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A large crowd gathered Monday at Doherty Playground in Charlestown as part of Mayor Michelle Wu and the Boston Parks and Recreation Department's Neighborhood Coffee Hour in partnership with Dunkin' Coffee. See page 7 for more photos.

MAYOR WU HOSTS NEIGHBORHOOD COFFEE HOUR MONDAY AT DOHERTY PARK

Mayor Michelle Wu and the Boston Parks and Recreation Department hosted a Neighborhood Coffee Hour in partnership with Dunkin' at Doherty Park in Charlestown on Monday.

Mayor Wu's Neighborhood Coffee Hour gave Charlestown residents a unique opportunity to speak directly with the Mayor and staff from City departments

about open space and their neighborhoods. Through these conversations, and a suggestion box at each site, Mayor Wu said prior to the event that she looked forward to hearing from Charlestown residents on how the City of Boston can improve upon local parks, public areas, and City services.

Participants enjoyed Dunkin' Iced Coffee and assorted Dunkin' MUNCHKINS® donut hole

treats along with fresh fruit from Star Market. Additional support was provided by City Express courier service.

Each family in attendance received a free flowering plant from the Parks Department. Residents at the event were also eligible to win a raffle prize from Dunkin' including Dunkin' merchandise and ground coffee.

Gabriela Coletta reflects on win

By John Lynds

After a hard-fought campaign, lifelong East Boston resident Gabriela "Gigi" Coletta came out on top during last week's Special Election Preliminary for the District 1 City Council seat.

With only two official candidates on the ballot Coletta's win last week means there's no General Election and she will be sworn in as District 1 Councilor.

During the election Coletta, who squared off against political newcomer and fellow Eastie resident Tania Del Rio, carried all

Charlestown Precincts.

Coletta went on to carry every Precinct in the North End and 11 out of 14 Precincts in Eastie. Along with Charlestown, the two other neighborhoods make up the rest of the council district.

"You have heard me say this before, and I will say it again with great pride, as your Councilor-elect: I am a daughter of District One," said Coletta. "Every opportunity, every relationship, every inch of support – I am so grateful for everything that this community has given me. East Boston has given me so much and shaped me

into the person I am today. This beautiful and diverse community has been the start of the American dream for so many immigrant families, including my own almost four generations ago when they climbed the Golden Staircase and settled on Cottage Street in Jeffries Point. I am so proud to be an East Bostonian."

After winning, Coletta said she wanted to extend a particular note of gratitude to Del Rio.

"We elevated the dialogue to focus on policy and plans," she

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Higher Education

Pressley, Wu celebrate funding to expand Boston's Tuition-Free Community College program

By John Lynds

At Bunker Hill Community College (BHCC) last week Congresswoman Ayanna Pressley joined Mayor Michelle Wu, BHCC President Pam Eddinger, and BHCC students to celebrate the \$1 million in federal community project funding Pressley secured to expand the City of Boston's Tuition-Free Community College program.

Rep. Pressley and Mayor Wu were given a tour of BHCC's campus, followed by a press conference to highlight how the funding will help address the college affordability crisis locally.

"Thank you for joining us as we celebrate community project funds that we have delivered to help expand the City of Boston's Free-Tuition Community College program," said Pressley at the press conference. "It is long past time that we make robust investments in access to higher education. President Biden recently signed the

annual government funding bill which included millions in federal funding for 10 community projects across the Massachusetts 7th Congressional District totaling some \$8 million."

Pressley said the federal funding is the result of nearly a year's worth of advocacy by her office and local partners that resulted in \$1 million in direct targeted spending to support Boston's Tuition-Free Community College program expansion.

"There's absolutely no doubt expanding this program with these federal dollars will enable us to serve a critical need within our community and help more students achieve their goals of earning a college degree," said Pressley. "At every level of government we have a responsibility to fight for education, equity, and justice and programs like this are a great example of how we can increase true access to higher education."

The Tuition-Free Community

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Congresswoman Ayanna Pressley (right) and Mayor Michelle Wu tour Bunker Hill Community College.

EDITORIAL

AN ILL WIND.....

The unrelenting easterly seabreeze that has been blowing at 20-30 miles per hour 24/7 for the past five days has reminded us that "spring" is an ephemeral term for those of us who live along the Massachusetts coastline.

The temperature has refused to climb beyond 50 degrees -- thanks to a water temperature of 48 degrees in Boston Harbor -- and the strong on-shore wind has made it feel closer to 40 degrees with the wind-chill factored in.

As usual, temperatures a little bit to our west are 10 degrees warmer. But for us, winter coats, hats, hoodies, and gloves are still the norm for any outside activity, whether it's walking along the beach or the Charles, or attending our children's soccer or baseball games, or enjoying a lunch at Kelly's on Revere Beach.

On the other hand, for those of us fortunate enough to be close to the ocean, the pounding surf on the shoreline with white caps extending to the horizon have created a seascape that is mesmerizing.

The smell, sight, and sound of the churning sea consumes our senses. It never grows old.

Still, our spring along the coast has followed the usual, frustrating pattern of, "One step forward, three steps back."

Mother Nature is a tease at this time of year. For each day of warmth that she bestows upon us, we must endure four or five days of chill, as if she's daring us to plant our summer vegetable garden under the threat of a frost or a wind gust that might snap the tender shoots.

We can't help but think that it would be nice to reserve some of these sea-breezy days for mid-July and early-August when the water temperature will be warm enough for us to enjoy the churning surf.

But the bottom line is that, to paraphrase the Bill Belichick cliché, the spring season along our coast, "Ain't what it ain't." It's always a mere chimera that taunts us.

WE ARE ALL UKRAINIANS

It is impossible to turn away from the news reports of the ongoing war in Ukraine that we see 24/7 on our televisions and computer screens.

To be honest, we've had it with all of the other recent political, economic, and COVID-related commentaries that run in an endless loop ad nauseam on the news.

We just tune them out.

But when it comes to the heartbreaking, disturbing, and infuriating coverage of all aspects of the war in Ukraine, we feel almost duty-bound to watch in order to bear witness to the genocide that the sociopath in the Kremlin has wrought upon these poor people.

Yes, perhaps we can identify with what is happening in Ukraine because so much of what we see in their lives and the lives of their children mimics our own. Some of those Ukrainian suburban streets and playgrounds could be Anytown, USA.

The recent events in Ukraine have brought to mind the occasion when President John F. Kennedy spoke in front of the Berlin Wall in 1963 and concluded his speech with the famous and inspiring words, "Ich bin ein Berliner!" -- "I am a Berliner!"

Today, peace-loving people (who presumably are all of us) across the country and the globe feel the same way about Ukraine. Hopefully, we will have the fortitude to remain resolute in our support for Ukraine and its innocent people and be willing to accept some degree of sacrifice (such as higher prices) in our personal lives in order to thwart the genocidal maniac who is destroying their country and uprooting their lives.

To paraphrase what JFK might say today: "All free people, wherever they may live, are citizens of Ukraine."

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GUEST OP-ED

I am angry but determined to protect Roe

By Elizabeth Warren

Roe v. Wade has protected the right to a safe and legal abortion for nearly half a century. Over and over again, conservative Supreme Court nominees proclaimed Roe "settled law," signaling to the American people that, on their watch, Roe would not be overturned. But now a draft opinion reveals that five justices believe this is their moment to strike down this "settled law," permitting states to criminalize anyone who seeks an abortion, performs an abortion, helps someone find an abortion, or even has a miscarriage.

Yes, I'm angry. I'm angry at the justices who deliberately deceived the American people. I'm angry at the Republicans in Congress who stole two Supreme Court seats to get us to this day. And I'm angry at the cruelty of the anti-abortion politicians who will impose enormous pain, suffering, and possible death on people who have the fewest resources to fight back.

The minute Roe is officially gone, more than half the states in this country are poised to outlaw abortion or severely limit abortion access. If abortion is outlawed, the impact won't fall equally on everyone. Wealthy women will still get safe, legal abortions by flying to another state or even traveling to another country.

But the world will be very different for those who have the least power: low-income women, young women, women of color, victims of incest and abuse, moms already working two jobs to support their children. This far-right, extremist Supreme Court doesn't care if Americans suffer; they are hellbent on imposing their views on all of us.

For me, this isn't about politics; this is personal. I have lived in a world where abortion was illegal. I learned early on that when the law bans all abortions, only safe and legal abortions will be banned. I lived in a world in which women led to death from back alley abortions. A world in which infections

and other complications destroyed women's futures. A world in which some women took their own lives rather than continuing with a pregnancy they could not bear. For decades, expanded access to abortion has allowed people to make decisions about their own bodies and lives, promoting equity and access to life-changing opportunities. But these extremist justices on the Supreme Court want to send us back to those dark days and take away women's rights to control their own futures.

Changes in abortion laws will have dire consequences. In Texas, a young woman was charged with murder for an alleged self-induced abortion. (The charges were later dropped.) In Oklahoma, a new law would force a 12-year-old survivor of rape to bear the child of her predator. In Louisiana, Republicans are pushing for the most extreme bill yet, which would classify abortion as a homicide and could even criminalize using certain forms of birth control. And Republican politicians won't stop at criminalizing abortion. They have already signaled that a Republican-controlled Senate would pursue a nationwide ban on abortion care.

Let me be crystal clear: Republicans in Congress are planning to restrict abortion access and reproductive health care everywhere, endangering all Americans, whether they live in red, blue, or purple states. And it is equally clear that the Supreme Court is opening the door to banning birth control, outlawing marriage equality, and even making interracial marriage

illegal.

American freedoms and the Constitution itself are under attack. The Republicans have planned long and hard for this day, and we can't wait a second longer to fight back. We need action.

The Supreme Court does not get the last word. The American people—through their leaders in Congress—can and must take action. Congress has the power to make Roe the law of the entire nation. The House has already passed legislation to shield abortion rights, and the Senate will take up the bill this week. We should debate that bill on the floor and then vote on it—because every American should know exactly where we stand and hold us accountable. But to get that vote and protect Roe, we must end the filibuster. This November, Americans will decide the future of Roe, and voters everywhere must bring their fury to the voting booth.

Yes, I'm angry that a group of unelected ideologues on the Supreme Court think they can turn current law upside down and dictate to tens of millions of people across this country the terms of their pregnancies and their lives.

I will use my anger to do everything I can to keep an extremist Supreme Court from having the last word on the right to a safe and legal abortion. In a democracy, that power is in the hands of the people. We need to use our anger to make real change. We're not going back—never.

Elizabeth Warren is the senior United States senator from Massachusetts.



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LETTER to the Editor

LET'S GET SOME ART ON THE UTILITY BOXES

To the Editor,

So many gray and green utility boxes around Charlestown that could use some beautiful, vibrant artwork.

Tell your story Charlestown. So much history with such a rich historical background, it's time to get moving and provide the community and visitors pictures, quotes, or other relevant information about our community.

What about other possibilities such as flowers, gardens, birds, boats, endless, timeless, pictures can add to the vibrant, diverse, and beautiful community we all live in.

Mayor Wu announced the applications are open for the 2022 Paint Box Program. The office of Arts & Culture will be holding two virtual info sessions on

Wednesday, May 11 at noon and 6pm for artists interested in applying.

The deadline to apply for the program is Friday, May 27, at 5pm. Learn more at boston.gov/paintbox.

Ann Kelleher

THANK YOU, OLD CHARLESTOWN SCHOOLBOY'S ASSOCIATION

To the Editor,

I would like to express my gratitude to the Old Charlestown Schoolboy's Association for awarding me the Bertha Brown Scholarship. This award will greatly assist me with my educational expenses as I continue to pursue my college degree at Connecticut College.

With Sincere Thanks and Appreciation,

Edward Pistorino

GUEST OP-ED

Naomi Judd, suicide and life's appointment

Dr. Glenn Mollette

We've all heard of people who have taken their lives by suicide. We typically wonder why? We wonder what was so bad about their lives that they could not cope another day?

We were shocked by the sudden death of Naomi Judd. She was a country music star and legend. She and her daughter Wynonna had racked up 14 number one hits. They had five Grammy awards and twenty million plus album sales. A new tour was planned for this Fall and the day after her death an induction ceremony was scheduled for the Country Music Hall of Fame. She apparently had it all. She had a long term 30-year marriage, successful daughters and fame and fortune. What more could a human being want? Apparently, something was still wrong.

Depression and mental illness apparently can become a hole so deep and so dark that once someone is in it, they don't feel they are emotionally able to survive or escape the darkness.

We have been shocked by other personalities who reportedly took their lives such as comedian Robin Williams and Anthony Bourdain who traveled the world tasting and showing various lifestyles and cuisines.

Mental illness comes in various forms and affects people in different ways and on different levels. Everyone has down days, the blahs and feelings of unhappiness. The weather affects us. Rainy or snowy days may eventually get to us. Too many bills and not enough money to pay them can work on our minds. A sick or troubled family member may worry us or make us feel bad. Our own personal health battles can make us feel down. Too much to do is troubling. Terminal illness that is rapidly getting worse puts us in a state of desperation to escape the outcome sooner rather than later.

There is more to depression than snapping our fingers to get out of it as proven by Judd. She openly talked about her illness. She wrote a book about it and reportedly had spent years medically dealing with her diseases. Severe mental illness can end sadly end tragically.

Reviewing her life, it seems there would be a counter argument for everything we are supposed to do. Get help. Take medication. Have a good doctor and a good counselor. Talk about the disease. Find meaningful things to do. Have hobbies. Stay busy. Pursue life. Be involved in meaningful relationships, have faith in God, etc. Judd appeared to do all of this and more.

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CLERGY VIEWPOINT

FROM THE CHARLESTOWN CLERGY ASSOCIATION

A new way of thinking

By Very Reverend James Ronan, VF – Pastor, St. Mary-St. Catherine of Siena Parish

Do you ever feel as if you are in a rut? You know, getting up each day and going through the same motions, carrying out all the “stuff” that makes up your day in pretty much the same way as the day before. And the weekends - well they tend in the same direction - repeats of prior weekends, with appropriate seasonal adjustments. Do you imagine this is what life is supposed to be like? I don't.

Christians look at Easter as the signature event of their faith; this is THE event that changes everything. Yet making the connection between a boring, “same old, same old” way of living and our faith in Jesus may appear to be a stretch. But it is a matter of perspective - how I think about life and the reasons behind everything I am and do. Once a Christian, and that means baptized into Life in Jesus, embraces this amazing status, everything changes. We think differently. We revise the reasons behind our actions in the

Light of the Gospel.

From the earliest days, the Church calls this personal development “metanoia”. It is the essential formula that changes our lives and opens one to a whole new way of being. For the Christian, there is a continual renewing of life and love - little remains static. In fact, our journey “in Christ” is to develop us into an ever deeper relationship with the Son of God in and through the Holy Spirit. There is NO limit to where this leads, it beckons us each new day into a life that is dynamic, even if our life appears to be routine.

How the Church presents this magnificent and amazing plan to all people is in and through “EVANGELIZATION. Joseph Cardinal Ratzinger in an address to catechists and religion teachers in 2000 said: To evangelize means: to teach the art of living. At the beginning of his public life, Jesus says: I have come to evangelize the poor (Luke 4:18); this means:

I have the response to your fundamental question; I will show you the path of life, the path toward happiness—rather: I am that path.

The Cardinal continued his comments with these insights: The deepest poverty is the inability of joy, the tediousness of a life considered absurd and contradictory. This poverty is widespread today, in very different forms in the materially rich as well as the poor countries. The inability of joy presupposes and produces the inability to love, produces jealousy, avarice—all defects that devastate the life of individuals and of the world. This is why we are in need of a new evangelization—if the art of living remains an unknown, nothing else works. But this art is not the object of a science — this art can only be communicated by [one] who has life—He who is. May the saving message of Jesus Christ bring us into the light with new insights to address the pressing issues of our time about the “Art of Living.”

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ees that contributed to the Raffle, Hood Ice Cream, Jennifer from Creative Chica Face Painting, Landry's Bike Shop, Market Basket, Chelsea for Mollusk Donation, Massachusetts General Hospital, Mayor Wu's Youth Council Ambassador Christine Maher and Boston Latin School Student Molly McGuinness, Nira Pilowada and US Veg Corp, Paul and Rachel Revere, Recycled Book Mark Table and Volunteers: Laurie Nee, Toby Goldstein, Mia Forsberg, St. John's Episcopal Church Charlestown, Elected Officials: Our City Councilor at Large Ruthzee Louijeune; Representative Dan Ryan's Office; and District One City Council Candidates Tania Del Rio and Gabriela Coletta for their support, Volunteers and Supporters: JoAnne Spillane, Michael Kelleher Peggy Tonelli, Terri Brogan, Jean Hackett, Mark Manley, Christine Colley, Stephanie Poster, Teri Micheline, Ken Murray, Maureen Reilly, Darcie Spence, Cathy Su, Kathe O'Neil Smith, Charlene Colt, Ann Beard, Paul DiGiammarino, Kathleen Kolar, Cutler Family Trust.



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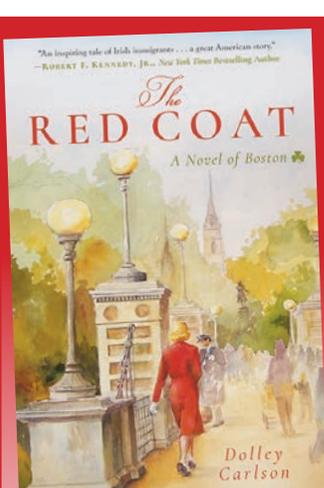
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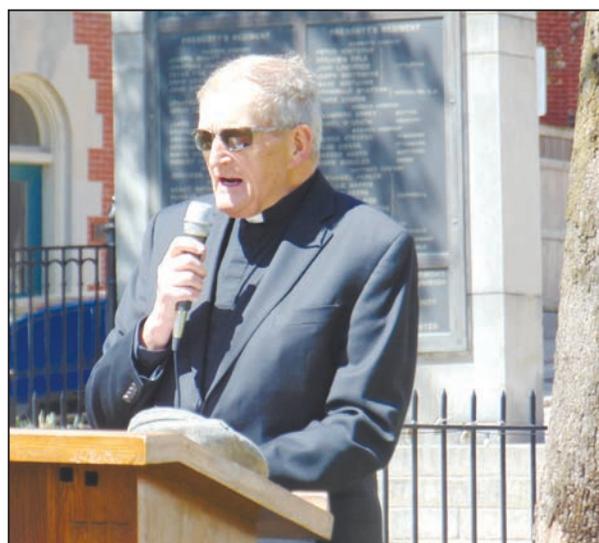
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WE'RE ALL IN THIS TOGETHER.

Annissa Essaibi George delivers supplies to Ukraine refugees living in Poland

By John Lynds

With the help from local donors like Charlestown Youth Hockey, former City Councilor and Mayoral Candidate Annissa Essaibi George traveled to the Poland-Ukraine border recently to deliver supplies to Ukrainian refugees fleeing the war raging in their homeland.

Essaibi George and a small group of volunteers, which included her sister Sonia, spent a week delivering supplies and volunteering in Poland at the refugee centers in Przemysl and Medyka and even traveled across the border into Ukraine to help deliver supplies.

“Being in the refugee center full of families who were carrying all they could with them, many with pets in tow, made me think about my mom and grandparents and their experience as displaced persons post-World War II,” said Essaibi George, whose mother Barbara was born to Polish parents in a Displaced Persons’ camp in Germany. “Her story inspired me to make this trip to help those experiencing something similar to what my family went through just a generation ago. Among the people in the refugee center, I could see my grandparents and my mom, then just a toddler, moving through the converted supermarket and on to an unknown future far from what used to be home, hopeful to build a new life.”

With donations and cash pouring in from Charlestown and other

Boston neighborhoods, Essaibi George said she and the other volunteers used the many cash donations, totaling almost \$25,000, to purchase and distribute even more supplies in Poland and delivered food, sleeping bags, and medical supplies to volunteers for distribution in Ukraine.

“Thanks to the Boston community and beyond,” said Essaibi George. “We left the US with over 2,000 pounds of humanitarian aid including medical supplies, feminine hygiene products, soap, deodorant, toothpaste and brushes, packed in 26 large hockey bags. Many of those hockey bags were delivered to us already loaded with donations from local hockey programs, including Charlestown, the Boston Police and Boston Fire hockey clubs as well as bags from Latin Academy and Boston Latin School Even the Bruins showed up to provide team bags for us.”

Essaibi George also thanked all those who donated cash as well as helped the volunteers with the sorting and packing for the trip.

“We met many Ukrainians who were taking the supplies one carload at a time directly to internally displaced Ukrainians, and children and the elderly who cannot be moved easily, often putting themselves in harm’s way to help others,” said Essaibi George. “One volunteer we met knew of orphanages in Ukraine that desperately needed diaper rash cream and medicine for children who could not be evacuated, and we were



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able to purchase almost \$10,000 of these products to deliver to them. We heard many stories like this where volunteers were constantly solving problems, doing their best to source needed supplies and get them delivered to locations in Ukraine.”

Essaibi George said she left Poland grateful and overwhelmed.

“I am grateful for the opportunity to serve a small part in helping Ukrainian refugees internally and externally displaced, for your incredible support, and for the many other volunteers who have sprung into action to help however they can,” she said. “I

am overwhelmed by the enormity of this tragedy and the toll it is taking on Ukraine, by the need for more support – food, water, and basic supplies, and by the spirit of Ukrainians who have stood strong to defend their country. You all

helped us bring much needed humanitarian aid to the refugee center in Przemysl, Poland and to volunteers who transported the items over the border into Ukraine to be distributed there.”



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Mayor Michelle Wu talks with some Charlestown children. Prior to the event Mayor Wu said she looked forward to hearing from Charlestown residents on how the City of Boston can improve upon local parks, public areas, and City services.



Each family in attendance received a free flowering plant from the Parks Department.



Residents at the event were also eligible to win a raffle prize from Dunkin' including Dunkin' merchandise and ground coffee.

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“FLOW” OPENING AT CLAIRE CARINO CONTEMPORARY GALLERY

FLOW is a series of abstract works that lean into the spontaneity of mingling water, paint and ink on Aquabond. The artist embraces exploration and play, as well as the unpredictability of fluid mediums that create a symphony of colors, layers and marks. As we reemerge from a global pandemic that rocked routines, lives and systems in catastrophic ways, FLOW is about finding the humanity, grace and beauty in uncertainty.

Sophia Moon is an abstract artist and creative living and working in Charlestown. She draws inspiration from music, movement, urban textures, and vibrant colors for her mixed media paintings. She is also the owner of Essem Art Studio where her mission is to spark joy and cultivate creative confidence in artists of all ages through art programming and community collaborations.

Claire Carino, is the owner

and director of Claire Carino Contemporary, a gallery located in Boston’s dynamic SoWa district, representing emerging and mid-career artists from around the world. The gallery provides services ranging from art sourcing to in home consulting and installation.

To learn more you can visit www.clairecarino.com/sophia-moon.



A selection of works featured in Flow.



Claire Carino and Sophia Moon.



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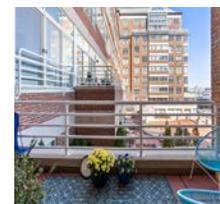
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Women share their recovery journeys and celebrate Sisterhood at a Women's Recovery Court celebration

A group of women shared their journeys of recovery and celebrated their sisterhood in the struggle against substance abuse at a recent Women's Recovery Court Session. The Recovery Court event was held at Recovery on the Harbor in East Boston where a conference room was dedicated in the memory of Valerie Brennan, a Community Coordinator at Recovery on the Harbor, a resource center for individuals in recovery operated by North Suffolk Mental Health Association (NSMHA). Ms. Brennan, a Malden resident, passed away November 6, 2021, following an illness.

The Women's Recovery Court event, held May 2, was hosted by NSMHA and the Malden District Court Probation Department. More than 50 women attended the celebration and dedication.

Jenny Celata, NSMHA Recovery coach, kicked off the event with an introduction of a plaque featuring Ms. Brennan's picture and her favorite saying, "If you don't leave your past in the past, it will destroy your future. Live for what today has to offer, not for what yesterday has taken away."

"This is about Valerie Brennan. Many of you knew her. Valerie suffered. She was a woman in long-term recovery, struggled for a long time, and had a lot of losses," said Ms. Celata. "There are three words that every time when I think of Val, I think of these words: Perseverance, acceptance, and hope....She persevered and had acceptance for so many things that others would have dropped. She kept going and then she had this hope, this hope she instilled upon everyone else." Ms. Celata added, "Hopefully, when people come here, they can see the perseverance, the hope, and acceptance because it is key in recovery today."

Lynn District Court Judge Ina Rae Howard-Hogan served as the keynote speaker and told the audience, "I'm going to speak from the heart. Look at this room. Sisterhood....I am loving it. And, what we've all been through these past couple of years and still you rise. You see people like Valerie and you say 'oh, the battle was lost.' No, the battle wasn't lost

because you know why. That example that she set for the rest of us is to give you that step to go further. Because you are going to think about her. We are all going to think about her and that is motivational."

Malden Assistant Chief Probation Officer (ACPO) Judith Lawler acknowledged Recovery Court participants as well as Katie O'Leary, North Suffolk Mental Health Director of Recovery Support Services. Ms. Lawler also recognized Malden Chief Probation Officer (CPO) Marisa Cogliando-Vaughn, ACPO Jennifer Donahue, and Probation Officers Cynthia Russell, Nicole Guidoboni, and Alyssa Yearwood "whose dedication and caring to those who are struggling with substance abuse disorder and mental illness is inspirational." She also gave special acknowledgement to PO Gianna Franco, "our leader in Recovery Court who works day in and day out to help probationers overcome obstacles and begin a

journey of hope and healing."

"Why are we here? What is this? This to me as Oprah says is an 'aha moment.' A thought, an idea that started in Chelsea District Court about eight years ago under the leadership of Judge Benjamin Barnes has happened and is happening again today because here we all are, women coming together to offer knowledge, support, and encouragement and hope to share the peaks and valleys, the ups and downs, the pain and the joy, the darkness and the light, and the struggles and successes of your journeys," said Ms. Lawler.

Other guest speakers included former Recovery Court participants who are all now Recovery Coaches, including Rebekah Cole, NSMHA Recovery Coach and Charlestown Recovery Court graduate, and Danielle O'Brien, Recovery Support Centers Coordinator, Bureau of Substance Addiction Services and South Boston Recovery Court graduate.



In the group photo, left to right are Jenny Celata, North Suffolk Mental Health Association (NSMHA) Recovery Coach (RC); Jennifer Casali Donahue, Malden District Assistant Chief Probation Officer (ACPO); Lisa Grant, Presiding Justice of the BMC-Dorchester Recovery Court; Kathy Curley, NSMHA Recovery Coach Manager; Katie O'Leary, NSMHA Director of Recovery Support Services; Teresa (Teri) Hall, BCOR coordinator; Melissa Maragiogilo, NSMHA RC; Caitlin Gillespie, NSMHA SOS Coordinator. Top row, left to right: Marisa Cogliando-Vaughn, Malden District Chief Probation Officer; Rebekah Cole, NSMHA RC; Judy Lawler, Malden District Assistant Chief Probation Officer; and Dianne Fasano, First Deputy Director of the Massachusetts Probation Service.

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FUNDING (from pg. 1)

College program began under former Mayor and current U.S. Labor Secretary Martin Walsh, whom Pressley thanked for his commitment to supporting tuition free college initiatives during his time in the corner office at City Hall.

"I would also like to thank our delegation colleagues and incredible partners like Bunker Hill Community College," she said. "A lot of work and sweat equity was spent on this and I look forward to our continued partnership as we work towards ensuring our higher education system is truly affordable and accessible to all because for too long, the dream of a higher education has remained out of reach and for millions, including the more than 850,000 federal student loan borrowers here in the Commonwealth. It has come with a very steep price tag and decades of debt, the college affordability and unprecedented 1.7 trillion student dollar debt crisis has disproportionately impacted black and brown borrowers and communities here in the Commonwealth and across our nation."

Pressley added that programs like Boston's Tuition-Free Community College program will improve education outcomes and lower costs for students and help address these crises upstream.

"I'm incredibly proud to be here today to deliver the \$1 million in federal investment to the city's community college program

and I'm thankful to everyone here today for being partners in this work to create a more just and equitable Boston," said Pressley.

Pressley secured this federal funding for Boston in the government spending package that passed Congress and was signed into law by President Biden in March. In total, Pressley secured over \$8 million for 10 community projects across the Massachusetts 7th Congressional District, capping off nearly a year of advocacy by Pressley and local leaders.

"This is a million dollars in funding that will go directly to making sure we are closing gaps for our young leaders as they are building our future," said Mayor Wu. "This million dollars to fund and expand Boston's Tuition-Free Community College program is a major step forward at just the right moment."

Wu said research has shown that many community college students are affected in their ability to stay in class and stay enrolled because of the juggle that real life imposes.

"Taking care of kids, managing the needs for housing and food so funding like this will not only go to our students but to the families and the neighborhoods and communities that they are part of," said Wu. "Currently, Boston's Tuition-Free Community College program currently supports 860 Boston public school students in their higher education," said Wu.



Congresswoman Ayanna Pressley joins Mayor Michelle Wu, Bunker Hill Community College President Pam Eddinger, and BHCC students for a tour of BHCC's campus.

"This funding will ensure that 600 more students and residents are supported by this program. We've already received over 200 applications for this next school year. All of us deserve the option to pursue a higher education and today is one more step in making sure that all are reflected. I want to thank the Congresswoman for her leadership and advocacy. You should be able to (attain higher

education) without being buried in debt for years to come."

BHCC President Pam Eddinger added, "We are grateful for this funding to expand the program allowing us to reach more students, especially with including certain certificates and short-term training."

Pressley, in partnership with Senator Elizabeth Warren (D-MA) and Senate Majority Leader

Chuck Schumer (D-NY), has consistently called on President Joe Biden to cancel student debt. Last year, they led their colleagues in reintroducing their bicameral resolution outlining a bold plan for President Biden to tackle the student loan debt crisis by using existing authority under the Higher Education Act to cancel \$50,000 in student loan debt for Federal student loan borrowers.

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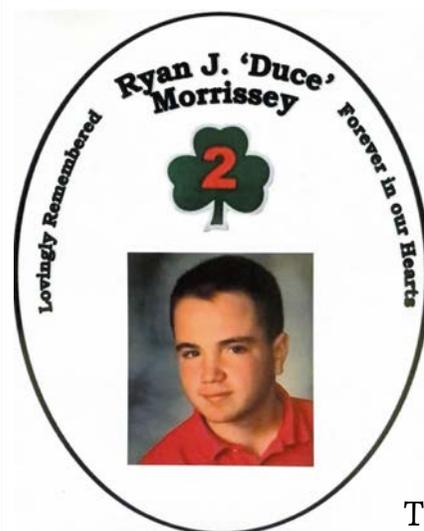
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COLETTA (from pg. 1)

said. "I look forward to working together to ensure our communities thrive. Thank you."

Coletta said throughout her campaign she and her team made some ambitious plans together.

"I am expecting every single one of you to hold me to them because I meant every word," said Coletta. "I meant it when I said that I will fight for affordable and workforce housing on Day One, because I know what it's like to be priced out of our neighborhoods. I meant it when I said that I will fight for accessible and responsive government that works for the people, because I know that the nuts and bolts add up to make a big impact

on our quality of life. And I especially meant it when I said that we need to govern with compassion, empathy and humanity at the center of decision-making."

Coletta said she will do everything in her power to empower and amplify immigrant voices in City Hall and across Boston.

"I will use my platform to protect our coastline from the high risk of flooding due to climate change, to expand our parks and tree canopy, and to hold MassPort accountable — because everyone has a right to green space and to breathe clean air," she said. "I will push for a facilities master plan for our public schools marked by

investments in healthy learning environments. And I will fight like hell to close opportunity and achievement gaps by directly supporting children with special needs and English language learners."

Coletta said she plans to hit the ground running once taking the oath of office.

"The work starts now," she said. "You saw the energy and dedication with which I approached this race, but that was just a hint of what you can expect from me as your next Boston City Councilor. I cannot wait to get started. Thank you for your support, your votes, and your love."

OP-ED (from pg. 3)

Does this mean we have no hope if we have mental illness? We always have hope but we must be very aware of the seriousness of depression. Our mental state is serious and can be terminal.

Keep in mind that people successfully deal with mental illness every day. It does not have to be the end. People seek counsel, medical help, faith in God and find coping solutions to dealing with depression and mental illness. Mental

illness does not have to end badly.

Try to think of those left behind. Try to think about the spouse, the children and the loved ones who are left to go on. I have known people who were so physically sick that I understood their pain and desire to escape their bodies. Try to keep in mind that God made us and we all have an appointment with death. We don't have to push the appointment. It's coming to us all. Try to find a way to find pur-

pose and peace with the brief life God has given to you. It will end soon enough.

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

State Senate passes driver's license bill

The Massachusetts State Senate passed the Work and Family Mobility Act by a vote of 32 to 8. The following statement may be credited to the leaders of the organizations co-chairing the Driving Families Forward Coalition, Brazilian Worker Center Executive Director Lenita Reason and 32BJ SEIU Vice President Roxana Rivera:

"We are once again overcome with happiness, pride and gratitude for today's historic vote in the Massachusetts Senate. The legislature has now resoundingly supported the Work and Family Mobility Act, moving all state residents toward greater road safety, improved security, better public health and a more vibrant economy, and promising a profound transformation in the lives of undocumented immigrants across the Commonwealth. The pursuit of these many goals is what brought us together in Driving Families Forward, a broad and diverse coalition of more than 270 businesses, faith groups, labor unions, community organizations and others. Working with law enforcement and other experts, Driving Families Forward also built in safeguards that led to the bill's endorsement by the Massachusetts Major Cities

Chiefs of Police Association, whose members lead two-thirds of the state's total police force, as well as a majority of the state's District Attorneys and sheriffs, and dozens of individual chiefs in smaller towns and cities.

We now urge Governor Baker

to sign the bill, which provides all the safeguards necessary to answer any doubts he may have raised previously, and we look forward to then celebrating with him and all our allies as the Work and Family Mobility Act becomes law."

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Charlestown's weekly COVID positive test-rate at 13 percent

By John Lynds

With COVID cases steadily increasing in Charlestown and the rest of the city due to a new, more contagious variant, the Boston Public Health Commission (BPHC) last week recommended residents take precautions to stop the spread and get vaccinated and/or boosted.

According to the most recent statistics, over 1 out of every 10 Charlestown residents tested for the virus were found to be positive. The citywide weekly positive test rate is now nearing 9 percent.

Last week, 446 Charlestown residents were tested for the virus last week and 13 percent were positive--this was a 4 percent increase from the 12.5 percent that tested positive as reported by the BPHC on May 2.

Fifty eight additional residents contracted the virus between May 2 and May 9 and there are now 4,061 confirmed cases in the

neighborhood since the start of the pandemic.

Boston's citywide weekly positive test rate also increased last week and is now close to 9 percent.

According to the BPHC 17,476 residents were tested citywide last week and 8.8 percent were COVID positive--this was a 13 percent increase from the 7.8 percent that reportedly tested positive for the week ending on May 2.

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

Citywide positive cases of coronavirus increased 1.7 percent last week and went from 178,291 to 181,346 confirmed cases since the start of the pandemic.

There was one additional death in Boston from the virus in the past week and the total number of COVID deaths is now at 1,459.

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OLD CHARLESTOWN SCHOOLBOYS ASSOCIATION SCHOLARSHIP CEREMONY

Courtesy Photos

The Old Charlestown Schoolboys Association held its annual scholarship awards ceremony on Monday night, May 9, in the Father Daniel Mahoney Hall at the Knights of Columbus. The Schoolboys date to 1827, when the graduates of the Winthrop School on the Training Field started the organization. The Schoolboys went on hiatus at some point in the 19th Century and were revived in 1913. Since that time, they have met for 109 years and in recent times have established a generous scholarship program.

Chair Jim O'Brien was joined by Scholarship Committee members Moe Gillen, Matty O'Neil and John Leahy in choosing 19 scholarship winners representing thousands of dollars in funding for Charlestown students. On Monday, O'Brien, Gillen, Ronan FitzPatrick, Jack Connors, and Jason Gallagher were on hand to present the awards.

The Schoolboys, which is the oldest community organization in Charlestown, will meet for its annual meeting this Sunday afternoon, May 15.

Those not present to accept awards included: Charlie Reitz of Boston College High School (Jonathan Greatorax Scholarship and Joseph A. and Mary Nelson Gill Scholarship); John Flanagan from Boston College High School (Palledoes Athletic/William Powers Award); Matt Flores of Boston College High School (Mary Gill Flanagan Scholarship); and Joseph Flanagan of UMass Amherst (Robert Flynn Memorial Scholarship).



Jack Connors and Jim O'Brien present the Robert, James and Thomas Smith Scholarship to Dominic Slesar of Boston University.



Rory Carrier, of Stonehill College, accepts the Firefighter Patrick Kelley Award from Jason Gallagher and Jim O'Brien.



Jason Gallagher (center) accepts the Ralph Brown Memorial Award from Ronan FitzPatrick and Jim O'Brien on behalf of his son, Noel Gallagher, who attends Merrimack College.



Aiden Boucher, of Catholic Memorial, accepts the Joseph Gill Scholarship from Jason Gallagher and Jim O'Brien.



The Florian Scholarship went to Alexander P. Velsmid, of Boston College High School. His father, Michael Velsmid, accepted the award from Moe Gillen and Jim O'Brien.



Sgt. Declan Leaby received both the James Cushman Scholarship and the Father Daniel Mahoney Scholarship on Monday. His parents, Maria and Tim Leaby, are shown accepting the award from Jack Connors and Jim O'Brien. Sgt. Declan Leaby attended Boston College High School and has served six years in the U.S. Marine Corps.



Oliver Bryan from Boston Latin Academy accepted the Edward L. Mahan Award from Jack Connors and Jim O'Brien.



The Francis and John McGee Scholarship was awarded to John Reilly, who attends Endicott College. It was accepted by his father, John Reilly, from Ronan FitzPatrick and Jim O'Brien.

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Pam Lakus (center) accepts the John Boyle O'Reilly Scholarship from Jason Gallagher and Jim O'Brien on behalf of her son, Matthew Lakus, of Nazareth College.



Presenting the scholarships from the Charlestown Old Schoolboys Association on May 9 were Jason Gallagher, Ronan FitzPatrick, Moe Gillen, Jim O'Brien, and Jack Connors.



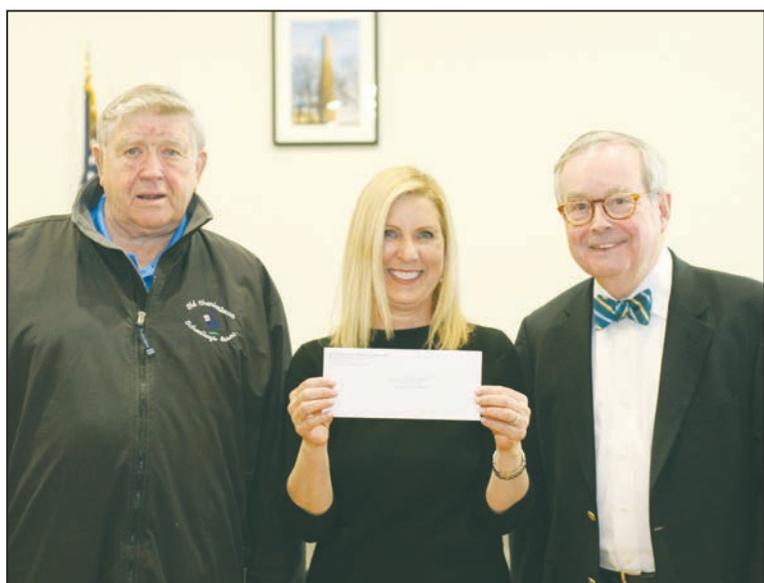
Ellen Crotty accepts the Bertha F. Brown Scholarship from Moe Gillen and Jim O'Brien on behalf of her son, Edward Pistorino, who attends Connecticut College.



Conor Kelly accepts the Father Robert Smith Award from Jason Gallagher and Jim O'Brien. Kelly attends Colby-Sawyer College.



Scholarship Chair Jim O'Brien gave the history of the Old Charlestown Schoolboys Association and welcomed scholars to the time.



The Majestic Knights Scholarship was awarded to Hayden Groh of Boston Latin School. His mother, Patti Groh, accepted the award from Moe Gillen and Jim O'Brien.



The Mark Bavis Scholarship was awarded to Andrew Lavin, of Union College. It was accepted by his mother, Tracy Lavin, from Ronan FitzPatrick and Jim O'Brien.

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USS Constitution to go underway on May 20

By John Lynds

The USS Constitution is scheduled to go underway from the Charlestown Navy Yard on Friday, May 20, at 10:00 a.m. The USS Constitution's launch will kick off the ship's sailing season under the command of the first female to ever helm the oldest ship in the US Navy.

The underway will include a 21-gun salute viewable from Fort

Independence on Castle Island at approximately 11:30 a.m.

The USS Constitution will fire an additional 17-gun salute as she passes the U.S. Coast Guard Sector Boston, the former site of the Edmund Hartt's Shipyard, where the USS Constitution was built and launched on Oct. 21, 1797.

The USS Constitution's cruise will be viewable from the Boston Harborwalk, Castle Island, and Charlestown Navy Yard.

It was announced earlier this

year the USS Constitution will be under the command of the ship's first female commander, Billie Farrell.

Commander Farrell is a native of Paducah, Kentucky. She attended the United States Naval Academy and was commissioned in 2004 with a Bachelor of Science in Political Science. She was awarded her Master of Science in Operations Management from the University of Arkansas in 2009.

Her first division officer tour



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The USS Constitution is scheduled to go underway from the Charlestown Navy Yard on Friday, May 20.

was aboard USS Vella Gulf (CG 72) as Electrical Officer. She then briefly took over as OI Division Officer before fleeting up as Navigator for her second tour.

After completion of her two division officer tours, Farrell reported to COMNAVPERSCOM in Millington, TN. She became an Action Officer in PERS-833 (Post Selection Board Matters). While there, she assumed the duties as Delay Section Head and Assistant Board Screener.

After departing PERS-833, CDR Farrell started the Department Head pipeline. She reported to USS San Jacinto (CG 56) in March 2012 as the Weapons Officer. She then assumed the responsibilities as the Combat Systems Officer onboard.

Her next tour was as the Deputy Director for Professional Development at the United States Naval Academy. After depart-

ing USNA, Farrell reported to Commander, Naval Surface Force Atlantic as Deputy N3. She previously served as Executive Officer onboard USS Vicksburg (CG 69).

Farrell is USS Constitution's 77th Commanding Officer and the ship's first female officer. She has been awarded three Meritorious Service Medals, four Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medals and three Meritorious Unit Commendation Medals.

USS Constitution, is the Navy's and world's oldest commissioned warship afloat, and played a crucial role in the Barbary Wars and the War of 1812, actively defending sea lanes from 1797 to 1855.

The active-duty Sailors stationed aboard USS Constitution provide free tours and offer public visitation as they support the ship's mission of promoting the Navy's history and maritime heritage and raising awareness of the importance of a sustained naval presence.

USS Constitution was undefeated in battle and destroyed or captured 33 opponents. She earned the nickname of Old Ironsides during the war of 1812 when British cannonballs were seen bouncing off the ship's wooden hull.

The USS Constitution will be closed in the morning and reopen to the public for tours after the underway from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. on Friday and will then be open Monday to Sunday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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05/01/2022 – At about 11:30 a.m., police responded to a radio call for a vandalism report at the intersection of Main and Winthrop streets.

Upon arrival, the officer was met by the Victim, who stated she had parked her white BMW at approximately 5 p.m. on April 30. The victim returned and noticed the passenger's side mirror had been damaged, along with the hood of her vehicle. The officer observed several markings on the mirror and the cap to the mirror, which was completely missing.

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05/03/2022 – At approximately 2:15 p.m., an officer on routine patrol observed a known suspect with outstanding warrants at 161 Bunker Hill St.

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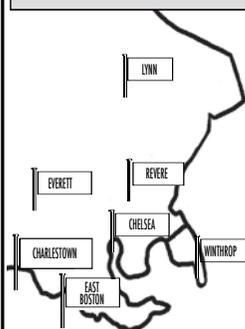
Recovered Motor Vehicle

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Both mopeds were stolen out of Somerville, and both victims reported being carjacked by two males.

Officers set up surveillance in Polk Street, and at approximately 11:08 a.m., an unknown male suspect exited 57 Polk St. and began to unlock the mopeds. Officers attempted to arrest the unknown subject, who fled on foot. A perimeter was established, and K9 units responded and tried to locate the suspect to no avail.

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