillo.

Funeral arrangements were



by the Anthony Memorial - Frank A. Welsh & Sons Funeral Home, Chelsea. Interment was at Holy Cross Cemetery, Malden. In lieu of flowers, donations should be made to Chelsea Jewish Life-care, 17 Lafayette Ave., Chelsea, MA 02150.

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7:00-10:00pm
Join us at Belmont Square/Brophy Park
For a screening of "How to Train Your Dragon: The Hidden World" Rated PG
Bring a blanket or chairs to sit on the grass
Snacks and activities will be provided
For information contact:
mary.cole@jeffriespoint.org
mmendez@noahcdc.org
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SATURDAY, JULY 13
FREE EASTIE FARM WORK PARTY
10:00am-2:00pm
Come join volunteers at Eastie Farm for work and breakfast
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For information contact:
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SATURDAY, JULY 13
FREE WATERSHED FAMILY DAY
11:00am-4:00pm
Join us for a day of art, food, music, dancing, and tours
ICA Watershed, East Boston Harbor Shipyard and Marina
265 Marginal St.
Complimentary trolley service available from various locations
For information contact:
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SATURDAY, JULY 13
FREE ZUMIX POP-UP AT WINDY FILMS
12:00-4:00pm
Join us for youth-produced video screening and acoustic music pop-up
Windy Films
256 Marginal St.
For information contact:
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SUNDAY, JULY 14
FREE SCIENCE UNDER THE SUN
11:00am-2:00pm
Experience tanks with local sea life and learn from marine educators
Constitution Beach
For information contact:
nperez@neaq.org, 617-973-0281
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SUNDAY, JULY 14
FREE HIP HOP CONCERT
6:00-8:00pm
Bring family, friends, and a picnic and enjoy the sunset over Boston Harbor
Piers Park Amphitheatre
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MONDAY, JULY 15TH
FREE READBOSTON STORYMOBILE
1:15-2:30pm
Join us for an interactive storytelling experience! Every child that attends will get a new book to take home. The program is best suited for children ages 3-8.
East Boston Library
365 Bremen St.
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MONDAY, JULY 15
FREE FAMILY POUND
6:00-8:00pm
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MONDAY, JULY 15TH
FREE THE NEW ENGLAND AQUARIUM AT THE EASTIE LIBRARY
2:30-5:00pm
Aquarium educators and teen interns will travel to the library with live tidepool animals, crafts, and activities for youth ages 5 to 12 years old. The youth-focused workshop encourages the use of science skills such as observations and predictions, while also highlighting the local coastal habitats and animals of Boston.
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MONDAY, JULY 15
FREE WATERFRONT TRANSPORTATION VISIONING EVENT
5:00-7:00pm
Boston Harbor Now and partners are working to create water transportation through a harbor ferry system connecting East Boston to downtown and the Seaport. Learn more about current proposals and what needs to happen at Lewis Wharf for this to become a reality!
Portside, waterfront entrance
40 East Pier Drive
Food will be provided
For information contact:
farmer_margaret@yahoo.com
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TUESDAY, JULY 16
FREE SUNSET CRUISE
6:30-8:00pm
This is a ticketed event
Please arrive 30 min early
Departing Piers Park Sailing Center
95 Marginal St.
For information contact:
eastieweek@bostonharbornow.org, 617-398-7733
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WEDNESDAY, JULY 17
FREE PAINT NIGHT
6:00-8:00pm
Join us for a Youth Paint Night
Light refreshments will be served
East Boston Social Center
68 Central Sq.
For information and RSVP contact:
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11:00am-4:00pm
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SUNDAY, JULY 21
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11:00am-12:30pm
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