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Stories from the Shipyard

USS Constitution Museum talks Civil War ships

By Michael Manning - Overseer -
USS Constitution Museum

What is the best known warship designed and built in the Charlestown Navy Yard? You'd say, well, the USS Constitution, of course. However, you'd be off by approximately 700 yards. The USS Constitution was built in Edmund Hartt's shipyard in Boston's North End, located at the present site of the United States Coast Guard facility on Commercial Street.

Most naval historians agree that a number of famous warships were designed and built in the Charlestown Navy Yard. One of the better known vessels: the USS Merrimack. The Merrimack,



Images courtesy of Hampton Roads Museum

USS Monitor (foreground) versus CSS Virginia (background)

named after the river, was one of six hybrid-powered frigates ordered in 1854 by the US Navy. She was launched in 1855 after 14 months of construction at what

was then known as the Boston Navy Yard (in Charlestown). As hybrid-powered vessels, this class of frigates had both sails and a

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Being Safe and Feeling Safe

Capt. Ciccolo new leader of downtown police district

By Seth Daniel

Capt. Robert Ciccolo comes from a long line of police officers in his family, but that didn't mean he knew he wanted to be a police officer too.

In fact, the 37-year veteran said it took him awhile to decide his line of work, which was cemented after joining the Boston Police Cadet program in the 1980s. Now, he is the new leader of the Charlestown and Downtown Police Area (A-15 and A-1), coming from a supervisory role on the Night Command for the North of the City – which included Charlestown.

"Policing wasn't always my first choice," he said. "I was a young man who wasn't sure where I wanted to go. It wasn't like all my life I wanted to be a cop like my dad. I wasn't sure as a teen. Then I graduated high school and decided to look at the cadet program. The Cadets are wonderful because it allowed me to work in the Police Department before I



Capt. Robert Ciccolo has taken over as the leader of the downtown police district, including Areas A-1 (Downtown) and A-15 (Charlestown).

actually became a police officer."

Ciccolo's father was a Boston Police Officer, and so was his uncle. He also has a niece and a nephew who are Boston Police Officers as well. He joined the

Cadets in 1983, and was officially sworn in as an officer in 1987.

Ciccolo has a very diverse career within BPD. He was a patrolman and sergeant in Mattapan and a lieutenant in Jamaica Plain and the Station Captain in Hyde Park for a time. He's been the commander of the dispatch operations and also led the Hackney Division. Most recently, he spent the last four and a half years as the Night Commander for the North Zone.

One of the things he likes is the changes one can make within the department.

"It's a wonderful job in you can have so many different jobs without leaving the same employer," he said. "There are such a wide variety of functions you can work at. I think a benefit of a large department is you can re-invigorate yourself periodically by making such changes."

And, of course, change is a key word these days in policing and Ciccolo said he is concentrating as

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7th Heaven

In wake of video, Republican Candidate Campbell finds supporters in Democratic strongholds like Charlestown

By Seth Daniel

When Republican Congressional Candidate Rayla Campbell prayed for an opportunity to run for office, she had no idea just how elaborately – and at times hurtfully – that prayer would be answered.

Yet, that answered prayer brought her to a home on Eden Street on July 22 for a house party in her honor with a healthy group of Charlestown residents and movers-and-shakers ready to back her campaign for the 7th Congressional District against sitting Congresswoman Ayanna Pressley. The new-found Charlestown backing is the kind of support that has come out of left field for the Randolph Republican, who is an African American woman and Trump supporter that was recently the target of a racially-charged, vulgar and offensive video posted by Boston community organizer (Violence in Boston, Inc. founder) Monica Cannon-Grant – a long-time campaign supporter for Pressley. Cannon-Grant was upset Campbell was running against Pressley, and that members of the conservative Super Happy Fun Group showed up uninvited at some of Campbell's events – a group that organized last sum-



Republican Congressional Candidate Rayla Campbell speaks to potential voters during a house party fundraiser for her in Charlestown on July 22. Campbell is running against Congresswoman Ayanna Pressley in the 7th District, but as an African American woman who is a Republican and a Trump supporter – she has drawn the ire of many Pressley supporters, including a horribly offensive and vulgar video posted by a well-connected community organizer in Boston.

mer's Straight Pride Parade.

The video has gone viral in every sense of the word, viral in the sense that it has sickened people all across the region and viral

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Fight on 40 Warren goes to Legal Dept., Tatte CEO resigns

By Seth Daniel

The Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) has sent an appeal of the restaurant permit for recently-opened Tatte Bakery + Café in the Warren Street office building to the Law Department for further review.

Abutter Ken Flynn appealed the decision of the Inspectional Services Department (ISD) for issuing a building permit for Tatte to build out its restaurant – an appeal that was delayed by COVID-19 shutdowns while the

construction of Tatte motored on towards its July opening.

On July 21, the ZBA took up the appeal by Flynn, who was represented by Attorney Nina Pickering-Cook. The gist of his appeal is that Urban Renewal is butting up against zoning. Typically, the Urban Renewal Plan (URP) supersedes any zoning laws, and Flynn argues that a restaurant is not defined as a retail use in Urban Renewal. A few years ago, after a long fight over the property, Flynn agreed to a retail use

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EDITORIAL

MORE THAN \$1 TRILLION IS NEEDED

We're all familiar with the phrase, "A day late and a dollar short."

What brought that to mind this week was the announcement by the Republicans in Washington of their \$1 trillion economic pandemic plan that would supplement the \$3 trillion bill that Congress passed last spring.

The original bill did a number of things, most notably increasing unemployment benefits by \$600 per week for the millions of Americans who have lost their jobs because of the pandemic.

That original plan also was notable for what it did NOT include, namely, funding for state and local governments whose tax revenues have all but evaporated thanks to the pandemic.

The new GOP plan reduces the unemployment benefit from \$600 per week to \$200 per week and provides little funding for cash-strapped state and local governments that already have been laying off their employees, with more to come.

By contrast, the Democratic plan -- which was passed by the House of Representatives fully two months ago -- calls for another \$3 trillion that would continue the \$600 weekly payments for the unemployed and provide much-needed funding to state and local governments.

There are two things that are undeniably clear as the pandemic rages in the months ahead: First, the national unemployment rate will remain in the range of Great Depression levels for the foreseeable future and second, state and local governments will be required to implement massive cutbacks in the months ahead without substantial financial assistance from the federal government.

The Republican plan significantly fails to address both of these looming crises. By contrast, the Democratic plan, which the Republicans have failed to discuss for two months, will alleviate the worst of the pandemic's effects on the everyday lives of every American.

Or to put it another way, the Republicans are, "A month late and at least a trillion short," and their inaction of the past two months is threatening both the economic and social stability of the country.

SCHOOLS MUST BE SAFE TO REOPEN

We will be the first to concede that we do not know what exactly must be done in order to reopen our state's public schools safely in the face of the pandemic.

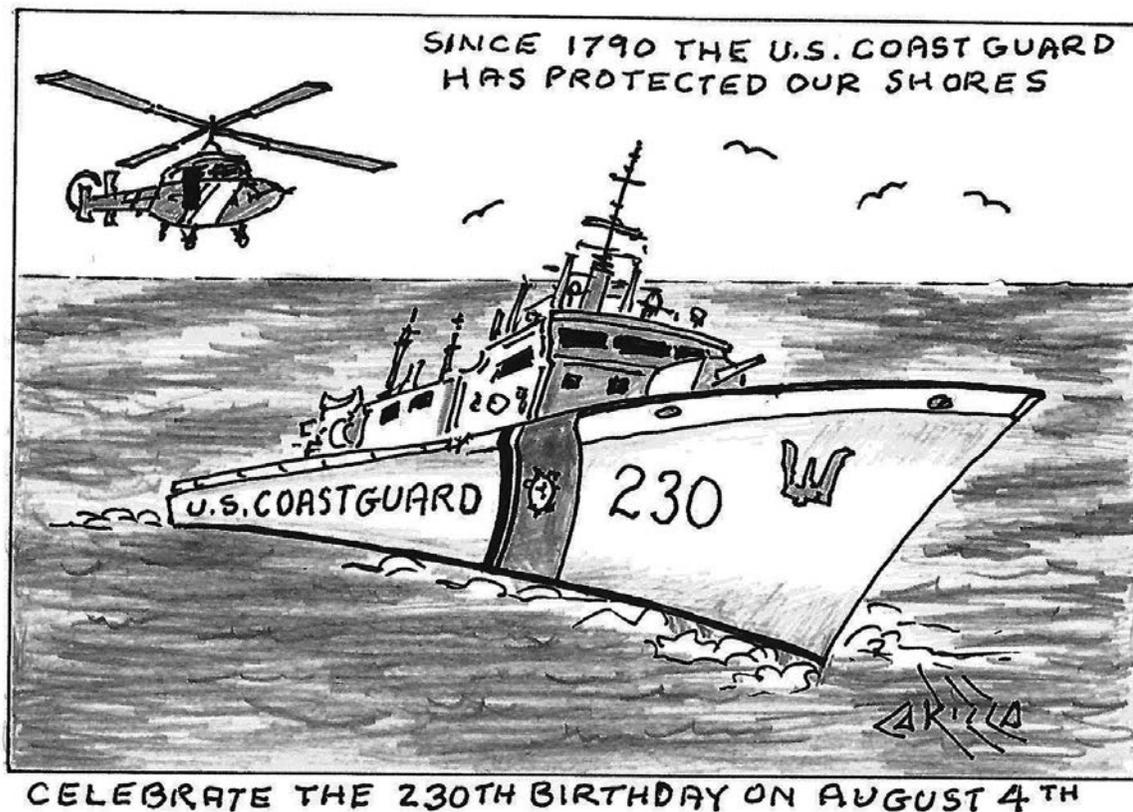
However, what we do know is that a large study in South Korea (which, by the way, has been a world model for suppressing the pandemic) has shown that children ages 10-19 are highly-efficient at transmitting the coronavirus to others, particularly the adults with whom they have contact.

As much as we would like to see our schools reopen for many reasons, it just does not seem possible to do so in a manner that safeguards not only the children, but also school personnel and the family members of the children.

Kids bring home plenty of germs and bugs from school even in the best of circumstances. It is inconceivable that we will be able to stop them from transmitting this highly-contagious virus if they return to school as usual in the fall. Maybe the experts have it all figured out -- we can only pray that they do.

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LETTERS to the Editor

THANK YOU OLD CHARLESTOWN SCHOOL BOYS

To the Editor,

I want to thank the Old Charlestown School Boys Association for awarding me an Old Charlestown School Boys scholarship. This award will go towards furthering my education, especially during these times of uncertainty. I hope to make use of this award and my education to give back to the people and community that has forged me into the person that I am today.

Matt Coviello

RYAN "DUCE" MORRISSEY SCHOLARSHIP THANK YOU

To the Editor,

Dear Friends of Ryan "Duce" Morrissey Scholarship Fund,

Thank you so much for selecting me as a recipient for the Ryan "Duce" Morrissey scholarship. I am extremely honored and grateful to receive this scholarship and to keep Ryan's legacy alive. This scholarship will help me further pursue my academics at a higher level in the fall at the George Washington University.

Thank you so much.

Jolie Doherty

DO OUR PART TO END RACISM

To the Editor,

The sin of racism and struggle for racial justice has been part of our nation's history for centuries. Awareness of both has never been absent, but too often both themes have been marginalized. Periodically, they are brought to the forefront of common discourse, most often triggered by aggressive, violent, or horrific acts perpetrated on members of our African American, Latino, and other minority communities. As a result, serious discussions regarding how society acts and reacts to alter the culture of discrimination,

violence, ignorance and indifference often occur and appear to gain momentum. Meaningful debate raises expectations that society will finally emerge from the culture of racism. However, as history has shown, those discussions ultimately fade into the background as time elapses and other seemingly pressing issues make any change less urgent and somehow less important.

That collective mindset and cycle of inaction must end now. The time is upon us as a society to take responsibility for our actions. Racial injustice, bigotry, scorn and intolerance against indi-

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Charlestown Post Office relocates to new location in Bunker Hill Mall

Staff Report

The mail has arrived at a new location in the Bunker Hill Mall – with the Charlestown Post Office moving across the parking lot and securing a location for the future.

The United States Post Office in Charlestown has opened in its new location this week at Bunker Hill Mall. The new Post Office branch is located next to Citizens Bank, literally across the parking lot from the old post office location. The Post Office branch in Charlestown has been in flux for almost two years, with the threat of the Town losing its facility and maybe its zip code.

That has been put to rest now with the new opening.

“The Postal Service looks forward to serving the local Charlestown community from our new location at Bunker Hill Mall,” says Steven Doherty, Strategic Communications Specialist for the Northeast Area of the United States Post Office.

“Our new office will be following all COVID-19 social distancing protocols, and although our customers may not be able to see our associates’ smiles behind the masks, they can be confident knowing that they will receive the same high quality service they have come to expect from the U.S. Post Office,” he added.

New England Development officials said they were happy to have worked collaboratively with the Postal Service to find a new

home.

“Bunker Hill Mall is pleased to announce that the Post Office has opened their new branch location at Bunker Hill Mall. We were able to work collaboratively to provide continuous service to Charlestown residents and businesses during the transition from their former location” said Melissa LaVita, Senior Marketing Director, New England Development.

Bunker Hill Mall is centrally located on Main Street and is anchored by Whole Foods Market. Bunker Hill Mall also features Ace Hardware, CVS, Dunkin’, 99 Restaurant and Citizens Bank. Bunker Hill Mall is a New England Development Property.

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as defined by Urban Renewal, but never envisioned that meant a restaurant – which he opposes.

“ISD says a restaurant use there is by right and we believe that is wrong,” said Cook. “First the Urban Renewal Plan that governs this property wasn’t properly amended to include retail. In 2017, it was amended to include retail and listed as a minor change when it should have been a major modification. The second issue is that retail use of 40 Warren Street did not allow restaurant use. Retail is different from restaurant use in Urban Renewal.”

Cook said they were waiting for the building permit to be granted, which triggered their ability to appeal the decision by the ZBA that approved Tatte’s operations. However, due to COVID-19, the hearing on their appeal was delayed until July, which allowed

Tatte to proceed with construction and to open on July 1.

She said they are asking that Tatte cease operations and have a community conversation about the use before moving forward any further. A contentious community meeting last fall on Tatte opening saw about a 50-50 split of neighbors for and against the proposal.

Joanna Schneider, representing Tatte, said the matter didn’t even belong before the ZBA. She said it belonged before the Boston Planning and Development Agency (BPDA), and appeals of Urban Renewal decisions are not allowed. Therefore, she said, it was a moot point.

“The BPDA spoke about defining retail to encompass restaurant uses,” she said. “This is important because the URP gives the BPDA the allowance to interpret the uses of that plan. It’s up to the BPDA and that’s what they did hear. There’s no question it was a minor modification and the BPDA did follow that process.”

ZBA Chair Christine Araujo did not reject Flynn’s appeal, but did agree to send it to the Law Department for a deep dive into the merits of the appeal. She asked that the Law Department look into whether the process was followed for the URP in this case. Second, she asked that they determine whether retail encompasses a restaurant and a take-out restaurant in this URP.

The Tatte enterprise took another hit late last week when charismatic founder and CEO Tzurit Or announced she would step down as CEO amidst calls from employees and former employees of discriminatory practices within the business. Or, in an interview with the Boston Globe, denied many of the claims put forth in a letter by employees and former employees, but said the company had some work to do on equity and it needed someone to handle day-to-day operations as it grows.

One of the major investors in the Tatte local chain is the founder of Panera Bread, who has been a mentor and helper to Or as the company has grown from her kitchen to 17 stores in Boston.

It was uncertain how her departure would affect the appeal of Flynn to the City, but it certainly brings a new wrinkle into the case.

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viduals based upon their religion, ancestry, ethnicity or skin color must end now. Excuses for hate filled behavior can no longer be tolerated. We are all created equal in the eyes of God and all human lives are to be valued and protected. It is upon us to make that human equality the norm - not the exception.

As the four Roman Catholic Bishops of Massachusetts, we pledge our full support to the cultural shift towards meaningful reforms in the area of racial injustice. As a country and a commonwealth of immigrants from all regions of the world, we must join together as one race - the human race. We must learn from our mistakes. We must learn from our passive acceptance of inaction and not let this opportunity fade into the background. Today and every day until reforms are implemented, this must be the pressing issue of the day. We must seize this opportunity with energy, determination and vigor. We must act now – it is our collective responsibility.

Police Reform

Legislation

The underlying racial injustice and inequality issues we face are countless. They include, but are not limited to, education, housing, employment, law enforcement, the judiciary and many more. As

Bishops, we take this opportunity to specifically voice our support of the efforts of Governor Baker and the legislature as they craft a bill to enact meaningful police reform.

We acknowledge the vast majority of the police officers in the state of Massachusetts are capable and honorable public servants who serve and protect all residents with distinction. We also acknowledge that racial biases have infiltrated the mindsets and actions of some police officers. Those are the individuals targeted by the legislation currently being debated by our lawmakers. That legislation is a step in the direction of meaningful change and is the reason we support our elected officials in their efforts to address these systematic problems.

As Catholic Bishops we do not pretend to know the business of policing. However, recent violent police actions from across the country inform us that methods, tactics, training, attitudes and biases must be addressed to bring about better policing. These fundamental changes must be done with the expertise, input, and cooperation from as many resources as possible - especially those who have experienced racial injustice firsthand.

To that end, we are encouraged that so many individuals and organizations in the minority

community are deeply involved in the effort to reform the laws and professional standards inherent in effective policing. The NAACP of Boston, the Black and Latino Legislative Caucus, religious leaders, elected officials in our cities and towns, police unions and countless other individuals and groups have stepped forward to help effectuate change.

The United States of America is a country of hopes, dreams, ideals and ideas. To that end, many specific ideas have emerged as the legislature considers the different proposals. We do not choose to endorse a particular bill as the legislative process unfolds, nor do we dismiss the critical service police officers provide to maintain law and order and public safety throughout the commonwealth.

On the other hand, we strongly support legislation that draws the best ideas from each bill creating a best practice model for meaningful reform. Although there are differences in the qualified immunity debate which must be rectified, not surprisingly a common vision has emerged. It is a vision that embraces a unified, systematic desire to enact legislation that will have permanent ramifications. The specifics will be debated and vetted over the next ten days as we near the conclusion of the legislative session.

The killing of George Floyd at the hands of officers of the Minneapolis police department finally triggered a movement that will not be deterred, will not be silent and will not die. Laws need to be changed across the country. We have been given the opportunity to contribute to that change in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. This will be a defining moment in Massachusetts history.

As we celebrate the life of United States Congressman John Lewis of Georgia and his unyielding commitment to the principal of equality, let us not forget why he lived – to end racism for all Americans.

The time has come for all of us to do our part to end racism and unite as one race. That time is now, let us seize this opportunity always remembering more work will remain.

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Rollins, Edwards denounce video, but no comment from Pressley

By Seth Daniel

Unwittingly, several African-American political office-holders were dragged into an inappropriate video posted by a Boston community organizer against Republican Congressional Candidate Rayla Campbell, who has been gathering support in Charlestown following the video.

Councilor Lydia Edwards, DA Rachael Rollins and Congresswoman Ayanna Pressley were mentioned in the video and, by association, dragged into the unfortunate message.

This week, a spokesperson for the Pressley Campaign told the Patriot Bridge they weren't releasing a statement or making any comment about the video posted by Monica Cannon-Grant. They said she wasn't part of their cam-

aign, but was a supporter.

Meanwhile, DA Rachael Rollins was quick to release a statement condemning the video and apologizing to Campbell.

"Running for office is difficult," wrote the DA. "It requires that you put yourself into the public realm and open yourself up to being vulnerable; hearing criticisms about yourself, your policies, and your proposals. No candidate is above that type of scrutiny. But public attacks that go after innocent family members and children are a bridge too far. I have not watched the video that Monica made, but I am told that it makes reference to Rayla's husband, his race, and intimate aspects of their relationship. How is this relevant to a candidate's electability, policy and platform? It isn't. Who someone chooses to love and the people

they call family are deeply personal and completely off-limits during campaigns. I called Rayla...to ask about her mental and physical health. I told her that I hadn't seen the video, but heard that I was mentioned. I wanted her to know that I had nothing to do with the making of the video and that nobody deserves to be verbally attacked about their family. We talked for a bit about her three beautiful children and the trials

of being a political candidate. I wished her luck moving forward and said that I looked forward to meeting her in person at some point."

Councilor Lydia Edwards said she learned she was mentioned from friends in Charlestown, and found it offensive and appalling.

"All I can say is, it is appalling and offensive, and disturbing," she said. "Honestly, after having my house vandalized over a

budget vote, I felt for Rayla and reached out to her. I called Rayla Campbell and apologized for the language and let her know she has every right to run. We all sign up for some form of tough love when you are in politics, but the language was vulgar and went too far. Any point the speaker had was lost and only caused unnecessary pain to Rayla and her family."

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a leader on listening to the community and making sure people are safe, and that they also feel safe. He said he wants the community, the young people, to tell him things that the Police might do that make them uneasy so there is a better understanding.

"We took the job to make people feel safe and to make them physically safe," he said. "If there is a segment of the community that we're making to feel unsafe,

we need to re-envision how we approach this work because we're not making them feel safe – and that's exactly what we're supposed to do...There is a lot of discussion going on now, but I think ultimately all of the discussion will lead us on a better path to making people feel safe."

Right now, Ciccolo said he is trying to get a feel for the community – all the way from Charlestown to Bay Village and everything in

between. While COVID-19 has made that awkward, he said he is still getting out to the public face-to-face (or mask-to-mask) as much as possible.

"The variety within the district is a little staggering," he said. "It's essentially everything from Bay Village to Charlestown – including Chinatown, Beacon Hill, the North End and the West End. It's invigorating just because of the sheer variety of places."

With fewer bus seats, BPS looks to hybrid, in-person model for fall

By Seth Daniel

The Boston School Committee heard a plan from the administration of Boston Public Schools for its proposed plans to re-open all schools this fall in a hybrid, in-person model where students would attend two days a week in groups.

Supt. Brenda Cassellius told the Committee and also in a letter to parents that surveys and community meetings have revealed most parents are comfortable sending their children back to school in some fashion.

"We've learned that many parents/guardians wish for their students to return to school this fall in some capacity," she wrote in the letter. "Under current guidelines, BPS will not be able to transport the number of students we have traditionally brought to and from school on our school buses each day. Because of the transportation limitations, and because we cannot safely fit all students in their classrooms at the same time, all in-person learning is currently not an option for BPS. Due to these reasons, we are currently exploring a 'hybrid' model of instruction, in which students would be assigned into groups."

That hybrid model would have students in each school assigned to Group A or Group B. Students in Group A would go to school in-person on Monday and Tuesday, then have remote learning on Wednesday, Thursday

and Friday. Students in Group B would attend school in-person on Thursday and Friday, and learn remotely on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. All students would learn remotely on Wednesdays so that schools could have a deep cleaning and sanitization. Buildings would also be deep cleaned and sanitized on the weekends as well.

"BPS is proposing this model because it allows us to meet the public health guidelines and safety measures needed, but also allows students to benefit from being in classrooms with their teachers and classmates," wrote Cassellius. "How our hybrid model will work is still being developed with our teachers and school leaders. Each school's specific schedule will be determined based on the building, student needs, and other factors. We anticipate that schedules, and even the days of the week assigned to various groups of students, may be different in high schools and perhaps in K-8 schools as well."

Today, July 30, there will be an online meeting for all BPS parents at 5 p.m. to learn more about these plans, to give input and to hear of any updates. Last Saturday, an online meeting on the re-opening plans drew 400 parents.

Initial re-opening plans for most school districts are due to the state Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) by July 31.

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steam-powered engine-driven propeller. Depending on wind conditions, she could furl her sails, fire up the coal-fired steam engine, and quickly make way. After commissioning and multiple shakedown cruises, the USS Merrimack was stationed at the Norfolk Navy Yard in Virginia.

At the outbreak of the Civil War, the Merrimack was in danger of being captured by Confederate forces. The Confederates had sunk smaller vessels in the channel – sealing the frigate's only escape route to the open Atlantic. The Union Navy decided to set her alight to prevent her from falling into Confederate hands. On the afternoon of April 20, 1861, three days after HYPERLINK "<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Virginia>" Virginia seceded from the Union, the Merrimack was burned to the waterline and scuttled. She sank to the bottom of the Elizabeth River.

At the outset of the war, the Confederacy faced a dire shortage of warships. After an underwater visual inspection of the Merrimack, a decision was made to begin a salvage operation. Confederate

engineers raised her up and rebuilt her as an "ironclad." Following the examples of ironclads built by the British and French navies, the Merrimack was transformed into a steam-powered vessel (with all masts and sails removed), clad with four inches of angled armored plating on her hull. The unrecognizable Merrimack was renamed CSS Virginia and commissioned on February 17, 1862.

In just over three weeks, the Virginia would face off against the USS Monitor – a US Navy ironclad recently completed in New York City's Brooklyn Navy Yard.

Though both vessels were ironclads, their respective designs could not have been more divergent. While the Virginia maintained an overall appearance of a naval vessel with multiple port-gun mounted cannon from stem to stern, the Monitor had an incredibly radical design. Her deck was just 18 inches above the waterline and her armament were two cannon housed in a single traversing turret.

The site of the world's first naval battle between two iron-

clads (ironclads had previously only fought against wooden vessels) occurred at Hampton Roads, Virginia on the morning of March 9, 1862.

Monitor and Virginia fired dozens upon dozens of cannon balls. Each vessel pounded the other at extremely close range. At the end of four hours, the vessels withdrew. The clash was a draw. The battle received worldwide attention and it had immediate and significant effects on navies around the world. Across the globe, naval powers halted further construction of wooden vessels and shifted designs toward ironclads.

The Battle of Hampton Roads signaled a new age of naval vessel design, construction, and warfare. This one battle doomed wooden naval ships to the breakers and ushered in a new chapter in world-wide naval history.

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MGC gives high marks to Encore Boston Harbor re-opening procedures

By Seth Daniel

The Massachusetts Gaming Commission (MGC) gave high marks to the opening procedures put in place by Encore Boston Harbor after its first week of operations at the re-opened resort.

There were many worries as the resort opened, but many precautions were also taken by Encore and the MGC to oversee the return of guests to the casino this month.

Gaming regulators from the MGC told Commissioners at a public meeting last week that Encore had done a really good job in being prepared.

“At Encore specifically, the security and gaming department there did a great job monitoring the floor and making sure face coverings were being properly used,” said one of the gaming agents. “It was a job well done at Encore.”

Regulators were looking at the many precautions taken at the tables, and in the counting cage with money and chips. They said one of the keys was reminding patrons to put their masks on fully without be too forceful – a delicate balance.

Eric Kraus, the communications at Encore and the Pandemic Safety Officer, said they have run into very few problems. He said they were glad to hear the MGC appreciated their approach.

“It was great to receive the recognition from the MGC and

everyone at the resort is thrilled with being recognized for health and safety,” he said. “One reason we brought back 1,700 furloughed employees back one week before we opened was to train everyone on the health and disinfecting protocols. Regardless of your job, every one of us is aware that if you see something, you say something. If you see someone whose mask is down, very politely ask them to pull it up.”

He said that has been a success, as has been the restrictions on walking around with beverages. Patrons are required to sit in one place when drinking a beverage and not to move around the floor with it.

“At the end of the day, it’s for everyone’s safety, both guests and employees,” he said. “Hopefully everyone has that in mind.”

Kraus said they are vigorously using the digital imaging thermometer at the front door, but after their first week, they hadn’t identified anyone with an elevated temperature.

“We have not identified anyone at the door with a high temperature, but what would happen is we would take that person out of line and take their temperature again,” he said. “If he or she were above 100, we would ask them to leave the property.”

In fact, Kraus said they have had few problems, and most they have had to remind about masks have simply forgotten.

“The vast majority of people we have had to remind to move their mask have not done so to be indignant, but only because they forgot,” he said. “That’s really it. With the exception of two or three people there has been zero issues.”

At the MGC, Commissioners were curious about re-opening more areas of the casinos and larger venues.

“As more things open in the state, we’ll keep our eye on it and we’ll look at the metrics the governor has put forward to see if it works for us,” said the investigator. We don’t want to revisit any closures, but we are keeping our eye on it.”

Encore working on new device to help introduce other games safely

Encore Boston Harbor said it is working on a device that will outfit Roulette and Craps tables with safe, Plexiglas shield while not ruining the fun of the game – a prototype that they will soon submit to the MGC.

Spokesman Eric Kraus said they are working on the piece with a plastics fabricator and hope to submit the idea to the MGC soon to help in the coming phases of opening more table games if the metrics of COVID-19 allow.

“We have deployed a prototype and will be proposing to the MGC Roulette and Craps tables that utilize Plexiglas enable physical distancing with those games.”

Already, the casino is allowed to deal Blackjack and hopes to be able to include poker soon as well. However, standing games like Roulette and Craps present a challenge to the industry.

“It uses the shields like you might see at the Blackjack tables,” he said. “However, we’ve done some really interesting positions of the Plexiglas to promote safety and at the same time allow you to experience those games. We’re hopeful the Commission will allow it.”



The flowers were replaced this week in front of St. Mary’s, but not by those who stole them. Instead, it was a good deed from florist Christine Kerans.

Stolen flowers re-appear through good deeds

By Seth Daniel

Stealing flowers from the window boxes or the front steps is bad enough, but stealing them from the front of a church certainly requires some significant confession time.

However, good deeds come from all angles and this week the stolen flower boxes from in front of St. Mary’s Church have been replaced, not by the thief, but rather by a good deed.

Parishioner Thomas Annaratone had placed a letter in the Patriot Bridge last week imploring those who stole the flowers to return them. That didn’t happen, but floral designer Christine Kerans – a long-time member of the community in Charlestown – answered the call. Kerans, who worked for years at Bunker Hill Florist and lived in Charlestown 20 years

before opening her own business, Christine K Floral Designs, in Stoneham recently, has done the arrangements for the church for several years.

When she heard about the thievery, she spoke to Annaratone, who said he would pay her to do them over.

“It’s bad enough to steal, but to steal from a church is really bad,” she said. “Tom asked if we could replace it with something and I said ‘Sure.’ It was hard to duplicate what was there because the plants that had been there were purchased in May and they aren’t available in late July. I took some extras from what was left there and re-used it. Tom offered to pay for it and I declined. I donated it and everyone was thrilled. A good deed should be a good deed.”

And this Sunday, parishioners will once again be greeted with familiar flowers at the doorstep of St. Mary’s.

CHARLESTOWN BEAT

POLICE/COMMUNITY MEETING: Meet the police & discuss public safety issues on the last Wednesday of every month at the police station, 20 Vine Street, at 6:00 p.m., 2nd floor, community room.

POLICE RELATED INFO: Contact the District A-1 Community Service Office at 617-343-4627.

Vandalism

07/20/20 – A victim on Monument Street reported upon returning home from vacation, he saw that his motor vehicle had sustained extensive damage to the driver’s side panels and bumper. The cause of the damage was unknown at that time.

Vandalism

07/23/20 – A victim on Corey Street reported when she returned to her motor vehicle, she noticed dents and scratches on her vehicle possibly caused by a car parked near hers. The matter is under investigation.

Assist Another Department

07/25/20 - Officers responded to Cambridge Street for a report of a person shot. EMTs were on the scene and transported the victim to Mass General Hospital, although the extent of the victim’s injuries were unknown at this time. As a result of the subsequent investigation, it was determined the shooting actually took place in Somerville, and that the victim drove to Cambridge Street to meet his cousin. The scene was turned over to Somerville Police detectives, and the matter remains under investigation.



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POLICING, RACIAL ISSUES AND BLACK LIVES MATTER CONVERSATION HELD

City Councilor Lydia Edwards and the Turn It Around program collaborated in hosting the second monthly conversation about policing, racial issues and Black Lives Matter at the Peace Park last Friday, July 24.

The conversations began last month when, instead of a protest march, the groups decided to hold monthly conversations to discuss personal experiences and to connect with the community and the Boston Police. Last Friday, residents and youth met with officers from the Charlestown district station, as well as new A-1 District Capt. Robert Ciccolo.

“This is about trust and relationship building,” said Edwards. “Every single person here is a neighbor and lives near one another...It’s concerning to me that but

for this conversation, we would not know one another in some cases. This isn’t about the White House and there is a debate going on now at the State House, but this isn’t about the State House. There will always be a debate going on. This is about what we create here in this neighborhood. I want you to walk down the street and see one another and realize you know each other from the Peace Park.”

Capt. Ciccolo said it is important to remember the community that will endure here in Charlestown.

“A lot is going on now around us, but the important thing to remember is we’re all a community,” he said. “Two, three or 10 years from now, we’re all going to still be in the community...Black

Lives Matter is a start. No one disagrees we’re here to keep people safe...I became a police officer to keep people safe. One thing we need to do is hear from you. We need to know what we do that makes you uneasy. We need to

do our job in a way that not only keeps people safe, but also makes them feel safe too.”

State Rep. Dan Ryan was busy at the State House on Friday debating the Police Reform Bill, but called in to send his sup-

port. State Rep. Candidate Damali Vidot attended for the second time and shared her thoughts on policing and community.

The next conversation is scheduled for August.



A group picture of police, youth and adult residents after the conversation in the Peace Park.



Kevin Kelly shares his experiences.



Charlestown District police officers Sgt. Charles Moore, Natasha Lajara and John Alves.

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Friends of the Charlestown Navy Yard Zoom discussion with Michele Gelfand

Have you wondered why some people wear face coverings, while others do not?
Or why countries, and even states have reacted very differently to the COVID-19 pandemic?



Cultural Psychologist
Michele Gelfand
Thursday, August 6
7 to 8 p.m.

Join the discussion about her book, *Rule Makers, Rule Breakers: How Tight and Loose Cultures Wire Our World*.

Gelfand takes us on a journey through human cultures, offering a startling new view of the world and ourselves. Through a mix of studies and on-the-ground discoveries, she shows that much of the diversity in the way we think and act derives from—how tightly or loosely we adhere to social norms.

For a link to the zoom event, please RSVP to friendscny1@gmail.com



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Councillor Lydia Edwards explained that the monthly conversations were about building up community and understanding on the topics of race and policing.



Young people from the Turn It Around group helped to organize the second event, and also shared their experiences.



Officer John Alves speaks about his experiences as Ariana Flynn listens.



Turn It Around member Zaire Richardson and Charlestown Coalition Director Sarah Coughlin debuting some new art for the Peace Park.



State Rep. Candidate Damali Vidot speaks to others in her group.



Michael Parker and Meredith Parker from the Friends of the Charlestown Navy Yard.

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Rule Makers, Rule Breakers: How Tight and Loose Cultures Wire Our World: Michele Gelfand, author talk

Are you wondering why some people wear face coverings, while others do not? Or why countries, and even states have reacted very differently to the COVID-19 pandemic? Join Friends of the Charlestown Navy Yard for a virtual discussion with cultural psychologist, Michele Gelfand, about her illustrative findings detailed in her book, Rule Makers, Rule Breakers: How Tight and Loose Cultures Wire Our World.

In Rule Makers, Rule Breakers celebrated cultural psychologist Michele Gelfand takes us on an epic journey through human cul-

tures, offering a startling new view of the world and ourselves. With a mix of brilliantly conceived studies and surprising on-the-ground discoveries, she shows that much of the diversity in the way we think and act derives from a key difference-how tightly or loosely we adhere to social norms.

The discussion will be held on Thursday, August 6, from 7:00-8:00 PM EDT.

Please RSVP to info@friendscny.org if you would like to attend this discussion and we will send you a link to the zoom meeting



Michele Gelfand, author.

Street Sweeping tickets begin again on Aug. 10

Staff Report

The City of Boston and the Public Works Department today that ticketing enforcement during street sweeping operations will resume on Monday, August 10. As part of the announcement, the Boston Transportation Department (BTD) will not tow vehicles until further notice. However, tickets will be issued to those in violation of street sweeping rules starting August 10. Residents can sign up for street sweeping alerts at boston.gov. Parked cars will be given courtesy flyers in ten different languages reminding residents of street sweeping.

“As we continue to support a cautious and phased approach to reopening Boston, we are asking residents to move their vehicles during designated street sweeping hours to allow our Public Works crews to thoroughly clean our neighborhood streets,” said Chief of Streets Chris Osgood.

“We know this may be a change in schedule for some of our residents, and we greatly appreciate everyone’s cooperation to ensure our streets remain clean during these challenging times.”

As a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, the decision was made in March to stop towing and ticketing during street sweeping operations. This measure encouraged residents to travel less and comply with social distancing recommendations. While the street sweeping program has continued citywide, residents were not required to move their vehicles during designated street sweeping hours.

Failure to move a vehicle during posted street sweeping hours results in a \$40 fine, \$90 in Charlestown, and \$90 for overnight street sweeping.

The City is also waiving any parking ticket received by a healthcare worker upon appeal with the exception of public safety violations, such as parking in a handicapped spot or in front of a fire hydrant.

Boston Carmen’s Union Local 589 endorses State Rep. Dan Ryan

On Tuesday, the Boston Carmen’s Union Local 589 endorsed State Rep. Dan Ryan for Re-Election to the 2nd Suffolk District.

“It is with great pleasure the Executive Board and Membership of the Boston Carmen’s Union Local 589 of the Amalgamated Transit Union endorses State Representative Dan Ryan’s candidacy for re-election,” said John Clancy, ATU Local 589 Recording Secretary. “We know Dan will continue to fight for the needs of the working people of Massachusetts and the membership of Local 589.” The Carmen’s Union represents over 5,900 workers at the MBTA, included but not limited to bus, train and trolley drivers.

The Amalgamated Transit Union, of which Local 589 is a part, is the largest labor organization representing transit workers in the United States and Canada. Founded in 1892, the ATU today is comprised of over 180,000 members in 270 local unions spread across 46 states and nine provinces.

“I’m grateful to have the

endorsement of the men and women who are driving our buses and trains through this pandemic,” said Representative Ryan. “The 2nd Suffolk District relies heavily on public transit and the union members that keep it moving safely and efficiently every single day. I will continue to be a champion for working families on Beacon Hill and ensure these workers, our neighbors and friends, have what they need to do their jobs safely.” This is the latest in a string of labor endorsements Ryan has accumulated recently, they are an affirmation of the work he has accomplished while in the legislature.

Rep. Dan Ryan is in his third term as State Representative for the 2nd Suffolk District, which includes Charlestown and a majority of Chelsea. He is a legislative leader in labor issues such as worker safety, employee rights and economic justice. Prior to being elected, Ryan worked on federal labor issues in Congress. He and his wife, Kara, are Boston Public Schools parents raising their three children in Charlestown.

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50 Mass Action votes to endorse Damali Vidot for State Representative of the Second Suffolk District

350 Mass Action's State Political Team, representing chapters from across the Commonwealth, has unanimously endorsed Damali Vidot for State Representative of the Second Suffolk District.

In their decision, 350 Mass Action stated that Councilor Vidot has already shown, through her work as an At-Large Chelsea City Councilor, that she is a strong fighter for working, low-income, and immigrant families. She has effectively pushed for better health care, jobs, educational opportunities, housing, and transportation for her constituents. She has fought for the betterment of public

health and organized successfully against environmental pollution. There is no doubt that she will be climate protection champion in the state legislature. Charlestown and Chelsea absolutely deserve that kind of effective leadership.

350 Mass Action is a statewide network of volunteers working to address the climate crisis by eliminating greenhouse gas emissions and moving our world towards a just, healthy, and sustainable energy future. Since their founding in 2016, their primary focus has been electing progressive climate champions and eliminating the influence of fossil fuel and special

interest groups from our political process.

Damali Vidot is a mom, community advocate, and an At-Large City Councilor in Chelsea in her 3rd term. She is currently running for the office of State Representative for the Massachusetts Second Suffolk District, which includes most of Chelsea and all of Charlestown. Damali is driven by a call to uplift and authentically represent the voices of her community, which are often excluded from life-changing political decisions.

CLERGY VIEWPOINT

FROM THE CHARLESTOWN CLERGY ASSOCIATION

What to do?

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

In the middle of this summertime as the nation continues to struggle to make peace with COVID, there appear to be more questions about what we ought to do than there are answers. Or maybe it is the other way around! It is dizzying to consider all of the challenges we face from children returning to school, questions about day care, huge issues in the economy, the injustice of racism, to the day-to-day stressors of trying to navigate life in a safe way.

Much of what I "do" is reacting to whatever reality I face – I guess it is the same for all of us. When the reality is as daunting as a pandemic and racism, so complex and difficult to comprehend, what to do is hard to figure out. I think most of us consider one way and then another and maybe conclude, we just do not know.

For example, the other day I had a conversation with my niece, a professional educator. I asked her what she thought about re-opening school in September. She responded by identifying a number of very complex issues, such as conditions of old school buildings, equity of resources among children in different sectors of the city, safety concerns for teachers, availability of technology, and needs and expectations versus reality of budgets. Finally, she said, "I just don't know how we can do it."

In conversations with friends and colleagues about racism,

something similar happens. First of all, among white folks, including myself, we easily get defensive about racism. We are certain it exists and also that "I am not racist so it doesn't really pertain to me". When the conversations go deeper, I realize I am racist and, in fact, I believe most of us are although it is not our intention and it is not conscious. Good people can be racist as it is part of our socialization and our culture. Because racism is multilayered and extremely complex, finding effective cures, solutions, is never easy and simple.

In all of this summer's realities, What to Do is a tough question to answer. So, maybe that is not the best starting point. Perhaps the better question is How to Be? I think we all need an anchor, a fundamental standing place to look at all that is happening. That standing place has to be clear. It is the platform, reference point from which all else flows. I don't think it is simply about a superficial characteristic of our lives, such as, "I'm a Red Sox fan so ... or I am a Bostonian so ... or I'm a millennial or Boomer so ..."

For me, my anchor, my fundamental standing place is my Judeo-Christian faith. I believe in the Gospel of Jesus Christ. There I find everything I need to look for "What to Do". It is yoked to the belief that each of us is a precious child of God and each possesses a dignity and worth beyond

measure. From that faith flows the exhortation that we are to love one another as we have been loved and to love our neighbor as ourselves.

Looking forward from these July days, I believe it is possible to find a good path through the conundrums of this time by first focusing on how to be before deciding what to do.

OBITUARIES

Kathleen Szymkowski

February 7, 1954 - May 28, 2020

Kathleen R. Szymkowski, a lifelong resident of Charlestown, passed unexpectedly on May 28, 2020 after a long battle with cancer.

Kathleen worked for Romar Transportation for many years.

The loving daughter of the late Maureen and Roman Szymkowski, Kathleen was one of five siblings: Patrick, Sr, of Waltham, Joseph of Killeen, Texas, Roman Seain, Sr of Windham, NH and Konrad of Franklin, NH. She is also survived by her lifelong partner, John Fitzpatrick. Kathleen was an aunt and a great aunt to many nieces and nephews.

There will be a Funeral Mass at St. Catherine of Genoa, Somerville on August 8 at 11 a.m.



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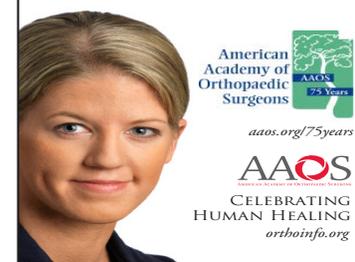
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Elisabeth's experience caused her to redirect her own career aspirations. Inspired by the medical professionals who helped her reclaim her active lifestyle, she changed her major to study physical therapy—a profession where her own experience could help other patients prevail through difficult recoveries.

We tell Elisabeth Marra's story here to illustrate two of the most profound messages we know. Don't give up, and remember to give back. If reading it inspires just one more person to achieve something special, then its telling here has been well worth while.



US News & World Report ranks Spaulding Rehab as #2 hospital

By Seth Daniel

Spaulding Rehabilitation Hospital has again been recognized as one of the top rehabilitation hospitals in the country, achieving a rank of #2 in the 2020 US News and World Report "America's Best Hospitals" issue, matching its highest rank ever. Spaulding has steadily ascended from a #14 position back in the year 2000 achieving its third straight top three ranking.

Spaulding continues to be the only rehabilitation hospital in New England ranked each year since 1995.

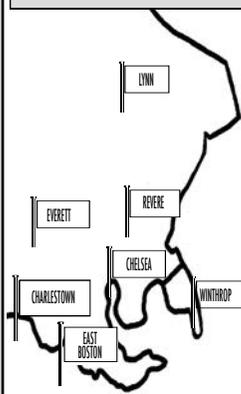
"To again achieve a #2 ranking reflects that Spaulding is one of leading centers of healing and research in the world," said David E. Storto, president, Spaulding Rehabilitation Hospital. "It is especially wonderful to receive this positive news when all of the staff at Spaulding have done so much to care for patients during pandemic and to keep our community safe."

Spaulding continues to expand its efforts on an international level

as well as a leader in advocacy and research. The Harvard Medical School Department of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation at Spaulding has been the top overall rehabilitation medicine residency program in the Doximity Residency Navigator. Spaulding was also recently honored by DisabilityIN as "Best Places to Work for Disability Inclusion" with a top score on the Disability Employment Index for the third year in a row.

"It is always tremendously rewarding to be acknowledged by your peers. We are humbled to be considered with our peer institutions and this recognition motivates us to work harder. The current pandemic challenges every facet of creativity- we have and this honor will serve to energize Spaulding to move forward," Dr. Ross Zafonte, Senior Vice President of Research, Education and Medical Affairs for Spaulding and the Chair of the Harvard Medical School Department of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation.

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Suffolk Probate and Family Court 24 New Chardon St. Boston, MA 02114 (617)788-8300 CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION Docket No. SU20P1166EA Estate of: Kathleen Szymkowski Date of Death 05/28/2020

To all interested persons: A Petition for Formal Adjudication of Intestacy and Appointment of Personal Representative has been filed by Joseph Szymkowski of Killeen, TX requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree

and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition. The Petitioner requests that: Joseph Szymkowski of Killeen TX be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve Without Surety on the bond in an unsupervised administration. IMPORTANT NOTICE You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: 10:00 a.m. on the return day of 08/28/2020.

This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within

thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you. UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION UNDER THE MASSACHUSETTS UNIFORM PROBATE CODE (MUPC) A Personal Representative appointed under the MUPC in an unsupervised administration is not required to file an inventory or annual accounts with the Court. Persons interested in the estate are entitled to notice regarding the administration directly from the Personal Representative and may petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including the distribution of assets and expenses of administration. WITNESS, Hon. Brian J. Dunn, First Justice of this Court. Date: July 17, 2020 Felix D. Arroyo Register of Probate

7/30/20 Charlestown

For the Record

BOSTON POLICE TASK FORCE LISTENING SESSIONS

The City is also providing opportunities for robust public input and community leadership in our work to advance racial justice in Boston. Starting next week, the Boston Police Task Force will be holding online listening sessions on key issues, where residents will have the opportunity to share their experiences and beliefs.

- Reviewing the use of force policies: Thursday, July 30, 3 - 5 p.m.

Anyone can join the WebEx meeting on the date and time as an attendee to view and listen to the listening session. Testimony will be accepted in any language (written or spoken via WebEx listening sessions). It will be translated and shared with the Task Force after the sessions. Written testimony will be accepted until August 7. This testimony will be compiled and shared with the Task Force, and will be translated as needed. All attendees who wish to provide spoken testimony during one or more of the listening sessions must indicate this using the same Google Form, no later than 24-hours in advance of a session. Their name will be

added to a list of those wishing to speak, and they will be called on, in turn, during the session.

From the July 30, 10 a.m., (Online), THE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION HEARING: Order for a hearing identifying restorative justice practices and the role of the police in our schools. The Chair of the Committee is Councilor Essaibi-George and the sponsors are Councilors Mejia and Janey.

BOSTON FIRE DEPARTMENT UPDATE ON PERMITS

Due to the harsh economic impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on businesses, the Boston Fire Department is extending the expiration date on all existing Place of Assembly and Annual Permits from June 30, 2020 to September 30, 2020. Any issued Place of Assembly Permit or Annual Permit stating an expiration date of June 30, 2020 will now automatically be valid in the City of Boston until September 30, 2020. The invoices for renewal will be mailed out in mid-August, and the permitting cycle for both Place of Assembly and Annual Permits will become October 1 to September 30 of the following year from this point forward.

REPORTING WORKPLACE SAFETY CONCERNS

- Workers in any size organization have options if they feel they are being pressured into an unsafe situation. Attorney General Maura Healey has created resources for workers to report safety concerns during reopening. They include an online form at the Attorney General's website and a dedicated Fair Labor hotline at 617-727-3465. People can also find those resources by calling 311.

HOW TO REPORT A PROBLEM PROPERTY

Since taking office in 2014, Mayor Walsh has made fixing quality of life issues a priority in his administration. From investing in Public Works to making sure community policing is a staple in every neighborhood, we are making sure every neighborhood is clean, safe and a great place to live and work in. Unfortunately some properties in Boston need more help than others, and that's why we are here. If you know of a property that fits one of the following criteria: multiple calls to 911, one that's blighted or just a general concern, we encourage you to reach out to your neighborhood liaison.

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LOCAL STUDENTS EARN ACADEMIC HONORS

LOCAL STUDENTS NAMED TO UMASS DEAN'S LIST

Below is a list of local students who were named to the dean's list at the University of Massachusetts Amherst for the spring 2020 semester.

In order to qualify, an undergraduate student must receive a 3.5 grade-point average or better on a four-point scale.

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- Samantha Lee Bowman
- Guan Xing Chen
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LOCAL STUDENTS NAMED TO BRIDGEWATER DEAN'S LIST

The following Boston residents were named to the dean's list for the spring semester at Bridgewater State University:

- Filmawitt Belay, Halima
- Hussein and Leandra Terrero.

EVERS RECEIVES A BACHELOR OF SCIENCE FROM NICHOLS COLLEGE

Nichols College graduated over 300 students this spring. Virtual celebrations were held for both

undergraduate and graduate recipients on May 2, 2020 with an in person commencement ceremony promised for a date to be determined.

Edward Evers, of Charlestown, Mass., graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration, majoring in Management.

Nichols College is a college of choice for business and leadership education as a result of its distinctive career-focused and leadership-based approaches to learning, both in and out of the classroom, and through impactful research and professional education. Students thrive in a learning and living environment that is supported by an experiential business curriculum and a strong liberal arts foundation aimed at transforming them into tomorrow's leaders. Nichols also offers master's degrees in business, leadership, accounting, and counterterrorism, as well as a range of certificate programs, to promote career advancement for today's professionals.

CHARLESTOWN RESIDENT GRADUATES FROM WILLIAM JAMES COLLEGE

Guissel Marroquin of Charlestown graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Psychology and Human Services from William James College.

Students at William James College train to become cultural-

ly-competent professionals in psychology, behavioral health, leadership and human services fields.

"Completing your degree and receiving your diploma marks the end of a considerable period of growth and the beginning of the next phase of your life," said William James College President Nicholas Covino in an email to the graduates. "Each of you is well-trained to bring relief and support to organizations and individuals who need your talents. We speak about the limited access to psychological services at all levels, your arrival on the scene changes that a bit."

William James College has been celebrating graduates with virtual ceremonies this spring, and will hold a formal Commencement Ceremony on Sunday, September 13, 2020.

Founded in 1974, William James College is an independent, not-for-profit institution and a leader in educating the next generation of mental health professionals to support the growing and diverse needs of the mental health workforce. Integrating field work with academics, the College prepares students for careers as organizational leaders and behavioral health professionals who are committed to helping the underserved, multicultural populations, children and families, and veterans. William James College alumni can be found making an impact in a variety of settings, including schools, the courts, clinical care facilities, hospitals, the community and the workplace.

PISTORINO RECOGNIZED FOR ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

Worcester Academy proudly announces its Honor Roll and Headmaster's List for Semester 2 of the 2019-2020 School Year. The honors represent the achievements that each Worcester Academy student has earned through academic excellence, challenge, and personal growth.

Among the students is: Jessica Pistorino of Charlestown, 9, First Honors.

Worcester Academy is an exceptional co-educational independent

school for day and boarding students in grades 6 through 12 and postgraduates. Through an innovative and thoughtfully designed curriculum, Worcester Academy instills in students a lifelong passion for learning and a foundation of core values that enable them to "Achieve the Honorable" as leaders and world citizens. The school takes pride in its diverse local and international community, and situates its curriculum within a global, multicultural context that helps students develop the independence, confidence, and world-readiness they need to succeed in college and beyond.

North Washington Street Bridge

(Charlestown Bridge) Construction Look-Ahead:

This is a brief overview of construction operations and impacts for the North Washington Street Bridge Replacement Project. MassDOT will provide additional notices as needed for high-impact work and changes to traffic configurations beyond those described below.

MARINE IMPACTS

- From 7/20 - 8/11, a temporary Safety Zone on the Charles River will prohibit transit through all spans of the North Washington Street Bridge to allow the safe removal of the center span of the existing bridge.

- As of 7/24, 20% of the center span of the existing bridge has been removed.

- No vessel or person shall be permitted to enter the Safety Zone without obtaining permission from the Coast Guard Captain of the Port or a designated representative. Mariners should plan accordingly for the channel closure and avoid the project site.

DESCRIPTION OF SCHEDULED WORK

- Inspection and wrap up of fender system, installation of fencing system around work zone, and demolition of existing bridge, including demolition of swing-

span, removal of asbestos, and water pipe system.

WORK HOURS

- Most work will be done during the daytime (4:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.)

- Other work will be done overnight (10:00 pm. - 4:00 a.m.)

- In multiple shifts (6:00 a.m. - 1:00 a.m.)

WORK THAT HAS BEEN COMPLETED

- Prior to 7/24: drainage work, installation of the fender system, and shifting traffic from existing bridge to temporary bridge.

TRAVEL TIPS

The sidewalk on the temporary bridge is on the west (Charles River) side of the structure. The Lovejoy Wharf stairs near Converse are open to the public with the opening of the temporary bridge, the adjacent section of the Harborwalk passing under the bridge remains closed.

The Tudor Wharf Walkway (under the bridge next to the water in Paul Revere Park) will be intermittently closed for safety during construction operations, with access provided via the Water Street underpass.

Real Estate Transfers

BUYER 1	SELLER 1	ADDRESS	PRICE
Crow, Douglas S	Chorm LLC	106 13th St #317	\$583,750
Gaffey, Melissa	Barton, Andrew	8 Allston St #3	\$455,000
124-2 Bunker Hill St LLC	Brenner, David	126-126 Bunker Hill St #2	\$1,070,000
39 Essex Street RT	Mccullough Raymond F	39 Essex St	\$650,000
Gross, Stefanie F	Spunt, Jessica	52 Green St #1	\$559,900
Kelley, Kara E	Pittet, Mikael	15 Main St #D	\$749,000
Damon, Elizabeth	Orvin, Mark	4 Mount Vernon Ave #3	\$1,100,000
Barlow, Brandon	Connolly-Halland, Alison	13 Tremont St #3	\$597,000
Auen, Walter	Edwards, Abigail	56 Union St #2	\$899,000
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CAMPBELL (from pg. 1)

in the sense that it has spread very fast to reach even the quiet corners of Eden Street.

On July 22, about 30 or 40 people gathered in the living room of Elena Barbera to watch the video, which focuses on Campbell's interracial marriage to a white man – discussing sexual issues with her husband, challenging Campbell's blackness, calling her a “house slave,” and criticizing her for running against Pressley.

Many at the house party for Campbell couldn't bear to watch the 40-minute tirade, which had been edited down to about 10 minutes.

Campbell, a mother of three, said her life has revolved around raising her children and instilling them with traditional American values – yet at the same time she has also always wanted to run for office in order to present an opposing viewpoint.

“I always wanted to run and I felt no one should be unopposed,” she told the group. “That was my message. The Republican Party finally called me back. They had seen my e-mail from a long time before and wondered if I still wanted to run. I prayed about it and this is what I wanted to happen...I didn't know what was in store. I'm getting threatening texts all the time and people calling me colorful names constantly. You should see the ways I've been treated. It's harassment and a violation...I've had two stand-outs and paid agitators have showed up to disrupt them. They threatened to gang rape me and they have it on tape and they posted

it. I have a copy of it...The police say they can't do anything because they didn't actually touch me.”

But that was just the outset for Campbell, who has spent the last three weeks fleeing from her home as she said there have been constant threats against her family and her children since the Cannon-Grant video surfaced and she spoke out against it.

It all started, she said, in the oddest way when she was contacted by the New Black Panther Party – a group she said she has zero in common with. They sent her the video and said they found it offensive and that she could be in danger. After watching it, she tried to alert the press and other avenues, but no one would do anything. So, that's when she sent it to the Turtle Boy online magazine.

“I had no idea the level to which it would go,” she said. “I didn't know how politically connected she was to everyone. I've been in a hotel for weeks with my family. I get threats constantly. I'm being harassed by a psycho.”

So far, she has heard from Cannon-Grant who has said she should have used her words more carefully, but apparently will not apologize to Campbell. Also mentioned on the video by Cannon-Grant are Pressley, Councilor Lydia Edwards and DA Rachael Rollins. Edwards and Rollins have denounced the video and said they don't support it, but Pressley has chosen not to comment on it. Mayor Martin Walsh, according to Campbell, has not reached out to her yet either.



Kerry McKinley and Shannon Fabiano with Candidate Rayla Campbell.

“They gave (Black Lives Matter) a platform,” she said. “We have to stop it. I get called an ‘Uncle Tom’ all the time. It's what I was called on that video. Why have we gone back to that? We are all Americans.”

But Campbell's tragic experiences at the hand of an inappropriate video by a well-connected organizer were only part of the experience of the night, as many residents in the room quizzed her on her positions and how she would approach the job if elected in November. A Supreme Judicial Court case this month wiped away more than 1,000 signatures Campbell gathered in person before COVID-19, and so that left her off the ballot. She is still campaigning though, and needs to get 2,000 write-in/sticker votes in the Sept. 1 Republican Primary Election throughout the expansive 7th District to be on the November ballot to face Congresswoman Pressley.

Many residents seemed to want different representation that was more inclusive and less caustic – in tune to supporting the police, but not against saying Black Lives Matter and that there are some racial issues to solve.

Campbell was born in Boston, but her mother didn't want to raise her in Boston's public housing in the 1980s. She was able to get a unit in Scituate's public housing development. Campbell attended Scituate schools and said she experienced a great deal of racism there during high school. She said white administrators constantly singled her out, and students of color from Boston in the METCO program harassed her for supposedly being privileged – not knowing she lived in public housing.

Fleeing those situations, she said she got her first apartment

at an early age and worked at Dunkin' Donuts. She became a Dental Assistant and pursued careers with Delta Dental, and eventually married her husband. After living with family for some time, they moved to Randolph and raise their three kids there, but it isn't without some watchful eyes on the culture and values in the schools and community.

She said she is a devout Catholic, and pulled her kids from public school early on and put them in a Catholic School.

“I ripped my kids out of public school because of what was being taught to them,” she said. “My youngest daughter came home from kindergarten and said they learned about MLK. I said that was great and that she must have learned about his speeches and bravery. She told me, ‘No, we learned he was killed by a white man.’ That is not what I wanted her to learn first and foremost about MLK.”

She said teachers need to be able to discipline, as well.

“We have to make sure these teachers have the right to discipline these kids – in-school suspensions,” she said. “Bring it back. You're in school and you're in detention and with that there is accountability.”

Policing is also a big issue for her as well, and that was also an issue for those on hand July 22.

“Massachusetts has done some major reforms and we should be the model,” she said, noting that former President Barack Obama had said the same thing. “We're not Chicago. People are very much on the attack with me because they know I love the police. They are very frustrated because I support the police. Qualified Immunity is important. It's not just the police that it protects, but teachers, EMTs and everybody in



Fundraiser host Elena Barbera with Republican Congressional Candidate Rayla Campbell.



Elaine Skadding with Candidate Rayla Campbell.

public service. They want to take that away and then you can't do anything.”

She said she is willing to sit down with anyone, even those that now oppose her and threaten her. That was a big issue in the room last Wednesday, because the district is diverse and most wanted to know if Campbell would be able to reach across to those in other parts of the city like Dorchester and Mattapan.

“I can sit down with anyone and have a conversation,” she said. “We can agree or disagree, but we'll have a conversation. People don't want a conversation now. They want to shut you down and shut you up. We have to keep talking...Say it to me. Say it all day every day and I'll still come back with a smile. My voice is for all.”

In addition, there were lengthy conversations on the Opioid crisis, insurance, her support of President Donald Trump and other issues in the campaign. She said she needs a sticker or write-in campaign in September to get on the ballot in November. That would require, for many voters in Charlestown, taking a Republican ballot and forgoing a vote on the Democratic U.S. Senate and State Representative races. Time will tell if her new-support will have legs, but most left the home July 22 with a new sense of who they were supporting in a race that most had considered a non-event.

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