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ON THE ROAD TO ANOTHER STATE TITLE



The Lynn English boys basketball team, led by head coach Antonio Anderson, is pictured after winning in overtime against undefeated Lowell in the Division 1 North sectional championship game. English went on to defeat Mansfield in the Garden to repeat as state champion and the No. 1-ranked team in Massachusetts.

Lynn YMCA to serve as temporary homeless shelter

The Lynn YMCA transformed a newly renovated floor of its residences into a temporary overnight shelter to help to the Lynn Shelter Association and the City of Lynn better meet social distancing guidelines for its homeless population.

Officials from the City of Lynn Fire Department and Lynn Shelter Association worked over the weekend to set up 30 cots on the residence floor where shelter, meals, and supportive services will be provided to Lynn Shelter Association clients in need of temporary shelter.

The Lynn YMCA has operated housing for vulnerable populations, seniors, people with disabilities and low-income residents throughout its 150-year history. The facility currently offers affordable, safe housing for 45 residents and is equipped with a quarantine area for those who test positive or are symptomatic for COVID-19. Currently, the Lynn YMCA residences have seen only one case that was cleared last week.

“When the outbreak began, we

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Lynn school administrators react to school closing announcement

Special To The Journal

Lynn school officials are busy continuing their course of action following Tuesday’s order by Governor Charlie Baker that schools be closed for the remainder of the 2019-20 school year due to the COVID-19 global pandemic.

Dr. Patrick Tutwiler, superintendent of Lynn schools, and Dr. John Dolan, head of schools at

St. Mary’s High School, each issued statements Wednesday following the governor’s decision.

Superintendent of Schools Dr. Patrick Tutwiler:

“Although the governor’s announcement confirmed what we had expected, the idea of our school buildings remaining closed is still sobering and keeps in focus the severity of the health

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City of Lynn posts COVID-19 update

Special to the Journal

The Lynn Public Health Department has confirmed that as of today, the number of confirmed positive COVID-19 cases has risen to 1,173, 114 have recovered, and 28 Lynn residents have died.

Governor Baker announced that all public and private schools are closed through the end of the school year. Also, all non-emergency child care programs must remain closed until June 29, 2020. You can learn more about the Governor’s orders at mass.gov/info-details/covid-19-updates-and-information

We will continue to provide regular updates on COVID-19 through the City website (www.lynnma.gov), social media, and the Smart 911 emergency notification system (sign up at www.smart911.com).

Actualización de COVID-19 de la ciudad de Lynn del 21 de abril de 2020.

El Departamento de Salud Pública de Lynn ha confirmado que a partir de hoy, el número de casos confirmados positivos de COVID-19 ha aumentado a 1,173, 114 se han recuperado y 28 residentes de Lynn se han muerto.

Hoy, el gobernador Baker

anunció que todas las escuelas públicas y privadas estarán cerradas hasta el fin del año escolar. También, todos los programas del cuidado infantil que no sean de emergencia permanecerán cerrados hasta el 29 de junio de 2020. Puede aprender más sobre las órdenes del Gobernador en mass.gov/info-details/covid-19-updates-and-information

Continuaremos brindando actualizaciones periódicas sobre COVID-19 a través del sitio web de la Ciudad (www.lynnma.gov), las redes sociales y el sistema de notificación de emergencia Smart 911 (regístrese en www.smart911.com).



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EDITORIAL

ONCE AGAIN, MASS. IS SHOWING THE WAY

With the launch this past week of the COVID-19 Community Tracing Collaborative (CTC) to mitigate the spread of the coronavirus in Massachusetts, our state once again is taking a leading role at this critical time for our nation.

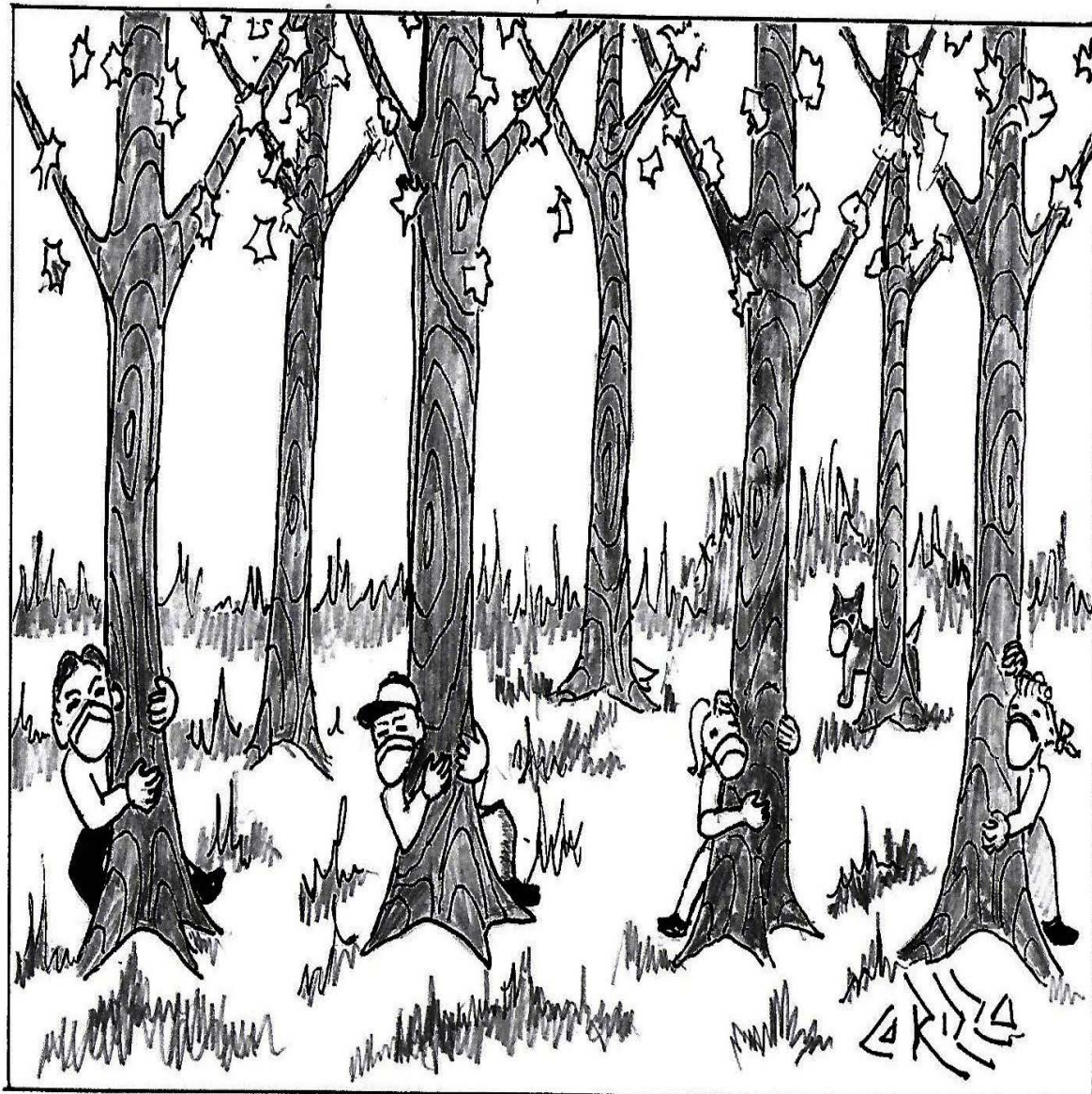
Massachusetts is the first state to invest in an ambitious contact-tracing program, budgeting \$44 million to hire 1,000 people. Gov. Charlie Baker said the goal of the program is to enable state health officials to identify pockets of infection as they emerge and thereby prevent infected people from spreading the virus further.

If successful, the program will provide government leaders in the coming weeks with the data they need to make meaningful decisions about relaxing our current strict social-distancing measures in order to reopen our economy.

The collaborative effort with Partners In Health will focus on tracing the contacts of confirmed positive COVID-19 patients and supporting individuals who are in quarantine. It will augment the efforts already underway from the state's COVID-19 Response Command Center to assist the contact tracing being done by local boards of health.

Partners In Health will provide staff and contribute technical expertise in community tracing. The Commonwealth Health Insurance Connector Authority will provide a virtual support center and maintain connectivity, while the Massachusetts Department of Health will manage data. Accenture, a professional services company, and Salesforce, a global leader in customer relationship management, are implementing support center capabilities.

We applaud this extraordinary joint effort between state government and private entities. In addition, we urge all of our residents who receive a call from CTC workers to cooperate fully with the program so that our communities can begin to take the offensive against this terrible pandemic.



CELEBRATE ARBOR DAY APR. 24TH AT A DISTANCE

LETTER to the Editor

CONTINUE TO SUPPORT OUR LOCAL BUSINESSES

Open Letter to the Greater Lynn Community:

Hello,

The COVID-19 pandemic is impacting all of us in unique ways. From restaurants to banks, construction companies to schools and community organizations, business owners to employees. During this time, the Chamber is here for ALL our members throughout the Greater Lynn Area.

We are proving business consulting and SBA loan application support (including Spanish translation), an array of Facebook Live programs (business support to selfcare and social activities), and many other business and community support resources.

As we move forward into our new normal, please remember to continue to support our local businesses. These businesses help make up the fabric of our communities and will support us in our transition through this ever changing environment. Remember that with Strong Business comes Strong Community.

Thank you and remain healthy and happy.



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Greater Lynn Chamber of Commerce

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LOCAL STUDENTS EARN ACADEMIC HONORS

Tallia Nicole Dudley named to U.S. Presidential Scholars Program and The Gates Scholarship Class of 2020

Tallia Nicole Dudley, a graduating senior at Lynn English High School, has been named one of 621 semifinalists in the 2020 U.S. Presidential Scholars Program. The semifinalists were selected from nearly 5,600 candidates expected to graduate from U.S. high schools in 2020.

Inclusion in the U.S. Presidential Scholars Program, now in its 56th year, is one of the highest honors bestowed upon graduating high school seniors. Scholars are selected on the basis of superior academic and ar-

tistic achievements, leadership qualities, strong character and involvement in community and school activities.

The U.S. Presidential Scholars Program was established in 1964 by Executive Order of the President to recognize some of our nation's most distinguished graduating seniors for their accomplishments in many areas: academic success, leadership, and service to school and community. It was expanded in 1979 to recognize students demonstrating exceptional scholarship and talent in the visual, creative, and performing arts. In 2015, the program was expanded once again to recognize students who demonstrate ability and accomplishment in career and technical fields. Annual, up to 161 U.S.

Presidential Scholars are chosen from among that year's senior class, representing excellence in education and the promise of greatness in America's youth. All Scholars are invited to Washington, D.C. in June for the National Recognition Program, featuring various events and enrichment activities and culminating in the presentation of the Presidential Scholar Medallion during a White House-sponsored ceremony.

A distinguished panel of educators have reviewed these submissions and selected 621 semifinalists. The Commission on Presidential Scholars, a group of 32 eminent citizens appointed by the President, will select the finalists, and the U.S. Department of Education will announce the

Scholars in May.

Lynn English is proud to announce that senior Tallia Dudley has been selected as a Gates Scholar and member of The Gates Scholarship Class of 2020. As one of 300 Scholars chosen from a pool of over 36,500 applicants from across the nation, she now belongs to an elite group of young leaders—all of whom represent the very pinnacle of academic achievement, service, and commitment. In addition to funding Tallia's undergraduate education, The Gates Scholarship will help her continue to hone leadership skills, prepare for professional life, and start building an enduring network of fellow Scholars and other distinguished individuals. Tallia will also have access to a range

of support services, including mentoring, leadership development, wellness, career guidance, internship and job opportunities, and more. From Thursday, June 25, 2020 – Sunday, June 28, 2020, Tallia will attend The Gates Scholarship Summer Institute (TGSSI) at the Los Angeles Airport Marriott, Los Angeles, California. TGSSI will bring together the entire Class of 2020 for a four-day, all-expenses-paid conference that will initiate the networking, comradery, and sense of empowerment that will define Tallia's experience as a Gates Scholar. Principal Thomas Strangie would like to congratulate Tallia, her family, and all the Lynn Public Schools teachers who educated and supported her throughout the years!

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immediately designated a quarantine room for our residents, so we are prepared." says Andrea Baez, Senior Executive Director, Lynn YMCA. "We have strict social distancing guidelines in place for residents and staff working through this crisis. My hope is that offering emergency shelter to this vulnerable population will more quickly reduce the spread of the virus, and take some additional burden off of our city's emergency and front-line workers."

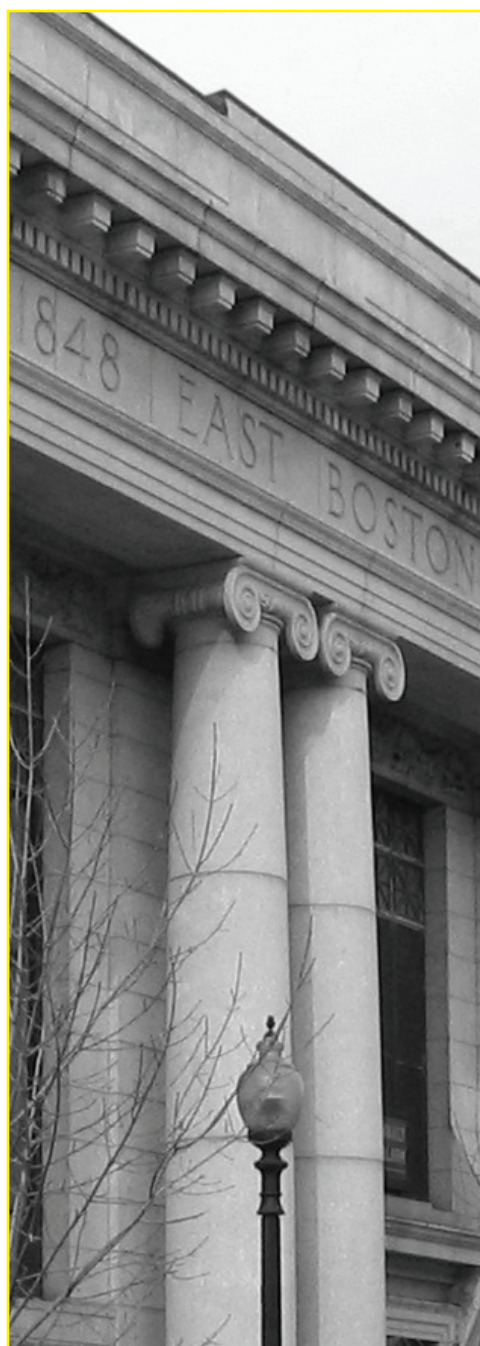
Clients staying at the YMCA are screened by medical personnel and staff. Those displaying symptoms are sheltered at different facilities.

Mayor Thomas McGee and Lynn City Officials brokered the partnership with the YMCA and Lynn Shelter Association to keep homeless residents safe. The City is collaborating with other organizations and municipalities to open additional temporary shelters in an effort to properly distance its homeless population. The arrangement with the YMCA is set to last up to 3 months.

Data released by the Mayor's office showed that coronavirus cases in Lynn spiked last week to well over 600 confirmed cases and 11 deaths. To curb the Mayor McGee instituted an overnight curfew between the hours of 9 p.m. and 6 a.m., and ordered all residents to wear a face mask when entering essential businesses or public places.

"We desperately needed space to keep our shelter residents safe during the pandemic. In the current situation, our overcrowded facility became a hazard, and social distancing close to impossible," says Tom Lorello, Director of Clinical Operations, Lynn Shelter Association. "After almost a month of searching for an alternative, we were getting desperate to decrease the census of the shelter. The YMCA expressed nothing but a willingness to help, and we are deeply grateful for this demonstration of true spirit of community service and partnership."

People in need of assistance can contact the Lynn Shelter Association 781.581.0739.



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Legislature passes legal protections for health care worker responding to COVID-19

The Massachusetts House of Representatives and State Senate passed legislation to shield those providing critical health care services from legal liability for the duration of the COVID-19 emergency.

“Our action today will protect our health care workers and health care facilities during this time of crisis as they work to care for an unprecedented number of patients,” said House Speaker Robert A. DeLeo (D – Winthrop). “This legislation will give our health care providers a sense of relief as they heroically treat the residents of the Commonwealth. I appreciate the leadership of Senate President Spilka as well as the work of Chairs Michlewitz and Murphy to bring these issues forward.”

“We owe a debt of gratitude to the brave men and women in health care who continue to treat patients amid this public health pandemic,” stated Senate President Karen E. Spilka (D – Ashland). “This urgently needed legislation will ensure that our healthcare system will be able to expand capacity quickly to treat patients during the surge of COVID-19 in Massachusetts. I

would like to acknowledge Senators Michael Rodrigues, Cindy Friedman and James Welch, as well as Speaker DeLeo and our colleagues in the House for expeditiously advancing this critical bill.”

“This necessary legislation will provide much needed liability relief for our health care workers and facilities so they can continue to focus on combating the COVID-19 public health crisis,” said Representative Aaron Michlewitz, Co-Chair of the Joint Committee on Ways & Means (D – Boston).

“With the COVID-19 surge now upon us, our health care system is under duress and being tested like it’s never been tested before,” said Senator Michael J. Rodrigues (D – Westport), Chair of the Senate Committee on Ways and Means. “With the passage of this important legislation today, the Senate has acted with urgency to provide peace of mind protections to our front-line health care workers who are going above and beyond to help those in critical need of care during this incredibly difficult time.”

“Health care professionals from a variety of disciplines, and

from different stages of their careers are risking their lives to join the fight against this pandemic,” said Senator James T. Welch (D – West Springfield). “As a Commonwealth, we owe it to these dedicated amazing medical personnel to relieve them of this burden. We have to show them that we value their courage and that we trust that they are giving the best possible care available for all patients.”

“During this time, we must do all that we can to protect front line workers,” said Representative James Murphy (D – Weymouth), Chair of the Financial Services Committee. “This legislation will go a long way to ensure that our health care professionals who are thrust into this worldwide pandemic are afforded vital legal protections enabling them to do their job in an extremely trying health care environment. We owe a debt of gratitude to all of them and I know together we will get through this.”

“This is a major step in ensuring that we have the workforce necessary to address the healthcare needs of our residents during the current pandemic,” said Senator Cindy F. Friedman

(D – Arlington), co-chair of the Joint Committee on Health Care Financing. “This bill maximizes protections for a wide variety of healthcare workers on the front lines of the COVID-19 response, who are sometimes being asked to work in very unique settings like field hospitals and other locations. I want to thank the Senate President and Chair Rodrigues for recognizing the urgency of this issue and for moving this bill forward quickly.”

“Our health care professionals are on the front lines caring for COVID-19 patients while operating under extraordinarily difficult and strenuous conditions,” said House Minority Leader Bradley H. Jones, Jr. (R – North Reading). “Protecting these essential workers from the threat of lawsuits and civil liability will help make their jobs a little easier, while sending a strong message to the health care community that we fully support their continuing efforts to keep us all safe and healthy.”

“The stress and strain imposed on health care professionals right now is unlike anything that they have endured; by taking legislative action we lessen

some of that burden,” said Senate Minority Leader Bruce Tarr (R – Gloucester). “These healers are heroes and they deserve the legal protection to make good decisions based on their best medical judgement in this uncharted territory.”

Under the legislation, health care professionals, facilities and volunteer organizations assisting in the state’s efforts to respond and treat COVID-19 would be protected from suit and civil liability for alleged damages related to the virus. Health care facilities and professionals would still be subject to consumer complaints brought by the Attorney General and protections would not extend to acts of negligence, recklessness, or intent to harm or acts of discrimination. These protections would apply retroactively to March 10, 2020, and remain in effect for the duration of the State of Emergency.

The bill, which is the latest action by the Legislature to address the COVID-19 public health crisis and its effects on Massachusetts, has been signed by the Governor.

Blue Cross Blue Shield of MA commits \$107,000 for COVID-19 community relief

Blue Cross Blue Shield of Massachusetts (“Blue Cross”) recently announced its latest relief efforts to support nonprofits affected by the Covid-19 pandemic, including more than \$107,000 to support organizations on the Northshore. Support includes:

- \$50,000 to the COVID-19 Relief fund at the United Way of Massachusetts Bay and Merrimack Valley
- \$10,000 to Lynn’s Leading through Empowering Opportunities (LEO Inc.)

• \$47,000 to Project Bread

“The pandemic has dramatically heightened the vulnerability of low-income households. Every day we talk with more people who are desperate to pay rent or find and buy groceries,” said Birgitta S. Damon, CEO of LEO Inc. “Housing instability, food insecurity and the scarcity

of diapers and cleaning supplies are insurmountable obstacles for more and more families and individuals. LEO is committed to working in our community with kindness and respect, providing people with tangible resources to meet their basic needs, and support from Blue Cross and other foundations and individuals in our community helps make that possible.”

Since the emergence of the COVID-19 crisis, LEO Inc. has been processing an unprecedented number of applications for emergency assistance for rents and mortgages and expanded over-the-phone intake appointments by 43% to handle the growing need for heating and utility assistance. The organization has also distributed more than 800 lots of groceries and supplies to families living in pov-

erty, including diapers and wipes for families with young children, and income-qualified senior citizens. And to support education needs, LEO is ensuring families enrolled in their Early Head Start and Head Start Child Development Programs have resources like books and activity packets to keep kids busy at home.

The contributions to LEO Inc. and other area organizations are part of a broader statewide effort consisting of \$250,000 in direct contributions to support COVID-19 relief efforts across Massachusetts and the reallocation of more than \$1.75 million in community investments and strategic sponsorships to expedite unrestricted cash to help nonprofits meet operational challenges.

“We’re committed to doing everything we can to help our nonprofit partners during these trying times,” said Jeff Bellows, vice president of corporate citizenship and public affairs at Blue Cross. “That includes honoring our sponsorships for events that may have been cancelled, enabling our community partners to use funds to address their greatest needs and reallocating dollars we had earmarked for strategic initiatives to provide relief grants

to organizations that are helping people stay healthy during this public health emergency.”

As part of its commitment, Blue Cross is implementing the following support (with additional efforts to rollout over the coming weeks and months):

- Committing \$550,000 in relief grants to nonprofits across the Commonwealth frontline aid including access to food, basic needs and critical support for first responders, health care and retail workers. The funds, which were previously reserved for Blue Cross’ Healthy Living Accelerator Grants, will be distributed in two phases: \$275,000 will be distributed this spring in \$10,000 - \$15,000 grants to 22 nonprofits and the other half, later this fall, when organizations have reassessed their greatest needs.

- Lifting funding restrictions on \$520,000 of committed funds to ensure nonprofits have the flexibility to address critical challenges. An example includes shifting the company’s Project Bread funding to support its Covid-19 program that ensures students across the Commonwealth still have access to breakfast and lunch during school closures.

- Instituting a matching gift

program for all employee donations to any Massachusetts nonprofit. Total is currently at \$134,000 and the program will remain open through May 13.

- Launching several virtual volunteer initiatives including remote skills-based volunteering, college mentoring with Strive for College, warm wish notes with Cradles to Crayons, virtual storytelling with Message of Hope, sewing facemasks for local health care workers and donating blood through the Red Cross.

- Partnered with MassINC to run a four-part tracking poll measuring Massachusetts residents’ levels of understanding and compliance with public health measures.

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crisis we have all been navigating the last several weeks. We will continue to enhance remote instruction and do everything we can to support our teachers and students as they transition to this new model of teaching and learning.

Every school district is sailing in uncharted waters, but we all have the same goal: to ensure that while the buildings are closed, the learning process is very much open.

We empathize with our high school seniors and we are committed to properly recognizing them at the appropriate time. These are challenging times for everyone, but especially the Class of 2020, and we want them to know we have their backs.”

St. Mary’s Head of School Dr. John F. Dolan

“The school doors at St. Mary’s and Sacred Heart may be closed to students, but Catholic education in Lynn remains open. Our teachers and administrators continue to provide students with a quality education, while having

some fun in the process.

The St. Mary’s/Sacred Heart Coronavirus Task Force, led by David Angeramo (St. Mary’s associate head of school) and Kristina Relihan (Sacred Heart principal), is helping our school community navigate the ongoing crisis. The task force is focused on issues including technology, communication, spirituality and counseling.

Thanks to their efforts and the collaborative spirit displayed by teachers and students, our remote learning has been up and running since day one. I am proud of the way our school community has responded to this unprecedented crisis.

While the governor’s announcement was not a surprise, it was still jarring. We are working with students and parents to ensure we appropriately honor our Class of 2020.

We are committed to ensuring that St. Mary’s continues to move forward, and we have faith that we will emerge as a better school and stronger community.”

Councillor-at-Large LaPierre offers multiple perspectives on school closing decision

By Cary Shuman

Councillor-at-Large Brian LaPierre is a parent, a former Lynn schoolteacher, and the director of organization at the American Federation of Teachers Massachusetts.

His wife, Kelly LaPierre, is an eighth-grade civics teacher at Pickering Middle School.

While “disappointed” by the news, LaPierre believes that Gov. Charlie Baker’s decision to close swas the correct one in respect to the COVID-19 global pandemic.

“I’m disappointed but totally realistic about the decision and I think it’s a wise one,” said LaPierre, whose sons, Owen and Dylan, are students in the Lynn public schools.

“I would say the building may

be closed, but the learning continues.”

LaPierre praised the Lynn schoolteachers for their excellent work in educating students during the COVID-19 crisis.

“Our teachers and support staff have been remarkable in getting online and remote learning up and running in a 24-hour period back in March,” said LaPierre. “And it’s going to get better and better as we become more nimble with technology.

“There’s always going to be a learning gap when you’re not face-to-face learning with an educator in the classroom and socializing with your friends in a classroom setting, but short of that and I’m struggling with it as a parent as well – our teachers have gotten very innovative and creative around lesson planning, historical walks, time capsules,

science projects, even project-based stuff that you would not have imagined happening six weeks ago.”

LaPierre said he feels bad for students who will miss important events such as the commencement and moving-on ceremonies that culminate the school years.

LaPierre said Dr. Tutwiler, school principals and the School Committee have done an outstanding job updating parents during the crisis. He is confident that students will be fully prepared to continue their education in their next grades in the fall.

“We’re all just doing what Lynn does and that’s just embracing what we have and working to do the best we can under extenuating circumstances,” concluded LaPierre.

State, National Guard work together to award over \$40,000 in bonuses to service members during COVID-19 crisis

In 2019, the Office of the State Treasurer Veterans’ Bonus Division launched an online application for the Massachusetts Global War on Terrorism (GWOT) Welcome Home Bonus. Massachusetts service members and Veterans are now able to apply online, streamlining the application process and expediting bonus payouts.

Understanding the need and importance of an online presence, State Treasurer Deb Goldberg and the Veterans’ Bonus Division established the online application in order to be fully accessible to Veterans and military families as they plan for their financial futures.

“Thanks to our team’s efforts, that established the Welcome Home bonus online platform in 2019, we are now well prepared for this unforeseen situation,” said State Treasurer Deb Goldberg, “Through our platform, we are able to quickly and efficiently get money into the hands of veterans who have so honorably served our country. This ensures that every Massachusetts servicemember has the opportunity to receive their bonus payout. I am proud to work with the National Guard to assist veterans during this time of great economic uncertainty.”

Since the beginning of this

global pandemic, the online application has played an important role for the Veterans’ Bonus Division in processing inquires and awarding eligible service members. With the support of the Massachusetts National Guard, the Division was able to identify service members and award over \$40,000 in bonuses.

The National Guard created a non-profit alliance to bring together public and private agencies to collaborate in innovative ways to support the men, women, and families of the Massachusetts National Guard. The Treasurer’s Office and the Massachusetts National Guard understand that the greatest impact on the lives of the men, women and families who serve, comes from the partnership of both public and private organizations.

The relationship built between the Treasurer’s Office and the National Guard has helped identify hundreds of National Guardsmen missing out on between \$500 and \$1200 in bonuses. This is a benefit that belongs to the service members and is helpful during the massive layoffs associated with the pandemic.

“The close relationship between the Massachusetts National Guard, the Non-Profit Partners, and Treasurer Goldberg’s office has allowed our Soldiers

and Airmen to take advantage of the Welcome Home Bonus,” said Cmd. Sgt. Maj. Gregory C. Widberg, state command sergeant major of the Massachusetts National Guard. “These service members have, on countless occasions, supported and served the citizens of this great Commonwealth in times of disaster and uncertainty. They continue to do that now during the COVID-19 outbreak.”

“Over the last three years the Veterans’ Bonus Division has worked hard to streamline the process to make it easier for Veterans to apply for the bonus,” states Steve Croteau, Veterans Bonus Manager. “That work and the relationship with the Massachusetts National Guard has positioned us with the ability to support Veterans remotely during this time.”

By visiting VetsBonusMA.com service members and Veterans can apply and upload their required supporting documents from wherever they are. The online application will also increase the ability to analyze collected data to optimize outreach to Veterans within local organizations and communities. It takes approximately 10 days or less for the check to be mailed.

A SHORT STORY ABOUT A MOTORCYCLE. AND A SUDDEN TURN.

When she was a young college student, Elisabeth Marra had a serious motorcycle accident that ultimately changed her life. Two years after the crash, her painful open fractures had failed to heal. Then she heard about a new and complex surgery pioneered by a surgeon who used a patient’s own stem cells to concentrate the healing process. This time, her surgery and subsequent therapy were successful.

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

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

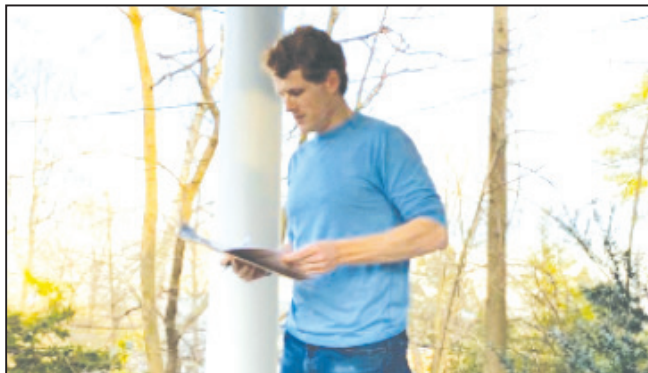


Kennedy officially on September ballot for U.S. Senate

Massachusetts Secretary of State William Galvin's office confirmed April 15 that Congressman Joe Kennedy III will appear on the ballot for U.S. Senate in September.

After months of collecting signatures across the Commonwealth, the Kennedy for MA campaign received final confirmation that they had reached the 10,000 signature requirement to get on the ballot. The campaign had submitted more than 15,000 signatures to local town and city clerks.

Kennedy signed the final nomination sheet from his home in Newton on Wednesday.



Congressman Joe Kennedy III signing the final nomination paper sheet on the porch of his home last week. He was notified he will appear on the September Primary Election ballot for U.S. Senate.

Sheriff details containment measures at jail facilities

Staff Report

With the inevitable arrival of the first cases of COVID-19 to its facilities, the Suffolk County Sheriff's Department has engaged in a rigorous containment and spread-prevention strategy aimed at limiting the effect of the global pandemic within its facilities.

Presently, as of April 17, there have been six positive tests for COVID-19 among those in Department care and custody – all within the detainee population at the Suffolk County Jail – and eight staff members who tested positive for COVID-19 (seven officers and one medical contractor). One detainee testing positive was hospitalized at Boston Medical Center overnight, and discharged back to Department facilities the following day. All six detainees have been transferred to a special quarantine unit at the House of Correction and positive staff members went into mandated quarantine. An additional two residents of the Jail are currently being housed separately at the House of Correction while awaiting test results.

In the instance of a positive test for officers, the Department conducts a review of on-duty contacts (staff/detainee/inmate) that an officer may have had. Typically, an officer does not fall within the CDC guidance of "close contact" with inmates, unless they have had physical contact through a "use of force" action or an assignment that put him or her in an enclosed area for a prolonged period of time. The Department also reviews staff contacts and assignments. Certain staff contacts have led to mandated quarantine, others, self-quarantine, and still others no quarantine, depending on the review and level of contact.

Consistent with the Department's enhanced sanitization and decontamination protocols, the Jail units in which the individuals who tested positive lived pre-test, underwent deep cleaning and decontamination. Sanitization efforts continue in those units on an accelerated pace, in addition to the cleaning and sanitizing protocols enforced mul-

iple times throughout the day throughout both facilities.

The use of masks for all personnel has been mandated, and anyone entering Department facilities is screened for symptoms and administered a temperature test. Custody and medical staff have been assigned personal protective equipment (PPE), and all staff, detainees and inmates have been given masks, which are replaced as needed.

"The arrival of COVID-19 in our facilities is something that we have been preparing for since the outset of the pandemic," said Sheriff Tompkins, stressing the Department's readiness. "As many of the health organizations and infectious disease experts have stated, the introduction of the COVID-19 virus in prison settings is inevitable, and we are all a microcosm of what is happening on our streets and in our communities."

"The key for us is in the implementation of our plans and the consistency in their operation," Sheriff Tompkins continued. "As I said, we are prepared for this unfortunate but inevitable situation, and we will do everything in our power to limit the incidence of the virus in our facilities and mitigate its effects by quarantining people who test positive, those who may have been in close contact with them, continuing our rigorous sanitizing and decontamination procedures, and following and updating the protocols that we've already implemented, as needed."

The Department has also enlisted the expertise of Infectious Disease Specialist Dr. Alysse Wurcel of Tufts Medical Center to bolster the practical and strategic planning of its COVID-19 response.

In addition to the protection and mitigation protocols, the Department has also been working with the courts to reduce the population within its facilities in compliance with the Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court (SJC) Order 12926. To date, 31 detainees, meeting specific criteria identified by the SJC, have been released from Department custody.

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U-M student Sarma rides smarts and school pride to Jeopardy! College Championship

By Cary Shuman

He is one of the biggest stars to come out of the University of Minnesota since Kevin McHale. And while McHale, the Hall of Fame Boston Celtics forward, performed his feats of greatness on the famed parquet at the Boston Garden, U-M sophomore Nibir Sarma excelled on a gigantic stage as well.

Sarma captured the Jeopardy! College Championship in an impressive performance in the tournament that had 15 players representing colleges and university from coast to coast.

Sarma received \$100,000 and a championship trophy for his scintillating first-place finish on the classic game show led by Alex Trebek, the beloved host, who like the millions watching at home, was captivated by Sarma's triumph.

In the show following Sarma's championship-clinching victory, Trebek again noted the 19-year-old's effort in "blowing away" the competition.

With people staying at home because of COVID-19, Sarma became the viewers' favorite with his confidence and versatility on the show. Many enjoyed watching a chemical engineering student, representing an unheralded but outstanding midwestern state university, conquer his

rivals with a display of a wide knowledge that spanned every Jeopardy! category.

Many felt the turning point in the championship round was Sarma demonstrating his aptitude in the sciences and running the "Poetry And Physicists" category, highlighted by a fearless all-in Double Jeopardy! wager of \$8,000 on a question he correctly answered, "Who is Galileo?"

Sarma is the toast of the Gopher State, receiving hundreds of congratulatory messages from U-M students, coaches, athletes, and alumni.

"It's been an exciting time," said Sarma. "The past two weeks or so, my social media has blown up. It's been a really neat experience."

Sarma attended Eden Prairie High School, which is about a half hour from the U-M campus. He was a standout and captain of the school's Quiz Bowl team that finished 31st in the nationals.

"Learning in many subjects has sort of been an interest of mine," said Sarma. "I read a lot as a kid. I've always been interested in learning about things."

Sarma took an online Jeopardy! test in October, 2019. He had his Jeopardy! audition in St. Louis in November and received a call in January that he had been selected as a contestant in the Jeopardy! College Champion-

ship which was filmed in February at Sony Picture Studios in Culver City, Calif.

Sarma finished second in the opening round to Indiana senior Tyler Combs but his high total (\$18,448) earned him a spot in the next round. "After Tyler absolutely dominated the first round and we both made it back to the final round for a rematch, I guess I had an extra bit of motivation for doing well," said Sarma.

Competing against Combs and USC sophomore Xiaoke Yang on Day 1 of the finals, Sarma recorded the highest total (\$22,195) to win handily. Rather than sit on his lead on Day 2, Sarma came out firing and pulled away to a commanding victory.

One can only imagine the victory lap that Nibir would have garnered on the U-M campus, had the university been in session at this time. But the autographs, selfie-requests, and recognition ceremonies will come when classes resume in the fall semester.

Sarma does have a connection to the University of Minnesota athletic program. He plays the clarinet in the pep band at U-M ice hockey games. Boston sports fans will no doubt remember that is was Minnesota ice hockey coach Herb Brook and several Gopher players who teamed up



Jeopardy! host Alex Trebek points to the \$100,000 prize won by Jeopardy! College Champion Nibir Sarma, a sophomore at the University of Minnesota.

with Winthrop's Mike Eruzione and three other BU players, Jack O'Callahan, Dave Silk, and Jim Craig, to win the gold medal at the 1980 Winter Olympics in Lake Placid.

Reflecting on his Jeopardy title, Nibir Sarma said he takes considerable pride in being a U-M student and a representative of the university and the state.

"Being that I am a member of the hockey pep band as well as

being an admissions ambassador at the University of Minnesota, representing the university is not something that is new to me," said Sarma. "But certainly this a whole different scale and I have appreciated having everyone in Minnesota behind my back."

Sarma, whose twitter name is "Jeopardy! Nibir," will return to the show for the Jeopardy! Tournament of Champions later this year.

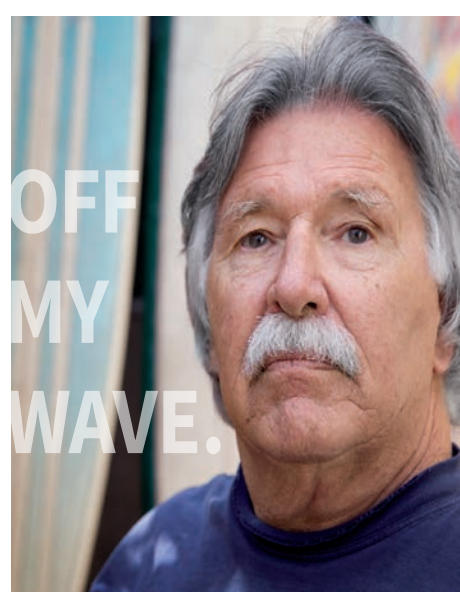


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Baker outlines ongoing steps to address homelessness; announces new childcare actions

Staff Report

The Baker-Polito Administration on April 17 outlined its ongoing comprehensive strategy to address homelessness during the COVID-19 outbreak. The Administration also announced additional support for foster families and a new emergency order authorizing the creation of emergency childcare sites.

•Comprehensive Steps To Address Homelessness: The Baker-Polito Administration recognizes that the challenges of COVID-19 are being felt especially hard among most vulnerable populations, including the 18,000 Massachusetts residents experiencing homelessness. Massachusetts was among the first states to create designated isolation sites for COVID-positive homeless individuals, the result of a partnership between the Commonwealth, homeless shelters and municipalities that has been underway for weeks.

The Administration's strategy to support homeless individuals and families includes five key initiatives:

***Establishing Isolation & Recovery Sites For COVID-19 Positive Homeless Individuals:** The Administration has opened five state-operated isolation and recovery sites across the state to provide regional solutions for

people experiencing homelessness that need a safe place to isolate and recover after testing positive for COVID-19. Statewide, these sites have a capacity of 550 beds and are staffed with 24/7 security and nursing staff, and are located in Everett, Lexington, Northampton, Pittsfield, and Taunton. These sites augment medical facilities at the Boston Hope field hospital in the South Boston Convention Center and Newton Pavilion at Boston Medical Center, which offer 732 respite beds for individuals who are homeless. As of April 15, over 160 people experiencing homelessness have been served by a state-operated Isolation and Recovery Site.

***Deploying Supplies To Support Local Quarantine Solutions:** With the Administration's support, communities across the Commonwealth are standing up quarantine sites to provide a safe place for homeless individuals who were exposed to COVID-19 but are not symptomatic. Exposed individuals quarantine for 14 days to ensure they do not develop symptoms of COVID-19. The Administration created an expedited process for homeless shelters and municipalities to request equipment and supplies for quarantine solutions, such as tents, beds, and portable showers. To date, eleven communities have received supplies from

MEMA to support their quarantine efforts: Brockton, Cambridge, Fitchburg, Framingham, Greenfield, Hyannis, Lowell, Southbridge, Taunton, Waltham, and Worcester.

***Supporting Families In Emergency Assistance and Domestic Violence Shelters:** The Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) and the Department of Public Health (DPH) have instituted practices outlined by the CDC to mitigate COVID-19 outbreaks within congregate shelters. Shelter coordinators have implemented health screening procedures during the placement process and have reinforced social distancing and infection control practices for shared spaces. DHCD has increased the state's scattered site capacity to enable additional depopulation, quarantine, and isolation of families at various stages of COVID-19 exposure. Extended leaves from shelter have also been approved for families that have temporary alternative housing available with relatives. DHCD has developed protocols for shelters dealing with families that have tested positive for COVID-19, especially when some family members test negative. This group has also convened a case team to triage unique circumstances.

***Expediting PPE Distribution To Shelters:** The Administra-

tion has established an expedited HYPERLINK "<https://www.mass.gov/doc/homeless-shelter-covid-19-faq/download>" At "_blank" process for homeless shelters to request PPE and other supplies necessary to maintain appropriate cleaning and sanitation practices. As of April 15, Massachusetts has distributed masks, surgical masks, face shields, gloves, partitions, temperature strips, hand sanitizer, and cleaning supplies to 84 shelter sites.

***Providing Technical Assistance To Organizations, Municipalities Seeking Funding Through FEMA's Public Assistance Program:** FEMA will reimburse 75 percent of municipality and non-profit organization costs associated with qualifying quarantine and isolation services for people experiencing homelessness. Massachusetts has established a dedicated portal to support municipalities and organizations through the grant application process, developing robust partnerships across the state to ensure all applicants are well-supported. As of April 15, some 236 applicants have been processed and approved by MEMA.

•Foster Care Relief: The Administration recognizes that as result of schools closing and closure of non-essential businesses, foster families are incurring in-

creased costs. Foster parents are vital to the Department of Children and Families (DCF) and its mission to keep children safe, as they care for some of the Commonwealth's most vulnerable children who have been abused and neglected.

To support foster parents providing departmental foster care, DCF will be making a \$100 monthly payment for each child in placement on the 15 of April, May and June. Currently, on average, foster parents are reimbursed between \$830 to \$975 per child per month, depending on the age of the child in their care. This \$100 additional payment represents a 10 – 12 percent increase over current reimbursements for foster parents. The relief will benefit the approximately 4,500 foster families who provide departmental foster care for 6,700 children. This includes unrestricted and kinship foster families.

•Emergency Childcare: On April 16, Gov. Baker issued an emergency order authorizing the Department of Early Education and Care (EEC) to establish emergency sites for children and youth living in residential homes that have tested positive for COVID-19 and need to be cared for in quarantine or isolation.

State announces CARES Act benefits for self-employed, gig economy workers

Staff Report

The state announced today that Massachusetts residents who are not eligible for regular unemployment benefits can now apply online for the new Pandemic Unemployment Assistance (PUA) program – more than one week ahead of the original schedule that predicted an April 30 rollout.

The new federal PUA program provides up to 39 weeks of unemployment benefits who are unable to work because of a COVID-19-related reason but are not eligible for regular or extended unemployment benefits. This includes self-employed workers, independent contractors, gig economy workers, and those with limited work history. Some of the most affected workers in this category were ride-share (Uber or Lyft) drivers who are not officially employees.

Applicants can learn more and apply at www.mass.gov/pua.

"As a Commonwealth, we are committed to doing everything in our power, and moving as urgently as possible to get workers impacted by the COVID-19 crisis the benefits they deserve," said Governor Charlie Baker. "With the implementation of this new federal benefit program, we can better support workers not normally covered by the unemployment system like those who are self-employed or work in the gig economy."

To be eligible for this new program, individuals must provide self-certification that they are otherwise able and available to work, but are prevented from doing so by circumstances relating to COVID-19, including their own illness or that of a family member.

Those able to telework with pay and individuals receiving paid sick or other leave will not qualify for PUA. Individuals receiving paid sick leave or other paid leave benefits for less than their customary work week,

however, may still be eligible for PUA. Also, those working fewer hours, resulting in a loss of income due to COVID-19, who are not eligible for regular unemployment benefits may be eligible for PUA.

"It is vital that our workforce gets the resources and help they need during this critical time," said Secretary of Labor and Workforce Development Rosalin Acosta. "I'm proud of everything our team is doing to rapidly implement new programs, and ensure that as many eligible workers as possible get some relief."

The federal CARES Act signed into law on March 27 created PUA, as well as another temporary federal program called Federal Pandemic Unemployment Compensation (FPUC) that provides an additional \$600 weekly benefit for those receiving unemployment benefits or PUA. FPUC provides that additional benefit through July 25, 2020.

All approved PUA applications will initially receive the minimum weekly benefit amount, plus the additional \$600 FPUC weekly benefit. Once a worker's wages are verified, weekly benefit amounts may increase. The amount of PUA benefits received is based on the individual's reported previous income. PUA benefits may not be more than the state's maximum weekly benefit rate for regular unemployment, which is \$823 in Massachusetts.

Weekly benefits, including any increase to your weekly benefit amount, will be retroactive to January 27, 2020, or the date when you became unemployed, whichever is more recent, as long as you became unable to work because of a COVID-19 related reason.

•PUA Application Process: To apply, individuals must provide their Social Security number or US Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) number if not a citizen of the

United States, and their wage records for 2019, which includes 1099 forms, pay stubs, or bank statements. Applicants will also need the Social Security numbers and dates of birth for dependent children and, if requesting direct deposit for payment, your bank account and routing numbers. A full list of required documents is available at www.mass.gov/pua.

Please note that, initially, the system can only pay benefits retroactively to the week ending March 14, 2020. Eligible workers will be able to certify for benefits, and will be able to request benefits retroactively to January 27, 2020, if their dates of unemployment make them eligible.

Individuals who are determined ineligible for PUA will receive a written disqualification along with information on how to pursue an appeal. Additional information about the appeals process will be separately posted at a later date.

Research sample company looking for COVID-19 blood samples

By Seth Daniel

A biological specimen company is calling out to all those who have COVID-19 or have recovered from the virus to donate blood immediately to help wage a scientific war on beating the virus.

Biological Specialty Company (BSC) typically collects samples of several different diseases and sicknesses for the research community, including those in pharmacology, academia and the government. In normal times, one might go to one of their collection labs, such as in Medford, or at a health center. However, the company is responding to the immediate crisis, and huge request from researchers for COVID-19 samples, by changing its business model to collect blood samples from patients at their homes in a mobile collection unit.

“We need real diverse samples from diverse populations and in diverse stages of fighting the virus,” said Lori Ball, chief operating officer of BSC. “We really need to spread the word as fast as we can because this is a pandem-

ic and we have a pocket of time where this is really valuable information... This is the time right now to collect this and get the information while it's in process within the body.”

Ball said their company collects samples, and then distributes them to the research community. Right now demand is at a tremendous high for them to get researchers valid and diverse samples so they can learn about the virus and try to develop a way to fight it.

Any samples collected will be used to develop diagnostics, or to learn about what COVID-19 is. They could also be used to study anti-bodies in the blood, which are immune system responses to fighting the disease. Researchers want to learn why some fight off the disease and others have trouble with it. Finally, they will use it to try to develop a vaccine so that no one ever gets COVID-19 again.

The only way to get to those important answers is to get samples of the virus from people who have it, thus the need to gather samples at their homes and to put out a public appeal for volunteers.

“Because of the nature of COVID, we realized that if there were those who wanted to donate, they might have a fever or might be in quarantine and might not be able to get out or don't feel well enough to get out,” said Ball. “We changed our business model to include a mobile collection program so we could go to the home of COVID-19 patients. Our researchers were having trouble getting access to the research samples. That's what we do, get them samples, and we felt we needed to be able to go to any zip code where people have been diagnosed.”

Because COVID-19 is a global pandemic, and there are few answers now, donating to research has become very popular because it is a humanitarian gesture to try to beat the virus. However, being able to get those samples at the right time was difficult given how sick people were who had the virus.

“Some people who have been diagnosed with COVID definitely want to participate in research and many of them are first-time donors,” she said. “This is allowing them to connect with the research community right now. We

are the conduit.”

Patients who are sick with COVID-19 and quarantined can now donate blood from the comfort of their home via a BSC mobile donation unit.

•When patients contact BSC, they will be asked some qualifying questions to confirm their eligibility to participate.

•BSC is seeking blood donors who are over the age of 18 with COVID-19 positive test results confirmed by nasal swab or sera (blood test).

•Patients' personal information will be kept confidential and only health-related data will accompany their blood sample.

•They will be asked to provide demographic information such as age, race, gender, medications taken, co-morbidities, and smoking status in addition to answering questions about their illness such as symptoms and date of onset.

•For their time, patients will be compensated \$10 for each tube of blood collected.

DONATING BLOOD IN QUARANTINE

After a COVID-19 patient makes a blood donation appointment, a BSC phlebotomist,

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DONATING BLOOD POST RECOVERY

People who have recovered from COVID-19 and have had no symptoms for at least 28 days, and have had no close contact exposure to a person with confirmed COVID-19 for 28 days, can elect to either donate via the mobile service or make an appointment to visit a BSC blood donor center.

BSC is a critical service supplying more than 30,000 pharma, biotech, diagnostic and government researchers with human blood products for scientific research.

Potential donors can obtain additional information and schedule an appointment by calling 1-833-GO-4-CURE, visiting www.biospecialty.com or sending an email to donors@biospecialty.com.

Navs welcome back Brickman, sign North Andover native McElroy

The North Shore Navigators turned to the nearby Merrimack Valley for the two newest members of their 2020 roster, signing one of the best power hitters in franchise history and a more recent high school standout.

Dayton first baseman Alex Brickman of Andover and future Holy Cross middle infielder Jake McElroy of North Andover will both join Lynn's Futures Collegiate Baseball League club this summer. President and General Manager Derek January made Monday's announcement.

Brickman was a .306 hitter with three home runs and a team-high 16 RBI in Dayton's 14 games this spring and now returns to the Navs for a third summer. He transferred to Dayton from St. Petersburg College in 2019 and posted a .264 average while tying for the team's home run lead with seven. The 6-foot-4, 265-pound slugger recorded 11 homers, 17 doubles and 62 RBI for North Shore over the

2016 and 2017 seasons, earning him a spot on the organization's FCBL All-Decade Team that was released last week. His 41 RBI from 2017 still stand as the single-season franchise record. Last summer, Brickman hit .301 with four long balls and 17 RBI for the NECBL's New Bedford Bay Sox.

Scouting Report: Tremendous power and will hit for average ... mature hitter and RBI machine ... MLB comp: Billy Butler.

The 5-foot-10, 180-pound McElroy will head to Holy Cross after serving as a two-year captain of North Andover's baseball, football and basketball teams, collecting Boston Globe and Boston Herald All-Scholastic honors in all three sports. He helped the Scarlet Knights win their first-ever Super 8 baseball championship last spring, hitting .466 with 20 RBI, 28 runs scored and 33 stolen bases. McElroy was also the Division 2 Player of the Year as a Super Bowl-win-

ning quarterback in 2018 and scored 1,174 career points in basketball. The Globe's 2019 Will McDonough Male Athlete of the Year spent this school year as a postgraduate at Proctor Academy and was an All-NEPSAC football player in the fall.

Scouting Report: Versatile infielder who can play anywhere ... great athlete and competitor ... fun to watch ... MLB comp: Bret Boone.

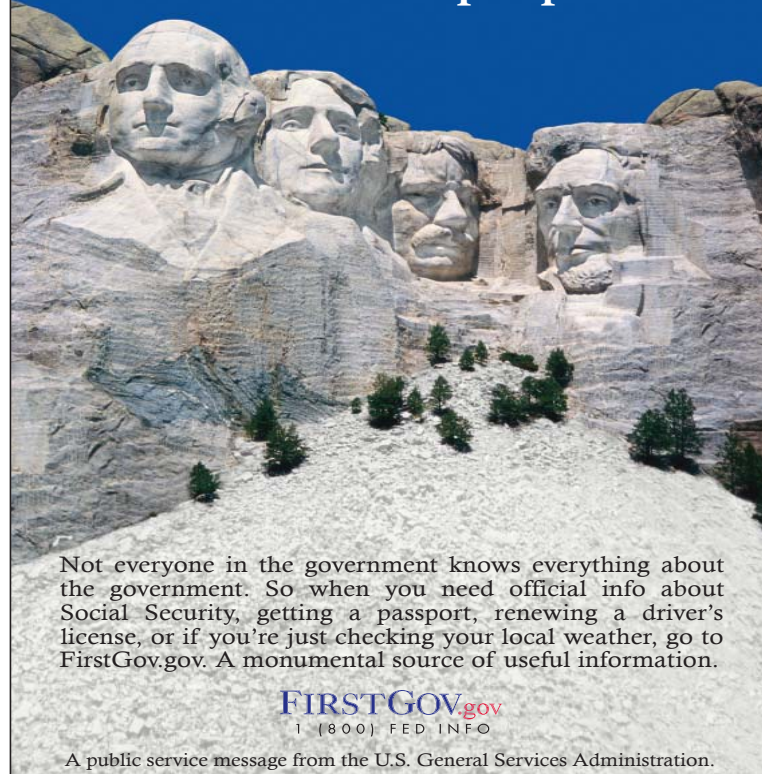
Brickman will join fellow Andover native Cedric Gillette (Merrimack) and Dayton teammates Gavin Bates and Nate Espelin on the Navs roster. McElroy graduated from North Andover with former Gatorade Player of the Year Boston Red Sox draft pick Sebastian Keane, a Northeastern freshman who pitched for North Shore last summer.

The Navs are now preparing for the 13th season of collegiate ball at Fraser Field and their ninth in the Futures League. The 2020 opener is scheduled for

Wednesday, May 27. Until then, stay up to date on the latest Navs news by visiting nsnavs.com and

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U.S. Attorney urges health care sector to report fraud related to the COVID-19 pandemic

As part of the comprehensive federal response to the COVID-19 outbreak, United States Attorney Andrew E. Lelling is urging leadership at Massachusetts hospitals to report individuals and companies that may be engaged in wrongdoing related to the COVID-19 pandemic.

In a letter to leadership at Massachusetts hospitals, U.S. Attorney Lelling encouraged health care facilities to report to federal authorities individuals and companies that may have acquired vital medical supplies in excess of what they would reasonably use, or for the purpose of charging exorbitant prices. This includes 15 categories of health and medical supplies designated by the Secretary of Health and Human Services (HHS) as "scarce," thus triggering civil and criminal enforcement remedies that the U.S. Attorney's Office will pursue. In addition, the U.S. Attorney's Office will investigate any other fraudulent conduct designed to benefit from the pandemic (e.g., false treatments, tests, and/or vaccinations for COVID-19).

"In light of the COVID-19 pandemic, my office is prioritizing the investigation and

prosecution of wrongdoing related to the COVID-19 pandemic, including those engaged in hoarding and/or price-gouging with regard to critical medical supplies," said United States Attorney Lelling. "These practices are not only morally repugnant in light of the pandemic but also, if left unchecked, will inhibit hospitals, physicians, other health care professionals, and government agencies from fully implementing measures designed to save lives and mitigate the spread of the novel coronavirus."

U.S. Attorney Lelling named Amanda Strachan, Chief of the Health Care Fraud Unit, as the COVID-19 Fraud Coordinator for the District of Massachusetts.

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Bent Water Brewing Co.	180 Commercial St, Unit 18, Lynn 01905	Offering Curbside to-go Thursdays & Fridays, 4:30-6pm Orders can be placed here: bit.ly/BWcurbside	yes	(781) 780-9948
Brother's Deli	41 Market St Lynn MA 01901	Take Out M-Saturday 5:30am - 8:30pm Sunday 5:30am-130pm		(781) 581-3363
CB Stuffer	17 Columbia St # 4, Swampscott 01907	Delivery Only	yes	(781) 595-1511 erin@cbstuffer.com
Cafe Avellino	242 Humphrey St., Swampscott 01907	Take out available - FREE local delivery for elderly	yes	(781) 584-4435
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Jimmy's Steer House	114 Broadway, Saugus 01906	Take out only Sun-Thurs 12-8pm & Fri -Sat 12-9pm	yes	(781) 233-8600
Kelly's Roast Beef	605 Broadway, Ste 300, Saugus 01906	Drive-thru, Carry-out & Delivery	yes	(781) 233-5000
Kowloon Restaurant	948 Broadway, Saugus 01905	Take out & Delivery (11:30am-1:30am)	yes	(781) 233-0077
Lazy Dog Sports Bar	328A Broadway, Lynn 01904	Take out only Mon-Sat (11am-1am) Sun (11am-11:30pm)	yes	(781) 477-1988
Lincoln's Landings	156 Humphrey St, Swampscott 01907	Take out & Delivery Mon, Thurs, Fri, Sat: 8am-2pm, Sun: 8am-1pm	yes	(781) 593-5565
Lucille Wine Shop	776 Washington St, Lynn 01902	Sundays/Mondays - OPEN (12-6pm) Tuesday-Saturday- OPEN (11am-8pm) FREE DELIVERY MON-SAT 11AM-8PM	yes	(781) 584-4695
McDonald's on the Lynnway	567 Lynnway, Lynn 01905	Drive-thru, Take out & Delivery	yes	(781) 581-2050
Monte's	141 Eastern Ave, Lynn 01902	Sunday - Thursday (12-8pm) and Friday - Saturday (12-9pm)	yes	(781) 599-0478
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Patriot Lobster	48 Broadway, Salem 01970	Curbside Pickup Delivery for 10lb min (\$10 fee for surrounding towns)		(978) 740-2900
R.F. O'Sullivan's	151 Central Ave, Lynn 01901	Take-out, Curbside & Free Delivery thru UberEats (11-7pm)	yes	(617) 997-1184
Rolly's Tavern on the Square	338 Broadway, Lynn 01904	Limited Menu Curbside Pickup/Delivery (4-8pm)	yes	(781) 599-2160
Rossetti's Restaurant	47 Sutton St., Lynn 01901	Take out & Delivery Tuesday-Sunday (4-8pm)	yes	(781) 599-2051
Skinny Hanks BBQ	45 Lewis St., Lynn 01902	Thursday -Friday (5-9pm) Saturday (3-9pm) Sunday (2-7pm)	yes	(339) 440-5685 or (978) 239-3680
Tacos Lupita	129 Munroe St., Lynn	Take Out Monday- Saturday 10:30 am - 9pm		(781) 593-6437
The Blue Ox	191 Oxford St., Lynn	Preorder Curbside Pickup, Every Thursday-Saturday, 4:30-7pm Order on Toast Takeout App or online: www.theblueoxlynn.com	yes	(781) 780-5722
Tropical Smoothie Cafe	450 Paradise Rd, Swampscott 01907	Take out Monday-Sunday (11am - 7pm) + Mobile App is available	yes	(781) 842-4697
Uncommon Feasts Cafe	271 Western Ave, Lynn 01904	Take out, curbside and local delivery 7 days a week (11am - 10pm)	yes	(781) 592-5500 ciao@uncommonfeasts.com
UNO's Pizzeria	970 Paradise Rd, Swampscott 01907	Take out & Delivery (11am-11:30pm)	yes	(781) 595-8667
Walnut Street Coffee Cafe	157 Walnut St, Lynn 01905	Take out Available Mon-Fri (5am-12am) Sat-Sun (6am-12am)	yes	(781) 596-1690
Yan's China Bistro	146 Humphrey Street Swampscott MA 01907	Take Out Everyday 1130am- 10pm		(781) 593-3308

Tobin Bridge traffic plummets, toll revenues down in March

By Seth Daniel

Trips across the Mystic/Tobin Bridge have plummeted over the last month, reducing toll revenues and creating much less congestion over the Bridge that drivers have become used to over the years.

For the most recent data available, which is the week ending April 3, trips in both directions on the Bridge are down 55.4 percent, according to data released from MassDOT on Tuesday. That includes an average week-day decrease of 45,639 trips over the Bridge compared to the same week in 2019.

The number of trips over the Bridge on Monday, April 1, 2019 was 87,299, while on Monday, March 30, 2020, it was 35,509.

For the month, going from March 2 to April 7, use of the Bridge has gone down from about 80,000 trips per day on March 3 to about 22,000 trips per day (both ways) on April 5. There was an uptick in usage between April 5 and April 7, which has been a bit of a pattern emerging for weekend and weekday differences.

That decrease over the Bridge and throughout the highway network all over Greater Boston has led to dramatically cleaner air. NASA has grown very popular online lately in posting its satellite photos of nitrogen and particulate matter releases from previous years compared to the months of March and April this year.

The differences are astound-

ing throughout the northeast and Ohio Valley – where red-colored emissions in previous years have given away to blue colored clear air pockets. This is very noticeable in Boston.

The decreases also lead to major losses in toll revenues too.

However, at the MassDOT Board meeting on Monday, Secretary Stephanie Pollack said despite loss of revenue on the Bridge, tunnels and Mass Pike, they will be able to use reserves to make up the losses.

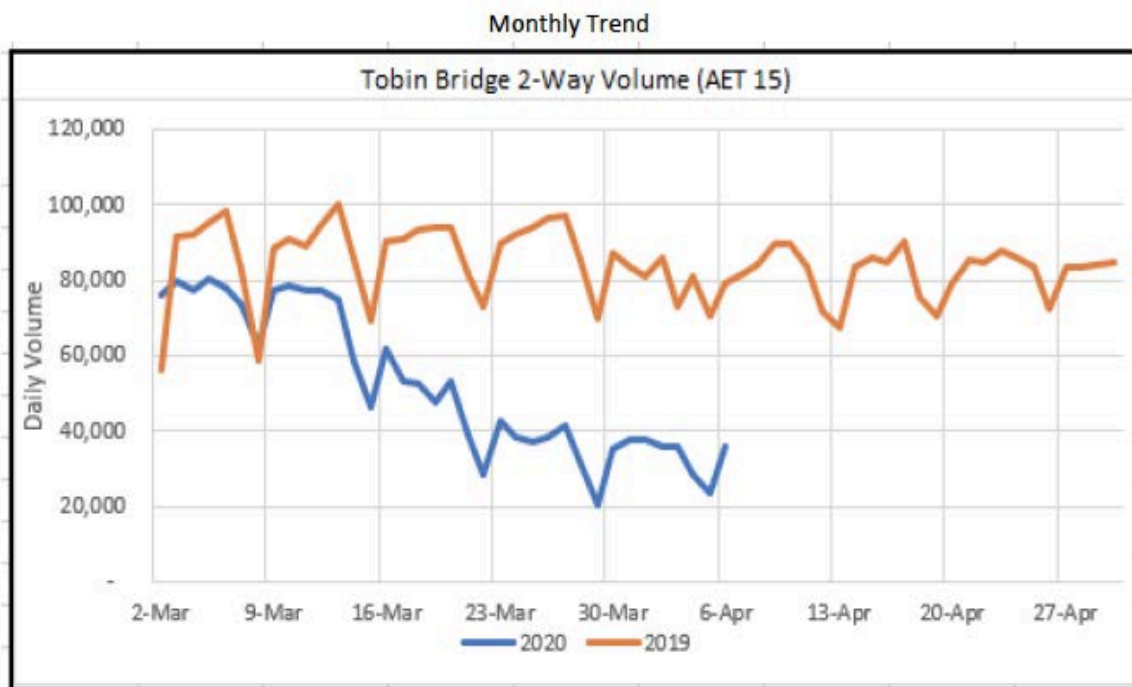
“Even with the preponderance of lost toll revenue through FY 2020, we are in good shape,” she said. “We even have reserves to cover construction projects... We do have reserves to get through the remainder of Fiscal Year 2020... We are not putting specific restrictions to keep expenses down or putting on things like hiring freezes or anything like that.”

Pollack said toll revenues had been tracking ahead of budget for the first eight months of the fiscal year, which is helpful now. The year-end projection, however, will be substantially impacted by COVID-19 losses. She said they expect toll revenues to be below projections by 8 percent.

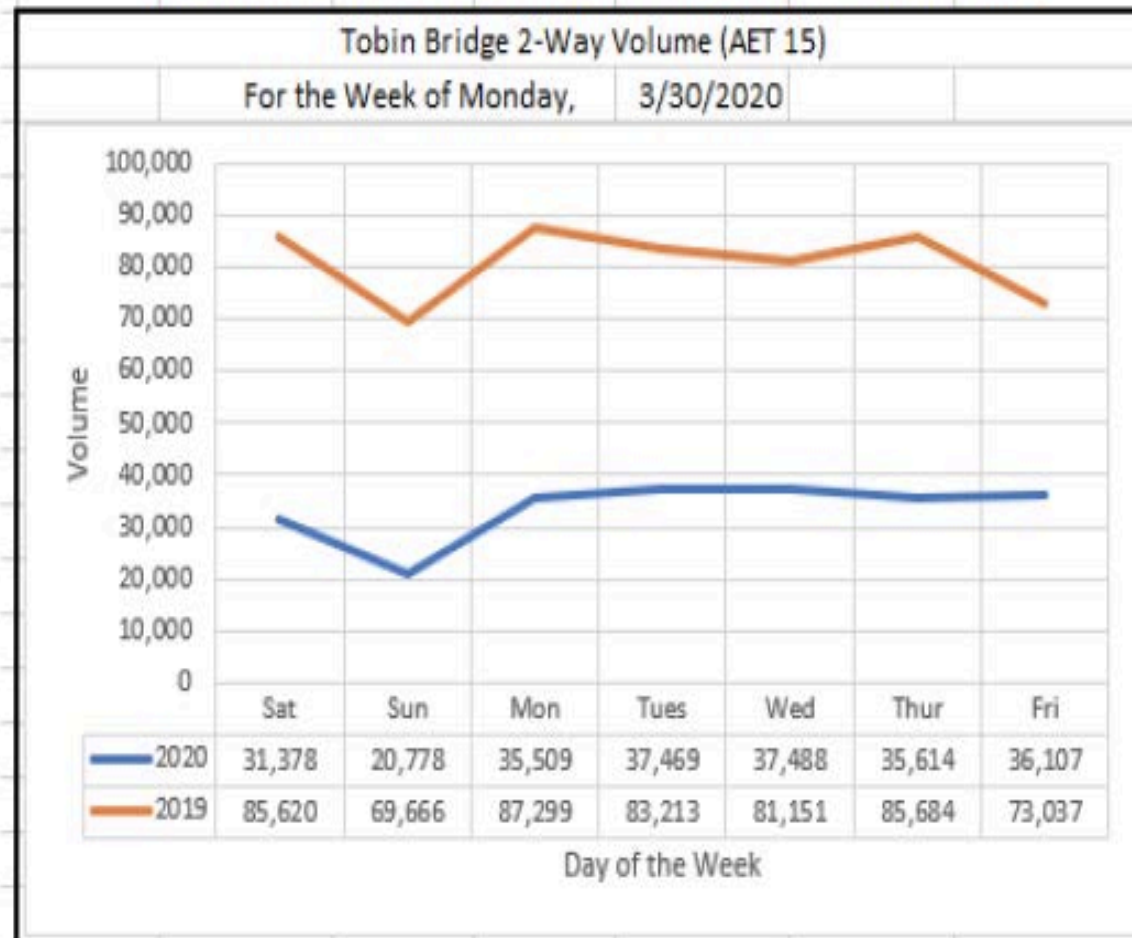
MassDOT said it expected to have operating reserves of \$625 million available to cover any shortfalls to cover capital projects on July 1, 2020 (the beginning of FY 2021).

Toll revenues pay for improvement and construction projects on things like the MassPike and the Mystic/Tobin Bridge.

US 1, Tobin Bridge 2-Way Volume (AET 15)



Trend for the weeks of Monday, March 30th, 2020 and Monday, April 1st, 2019



2020 Traffic Volumes			2019 Traffic Volumes			Volume Change (# / %)	
Sat	3/28/2020	31378	Sat	3/30/2019	85620	-54242	-63.35%
Sun	3/29/2020	20778	Sun	3/31/2019	69666	-48888	-70.17%
Mon	3/30/2020	35509	Mon	4/1/2019	87299	-51790	-59.32%
Tues	3/31/2020	37469	Tues	4/2/2019	83213	-45744	-54.97%
Wed	4/1/2020	37488	Wed	4/3/2019	81151	-43663	-53.80%
Thur	4/2/2020	35614	Thur	4/4/2019	85684	-50070	-58.44%
Fri	4/3/2020	36107	Fri	4/5/2019	73037	-36930	-50.56%
AVG Weekday		36,437			82,077	-45639	-55.4%

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