





# DiDomenico’s bill supporting children with diabetes in school passes Senate

Last week the State Senate passed Senator DiDomenico’s legislation which would support students managing diabetes in our schools. H.5052 An Act providing for diabetes management in schools would address the critical need for increased diabetes management services in schools for children living with Type 1 and Type 2 diabetes throughout the Commonwealth. This bill would allow school nurses to share monitoring responsibilities with teachers and other trusted adults in the classroom. Currently, students who cannot self-administer treatment for their diabetes must excuse themselves from class in order to be treated by the school nurse or school physician. This takes up immense



Sen. DiDomenico speaking in favor of diabetes management bill.

amounts of time and is incredibly disruptive and detrimental to students’ academic and social success. This legislation would allow monitoring and treatment to finally be provided by an adult who is delegated by the school nurse or physician and ease the burden on students managing their

diabetes. “I know how hard and time consuming it is to manage diabetes for many of our students, and I was proud to sponsor this legislation and advocate for its passage in the Senate,” said Senator DiDomenico, Assistant Majority Leader of the Massachusetts Senate. “We are in a time right now where we are reimagining schools and how we can best support our families. This one simple tool will allow countless students to finally be able to remain in their classrooms and receive the education and school experience they deserve!” Having passed the House and Senate, An Act providing for diabetes management in schools now goes on to the Governor for his signature.

# McGonagle joins colleagues in legalizes sports betting

Rep. Joe McGonagle, along with his colleagues in the Massachusetts Legislature on Monday passed An Act regulating sports wagering authorizing and regulating sports betting in the Commonwealth. The legislation authorizes the Massachusetts Gaming Commission to grant in-person licenses at gaming establishments, including casinos, race-tracks and simulcast facilities, as well as mobile licenses through mobile applications or digital platforms. This legislation will generate an estimated \$60 million in annual tax revenue for Massachusetts, in addition to collecting up to \$70 to \$80 million in initial licensing fees, which must be renewed every five years. The revenue collected will be distributed to municipalities, and for economic, workforce, education, and public health priorities. “I’m incredibly proud that today, and after years of House-led efforts to authorize legal sports wagering in Massachusetts, the Legislature has acted to bring the immense economic benefits of a legal sports betting industry to the Commonwealth,” said House Speaker Ronald J. Mariano (D-Quin-

cy). “Legalizing wagers on both professional and collegiate sports will create jobs and bring tens of millions of dollars in annual tax revenue to Massachusetts. I want to thank Chairs Michlewitz and Parisella, all the conferees and my colleagues in the House, as well as our partners in the Senate for recognizing the incredible economic opportunity that legalized sports betting presents.” “An Act regulating sports wagering” includes a 15 percent tax on in-person wagering and a 20 percent tax on mobile wagering. The legislation creates the Workforce Investment Trust Fund & the Youth Development and Achievement Fund which will receive 17.5 percent and 1 percent, respectively, of the revenue generated by the taxes and licensing fees. The rest of the funds will go to the existing Gaming Local Aid Fund (27.5 percent), the Public Health Trust Fund (9 percent) and the General Fund (45 percent.) • The funds in the Workforce Investment Trust Fund will be used to develop and strengthen workforce opportunities for low-income communities and vulnerable

youth and young adults, including to promote stable employment and wage growth. • The funds in the Youth Development and Achievement Fund will provide financial assistance to students enrolled in and pursuing a program of higher education, and for after school and out of school activities. “I am absolutely thrilled about this legislation finally being passed,” said McGonagle. “Massachusetts is perfect setting for sports loving individuals to lay bets and finally the people will be able to see some return on this, instead of losing revenue to other nearby states. Dozens of jobs will be created through this, especially here in Everett. This legislation was very carefully thought out and I’m so proud to have passed it this session and grateful to my colleagues, especially Speaker Mariano, Chair Michlewitz and Chair Parisella for their hard work. I look forward to seeing it in action.” Having been passed by the House and Senate, An Act regulating sports wagering now goes to Governor Baker for his signature.

# Pop Warner / CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

leadership on the board of directors. Brian Dimond is in his 31st season in Everett Pop Warner. His daughters have all proceeded through the program. Secretary Lisa Sylvester has been a board member for two decades. Her children, Mark, Corey, and Nicole are also Pop Warner graduates. Peter Forte Sr., whose sons were standout football players in Pop Warner and at Everett High School, is also a two-decade contributor to the excellence of the organization. Forte has led his football teams to multiple league and regional titles, in addition to the national championship contingent. “Four players on that team, Dylan Cyprien, Leo Paul, L.J. LaMonica, and Jefferson Pham are now coaching on our staff,” said Forte proudly. Forte has scheduled pre-season scrimmages



REGISTRATION TABLE: Pop Warner Registrar Diane Groux and Patti Scalesse are pictured at the opening night of football and cheerleading practices at Sacramone Park.

with Malden Pop Warner in preparation for the new season. The legendary coach is optimistic about the 2022 campaign.

“We’ll be practicing here [at Sacramone] five days a week and we’ll be ready when the season starts,” said Forte.



THE DIAMOND DISTRICT: Long-time Crimson Tide Pop Warner President Brian Diamond joins officers and board members for a photo on the first night of football and cheerleading practices Monday at Sacramone Park. From left, are Brandon Bailot, Nicole Buonopane, Chantelle Gravinese, Julie Mayo-Carapellucci, Brian Diamond, Lisa Sylvester, Mark Sylvester, and George Castiello.

# Lara / CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

than Delgado. Lara is grateful to his mother, Nicole Dubon, for finding him an opportunity to play baseball in his age group this summer. “My mother contacted baseball programs to see if there were openings for out-of-town players,” said Lara. “It’s been a great experience and I’m excited about playing in the World Series. The Lynn coaches have been awesome. And the players on the team are now my brothers.” In addition to Lara’s spot on the roster, the team consists of 10 players from Lynn and four players from Revere.

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### BILL RUSSELL WAS A BEAUTIFUL PERSON

For those of us who were Boston sports fans in our childhood while growing up in the 1960s, there was only one real hero -- and that was Bill Russell.

With 11 NBA titles in 13 seasons, the Celtics and Bill Russell were the epitome of success, especially in comparison to the other Boston sports teams of that era.

However, even at our young age, there was something about Bill Russell that we recognized as transcending the typical athlete of that period. We recall that when he published his autobiographical memoir in the mid-60s, *Go Up for Glory*, we eagerly bought the paperback. It was one of the few (if any) books that we read outside of our required school reading.

We knew instinctively, even at our young age, that if Bill Russell had something to say, it would be important and would be told in a straightforward and honest way that often was lacking in the turbulent era that was the 1960s.

The hippies proclaimed, “Don’t trust anyone over the age of 30,” but that did not apply to Bill Russell, who won his final NBA title as the Celtics’ player-coach in 1969 at the age of 35. Bill Russell’s honesty and integrity were unquestioned.

To paraphrase a popular TV commercial, “When Bill Russell spoke, people listened.”

Bill Russell was as elegant and graceful in his demeanor off the court as he was in his athleticism on the court. Just as his emphasis on defense, rebounding, and leading the fast break not only revolutionized the game of basketball, but also set the standard for the definition of selflessness and the concept of a team player, so too, did his truthful outspokenness on the subject of racism in America set a new standard in the sports world for elevating our national conversation about race and other social topics.

As we grew into adulthood, if we were hanging out with friends, whenever we might be playing the, “If you could have dinner with anyone famous, who would it be?” game, our answer always would be, “Bill Russell.”

Bill Russell will be missed, both in the world of sports and in the realm of life.

### GINA RAIMONDO FOR PRESIDENT

This past week, Congress finally passed the CHIPS (Creating Helpful Incentives for the Production of Semiconductors) and Science Act, legislation that will provide \$280 billion in federal funding to ensure that the making of semiconductors, which are crucial to every aspect of our everyday life, will be manufactured here in America.

It is estimated that only 12 percent of the computer chips that are essential to the products that are sold in America, including our defense industry, actually are made in America.

Ominously, the largest maker of computer chips in the world is the Taiwan Semiconductor Company, which has its largest manufacturing plant in its home country of Taiwan -- a nation that could be overrun by mainland China in a matter of days.

The CHIPS Act overcame opposition from both progressives and conservatives in the House and Senate thanks largely to the tireless efforts of Commerce Secretary Gina Raimondo, the former governor of Rhode Island. Raimondo was forceful, eloquent, and politically savvy in her pitch to legislators on all sides of the political spectrum to garner support for the legislation.

Her efforts almost single-handedly saved the bill from defeat.

Raimondo graduated from Harvard and then went to Yale Law School. She also was a Rhodes Scholar and ran her own venture capital firm before running for State Treasurer and then Governor of Rhode Island.

Yet despite her Ivy League education, Raimondo grew up in a working class family in Rhode Island. She never had anything handed to her and worked hard for her success in life.

Gina Raimondo often is described as a centrist Democrat. When (hopefully) Joe Biden announces that he will not be running for re-election, there is no one on the Democratic side who would be better suited to running for President than Gina Raimondo.

Gina Raimondo is smart, articulate, and can speak the language of ordinary Americans. In short, she is a star among a bunch of also-rans.

# Independent Forum

## GUEST OP-ED

### Losing everything, what or who is important?

Dr. Glenn Mollette

What or who is important to you? The recent devastating flood in eastern Kentucky reminds us all that life can be swept away in a moment. Hundreds of families lost everything. One family lost their house and everything in it but lost their family – four children ages less than two up through eight were swept away by the raging flood. One woman who had also lost her house and everything in the house stated she and her family were alive and that’s all that mattered.

None of us want to lose our houses and everything we’ve worked for most of our lives. However, it’s all junk in comparison to our children and loved ones.

From the fires of California to the floods of eastern Kentucky to the devastation of Ukraine by Russia, Loss and devastation can come to us all. We don’t want loss. We re-

coil from natural disasters, invaders or diminishing health.

It takes a lifetime to pay for a house. Today, cars are often financed five years and more. People work hard to accumulate a few things. Little children, spouses and aging parents are not easy to come by. Most of the time we take everything we have for granted. When the floods of life literally wash away all that we have and love, the loss is horrific.

We really don’t know the full extent of how painful loss is until we have lost it all. Recent flood victims in eastern Kentucky essentially lost it all. Many literally escaped with only the shirts on their backs.

Cancer can eat away at our lives. Other forms of diminishing health can take us down to nothing. Financial losses can make us miserable. A fire can destroy everything. Life can change and in a mo-

ment.

Sometimes we have warnings that life is on the way to changing. When it rains, we don’t automatically think the water will become so deep that we will all drown. Some people in eastern Kentucky will never be able to enjoy a long night of rain because of what it may bring.

Overall, people would like to live out their lives quietly and safely. Avoiding floods, fires and other life-threatening crises. Food to eat, something to wear and the enjoyment of people we love are most meaningful to us.

In the middle of life’s devastations, we often look to God and ask why? If he is really so great, so good, and so loving then why would he send or allow eight or nine inches of rain to fall on the hollers of eastern Kentucky and sweep away little children? Did he go to sleep? Does he not care? Is he

detached from what happens in the world? Is he really out there? Yet, as many grieve, they will fall upon God as he is all they have left to get them through. An old saint of God who suffered through the storms of life once said, “I didn’t realize God was all I needed until God was all I had.

Whatever or whoever you have today, don’t take it or them for granted. Be grateful, give thanks. Love on your loved ones and be kind to all. Consider taking some of your stuff and giving it to someone who may have nothing. It will be good for you both.

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## LETTER to the Editor

### TAKE THE FIRST STEP TOWARD A NICOTINE-FREE LIFE

To the Editor,

The Massachusetts Department of Public Health is running Take the First Step, a campaign that educates adults about free resources designed to help them quit smoking, vaping, or using other tobacco or nicotine products. The

campaign offers information about 1-800-QUIT-NOW, Massachusetts’ Quitline for tobacco/nicotine, and encourages residents to call for support or to connect online at mass.gov/quitting. The campaign has ads, videos, and resources available in English and Spanish.

A brochure about quitting, wallet cards with 1-800-QUIT-NOW information, and other mate-

rials are available free of charge at the Massachusetts Health Promotion Clearinghouse.

Learn more about free resources to quit tobacco/nicotine and watch a video about 1-800-QUIT-NOW at mass.gov/quitting.

Taking the first step toward a nicotine-free life can begin by speaking with a FREE trained quit coach on the phone at 1-800-QUIT-NOW or

online at mass.gov/quitting. Please contact me, Edgar Duran Elmudesi, at the Metro Boston Tobacco-Free Community Partnership, eduran@hria.org or 617-502-6549 for more information and to help promote quit attempts in our region.

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# Massport and MassCEC celebrate electric vehicle grant

The Massachusetts Port Authority (Massport) and Massachusetts Clean Energy Center (MassCEC), as well as local elected officials, celebrated MassCEC’s recent grant to Massport in support of planning and facilitating the transition to more electric vehicles (EVs) at Logan Airport. Getting more passengers in an electric vehicle is an important step as Massport moves toward becoming Net Zero by 2031. Participating organizations included representatives from the Executive Office of Environmental Affairs, the rental car companies at Logan including Avis, Enterprise and Hertz, as well as Uber and Lyft. Several rental car company-owned EVs were available for demonstration including Tesla, Kona and Polestar models.

This grant comes from MassCEC’s Accelerating Clean Transportation for All (ACT4All) Program. ACT4All aims to equi-

tably increase access to clean transportation across the Commonwealth, reduce emissions in overburdened areas, and build effective community partnerships. ACT4All awarded \$5M to ten projects operating statewide. The Department of Energy Resources has contributed to program funding.

“Offering EVs through rentals and rideshares will catalyze the adoption of EVs and help us achieve our clean transportation and emissions reduction goals,” said MassCEC CEO Jen Daloisio. “The growing deployment of EVs at Logan Airport and accompanying infrastructure will both help to educate consumers and begin to reduce emissions in surrounding communities. MassCEC is proud to support this innovative program.”

In 2019, there were more than 1.3 million rental car transactions at Logan and 2022 is trending to near 1 million

transactions. Today, passengers at Logan can rent more than 200 EVs from the Rental Car Center, or choose an EV option from Uber or Lyft. By renting an EV, passengers can see for themselves how easy these are to use and reduce fear about charging the vehicle.

The demand at Logan Airport for more EV charging both landside and airside continues to increase. Massport has more than 40 chargers landside available for the public, in our parking garages and Ride App and taxi pools. These chargers are funded through Massport’s capital budget as well as grant funding.

For those driving their own EV to Logan, there are 173 hybrid, electric, and alternative fuel only parking spaces available and charging ports are located conveniently near the terminals with no cost for electricity use. Massport is also working to transition its own fleet to EVs, and recently ordered 2 electric Ford F-150 trucks and 2 electric Ford Transit vans for use at Logan Airport.

“Shifting to electric vehicles is a crucial step toward improving air quality for East Boston and other airport adjacent communities and reducing the carbon footprint overall,” said State Senator Lydia Edwards. “I applaud Massport and the MassCEC for their efforts toward expanding sustainable ride options at Logan.”

At today’s event, the speakers acknowledged the airport’s proximity to surrounding communities and how their ongoing ef-



Massport CEO Lisa Wieland and MassCEC Jen Daloisio stand with State Senator Lydia Edwards, State Rep Adrian Madaro, and representatives from EEA, rental car and Ride App companies. L to R: Jeff Nieman (Hertz), Kevin Parsons (Enterprise), Massport CEO Lisa Wieland, State Rep Adrian Madaro, MassCEC CEO Jen Daloisio, State Senator Lydia Edwards, Mike Chisolm (Lyft), Dan Gatti (EEA), Anne Morrison (Avis), and Quinn Hatoff (Uber).

orts would reduce emissions for all. Hertz’ SVP of Operations Initiatives Jeff Nieman said his company already had 1,000 EVs in the Boston region, and Michael Chisolm, Lyft’s business development manager of airports, reiterated his company’s commitment to use EVs exclusively by 2030.

“Increasing the adoption of electric vehicles at Logan is another big step toward improving quality of life in neighboring communities,” said State Representative Adrian Madaro. “Thank you to MassCEC and Massport for their collaboration in transitioning our city toward environmentally-friendly transportation.”

In 2013, the Rental Car Center, a LEED Gold certified building with rooftop solar, was completed and consolidated multiple rental car company operations into one location. This move allowed

Massport to cut hundreds of shuttle bus trips daily, reduce emissions and roadway congestion, and create a better experience for passengers renting vehicles.

“Through partnerships with our rental car and Ride App companies, we are able to offer more environmentally friendly, on-demand transportation options for our passengers. The MassCEC grant will help us prioritize our ongoing efforts to expand electric vehicle availability at Logan Airport,” said Massport CEO Lisa Wieland. “Reducing the emissions created at Logan is not only good for the environment, it helps us to be a good neighbor to surrounding communities, while providing our passengers with the sustainable transportation options they desire.”

In March 2022, Massport unveiled a new, bold agenda to reduce carbon emissions across all

properties and become Net Zero by 2031, coinciding with the Authority’s 75th anniversary and nearly two decades ahead of the 2050 deadline set by the United Nations’ Paris Agreement to limit climate change to 1.5 degrees Celsius. The Roadmap to Net Zero focuses on the greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions from Massport-owned facilities, equipment, and energy purchases, and lays out actions and strategies to help our airlines, shipping lines, cruise operators, and other business partners reduce their emissions. To reach this ambitious goal of achieving Net Zero for Massport-controlled emissions, the Authority is evaluating a number of options. These include improving energy efficiency in buildings and investing in electric vehicles while increasing demand for HOV transportation.



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# Unions representing over 150,000 workers endorse Roberto Jimenez-Rivera for State Rep.

Special to the Independent

Over the last two months, Chelsea School Committee Member Roberto Jimenez-Rivera has received a slew of endorsements from unions representing over 150,000 workers to win the newly created State Representative seat that includes a part of Everett. He is proud to have the support of workers across a wide range of industries, including education, telecommunications, government, healthcare, and grocery stores. “Many of these people are the frontline workers who make up a huge part of our community. They have kept our region running throughout this entire pandemic,” said Mr. Jimenez-Rivera. “They’re the driver of your local 111 bus, the second grade teacher at the Keve-rian School in Everett and the Kelly School in Chelsea, and the person stocking groceries at Stop & Shop. I’m grateful for their support and look forward to empowering working families together.”

“Roberto is a leader who has already shown that he will fight for public education and work tirelessly to support and empower working families,” said MTA President Merrie Najimy. “He centers racial, economic and gender justice in his grassroots advocacy. Now more than ever, we need champions

like Roberto at the State House.”

“Roberto is a trusted member of our community. He is someone who works for the community and not for his own benefit,” said Enio Lopez, member of SEIU 888 at the Chelsea Soldiers’ Home and Chelsea City Councilor for District 1.

Mr. Jiménez-Rivera has been endorsed or supported by eight different unions, more than all of his opponents combined. They include the following:

- Boston Carmens’ Local 589, representing MBTA bus drivers, train operators, and maintenance workers
- United Food and Commercial Workers Local (UFCW) 1445, which represents workers in the cannabis industry, grocery stores, laundries, and warehouses
- Mass Teachers Association (MTA), representing over 115,000 members, including educators from the City of Everett
- American Federation of Teachers-Massachusetts (AFT-MA), representing over 23,000 educators in K-12 and higher education across the state
- Chelsea Teachers Union
- Boston Teachers Union, which also represents over 5,000 retirees
- IBEW Local 2222, representing telecommunications and tech workers, as well as the staff at the

State House

- SEIU Local 888, representing municipal and state employees as well as Healthcare employees

In addition to his support from labor unions, Roberto has been endorsed by the National Association of Social Workers-MA PACE, and environmental organizations like the Sierra Club and the Environmental League of Massachusetts.

*This release was provided by the committee to elect Roberto Jimenez-Rivera.*

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En los últimos dos meses, Roberto Jiménez-Rivera, miembro del Comité Escolar de Chelsea, ha recibido una gran cantidad de endosos de sindicatos que representan a más de 150,000 trabajadores. Estas uniones representan una amplia gama de industrias, como la educación, las telecomunicaciones, el gobierno, el cuidado medico, y los supermercados. “Muchas de estas personas son trabajadores esenciales, quienes han mantenido a nuestra región funcionando durante toda esta pandemia”, dijo el Sr. Jiménez-Rivera. “Son el conductor del autobús 111, el maestro de segundo grado en la Escuela Keverian de Everett y la Escuela Kelly de Chelsea, y la persona que almascena comestibles en Stop & Shop. Estoy agradecido por su apoyo y espero empoderar a las familias tra-



Roberto Jimenez-Rivera (center) and the Executive Board of the Boston Carmen’s Union, Local 589.

bajadoras juntas.”

“Roberto es un líder que ya ha demostrado que luchará por la educación pública y trabajará incansablemente para apoyar y empoderar a las familias trabajadoras,” dijo la presidenta de la Asociación de Maestros de Massachusetts, Merrie Najimy. “Roberto prioriza la justicia racial, económica y de género en su trabajo. Ahora más que nunca, necesitamos campeones como Roberto en la Cámara de Representantes.”

“Roberto es una persona de confianza. Es alguien que trabaja para la comunidad y no para su propio beneficio,” dijo Enio López, miembro de SEIU 888 en el Chelsea Soldiers’ Home, y concejal de la ciudad de Chelsea para el Distrito 1.

El Sr. Jiménez-Rivera está siendo endosado o

apoyado por ocho sindicatos diferentes, más que todos sus oponentes juntos. Incluyen los siguientes:

- “Boston Carmens” Local 589, que representa a los conductores de autobuses, operadores de trenes y trabajadores de mantenimiento de la MBTA
- Unión de Trabajadores de la Industria de Alimentos y del Comercio (UFCW) Local 1445, que representa a los trabajadores en supermercados, lavanderías y almacenes, entre otros.
- Asociación de Maestros de Massachusetts (MTA), que representa a más de 115,000 miembros, incluyendo los educadores de la ciudad de Everett
- Federación Americana de Maestros-Massachusetts (AFT-MA), que representa a más de 23,000 educadores en K-12 en todo el estado

- Sindicato de Maestros de Chelsea
- Sindicato de Maestros de Boston, que también representa a más de 5000 educadores retirados
- IBEW Local 2222, que representa trabajadores de telecomunicaciones y tecnología, así como al personal de la Legislatura Estatal
- SEIU Local 888, que representa a empleados municipales y estatales, así como algunos empleados del sistema de salud

Además del apoyo de los sindicatos, Roberto ha recibido el endoso de la Asociación Nacional de Trabajadores Sociales-Massachusetts (NASW-PACE), y de organizaciones ambientales como el Sierra Club y la Liga Ambiental de Massachusetts.

## CITY PAWS

# Potato salads minus mayo

By Penny & Ed Cherubino

Around here, potato salads are made without mayonnaise. This began because of an egg allergy, but continues because we prefer the alternative dressings we’ve used over the years. To add to our heretical potato salad ways, we are now experimenting with a range of recipes for sweet potato salads.

### Variations on Vinaigrettes

Most of our favorite potato salads start exactly like mayo-dressed ones. We boil potatoes until cooked. Then we add crunchy additions like celery, onion, scallions, and herbs. While the potatoes are still warm, we add a typical oil and vinegar dressing. This helps the potatoes soak up the flavors from the additions. You can use your favorite dressing and opt for an Italian, Greek, or French flavor profile with oregano, dill, or mustard respectively.

Our potatoes of choice are Yukon Gold or red potatoes. Occasionally they are peeled, but most of the time, we just scrub them and keep that nutritious

skin in place. Red potatoes add to the look of the salad. Red onion will also perk up the visual appeal. Penny always tastes the onion; if it’s too strong, she soaks it in white vinegar for a few minutes to take away the bite.

A few traditional German potato salads introduce some fun options. One recipe attributed to the Bavarian region adds beef broth, pickles, and crisp bacon to an oil and vinegar dressing.

The version best known in this country has a bacon-fat vinaigrette. You cook the bacon and remove all but a couple of tablespoons of fat from the pan. Cook the onion in that fat until soft, and then deglaze the pan with vinegar before adding seasonings. Pour the dressing over boiled potatoes and top it with bacon pieces and chopped scallion or herbs. You can serve this salad warm or cool.

### Sweet Potato Salad

Both regular and sweet potatoes are healthy additions to your diet. Healthline.com says, “Both types of potatoes are rich in fiber, carbs, and vitamins B6 and C. White potatoes are higher in potassium,

whereas sweet potatoes contain more vitamin A.” That’s a good reason to consider making both potato salads.

The most appealing recipes we’ve found take the sweet potato to exciting places with additions like orange juice for the acid, red onion and jalapeno for crunch, and cooked Mexican chorizo as a topping.

A recently published recipe for “Sweet Potato Salsa Salad” in the Washington Post ignited our interest in this topic. This one starts with roasted chunks of sweet potato and tops them with a flavorful and colorful salsa before serving.

Like most salsas, you can create your version. The original recipe includes jalapeño pepper, corn, black beans, red peppers, cherry tomatoes, avocado, garlic, and smoked paprika. It’s topped with toasted pumpkin seeds.

### Testing for Food Allergies

An allergy to eggs was the original reason we didn’t use mayonnaise. Penny’s case was so severe that she was rushed to an emergency room after drinking eggnog. We both had hives from penicillin

and were told we had allergies to that.

A few years ago, we learned about the allergy testing program at Massachusetts General Hospital. We decided it was worth a few hours of our time to use an essential set of antibiotics. We both underwent the testing and found that we had outgrown or never had a true allergy. We recommend a professional assessment of any



Red potatoes, scallions, celery, and slices of hard-boiled egg add color, texture, and flavor to this oil and vinegar potato salad.

long-ago food allergies. Local? Send an email to Penny@BostonZest.com with your suggestion.



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# Jobs fair for Suffolk Downs development draws more than 300 applicants

Special to the Independent

Thomas O'Brien, founding partner and managing director of the HYM Investment Group, was asked the following question at the July 26 jobs fair at Suffolk Downs: How many new construction jobs will there be for HYM's housing and commercial project on the 161-acre site of the former racetrack?

"There are going to be 14,000 total construction jobs, and then in the end there'll be about 20,000 permanent jobs in the buildings," replied O'Brien, whose project will ultimately deliver the largest single creation of housing by a redevelopment project in greater Boston history.

That's why the atmosphere at the jobs fair was so optimistic and inspiring for the close to 300 men and women who attended the event. Interestingly, the well-organized fair was held near the finish line of the former racetrack, but this event represented a potential new start for the many job seekers.

The Greater Boston Building Trades Unions,

John Moriarty and Associates, the HYM Investment Group, and the City of Revere hosted the job information session that was designed to recruit and train the next generation of building trades workers.

**Praise for Revere's mayor**

Thomas O'Brien led off the brief speaking program at the fair by praising Revere Mayor Brian Arrigo, a theme carried forth by the union officials who also addressed the gathering.

"Among the most important partnerships we've had from the people who helped us and worked with us, there has been no better champion for us than Mayor Brian Arrigo, who's been with us since the very beginning," said O'Brien. "The mayor is leading the city in a way that is helping Revere develop a new direction for creating jobs, creating next tax revenue, rebuilding the school system, building a new physical high school in Revere. All these things are amazing and positive developments in Revere. We're really excited about the work we've been able

to do."

**Revere Mayor Arrigo speaks at the job fair**

Arrigo, who drew a significant ovation from the many union leaders and job candidates in attendance, said that when he first met with O'Brien in the Mayor's Office in 2017, he told O'Brien that "I want to make something [at Suffolk Downs] where we're creating jobs for the people in the City of Revere."

The attendance at the job fair by scores of Revere residents affirms Arrigo's vision.

"What we have before us is really a transformational opportunity for the people who live in Revere to have economic opportunities, not only in great-paying construction jobs and union construction jobs, but also the ability for us to have long-term investments and jobs for folks that are going to be able to work here and live here and enjoy themselves forever," said Arrigo.

The mayor said the Revere economy was basically based around a dog track and a horse track, which are no longer in op-

eration.

"So, when Tom O'Brien came knocking, it was really clear that we needed economic opportunity for our residents, your children, and your children's

children," said Arrigo. "So that's what we have here, and we're excited about the opportunities."

Also speaking at the job fair were Chris Brown, CEO of general contractor

John Moriarty and Associates, Sprinkler Fitters Local 550 Business Agent Mark Fortune, and Carpenters Union Local 218 Business Manager Richard Pedi.



HYM Investment Group Managing Director Thomas O'Brien and Revere Mayor Brian Arrigo.



Larry Regalado, president, organizer, and business agent for Plasterers Local 534, Vincent DiSalvo, agent for Plasterers Local 534, William Redmond, director of training, and Jesse Bona, apprentice.



Carpenters Union Local 218 Business Manager Richard Pedi speaks at the job fair at Suffolk Downs.



Matthew Messinger, recruitment specialist for Plumbers and Gasfitters Local 12, makes a presentation for prospective tradesmen at the job fair.

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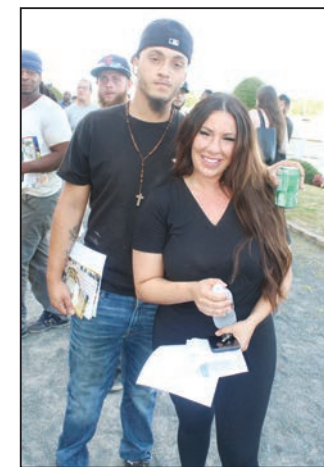
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Local residents sign at the registration table at the job fair.



Participants in the job fair, Lydia Ferreira and Juliet Restrepo.



Jay Morales and Nicole Crane, pictured at the job fair at Suffolk Downs.

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Music lovers gather at the Hatch Shell as the Boston Landmarks Orchestra treated visitors to a free concert



The Boston Landmarks Orchestra stands for applause at the conclusion of the concert.



Members of the Four Strings Academy from Memphis TN started the program. Here performers Chavez and Jaiden (2nd from left) Singletary and Giovanni Vazquez (2nd from Roddy) with Artistic Director Marcus Hurt and Executive Director Mariana Green-Hill.



Boston Landmarks Orchestra conductor Christopher Wilkins.



In The Maestro's Zone Aura Gonzalez and Noam Ben-David get some "pointers" on conducting from Damali Willingham (center), an educator with Boston Landmarks Orchestra.



Staff members and volunteers of the Boston Landmarks Orchestra who worked hard to make this public event happen.



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News and Notes

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