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CLASSICAL CELEBRATES SUCCESSFUL SEASON



The Lynn Classical varsity football team's individual award winners are pictured at the banquet Tuesday at the Knights of Columbus. Front row, from left, are Kevin Paniagua (Kevin Moriarty Award), Brandon Summers (Scholar-Athlete), Maurice Sequeira (Gerald LeBrasseur Ironman Award), Dan Gisonno (Harry Agganis Team MVP Award), Manny Guerrero (Lex Thornton Defensive MVP Award), and Aidan Dow (Bill Joyce Sportsmanship Award). Back row, from left, are Jeff Hill (Boley Dancewicz Offensive Player Award), Kyle Durant (Special Teams Player of the Year Award), Andy DeLeon (Abel Marquez Leadership Award), David Doucette (Bill Melanson Unsung Hero Award), Jacob Reyes (Scout Team Player of the Year Award), Nico Galeazzi (Harold Durgin Award), and Kalvin So (Tim Frager Top Running back Award).

Lynn Public Library receives large donation

By Thomas Grillo

A generous donor has provided a gift of nearly \$600,000 to the Lynn Public Library.

Burton Green of Lynn established the Burton E. Green Trust in 1971 and named his sister, Cora A. Jordan, as the beneficiary, according to the document provided to The Journal.

But the former U.S. Army staff sergeant, who served as a weather observer in the Aleutian Islands during World War II, amended the trust in 1999. Upon his sister's death, the remaining proceeds shall be for the "exclusive use and benefit of the Lynn Public Library."

Green, 88, died in 2009 of pneumonia and Parkinson's Disease. His sister, of Providence, R.I., died last summer.

Library Director Theresa Hurley declined multiple requests for comment. But in a letter to City Hall officials following Jordan's death, Hurley said it appears the library and its trustees were unaware of the trust's existence.

She wrote Green was a World War II veteran and the family has an American flag from his funeral in their possession.

"Robert Jordan, Cora's son, would like to donate the flag along with a picture of Mr. Green so the library can display it in his honor," Hurley wrote.

The market value of the trust is \$587,148, according to the last statement Hurley received.

While the decision on how the money will be spent is up to the 11-member Board of Trustees, Michael Donovan, director of the city's Inspectional Services Department, said he has a few ideas.

The 120-year-old building needs a number of major capital improvements.

"If it were up to me, the first thing I would do is install a fire alarm system at a cost of \$250,000," he said. "A building elevator would be nice, but that would be unreasonably expensive and cost more than \$600,000."

The other potential projects for the National Register of Historic Places site include a \$200,000 paint job, and a \$47,000 lighting upgrade, Donovan added.

Windows on the library's Franklin and North Common street sides were restored more than 30 years ago. The other two sides, which contain about 40 windows, need to be done for \$2,000 each or \$80,000 in total, he said.

The last major renovations were completed in 2010 when the library's handicapped ramp was installed at the Franklin Street entrance, the front steps were redone, and the first floor was painted. Five years ago, the first floor electrical service was replaced.

Those improvements were

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Classical star quarterback Gisonno commits to Western New England

By Cary Shuman

The Lynn Classical football team celebrated its 2019 season at an awards banquet Tuesday at the Knights of Columbus.

Senior quarterback Daniel (Dan) Thomas Gisonno received the team's MVP Trophy that is named after Classical leg-

end Harry Agganis. Gisonno, a 6-foot-3-inch, 190-pound senior, had one of the greatest seasons in school history, throwing for more than 2,200 yards and 23 touchdowns.

Head Coach Brian Vaughan announced to the large gathering of players, coaches, parents, and guests that Gisonno had committed to attend Western New En-

gland University in the fall.

All that hoopla made it a night of mixed emotions not only for Dan, but also for his parents, Daniel Edward and Kim Gisonno, who were wrapping up six consecutive years of involvement in the Classical program. Kim is the president of the Lynn Classical Boosters and she and the other volunteers were recognized by Vaughan for what was a terrific banquet that included the awarding of the traditional green and white letter jackets to the Classical eniors.

"It's bittersweet - we've been part of it for six years," said Kim, whose son, Matthew, also starred for the Rams and is now a sophomore at UMass Dartmouth. "We're going to miss it."

There is plenty of athletic talent and height in the Gisonno family. Matthew, a member of the World Series Lynn Babe Ruth team, is 6-feet, 5-inches,



Head Coach Brian Vaughan presents the Harry Agganis Team MVP Award to senior quarterback and captain Dan Gisonno at the awards banquet Tuesday at the Knights of Columbus.

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EDITORIAL

MAKE YOUR VOICE HEARD -- VOTE IN THE PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY

The revelation last week by members of our intelligence agencies to Congress that the Russians once again are, and will be, interfering in our electoral process is an ominous portent for the national election in November.

The recent experience of the mismanaged vote-counting at the Democratic caucuses in Iowa has shown the limits of the technology that we have employed to replace paper ballots and its susceptibility to being bungled and hacked.

Even worse, the extreme form of gerrymandering and voter suppression in the Southern states brings into question whether some in our own country even believe in the democratic process.

Together, these developments should give all of us good reason to be fearful about the future of our republic. That may sound dire and overly-dramatic, but it's a reality that we cannot ignore.

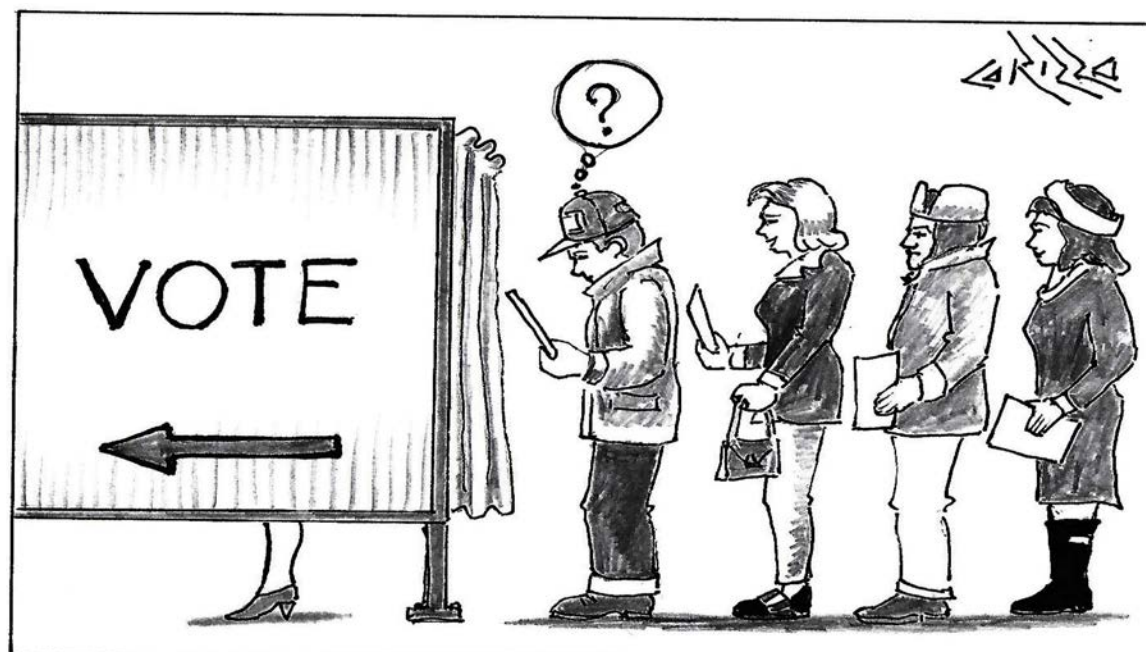
The one thing that had set us apart from every other nation in the world -- the sanctity and fairness of our electoral process -- has been shown to be vulnerable not only to foreign influence, but also to a combination of our own incompetence, our misplaced faith in 21st century technology, and the blatant self-interest of certain political groups.

In an era when cynics are proclaiming that we are sliding into the realm of a banana republic, it therefore is essential that all of us who have the ability to vote must do so.

Early-voting already is underway in Massachusetts for the Presidential Primary election, which will be held this coming Tuesday. There are 15 candidates on the Democratic side of the ballot and four Republicans, as well as Libertarian and Green party candidates.

The only way that we can overcome the forces who are seeking to destroy our democracy is to exercise the one thing -- our right to vote -- that has set us apart from every other nation in the world since our founding.

We urge all of our readers to get out and vote -- doing so never has been more crucial to maintaining our democratic principles.



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Nursing Home Care - A National Issue

By Dr. Glenn Mollette

About 1.5 million American seniors now live in nursing homes. Seventy percent (70 percent) of them rely on Medicaid to pay the bill, which means they are low-income or have otherwise spent down their assets.

My mother spent the last few months of her life in a nursing home. My first wife died in a nursing home. My wife's mother spent a lot of time in nursing homes. Today, I have elderly friends in nursing homes who I try to occasionally go and see. It's the same old story. I continue to see a multitude of lonely, forgotten people who have been warehoused in facilities until they breathe their last breath.

Placing my wife in a nursing home was one of the hardest things I've ever done. She was in the final stages of multiple sclerosis and needed 24 hour care which I couldn't physically give. However, looking back emotionally and even physically I don't think I would have been as drained if I had just kept her at home and tried to have cared for her. Nursing Homes are exhausting. You think at the time it's the only answer, but then you are there numerous hours every day trying to make sure your loved one is not being neglected. In today's nursing homes the chances are great they will be neglected because the average nursing home cannot keep enough staff to take care of everyone. One worker told me once she was in

charge of taking care of 60 persons every night. She said that oftentimes there would be people she never saw on her shift.

Nursing home care cost is astronomical. Just a bed, three meals a day and an occasional bath will cost you around \$7,500 a month. My mother-in-law needed rehabilitation. Three years ago her cost was over \$15,000 a month for four months. My father-in-law shelled out \$60,000 of their life savings for rehab. They had worked hard to save that money, but you can't take it with you. However, most people don't intend to work all of their lives so that they can turn their savings over to a nursing home.

Nursing homes are not a relief emotionally or physically and financially they will break you. Most Americans end up paying for their nursing home care via Medicaid. Going on Medicaid is no picnic as it means, in reality, you no longer have any means to pay for your care. Twenty years ago I was the pastor of a church with a small salary and financially we didn't have anything except a house payment. Going to the local county office for health and family services and applying for Medicaid for nursing home care for the care of my invalid dying wife was tough. It was our last resort. We were glad it was available but it was emotionally tough. It's the same office where you go and apply for food stamps.

There are some good nursing homes out there and many, many hardworking, caring nurses.

There are some really bad ones out there too and they are all extremely expensive.

All the time we hear about Americans being medically insured. What about long term care insurance for aging Americans? Our nation is getting older. The baby boomers are a large chunk of our population - 75 million! Baby boomers are going to face bankruptcies and mega financial challenges as is this nation with the long term care of our generation.

Our politicians must come up with a long term care plan that does not require the financial ruin of millions of Americans. I know long term care insurance is available if you are not sick and can afford it. However, somehow we have to add long-term care insurance to Medicare. Yes, it will cost us every month to pay for it just like we are paying for part B now. However, it would be for real medical care in the nursing home with real rehabilitation if it is needed; and not just for a bed and three meals a day and an occasional bath. Plus it would spare the elders in this nation from having to file bankruptcy and go into poverty to have a shelter over their heads the last few months or even years of their lives.

Please add this issue to the national discussion.

Dr. Glenn Mollette is the author of Nursing Home Nightmares - America's Disgrace

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Warren favored by Lynn Democrats in Presidential Primary on Tuesday

By Thomas Grillo

Hillary Clinton trounced then presidential candidate Donald Trump in Lynn four years ago.

The Democratic nominee won with 70 percent of the more than 31,000 votes cast. Her margin was even bigger than the state-wide totals that gave Clinton 60 percent of the vote.

But Clinton is not on the ballot this time.

When Democrats go to the polls on Tuesday, March 3, they will have more than a dozen choices including: Minnesota Sen. Amy Klobuchar, Sen. Elizabeth Warren, Michael Bennet, former New York Mayor Michael Bloomberg, U.S. Rep. Tulsi Gabbard from Hawaii, Thomas Steyer, Vermont Sen. Bernie Sanders, former Vice President Joseph Biden, John Delaney, Andrew Yang, former South Bend, Ind., Mayor Pete Buttigieg, and Marianne Williamson. Former

Massachusetts Gov. Deval Patrick, New Jersey Sen. Cory Booker and Julián Castro have since withdrawn from the race.

The city's Democratic City Committee does not endorse candidates in a primary. As a result, each member is free to advocate for their favorite person.

Warren seems to have the edge.

Longtime Chairwoman Agnes Ricko is backing the 70-year-old Massachusetts senior senator.

"Every committee person is free to do their own thing," she said. "But I'm supporting Elizabeth Warren. She is by far the most intelligent person running, and she has the best proposals."

On whether Warren can secure the nomination and beat Trump, Ricko is not so sure.

"I have no idea," she said. "But as the best candidate, I'm hoping Sen. Warren can beat Donald Trump. One thing is for sure, Democrats will rally around our nominee to defeat him."

Lisa Carey, a member of the

Democratic City Committee, said she too is supporting Warren.

"I like that she has concrete plans to address issues other candidates just talk about," she said. "She has a way to deal with the budget, immigration, and the high cost of a college education."

Carey is frustrated that even Democrats refer to Warren as "shrill."

"There's still lots of sexism out there," she said. "If she were a man, they would never use that word."

Still, Carey said it will be a challenge for the Democrats to recapture the White House.

"I am hopeful Warren could win," she said. "But I know the president is mean, he's a bully, he will attack her, and make it tough for her to win. I'm sure he will

question whether a woman can do the job."

Committee chairs Ronald Mendes, Joseph Scanlon, Paul Gaudet, Marissa Walsh, Sharon Wheeler, and Alfred Ricko could not be reached for comment.

State Committee candidate Drew Russo is also on the Warren bandwagon.

"She is running on an anti-corruption agenda that American can get behind," he said. "Voters are looking for their government and economy to serve them. She has made a career of fighting for working people."

Russo credits Warren with writing new rules on bankruptcy and helped President Barack Obama create the Consumer Protection Agency.

"She has what it takes to de-

feat Donald Trump," he said. "All you had to do was see her in last week's debate."

But not everyone is supporting Warren.

State Rep. Peter Capano (D-Lynn) said Sanders is the only candidate addressing issues facing working families. He said the Sanders' campaign is a diverse movement of young and old that will restore equity and justice to the nation.

"Bernie gives me hope that we can turn this upside down economy around and restore the American Dream for working people," he said. "People are working two and three jobs and are still not making it while seniors on fixed-incomes are faced with out of control medical and prescription drug costs."

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Daniel, who played football at Tech and Georgetown, is 6-feet, 4-inches, while Dan is 6-feet, 3-inches. There is also exceptional leadership in the Gisonno family. Daniel is the former president of Pine Hill Little League while Dan was a captain at Classical. Matt is a past recipient of the Harry Agganis Scholarship. Kim's contributions as Boosters President were "amazing," according to Coach Vaughan.

Dan said he made the decision to attend Western New England earlier this month.

"I'm excited to start a new chapter in my life and in my football career," said Dan. "I hope to compete for the starting position."

Asked about his record-breaking senior season, Dan replied, "I had something to prove to a lot of people this year after being the backup quarterback the last two years."

Dan added that playing football for Coach Vaughan was a tremendous experience.

"He's a great coach and a great man," said Dan. "You just listen to what he teaches and he'll help you become a better football player."

Dan said he is looking forward to playing in the Harry Agganis All-Star Classic in June. "I plan on being there, representing Classical and honoring Harry Agganis' memory. The rest of the summer, I'll be working and getting ready for college."

Dan credited his parents for their support - from his days in Pine Hill Little League and East Lynn Pop Warner to those years in Lynn Babe Ruth and at Lynn Classical.

"I would like thank them for everything they've done for me - getting me to where I need to go today and making me the person I am," said Dan. "And I've looked up to my brother, Matt, a lot in my life. He's been a great example for me."

Head coach Brian Vaughan, a former All-Scholastic running back for the 1990 Lynn English Super Bowl team quarterbacked by Chris Warren, said he witnessed "something special" at the Rams' QB position this season.

"Dan had an unbelievable senior year, one of the best performances by anybody in the state," said Vaughan. "It was the best season I've seen by a quarterback in this area in a long time."

Vaughan, who rushed for 2,473 yards during a spectacular career at Northeastern, believes that Gisonno can excel at Western New England.

"Dan was recruited by a lot of D-2 and D-3 schools and he chose Western New England because he felt it was the best fit for him academically and athletically," said Vaughan. "I think he's going to play a lot of football there. He's a competitor all the way and I'm excited for his future."

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It was February 1980, Lake Placid, N.Y., when Team USA the underdogs defeated the Soviet Union for the gold medal. Winthrop's own Mike Eruzione was Captain of the team and scored the winning goal for Team USA, taking it from the Soviets 4-3.

Last Thursday evening at JW's in Winthrop, a reception was held, with Winthrop's combined hockey teams as the guests of Captain Mike Eruzione and owner Bob Deeb. The WHS boys and girls hockey teams were there as well as the Winthrop Youth Hockey players too. Mike Lynch from WCVB-5 was on hand to interview Eruzione. The HBO documentary was shown during dinner to the guests and following dinner, the official game of Team USA versus the Soviet Union, as Eruzione stated "not the movie," but the real game. Eruzione spoke following dinner, addressing Win-

throp's student-athletes, about his team and their performance under Head Coach Herb Brooks. Mike Lynch asked Eruzione, "What's happened over the past 40 years?" His response was grandchildren, three of them, TJ, Michael and Leo. Mike Eruzione also heads a local charity, called Winthrop Charities for the past 10 years. It provides funds for school programs, sports programs, families in need and at time EMS services.

It was a proud day for American in 1980, things in this country needed a lift, and this huge win was more than a game of hockey, it brought back pride in America. Forty years later, that pride is still there, when people talk about that day, it's like it happened yesterday and it will be forever remembered as one of the greatest accomplishments in the history of sports, and will always be a "Miracle on Ice."



WHS Viking Head Hockey Coach Dale Dunbar, Mike Eruzione and Mike Lynch from Channel 5 Sports.



Mike Lynch from WCVB-5 Sports interviews Mike Eruzione on the 40th anniversary of Team USA's Gold Medal win over Russia.



Mike Eruzione with his Team USA jersey. Eruzione raffles off two of these, one for the WHS boys hockey team and one for the girls team.

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paid for with the \$1.7 million proceeds from the sale of three of its branch libraries, which closed decades ago.

The library's history began in 1815 when its founders started a "Social Library," according to a history of the library. In 1819, the collection totaled 205 volumes. By 1862, the number grew to 2,000 volumes and a library was

opened at the corner of Market and Tremont streets.

In 1868, the library was moved to the second floor of the old City Hall as its collection swelled to 27,000 volumes.

In 1893, Elizabeth Shute donated cash to the city for a library building. Ground was broken in 1898 and it opened two years later.

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State officials warn of dangers of walking onto ice-covered bodies of water

With recent warmer temperatures across much of Massachusetts, state officials are warning the public of the dangers associated with walking on ice over bodies of water, including lakes, ponds, reservoirs, streams, and rivers. Public safety and recreation officials from the Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR), the Massachusetts State Police (MSP), the Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency (MEMA), Division of Fisheries and Wildlife (MassWildlife), and the Department of Fire Services (DFS) remind residents and visitors to be conscious of the risks associated with walking on ice, particularly after warm weather, and ask that the public refrain from doing so.

The winter season offers unique outdoor recreational opportunities for the public to enjoy, including ice fishing, ice skating, and snowmobiling; unfortunately, year after year state and local officials receive and respond to reports of individuals falling through thin ice. In a short period of time, an individual who falls into icy waters can experience hypothermia like symptoms, which can become fatal if not treated immediately. Hypothermia symptoms include shivering, dizziness, hunger, nausea,

accelerated breathing, difficulty speaking, lack of coordination, fatigue, and an increase in heart rate.

Ice safety tips the public should follow when near bodies of water during the winter months include:

Parents should supervise their children;

Never go onto ice alone;

Always keep your pets on a leash, and do not let them out off-leash near bodies of water that are covered by ice;

Beware of ice covered with snow. Snow can insulate ice and keep it from freezing. It can also hide cracks as well as other weak spots;

Ice formed overflowing water (including springs under the surface) is generally weaker than ice over still water;

Ice seldom freezes or thaws at a uniform rate. It can be a foot thick in one spot or an inch thick in another;

If a companion falls through the ice and you are unable to reach that person from shore, throw something to them (a rope, tree branch, even jumper cables from a car, etc.). If this does not work, go or phone for help. Get medical assistance for the victim immediately;

If you fall in, try not to pan-

ic. Turn toward the direction you came from, and place your hands and arms on the unbroken surface, working forward by kicking your feet. Once the ice is solid enough to hold you, and you can pull yourself out, remain lying on the ice (do not stand; lying down spreads your weight across a wider area, lessening your weight on any one spot) and roll away from the hole. Crawl back the way you came, keeping your weight distributed, until you return to solid ice or ground; and,

As the season progresses, plan accordingly and use caution, as the conditions of older ice greatly varies and is subject to rapid changes.

For further information regarding ice and winter safety tips, please visit the DFS and the MassWildlife websites. The Massachusetts State Police reminds individuals to call 911 in the event of an emergency, such as an individual falling through thin ice. Additionally, several state parks and facilities provide outdoor recreational opportunities throughout the winter season, some of which have DCR rangers and/or staff facilitating many programs. Please visit the DCR's website for details.

LYNN ENGLISH DEFEAT THE RAMS, 81-73, TAKING ROUND 1 OF MIAA PLAYOFFS



Head Coach Antonio Anderson talks things over at the end of the first quarter.

Last Monday night the bulldogs of Lynn English hosted round 1 of the MIAA playoffs for the Division 1 North. English ranked #2 defeated the #15 ranked Lynn Classical Team by



It was hard keeping Ademide Badmus from scoring, even when double-teamed.

a score of 81 – 73. The gymnasium was filled with capacity as the two Lynn schools clashed for round 1 of the play-offs. It was a much closer game than expected, Classical keeping the score close, at the end of the 1st period it was English 19, Classical 15. This continued on through the end of the 1st half with a score of 38-27 English. In the third the teams came out with a renewed fury, pounding the boards, not giving any easy shots and at the

end of the third period, it was English 58-42. The fourth quarter was no different and the Rams of Lynn Classical continued to nip at the heels of the heavily favored bulldog team, but in the end it was Lynn English 81-the Rams of Lynn Classical 73. Lynn English will move on to the next round, playing the winner of the 11t ranked Revere High vs. the #6 ranked Waltham High School on Tuesday at Waltham, time and date TBA.



Jack Rodriguez with the floor all to himself.



Tony Palavra gives his best efforts to block English's big man, Mukeba Jean-Baptiste.



It got personal in the paint, Ademide Badmus (#11) goes against a tough defense by Eusebio Quintana.



Over the Top, senior center Mukeba Jean-Baptiste (#35) dunks for two points.

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Jeff Barbosa runs into a tough English defense.



Tony Palavra for three.



It got pretty tough on the floor during the third quarter, Ram's senior guard Aidan Dow blocks a basket attempt from Jarnel Guzman.



Jeff Barbosa and Aidan Dow put up a tough fight for a rebound against English's Mukeba Jean Baptiste.



Head Coach for the Rams, Jasper Grassa discusses strategy during a time out.



Jayden Thornton drives to the basket.



Brandon Summers looking to make a play.

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NEWS FROM AROUND THE REGION

CITY TO USE STATE GRANT FOR ROLLING OUT BLUE BIKE SYSTEM

CHELSEA - The City announced that it is in the final stages of signing a contract with Blue Bikes – owned by Lyft – to bring five new docking stations and expand the full Blue Bike system to Chelsea.

The news comes after state officials rewarded Chelsea a \$100,000 Workforce Transportation grant this month, which will pay for the stations and the implementation. The news comes just as the City learned in January that LimeBike – the former dockless bike-share provider in Chelsea – was withdrawing from the market of bike sharing, and focusing only on the emerging e-scooter business.

Now, the City will once again have a bike-share provider, and one that is connected to Everett, Somerville, Cambridge, Brookline and Boston.

“That grant allows us to really execute an agreement and enter into a contract with Blue Bike and develop the system,” said Ben Cares, of the Chelsea Planning Department. “We are tying up all the loose ends and getting the money from the grant. We are in contract discussions with our City Manager and Lyft and our Planning Department to fully roll out the program and implement it in the near future.”

Cares said the grant covers all costs of the five station rollout, and he hopes that it will be implemented in late spring or early summer.

Cares said having a bike-share system is not just a fun amenity, but a way for workers to bridge the “last mile” from public transportation hubs in Chelsea. Using the bikes can get workers home outside regular transportation hours and can also help them get closer to home from Silver Line Stations.

“It will be used for outside of regular transportation hours certainly,” he said. “It should be and will be used as supplemental to the existing public transportation system. It’s also offering another way for transporting people and getting them out of single-occupant vehicles and cars. It’s sustainable and a critical piece of transportation for the workforce population.”

As the program begins to roll out, Cares said residents should

look for meetings to discuss the details, particularly the locations of the five new stations. Nothing is set in stone, but he said there would like have to be one in the downtown area on Broadway near City Hall.

“The specifics where they’ll go are to be determined and we’ll look to go through a public input process to determine the locations of those five stations,” he said.

The 23 grants, including Chelsea’s, are a result of a recommendation in the Massachusetts Department of Transportation (MassDOT) 2019 Congestion Report to encourage employers to create innovative solutions for assisting employees to commute to work by using public transportation or shared transportation. These 23 grants will fund a total of 21 groups, including Regional Transit Authorities (RTA), municipalities, Transportation Management Associations (TMA), business organizations and others which have demonstrated an intention to shift commuters from single-occupancy vehicles to other modes of transportation to help alleviate roadway congestion and reduce emissions from the transportation sector.

“These Workforce Transportation Grants will allow employers to provide additional commuting options to their employees, increasing access to jobs, alleviating traffic congestion and reducing greenhouse gas emissions,” said Gov. Charlie Baker. “Our administration will continue to work with the business community, local leaders and the legislature to support ways to address congestion on the Commonwealth’s roadways.”

BPDA APPROVES BREMEN STREET PROJECT

EAST BOSTON - The Boston Planning and Development Agency (BPDA) Board of Directors approved the development project on Bremen Street in East Boston. The BPDA approved project will bring 145 residential units, 21 of which are income-restricted to the neighborhood. The BPDA said the project will make progress towards Mayor Martin Walsh’s goal of increasing affordable housing to support a strong middle-class. Bremen Acquisitions filed the project with the BPDA last year that kicked

off an Article 80 review by the BPDA and the appointment of an IAG made up of community members for the proposal. The now approved project will revitalize a non-conforming and outdated industrial use currently housing Gino’s Auto Body on Bremen Street into a development that includes a mix of residential housing and ground-floor retail space. The project consists of the construction of a mixed-use development with 145 residential units, up to 3,200 square feet of retail space, and up to 61 off-street vehicle parking spaces. The project also includes related upgrades in public realm improvements, including pedestrian and vehicular access, landscaping and streetscape design. With a combined land area of approximately 34,160 square feet, the site consists of nine contiguous parcels of land with a series of non-descript automobile repair structures, one small wood-frame residential buildings, surface parking and multiple curb-cuts off Bremen Street. The 110,000 square-foot building will also include more than 3,000 square feet of retail space, over 2,155 square feet of artist workspace with gallery programming, up to 61 parking spaces and 145 bicycle storage spaces. According to the BPDA The ground-floor retail space will be designed for an urban grocery store/market operator, daycare operator or local retailer. The development team will work in consultation with the BPDA and the Mayor’s Office of Economic Development to market the retail space for these desired uses. Prior to the BPDA vote Bremen Acquisitions released its community mitigation package to members of the project’s IAG. The package is comparable to other projects of its size with \$200,000 in direct money benefits Eastie. The developer agreed to doing 15 percent affordable onsite housing--two percent more than what is required under the BPDA inclusionary policy. The developer is also putting in 19 trees, expanding the sidewalks, up to 18 feet in some areas, a safety bump out to make crossing Bremen Street easier for pedestrians as well as creating a more active Bremen Street in what has been an industrial area. Bremen Acquisitions has also agreed to expand the retail space to make room for a fresh grocer, which is desperately needed in the area.

SANCTUARY CITIES LIKE BOSTON COME UNDER ATTACK FROM CBP

EAST BOSTON - 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 recieved immediate backlash from Eastie’s elected officialy 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 Eastie’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. Sens. 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, who represents Eastie in Congress, 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.”

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NEW DEPUTY SUPERINTENDENT SELECTED

EVERETT - Incoming Supt. Priya Tahiliani has put forth her

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choice for the new position of Deputy Superintendent, and that person – an attorney that works alongside her at Boston Public Schools (BPS) – is the co-defendant with Tahiliani in a pay equity lawsuit against BPS.

According to the agenda and Chair Tom Abruzzese, Tahiliani – who starts officially on March 1 – was scheduled Tuesday night at the School Committee meeting to put forth Kim Tsai as her new deputy superintendent. The position is a new one and would be her second-in-command, though it would not displace any administrators now in place, including the two assistant superintendents.

“Priya is coming before us to put forth Kim Tsai,” said Abruzzese. “That’s who she wants as her deputy. It comes down to the School Committee approving the matter and negotiating a contract with Kim Tsai. If we do, she would start on March 1 with Priya.”

The matter was on the agenda for the School Committee meeting on Feb. 18, which came too late for Independent deadlines.

The new deputy superintendent job was proposed by Tahiliani earlier this month, and approved by the School Committee.

Tsai is the director of legal compliance at the Office of English Language Learners in BPS. An attorney who graduated from New York University and New England School of Law, she is also the co-defendant on a pay equity lawsuit with Tahiliani against BPS. That suit is still pending, but Tahiliani told the Independent in a previous article that it was all about standing up for fair and equitable treatment for all women, including those that are coming up behind her and Tsai.

The lawsuit, filed in 2018, indicates that she and Tsai were doing the same work as men at BPS, but were getting paid less. The suit asks for comparable back pay with any affirmative ruling.

“She came before us with the job description and the request and we approved that,” said Abruzzese. “Now there is a name and a face attached to that job description. It’s what she wants and I want to give her all the tools necessary to succeed. It will be up to the rest of the School Committee to see how they want to go forward.”

AUDITORS PRESENT RESULTS OF ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT

EVERETT - On Monday, Feb. 10, Council heard a presentation by the City’s Chief Financial Officer, Eric Demas, regarding the City’s recent comprehensive annual financial report.

Also speaking were attorneys Andres Tejada and Francis Serreti, from Powers & Sullivan LLC, the City’s external auditors.

Demas started off the meeting saying that Mayor Carlo DeMaria wanted to make the Council aware of the results of the audit, even though it had not been requested.

“The mayor thought that, given the number of new members on the board, it was an opportunity to have independent auditors come in and make a presentation,” he said.

Councilors were given copies of the 133-page report detailing the City’s financial situation between June 2018 and June 2019.

The City will be submitting its report to the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting Program (CAFR). The goal of the program is to ensure that users of the City’s financial reports—citizens, media, legislators, etc.—are able to assess the financial health of the government. Everett was one of only 45 communities across the Commonwealth to apply for this certificate.

“We’re proud of that as a firm and we think you should be too,” said Serreti.

Serreti summarized the report’s findings, which included the following highlights:

- The City has maintained its bond rating of AA+ by Standard & Poor’s Investors Service. It is currently working to build up its reserves in order to be eligible for a AAA rating.

- The City’s liabilities and deferred inflows exceeded its assets and deferred outflows of resources at the close of the most recent year by \$152.1 million (net position).

- At the close of the current year, the City’s general fund reported an ending fund balance of \$36.0 million, a decrease of \$8.9 million in comparison with the prior year. Total fund balance represents 16 percent of total general fund expenditures.

- The City transferred \$899,000 to the general stabilization account in 2019. At year’s-end, the

general stabilization account balance totaled \$3.7 million.

- The City transferred \$1.2 million to the capital improvement stabilization account and appropriated \$350,000 to fund the capital improvement plan. At year-end, the capital improvement stabilization account totaled \$3.4 million.

- The employee leave buy-back stabilization account did not have any activity in 2019 and the account balance totaled \$8,000 at year-end.

- The City appropriated the \$12.5 million balance in the community enhancement fee stabilization account to reduce the 2019 tax rate.

- The City transferred \$899,000 to the other post-employment benefits (OPEB) trust fund in 2019. At year-end, the net position of the OPEB trust fund totaled \$6.0 million.

- The net OPEB liability increased by \$16 million during the current year and the year-end balance totaled \$271.8 million.

- The net pension liability increased by \$10.3 during the current year and the year-end balance totaled \$106.3 million.

Councilors responded positively to the summary presented, but said they would need time to look at the document in detail and would likely have questions at a later date.

CONSERVATION COMMISSION APPROVES TWO APPLICATIONS

WINTHROP - The Winthrop Conservation Commission approved two applications and continued two others at their monthly meeting last Wednesday night at Town Hall.

Andrew Duplin appeared before the commission seeking permission to tear down his family’s house at 119 Grovers Ave. and construct a two-story, single-family home on the lot in the same footprint. The house would not exceed 35 feet in height. Commissioners were concerned about debris from the demolition blowing into the bay and asked that that the dumpster be covered when not in use.

The commissioners approved the request. Duplin now must get approval from the the Board of Appeals to build the home.

The commissioners also approved the request from the 3 Seal Harbor Condominium Association to make repairs to the existing stone revetment wall

that has suffered damage from the sea. While the lower part of the wall that was built by the Army more than 60 years still is in good shape, the top part of the wall has suffered voids in the cement mortar holding the bricks in place.

A repair order originally was issued in 2018 to repair the wall, but the condo association is seeking to continue the new work under that order. The work is estimated to take two to four weeks and will be able to be completed entirely from the land. The request was approved unanimously.

The only caveat from the commissioners was that the work should be classified as “maintenance,” as these problems undoubtedly will happen again.

In another matter, the owners of 56 Fairview St. have been trying for more than two years to build a residence on the 9,328 square-foot lot that overlooks Belle Isle Marsh. However, all of those previous proposals required zoning variances that were not granted.

Under the latest plan, which does not require a variance, the owners are seeking to tear down the current, 950 square-foot home and replace it with a duplex of 2,095 square feet.

The house will be built with a

foundation on gravel to aid with drainage and will have six openings to allow a flood tide or storm surge to pass through. In addition, the two driveways will be made of brick that will allow for absorption of the water. The roof gutters will drain into a French drain, thereby reducing runoff.

One neighbor at the hearing was concerned about water sloping to her property, but the commissioners were confident that there would be less water run-off than what presently exists. It was also mentioned that some vegetation would be removed.

The request was continued to allow the commissioners to make a site visit, with the location of the new structure being staked out on the lot, before approval is given.

The owners at 5 Johnson Ave. are seeking to replace a wooden seawall with a concrete seawall in conformity with what the neighboring lot has. However, the notices of the hearing for the proposed work were deemed not to have been mailed out in a timely manner to the neighbors. The commissioners voted to continue the application until their next meeting, by which time the neighbors will have received appropriate notice.

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Walnut St Cafe.....	157 Walnut St	Lynn Court House.....	580 Essex Street
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LOCAL STUDENTS EARN ACADEMIC HONORS

FISHER NAMED TO COLBY-SAWYER COLLEGE DEAN'S LIST

Colby-Sawyer College has named Rachel Fisher of Lynn to the Dean's List for fall 2019. Fisher majors in psychology and is a member of the class of 2020. To qualify for the Dean's List students must achieve a grade-

point average of 3.5 or higher on a 4.0 scale while carrying a minimum of 12 credit hours in graded courses.

U.S. News and World Report has recognized Colby-Sawyer as a Best Regional College in its category - North (#8), Best Value College (#4) and Best Undergraduate Teaching (#4) in its 2020 Best Colleges issue.

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GIGUERE NAMED TO THE DEAN'S LIST

Eric Giguere, of Lynn, has been named to the Dean's List at Western New England University for the Fall Semester 2019. Students are named to the Dean's List for achieving a semester grade point average of 3.30 or higher. Giguere is working toward a BSBA in Sport Management.

Celebrating its Centennial in the year 2019, Western New England University is a private, independent, coeducational institution. Located on an attractive 215-acre suburban campus in Springfield, Massachusetts, Western New England serves 3,974 students, including 2,629 full-time undergraduate students. Undergraduate, graduate, and professional programs are offered through Colleges of Arts and Sciences, Business, Engineering, Pharmacy and Health Sciences, and the School of Law.

BRINKLER NAMED TO DEAN'S LIST AT PLYMOUTH STATE UNIVERSITY

Quinn Brinkler of Lynn, has been named to the Plymouth State University Dean's List for the Fall 2019 semester. To be named to the Dean's List, a student must achieve a grade point average between 3.5 and 3.69 during the Fall 2019 semester and must have attempted at least 12 credit hours during the semester. Brinkler is a Criminal Justice major at Plymouth State.

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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:

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- Zion Weir of Lynn

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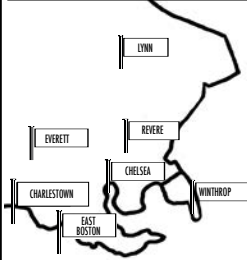
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But Jeffrey Galpin did more than survive polio. He went on to a list of achievements in medical research—including being the principal investigator in applying the first gene therapy for HIV/AIDS.

Dr. Galpin actually credits his own incurable condition for giving him the focus that made him so passionate in his research. His story leaves us with two of the most contagious messages we know. Don't give up, and remember to give back. If Dr. Galpin's story inspires just one more person to make a difference, then its telling here has been well worth while.



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One of Cape Air's Cessna Caravan nine-seat seaplane.

Cape Air gets greenlight for seaplanes

By John Lynds

Ever since Cape Air's CEO Dan Wolf was doing seaplane flight instruction on Cape Cod's ponds over 35 years ago, launching a scheduled seaplane service has been a dream.

Starting this spring Cape Air, one of the busiest air carriers at Logan International Airport with 11 destinations out of Boston, will expand its operations in a unique way.

Cape Air received a trail approval from the Boston Planning and Development Agency this month to begin seaplane flights off East Boston's shores to New York's for one year.

The BPDA approval allows Cape Air to operate four flights a day between Boston and New York.

Wolf said Cape Air's plans involve flying seaplanes in and out of Boston Harbor. Wolf explained that a lot of major cities like Seattle, San Francisco and Vancouver have been doing this for years now so it's not a new concept.

Cape Air's seaplanes will take off and land on the water just off Eastie's shores near the Hyatt Boston Hotel and land at an al-

ready established seaplane dock on the East River in Manhattan near East 23th Street.

"It is relatively difficult to get from Downtown Boston to Midtown Manhattan," said Cape Air's Senior Vice President Andrew Bonney at a community meeting recently. "But with seaplanes from downtown to downtown you can reduce a three to four hour trip to just over an hour. So that's really the genesis for this. So people ask why seaplanes? Well, with this plan you remove all the other parts of flying except the flying part."

Bonney said commuters on seaplanes are not subjected to TSA security lines, ticket lines, luggage lines and other inconveniences that are usually part of flying. Seaplane passengers would simply arrive at a proposed dock in Southie's Seaport District, board the seaplane, taxi out to the takeoff area near the Hyatt and then be on their way to New York City.

"And on the other end in New York it's the same thing," said Bonney. "We would land at the existing seaplane dock in Manhattan that has existed since the 1930s."

The planes Cape Air would

use, said Bonney, are the brand new Cessna Caravan nine-seat seaplane. Bonney said the single engine Cessna is a relatively quiet seaplane.

"We did a sound study because we wanted to know what the acoustic impacts would be to the surrounding area," said Bonney. "The conclusion of the study was the impact would be minimal."

Bonney said one key fact about seaplanes is that they can only operate in daylight because pilots must be able to see the surface of the water and horizon.

"There really isn't the concern of aircraft waking you up at night...just not possible with seaplanes," said Bonney. "They are small aircraft that are pretty high performance so when they take off they climb to altitude relatively quickly to mitigate sound impacts."

The takeoff and landing base in the water off the Hyatt, explained Bonney, would be restricted by the FAA to only Cape Air operations.

"This is a private, restricted sea base," said Bonney. "So you wouldn't have to worry about other carriers using the area."

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