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Eliot School's Maggie Hill remembered for much more than furniture

BY LAUREN BENNETT

Maggie Hill loved to turn trash into treasure, and spent countless hours over several decades at the Eliot School of Fine

& Applied Arts sewing, cutting, and upholstering old furniture into something she was proud of. Hill, who lived in Mattapan,

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Residents raise major concerns about conditions at Hennigan Center

BY SETH DANIEL

When Phyllis Petruzzelli and many of the other female swimmers that utilize the Hennigan Pool and Community Center on Heath Street come to partici-

pate in their bi-weekly class, they don't begin the night by warming up or getting dressed.

Typically, the first thing they do is inspect the locker rooms and hallways for cleanliness. The pre-class ritual has been going on so long that it has almost become a joke for the women, were it not so frustrating as well.

Is the large hairball still in the shower?

Is that brown smudge of "something" still on the lockers?

Will there be toilet paper in the stalls that day, or as is usually the case, not?

Swimming, in fact, has become the last thing on their minds as they put on wet suits and tennis shoes to protect themselves from the increasingly dirty water and rough surfaces in the pool. The conditions have been an ongoing issue for the women and others using the Pool and the Center, run by the Boston Center for Youth and Families (BCYF) and the Boston Public Schools (BPS). For years now, they said, they've been complaining, but only recently when the Gazette began

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TOASTMASTERS OPEN HOUSE



PHOTO BY MIKE MEJIA

Henry Klauke gives a speech in front of members and guests during the JP Toastmasters Open House meeting on Jan. 27. The group began in 2017, and are part of the International Toastmasters organization. See more photos on Page 17.

FRIENDS OF KELLY RINK RECOGNIZED



PHOTOS BY MIKE MEJIA

Samantha and Marcus Michael of Jamaica Plain enjoyed hot chocolate on Feb. 8 at the Kelly Rink provided by Community Servings and Legal Services Center to recognize the work the Friends of the Kelly Rink have done for the past 20 years. The Learn to Skate program at the rink on Saturdays is alive and well this winter. Here, Rachel Zalocha skating during the Learn to Skate program. See more photos on Pages 12 and 13.

E-13 Police discuss crime statistics for January

BY LAURA PLUMMER

On Thursday, February 6, Curtis Hall in Jamaica Plain hosted the monthly police and community relations meeting organized by District E-13 of the Boston Police Department (BPD).

Every month, Officer William Jones from the Community Service Office and Captain John Greland update the community about local crime statistics from the previous month. They also take the opportunity to provide

common sense advice for how to prevent crime and to answer questions from community members. Also invited to these meetings are officials from MBTA's Transit Police and Massachusetts

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La policía E-13 comparte las estadísticas de la delincuencia de enero

BY LAURA PLUMMER

El jueves 6 de febrero, Curtis Hall en Jamaica Plain organizó la reunión mensual de policía y relaciones comunitarias organi-

zada por el Distrito E-13 del Departamento de Policía de Boston (BPD).

El Oficial William Jones pro-

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SNA hears proposal for new Williams St. condos

BY LAUREN BENNETT

The Stonybrook Neighborhood Association (SNA) met for their monthly meeting on February 10, where they heard a preliminary proposal for condominiums to be built on the vacant lots at 97-99 Williams St.

Architect Elaine Scales pre-

sented the proposal, along with the Federico Brothers of Fed Corp., a Dedham based developer. The project consists of a total of eight condo units in a three story building with eight parking spaces and a garage.

"Our project consists of two blocks connected by a common stair," Scales said. "What we're

envisioning is to make a strong connection between the front yard of this development and the community garden across the way."

Additionally, she said that the existing front setback will be respected, and they are "nearly"

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Boston Ward 11 Democratic Committee to meet to elect delegates to state convention

Registered Democrats in Boston Ward 11 (Roxbury/Jamaica Plain) will hold our caucus on Saturday, March 16, 2018 at Farnsworth House 90 South Street, Jamaica Plain, Ma. to elect delegates and alternates to the 2020 Massachusetts Democratic State Convention. Doors open at 6:00 p.m. and the Caucus

will begin promptly at 6:45 p.m. Only those who are already signed in or in line by 6:45 pm can participate in the caucus.

This year's state convention will be held May 30th at the Tsongas Center in Lowell, Ma where thousands of Democrats from across the state will come together to discuss issues, cel-

brate our successes, do party business and prepare for the 2020 elections.

The Ward 11 caucus is open to all registered and pre-registered Democrats in Boston's Ward 11. Pre-registered Democrats, who will be 16 by Feb, 15th, 2020 will be allowed to participate and run as a delegate or alternate.

Ward 11 is electing 16 delegates and 4 alternates to the Convention to represent Ward 11 in this important effort.

Youth, minorities, people with disabilities and LGBTQ individuals who are not elected as a delegate or alternate may apply to be an add-on delegate at the caucus or at www.massdems.org

Those interested in getting involved with the Boston Ward 11 Democratic Town Committee and/or those with questions, please contact us (see below).

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Maggie Hill

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passed away from cancer on January 12 at the age of 73, but her legacy will continue to live on through her work at the Eliot School. Abigail Norman, Execu-

tive Director of the Eliot School, said that when she began her job at the school 13 years ago, Hill was already a "core person" there.

Though Hill was a schoolteacher at the Manning School, Norman said that she really loved to just come to the Eliot and settle in

with a piece of furniture. After taking an upholstery class at the age of three 27, Hill never looked back.

"Over the years she upholstered and refinished furniture for her relatives and friends," Norman said. "Everybody has a chair by Maggie. She was a sweet, funny, joyful, graceful person."

Norman said that for years, her office was near the woodshop at the Eliot School. "I used to walk through the woodshop and so at the times when Maggie was there, I would see her every week and say hi, and I developed a relationship with her and became so fond of her," she said.

Hill had a serious illness a few years back and was unable to attend classes for a while. "At a certain point she was unable to carry heavy chairs anymore," Norman said, so Hill took sewing classes instead and became part of the sewing community at the school.

"Any place she was, people fell in love with her," Norman said. "I really felt that she had been a big part of the fabric of the school." Cynthia Upchurch, Hill's cousin-in-law, said that Hill "was much more to me than just a cousin-in-law. We were friends and cousins."

She said that when she met Hill about 24 years ago, "she was already sewing and doing things like that. It was always a love of hers, going back to her grandmother who raised her. Almost everything in her home was something she bought at a tag sale or found left on the side of the road for garbage or a family piece that needed redoing, and it really became a passion for her." Upchurch said that Hill really started to blossom after retirement. "She was constantly on the go," Upchurch said. "She had more energy than I ever had. She was up early every morning



The late Maggie Hill.

and she went until the end of the day."

Upchurch also said that Hill called the Eliot School her "therapy," and going to work on sewing or upholstery is where she could be the most relaxed.

"She wouldn't stop until she got it done," Upchurch said. "That was her spirit for everything."

Ruth Jemison, another one of Hill's cousins, grew up close to Hill. "We did a lot of things together," Jemison said. She said they went to a lot of churches together and that's how Hill got involved with churches in the area, and eventually missionary work in Haiti. "She loved Haiti; that was her passion," Jemison said. Some of Hill's furniture is going to be sold for her mission in Haiti, and all of her sewing equipment is being left to the Eliot School. Hill had also sewn dresses for children in Haiti.

Jemison remembers Hill loading furniture she found in the trash into her car. "Next time you'd see it, it'd be upholstered in the corner," she laughed.

"I have nothing but fond memo-

ries," Jemison said. "Event these last few months taking care of her, she wasn't cranky, mean, or anything like that. She always had a smile on her face."

The Eliot School has created the Maggie Hill Scholarship in memory of Hill, and will allow several students each semester to attend classes for free. "We are pleased to honor one of Eliot School's most treasured and long-standing students," the Eliot School wrote in a recent news-letter.

Maggie's sense of community and wanting to make things better extended far beyond her upholstery work. She also established a community garden near her home in Mattapan. Norman said the garden "epitomized [Hill's] approach" to life—"she saw something that needed to be brightened up and she just did it," Norman said.

"She lived an extraordinary life; I didn't know until we started taking care of her how many people's lives she has touched," Jemison said. "I just hope we can all live up to that legacy."

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SNA proposal

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complaint with zoning regulations on the side setback.

“This building will have more of a base, a middle, and a top when compared with more traditional triple deckers in the city,” Scales said. She also said that they are “doing very well” with the open space zoning requirements, as they are required to have 2000 square feet of open space and the proposal currently calls for 2870 square feet without the driveway or any of the small prices on the front facade.

Scales said that they will need variances for back yard setback, Floor Area Ratio, and the side yard setback. The developers said that they are allowed to build more than three units on a lot in an area zoned for a three family unit.

She said the building is 32 feet high to the middle of the sloped roof, which is how they are measured, but she was unable to provide a total height at the meeting. However, she did say that zoning requirements do not allow a building to be more than 32 feet to the middle of the sloped roof.

SNA member Jennifer Uhrhane brought to the team’s attention that she discovered there is a Williams Street Design Overlay District, which the team said they were unaware of but would look into.

A direct abutter who lives at 97 Williams St. expressed his concern with the proposed driveway in the back of the property where residents would drive their cars to enter their units. The developers assured him that they would make sure his property is fenced in, and that the new neighbors would not have access to his property. He also wanted to make sure there was space for his dog in the yard, which the team also assured him of.

The neighbor was also concerned about safety, as he said he has been robbed before, as have others who have lived in the building. Scales said that having more eyes next door in the new development will help with safety, since the lot is currently vacant.

“Frankly, I feel like it’s a very large project to be out here,” said an abutter on the left side of the lot. “It will be an impact on our

property.”

Another neighbor said that nobody in this neighborhood considers this lot a vacant lot, as people congregate into the evenings to watch the sunset. “Access to the sky is super important,” the neighbor said, “especially in this three family neighborhood.”

Uhrhane also expressed concern with the number of high end buildings being built in JP and the overall gentrification of the neighborhood. “I would love to see something that’s a bit more in keeping with the street and a bit more modest,” she said, adding that she does appreciate the green space. She said that since more and more people are coming to Boston without cars, the garage might not be necessary and the building could be pushed back even farther.

SNA Steering Committee member Wyley Proctor said that she also likes the green space and that “they’re pretty close on the setbacks.” She also thinks that Scales is “at least trying to stay in line with what’s in the community. It’s more housing; it’s not ugly or monolithic. I like how these look. I love her designs,” she said.

Others did not agree, saying they think the development “will radically change the neighborhood.” Uhrhane said she believes that Scales is capable of designing two triple deckers side by side in this location.

This presentation was purely informative for the SNA, and they created a subcommittee that will further discuss this proposal with the development team as it moves forward.

Subcommittee Updates

84 Stonley Rd.

SNA Steering Committee member Jonathan McCurdy said that developers came to the SNA about a year ago with a proposal for the lot at 84 Stonley, which is home to Squid Hell Recording Studios and it was discussed that there should be a max of some creative space as part of the project. McCurdy said that they never heard back from the developer, but a few weeks ago letters were sent out to direct abutters and a meeting was held at Curtis Hall with the development team and the Mayor’s Office.

“I was very disappointed that they didn’t bring plans with them,” he said. “All they had was a drawing and four sides of

the elevations of the elevations of the building. I spent time on my Thursday evening to go over there for this and it was the same as before. I feel the developers

“I would love to see something that’s a bit more in keeping with the street and a bit more modest...”

— Jennifer Uhrhane, SNA member

were ill-prepared.”

McCurdy said that this issue is going back to SNA subcommittee, and Jennifer Uhrhane said that “it’s a displacement issue as

well as a development issue since creative people have been kicked out of the current building.”

10 Stonley Road

AS previously reported by the Gazette, Jennifer Uhrhane reported that the Jamaica Plain Neighborhood Council (JPNC) Zoning Committee reviewed the proposal for 10 Stonley Rd. And denied it at their January 22 meeting. “It was disturbing to hear a number of Zoning Committee members excited about this, but in the end they voted against it which was good,” she said.

“After that, we heard from the developers who let us know that they are not making any changes to the project because it would

not be viable.”

She added that the developers have agreed to meet with the SNA subcommittee again, and there is an upcoming meeting with City Councilor Matt O’Malley, a director of design review at the Boston Planning and Development Agency (BPDA), and Kevin Rainsford of the JPNC to “have a larger conversation” about PLAN: JP/Rox as well as other projects that have “too many variances and not enough changes made before going to the ZBA.”

The 10 Stonley Rd. Project is currently set to go before the Zoning Board of Appeal on March 10 at 10:30am.

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Crime stats

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setts State Police.

Officer Jones provided copies of a chart comparing the year-to-date Part One crime statistics from January 2019 with January 2020. Part One crimes are those that are more serious in nature, and don't include lesser crimes such as vandalism, drug dealing or possession of firearms.

In order to interpret the Part One crime statistics, it's important to know the difference between robbery, burglary and larceny. Robbery is the taking of someone's property directly from that person using intimidation or force. Burglary, also known as breaking and entering is unlawfully accessing a building with the intent to commit theft. Larceny deprives someone of their property but it doesn't include force (like robbery) or breaking

and entering (like burglary.) An example of larceny would be bike theft or shoplifting.

According to the chart, in January there were 90 reported Part One crimes in Jamaica Plain, down from 99 this time last year, a reduction of nine percent. Crimes that saw a decrease in 2020 included residential burglary, other burglary and other larceny. Crimes that saw an uptick in 2020 included robbery and attempted, domestic and non-domestic aggravated assault, auto theft, commercial burglary and motor vehicle larceny. Crimes that saw no change from this time last year include homicide, and rape and attempted.

Part One crime is on a downward trend in JP. Officer Jones cited the fact that there has only been four residential break-ins so far in 2020, which he called incredible. Last year was statistically one of the best years the department has seen in the past

decade.

Officer Jones noted that JP has seen a slight uptick in robberies. He said this was related to a spike in juvenile offenders in the city as a whole.

"We've arrested several and have our eyes on over two dozen suspects," he told the Gazette.

To help redirect negative behavior by teens, District E-13

has been working closely with social service agencies, the court system and elected officials.

"We've also had support from the parents of these juveniles and we're all cautiously optimistic," he said.

The police and community relations meeting is on the first Thursday of every month at 6:30pm at Curtis Hall at 20

South Street. The next meeting will be held on Thursday, March 5. A Spanish language version of this meeting is also held on the second Thursday of every month at 6:30pm at 155 Lamartine Street. These meetings are open to the public and all interested residents are encouraged to attend.

Estadísticas

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porcionó copias de una tabla que compara las estadísticas de delincuencia de 2020 con las de 2019. Para interpretar las estadísticas de la delincuencia, es importante saber la diferencia entre las palabras "robo", "hurto" y "atracó" como están usados en este artículo. "Atraco" significa tomar con fuerza la propiedad de alguien directamente de esa persona. "Robo" significa el ingreso ilegal a un edificio privado para llevarse algo. "Hurto" significa tomar la propiedad de alguien pero no incluye la fuerza o el ingreso ilegal. Un ejemplo del hurto sería robar una bicicleta.

Según el cuadro, en enero hubo 90 delitos denunciados en

Jamaica Plain (99 en enero de 2019), una reducción del nueve por ciento. Los delitos que disminuyeron en 2020 incluyeron robos residenciales, otros robos y otros hurtos. Los delitos que aumentaron en 2020 incluyeron atraco, asalto agravado doméstico y no doméstico, robo de autos, robo comercial y hurto de vehículos. Los crímenes que no cambiaron de un año al otro incluyen el homicidio y la violación.

La delincuencia sigue una tendencia a la baja en Jamaica Plain. El Oficial Jones citó el hecho de que sólo ha habido cuatro robos residenciales en 2020, lo que calificó de increíble. El año pasado fue estadísticamente uno de los mejores años que el departamento ha tenido en la última década.

El Oficial Jones señaló que Jamaica Plain ha experimentado

un incremento de los atracos. Dijo que tiene que ver con un aumento de delincuentes juveniles en la ciudad en general.

"Hemos arrestado a varios y tenemos más de veinticuatro sospechosos", dijo a Gazette.

Para redirigir el comportamiento negativo de los adolescentes, el Distrito E-13 ha estado trabajando estrechamente con las agencias de servicios sociales, el sistema judicial y los funcionarios electos.

"También hemos recibido el apoyo de los padres de estos menores y todos somos cautelosamente optimistas", dijo.

Se realiza una versión español de esta reunión el segundo jueves del mes a las 6.30 pm en 155 Lamartine Street. Las reuniones están abiertas al público y todos los residentes están invitados.

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JP OBSERVER

‘Suffrage at 100’ thought-provoking series at Loring-Greenough House

By SANDRA STOREY / SPECIAL TO THE GAZETTE

Women got the right to vote in this country 100 years ago this coming August. The 19th amendment to the Constitution was passed by Congress on June 4, 1919 and was ratified on August 18, 1920 when the 36th state ratified it. Women’s suffrage supporters struggled for this per-manent change in the electorate for decades.

Fortunately for Jamaica Plain, where quite a few women’s suffrage advocates once lived and many political activists live today, the Loring Greenough House is holding a series of events where people can learn more about and celebrate women’s suffrage in its centennial year, with emphasis on local participants and places. Sazama Real Estate is sponsoring “Suffrage at 100: A Century of Women and the Vote.”

Upcoming monthly suffrage celebration events at the Revolutionary War era house this spring will include: a screening of the 1999 Ken Burns documentary “Not for Ourselves Alone” about Elizabeth Cady Stanton and Susan B. Anthony; a presentation by local women’s history experts Linda Dibble and Mary Smoyer of “Road to the Vote: the Boston Women’s Suffrage Trail”; and “I Now Pronounce You Lucy Stone,” a play portraying the Massachusetts suffragist who is buried in Forest Hills Cemetery.

A big lawn party at the house is planned for August 18, exactly 100 years after ratification. Other programs for the fall, including “Suffering for Suffrage” and one in November about the first Presidential election where women voted, are in the planning stages.

Part of the fun of learning about the suffrage movement is that it inspires thoughts about current movements and voting itself. Activities and difficulties are amazingly similar despite the different times. Suffragists marched and demonstrated carrying signs. They gave speeches. They wrote pamphlets. They organized buses to take people to Washington to lobby their representatives and senators and to demonstrate.

Sometimes suffragists were treated badly for their views, not only by the authorities but by friends and family. Some people declined to support women’s suf-

frage, sometimes citing issues they found more important, as though there is an issues competition.

Generations and thousands of women (and men) worked for suffrage before they finally succeeded. The earliest suffragists did not live to see the amendment pass.

“Intersectionality” of identities wasn’t a word or concept then, and the suffrage movement was and still is considered by many to have been composed of middle class white women.

A terrific first event in the Loring Greenough House series was scheduled to take place on Feb. 25 after this column went to press. “We Were There Too: African American Women Who Advocated for Universal Suffrage” is a lecture by Jamaica Plain resident, architect and author Rosalyn Elder. The owner of Jamaica Way Books from 1998 to 2012, she is the author of Exploring Our Legacy, a book about the contributions of African Americans to both our state’s and our country’s history.

Elder said in an interview that participation by African American women came with a heavy dose of societal protests to “stay in their lane.” Nevertheless, “quite a few African American women were active in the process of getting the vote for women,” she said. Elder shares the stories of African American women who worked for woman

suffrage, including Bostonian Josephine St. Pierre Ruffin, wife of the first African American judge in Massachusetts.

Voting rights continue to be an issue today, with disenfranchisement of various groups, especially people of color, still a problem. Registering and voting could be made a lot easier and more accessible for everyone, too.

An art exhibition at the Eggleston Branch Library through mid-March sponsored by Violence Transformed is called “Unfinished Business: Your Reason to Vote.” Publicity talks about 2020 being a presidential election year and commemorating the 100th anniversary of passage of the 19th amendment. But it goes on to say that the battle for voting rights goes on in this this country today.

Dibble’s and Smoyer’s talk at the Loring-Greenough House will be based on a special Boston walking tour created by the Boston Women’s Heritage Trail with

a guide to people, places, buildings and homes key to the suffrage movement over the years.

The Loring Greenough House itself was in danger of being torn down for development in 1924, but a group of women saved the property. The Jamaica Plain Tuesday Club purchased the house and its nearly two acres of landscaped property and has worked to preserve it since. In 1993 it opened membership to men.

“In 2008, the club articulated a vibrant, new community-oriented role for the House as a center for social, cultural, historical, and educational activities,” according to its website.

The board of the nonprofit has a community education committee, and it formed the Suffrage Task Force with the goal of doing an entire series of programs in this anniversary year. Members of the task force are: Dorothy Clark, Sharon Kong-Perring, Nancy Leask, Vincent Longo, Stephen Pepper and Diane Spears.

Co-President of the board Spears said in an interview, “As a woman, I relate to the women of the Jamaica Plain Tuesday Club who saved the Loring Greenough House. It’s just natural that we want to highlight all women who are trailblazers. We are also all

about history; we do a lot of history programs. We have a rich history in JP.”

Pepper agreed that it seemed to make sense that an organization that owes so much to women would want to lead the community in celebration and in learning more. “We wanted to reflect the ongoing culture to celebrate what is a significant anniversary,” Pepper said.

When Pepper went through minutes of Tuesday Club board meetings during the time women’s suffrage was an issue, he made an interesting discovery. The club, which was to buy the Loring Greenough House seven years later, never went on record as supporting women’s suffrage. At a board meeting in 1917, one member asked others to write their congressman urging him to not support it.

And other minutes show that the Tuesday Club cosponsored a rally at Eliot Hall to oppose the amendment. In those days, the board met at Eliot Hall. Pepper said that the majority of Tuesday Club members then were white, upper-middle class, married women.

Some women said it was “unpatriotic” to support getting the right to vote while a war was


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Canadian activist spreads the word about missing and murdered indigenous women

BY LAUREN BENNETT

Though it was a chilly evening, many neighbors came out for the monthly Black Lives Matter vigil on February 6 outside of the First Baptist Church, where they heard from journalist and activist Shelia North who hails from Winnipeg, Canada and was the first woman in the province of Manitoba to be named Grand Chief of Manitoba Keewatinowi Okimakanak.

North was in Boston for a screening of her new film, 1200+, which focuses on the issue of missing and murdered indigenous women and girls in Canada. The film, directed and co-produced by filmmaker Leonard Yakir, was screened at the First Church In Jamaica Plain on February 7.

At the vigil, North outlined her story and how she came to be an activist for this issue. North comes from an isolated community known as the Bunibonibee Cree Nation in Northern Manitoba.

“My parents did their best to raise their children to be pro-

ductive members of society,” she said. “When they sent me off to go to school in the urban center, they had every faith that so-ciety would take care of me. It was dangerous for a young woman, a young girl to leave my community to go to high school in a center like this, in Winnipeg.”

She said her life was in danger many times because she was not prepared for life outside of her small community. No one even taught her how to do something as simple as take the bus.

“...they gave me a bus pass, and I walked up and down the aisle showing everybody my bus pass. In my head I was thinking ‘I don’t want this person to kick me off the bus so I’m going to make sure they know I have this bus pass,’” she said.

She said another time, she and some friends saw a revolving door for the first time, and all went into the same wedge. “Those kinds of things, we were like fish out of water coming into urban centers,” she said. “That also put us in a lot of danger because there were a lot of predators looking for us that didn’t

know what we were doing in the city and started befriending us and saying that we were in danger and that they were going to help us. But in reality, they were trying to groom us to be whatever they wanted us to be. And this happened to me too, and that happened to a lot of other women and girls in Canada, to the point that it’s become an epidemic.”

North said that since 2013, the Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP) have reported that there are 1182 missing and murdered indigenous women and girls in Canada, but she said that advocates say that the reality is most likely closer to three times that amount.

In 2005, North became a journalist and started working on stories about indigenous people. “As a journalist, I started to realize that I was a survivor of the issue around missing and murdered indigenous women and girls...and as soon as I realized I was a survivor, it just hung on to me,” she said. “It became a passion, it became a burden, it became a blessing.”

She then started working on

the film 1200+ with Yakir, and explains that it’s called 1200+ because “we know that the numbers are there and they’re growing.”

North said she has been to the United Nations twice to speak on this issue, and said that Canada is the world leader on this topic. She also credited movements where people gather for a cause—like JP’s Black Lives Matter vigil—which she said helped get the Canadian government to inquire about missing and murdered indigenous women.

“There are over 100 calls to action but little has changed on the ground,” North said. “The biggest change is that more people are aware.” She said she is really pushing for more legislative changes and changes to what makes women and girls more vulnerable—poverty and “being left in the dark about what it’s like to transition into a more urban center.”

North announced at the vigil that she and Yakir were starting a fund, called For Cherrisse and Friends. The fund is in honor of Cherrisse Houle, the girl who is

featured in 1200+. Houle was 17 years old when she was found dead in a creek just outside of Winnipeg. “No one’s ever been held accountable for her death,” North said, “no one knows how she died, really, and she had lots of dreams, lots of goals...all of that was taken from her.”

North said that Houle had been placed in 92 foster homes throughout her life, and died within three months of being with one she responded to well.

“Even though we have a good reputation in the world that Canada is kind and it’s good it people and is rich, there’s still these atrocities that happen to indigenous people in our own country,” North said.

Money donated to the fund will go towards families who need it the most. North said that some families in Canada still conduct searches for missing and murdered women using their own money, as there are no public funds available.

More information about the film and a trailer can be found on the documentary’s Facebook page, “1200+ A Film on MMIWG.

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looking into the matter did they start getting any substantive response.

“There’s no reason that week after week after week there are the same hairballs sitting all over the showers,” she said during an interview on site this month. “They cleaned up a little bit this week, but I went and looked to see if they got the hairballs. They didn’t. Still there.”

Nancy Routh shared a similar story, noting that a giant brown smudge had been on the lockers for more than a year. Often, if it looks like some cleaning has been done, she checks to see if they’ve tackled the smudge. So far, she said, it persists.

Petruzzelli, Routh, Debra McLellan, Gina White, Luisa Harris, Perlina Mills and Claudine Francois are part of the group that regularly comes to the Hennigan Pool for swim classes with a popular teacher that instructs all over the city – including at nearby facilities like the Mason Pool in Roxbury and the Curtis

Hall Pool on Centre Street.

“It’s a hidden gem here, but it’s a diamond that’s definitely in the rough,” said Mills. “This is a great time to put some effort into this place. The economy is good and money is coming into the City. Now is the time to get something. We really don’t want everything, or a new Center, just some basic cleanliness.”

Routh and the other swimmers said they are particularly disturbed by the Hennigan because they go to the Mason and Curtis Hall, and both facilities are far better than the Hennigan.

“I’ve been coming here for years and I go to other community centers as well,” Routh said. “There is a big difference here. There is so much litter all the time. There are four showers that don’t work. There’s never paper towels or basic things, many times there’s not even toilet paper...When you are in the pool and at eye level you can see all the filthy dirt on the deck and the pool isn’t much better either. Never mind that the toys are always thrown in the water and in the way.”

Added Petruzzelli, “I can’t understand why everything is lax here, but not at Curtis Hall or Mason Pool.”

Said McLellan, “I was ap-

palled there was no response to major issues that were here and we brought up. It’s been going on for a long time. We didn’t just start talking about it. It’s really concerning to me that (BCYF) Commissioner (Will) Morales or whoever is responsible isn’t addressing it.”

At the pool, the women say they’ve been wearing wet suits and tennis shoes while in the pool for protection from the water and the neglected pool floor. The lifeguard chair is unused, as it apparently has been broken for a year. The lifeguards at the pool sit in an old office chair with wheels. None of it seems set up for a high-class user experience.

Security is also an issue.

Lighting on the outside is frequently missing or not operating, creating very dark and isolated corridors for people to exit to as they leave the Center. Also, the ID scanner hasn’t worked for some time, and many people seem to enter through a back, emergency exit door that is supposed to be locked.

When the Gazette was there, a lifeguard asked the women to prop the back door open so a food delivery driver could get in to the pool area. That driver arrived, came in the door and delivered the food to the lifeguard, who ate

a sub poolside.

No one monitored the delivery man’s activities after he made the delivery, and he could have gone virtually anywhere afterward without supervision or detection – including the women’s locker rooms or a large youth basketball game going on next to the pool.

“Security is definitely an issue for us and the kids,” said Harris. “One thing for me is there is no supervision. Someone could come snatch a kid and no one would know for quite some time...We used to have the ID scanner, but it broke and they don’t seem to want to fix it.”

Harris and others said they really believe the massive Center could be a huge resource were it taken care of properly and made into the resource it should be.

“More people would come, but they don’t because it’s filthy,” she said. “I have neighbors who came once, but they won’t come again. It’s a shame because this place could be buzzing with activity. There is so much potential here.”

None of the women said they blame the local director, Martha Salamanca, noting that she tries very hard but doesn’t seem to have central office support.

Instead, with the help of Councilor Matt O’Malley, they

have focused their attention on the higher ups at BCYF and the Boston Public Schools. Numerous e-mails back and forth have produced no results. However, they did report in the days after the Gazette interview that they were able to set up some meetings to address their concerns.

The Gazette contacted the City, who had the Boston Public Schools issue a statement. BPS said they partner with the City’s BCYF to try to offer a great experience at the Hennigan and noted that there has been investment in the facility over the last several years.

“The Boston Public Schools works closely with Boston Centers for Youth & Families and our City partners to address any issues within our shared community centers as they arise,” read the statement. “Over the last several years, BPS replaced pool heating, ventilation and dehumidification systems and performed upgrades to the locker rooms at the BCYF Hennigan Community Center. We will continue working collaboratively to make sure our facilities are clean, sufficiently stocked, well-maintained and secure for all our students, families, and community members.”

BPS issues RFP on new testing company for exam school entrance

BY SETH DANIEL

In the wake of a scandal this month involving the maker of the ISEE Exam School test and the Boston Public Schools, Supt. Brenda Cassellius reported this week they have begun to seek new vendors for the exam school test – an annual ball of stress for parents of children headed to 7th or 9th grades next year.

The Boston Public Schools requires students to take an exam to enter either Boston Latin School, Boston Latin Academy or John D. O'Bryan School of Math and Science. The test is taken in the previous fall for entrance into either 7th grade or 9th grade, and many parents spend considerable amounts of money preparing their kids with tutoring for the test months in advance.

That test has been the ISEE test that is put out by ERB Company for many years, but after much internal – and now public – controversy, that test may not be what students take next fall.

“Boston Public Schools (BPS) is committed to, and actively working to expand equitable access to our exam schools,” said Cassellius. “Almost immediately upon my arrival in Boston, it was brought to my attention that there were concerns that the ISEE test was potentially creating barriers for some students seeking admission to BPS’ exam

schools, particularly underrepresented students.

“As I’ve previously stated, often and publicly, this is the final year of the BPS contract with ERB,” she continued. “As is the case when any contract expires, we will release a new Request for Proposals (RFP) which we expect to issue within the next week. That RFP is being written in a way that specifically addresses some of our concerns, including that it be aligned to the Massachusetts state standards and that it is reviewed and validated for bias.”

On Tuesday this week, BPS reported they had issued an RFP for a new test provider. Cassellius said on Tuesday the goal is to pick an entrance exam aligned with Massachusetts curriculum standards, one that is bias-free and measures student readiness for the rigors of an exam high school. She also said it was the next step forward in furthering equitable access to exam schools for black and Latinx students, which she said have been underrepresented historically in the three exam schools.

“Creating more equitable opportunities for students to get a great education is one of our most important priorities,” said Cassellius. “We believe the new RFP will help level the playing field for students seeking admission to our exam schools by offering a test that actually assesses student’s knowledge of content they’re taught in class and has

been rigorously reviewed to ensure it is free of bias. This is a good next step in our efforts to make sure our exam school student body is representative of all the students BPS serves.”

Added Mayor Martin Walsh, “It’s important that any student who wishes to attend one of Boston’s exam schools is well-prepared and has an equitable pathway to do so. We have made significant progress in recent years to expand access to the test for exam schools, and this RFP is another opportunity for BPS to continue that important work.”

To develop the RFP, BPS participated in an extensive process that included input and recommendations from an internal working group, as well as community feedback, with the goal of ensuring the RFP results in an assessment that tests students on material they have learned in school. BPS is asking all interested vendors that submit a proposal to demonstrate their assessment is aligned to Massachusetts state learning standards and is bias-free.

BPS aims to award the new contract to a vendor in June 2020.

Concerns have been floating around about the test for many years within Boston Public Schools (BPS), and the test manufacturer says it has warned

BPS over a period of many years that it is using the test incorrectly. That’s a fact that Cassellius and BPS dispute, but one that the test company says is true.

At issue in particular is that BPS has taken all four categories in the test and lumped them together into one score. The test company, and many private schools, consider all four parts separately and not as one whole score.

BPS said it has looked into the allegations that ERB has been reaching out for many years about the test, but they have found no validity to the claim. In a statement, the schools said they have found no truth to the claims made by ERB.

Cassellius said she refused to work with ERB on a bias study of the test just after she arrived because it could have been a conflict of interest under the new RFP process.

“In addition to setting high expectations for our students and staff, I set high expectations around the way we operate as a district,” she said. “I declined participation in the validation study to avoid giving undue advantage to any one particular vendor who might respond to an RFP in the future and to protect the integrity of our public procurement process.”

What many parents want to know at the moment is whether or not they are wasting their money preparing their children for a test that may not be given.

While ISEE could be the selected vendor, that is not yet known and the RFP could attract any number of new testing companies. BPS sent the required information to the City for the RFP to be advertised early this week, and those bids won’t come in for many weeks.

BPS said in a statement that they would continue to use an entrance exam of some kind, in addition to other existing admission requirements that are currently used.

They also said that those already in test prep programs should speak with the provider to ensure the materials are appropriate for the student’s grade and aligned to Massachusetts state curriculum standards. Cassellius said the best test prep is daily attendance in school and learning grade-level reading and math lessons.

Earlier this year, in January, Cassellius’s Exam School Initiative report was issued to the School Committee. That report was commissioned to look at equity in the Exam Schools, and is currently being considered by the Committee.

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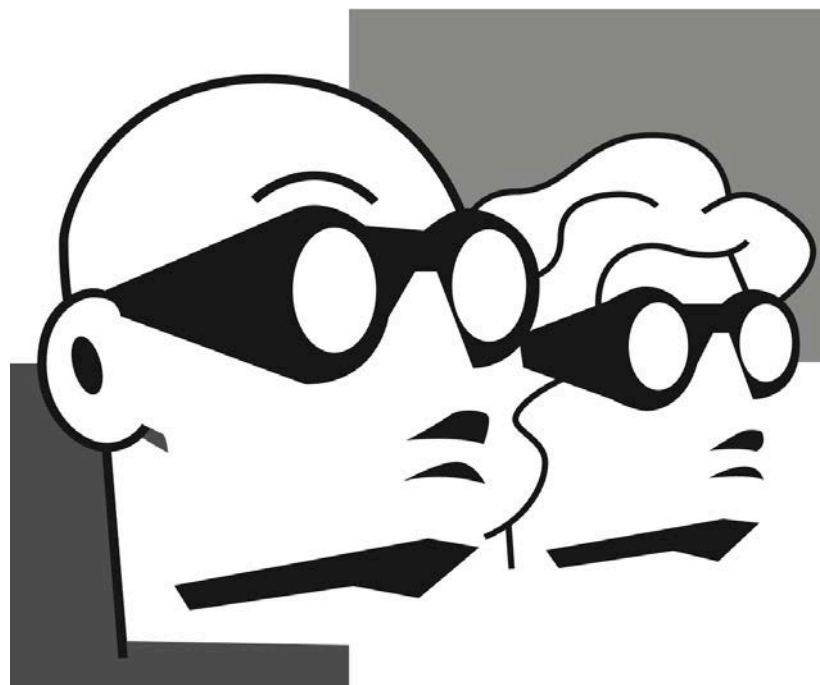
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College athlete Ikenna Ndugba gives back to JP youth

BY LAURA PLUMMER

Last month, the Gazette featured the story of Timmance McKinney, Boston-born basketball player-turned-coach who now mentors at-risk youth in his hometown. This month we turn the spotlight on McKinney's friend Ikenna Ndugba, a Boston native and college basketball player who spends his free time mentoring youth in Jamaica Plain and elsewhere.

Ndugba is a celebrated point guard for the Bulldogs at Bryant University in Rhode Island. In addition to his many achievements on the court, he has also made the Eastern College Athletic Conference (ECAC) President's Honor Roll for his outstanding grades. Like many college basketball players, he dreams of one day going pro. But this accomplished athlete has not forgotten his humble roots, nor the city that raised him.

Ndugba grew up in a house on the Roslindale/Hyde Park line, but spent most of his time in Roxbury and the South End and was a student at Mission Grammar School in Mission Hill. He went on to attend Boston Latin Acad-



COURTESY OF IKENNA NDUGBA

Ikenna Ndugba moves up court during a game.

emy in Dorchester from seventh to ninth grade. While growing up, some of his closest friends lived in the Mildred C. Hailey Apartments in Jamaica Plain.

Formerly known as Bromley Heath, the low-income housing development on the JP/Roxbury line is a notorious hotbed for violence, gang activity and drug dealing. Just two weeks ago a man was beaten and robbed when he was lured there under the pretense of purchasing head-

phones. Ndugba witnessed firsthand how easy it was for young men of color in the projects to get caught up in criminal activity.

"I was tired of seeing friends and people I grew up with led down a path that was not beneficial for them," he told the Gazette. "That's why I left the city."

Ndugba transferred to Brooks School, a co-ed prep school in North Andover where his performance as both a student and an athlete earned him a free ride to

Bryant.

However, Ndugba never forgot where he came from. As he embarked on his college career, he asked his friend McKinney how he could give back to the youth of his city. McKinney recommended that Ndugba do a speaking tour as he had done, to get into the schools and into the lives of young people in Boston.

"Timmance was the real push, the main person who encouraged me to do it," he said. "You can get too wrapped up in playing."

Taking McKinney's advice, Ndugba began spending his summers giving talks to local youths and engaging student athletes both on and off the courts. While speaking at his old elementary school during his freshman year, he caught the eye of former state representative Jeffrey Sanchez.

Sanchez recognized Ndugba's natural talent for inspiring young people and invited him to do outreach work in Jamaica Plain, Mission Hill and Brookline. Their youth engagement work even brought Ndugba back to the familiar walkways of Mildred Hailey.

"Jeff wanted me to come share my story and meet the kids," he said.

Sanchez introduced Ndugba to Allison Cruz, the founder of Real Kidz Boston, a non-profit Christian ministry that aims to help at-risk youth in the city. Between workouts, Ndugba volunteered at their events, including backpack giveaways and basketball games. Every year, he brings teens from the Real Kidz program to tour Bryant University and watch the Bulldogs play.

"It's nice to see the looks on their faces when they are up at Bryant, to see them take a deep breath," he said. "They can relax and just be kids."

Ndugba also mentors college-bound high school seniors during the application process.

In 2018, Ndugba founded a non-profit called 617Peak, which organizes open mic events for teens and young adults in Boston. The non-profit encourages young people to share their personal stories through writing and spoken word.

"This platform provides members of the community with an outlet to voice their concerns, thoughts and feelings in a safe and comfortable environment," reads the mission statement.

Ndugba has a vision for the youth of Mildred Hailey and the other communities where he volunteers.

"I want them to find what they love to do and pursue it," he said. "There's a lot in the city that can be discouraging and sometimes that lowers a kid's drive to want to achieve their goals."

Ndugba received his bachelor's degree in business marketing from Bryant in 2019 and is currently working on his MBA there. He holds onto his dream of playing professional ball, but affirmed that the MBA will help him to grow his non-profit.

"It's my way of being an example of taking full advantage of an opportunity," he said.

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The hearing will be held by the City of Boston's Tree Warden (or designee) in the 3rd floor Conference Room of the Boston Parks and Recreation Department at 1010 Massachusetts Avenue, Roxbury.

The request is for the removal of two pear trees measuring 13 and 14 inches dbh (diameter at

breast height) due to new building construction at 3193 Washington Street in Jamaica Plain.

Public testimony will be taken at the hearing, or may be provided prior to the hearing in writing to the Tree Warden, Boston Parks and Recreation Department, 1010 Massachusetts Avenue, 3rd floor, Roxbury, MA 02118 or by emailing parks@boston.gov with "Jamaica Plain Tree Hearing" in the subject line.

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Massport announces new memorial scholarship honoring former Port Director

The Massachusetts Port Authority (Massport) announced a new scholarship available to students in Boston, honoring the late Port Director Deborah Hadden Gray who passed away in September 2019. Hadden Gray, of Melrose, worked for Massport for 20 years and served as Port Director from 2012-2015. She had a tremendous impact on Massport's Maritime mission and was a strong advocate for the working port, and the jobs and businesses it supported, while carefully balancing the priorities of the South Boston community.

"Deb was a vibrant, passionate, and talented leader at Massport for many years. She had a tremendous impact on our maritime mission and was instrumental in starting the Boston Harbor Dredging Project to prepare the Port of Boston for the future," said Massport CEO Lisa Wieland. "Deb was admired by her colleagues not only for her professional accomplishments at Massport, but also for her caring and thoughtful nature. I hope this scholarship will inspire students to become advocates and leaders in marine sciences and

maritime industries."

The Deborah Hadden Gray Memorial Scholarship will award \$5,000 annually to a high school student who must be:

- A resident of the City of Boston, Chelsea, Revere or Winthrop;
- A high school senior with a minimum 3.0 GPA;
- Accepted to an accredited college, university, or registered apprenticeship program;
- Involved in community service or employment outside of school;
- Interested in pursuing

studies in biology, environmental or marine sciences, maritime business, other related maritime field, or a trade.

Massport is also accepting applications for the following scholarships and internship:

- Thomas J. Butler Memorial Scholarship – \$5,000 scholarship is awarded annually to a high school senior who resides and is involved in community service in South Boston, with a minimum 3.0 GPA, and is interested in pursuing studies in Criminal Justice, Political Science, Public Service, or Social Services.

• Donna Rauseo Memorial Scholarship – \$5,000 scholarship is awarded annually to a female high school senior who resides and is involved in community service in East Boston, with a minimum of 3.0 GPA.

- Lowell L. Richards III Memorial Scholarship – \$5,000 scholarship is awarded annually to a high school senior who resides and is involved in community service in Boston, Chelsea, Revere, or Winthrop, with a 3.0 GPA, and is pursuing studies in Government, Public Administration, Management, Planning, Architecture, or Design.
- Diversity STEM Scholarship – \$6,000 scholarship is awarded annually to graduating high school seniors with a minimum 3.0 GPA who reside or attend schools in Boston, Chelsea, Revere, Winthrop, Worcester, Bedford, Lincoln, Concord, or Lexington. The students must be involved in community service and are interested in pursuing a degree that could be utilized in the Transportation Industry in areas of study such as Aviation, Business Administration, Accounting, Architecture, Engineering, Finance, or Human Resources.

For more information on these scholarships and internship, visit www.massport.com/massport/community/initiatives/internship-scholarships/

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FRIENDS OF KELLY RINK RECOGNIZED

PHOTOS BY MIKE MEJIA

Community Servings partnered with Legal Services Center to recognize the work the Friends of the Kelly Rink have done for the past 20 years by providing hot chocolate during the Learn to Skate program

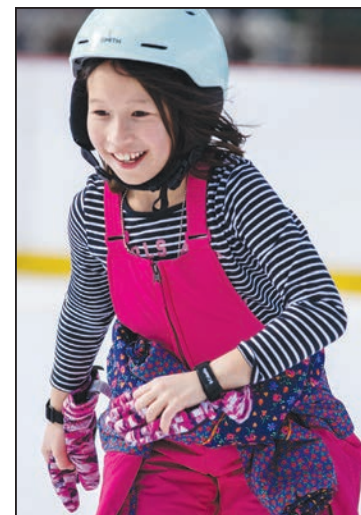
hours on Saturday, February 8. It was a bright, sunny Saturday morning for kids and adults to enjoy their time on the ice, and warm-up with delicious hot chocolate topped with whip cream, peppermint, marshmallows and chocolate syrup.



Sisters Alice and Daniela Child of Jamaica Plain.



David Motlotle pours chocolate syrup into his hot chocolate topped with whip cream.



Kaiya Platt of Jamaica Plain.



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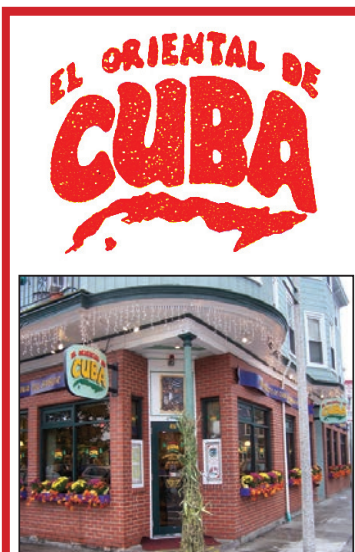
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Sisters Gabby, 7, Kaiya, 10, and Norah Platt, 4, of Jamaica Plain, enjoy a cup of hot chocolate before starting their lesson in the Learn to Skate program.



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Ashley Rao skating during the Learn to Skate program.

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Shown above: Gary Allen, Kyra Taylor, Julie McCormack, and Julia Schutt of Legal Services were some of the volunteers serving chocolate, whip-cream, peppermint, marshmallows, and chocolate syrup to everyone in attendance.

Shown top right: Head teacher of the Learn to Skate program, Kim Wheeland, and Friend of the Kelly Rink, Steve Glickel.

Shown bottom right: Friends of the Kelly Rink Mike Frank and Ginny Morgan-Clifford.

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APAC's Fuel Assistance Program still accepting applications

BY JOHN LYNDIS

As the cold New England winter arrives the Action for Boston Community Development's (ABCD) annual Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP)/ Fuel Assistance Program at the Jamaica Plain APAC & Citywide Boston Hispanic Center office on Bickford Street heats up.

This year ABCD's local APAC office will help thousands of residents in Jamaica Plain and across the city stay warm this winter.

Although the LIHEAP is still accepting applications for new clients, more than 20,000 households have already exhausted

their fuel benefits and need heat to get through the rest of the winter.

ABCD's President and CEO John Drew, along with other LIHEAP administrators, is requesting that more money for fuel assistance be put into the Fiscal Year 2020 Massachusetts Supplemental Budget to help Jamaica Plain families and families across the state.

"Massachusetts today, the health and safety of tens of thousands of struggling low-income elders, children, people with disabilities, and families are at serious risk with months of frigid temperatures ahead and a critical need for state funding for home heating assistance," said

Drew. "In fact, 20,000 households statewide have exhausted their benefits and are on the brink of crisis."

Drew said the consequences of not having heat can be dire and this funding is needed immediately.

"We appreciate the governor and state legislature's efforts in the past, including last year. We ask these leaders to step up again by increasing funding for LIHEAP (the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program)," said Drew. "We are getting calls from worried elders and oil/propane customers whose tanks are empty – and many others will be out of benefits shortly due to the early cold snaps we have had this

season."

Even as Drew and others urge state legislators to allocate more money for the important Jamaica Plain program, ABCD is urging individuals and families to apply for heating assistance today.

"You can call ABCD at 617.357.6012 or visit bostonabcd.org/fuel-assistance to learn more," said Drew. "If eligible, residents also qualify for a number of energy- and money-saving programs including repair or replacement of broken or inefficient furnaces, refrigerators, air conditioners, dehumidifiers or front loading washing machines, weatherization assistance, and more," said Assistant Executive Director of community action agency Citizens for Citizens Liz Berube. "Despite the successful efforts by our Federal legislators to restore Federal funding to Massachusetts for fuel assistance, for which CFC along with our sister agencies are extremely grateful, Massachusetts will still see a cut in this year's overall funding. In good conscience, CFC will need to reach out to our state legislature for additional resources to ensure that our most vulnerable households will be able to purchase the oil needed to stay warm, safe and healthy as well as assist all eligible households with their total energy burden."

In Jamaica Plain LIHEAP el-

igibility is determined by annual income and how many people are in the household. The program is available to homeowners and renters – even those living in non-subsidized housing with heat included in the rent.

"Currently, a family of four with an annual income of \$38,625 – 150 percent of the Federal Poverty Level – will not receive any additional fuel assistance or be able to cover their bills if our state legislators don't support this request," said Drew. "The same goes for a family of eight making \$43,430 – that's 100 percent of the Federal Poverty Level. Or consider one elder living on a fixed income of \$15,613 – 125 percent of the Federal Poverty Level-- they'll be unable to keep their home warm, putting their health and safety in peril."

Unsafe heating methods can turn into disaster. This funding will help prevent desperate elders and families from turning to unsafe methods to heat their homes – the oven, space heaters, and so forth – risking fire as they try to avoid the dangers of frostbite, hypothermia or worse.

According to the Office of the State Fire Marshal, one of every 68 space heater fires causes a fatality. Earlier this month, a fire took the lives of two brothers in Fitchburg whose heating oil tank was empty. Investigators suspect the space heater as a cause.



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JP Observer

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going on, even before the U.S. entered it. Some said they should focus on sending necessities to Europe for refugees instead.

People proud of JP's activist history should not despair at learning this. The JP Historical Society website (jphs.org) notes several suffragists who lived and/or are buried here, as provided to them by Smoyer. They include Judith Winsor Smith, a suffragist and abolitionist, who voted for the first time in 1920 at the age of 99, and her daughter Zilpha Smith. Susan Walker FitzGerald of Greenough Avenue

was the first woman Democrat elected to the Massachusetts legislature. And there were more.

Times and dates of each event are on the Loring Greenough House website at <http://loring-greenough.org/suffrage-at-100-series-a-century-of-women-and-the-vote/>

Tickets must be ordered ahead of time at the website for each of the Suffrage at 100 programs due to space limitations. Tickets are inexpensive, with discounts for Loring Greenough House members. People for whom ordering on line is difficult may also call 617-524-3158 for reservations. The Loring Greenough House is across from the Civil War Monument at 12 South Street.



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JP Agenda

The deadline for listings is noon, Tues. March 10 for the March 13 issue. Send listings to reporter@jamaicaplaingazette.com. Note: 617 should be dialed before numbers below, unless another area code is given.

Meetings

The Ward 10 Democratic will be meeting on Feb. 22 at 9:45 AM at 835 Huntington Ave. to elect registered Democrats to the Massachusetts State Democratic Convention to be held on May 30 at the Tsongas Arena in Lowell.

Stonybrook Neighborhood Association. Next meeting Monday, March 9, 7-9 pm, English High School Library, 144 McBride St. More/latest info: www.sna-jp.org

The Jamaica Pond Association monthly business meeting of the Jamaica Pond Association Board of Directors has been relocated to The First Baptist Church of Jamaica Plain at 633 Centre Street, Jamaica Plain. The meeting will be from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. on Monday, March 2, 2020.

In addition to the business meeting the JPA will hear a presentation by District 6 City Councilor Matt O'Malley, with an opportunity for brief questions from the board and attendees.

A new business that requires zoning variances is proposed for 561-579 Centre Street, the former JP Mart site. The owner will review his plans for a retail/wholesale butcher, grocery, café with off/on premises consumption, and malt/wine beverages for off-premises. These new uses as well as an issue with the structure (insufficient rear yard) require votes by the JPA Board before the matter can be considered by the Jamaica Plain Neighborhood Council Zoning Committee and the City of Boston Zoning Board of appeals. As usual, attendees will have an opportunity to make brief comments and to ask questions before the board concludes its deliberations and votes on the requested zoning code variances.

All Jamaica Pond Association business meetings are open

to the public.

In April, the board will resume meeting at the Jamaica Way Tower at 111 Perkins Street from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.

Open House at the Jamaica Plain Neighborhood Council. Tuesday, February 25 at 7:00pm at Farnsworth House, 90 South Street. The Jamaica Plain Neighborhood Council (JPNC) will hold an Open House for anyone in the community interested in running for the Council to ask questions of the Council.

This will be followed by the regular monthly meeting. On the agenda will be a presentation by Rep. Elugardo on her legislative agenda. Also on the agenda will be updates and recommendations from the working committees.

All interested residents are invited to attend.

The Public Service Committee of the Jamaica Plain Neighborhood Council will hold its monthly meeting on Tuesday, March 3 at 7:00pm at Curtis Hall, 20 South Street. On the agenda will be a request of Meadowlark Butcher and Grocer at 579 Centre Street for a 7-Day Common Victualer (Restaurant) License and a Beer & Wine Package Store License, with a seasonal outdoor patio, with Max Giltlen as manager. All interested residents are invited to attend.

Police Community Relations Meeting will take place on Thursday, March 5 at 6:30pm at Curtis Hall, 20 South Street. Commanders from Boston Police Area E, MBTA Police and State Police will deal with all issues of public safety raised by the community. All interested residents are invited to attend.

Jamaica Plain Neighborhood Council Zoning Committee next regularly-scheduled meeting will be March 4 at Farnsworth House. The agenda for that meeting will include 3368 Washington Street (new construction, five-story mixed-use development including residential (202 units), office use (14,000 square feet), community center, and basement-level parking (38 spaces); building to provide housing and supportive services for formerly-homeless individuals

(140 units), administered by Pine Street Inn, and 82 affordable rental units; demolition of existing building on site); 3171 Washington Street (new construction of a four-story building with nine residential units and one ground-floor commercial space); 150 Chestnut Avenue (install driveway and curb cut for one off-street parking space); and 101-103 Green Street (renovation in existing finished basement to change laundry room/storage area into new full bathroom and new laundry room; modify utilities shared with other unit). After March 4th, the Committee's next upcoming meetings will be March 18 and April 1.

Vacancy on the Jamaica Plain Neighborhood Council People who are interested in the available seats on the Jamaica Plain Neighborhood Council can contact Kevin Rainsford, chair of the Council at (617) 866-7672 or kprainsford@gmail.com or come

The Egleston Square Neighborhood Association will meet on Monday, March 2 from 6:30-8:30 p.m. The meeting is in the YMCA Building at 3134 Washington St. Agenda to be determined.

JP Problem Properties Committee, first Thursday of the month, 10:30am, Egleston Library, 2044 Columbus Ave. Info: Office of Rep. Malia, 617-722-2380

Youth/Families

Children's Theatre - Elementary school students from the Neighborhood School JP present, "Second Story," an original play with circus arts, music, and more, written and directed by Johnny Blazes. Saturday, March 7, 3 pm, Media Arts Center at Roxbury Community College, 1234 Columbus Avenue, Roxbury. Parking available at the Cedar Street lot, corner of Cedar and Columbus. Admission by donation, appropriate for ages 4 and up. <http://neighborhoodschooljp.org/news/>

Interested in cohousing? Village Hill Cohousing (www.villagehillcohousing.com) in Northampton, MA invites you to join an info session in JP,

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Family Fun Fair, Saturday, March 21st, 10 am - 2 pm, Corner Co-op Nursery School, 1773 Beacon St., Brookline. Enjoy kids' games/art activities, face painting, silent auction, raffle, delicious food and a live puppet show performance by Puppet Showplace Theatre, Resident Artist, Sarah Nolen

"Judy Saves the Day" at 1 pm. Ages 2-7+. \$10 per child or \$25 per family of three children or more. 617-738-4631; cornercoop.org. Check us out on Facebook.

Book Discussion: "And Then We Found the Letters" On March 3, 2pm, at the JP Library, 30 South Street, Sharlene Voogd Cochrane will be talking about her new book, *And Then We Found the Letters*. The stories developed from letters her grandmother saved which were found after her death. Sharlene will be talking about the stories, the writing process, and making suggestions for writing family history.

Children Dance Classes: JP Dance Co-op is hosting two new classes this Fall: Parent & Child: Intro to Movement for ages ~3-4 on Sundays, 10-11 a.m., to Dec. 8 (Full course: \$100 / Drop in: \$15); and Pre-Ballet & Modern: Dance Basics for ages ~5-6 on Sundays, 11am-12pm, 10/6-12/8 (Full course: \$100). Classes held at Spontaneous Celebrations (FYI: no classes December 1 for holidays). Email Caitlin Fisher to register: JPDanceCoop@gmail.com.

Kids on Wheels: Play and learn, every Sunday, 3 to 5 pm - Ferris Wheels Bike Shop helps kids learn and practice safe riding skills while having lots of fun at the South Street Mall and tennis courts! Free helmet adjustments and free bike adjustments available. Heavy rain cancels. At the tennis courts at South Street and Carolina Avenue. 617-524-2453.

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The Roberto Clemente 21 Sports program is now accepting applications (boys and girls ages 6-16). Location: The Hennigan Community Center, 200 Heath St., Jamaica Plain. Info: 617-828-9524 or alliria-no@yahoo.com.

Spanish-English Language Exchange / Intercambio de Idiomas en Inglés y Español, Saturdays / sábados, 12 - 1:45 p.m. Connolly Branch Library.

Support Group for Young Parents, a program of Jewish Family and Children's Services, open to all faiths, for parents with children from birth to one-year, registration not required. Thursdays, 10:30am-noon. Info: 781-647-5327/info@jfc-boston.org.

Tiny Tots World Music and Movement, music classes for kids age 2-5 by Helder Tsinine, Mondays 11-11:45am; Saturdays, 10-10:45am, \$17 per class or \$90 for 6 weeks, Egleston YMCA, 3134 Washington St. Info: htsinine@gmail.com.

Family art class, wheelchair accessible, Tuesdays 10:30am-11:30am, ages 3-5. Tuesdays, 3:30-4:30 p.m., ages 5+. Family Resource Center, 1542 Columbus Ave. Info: 522-1018.

Egleston Square Library, free homework help, Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays, ongoing throughout the school year, 3:30-5:30 p.m., 2044 Columbus Ave, Roxbury.

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Care to Care, a support group for family caregivers of people with Alzheimer's and other dementias, second Wednesdays of the month, 6:30-7:30 p.m. Springhouse, 44 Allandale St. Info: Meredith Griffiths, 522-0043/mgriffiths@springhouse-boston.org.

Forest Hills Runners, several weekly group runs, info/schedule: foresthillsrunners.org.



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Plazo para la sección de eventos: martes, 10 marzo para la edición 13 marzo. Mande eventos a reporter@jamaicaplainingazette.com. Los números telefónicos que siguen empiezan con 617.

Reuniones

Comité de casas abandonadas en JP, primer jueves del mes, 10.30, Egleston Library, 2044 Columbus Ave. 722-2060.

ESNA, lunes, 2 marzo, 6.30-8.30pm. YMCA, 3134 Washington Street.

Asociación de Jamaica Pond, lunes, 2 marzo, 7-9pm, 111 Perkins Street.

JPNC, reunión mensual, 25 feb, 7pm, Farnsworth House; Comité de urbanización, 4 marzo; Comité de servicio público, 3 marzo, 7pm, Curtis Hall.

Reunión de la policía con la comunidad, 5 marzo, 6.30pm, Curtis Hall.

Reunión de demócratas de Ward 10, 22 feb, 9.45am. 835 Huntington. Para elegir demócratas a la convención demócrata estatal 30 mayo en Lowell.

Asociación de vecinos Stonybrook, 9 marzo, 7-9pm, biblioteca de English High School. Sna-jp.org.

ESNA, reunión 2 marzo, 6.30-8.30pm. YMCA.

Noticias publicas

Programa de comida comunitaria, comidas gratuitas, con opciones veganas. Comida casera sana. Cena cada miércoles, 6.30pm. Almuerzo, Crossroads Café cada sábado, 12pm. 524-3992, Churchoffice@firstbaptistjp.org

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Línea de quejas sobre el ruido del aeropuerto, línea de quejas de Massport sobre el ruido, abierta 6 am to 6 pm. Llame cuando le molesta el ruido de aviones de la pista 27 de Logan: 561-3333. Los Congresistas Mike Capuano (621-6208) y Steven Lynch (428-2000) también quiere que la gente llame

sobre ruido de aviones.

La eliminación de agujas, Las agujas/jeringas no se pueden tirar en la basura normal de la casa. Lugar para depositar: AIDS Action Committee, 75 Amory St. Programa de intercambio de agujas para los usuarios de drogas inyectables disponible en AHOPE Boston en 534-3963. Si ha encontrado una aguja en un área público, llame a la línea directa del alcalde: 635-4500.

Compostaje comunal, sábados, 10am-2pm, mercado de agricultores de Egleston Square, 45 Brookside Ave. greenovateboston.gov.

Spotholes, herramienta para reportar hoyos, 635-4500, con la aplicación móvil Citizens Connect, cityofboston.gov/mayor/24, y usando #spotholes en twitter.

Niños/familias

Servicio de adoración, día de acción, 10am, 351 Centre Street.

Clases de baile para niños, introducción al movimiento para niños y padres, los domingos 10-11am; básicos de baile, los domingos 11am-12pm. Spontaneous Celebrations. Registración: jpdancecoop@gmail.com.

Noches de Perros Calientes, todos los miércoles, 4.30-6.30pm, 42 Horan Way. Con música y comida.

Clases de música y movimiento para niños edades 2-5, con Helder Tsinine, los lunes, 11 – 11.45 am; los sábados, 10-10.45 am. \$17/clase o \$90/seis semanas, Egleston YMCA, 3134 Washington St. htsinine@gmail.com.

Clase de arte para la familia, accesible a las sillas de ruedas, los martes, 10.30 – 11.30 am, edades 3-5. Los martes, 3.30 – 4.30 pm, 5+. Family Resource Center, 1542 Columbus Ave. 522-1018.

Programa de Deportes Roberto Clemente acepta aplicaciones para niños y niñas 6-16. El centro comunitario, 200 Heath St. 828-9524 o alliriano@yahoo.com.

Intercambio de idioma inglés-español, sábados, 12-1.45pm, Connolly Branch Library.

Grupo de apoyo para padres/madres jóvenes, un programa de Jewish Family and Children's Services, para gente de todas religiones, para padres/madres de niños con menos de un año, no se requiere inscribirse. Los jueves, 10.30am-noon. 781-647-5327, info@jfcbsboston.org.

Intercambio de idiomas inglés-español, los sábados, 12-1.45pm. Connolly Branch Library.

Egleston Square Library, ayuda con la tarea gratuita, los lunes, martes, miércoles y jueves, durante el año escolar, 3.30-5.30pm, 2044 Columbus Ave, Roxbury.

Niños en ruedas, cada domingo, seguridad de bicicleta 3-5pm, en las canchas de tenis en South y Carolina.

Paseos en bici, martes y jueves, 7am, Ferris Wheels, 66 South Street.

Salud/Bienestar físico

parkrun, evento comunitario de correo, con eventos de 5 kilómetros cada fin de semana. Todos los sábados, 8.45am, Sugarbowl. Carrera: 9.00am.

Paseo para el bienestar, los sábados, 8-9am, Lote de estacionamiento del club de golf de Franklin Park. alison.g.m.brown@gmail.com.

Clases de yoga, meditación y la reducción del estrés, bajo costo, algunas gratis, inglés y español, MindBody/Health Promotion Center, 10 Green St. 983-4226.

Care to Care, un grupo de apoyo para la familia de personas con Alzheimer y otras demencias, segundo miércoles del mes, 6.30-7.30pm. 44 Allandale St. Meredith Griffiths: 522-0043, mgriffiths@springhouseboston.org.

Corredores de Forest Hills, varias corridas en grupo semanales, info/horario: foresthillrunners.org.

Adultos Mayores

Café mensual de la memoria, 24 feb. 10.30am-12pm. Jamaica Plain Branch Library, 30 South Street.

Café mensual de la memoria, para la gente que sufre de la pérdida de la memoria y los que les cuiden, Amory Street Housing Development, 125 Amory St., El último jueves de cada mes de 1.30 – 3pm. Gratuito para todos. 440-1615 / bmclaren@uphams.org.

Programa de música para los ancianos, Curtis Hall, 20 South St., los viernes, 10.30-12. 983-3638.

La Vida Buena Club para la Vida Sana de ABCD, sesiones mensuales del bienestar, para los adultos con más de 50 años, los miércoles, 10am. Mi Vida, Mi Salud, clase para adultos 50+ con condiciones de salud crónicas, clases semanales, jueves, 2pm. Clases de computadora para adultos 50+, los lunes, 3pm. 30 Bickford St. 522-4251.

Talleres de Ethos para el envejecimiento sano, el mantenimiento de las enfermedades crónicas los martes, 10am, SJPHC, 640 Centre St., herramientas poderosas los miércoles, 4.30pm, 555 Amory St. ethoscare.org.

Programa de auto-mantenimiento de diabetes, 1179 River St., los miércoles, 9.30am-12. Ann Glora, 477-6616.

Crossroads Café, almuerzo gratis y evento social para ancianos y

sus invitados, con música en vivo y presentaciones educacionales. Comida de ingredientes locales. Pan, vegetales, leche y comida para llevar disponibles. Los sábados, 633 Centre St., 12.00-2pm. 524-3992, firstbaptistjp.org.

Trabajo Voluntario

Programa de aprendizaje para adultos, se busca voluntarios para enseñar inglés a adultos, orientación gratuita. jpcctutor@gmail.com o 635-5201.

The Boston Teachers Union School busca voluntarios para tutelar a alumnos de la secundaria, los martes y/o miércoles, 3-4.30pm. David Weinstein, maestro de matemáticas: dweinstein@bostonpublicschools.org, 857-334-9855.

Mentor o tutor, matemáticas, ciencia, historia, inglés, idiomas extranjeros, SAT, y más. Los martes, miércoles, jueves, 3-8pm, sábado 10am-2.30pm. hydesquare.org/get-involved/join-our-programs.

Chelsea Jewish Hospice & Palliative Care (CJHPC) busca voluntarios para ayudar a las personas con enfermedades terminales en JP, 1-2 horas/semana. Formación gratis. Aimee: 889-0779, afarrell@chelseajewish.org.

Coalición de Franklin Park busca miembros para la junta directiva, miembros del comité y voluntarios. admin@franklinparkcoalition.org (junta directiva y comité); volunteer@franklinparkcoalition.org, 442-4141.

Ethos busca compañeros para visitar ancianos en casa. Se requieren una orientación y un compromiso de una hora por semana. JP, Hyde Park, West Roxbury, Roslindale y Mattapan. ethoscare.org/volunteer/application, 522-6700.

Cuidado hospicio de VNA, una organización sin fines de lucro, busca voluntarios para proveer amistad a los pacientes. Ninguna experiencia requerida, ofrecemos entrenamiento continuo y apoyo para todos los voluntarios. vna-hospicecare.org, 781-569-2811.

Inglés para nuevos bostonianos, se buscan voluntarios para servir como tutores de inglés. 982-6864, fmartinez@englishfornewbostonians.org.

Brigham and Women's Faulkner Hospital en 1153 Centre St. se buscan voluntarios para la tienda de regalos, la mesa de información, radiología, centro ortopédico y más. 983-7424, brighamandwomensfaulkner.org.

Programa de música FriendshipWorks, ¿Le gusta la música? Se buscan voluntarios para compartir la música y la amistad con los ancianos en JP. 277-5248.

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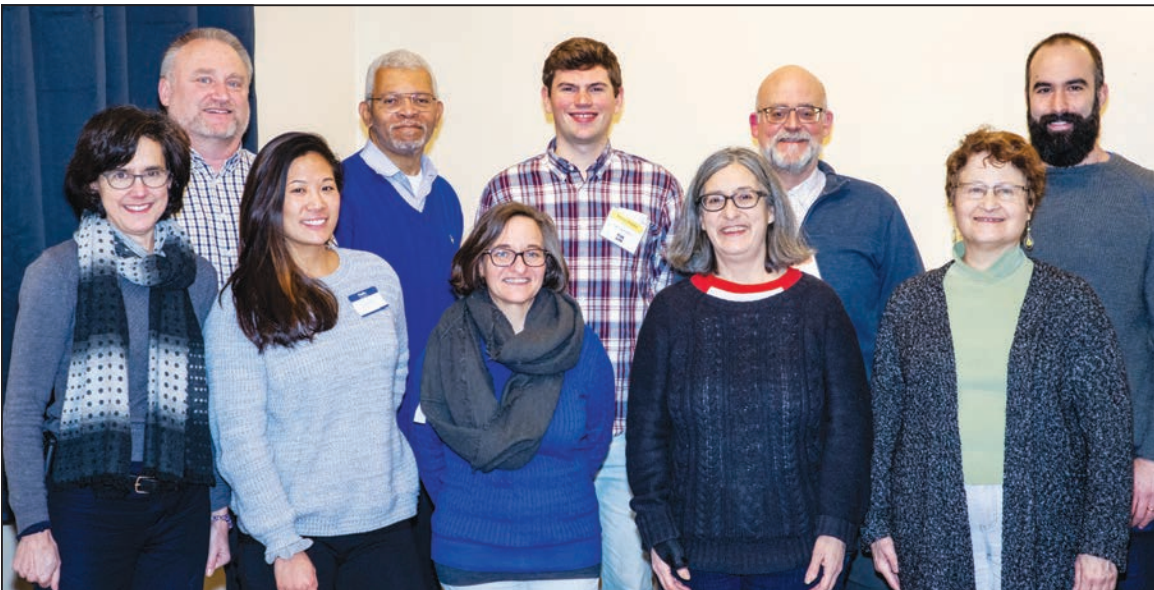
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Members of JP Toastmasters.



Everett Hoffman and Maple, 3, of Jamaica Plain.

JP Toastmasters held an instructive meeting on Monday, January 27, at the Footlight Club. Chartered in July 2017, JP Toastmasters is the Jamaica Plain branch of Toastmasters International, a non-profit educational organization that teaches public speaking and leadership skills. The group invites everyone to join them at the meetings on the 2nd and 4th Monday of every month, from 7- 8:30 p.m., at the Footlight Club.



Shown above: Jacon Wittkopp, left, and Kevin Morin paired for a couple of ice-breaking games. **Shown left:** Chris Amaral and Renee DeKona.



Sheryl Selby, left, and Liz Halprin, right, write down their opinions on Henry Klauke's speech.



Catie Delahanty, right, speaking with Giulia Chiara Alberti, left.



Robert Forbes analyzed Henry Klauke's speech and provides his opinions to the group.



Donna Baida participating during an ice-breaker.

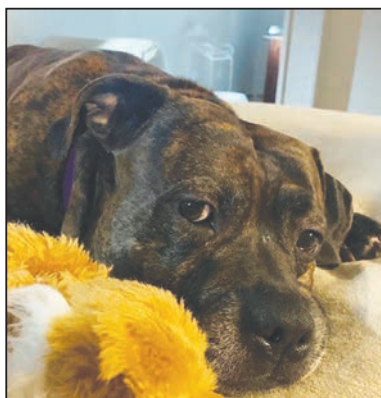
Gazette Pet of the Week

by Sarah Carroll



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Sights & Sounds

The deadline for listings is noon, March 10 for the March 13 issue. Send listings to reporter@jamaicaplainingazette.com. Note: 617 should be dialed before numbers below, unless another area code is given.

Special events

Homemade Cannoli Workshop! Saturday Feb. 22, 1-3pm. \$50 per person. In this hands-on NeighborFoodGroup workshop, you will make, shape, and fry cannoli shells, then prepare and pipe a sweet ricotta cream filling. There will be enough cannoli to both sample and bring home. The workshop will take place at my JP home off Forest Hills St. For more info, visit www.neighborfoodgroup.com

Community Bible Study, 11 am to noon, First Saturday of each month. Discussion, Lending Library of Bible Study Materials. Christian Science Reading Room, 351 Centre Street. 857 719-3432
JP Toastmasters meets the second and fourth Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m. at The Footlight Club in Jamaica Plain. The meeting will feature free food and drinks, introductions, and opportunities to practice speaking.

As always, meetings are free for guests. JP Toastmasters is known for providing a warm, welcoming environment where members help each other improve their public speaking and leadership skills

Arts, music, and culture

The Haven, HOOTENANNY - JP's OPEN MIC EVERY WEDNESDAY, hosted by Tom Dowd. Sign up is 9.30pm and we have prizes every Wednesday for the most interesting acts.

Midway Café, All shows 21+ - Doors at 8:00 PM unless otherwise noted

EVERYTHURSDAY 9:30 PM - 2:00 AM: QUEERAOKE (Drink - Sing - Dance - Repeat!)

Boston's very best lesbian night (but everyone is welcome and all are invited!)

EVERY FRIDAY 6:00 - 8:30 PM (FREE!): HIPPIE HOUR with Mystical Misfits and Uncle Johnny's Band (alternating weeks) and their friends playing the music of The Grateful Dead, Bob Dylan and more!

EVERY SUNDAY NIGHT 8:00 PM - 2:00 AM (FREE!): OPEN MIC AT THE MIDWAY Hosted by Angela Sawyer and Gabe Stoddard. Come one, come all! More info: <http://midwayorthehighway.com/>

Saturday 2/22 (Day Show) 3pm (\$7.00): Benefit for Horizons for Homeless Children with Electric Streets Queens, Loretta, Battery March, M.O.T.O., and Sewer Buddies

Sunday 2/23 (Day Show) 3pm (\$7.00): Maddy Roop, Matt and the Skeleton Crew, Sons Lunaris, Kooked Out

Monday 2/24 (\$5.00): Situational Irony 101, Fuzzy Bumble, Jay Gillespie & May Ave Band

Tuesday 2/25 (\$5.00): morgan miller, Will DePiano, Vince May, Elsie Eastman

Wednesday 2/26 (\$5.00): Thought Partner, Freaking, Thighs, Pregnancy Mask

Thursday 2/27 (before Queeraoke) \$5.00: Melissa Mills

Friday 2/28 (after Hippy Hour) 8:30pm (\$8.00): Ray Liriano, Muhammad Seven & The Spring, JBJ and Blended Family, Davis Black of the Inebriations (solo set)

Saturday 2/29 (Night Show) \$10.00: Take it Out and Blow on It: A Video Game Variety Show

Saturday 2/29 (Day Show) 3pm (\$8.00): DJ Easy Ed presents: Lynnette & the Sundowners, The Barley Hoppers, Easy Ed's Record Hop

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Sunday 3/1 (Day Show) 3pm (\$8.00): The Catbirds plus special guests

Monday 3/2 (\$5.00): Doug Linse, Alexandra Lillian, Conor Ryan Hennessy, Luke Domozick

Tuesday 3/3 (\$5.00): West of Neptune, Niffin, Hegemonix

Wednesday 3/4 (\$5.00): Unit One, UGLY, This Body Is All I Have In This World, Greycliff

Thursday 3/5 (before Queeraoke) \$5.00: Georgia Parker

Friday 3/6 (after Hippy Hour) 8:30pm (\$8.00): Renegade Cartel, Poison T, Heavy America

Saturday 3/7 (Night Show) \$10.00: The Gala, Muck and the Mires, Dangereens (Montreal), The Downhulls

Saturday 3/7 (Day Show) 3pm: The Midway is closed for a private event

Sunday 3/8 (Day Show) 3pm (\$5.00): Hallam George & the Hallelujah Chorus, Sofie, Bihomra, Local Boy

Monday 3/9 (\$10.00): Punk Rockin' and Pastie Poppin'

Tuesday 3/10 (\$5.00): MINX plus special guests

Wednesday 3/11 (\$5.00): Fully Celebrated Orchestra with special guests Shalashaska

Thursday 3/12 (before Queeraoke) \$5.00: Britt Walsh (monthly residency)

Friday 3/13 (after Hippy Hour) 8:30pm (\$8.00): Set Fire, Black Helicopter, Ringtail, TBA

Jeanie Johnston Pub, 144 South St. Open Mic hosted by Tony Bluze, Sundays at 8 pm. More events at jeaniejohnstonpub.com.

Bella Luna & The Milky Way Weekly events include: Radio Mamba's Family Rumba, every Sunday 5pm-8pm, live Latin music. Every Monday Stump Trivia from 8 - 10 p.m., Teacher Tuesdays and Dirty Water Saloon line dancing for queer folks and allies at 7PM. Every Wednesday live music from 6:30 - 9:30 PM. Throwback Thursday from 6-8pm with rotating DJ's barside. Visit www.milkywayjp.com for more late night events Thu-Sun.

First Fridays Youth Open Mic with renowned feature artists, first Friday of every month, 7pm at First Baptist Church, 633 Centre St. Free for performers and those under 25, \$10 suggested donation for those 25 and over.

Dance & comedy

Dance JP Revival! Free your mind, body, and soul, and lift your spirits with high-energy, feel-good, socially conscious music from around the world! All ages. Wheelchair accessible. Nov. 16, 7:30-9:30pm, First Baptist Church JP, 633 Centre St. \$5-\$15 (No one turned away for lack of funds). More info: <https://tinyurl.com/DanceJPRevival>, DanceJP-Dance@gmail.com

Gender-Free/English Country Dance, beginners welcome and encouraged. 2nd and 4th Tuesdays (5th Tuesdays: experienced) of the month, 7:30-11:30pm, First Church, 6 Eliot St. Info: www.lcfd.org/bgfe/512-5554.

Learn to stiltwalk with Spontaneous Celebrations, 45 Danforth St. Sundays, 11am-1pm, \$5. Info: 857-498-2438.

Family

Egleston Square Branch Library, 2044 Columbus Ave.

Free Drop-In Homework Help Mondays-Thursdays, 3:30-5:30pm The library provides free, drop-in afterschool homework help for students in grades K-8 throughout the school year. Spanish assistance is available Mondays and Thursdays. Help is provided by trained, high-achieving high school students. This program is available at locations across Boston on days that Boston Public Schools are in session. The full list

of locations is online at www.bpl.org/homework.

Jamaica Plain Branch Library Jamaica Plain Branch Library, 30 South Street, Jamaica Plain (617) 524-2053 will be hosting the following events:

ESL Conversation Group. Every Tuesday, 2-3:30 p.m.

Spanish Conversation Group. Every Saturday, 11:30-12:30. Sponsored by Roslindale Branch.

Connolly Branch Library 433 Centre St., 522-1960, www.bpl.org.

Just a reminder that we are very happy to receive book donations. The sale of books is the main source of income for the Friends. As you may know, we fund many needs at the library, including books for reading groups and children's programs.

The date for the 2020 book sale has been set for Saturday September 26.

Stonybrook Fine Arts, Make Your Own Wedding Rings workshop and teen & adult classes in welding, foundry and mold-making, ongoing, 24 Porter St. Info: stonybrookfinearts.com.

Woodworking, sewing, art classes, fiber arts, photography, book arts. Children, teens, adults, year round. Eliot School of Fine & Applied Arts, 24 Eliot St. Info: eliotschool.org or 524-3313.

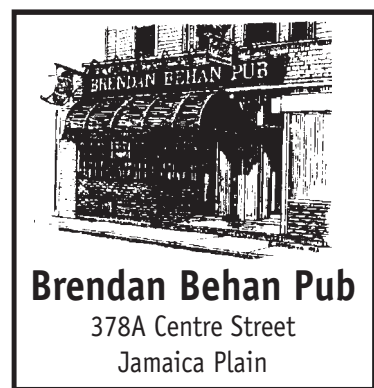
Shim Gum Do (Mind Sword Path), zen sword, karate and meditation classes, scholarships available, Spontaneous Celebrations, 45 Danforth St. Info: 429-8024/mushimgum@gmail.com.

Meet-Ups

Narratives Boston, queer activist-writers group open to LGBTQ-identified adults interested in creative expression and social justice, first and third Wednesday evenings of the month, 7-9pm, Haymarket People's Fund, 42 Seaverns Ave. Info: narrativesboston@gmail.com.

Party for the Helping Hand Fund, hosted by Haymarket People's Fund, every 3rd Friday of the month, 5:30-8pm, 42 Seaverns Ave. Info: 522-3349/umnunity@gmail.com.

Networking Group, local chapter of BNI, meets on Wednesdays at the Farnsworth House at 7am. Consists of 30 members of different professions. Through development and trust and relationships amongst the members, objective is to promote each other's businesses. Members may live outside of JP, but common tie is either living in or servicing the JP area. Info: President of chapter Katelyn Atwater, info: 431-0929



Sanctuary cities like Boston come under attack from CBP

By JOHN LYNDNS

Last Friday the U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) confirmed it has deployed specially trained agents to sanctuary cities like Boston, San Francisco, Los Angeles, Atlanta, Houston, New Orleans, Detroit and Newark, N.J. to help Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) agents capture undocumented immigrants.

The decision of CPB to send 100 members of its Border Patrol Tactical Unit (BORTAC) to track down and detain undocumented immigrants has received immediate backlash from elected officials at both the local and federal level as well as immigration rights activists.

BOARTAC is an elite CPB unit, much like a SWAT team, that are usually deployed to remote and dangerous areas of the U.S. southern border, Iraq and Afghanistan. The use of such a unit is now stoking fear among Boston's immigrant population.

"Because this initiative is unnecessary, unwelcome, dangerous, menacing, retaliatory and unlikely to achieve its stated goal, we write to demand that you reverse course and to pose questions to better understand your rationale for employing paramilitary-style immigration personnel equipped with 'stun grenades and enhanced Special Forces-type training, including sniper certification' in Boston and elsewhere in the United

States," wrote Mass U.S. Senators Elizabeth Warren and Ed Markey in a joint letter to the CBP opposing the deployment. "BORTAC personnel are not meant to focus on routine operations in some of the United States' largest cities, and there is no need for them to be part of these operations. Last July, an 'emergency' supplemental appropriation was passed and signed into law (over our opposition), providing ICE with hundreds of millions of dollars of additional funding. It is unclear why ICE now needs to draw upon elite CBP resources in order to carry out its operations."

Warren and Markey argue the real explanation for this deployment appears to be President Donald Trump and his administration's attempts to "punish American cities" that reject his immigration policies.

U.S. Rep. Ayanna Pressley agreed with Warren and Markey.

"Let us be clear, this move has nothing to do with public safety, but rather serves only to further the Trump Administration's agenda to intimidate and retaliate against cities that uphold the dignity and humanity of our immigrant neighbors," she said. "We will not stand for this. Where this administration chooses cruelty, the City of Boston will choose compassion. We will do everything in our power to affirm the safety and humanity of our immigrant neighbors. I call on each of my colleagues in

government in the City of Boston and targeted cities across the nation to affirm that we will not comply or cooperate with this abuse of power from the Trump Administration. We know our communities are made stronger by our immigrant neighbors and we will not turn our back on them in this time of persecution."

The Lawyers for Civil Rights (LCR) called for support so they can continue fighting immigration cases and deportations pro-bono.

"Sanctuary cities are under attack," said LCR in a statement. "Special tactical teams that normally operate at the border are being deployed in sanctuary cities across the country. Make no mistake: this is all designed to intimidate immigrant friendly cities and towns. These tactics provoke fear and uncertainty. Immigrants are pushed deeper into the shadows, and victims and witnesses of crime are reluctant to come forward. This makes us all unsafe. Right now, we need more immigrant friendly and sanctuary policies, not less. We need more humanitarian protections to keep our families and neighbors safe. We stand ready to deploy our pro bono network to protect and empower immigrant communities."

Donations can be made to www.donatenow.networkforgood.org/lawyersforcivilrights?mc_cid=757aa6bc3d&mc_eid=73a1fcce63.

Flaherty announces his 2020 committee assignments

Committee assignments for the two-year Boston City Council term beginning in 2020 have been announced, and Boston City Councilor At-Large Michael F. Flaherty has been assigned as the Chair of the Community Preservation Act (CPA) Committee for the second consecutive term. Councilor Flaherty has also been assigned as Vice-Chair on the Committee on Government Operations, the Committee on PILOT Reform, and the Committee on Rules and Administration.

"I am looking forward to my leadership roles on these critically important committees and to helping move Boston forward with effective legislation and constituent services," said Councilor Flaherty. "I am particularly excited about my role on the

PILOT reform committee, working with my colleagues and our City's tax exempt institutions to ensure that the benefits they are reaping from our great City are being returned equitably so we may all continue to prosper."

Councilor Flaherty has been a longtime champion of the CPA since its adoption by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in 2000, and was a key figure in its adoption by the City of Boston in 2016. In his role as CPA Committee chair, Councilor Flaherty will be central in the allocation of funds generated through the CPA, and their ultimate disbursement to affordable housing, open space, and historical preservation projects across the city.

Councilor Flaherty said "The success of the Community Preservation Act in the City of Boston is something I take great pride in, having spearheaded efforts

to support it for almost 20 years now. I am honored to continue serving in my role as Chairman of this important committee and working to ensure that deserving projects in every neighborhood of our City continue to receive this important funding."

Councilor Flaherty will now begin the public hearing process to determine the merits of each proposed project, ensuring that they meet all of the appropriate criteria and maximize public benefit. The Councilor welcomes input from all community partners and constituents throughout this process. Any concerned party is welcome to contact his office at 617-635-4205 or by email at michael.flaherty@boston.gov. A formal announcement of the CPA Committee hearing on this matter will follow once the hearing has been scheduled.

OBITUARIES

Ann Ribolini

July 22nd, 1948 — Feb. 1st, 2020

Dr. Ann Angela Ribolini passed from this world early in the morning on Saturday, February 1, 2020. Born the 5th of 6 children to her parents Augusto and Elena Ribolini in 1948 in Yonkers, NY, Ann grew up with her two sisters, closest in age, in the Bronx. As a child, Ann excelled in school and upon graduating high school in Nyack, NY she was granted a full scholarship to Stony Brook University, where she first obtained her Bachelors of Science and then her Ph. D. in Biochemistry.

After Stony Brook, Ann moved to Boston to do her post-doctorate research in recombinant DNA at Harvard University. As a teacher she earned a reputation for being a strict and no-nonsense grader. Rescuing a rat from the science labs, she named her Lenore and took her home to be a loving pet. Every evening when Ann got home, Lenore would run out from under the fridge and scamper up to Ann's shoulder to say hello. After Harvard, Ann took a research position at Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution and then at BioGen where she researched fruit fly DNA.

In her 20s and 30s, Ann was an avid canoer and would often take days long trips involving portaging her canoe between lakes. She also was a fantastic bread-maker and would make and keep her own sourdough starters. In her early thirties, she married and had two children, Maralena and Lennon, who were the absolute joys of her life.

When Maralena was two, BioGen offered Ann a position in Switzerland, so the family moved to Geneva for several months and had many fantastic adventures in the Alps and throughout Europe. Returning to the states, Ann decided that being a full-time lab scientist infringed too much on her time as a mother, and so she left science and opened a home daycare, Copper Beech Montessori, in her house in Jamaica Plain. The school was named for the ancient Copper Beech tree that watched over the children as they played in the back yard. Over the years, the



school grew both in reputation and size until Ann moved the school to its very own building and ran a successful, thriving business that gave hundreds of Boston families a nurturing environment for their children to grow and learn in for over 25 years.

Upon retiring, Ann wanted to leave the bustle and noise of the big city and bought a small cabin a quarter mile down the road from Yankee Lake in New York and around the corner from her sister. There she spent her days baking bread (again!), kayaking the lake, and enjoying peace and quiet surrounded by the forest. She especially enjoyed watching the birds as they visited her birdfeeders and the fish in her koi pond.

Ann was loving, kind, and generous to all who she met, and was especially proud of her children and granddaughter. She was an avid reader, especially of J.R.R Tolkien novels; she even had tattoos in Elvish! Her last travel abroad, with her children, to Italy, was one of the highlights of her life.

Both parents, as well as her siblings Egisto (Sonny), Augustine, and Elena, predeceased her. Ann is survived by her two children, Maralena and Lennon, her beloved granddaughter, Lyra Murphy, her sisters, Diana Tabone and Elizabeth Zambuto, and by many loving nieces and nephews.

Her radiant spirit will be remembered always.

Celebration of Life services will be held both in Boston and in NY. Please contact rsvp@annsmemorial.com for more information

The Greater Boston Food Bank's Board of Directors

The Greater Boston Food Bank (GBFB), the largest hunger-relief organization in New England, reflects on an historic year in 2019 while adding several new members to their Board of Directors including Jamaica Plain, Massachusetts resident Laura Perille.

Perille is President and CEO of Nurtury, a \$20 million childcare non-profit that services over 1,200 children. She recently served as the interim Superintendent of Boston Public Schools during 2018-19 and is the former President and CEO of EdVestors, a non-profit school improvement organization in Boston. Earlier in her career, the Brown University alum served as Director of Programs at GBFB from 1989 to 1994.

"We are so fortunate to have the support and guidance of one

of most respected education leaders in Eastern Massachusetts," said Catherine D'Amato, GBFB's president and CEO. "The energy and passion she brought to GBFB as a staff member early in her career remains, and with this experience, she is an amazing resource as a board member."

"Since my days as a young food bank staff member, I have been motivated by the mission to end hunger and the call to serve our most vulnerable children, families and neighbors," said Perille. "While my professional career shifted to focus on education, it is motivated by this same mission, which sadly remains even more relevant today."

The Skokie, IL native joined the GBFB Board of Directors during an important year as the organization launched a new strategic plan called Hunger

Free 2028. This ambitious effort calls for investments in exciting new initiatives that support a three-pronged strategy, focusing on sustained access to nutritious food, capacity building, and research and policy advancements.

As GBFB strives to make Eastern Massachusetts Hunger Free by 2028, below are a few of the organization's 2019 achievements:

- 57 million meals distributed – a GBFB record
- 84% of food inventory met nutritional standards
- 33% of food distributed was fresh produce
- 65% of food distributed was nutritious protein, produce and dairy
- \$20 million secured for the Massachusetts Emergency Food Assistance Program (MEFAP) for the state's four food banks - a

\$2 million increase

- \$18.7 million in private revenue raised

In 2019, GBFB welcomed five new members to its now 20-member Board of Directors and two new members to its 15-member Board of Advisors.

2019 Additions to GBFB Board of Directors

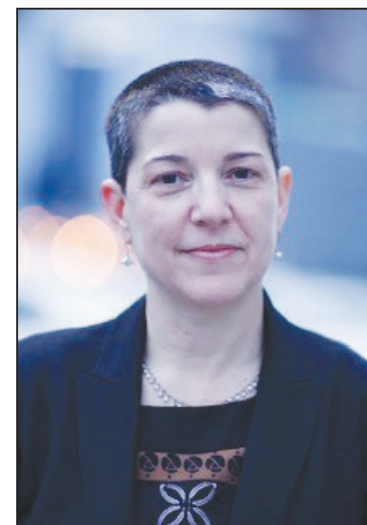
- Lisa Kelly-Croswell, senior vice president & chief human resources officer of Boston Medical Center Health System
- Mark DeMichaelis, CEO of State Garden Inc. & Olivia's Organics Brand
- Mark Hintlian, president and CEO of Teddie Peanut Butter/The Leavitt Corporation
- Laura Perille, president and CEO of Nurtury
- Shamim Rugg, senior vice president, head of regulatory affairs and quality assurance of Stoke Therapeutics

2019 Additions to GBFB Board of Advisors

- Jim Lack, president and founder of HPL Enterprises
- Mary Ann Lerner, director of development of Raising a Reader Massachusetts

About The Greater Boston Food Bank

The Greater Boston Food Bank (GBFB) is the largest hunger-relief organization in New



Laura Perille, president and CEO of Nurtury.

England and among the largest food banks in the country. GBFB provides the equivalent of nearly 57 million healthy meals annually distributed through its network of 530 member agencies in the 190 cities and towns across Eastern Massachusetts. GBFB operates four direct service programs at nearly 70 sites throughout the area. A member of Feeding America, the nation's food bank network, GBFB serves more than 140,000 people every month in its vision to create a Hunger Free Eastern Massachusetts by 2028. For more information, visit us at GBFB.org, follow us on Facebook, follow us on Twitter (@gr8bosfoodbank), or call us at 617.427.5200.

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New England Genealogical Society speaks out against new record restrictions

BY SETH DANIEL

Seemingly out of the far reaches of left field, the New England Historical and Genealogical Society (NEHGS) in the Back Bay were ambushed last week with a little-known proposal in Gov. Charlie Baker's budget that would severely limit vital records – a keystone for those doing genealogical and academic research.

Ryan Woods, executive vice president of NEHGS, said this week that the new restrictions came within the 'outside sections' of the governor's Fiscal Year 2021 State Budget request – a section of the budget buried

deep and rarely discussed or seen by the general public. The proposal, which would be approved with the Budget if not removed beforehand, restricts access to birth and marriage records for 90 years, and restricts access to death records for 50 years. There are currently no restrictions on such public records – known as vital statistics.

It was a complete surprise to the organization and Woods.

"Unequivocally it was a surprise to us," he said. "There had not been any public discussion about this until it appeared in the budget. Our understand is the proposal came from the Department of Public Health,

which oversees the Commonwealth's Vital Records and Statistics... We were surprised to see this because Massachusetts is one of about a dozen states that does not have any significant restrictions on vital records. To effectively cut off access to those for what would be a lifetime was absolutely a significant shift in what the Commonwealth has allowed going back to the 1640s."

Outside Sections in the budget are often reserved for loose ends and legislation that some might want to get through without the normal process. Two years ago, creation of the new 4 a.m. extended liquor licenses for casinos was done in an outside

section of the governor's budget – a measure that passed with the final budget.

Woods said such a change in access to records would impact public health researchers, journalists, family researchers, and academia significantly. He said it's a change that should be debated in traditional fashion.

"For our industry and the First Amendment rights and Public Health researchers, we think this is a significant change in state law that was buried pretty deep in the Budget," he said. "We certainly understand the desire to have privacy protections, but don't think that debate belongs in a Budget document that only gets and up or down

vote."

He added that research indicates access to vital statistics doesn't increase identity theft or privacy invasions, and he also added that most records are already online and available on the private market for a fee.

He said they will continue to advocate with the State Legislature to prevent this measure from becoming law, and hope that it will be removed during the ongoing State Budget debate.

It is estimated that family history and genealogy is the second most popular hobby in America, and 20 million Americans participate in some sort of family research. Most of those searches start with such vital records.

LOCAL STUDENTS EARN ACADEMIC HONORS

EMMANUEL COLLEGE ANNOUNCES FALL 2019 DEAN'S LIST

In honor of their outstanding academic achievement, Emmanuel College has named more than 800 students to the Dean's List for the Fall 2019 semester. To earn a spot on the Dean's List, Emmanuel students must achieve a grade point average of 3.5 or higher for a 16-credit semester. Local students earning Dean's List honors include:

- Mariella Hansen
- Lawrence Chan

Emmanuel College is a co-educational, residential institution with a 17-acre campus in the heart of Boston's educational, scientific, cultural and medical communities. Enrolling more than 2,200 undergraduate and graduate students, the College provides boundless opportunities for students to expand their worldview through rigorous coursework, significant internship and career opportunities throughout the Boston area and beyond, collaborations with distinguished and dedicated faculty, and participation in a dynamic campus community. Emmanuel's more than 70 programs in the sciences, liberal arts, business, nursing, and education foster spirited discourse and substantive

learning experiences that honor the College's Catholic educational mission to educate the whole person and provide an ethical and relevant 21st-century education.

BARRICKLO STARS ON ALL-FEMALE CAST OF '1776'

Jenna Barricklo is one of 30 Shenandoah Conservatory students starring in an all-female cast for the university's production of the Broadway hit "1776." The play tells the story of the Founding Fathers and the events leading up to the signing of the Declaration of Independence. The all-female ensemble was chosen to give the musical a fresh perspective and new look.

Showtimes for "1776" are at 7:30 p.m. Feb. 20-22 and at 2:30 p.m. Feb. 23 in Ohrstrom-Bryant Theatre.

Jenna, of Jamaica Plain is pursuing a Bachelor of Fine Arts in Musical Theatre.

TWO LOCAL STUDENTS NAMED TO THE UVM DEAN'S LIST

To be named to the dean's list at the University of Vermont, students must have a grade-point average of 3.0 or better and rank in the top 20 percent of their class in their respective college or school. The following students

from your area have been named to the dean's list for the fall 2019 semester:

- Erin Gallagher
- Peninah Hodin

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TORELLA-MCLOUGHLIN NAMED TO THE UNIVERSITY OF RHODE ISLAND DEAN'S LIST

The University of Rhode Island is pleased to announce that more than 6,000 undergraduates have qualified for the fall 2019 Dean's List. The students represent nearly all of Rhode Island's cities and towns, all six New England states, New York and New Jersey, and many other states and nations.

To be included on the Dean's List, students must have completed 12 or more credits during a semester for letter grades with at least a 3.30 quality point average. Part-time students qualify with the accumulation of 12 credits with a 3.30 quality point average. The list includes students who have not yet declared their majors as well as those from all of the University's undergraduate academic colleges.

Deanna Torella-McLoughlin of Jamaica Plain was named to the Dean's List.

Note: Students who qualified for the Dean's List, but have restricted access to their information under the Family Education Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) guidelines, are not included on this public listing. Students may adjust these restrictions on eCampus.

The University of Rhode Island's pioneering research extends the University's influence well beyond its coastal borders, while its unique interdisciplinary courses provide its 16,800 undergraduate and graduate students with global opportunities in an intimate environment. In May 2019, more than 3,400 undergraduate and about 700 graduate degrees were awarded. The University now has more than 120,000 alumni worldwide.

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EDITORIAL

THE MIRACLE ON ICE WAS MORE THAN JUST A GAME

For those who either were not around or were very young on Feb. 22, 1980, it is hard to imagine how low the American psyche had plummeted during the decade of the 1970s.

Although the 1960s generally are regarded as the decade of tumult in America, the events of the '70s did more harm to American self-confidence than any decade in our nation's history.

A brief history lesson of that era would be highlighted by these keywords: Kent State, Pentagon Papers, Watergate, 1972 Olympic basketball defeat, Arab oil embargoes of 1973 and 1979, fall of Saigon, stagflation, New York City bankruptcy, Chrysler bankruptcy, the decline of the U.S. auto industry, the rise of Japanese auto industry, U.S. embassy takeover in Tehran, and Soviet invasion of Afghanistan.

In short, as the new decade dawned at the beginning of 1980, the U.S. was down-and-out, a nation whose best times seemed behind it.

Into the midst of this maelstrom at the height of the Cold War and the depths of American economic and military power stepped the U.S. Olympic hockey team, which was both the youngest team at the 1980 Olympics and the youngest-ever in U.S. Olympic history.

The U.S. squad was by all accounts a mediocre group. The Soviets, Finns, Swedes, and Czechs were the medal favorites. Just making the medal round was beyond the grasp for the Americans.

However, a 2-2 tie in the last minute with Sweden in the opening game was followed by a convincing and unexpected win over the Czechs. The U.S. team improbably advanced to the medal round, along with the Soviets, the Swedes, and the Finns.

Although the U.S. had made it to the final round of four, their first-round opponent would be the U.S.S.R., which had not lost an Olympic hockey game since 1968 and had won the previous four gold medals.

In addition, this was a Soviet team that had trounced an NHL all-star team, 6-0, in the third and deciding game of the so-called Challenge Cup in the summer of 1979. More significantly, the U.S. and the Soviets had met in an exhibition game just a few weeks previously in New York and the result was a 10-3 shellacking administered by the Soviets.

Finally, our younger readers should know that the Soviet team essentially was comprised of players who had "government" jobs -- so technically they were amateurs -- but for all intents and purposes they were professionals. By contrast, the U.S. team was composed almost entirely of college-age kids with no professional experience.

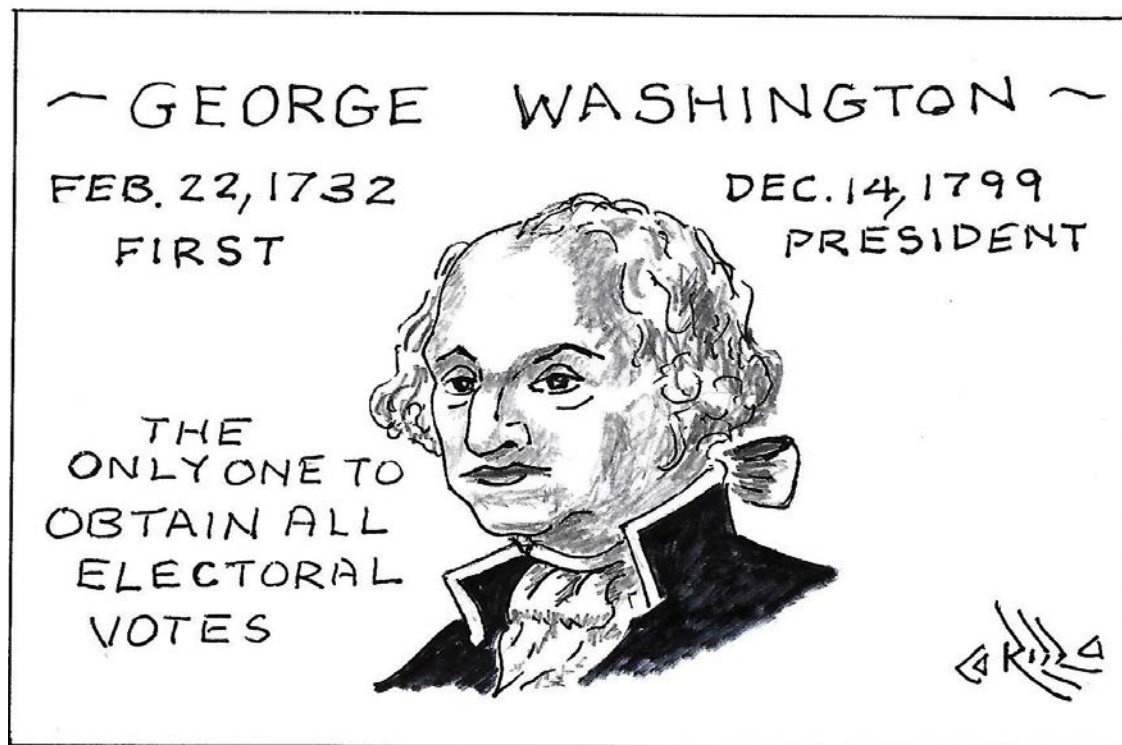
Needless to say, the U.S. team was a huge underdog when the teams took to the ice at Lake Placid on that fateful evening before a national television audience.

What was it that elevated the Americans to accomplish what Sports Illustrated later labeled as THE most significant sporting event of all-time? What was it that kept the powerful Soviets, who took a 3-2 lead into the third period, from scoring after Winthrop's own Mike Eruzione, the U.S. captain, gave the U.S. a 4-3 lead with 10 minutes to play?

There have been a lot of explanations -- the Russian coach said his team's 10-3 beating of the Americans a few weeks earlier had made them overconfident and then they panicked when Captain Mike lit the lamp to give the U.S. the lead -- but what is beyond dispute is that a group of underdog American kids showed to the world that heart, desire, hard work, and a faith in themselves could overcome even the longest of odds.

In hindsight, it is not an overstatement to say that the U.S. team's victory marked the beginning of the end of the corrupt and decaying Soviet Empire and the end of the beginning of American decline. Mike Eruzione's goal from between the face-off circles (which still give us chills when we watch it on YouTube) in Lake Placid truly was the second "shot heard 'round the world," 200 years after a band of scraggly underdog Minutemen fired that famous first shot at on April 19, 1775.

The Miracle on Ice was more than just a hockey game -- and that is why, 40 years later, the U.S. victory on that fateful night still resonates today.



~ HAPPY BIRTHDAY, FEB. 22 ~

OP-ED

Why Kobe's death matters and what we can all learn from his life

ROBERT LEWIS, JR.

The BASE joins millions around the world in mourning the death of basketball legend Kobe Bryant in a helicopter crash. Kobe -- among just a handful of superstars identified by first name only -- died along with eight others, including his beloved 13-year old daughter, Gianna.

His death reverberated throughout the sports world and beyond, cutting across boundaries defined by geography and race, gender and generation. His fame was truly universal, his post-NBA career as a businessman and youth-sports champion just getting started.

His loss hit home for many reasons. For one, it reminded us of the power of sports to transform individual lives -- and the power one individual can have to inspire countless others.

For another, his death has been a reminder that it often takes a tragedy like this to bring folks together and embrace our common humanity. The outpouring of love for Kobe -- elite ballplayer, devoted dad, entrepreneur, global icon -- stands as a bulwark against the polarizing hatred that too often divides our country these days. What a lesson for us all to think about right now.

Another reason we mourn his loss: Kobe's values lined up closely with our own.

As a player, Kobe gave no quarter on either end of the basketball floor, competing until the very last shot. From the day he was drafted as a raw teenager, he believed in "earning your spot." While he may have been outscored or out-rebounded in any given game, he was rarely outworked or out-hustled.

The BASE teaches our student-athletes and coaches the same mindset on the baseball diamond, softball field, and basketball court:

Show up when you're supposed to Lead by example

Play hard until the last pitch or whistle

Support your teammates

Respect your opponents

Learn the fundamentals, then apply them to life going forward That's the BASE Way. It was Kobe's way, too.

His life was not a perfect one, but on that score, too, there is much for us to reflect upon.

Many of our student-athletes come from challenging backgrounds. Some have made poor choices that threatened to derail their young lives. However, if given a second chance, they show a resilience and work ethic that make everything we do rewarding. Kobe died on his way to his

daughter's basketball game being held at the sports academy he founded. The girls scheduled to play that day could have been enrolled in our BASE HOOPZ program.

More broadly, as Kobe he grew into his role as father, he invested fully in the power of youth sports -- girls' and women's basketball in particular. That passion of his was not lost on Gianna, who hoped to play college and pro ball herself.

Kobe was often asked by well-meaning fans if he and his wife, after having four girls, planned on having a son "to build on your legacy."

"No," Gianna would say, jumping in. "I got this."

I got this.

That, too, is The BASE Way. Our student-athletes reflect that every day.

And so, while we mourn the deaths of Kobe and eight others, and celebrate his extraordinary legacy, let us also reflect on how and why he mattered to so many. And how and why the power of sports, in crossing so many boundaries in our society, reminds us that we are all in this game together.

Robert Lewis Jr. is the founder and president of The BASE, a Boston non-profit in Egleston Square with a mission of shifting the national mindset about what it takes for urban youth to succeed.

OP-ED

Stop big game trophy hunting

BY MELISSA MARTIN, PH.D.

“International trophy hunting is a multinational, multi-million-dollar industry practiced throughout the world. Trophy hunting is broadly defined as the killing of animals for recreation with the purpose of collecting trophies such as horns, antlers, skulls, skins, tusks, or teeth for display. The United States imports the most trophies of any country in the world.” Read the 26-page report by the Congressional Research Service (March 20, 2019). www.crsreports.congress.gov.

American trophy hunters pay big money to kill animals overseas and import 126,000 wildlife trophies per year. They also do their sport-killing domestically: Bears, bobcats, mountain lions, wolves and other domestic wildlife fall victim to trophy hunting, damaging natural ecosystems. www.humanesociety.org.

The United States, international trophy hunting is addressed by several laws, including the Endangered Species Act. ESA does not regulate trophy-hunting activities within range countries directly; rather, the law governs what can be imported into the United States. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) regulates trophy hunting, in part, by issuing permits to import trophies of species that are listed as threatened or endangered under ESA. www.crsreports.congress.gov.

Excuses. Excuses. Excuses. Trophy hunters rationalize reasons out the wazoo to justify killing of animals in the wild. Hunters pump money into the

economy. Hunters help with conservationism. Really? Hunters kill for the thrill. And hang their prize on walls to brag. Decorate your walls with something else. Is destroying wildlife for pleasure unethical? Yes.

“Trophy hunting—the killing of big game for a set of horns or tusks, a skin, or a taxidermied body—has burgeoned into a billion-dollar, profit-driven industry, overseen in some cases by corrupt governments. Many countries in sub-Saharan Africa allow trophy hunting, with varying degrees of transparency and control, establishing yearly quotas meant to reflect the status of species and creating exclusions for highly vulnerable populations. South Africa, for instance, no longer allows hunting of leopards. Kenya has banned trophy hunting outright since 1977, and in Botswana, a comparatively wildlife-rich country, a temporary ban in government-controlled hunting areas went into effect in 2014,” according to an article in National Geographic.

Cecil, a famed black-maned lion in Zimbabwe, was lured with bait, shot with an arrow and suffered for more than 10 hours before his hunters tracked and finished killing him in 2015. Cecil’s death sparked international outrage in 2015; his son, Xanda, met a similar fate two years later. www.humanesociety.org.

Cecil, the lion, was stalked and killed by a Minnesota dentist under the guise of conservation. How much did that cost him for bragging and boasting rights?

Trophy hunting in places where animals are bred and held captive for the purpose of

being killed (canned hunting) results in cutting off the head of a creature to decorate a wall. Ah, have a beer and boast. Oh, have a bratwurst and brag.

Why do people thrill kill animals? “Why we may never understand the reasons people hunt animals as ‘trophies’” is an explanation by criminologist Dr. Xanthe Mallett. “Perhaps hunting large animals is an example of some people’s need to show dominance over others. Research shows increased levels of hostility and a need for power and control are associated with poor attitudes towards animals, among men in particular.” www.theconversation.com.

“Of all the animals, man is the only one that is cruel. He is the only one that inflicts pain for the pleasure of doing it.—Mark Twain

Writing this column, I searched around my house to make sure I was not being a hypocrite. Any items made of ivory? No. Any bearskin rugs on my floor? No. Any boots or bags made of crocodile skin? No. Any coats made of animal fur? No. Any pillows made of duck feathers? No. I do own a purse and a pair of boots that are partly made of cow hide (leather). I’m assuming the leather is a by-product of the meat from the cow which feeds humans. While growing up, I ate venison. Chicken, turkey, and seafood have a place on my table. And on occasion, I eat bacon. But I’ve never committed an animal thrill kill.

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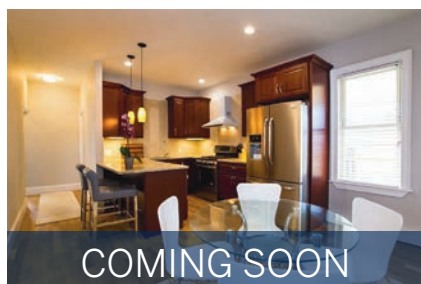
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