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Shown above, Ward 6 Councilor Fred Hogan, Councilors-at-Large Brian Field, and Hong Net with the Lynn Commons' clean-up participants.

Shown to the left, Todd Bacon of Gowdy Park Committee raking excess leaves. See more photos on Page 6.



E Club of Everett honors John Hoffman with Citation of Achievement Award

By Cary Shuman

John Hoffman can lay claim to being one of the most distinguished broadcasters in the history of Massachusetts interscholastic sports.

The E Club of Everett, the Everett High sports booster organization, paid tribute to Hoffman's 25 years of calling Everett Crimson Tide football with the presentation of its Citation of Achievement Award.

With his proud granddaughter, CBS Sports writer Shanna McCarriston, in attendance, Hoffman accepted the club's highest

award at the E Club Dinner Nov. 17 at Spinelli's, Lynnfield.

Hoffman has been the Crimson Tide play-by-play announcer for 25 years, with Lynn resident Paul Halloran serving as the duo's outstanding color analyst. The Hoffman-Halloran tandem was in the broadcast booth for Everett's incredible run of state championships under the leadership of head coach John DiBiasi.

Hoffman delivered a heartwarming acceptance speech that was followed by enthusiastic ap-

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Legendary broadcaster John Hoffman receives the E Club of Everett's Citation of Achievement Award at the Nov. 17 dinner at Spinelli's. Also pictured are award presenter, E Club officer Michael LaCourt, and Mr. Hoffman's granddaughter, Shanna McCarriston.

St. Mary's, KIPP earn Super Bowl berths

By Journal Staff

The St. Mary High School and

KIPP Academy football teams are heading to the Super Bowl.

Coach Sean Driscoll's Spartans advanced to the Division 6

state final against Stoneham with a 15-14 victory over defending state champion Rockland. Joel Maggs made a key interception late in the fourth quarter to preserve the victory.

Coach Jim Rabbitt's KIPP Panthers defeated Oxford, 34-33, in the Division 8 state semifinals. KIPP will play No. 1 seed Hull in the Super Bowl at Gillette Stadium.

KIPP quarterback Juan Setalesingh threw five touchdowns passes in the win over Oxford. Morenel Castro had four TD receptions.



Our office will be closed Thanksgiving Day, Nov. 24th and Friday, Nov. 25th

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EDITORIAL

HAPPY THANKSGIVING

Thanksgiving is a uniquely American holiday, tracing its roots back 400 years to the Pilgrims and Indigenous People, long before there was even a thought of a United States of America.

Thanksgiving is the ultimate family-centered holiday. It has no religious meaning, no national-celebration connotations, and no required gift-giving. It lacks the commercialism, religiosity, solemnity, and political overtones of all of our other national observances.

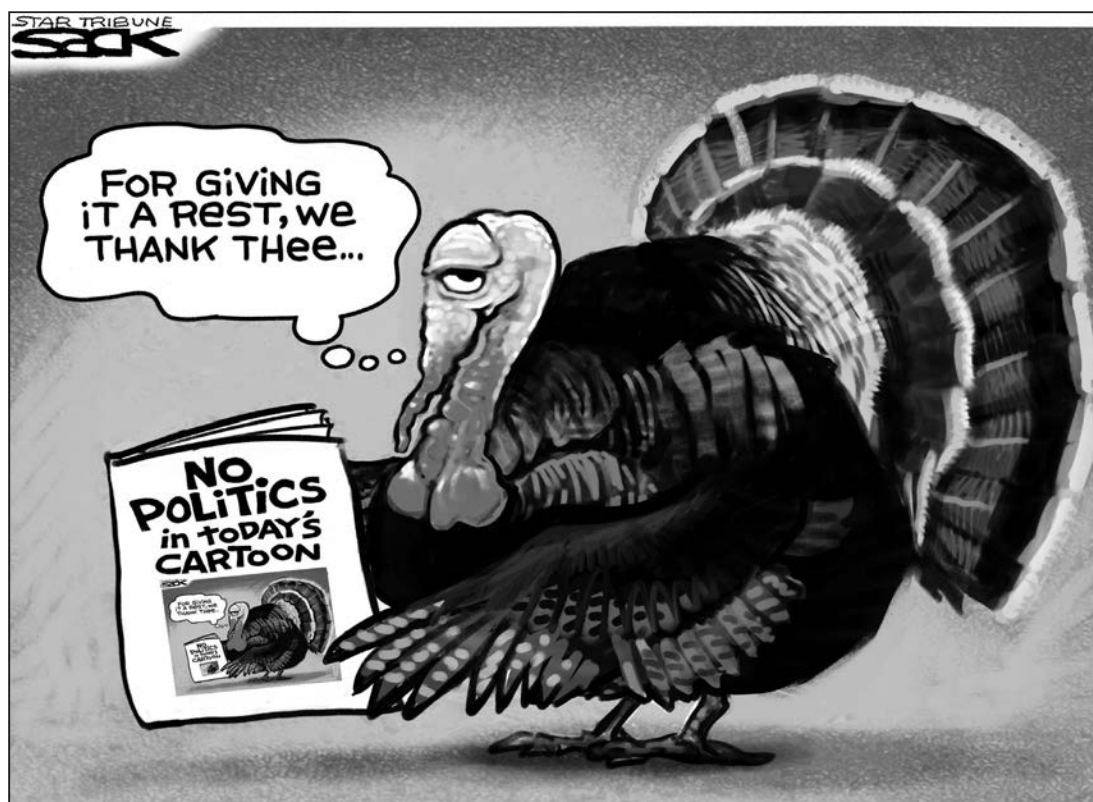
It is the only day on the calendar when we have no obligation other than to spend the day with those who mean the most to us. It asks nothing more from each of us (other than for the person who is doing all the cooking!) beyond just showing up and enjoying the company of our family and friends and then having a great meal.

Thanksgiving is a national celebration that serves to remind us how blessed we are at a time when circumstances are so cruel for so many others in a world in which there are more refugees than at any time since the end of World War II thanks to Russia's aggression in Ukraine.

Even amidst this time of turbulence in our own country, we all can agree that Thanksgiving makes us aware of how much we have to be thankful for. Despite our present trials and tribulations, Americans are remarkably fortunate to be in a country such as ours.

Thanksgiving serves as a rare day for relaxation, reflection, and, inevitably (at least for some of us) a post-dinner nap while watching a football game or an early night of sleep. In a time when so many of us are connected 24/7 to some instrument of communication, it truly is a relief to have a day when we can just shut it all off.

We wish all of our readers a happy -- and restful -- Thanksgiving.



THANK YOU, NANCY PELOSI

The announcement last week by House Speaker Nancy Pelosi that she will be stepping down from her leadership role in the Democratic caucus (although she will remain as a member of the House) marks an end to one of the most remarkable political careers in American history.

Nancy Pelosi first was elected to the House in 1987 in a special election after raising five children as a stay-at-home mom (which in itself is a remarkable feat!).

She soon rose to a leadership role among her Democratic colleagues for a simple reason: Nancy Pelosi was a lot smarter -- and more politically-savvy -- than any of them.

Her tenure as the first woman Speaker of the House in 2007 was groundbreaking and has paved the way for women to be accepted in the very upper echelons of our government.

More than any other person, she was responsible for ensuring that the Affordable Care Act -- also known as Obamacare -- passed the House in 2010, a measure that has provided affordable health insurance for millions of Americans.

Despite being the object of what can only be described as hatred by her political opponents, Nancy Pelosi persevered with a determination that far outshone her political rivals and that made her the most successful and consequential Speaker of the House since the departure of Tip O'Neil in 1987.

Compared to both her Republican and Democratic counterparts of the recent past (think of lummoxes like Dennis Hastert, John Boehner, Jim Wright, and soon-to-be Speaker Kevin McCarthy), Nancy Pelosi has been a giant in American politics.

The vitriol engendered by her political opponents finally struck Pelosi personally when her husband of almost 60 years, Paul Pelosi, was attacked by a hammer-wielding assailant who broke into their home three weeks ago.

However, as she has throughout her entire life, Nancy Pelosi continues to move forward.

Despite all of her remarkable political accomplishments, the one moment that always will stand out for us is when she was caught on film in a bunker while the Trump-inspired rioters were rampaging through the Capitol on January 6

"I hope he (Trump) comes," the 80 year-old grandmother told her staff. "I want to punch him out.... I've been waiting for this...I'm gonna punch him out, and I'm gonna go to jail, and I'm gonna be happy."

That epitomizes Nancy Pelosi -- a tough and dedicated public servant who has devoted almost half of her 82 years in exemplary service to our country.

GUEST OP-ED

Have Thanksgiving everyday

By Dr. Glenn Mollette

Thanksgiving always comes and goes too fast. We often think, "We need more time to focus on the Thanksgiving holiday." For many, it seems that Thanksgiving gets sandwiched between Halloween and Christmas.

By late September, many of the stores and television commercials are focusing on Christmas.

The only way we can fix the "fast Thanksgiving" holiday is to make Thanksgiving celebration every day. We shouldn't wait until Thanksgiving to give thanks but give thanks every day.

A thankful heart is a healthier heart. Living in an attitude of Thanksgiving celebrates the gift of life and every opportunity to live life.

Many of us have dreaded the shorter days. Dark by 6 o'clock and soon by 5 or even 4:30 in some areas. I used to always dread that but my attitude has changed. I'm just happy to be alive to experience the changing seasons. Take advantage of these cooler, shorter days to get some rest. Longer days will be back soon and you can mow grass, work or walk until 9:00 or later every evening. Go with the flow and

enjoy the differences.

I miss the Thanksgivings when my mom and dad were alive and mother cooked. If everyone got together, we could have 20 people in the house. This was a tiring time for my mother. Be sure to always praise the person carrying the cooking load.

Time passes quickly. Every day we should embrace the day. When you see someone, talk to someone, share a meal with someone then by all means embrace and savor the moment. Give thanks for

all occasions that you have to spend time with others whether family or friends.

Thanksgiving is not the same for many of us because there are empty seats at the table. We miss moms and dads who have left us for a better place. We miss wives, husbands, children, and siblings who have left this life too early. This makes us sad and dampens our spirits. Yet, look around and see the people who may not be here next year. There are no guar-

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

MOTORISTS ARE ILLEGALLY PASSING STOPPED SCHOOL BUSES AT EPIDEMIC LEVELS**Dear Editor,**

41.8 million violations throughout a 180-day school year, in fact.

According to the 2022 survey conducted by the National Association of State Directors of Pupil Transportation Services, America's motoring public are illegally passing school buses at "epidemic levels."

Four Massachusetts children were struck by motorists who failed to stop for the bus in 2014, 2021 & 2022. Violations are increasing at an alarmingly rapid rate and motorists are not only endangering the lives of children, they are getting away with it.

It's the law to stop for a school bus on both sides of the road when the red lights are flashing. When the yellow lights flash, drivers need to slow down and prepare to stop.

This is one of the first rules of the road we learn in driving school. Children are taught and should be able to expect that cars will stop for them so they can safely get on or off the bus and also cross the street.

This is my child's first year taking the bus. I had no idea motorists were ignoring this law until I saw it for myself. I did some research and realized that unless you are driving a school bus, or actively involved in combating the problem, people have no idea how bad the situation is.

I also discovered there are multiple bills "concerning the safety of school children embarking and disembarking school buses" that can be found on [MAlegislature.gov](https://malegislature.gov) and that for 11 years, the Massachusetts State Legislature has failed to pass a bill that will authorize the use of a camera system to capture live video imaging of vehicles illegally passing the school bus and would therefore enforce the law by issuing a citation in the mail.

Red flashing lights and the extended stop sign indicate the school bus has stopped to let students on or off.

I've been researching this "bus stop-arm camera" program and learned that technology companies can provide the cameras and implement the program with no up-front cost to the state.

Some are also finding that this type of video monitoring not only enforces the law but also reduces the number of repeat offenses by 98%. (STREETS-BLOG 9/13/22).

"At least 24 states have school bus stop-arm camera laws," says the National Conference of State Legislatures.

Technology exists, our lawmakers are aware of the problem, they can amend existing laws to work around any obstacle and yet they continue to kick this can down the road.

I've heard privacy is a concern. Since when does the privacy of someone endangering children's lives outweigh protecting them?

I've been told that it takes a long time to pass a bill. While the clock is ticking, kids are getting hit by cars and drivers are getting worse. How many kids need to get hurt or killed before anything is done?

Why isn't there a massive "Stop for the bus" or "Don't hit a kid" awareness campaign from the state? Is "minding the plows" more important than our children? Bus companies welcome the technology. Mark Healey, owner of Healey Bus Company says, "Keeping the kids safe is our number one priority. Every day we talk to our drivers about safety, we provide safety education classes regularly and we are doing everything that we are supposed to be doing to keep the children safe, but we need the public to do their part too."

This mom is doing her part. I am making some noise and talking to anyone who will listen. I also started an online petition urging the MA Legislature to pass the School Bus Stop-Arm Camera bill into law.

This is a no-brainer folks - put the cameras on the outside of the buses, issue citations and reduce the number of repeat violations - all with no upfront costs to the state and taxpayers - to save kid's lives.

To support this initiative, please visit <https://www.change.org/stopschoolbuspassing>

To voice your support, call the leader in your district and urge them to pass the School Bus Stop-Arm Camera law. Their information can be found on <https://malegislature.gov/Legislators/Leadership>

**Maria Scheri
Peabody, MA**

ABCC Kicks Off 'Operation Safe Holidays'

Special to the Journal

To ensure safety for the citizens of Massachusetts, the Alcoholic Beverages Control Commission (ABCC) will be conducting alcohol enforcement operations at bars in major Massachusetts cities from Thanksgiving Eve through New Year's Eve.

The primary objective will be to prevent impaired driving and other alcohol-related harm during the holiday season, which is known for heavy alcohol consumption.

The ABCC will focus enforcement efforts at bars identified as the last to sell alcohol to a convicted drunk driver.

"We want to make sure that everyone gets to enjoy the holidays with family and friends while at the same time avoiding tragedy and staying safe," said State Treasurer Deborah B. Goldberg, who oversees the ABCC. "Vigilant enforcement and deterring bar owners from over-serving prevents problems before they happen and helps keep people safe."

The program is run in conjunction with the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration's (NHTSA) Impaired Driving Crackdown, from Thanksgiving Eve through New Year's Eve, and is funded through the Executive Office of Public Safety and Security - Highway Safety Division.

"The RMV supports this enforcement work as safety on the roads is critical. Impairment impacts your ability to safely

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antees. Be kind, be loving. Say good words to them. Lift them up. It will make you feel better to give thanks for people and to anoint them.

Jesus was anointed by Mary the sister of Martha before his arrest and crucifixion. Some criticized her for doing it but Jesus said she has prepared me for the burial. Let her alone he said she has done a good work. After Mary finished anointing Jesus' feet the house was filled with

the smell of the ointment. When you love and are kind to people it always brings a better fragrance and atmosphere into the house. A part of this is showing Thanksgiving for them and toward them. Mary ended up with that ointment on her hands and in her hair. When you do good stuff for people to honor them a lot of that good stuff comes back to you.

Have Thanksgiving every day. Give thanks, express thanks and live in a spirit of being thankful.

Your attitude will make your day better and encourage others around you.

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BEYOND THE BLUES WAS A BIG HIT WITH LYNN AUDIENCES

Cary Shuman Photos



Winthrop resident Ralph Tufo's musical, "Beyond the Blues," that featured his experiences growing up in the Brickyard neighborhood of Lynn, was a big hit with audiences, drawing sold-out crowds to the Washington Street Baptist Church.

Tufo's band, the Squeezebox Stompers, appeared in the musical as the Blue Blazers, delighting patrons with their wide selection of their songs.

Shown to the left, Ralph Tufo acknowledges the audience's applause during the final performance of his musical, "Beyond the Blues," at the Washington Street Baptist Church in Lynn.



Shown above, the cast of the musical, "Beyond the Blues," is pictured after the Sunday, Nov. 6 matinee finale at the Washington Street Baptist Church.

Shown to the right, Ralph Tufo is pictured with his wife, Nancy Tufo, following the final performance of "Beyond the Blues" in Lynn.



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operate a motor vehicle. With December being National Drunk and Drugged Impaired Driving month, we encourage everyone attending holiday parties and social gatherings to have a plan for a designated driver or a rideshare service to bring them home. Be responsible and make the right decision to keep family, friends and other drivers, pedestrians, and bicyclists safe this holiday season," said Registrar of Motor

Vehicles Colleen Ogilvie."

The ABCC will also be working with local police departments that have identified high-risk locations in their communities.

Alcohol is involved in 40 percent of traffic crash fatalities resulting in 17,013 fatalities and injuring an estimated 275,000 people annually. Data indicates that well over 50% of impaired driving arrests originate at bars.

FRESH AND LOCAL

The Mushroom Stretch

By Penny & Ed Cherubino

Don't be surprised to see new products in the ground meat section of supermarkets. With rising meat prices and more people choosing to consume less meat, big producers are fabricating blends of ground meat with fillers.

Locally, you may find a blend of ground beef and mushrooms under the house brand Signature. In the UK, the supermarket chain Tesco has a blend of carrot, butternut squash and onion.

Yes, this is a good idea. For years we've added minced vegetables to improve the nutrition in dishes like chili, tacos, and meat pies. We're convinced you can do a better job of stretching your meat in your kitchen than can be done in a factory.

Let's Talk Mushrooms

There are good reasons to stretch the ground meat you use with an umami-rich filler like mushrooms. The Baby Bella

mushrooms we used to make a recent batch of chili were less than half the price per pound as the beef. The chili is lighter and easier to digest.

The factories are selling their blends by the pound, and the water in the mushrooms adds weight. We take steps to remove that water. Anyone who's seen Julia Child prepare mushroom duxelles for beef Wellington will wonder at our suggestion that you begin this way.

However, we don't want to create a mushroom paste. We want slightly browned and tasty mushroom mince. With a different cooking method, you can skip many of the steps she used to remove water.

Just as Julia did later in life, Penny might break out the food processor to prep a large batch of mushroom bits for freezing. However, for a single pot of chili, she'll hand-chop mushrooms.

In his book, the Food Lab, Kenji Alt-Lopes recommends roasting mushrooms. "Unlike

other vegetables, where the goal is to minimize the amount of time they spend in the oven, when roasting mushrooms, you want to leave them in until nearly all their moisture is driven out so that they can brown properly."

Jamie Oliver is a proponent of dry-sautéing mushrooms. You simply put sliced mushrooms in a dry pan and keep an eye on them as they release their water. Then you toss or turn them as they brown after the liquid evaporates. Both of these methods mean less butter or oil added to your final product.

Nutrition

Harvard's Chan School of Public Health provides information on mushroom nutrition. "All varieties of mushrooms are low in calories and fat and contain modest amounts of fiber and various nutrients. Perhaps the more interesting properties of mushrooms are their non-nutritive plant substances—polysac-

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A Proud Uncle

Classical great Keone Coleman is on hand as Karmarri Ellerbe wins Everett's top football award

By Cary Shuman

Keone Coleman played in the Harry Agganis and Shriners All-Star Games after completing his sensational career in the Lynn Classical High School football program.

Everett star quarterback Karmarri Ellerbe is now following in his uncle Keone Coleman's footsteps as a major force on the football field.

Coleman was a guest at the E Club of Everett awards dinner Nov. 17 and watched proudly as his sister Nikeisha's Ellerbe's son, Karmarri Ellerbe, received the Bouvier Jewelers Award as the most outstanding senior on the Everett High football team.

A two-year starting quarterback and four-year varsity letterman, Ellerbe led the Crimson Tide to a 17-3 record and two Greater Boston League titles in the 2021 and 2022 fall seasons. The 6-foot, 220-pound senior rushed for 888 yards and 10 touchdowns this season. He also threw for 750 yards with eight touchdown passes. Ellerbe will likely be named the unanimous Greater Boston League MVP when the coaches convene to select the All-Star team.

lect the All-Star team.

Karmarri said in an interview after the awards dinner that he was grateful for his uncle Keone's support through his football career. Karmarri has a twin sister, Karyana, who is an athlete on the Everett High cheerleading team.

"I'm very proud of Karmarri - he's worked hard and we're going to continue to keep working hard," said Coleman. "I worked with him a lot when he was younger, but I would say he picked up football pretty quickly himself, and he's had a lot of good coaches. I give him more support than anything else."

Keone Coleman graduated from Lynn Classical in 1997 after excelling at middle linebacker and fullback for Coach Dave Dempsey's Rams.

"I would say in my junior year we had our best season," recalled Keone. "We had a lot of really good athletes - Jimmy Magner, Kenny Green, Paul Hearn, Mike Zukowski, Bari Gibson, Brian Smith, Chris Mulcahy. We just missed by a game of making the Super Bowl. We lost a tough game to Gloucester."

Coleman went on to play one season at Maine and three seasons at Merrimack, one as a fullback and two at wide receiver. He also played baseball at Merrimack.



Former Lynn Classical football great Keone Coleman (second from right) is pictured at the E Club of Everett awards dinner where his nephew, Everett High quarterback Karmarri Ellerbe, received the Bouvier Jewelers Most Outstanding Senior Football Player Award. Also pictured at the E Club Awards Dinner are Karmarri's mother, Nikeisha Ellerbe (far right), his twin sister, Karyana Ellerbe (far left), and Everett High head football coach Rob DiLoreto.

Keone is currently a probation officer at Malden District Court. And you can be sure that Ke-

one Coleman - vibrant personality and all - will be traveling in support of his nephew Karmarri Ellerbe's football career.

The talented Ellerbe is considering Anna Maria College among several other schools for his next destination.

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charides, indoles, polyphenols, and carotenoids in which cell and animal studies have shown antioxidant, anti-inflammatory, and anticancer effects." They are a source of: B vitamins, Phosphorus, Vitamin D, Selenium, Copper, and Potassium.

Using the Blend

We've found you don't notice the mushrooms in dishes like chili, tacos, meat pies, or pasta sauce. Of course, this depends on the percentage of mushrooms in the blend. The industry group, The Mushroom Council suggests the following percentages for specific uses: for burgers, a 25% mushroom to 75% meat; for tacos, burritos, or sloppy joes, a 50-50% ratio; and for chilis and meat sauces 75% mushroom to 25% meat.

The bottom line for us is that a well-prepared mushroom blend is a winner. It is good for our health, our budget, and as a great source of umami, gives a boost to

the savory essence of our meal.

Do you have a question or topic for Fresh & Local? Send an email to Penny@BostonZest.com with your suggestion.



This chili was made with a fifty-fifty blend of ground beef and nicely browned, chopped mushrooms.



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Emma Lopez, Fernanda Lopez, Erichson Seang, Councilor-at-Large Hong Net, Savannndy Son, Vannida Ath, Areeya Som-Voeun, Johnson Mao helping keeping Lynn Commons clean

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plause from the dignitaries and guests at the awards banquet.

"I have a lot of great memories," said Hoffman. "I made a lot of great friends with the coaches, the players, the fans in the stands. I got to watch the Crimson Tide band."

Hoffman recalled that "Bippy" Manuel was his early broadcast partner before Halloran became his longtime teammate in the booth.

"They did a great job for me. They made me look good. They carried me and made sure I did

what I was supposed to do," Hoffman said humbly.

Hoffman also thanked broadcast coordinator Josh Del Gaizo, the technical crew, and the videographers for their assistance during games, sometimes amid inclement weather conditions.

"I have a lot of great memories of all the games and the great players and coaches," said Hoffman. "This is like the cherry on the sundae for me, being here tonight and being honored in this way by Everett. Everett is a big piece of my family and I am very blessed to be

a very small piece of the Crimson Tide football program who I consider to be the best program in the state.

"Thank you and God bless you all," Hoffman said in concluding his remarks.

Hoffman continues to serve as the TV-15 play-by-play announcer for Lynn high school sports. Hoffman's annual year-ending All-Star Awards Party, in which he and TV-15 honor the top student-athletes in the city, has become a much-anticipated and much-appreciated event on the Lynn sports calendar.



Paul Gouthro of Lynn Conservation Commission weed whacking.



Ward 6 Councilor Fred Hogan with Tish Mukala and Nelly Neil along with Ward 3 Councilor Coco Alinsug and Councilor-at-Large Brian Field at Warren Street playground cleanup day.



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Lynn Woods Great Wood Playgrounds Volunteer Clean-up Team lead by Councilor-at-Large Hong Net and Ward 3 Councilor Coco Alinsug with DPW Danny Cannata.



Community Pathway – Ward 3 Coco Alinsug, Councilor-at-Large Brian Field, DPW Peter Barry, Ward 5 Dianna Chakoutis, Lynn Residents Lorri and Scott Veidenhiemer, Ward 7 Jay Walsh, Bob Connolly of Catholic Charities, and Ward 6 Fred Hogan.



Kiley Park October 22 (x6) – State Senator Brendan Crighton, State Rep. Jenny Armini, Lynn Councilors Rick Starbard, Fred Hogan, Hong Net, and Brian Field with School Committee Lenny Pena and Assoc. DPW Lisa Nerich spearheaded the cleanup crew at Kiley Playground.

We wish you a wonderful Thanksgiving

From Your Friends at The Lynn Journal

BOYS & GIRL CLUB OF LYNN THANKSGIVING DINNER

Photos by Patrick Gecoya

Parents and children had an enjoyable time at the Boys & Girls Club of Lynn during the annual Thanksgiving Dinner. Staff members and volunteers served a delicious Turkey dinner with all

the trimmings. “This was a wonderful event for children to play with their friends and to learn the true meaning of the Thanksgiving Holiday” said Board of Director Shanel Anderson.



Enjoying the Thanksgiving Dinner – Hensi Nunez Galan, Jennifer Carolina Beltre de Nunez, and Carolina.



Serving station staff – Joanne Driscoll-Campbell, Marielle Starrett, Shanel Anderson, Adam Tejeda, Jessica Pratt, Steve Pennypacker, Gaudalope Lopez, Maria Valera, and Kamila Urena.



Table Servers: Amaly Fresco, Jodi Furlong, Erin Furlong, Erica Sousa, Katie Green, Grace Duran, and Kyle Furlong.



Boys & Girls Club Board of Directors – Secretary/Clerk Steve Hirsch, Jessica Pratt, President Joe Scianatico, VP Shanel Anderson, Rich Nihan, Joe Brogan, and Executive Director Brian Theirrien.



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MWRA study shows possible water demand could be met for expanded area

Staff Report

The Massachusetts Water Resources Authority's (MWRA) Board of Directors reviewed the results of two studies on the feasibility of adding additional communities to the north and south of the agency's water system. Both studies conceptually identify that the MWRA could provide the full water demands to both study areas. Importantly, in order to fully supply both study areas, large diameter pipelines would have to be built extending from the MWRA's existing metropolitan tunnel system. Partial supplies to supplement existing community sources could also be provided through the extension of MWRA's existing distribution system. The northern study focused on communities that currently draw water from the long-stressed Ipswich River Basin, which includes Beverly, Danvers, Hamilton, Ipswich, Middleton, Lynn, Lynnfield Center Water District, Peabody, Salem, Topsfield, Wenham, and Wilmington. Additionally, the South Shore study focused on the

communities of Abington, Avon, Brockton, Cohasset, Hanover, Hingham, Norwell, Scituate, Rockland, Weymouth, and the former Naval Air Station.

"The MWRA's water supply system is a tremendous asset to the Commonwealth, which provides safe, clean drinking water from the Quabbin and Wachusett Watersheds for over 2.5 million people," said Energy and Environmental Affairs Secretary Beth Card, who chairs the MWRA's Board of Directors. "Importantly, these north and south studies have identified that the agency has ample capacity to serve additional communities by supplying drinking water from its system without jeopardizing these important resources."

"The MWRA has always been a vital asset in the Commonwealth's effort to ensure access to clean, safe drinking water for all residents," said House Speaker Ronald J. Mariano (D-Quincy). "These studies confirm the MWRA's untapped potential to expand into additional communities, which will fuel economic development and offer an alternative source of water for

communities impacted by PFAS chemical contamination."

"Water sustainability and aquifer protection are critical issues for communities all across our state, and the MWRA has the potential to support those goals in many cases," said Senate Minority Leader Bruce Tarr (R-Gloucester). "On the North Shore we are having unprecedented conversations about how to best move forward collaboratively to address the region's needs, and the information contained in the report will be incredibly useful and important for our efforts."

With the MWRA's vast reservoir system, the agency can safely provide up to 300 million gallons per day (MGD) of high-quality drinking water, and since its creation in 1985, MWRA and its customers have reduced usage from nearly 350 MGD to an average 200 MGD today, leaving room for expansion. In addition to the north and south study areas, the MWRA is also exploring the possibility of expanding the water system to a number of Metro West communities, including Acton, Bedford,

Chelmsford, Concord, Groton, Holliston, Hopkinton, Lincoln, Littleton, Maynard, Natick, Sudbury, Wayland, Wellesley, and Weston.

"This regional approach to addressing growing statewide water woes is the right solution at the right time," said Joseph Favaloro, Executive Director of the MWRA Advisory Board. "In addition to the public health and environmental benefits, expansion of the MWRA's water system can generate economic development and create rate relief for existing MWRA communities by spreading costs over a larger base. Truly a win on many levels and a public policy homerun."

While the water demands for all three study areas would exceed MWRA's available water, MWRA could supply water to a significant portion of these communities if there is interest. Coupled with these studies, the MWRA and its Advisory Board recently voted to waive the entrance fee for new communities joining the system for a period of five years in order to encourage new communities to join, citing

the challenges communities face, such as stressed river basins requiring water restrictions, rising concerns about per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS), and constrained economic development. The benefit to existing member communities would be a reduction in their assessments each time a new community joins the system.

"We are available to help communities looking for a solution to their drinking water supply needs," said MWRA Executive Director Fred Laskey. "We hope these studies help communities understand that MWRA is an option for them and we look forward to working with any community who would like to pursue a connection to our water system."

Furthermore, several communities have joined the MWRA water system over the last 35 years, including Ashland, Bedford, Burlington, Dedham-Westwood, Reading, Stoughton, and Wilmington. Despite the additional customers, water usage has continued to decline across the service area.

Baker-Polito administration awards \$485K to combat human trafficking

Staff Report

The Baker-Polito Administration last week awarded grant funding to five Massachusetts prosecutor's offices including Suffolk County to increase their capacity to investigate and prosecute human trafficking while improving services for victims of exploitation. The Suffolk DA office will receive \$97,000.

The 2023 Human Trafficking Enforcement and Training Grant Program was announced in September of this year. The program supports efforts by district attorneys and their law enforcement partners to investigate and prosecute human trafficking, strengthen community relationships and expand the use of victim-centered and multi-disciplinary approaches to serving trafficking victims.

"For the past eight years, our administration has focused on supporting a comprehensive approach to combatting human trafficking, and we are proud to sustain that effort with these latest grants. This grant funding aims to further ensure that law enforcement and service providers are equipped to provide victims with the help they need

while holding accountable those who would commit these traumatic crimes," said Governor Charlie Baker.

"Providing trauma-informed, victim-centered services to survivors of exploitation is vital not only to rebuilding lives, but to building the relationships necessary to hold accountable those who commit these crimes. These funds help ensure that prosecutors have the resources necessary to combat human trafficking in our communities," said Lt. Gov. Karyn Polito.

Funding is being awarded to the Berkshire County District Attorney, Hampden County District Attorney, Middlesex County District Attorney, Plymouth County District Attorney and Suffolk County District Attorney. The funded programs will build upon the success of pilot programs launched in the Hampden County District Attorney and Worcester County District Attorney offices through the FFY 2019 Improving Outcomes for Child and Youth Victims of Human Trafficking Grant. These federal funds were awarded by the Office of Victims of Crime (OVC), which is part of the Department of Justice's Office of Justice Programs.

The Human Trafficking Enforcement and Training Grant Program is administered by the Office of Grants and Research (OGR), a state agency that is a part of the Executive Office of Public Safety and Security.

"These funds will ensure that prosecutors and their law enforcement partners have the

capacity to protect the most vulnerable members of our community from exploitation. They also allow law enforcement to expand services and strengthen relationships with the communities they serve," said Public Safety and Security Secretary Terrence Reidy.

"I commend each of the dis-

trict attorney's offices receiving these grants for the excellent work they are doing to combat human trafficking and serve victims of these terrible offenses. My office is committed to helping build on the success of these efforts and expand services to survivors," said OGR Executive Director Kevin Stanton.

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NEWS FROM AROUND THE REGION

COMMISSION APPROVES LIQUOR LICENSE

CHELSEA - Tired of waiting for state action on a home-rule petition that would allow the city to issue a certain amount of liquor licenses by a request for proposals process, the Licensing Commission voted last week to issue an all-alcohol license to the proposed Kushala Sip Coffee House on Pearl Street.

The owners of the coffee house initially came before the commission this summer, and commissioners supported the business plan and proposal, but held off on issuing the license as they waited for the state to approve the home-rule petition. Under the petition, the five new liquor licenses granted to the city due to new census data would be issued under a proposal process and returned to the city if they were no longer used by the initial applicant.

"The ABCC (the state's alcohol licensing commission) and the state legislature, right now, they are not going to pass too much by the end of the year, and

then they have to start over again with a whole new state legislature," said City Solicitor Cheryl Watson Fisher.

Commission Chair Marnie MacAlpine said she was in favor of issuing the liquor license to Kushala.

"Given the fact that there hasn't been an outpouring (of proposal applications), and that we are all in agreement that the Kushala Sip Coffee House was a different kind of facility coming to the city, which was one of our reasons for wanting to go that route in the first place, I would like to see if anybody would like to make a motion to approve a license for them," said MacAlpine.

The commission unanimously voted to grant the license.

McAlpine also noted that the owners of the coffee house are getting closer to an opening date.

"They are nearing the end of their work, so this will hopefully line up right in time with them being able to get going and have that license upon opening their doors," she said.

At the July hearing on the license, applicant Dalia Valencia said she has owned the Kushala

Sip Coffee House in Stoneham since 2015 and was looking to expand.

The Stoneham location does not have a liquor license.

"I'm from Mexico originally, and the coffeehouse is a concept that is very popular in my country," Valencia said at the time. "When I opened seven years ago in Stoneham, I wanted to (serve alcohol), but it wasn't easy because it was a very small space that was not able to accommodate that."

Valencia is proposing 50 seats inside and 10 seats outside and the coffee house would serve food in addition to craft coffees and alcohol.

In other business, the commission held a disciplinary hearing on noise complaints for Nocturno restaurant at 158 Broadway.

Nocturno owner Nelson Molina said a new door and soundproofing was recently installed at the location which should cut down on the noise and complaints from a nearby condominium building.

Commission members agreed that Molina was taking steps to address the complaints and did

not take any disciplinary action.

The commission also granted an entertainment license to P'onde Juancho at 404 Broadway, allowing the restaurant to operate several televisions in its premises.

CRIMSON TIDE LOSES IN PLAYOFFS

EVERETT - The Everett High School football team had its playoff run come to an end in a 21-0 loss to Central Catholic in the Division 1 quarterfinals at Lawrence Stadium.

The usually high-powered Everett offense, led by senior quarterback Karmarri Ellerbe, drove deep into Central territory twice, but the Tide fell short of scoring a touchdown due to fumbles, one that went through the end zone. Everett also had a field goal attempt blocked in the game.

Central Catholic scored a touchdown in the final minute of the first half to take a 7-0 lead. The hosts scored on a 72-yard run in the third quarter and a 52-yard run late in the fourth quarter.

Everett finishes its 2022 season with an 8-2 record. The

Crimson Tide will not play a game on Thanksgiving.

Central Catholic coach praises Everett team

Central Catholic Chuck Adamopolous said he expected a tough, hard-nosed football game versus Everett - and it certainly was.

"That's not an easy team to shut out," said Adamopolous. "Their quarterback [Ellerbe] is an outstanding player, and they have good backs. We saw on the film that he [Ellerbe] breaks tackles and if he gets in the open field, he pulls away from guys. I thought overall our team did a good job of containing him. We survived tonight. My hat's off to Everett because I thought their coach did a great job, and their kids played awesome. They're a great program and Rob's doing a great job of getting it back. I'm proud of our kids. It was a good tough, football game."

Coach DiLoreto reflects on the game and the season

Everett head coach Rob DiLoreto felt his team had two

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excellent opportunities to take the lead in the first half.

“We had two touchdowns that we left on the board,” said DiLoreto. “We fumbled through the end zone on one, and had one called back on a penalty, and then had a field goal blocked on the subsequent play. It was really tough for us to overcome those mistakes against a really good team. Central finished on their big plays and we didn’t. They’re a very well-coached team. “They’re a very disciplined team, and the next step we have to take is improving on the little things - little things become big things in big games.”

DiLoreto commended the seniors on the 2022 team. “We had tremendous leadership from our seniors,” said DiLoreto. “We had a very young team with eight new starters on offense, and nine new starters on defense, and our seniors really set the tone this year by their outstanding leadership and commitment to the program, and I’m very proud of this season. We played our best football as the year progressed, and we have a lot to be proud of.”

BUSSING RAISES CONCERNS

EAST BOSTON - Several residents of East Boston vented their frustrations regarding the activities of Boston Public School (BPS) buses to Jackie Hayes, the Assistant Director of Contract Operation and Fleet for BPS, at the November 7 Harbor View Neighborhood Association meeting.

The idling and use of residential parking by BPS buses have pushed many residents to their breaking points as they ask for some sort of solution. Although there seems to be new frustration with the buses, some say these issues have been apparent for years.

One resident explained that for at least six years, buses have been idling, waking people in the wee hours of the morning and taking up parking spaces by the Bennington Street Cemetery.

“I think that is a long enough time to try and mitigate. You know, I understand that on a daily basis you’ll take complaints, try to mitigate it – again, that has been going on for six years – we need a solution,” said the resident.

Elsewhere on Bennington Street, others see the same issues continuously happening with seemingly no end in sight. The ideal solution, at least for residents, is for there to be off-street

satellite locations for buses to wait before they eventually head out on their routes.

Unfortunately, for those who would like to see those satellite locations as a solution – it is not going to happen anytime soon, according to Hayes.

While Hayes indicated that BPS is seeking additional space for its buses, she said, “The reality is that space is at a premium, and when the city uses space, they have to pay for it, and it is expensive.”

“We do not have a budget at this time for additional parking lots around the city,” she added.

Hayes did emphasize that although a satellite location might not be in the cards currently, BPS will still work with neighborhood associations for alternative fixes for the issues.

For now, the solution seems to rest upon the residents, as Hayes suggested that individual incidents be reported online via the BPS transportation support portal. Hayes advised against sending incidents by email, citing that reports to the portal are the most efficient way to get incidents to BPS.

This resolution was not up to snuff for at least one resident, as they said, “With all due respect, I have been doing it [reporting issues] for the last six, seven years on a daily basis ... nothing has been done – nothing.”

Even though it may seem like nothing has been done, Hayes assured residents that their work in contacting BPS with issues had led to the retraining of drivers as well as instances of speaking with drivers every time incidents occur.

She also defended the BPS bus drivers saying, “Frankly, our drivers work really hard, and they are under incredible stress every day... the vast majority of our drivers are lovely humans that decided to do work with kids.”

Overall, Hayes made it clear that the BPS will not stop working to quell the issues with buses around East Boston.

“We continue to be committed to trying to figure out how to make it work. We continue to be committed to taking every complaint or concern that is raised and running it down so that we can figure out how to make this work effectively for everyone,” said Hayes.

SERINO NOT TO SEEK THIRD TERM

REVERE - The City Council’s youngest member will not be running for reelection in 2023.

Ward 6 Councillor Richard Serino announced his plans not to

CHELSEA BOYS SOCCER 2-1 OVER WOBURN IN MIAA DIVISION ACTION



VICTORY AND DEFEAT: Chelsea players Jefferson Ruiz (10), Bryan Medrano (12), Kevin Garcia Fortin (17), Henry Vazquez (41) and Juan Carlos Suarez Lopez celebrate as Woburn players absorb defeat after the Red Devils eliminated Woburn from the MIAA Division 2 soccer playoffs with a 2-1 overtime victory Saturday at Woburn High School.

seek a third term at the beginning of Monday night’s meeting. Serino said the one-year lead time to the 2023 municipal election will give potential candidates plenty of time to decide if they want to run for the open seat next year.

“Earlier this month, people of Revere went to the polls in a statewide election day,” said Serino. “That election having passed, though nearly still a year away, we are now officially on our municipal election cycle for the 2023 city election. As we begin to contemplate candidacies, I wanted to announce tonight to my constituents in West Revere and North Revere, that I will not be seeking reelection to the Revere City Council in 2023.”

Serino said it might seem unconventional for a councillor to announce reelection plans so far in advance of the election, but he said he was doing so because he had made up his mind. Like his Ward 6 predecessor, Charlie Patch, Serino said he wanted to give enough lead time for decent, good candidates in Ward 6 to consider a run.

“This decision to not seek a third term on the council was not made in haste, but after careful consideration and much discussion with my family and closest friends,” said Serino. “Having turned 30 this year, I have spent some time contemplating and reassessing my goals for myself in both my personal and professional life and where I see myself when my current term expires in 2024 and beyond. Having had the honor of being elected by the people of Ward 6 in 2019, I came onto the council in January, 2020 with a set of goals, including promoting economic development in the ward and the city, helping to alleviate flooding in West Revere,

and working towards solutions to traffic flow in the ward.”

On the economic development front, Serino said he made a commitment during his campaign to promote economic development in the ward. He pointed to the closing of the Showcase Cinema in 2020 during the height of the pandemic, and its current transformation into an Amazon warehouse and shipping facility.

“I was disappointed, and ideally would have preferred to see a development built in its place that was entertainment driven and would draw families to the site,” he said. “However, in the end, I was glad that the redevelopment of the movie theater did not bring more residential units, but rather will bring job opportunities for Revere residents, revenue from increased property taxes, and new excise taxes paid to the city.”

The councillor also noted that he made a commitment to fight for commercial development and oppose any residential development on Squire Road, which he said he views as the ward’s main business corridor.

Serino also thanked the mayor and the water and sewer department for fixing some of the flooding and drainage issues in the ward.

“When it comes to traffic patterns in the ward, I think I have been pretty bold, to say the least,” said Serino. “Although it was controversial, I listened to my residents of Sigourney Street and Derby Road, who for years have been plagued with speeding vehicles going to and from Squire Road. As the ward councillor, I advocated to the Traffic Commission to change the one ways on those streets.”

Serino said the change was met with a lot of criticism, and under-

standably so for the streets that were impacted as a result.

“But you know what, we tried something that had not been tried before by my predecessors, albeit for 60 days, and because we took that initial step, we have the attention of the traffic commission and the administration to take a serious look at the traffic flow on the streets off of Squire Road that they see every day,” said Serino.

He added that two of the initiatives he is most proud of during his time in office is the creation of the city’s veterans fund, and an ordinance calling for later meeting start times, giving residents a better opportunity to participate after typical work hours.

With more than a year to go as the ward councillor, Serino reiterated that his announcement was not a resignation or a goodbye speech. He added that it also did not necessarily mean he would not run for city-wide office in the future.

“I have determined that two full terms, or four years, will have been an adequate time for me to complete the work that I set out to achieve as the Ward 6 Councillor, and that after this term, it is not only appropriate, but it is right, for me to step aside and clear the way for someone else in West Revere, or perhaps North Revere, with new ideas and a fresh perspective,” he said. “My remarks tonight should also not be taken as a farewell to Revere politics, as I would certainly consider and entertain the possibility of a run for councillor at large or higher office sometime beyond 2023 and a few years down the line if the time is right and I feel that my experience and voice can contribute to a future conversation in the city.”

Baker Signs \$3.76 Billion Economic Development Bill

Special to the Journal

Governor Charlie Baker signed a \$3.76 billion spending plan that promotes economic development, strengthens health and human services, advances clean energy and resiliency, expands affordable housing production and invests in Massachusetts communities, businesses and workers. The legislation signed today includes funding for several proposals introduced by the Baker-Polito Administration in the FORWARD economic development bill filed in April and in multiple supplemental budget proposals, including the most recent proposal from August to close out Fiscal Year 2022 (FY22).

"This legislation will make strategic investments in economic development, increase affordable housing production and support our health care system," said Governor Charlie Baker. "We appreciate the Legislature's efforts to pass this bill which is necessary to invest the Commonwealth's significant state surplus and time-sensitive federal relief dollars. While I am disappointed that the bill does not include permanent tax relief that is affordable and was supported by our administration and the Legislature, I am pleased that the Commonwealth's strong financial position allows us to make these critical investments on behalf of our communities."

"This bill addresses a wide range of needs across Massachusetts, from investing in long-term housing affordability to enabling transformational projects in hundreds of cities and towns," said Lieutenant Governor Karyn Polito. "This funding will play a crucial role in the continued growth of local economies, businesses and families and we look forward to seeing it put to work."

The bill is funded by a combination of state resources, including FY22 surplus revenue, and federal funds from the American Rescue Plan Act Fiscal Recovery Fund (ARPA-FRF). Notably, the Governor vetoed an outside section that would cap the use of ARPA-FRF funding to \$510 million (of the \$2.3 billion that remains available in ARPA-FRF funds). Federal law requires that the entirety of these federal funds be committed by the end of 2024 and spent by the end of 2026. Vetoing this section will allow the Commonwealth to prioritize the use of the time-limited federal dollars.

"This legislation will build upon our efforts over the last several years to strategically deploy billions in federal and state funding to bolster the Commonwealth's economy through the pandemic and accelerate recovery," said Administration and Finance Secretary Michael J. Hefernan.

Highlights of the bill include:

- Health and human services
 - \$850 million in near-term relief for fiscally strained hospitals, human service providers, nursing facilities, rest homes and community health centers
 - \$200 million to support the Commonwealth's continued response to and management of COVID-19
 - \$25 million for low-threshold housing for individuals experiencing homelessness
 - \$20 million to address the varied needs of immigrants and refugees
 - \$20 million to combat gun violence
 - \$20 million for the Victim and Witness Assistance Board
 - \$17.5 million to support access to reproductive care and family planning services

Education

- \$150 million to stabilize early education and care providers
- An additional \$315 million transfer to the High-Quality Early Education & Care Affordability Fund via an outside section amending the FY23 budget
- \$50 million to support scholarships for Massachusetts students enrolled in higher education nursing programs

Housing production and affordability

- \$100 million for workforce

housing production

- \$100 million for homeowner-ship expansion through the Commonwealth Builder program
- \$100 million to support the creation of affordable housing through the Affordable Housing Trust
- \$57 million for the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program
- \$50 million for the Equitable Developers' financing program
- Economic development
 - \$153 million to support a variety of businesses in need across the state, including \$75 million for hotels, \$45 million for businesses reaching underserved markets, and \$40 million for small businesses
 - \$75 million to support broadband infrastructure and internet access
 - Hundreds of local community and economic development projects

Clean energy and environmental infrastructure

- \$175 million for investments in publicly-owned green space and environmental infrastructure, including \$75 million in environmental justice communities
- \$150 million for clean energy initiatives, including transfers to the Clean Energy Investment Fund, Electric Vehicle Adoption Incentive Trust, and Charging Infrastructure Deployment Fund
- \$115 million for water quality improvement projects through the Massachusetts Clean Water Trust

- \$100 million for improvements to port infrastructure
- \$25 million to support food security infrastructure

Transportation

- \$112 million to support key needs at the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority (MBTA) including for implementation of Federal Transit Authority (FTA) directives

The Governor signed the large majority of the 271 outside sections included in the bill, including sections that make corrections that will allow for the successful implementation of new tax credits related to offshore wind and the hiring of National Guard members. The Governor also approved policy sections that will improve the operation and effectiveness of the Brownfields Redevelopment Fund and smart growth zoning through an improved Starter Home Zoning chapter of the General Laws. Additional sections will change the Department of Public Health's (DPH) standing order authority related to COVID-19 testing and treatment and will establish effective and efficient administrative processes through which DPH will manage the licensure and oversight of Registered Sanitarians and Certified Health Officers.

Governor Baker returned two outside sections to the Legislature with proposed amendments and vetoed a total of 24 sections.

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