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LYNN BABE RUTH ADVANCES TO WORLD SERIES

New England Regional champs now headed to Virginia

By Cary Shuman

It's on to the 2022 Babe Ruth World Series in Virginia for Lynn's 15-year-old All-Stars after completing a perfect 5-0 run through the New England Regional Tournament.

The Lynn contingent, managed by Leon Elwell and coached by Rich Avery, John Peterson, Kyle Candelieri, and Bob Gratiano, claimed the regional crown after edging the Connecticut (4-1) and Vermont state champions (7-5) in the semifinal and finals, respectively, Tuesday in Keene, N.H.

All told, Lynn is 12-0, winning all seven of its games in Massachusetts tournament play before beating New England's



NEW ENGLAND CHAMPIONS: The Lynn Babe Ruth team won the New England Regional championship Tuesday and now advances to the Babe Ruth World Series in Virginia. Front row are Jaiden Driscoll and Seth Sullivan. Second row are Brendan Sack, Christian Figueroa, Shea Newhall, and Jared Paone. Third row are Chris Marks, Matt Lewis, Richie Avery, Kyle Cummings, Nick Marks, Josh Doney, Gilly Galva, and Alex Lara. Back row are Coach Bob Gratiano, Coach Rich Avery, Manager Leon Elwell, and Coach Kyle Candelieri, Missing from the photo; Coach John Peterson and player Jake Peterson.

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Catalyst housing for homeless young adults coming to Lynn in 2023

Special to the Journal

The top two floors of 57 Munroe Street in downtown Lynn will soon serve as a supportive housing option for homeless young adults (ages 18-24).

Harborlight Homes in Beverly (formerly Harborlight Community Partners) and The Haven Project in Lynn have formed a joint venture partnership to create Catalyst Housing. The two organizations submitted a proposal for 23 supportive housing studio apartments for homeless young

adults; a 24th unit will house an on-site Resident Manager. This effort will be a supportive-service model with wraparound services provided by The Haven Project. Harborlight coordinated the state application process and will oversee construction of the project.

On Tuesday, July 19th, Lieutenant Governor Karyn Polito announced that Catalyst Housing is one of 11 affordable housing projects to receive funding in the form of direct subsidies, tax credits, and housing vouchers.

Lt. Governor Polito, Housing and Economic Development Secretary Mike Kennealy and Undersecretary Jennifer Maddox all emphasized the need across the state for the creation of supportive housing for our most vulnerable residents, particularly amidst a housing crisis. Catalyst Housing does just this and will be underway soon as a result of this state funding award.

"The Haven Project team is incredibly excited for the opportunity to provide this kind of support and permanent housing

for homeless youth," says Tracey Scherrer, Executive Director of The Haven Project. "We are currently seeing an unprecedented rise in youth homelessness in our community, we know this initiative is needed and will change lives. We are grateful for our partner in this effort, Harborlight Homes, as well as the support

from the Baker-Polito administration."

"We are honored to partner with The Haven Project on this critical effort," states Harborlight Homes' Executive Director, Andrew DeFranza. "This undertaking is a bold step in creating this

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EDITORIAL

MASS SHOOTINGS GET ALL THE ATTENTION, BUT THIS IS WORSE

Americans have been saddened by the recent mass shootings that have occurred in recent weeks across the country in Buffalo, Uvalde, and Highland Park.

But as much as these tragic events have seared our national consciousness and brought demands for action by our elected officials for appropriate gun legislation, there is a far worse aspect of the epidemic of gun violence that occurs day-in and day-out throughout the United States.

We are referring to the shooting of women by their domestic partners. Each and every year, 600 women are murdered with a gun by their partners. We'll do the math for you -- that works out to a woman who is shot and killed every 14 hours by her present or former significant other.

The statisticians also tell us that the possession of a gun by a domestic partner makes it five times more likely that a woman will be killed than if the domestic partner did not have a gun.

In short, the more guns there are, the more women who are murdered by their partners.

Yes, the shootings in schools and malls and supermarkets horrify us and make us feel not safe anywhere, even at a Fourth of July parade.

But the reality is that an American woman in a household with a handgun is far more at risk for being shot and killed than any of us by some random angry person with an AR-15.

PROGRESSIVES ARE THE REAL HYPOCRITES

No doubt most of our readers who care about the environment and the issue of climate change were disappointed when Senator Joe Manchin put the proverbial final nail in the coffin of the Build Back Better Bill (BBB) that, by some estimates, would have reduced U.S. emissions to 45 percent to 51 percent of 2005 levels by 2030.

However, as we have written previously in this space, we believe the real blame for the failure of the bill lies with the progressives of the Democratic Party, who should have coalesced last summer to pass the basics of the bill, rather than "playing politics" last year when they held up the separate infrastructure bill and then loaded up the Build Back Better bill with items that were extraneous to climate change.

They overplayed their hand and as a result, they got nothing -- zero -- nada -- and did more than Republicans to sink Joe Biden's presidency.

However, in addition to being bad at politics, the progressive environmentalists also are hypocrites because of their failure to tell the truth to the American people. Despite the statistics quoted above, the BBB actually would have done very little to keep global warming from reaching the 1.5 degree Centigrade threshold that scientists (and the 2015 Paris Climate Accord) say will be catastrophic for the planet.

Instead of blaming Joe Manchin, if progressive politicians were to tell the truth to the American people, they would explain that each and every American can do more to affect climate change than the BBB simply by changing our eating habits by consuming less meat and switching to vegetarian alternatives.

Industrial farming for meat production accounts for 14% of greenhouse gas emissions, despoils the immediate environment of these factory farms, and encourages the destruction of fragile rain forests for the raising of cattle.

Bernie Sanders blasted Sen. Manchin for his position on the BBB, but we never have heard Sen. Sanders tell his constituents to eat less meat and dairy -- because of course, he's from Vermont, which has a lot of dairy farmers -- and Bernie himself loves his red meat.

We disagree 100% with Joe Manchin for his rejection of the BBB, but at least we know where he stands.

On the other hand, the self-described environmentalists are both politically inept and morally hypocritical.

LETTER to the Editor

OUR DEMOCRACY IS AT STAKE

To the Editor:

The January 6 attack on our nation wasn't a random act by a handful of sore losers, but a premeditated and organized insurrection. Now, thanks to the hearings, there's overwhelming evidence that Trump and his allies were at the helm of it.

We heard from former members of the Trump administration and Republican state officials about how Trump illegally

pressured the Vice President, the Department of Justice, and state legislatures to overturn the election he knew he lost. And when it didn't work, he summoned an armed mob to march on the Capitol Building in a final, violent attempt to stop the peaceful transfer of power.

These insurrectionist candidates haven't gone anywhere. In fact, more than 100 of them have already won their primaries. It's up to us to do our part and vote to make sure they don't win this fall.

Should these dangerous candidates win their elections, we could have election deniers in key seats of power, like secretary of state and county clerk, ready to overturn whatever election results they don't like.

Our democracy is at stake. If we want to hold onto our freedoms to vote, to have our votes decide elections, and to rely on elections to keep our leaders in check, then we have to cast our ballots during the midterms this year on November 8th.

Jo-Ann Sipple

Lynn man arrested on multiple trafficking charges

A joint investigation led by the Revere Police Narcotics Unit, with the assistance of Suffolk County Sheriff, Massachusetts State Police, Lynn Police, and the DEA ended yesterday with the arrest of Michael Valentin, 22 years old of Lynn, MA. Detectives executed multiple search warrants in the City of Lynn along with an arrest warrant for Valentin stemming from an ongoing drug investigation in Revere. Valentin was charged with multiple counts of Trafficking in Fentanyl, and Distribution of Fentanyl in the City of Revere. Yesterday, Valentin was taken into custody by detectives without incident at his home in the City of Lynn. After the arrest, detectives executed numerous search warrants at his residence. Evidence recovered from the home was indicative of an individual who was in the business of distributing illegal narcotics. The investigation spanned through the counties of Suffolk, Essex and Middlesex where Valentin was conducting his illegal narcotics distribution business. Detectives recovered 394 Grams of the deadly synthetic opioid fentanyl, along with 264 Grams of Cocaine, 30 Grams of Crack Cocaine, and nearly \$14,000 in cash from Valentin's residence.

Valentin will be arraigned in Chelsea District Court for two counts of Trafficking in Fentanyl and one count of Distribution of Fentanyl. He will also be arraigned in Lynn District Court for Trafficking in Fentanyl over 200 grams and Trafficking in Cocaine over 200 grams.

The Revere Police along with the assisting agencies are constantly seeking to improve the quality of life within their respective cities. Removing these dangerous narcotics dealers from the city's streets re-



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mains a top priority for all agencies, as we all work together to improve the overall safety of the public.

Please contact the Revere Police Narcotics Tip Line @ (781) 656-1143 to report any suspect illegal narcotics activity. Callers can remain anonymous if they choose to do so. Residents can also down-

load the Revere Police Tip 411 Application to submit anonymous tips through their wireless devices.

For more information regarding overdose prevention and support, please contact the Revere Substance Use Disorder and Homeless Initiatives (SUDHI) office located at 435 Revere St. Revere, MA. 781-922-6069

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best in some very hot weather in the Granite State.

The victory is particularly sweet when you consider that many of the Lynn players were members of last year's 14-year-old team that lost a heartbreaker in extra innings to Maplewood (Fall River) in the Massachusetts state championship game. This time around, Lynn avenged that loss to Maplewood in the state tournament.

A Lynn Babe Ruth 15-year-old team last qualified for the World Series in 2016. Leon Elwell was the manager of that ballclub as well.

Pitching, defense were key components

As with any championship baseball team, pitching and defense were crucial factors and Lynn received excellent performances in both departments.

Josh Doney, Lynn's ace left-hander, has a 6-0 record with one save in tournament play. He struck out 43 batters in 29 innings on his way to a sterling 1.20 earned run average.

Chris Marks was 5-0 on the hill, while Matt Lewis had one victory. Jared Paone and Jake Peterson each recorded two saves.

Kyle Cummings has emerged as an outstanding catcher for the Lynn contingent.

"Kyle has been rock solid behind the plate," said Coach Rich Avery.

Shortstop Christian Figueroa and second baseman Jaiden Driscoll, and first basemen Richie Avery and Shea Newhall have been a part of a stellar infield defense that turned five doubles plays in the New Englands.

Outfielders Alex Lara, Seth Sullivan, and Gilly Galva are lightning fast and have been Jackie Bradley-esque in getting great jumps on baseballs hit to the outfield.

A timely offensive attack

Lynn's offense has been potent and perhaps, more importantly, clutch in middle-to-late-game situations when a key base hit makes the difference.

Jaiden Driscoll has compiled the team's highest batting average, hitting a robust .450. Chris Marks is also in the prestigious .400-plus club at .409 to go along with a team-leading 13 runs batted in.

Cleanup hitter Matt Lewis (.350), Seth Sullivan (.333), and Kyle Cummings (.333) have also made things difficult for opposing pitchers. Shea Newhall was on a torrid streak in the New England Regionals, hitting close to .400 with five runs batted in.

Nick Marks, who is Chris's twin brother, has brought speed off the bench and has helped in the unheralded role as the bullpen catcher.

The journey began in June

The road to glory began in June when the league's coaches selected the 15 All-Star players who would be representing the city in tournament competition.

The final roster consisted of 10 players from Lynn, four from Revere, and one from Everett. The Lynn players are graduates of the Wyoma, Pine Hill, West Lynn, and East Lynn Little League programs.

According to Coach Avery, the players have worked hard, jelled as a team, and brought 100 percent effort to practices and games while always demonstrating hustle on the basepaths.

The unsung hero has been Mr. Jeff Earp

Everyone associated with the New England championship team agrees that Lynn Babe Ruth President Jeff Earp has once again stepped up for the program and the youth of Lynn.

"Jeff is our No. 1 fan," said Coach Avery. "He would do anything for these kids, and the kids love him. He's such a big supporter of Lynn youth in general. The guy hasn't had a kid in the league for years, and he's at the field here every night, talking to the players, asking about their academics - he's one of those guys that are all in for the Lynn youth."

Also earning praise has been Earp's colleague and friend, Dave Raymond, who is one of the league's field custodians.

"It's a long season keeping the grass cut and the fields looking good," said Avery. "John [Peterson] and I did a lot of draining stuff this year, so the fields [at Bowser Complex] have been looking really good this year."

Tournament field is set

Lynn Babe Ruth will be one of 12 teams competing for the World Series championship. The

other teams in Lynn's American Division bracket are: Ohio Valley, Pacific Southwest, Mid-Atlantic, the host Stafford, Virginia team, and China. The National Division teams are: Southeast, Pacific Northwest, Big West Plains, Southwest, Bridgewater N.J., and the Virginia state champions.

Teams will play four intra-division games in pool play, with the top three teams from each division advancing to the single-elimination rounds. The games will be live-streamed.

The team will leave by bus for Virginia on August 10 and begin play in the World Series on August 13.

The team is fundraising for the trip in a volunteer effort being led by team parents Jill Avery and Yasmene Driscoll.

"They've been awesome," said Mr. Avery. "We have to raise about \$20,000 for travel, housing accommodations, and food."

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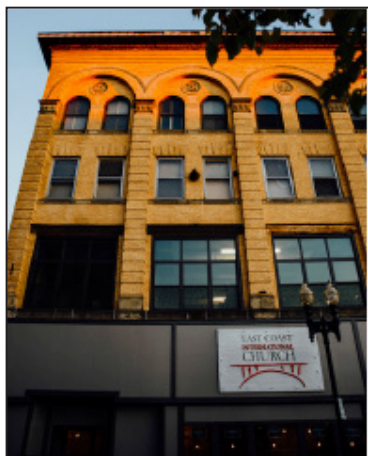
much-needed supportive housing for young adults."

Construction is expected to begin in early Spring 2023.

The Haven Project is currently the only organization north of Boston dedicated specifically to providing age appropriate, wrap-around services to a growing and vulnerable

17-24-year-old homeless population. The Haven Project's goal is to equip and empower homeless or imminently homeless young adults with the skills and support they need to be safe and self-supporting. For more information, please visit havenproject.net.

Harborlight Homes (formerly Harborlight Community Partners) is a non-profit, Massachusetts-certified Community Development Corporation. Harborlight Homes develops, manages, and advocates for quality, service-enriched housing that is affordable and inclusive, and collaborates with communities to



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Massachusetts House passes bill supporting veterans' services, military families

The Massachusetts House of Representatives passed comprehensive legislation addressing the Commonwealth's most immediate needs in the veteran community and making necessary updates to service member quality-of-life issues and acknowledgements of our military branches and individual service, including supporting military families who relocate to the Commonwealth with expedited licensure and school enrollment, creating education awareness programs and establishing the Massachusetts Medal of Fidelity.

"Our veterans represent the best and bravest among us, and are deserving of unwavering support from those in public office," said House Speaker Ronald J. Mariano (D-Quincy). "While we can never truly repay those who have served this country, the legislation passed today is another example of the House's commitment to ensuring that veterans in Massachusetts, and their families, have access to the services and educational opportunities that they deserve. I want to thank Chairman Paul McMurtry, as well as all my colleagues in the House, for their hard work, and for prioritizing the well being and success of the Commonwealth's veterans."

"Our veterans and military families make countless sacri-

fices on our behalf, and we in Massachusetts owe them the best support that we can offer," said Representative Adrian Madaro. "I was proud to vote in favor of the bill the House passed, which will make the transition easier for military families coming to the Commonwealth, create additional educational opportunities, and honor veterans who served our country, in addition to many other benefits that servicemen and women have earned and deserve."

"This comprehensive legislation is the result of countless hours of listening and learning from our veterans and advocates across the Commonwealth. It not only meets our veteran community's most immediate needs, it also addresses the many challenges our veterans and their families face," said Representative Paul McMurtry (D-Dedham), House Chair of the Joint Committee on Veterans and Federal Affairs. "I want to thank Speaker Mariano for his commitment and leadership to deserving Massachusetts Veterans and their families."

Highlights of the legislation include:

Military spouse licensure portability: requires the Division of Occupational Licensure, the Department of Public Health, and Massachusetts Boards of

Registration to accept a military spouse's application for licensure or notify them of what criteria they were not able to meet within 30 days of the application.

Expedited military spouse teacher licenses: establishes a military spouse certificate to be issued by the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education Commissioner to military spouse teachers that meet certain requirements.

School enrollment for military children: allows military families to register and enroll in a school district when a service member first receives their relocation order, waiving the proof of residency requirement at the time of registration. This provision also allows military children who are transferring mid-semester to enroll in and attend one of the Commonwealth's virtual schools.

Purple Star campus designation: establishes the Purple Star Campus Program, to be administered by the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education, to designate schools that demonstrate a commitment to students and families of service members.

In-state tuition continuity for military-connected college students: ensures that a member of the military stationed in the Commonwealth, their spouse, or their children are deemed an in-state resident after their acceptance at one of the state's higher education institutions.

Civilian licensure and certification information: directs the Commissioner of Veterans' Services to make information on civilian licensure and certification opportunities available to service members and veterans, and provide information on military education and skills to relevant agencies.

Open Burn Pit Registry:

Directs the Commissioner of the Department of Public Health (DPH), in consultation with the

Commissioner of the Department of Veterans' Services and the Adjutant General of the National Guard, to develop educational materials and an informational pamphlet on the health impacts of open burn pits during overseas deployment and information on the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs' Airborne Hazards and Open Burn Pit Registry to be distributed to health care providers, veterans' service offices and organizations, and service members and veterans.

Directs the Commissioner of the Department of Veterans' Services, in consultation with the Commissioner of DPH and the Adjutant General, to contact all members of the Armed Forces, National Guard and veterans to register for the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs' Airborne Hazards and Open Burn Pit Registry.

Requires the Adjutant General to request that the periodic health assessment for National Guard members determine whether the member is eligible to participate in the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs' Airborne Hazards and Open Burn Pit Registry and if eligible, the member register for the Registry.

Massachusetts National Guard family education program: establishes a Massachusetts National Guard Family Education Program to allow National Guard members to transfer their unused education benefits under the National Guard Education Assistance Program to their dependents.

Slot machines at veterans' organizations: allows the Gaming Commission to issue limited slot machine licenses to veterans' organizations.

Founding anniversaries of U.S. Armed Forces: requires the Governor to set aside the founding date anniversaries of the U.S. Army, Air Force, Coast Guard, and Massachusetts National Guard.

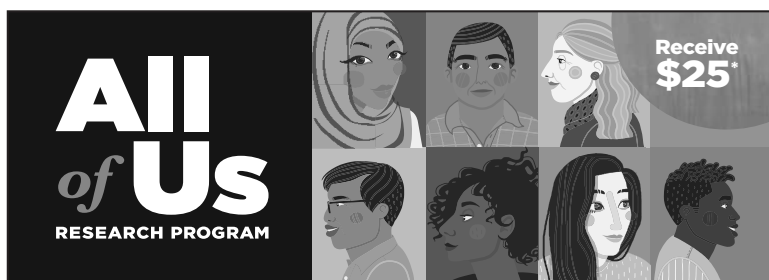
Medal of Fidelity: establishes the Massachusetts Medal of Fidelity to be presented to the next of kin of a service member or veteran who died as a result of service-connected post-traumatic stress disorder, a service-connected condition resulting from a traumatic brain injury, or a service-connected disease, condition or injury related to exposure to harmful toxin, herbicides, agents or materials.

Deborah Sampson Memorial Commission: Establishes a commission to determine a location and create a memorial for Deborah Sampson, a Massachusetts resident who disguised herself as a man in the Continental Army during the American Revolutionary War.

Funeral and burial benefits: requires funeral directors and their staffs to provide information on burial and funeral benefits for veterans.

"An Act relative to military spouse-licensure portability, education and enrollment of dependents" (H.4978) passed the House of Representatives 154-0 after a similar version of this legislation passed in the Massachusetts State Senate. The legislation moves back to the Senate for further consideration.

Earlier this year, the House passed legislation establishing additional protections for veterans and mandating increased accountability for management of veterans' homes. "An Act relative to the governance, structure and care of veterans at the Commonwealth veterans' homes" is currently in conference committee negotiations. In May 2021, the House approved a \$600 million bond authorization — with \$400 million for the construction of an updated Holyoke Veterans' Home facility and \$200 million to increase geographic equity and accessibility for veterans not primarily served by the veterans' Homes in Chelsea or Holyoke.



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OBTEK Services of Lynn – owner John Barry Jr. with Scarlett and his dad, John Barry.



Have some HOPE with the Hope family of Lynn – Chris, Kyle, President Frank III, and Frank IV.



Joe Jourdan shows The Big Red Granese Rig to Evelyn and Abigail with Kathie Shearer and Casey Ferrioli.



Big Hope Truck – Nathaniel, Jayden, and Matthew with Brayon Gonzalez and Jesmarie Perez.

Roaring into the Marketplace parking lot were some big heavy equipped rigs for children to see and touch. Every child was able to climb inside the cabin and toot the horn with joy. Truck professionals and City of Lynn personnel gave every child full attention as to how these giant tractors and city vehicles operate.

The Touch a Truck event was organized by Greater Lynn Chamber of Commerce to support the community. “I would like to see the Touch a Truck become an annual program” according to GLCC Executive Director Colin Codner. He continued to explain, “In collaboration with all of the vendors – Procopio, Servpro, Hope Trucking & Demo, Cat-aldo Ambulance, Cool Cow Ice Cream, Granese Construction, OBTEK, and the City of Lynn – we are bringing out these vehicles to allow children of the community to climb, crawl, and really play with the real things.”

This is a wonderful event from local businesses to give back to the community and allow the children to engage and to experience the feeling to Touch a Truck.



Emma and Addie with parents, Dennis and Andrea Eagan stand next to the Keep Lynn Clean truck.



Servpro serving Greater Lynn for Emergency Service – Business Manager Tom Heenan with Crew Chief Kevin MacFarlane.



Fernando and Amelia Arjona with Arthur meet Lynn Police Officer Kouch.



Lynn Fire Firefighters Dan Navaroli and Dave Depo greet Marcelo Pedro with Mateus, and Nathalia Guimaraes and Analia Cavalcante.



The Ashe Family seeing the big trucks - Helen holding Austin, Austin Sr. with Malcom.



Ready to taste some Cool Cow Ice Cream – Gabriella, Alanni, Gabriella with Lola and Chris DiPietro, Nicole Nunez, and Donna Hiltz.

CITY PAWS

Out of the kitchen

By Penny & Ed Cherubino

also injure pets. What's more, the animals themselves may cause accidents in the kitchen.

Dangers!

The most common kitchen injuries to humans are cuts, falls, and burns. If you cook, think about some of the close calls you've had in a kitchen that didn't harm you. Have you ever dropped a knife, broken a glass, or splashed a hot liquid?

Often a cook is concentrating on what they're doing. Sometimes they move fast in response to a timer, aroma, or change in the sound of something cooking. Having pets underfoot at moments like this is a clear danger to everyone. They add distraction



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Stealing your food is not the only reason to keep your dog out of the kitchen when cooking.

and tripping to the list of hazards.

Pet Proofing

We sometimes use a physical barrier to keep Poppy out of the kitchen. Freestanding, hinged barriers come in all shapes and sizes. If your dog is strong enough to move one of these, you can opt for a child or pet safety gate attached to the door opening.

Those who live in an open-plan home may have to resort to a kitchen crate to keep their animal near while staying out from underfoot. You also need to secure your kitchen trash and might have to install child-proof locks on your lower cabinets to keep clever animals from gaining access.

Training Is a Constant

Training a companion animal to stay out of a room is an ongoing project. Our dog Poppy knows that she is not allowed in the kitchen. Even if the barrier is not in place, she knows that if she crosses the invisible line, she will make us say, "Out of the kitchen." However, the kitchen has attractions for this food-obsessed dog, and she keeps trying. Everyone in the household should use the same method and words to continue the training for the best result.

We watched a video with a reward-based trainer who created a temporary line on the floor with painter's tape to teach his human and canine clients a successful method. The dog heard "out of the kitchen" when a paw touched the tape. When the pup backed out, he was rewarded with a "good boy" and occasionally a tiny treat to reinforce the good behavior.

We also use our prime correction method of telling Poppy to do something she knows how to do well when we don't want her doing something else. So for Poppy, "out of the kitchen" may be followed by "sit" or "down and stay." This request cuts off the opportunity to do her favorite little dance step, the "in-and-out-of-the-kitchen" Cha Cha.

Do you have a question or topic for City Paws? Send an email to Penny@BostonZest.com with your request.

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ST. MARY'S BASEBALL BANQUET

St. Mary's Baseball program held a season ending banquet for its players. A delicious buffet meal was served for players along with friends and parents.

Coach Derek Dana expressed his gratitude to the players for their dedication to the program and the parental support. Dana said, "St. Mary's is one of only a few schools in the state to

have a freshman, Junior varsity, and varsity teams. My goal is to bring a competitive team to play. These players are not selfish but are eager to learn and improve on their skills."

Congratulations to St. Mary's Championship Baseball team having continuous winning seasons and competing in the MIAA state tournament.



Varsity Awards Recipients - Zack Fisher, Jack Marks, Jason Donohue, Ryan Fraher, Eric Bridges, John Nowicki, and Isiah Weston (Absent MVP Aiven Cabral and Rookie of the Year Cam McGonagle).



St. Mary's Varsity Baseball Team - (Row 1): Chris Champa, Zack Fisher, Michael DeMaino, Isiah Weston, John Nowicki, Tom Falasca, and Josh Doney; (Row 2): Eric Bridges, Jason Donohue, Ryan Fraher, Gabriel Diaz, Matt Lewis, Kyle Rush, and Jack Marks.

OFF MY WAVE.

Ocean Beach native and local surf legend Steve Bettis was diagnosed with MS in 2006. Although surfing is still central to his life, he hasn't been able to get out on the water in 10 years. For a man whose daily routine always included a few waves, more than a decade out of the surf is just too long. This is why the National MS Society teamed up with his buddy Robert "Wingnut" Weaver and used virtual reality to get Steve back on his wave. See their experience and find out how you can share yours at WeAreStrongerThanMS.org.

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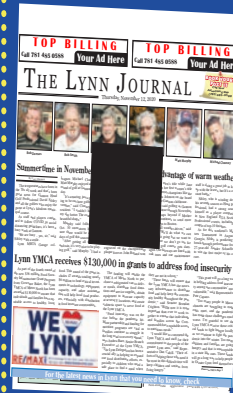
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U.S. Postal Service honors folk singer Pete Seeger with stamp

Famed folk singer Pete Seeger was honored today as he was inducted into the Postal Service's Music Icons Forever stamp series at the Jane Pickens Theater.

"The Postal Service is pleased to present our new Music Icons stamp honoring Pete Seeger, a man who inspired countless musicians and millions of fans around the world," said Tom Foti, the Postal Service's product solutions vice president, who served as the stamp ceremony's dedicating official. "He was not only a champion of traditional American music, he was also celebrated as a unifying power by promoting a variety of causes, such as, civil rights, workers' rights, social justice, the peace movement and protecting the environment."

The other participants at the stamp ceremony were members of Seeger's family; Chris Funk, music director of the Newport Folk Festival Presents For Pete's Sake; and Béla Fleck, who performed the national anthem.

The Pete Seeger Forever stamps are being sold in panes of 16.

The stamp art features a color-tinted, black-and-white photograph taken in the early 1960s by Dan Seeger, the performer's son. Pete Seeger is shown in left profile, singing and playing his iconic banjo.

The square stamp pane resembles a vintage 45 rpm record sleeve. One side of the pane includes the stamps and the image of a sliver of a record seeming to peek out the top of the sleeve. A larger version of the stamp-art photograph appears on the reverse side with the words "Pete Seeger FOLK SINGER."

Art director Antonio Alcalá designed the stamp and pane. Dan Seeger's photograph was color-tinted by Kristen Monthei.

The Forging of a Folk Hero Pete Seeger (1919-2014) revived and championed traditional American music. A resolute voice of conscience and defender of American liberties, he adapted and popularized the song "We Shall Overcome," which rose to become the predominant anthem of the civil rights movement. His own compositions galvanized populist uprisings: "Where Have All the Flowers Gone?" has given musical voice to peace movements since the Vietnam War, and "If I Had a Hammer" has been embraced by an array of activists.

"It is an honor to see a photo of my father I'd taken some 60 years ago become this wonderful Forever stamp," said Dan Seeger. "My dad did most of his corre-



spondence by hand — written letters — and I can imagine him smiling and of course appreciating this great honor because he relied on the U.S. Mail with its simplicity and honesty, knowing that thoughts and ideas can go from the sender over a tremendous expanse to a single receiver and get delivered."

Responding to Seeger's enormous charisma as a performer, audiences turned his concerts into sing-alongs, led by his clear tenor and ringing five-string banjo, its head inscribed: "This machine surrounds hate and forces it to surrender." In the eyes of generations of admirers, Seeger's ideals and ordeals elevated him from folk singer to folk hero.

He was raised in New York and Connecticut by musician parents. Young Peter Seeger intuitively took to any musical instrument put within his reach. While he was still a toddler, his family made a pilgrimage to the South — homemade trailer in tow — to introduce classical music to the people of Appalachia. Following a recital by Seeger's parents, the teacher-student balance quickly reversed; audience members gave an impromptu concert of regional folk tunes. A return to the South during his teenage years further enticed Seeger. Rural Southern folk music — and the five-string banjo that characterized it — would influence his long, extraordinary career.

Seeger dropped out of college after two years at Harvard University, where he had prioritized populist causes and music over academics. In the late 1930s, he moved to New York City and also worked in Washington, DC, where he archived folk songs and recordings for the Library of Congress. He also hitchhiked and hopped boxcars to see America and hear its music. During these youthful wanderings, he met influential folk musicians, including Huddie Ledbetter, best known as Lead Belly, and Woody Guthrie, who penned "This Land is Your Land" at around the same time. Guthrie and Lead Belly became two of Seeger's mentors.

Seeger and Guthrie roamed the country and organized the Almanac Singers, a loose coalition of musicians who tunelessly promoted labor unionization wherever they went. Staunchly anti-fascist, the Almanacs wrote patriotic songs as Hitler menaced Europe and America entered World War II. Drafted in 1942, Seeger served three years in the Army, entertaining troops stateside and in the South Pacific until the Allied victory.

After the war, Seeger formed the Weavers, a quartet of like-minded musicians. They did not anticipate huge mainstream success, but it arrived quickly: "Goodnight, Irene," a Lead Belly composition that was the flip side of their first release, became the number one song of 1950. This surprise hit was followed by other catchy releases. Some, such as "Wimoweh," and in later years, "Guantanamera," were imported gems that Seeger plucked from obscurity. "Michael Row the Boat Ashore" and "On Top of Old Smokey" were among the songs from Americana that he repopularized. Still others, such as "The Hammer Song (If I Had a Hammer)," were written or co-written by Seeger, with the catchiness and thematic qualities of folk anthems.

The Weavers' success was meteoric and their downfall just about as swift. The group's left-wing politics did not sit well with Congressional anti-Communist crusaders during the early Cold War era. Disc jockeys stopped playing Weavers records, their bookings dried up, and they disbanded in 1952. They would regroup a few years later, but they would never regain the same widespread popularity.

Subpoenaed to testify before the House Un-American Activities Committee in 1955, Seeger was asked whether he had sung for Communist groups. Defiantly, he called such questions improper, and asserted his patriotism and his right to sing to anyone who wanted to hear him. His lack of contrition brought him 10 counts of contempt of Congress, each carrying a one-year prison term, a sentence not overturned until 1962. Although not imprisoned as the legal process played out, he was effectively blacklisted. Media executives were intimidated by the consequences of association with those branded subversive, and Seeger would not appear on network television again until 1967.

He was sidelined but couldn't be silenced. Seeger recorded pro-

lifically, embarked on a musical world tour with his family, sang with civil rights groups in the Deep South, and virtually invented the college campus concert circuit.

During Seeger's exile from radio and TV, the seeds he had sown for a folk revival bore ample fruit for other artists. The Kingston Trio had a hit record with "Where Have All the Flowers Gone" as did Peter, Paul and Mary, who also charted with "If I Had a Hammer." The Byrds electrified "Turn! Turn! Turn!," a beautifully simple song that Seeger had adapted from a favorite biblical passage. That record topped the charts in 1965. Seeger also fostered the careers of a new generation of folkies, including Joan Baez and Bob Dylan, partly through his early stewardship of the Newport Folk Festival.

In 1963, Seeger garnered some radio airplay with his biggest solo hit, "Little Boxes," a song satirizing the conformity in "ticky-tacky" housing developments proliferating across the post-war American landscape. Although the song's popularity ended his long radio silence, Seeger remained motivated not by hit records but by the unity and harmony of voices lifted in purposeful song.

Classrooms were among his favorite venues. In time, the school kids he had sung with in the 1940s and '50s grew into the politically empowered college students of the 1960s. As the civil rights and anti-war movements gathered steam, Seeger was often present on campuses to offer his talents and support.

Having taken a stand in so

many of the 20th century's pressing societal issues, Seeger found his next cause in his own backyard. Sailing near the log cabin he built with Toshi, his longtime wife and partner, he became alarmed by sewage, garbage and chemical runoff in the Hudson River. To call attention to the river's plight, he spearheaded efforts to build a sloop like the tall-masted wooden cargo boats that had sailed the Hudson in centuries past.

Called Clearwater, the vessel was launched in 1969 and ever since has brought attention to the river through onboard concerts, education programs and riverside festivals. Now a National Historic Site, the sloop Clearwater and the organization supporting it have inspired generations of river stewards, and other environmental groups have emulated its organizational model.

Seeger was widely honored during the later years of his life, winning both the National Medal of the Arts and the Kennedy Center Honors in 1994. In 1996, he was inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame and won a Grammy Lifetime Achievement Award. His album "Pete" won the 1997 Grammy Award for best traditional folk album, an award he also won in 2009 for "At 89." New audiences were introduced to Seeger's music when Bruce Springsteen devoted an entire 2006 album to Seeger songs.

On the steps of the Lincoln Memorial at a concert marking the 2009 presidential inauguration of Barack Obama, Seeger, along with Springsteen and a crowd of some 400,000 people, sang "This Land is Your Land."

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Mass. House passes \$10.9 billion transportation and infrastructure bill

The Massachusetts House of Representatives passed a transportation and infrastructure bill authorizing \$10.9 billion for projects, including \$400 million for the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority (MBTA) to address ongoing safety concerns identified by the Federal Transit Administration's Safety Management Inspection and \$250 million for the East-West passenger rail project.

"Ensuring that the Commonwealth's transportation infrastructure is adequately funded is a top priority for the House, which is why I'm proud of the legislation passed today," said House Speaker Ronald J. Mariano (D-Quincy). "In addition to significant funding for roadway and bridge projects, this bill also recognizes the importance of providing further support for the MBTA in their ongoing effort to address safety concerns,

and for the ever-important East-West Rail project. I want to thank Chairs Michlewitz, Straus, and Gregoire, as well as all my colleagues in the House, for the hard work required to get this done."

"I'm proud of the work the House has done through this bill to invest in the Commonwealth's transportation systems and infrastructure," said Representative Adrian Madaro. "This bill not only ensures that our roads and bridges are maintained in good condition, but prioritizes essential resources for the MBTA and promotes transportation alternatives like e-bikes, electric vehicles, and expanded public transportation".

"This legislation sets the table for the next administration to take full advantage of the additional billions of dollars, both state and federal, for critical transportation projects throughout the state," said Representative William

Straus (D- Mattapoissett), House Chair of the Joint Committee on Transportation. "The House has wisely used the bill as an opportunity to again demonstrate its commitment to roads, bridges and public transit."

"This legislation provides meaningful and generational investments to the roads, bridges and transportation systems throughout our Commonwealth," said Representative Danielle Gregoire (D-Marlborough), House Chair of the Joint Committee on Bonding, Capital Expenditures and State Assets. "Because of the foresight and diligence of Speaker Mariano, we were able to engage early-on legislators from across the state on how this legislation could be most impactful to fully meet the needs of our Commonwealth. I am grateful to the Speaker for the opportunity to work on this critical piece of legislation and

am thankful to my colleagues, Chairman Michlewitz and Chairman Straus for their partnership in bringing this to the House floor."

Other highlights of the bill include:

- \$2,812,457,157 for projects on the interstate and non-interstate federal highway system
- \$1,270,000,000 for non-federally aided roadway and bridge projects and for the nonparticipating portion of federally aided projects
- \$85,000,000 for pavement and surface conditions on non-federally aided roadways
- \$25,000,000 for pavement and surface conditions on municipal roadways
- \$20,000,000 for grants to municipalities under the Complete Streets Funding Program
- \$25,000,000 for grants to Transportation Management Associations

- \$82,000,000 for rail improvements
- \$64,900,000 for projects of regional transit networks and facilities
- \$1,375,000,000 for sustainable transit system modernization and rail improvements
- \$114,100,000 for the Airport Improvement Program
- \$145,000,000 for multi-modal transportation planning and programming
- \$10,000,000 for a public realm improvement program
- \$3,500,000,000 for projects funded with discretionary federal grant funds
- \$25,501,000 for the Mobility Assistance Program
- \$200,000,000 for projects that reduce emissions such as public alternative fueling stations and electric vehicle charging infrastructure, programs promoting e-bikes and public

Kelly's Roast Beef announces development deals in Florida, Massachusetts and New Hampshire

Since 1951, Kelly's Roast Beef has been a household name in Boston and throughout the Northeast. The brand has earned national attention in pop culture and has maintained a loyal cult following. Now, the iconic restaurant which proudly claims to have invented the North Shore roast beef sandwich aims to bring its authentic taste of New England to new communities throughout the nation with the launch of its franchise opportunity. Kelly's Roast Beef has recently signed a commitment with three franchisee partners to build up to 43 units. These new units will be located in Florida and New England. Up to 20 restaurants will be located on the west coast of Florida including Naples, Ft. Meyers, and the suburbs of Tampa. Up to 17 restaurants will be located on the east coast including Miami, Palm Beach, and St. Lucie. Kelly's is planning to open an additional six restaurants within the greater New England area including towns in Massachusetts and New Hampshire.

One of the brands most prominent franchisee partners is RA Ventures, a dynamic franchise group whose interests span multiple sectors including hospitality, restaurants, entertainment, and real estate. Three restaurants are planned to open by the end of 2022 and 10 units are being permitted and will be open by the end of 2023.

"Kelly's Roast Beef has been a staple within the Boston community for over 70 years. During that time, we have perfected the roast

beef sandwich and have been able



A Kelly's Roast Beef sandwich.

to serve generations of families that love our brand and the delicious food we serve," said Neil Newcomb, CEO of Kelly's Roast Beef Franchising. "We think the time is right to offer franchise opportunities nationwide and we are looking forward to welcoming new partners who are ready to bring our revolutionary brand to new communities."

The history of Kelly's dates back seven decades when founders Frank McCarthy and Ray Carey first worked together at the Paul Roger House in Revere Beach. The duo instantly clicked and decided to become business partners, opening up a hot dog stand next door while continuing to work at the inn's restaurant. The iconic roast beef sandwich was created on a whim one night after a wedding was canceled. Taking left over roast beef from the event, they began serving it on a grilled hamburger roll and the rest was history.

Since then, Kelly's Roast Beef sandwich has become a local legend. The process begins with

a carving machine thinly slices 25-day aged, medium-rare roasted sirloin-tip meat. The sirloin is then placed on a buttered, griddled hamburger roll, and topped with any condiments the customer desires plus a slice of cheese. A small sandwich gets five to six ounces of roast beef, while a large can get anywhere from seven-and-a-half to eight-and-a-half.

Today, a busy location during its peak season can sell upwards of 20,000 roast beef sandwiches a month. Across its multiple locations, Kelly's estimates a staggering one million sandwiches are sold a year. The figures are impressive but equally impressive is that even in the face of tremendous volume, Kelly's hasn't gone towards a commissary set-up. Instead, each location roasts its beef in-house all through the day, ensuring that sandwiches can still be carved to order as they have been for decades. That, in and of itself, is the hallmark of a Kelly's sandwich, said Newcomb, "It's never sitting. It's a medium-rare, melt-in-your-mouth, roast beef sandwich."

Other beloved menu items include fried clams, lobster rolls, crispy french fries, onion rings, hot dogs, and chicken finger plates.

The Kelly's franchise opportunity has been a long time coming. Throughout the years, Kelly's has gained national attention on the Food Network's show \$40 a Day with Rachael Ray, a PBS Special called "Sandwiches You Will Like", Robert B. Parker's Wonder-

land by Ace Atkins, NBC's three-time Emmy award-winning 30 Rock, and on the silver screen in Oscar-winning Good Will Hunting. In 2019, Thrillist named Kelly's one of "11 New England Chains the Entire Country Needs" and Business Insider said travelers shouldn't leave Boston without trying the roast beef sandwich at Kelly's.

Including a franchise fee of \$40,000, the total initial investment to open a Kelly's franchise is \$1.2-\$2 million.

Founded in 1951 and franchis-

ing since 2020, Kelly's Roast Beef is the inventor of the North Shore roast beef sandwich. Kelly's roasts its beef in-house all through the day, serves everything fresh and made-to-order, and estimates serving a staggering one million sandwiches a year. The brand has become a symbol for Boston and has been referenced in pop culture, including in 30 Rock and Good Will Hunting. Today, there are five locations open in the Boston metropolitan area. For more information, visit <https://kellysroastbeeffranchise.com/>

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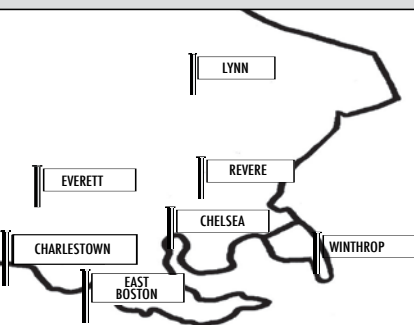
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