

Massachusetts State Police host “Field Day” with horse “Scotty” and resource dog “Ruby”

“The Massachusetts State Police Troop H Community Liaison Aaron Richardson invited some of his friends to the annual Greenlodge School Field Day in Dedham.

Joining Trooper Richardson were MSP Mounted Unit Troopers Giuseppe Ciampa and Tim Barry. Troopers Ciampa and Barry brought with them one of the stars of the show, mount Scotty, who mingled with the Greenlodge students and sampled some of Greenlodge’s lush grass.

Not to be outdone, Dedham Police Officer Jason Sullivan arrived with Dedham Community Resource Dog Ruby to take part in the day’s events. Thank you to the students of Dedham’s Greenlodge school for letting us join in their Field Day fun!”

All photos by the Massachusetts State Police:



Bristol County Sheriff's Office K9s spend day with at New Bedford's Campbell Elementary School

"Our K9 team had a blast this morning hanging out with the kids at the Elwyn Campbell Elementary School in New Bedford.

Capt. Paul Douglas and Officer Teddy Santos brought K9s Huntah, Duke and Storm for a demonstration for the kids.

They wanted to thank the great folks at Campbell for the invitation and the warm reception."-Bristol County Sheriff's Office.

All photos by the Bristol County Sheriff's Office:



**City of New Bedford Police
mourn passing of retired Sgt.**

Antonio Mendes



"It is with heavy hearts that we announce the passing of retired Sgt. Antonio Mendes, who passed away in Florida on May 27.

Sgt. Mendes dedicated 22 years of service to the City of New Bedford.

We extend our deepest sympathy to his family and friends in this time of sorrow."-City of New Bedford Police Department photo.

Rhode Island woman dies from Sunday night New Bedford motorcycle crash

A 24-year old North Scituate, Rhode Island woman died late yesterday afternoon at St. Luke's Hospital in New Bedford as a result of injuries sustained in a Sunday evening motorcycle

crash.

The deceased has been identified as Krystal Gerardo. Ms. Gerardo was a passenger on a motorcycle being driven by a 28-year-old New Bedford man.

On Sunday evening the motorcycle was being operated northbound in the area of 2344 Acushnet Avenue when it struck a guardrail on the eastbound side of the street. The driver of the motorcycle was taken to Rhode Island Hospital in Providence for treatment of injuries to his arms and chest.

No other vehicles were involved. The crash remains under investigation at this time by Massachusetts State Police and New Bedford Police.

New Bedford High School Drama Club presents 'The 2021 Film Project'

Student-produced films streaming on-demand, one weekend only, June 11-13.

By Jamie Roballo, Grade 12

In times of great change and uncertainty, people have turned to the movies seeking temporary escape from their fears and anxieties. During World War II, newsreels and films were popular pastimes, making Hollywood one of the most profitable industries of the time. Fast-forward to recent times – in the early stages of the pandemic, we binged hours upon hours of television and movies from streaming services and raised money for movie-industry workers put on unemployment. Something

about movies, in the same way as live theatre, provides an escape for the audience.

In partnership with Bristol County Media LLC, the New Bedford High School Theatre Company is pleased to present a collection of short films, produced and performed by its members, which seek to create art and theatre in a time in which it would be otherwise inaccessible. This collection will showcase three short films, each using a script adapted from a play in the public domain into a working screenplay by the NBHS Drama Club's directors. Filming 'on location' outdoors, with actors and crew masked and carefully distanced but brought together onscreen by movie magic, the Drama Club has managed to observe the utmost safety regarding the spread of COVID-19 while still creating a unique performance piece.

Tickets are \$7 for The 2021 Film Project, which is available Friday, June 11, 7:00 p.m. through Sunday, June 13, 7:00 p.m. EDT. For tickets, go to: our.show/nbhsfilmproject.

Cast and crew members include: Jessica Brito, Maxine DeJesus, Lillie-Marie LeClair, Luke Duarte, Laura Conde, Kiva Bank, Nicols Gomes, Jalysa Noriega, Oliva Viera, Makenna Calvao, Kailey Sousa, Sydni Colson, Kathleen Sprissler, Victoria Oliveira, Isabel Morck, Shea Lowney, Yvonne Le, Elielis Fermino, and Timmothy Erikson.

**Immigrant Tuition Bills
Catching On, But Not in**

Massachusetts

Nearly 20 years after one advocacy group started its push to make in-state public college tuition rates accessible to undocumented immigrants and 15 years after the House rejected similar legislation, supporters are hopeful that Massachusetts will catch up to other states that have such policies on the books.

Legislation before the Higher Education Committee would extend in-state tuition rates – which are thousands of dollars per year lower than out-of-state rates – to undocumented immigrants who already reside in Massachusetts and attend its high schools, a change that backers say would help students secure a more stable financial footing and mitigate declining enrollment.

The latest push has the backing of one of the state higher education system's most prominent figures: UMass Boston Chancellor Marcelo Suarez-Orozco, who emigrated from Argentina as a teenager and whose academic work has focused on migration and education.

Suarez-Orozco warned lawmakers that requiring undocumented Massachusetts residents, many of whom were brought to the United States at a young age, to pay out-of-state tuition rates “imposes a tremendous undertow to students who are already often disadvantaged in a number of ways.”

“They’re often, though not always, the first generation to go to college. They usually come from low-income families and hold multiple family responsibilities. They are not eligible for any kind of federal financial aid, and there are very limited scholarship opportunities available for them,” Suarez-Orozco said.

“These students come up through our educational system and have worked hard to move on to college,” he later added. “They

value education and often offer an untold potential to our commonwealth. An act that affords them the same financial relief and the opportunity for tuition equity with their peers will go a long way to eliminating some of the negative consequences our unauthorized immigrant youth students face day in and day out.”

At UMass Boston, tuition and mandatory fees for the 2021-2022 school year total \$14,697 for in-state students and \$35,159 for out-of-state students. Fitchburg State University will charge an annual tuition of \$970 for in-state students and \$7,050 for out-of-state students next year, roughly similar to out-of-state rates at the other state universities and community colleges.

The bills before the committee (S 823, H 1352) continue to draw criticism from undocumented immigration opponents who contended Tuesday that the change would incentivize and reward the practice. Republican Rep. Marc Lombardo has a bill (H 1348) before the panel that would prohibit an undocumented resident from accessing in-state tuition.

Henry Barbaro, a Newton resident, testified Tuesday in opposition to the proposals, telling lawmakers that the bills “encourage further illegal immigration” and are “unfair” to those who have migrated legally.

“Why would anyone go through the bother of legally immigrating to Massachusetts when they can sidestep the process and gain the same benefits?” Barbaro said.

Under the latest legislation filed by Democrats Rep. Michael Moran of Brighton and Sen. Sonia Chang-Diaz of Jamaica Plain, an undocumented resident must have attended a Massachusetts high school for at least three years and graduated or achieved similar results in a Bay State adult education program to qualify for in-state tuition.

In 2018, Massachusetts was home to about 13,000 undocumented

children under the age of 17 who were enrolled in public K-12 schools, according to Amy Grunder, director of legislative affairs for the Massachusetts Immigrant and Refugee Advocacy Coalition.

“We know or should know that these young people are fully integrated into our commonwealth and they’re not going anywhere,” Grunder said. “We do not benefit from excluding talented, motivated young people from higher education.”

Grunder told lawmakers that, since MIRA began advocating in 2003 for an earlier version of the legislation, 21 states and Washington, D.C. have extended in-state tuition eligibility to graduates of their high schools regardless of immigration status. That list includes neighboring Connecticut, Rhode Island and New York.

“These states are not outliers,” Grunder said. “They are pragmatic and they are fair, and it’s past time that we join them.”

Several participants at the committee’s Tuesday hearing, including Grunder and Rep. Carmine Gentile, noted that enrollment at state colleges and universities has been declining for years. Offering in-state tuition rates to undocumented immigrants, they said, could help mitigate that trend by attracting more students for whom higher education is currently too expensive.

None of the filers of the three major immigrant tuition bills – Moran, the House’s assistant majority leader; Chang-Diaz, who has been floated as a possible gubernatorial candidate; and Lombardo, the Republican who proposed legislation banning in-state tuition for undocumented immigrants – testified at Tuesday’s hearing.

While Democrats in Massachusetts have been outspoken on national immigration issues, Beacon Hill legislative leaders have often steered clear of bills favored by immigration

reform activists.

The Legislature approved language as part of its 2004 budget that would have provided in-state tuition rates to undocumented immigrants, but Republican Gov. Mitt Romney vetoed that section and lawmakers opted not to override it.

A year and a half later, the House brought a bill to the floor that would have opened in-state tuition to undocumented students who attended a Massachusetts high school for at least three years, graduated and submit proof they have filed for U.S. citizenship. Representatives rejected the bill 57-97.

Presented with vocal support and opposition, lawmakers have opted more recently not to advance bills allowing undocumented immigrants to secure driver's licenses or limiting law enforcement interaction with federal immigration authorities.

Supporters of those proposals expressed hope earlier this year that the first session under Speaker Ronald Mariano could produce results, though so far none of the bills have advanced beyond the committee stage.

New Bedford man receives donated life-changing car

Imagine trying to live a productive life without reliable transportation. From buying groceries to maintaining steady employment, daily life would be a struggle. Thankfully for one New Bedford man, his transportation struggles are now over.

Sage Vandersluis was awarded a life-changing car from the vehicle donation nonprofit Good News Garage. His used 2008

Honda Accord, donated by a generous New Englander, will transport him to a brighter future. Vandersluis is one of over 5,000 recipients of a vehicle from Good News Garage since the New England-based charity began providing reliable transportation to neighbors in need in 1996.

Good News Garage awards cars to Massachusetts residents through a partnership with the Massachusetts Rehabilitation Commission (MRC). Car recipients must be employed or have a written plan for employment and meet other qualifying criteria. This program is administered out of Good News Garage's Manchester, New Hampshire office.

A lack of reliable transportation is a major barrier preventing people from achieving upward mobility and financial self-sufficiency. This is especially true in rural areas that lack a substantial public transportation network, or one that runs outside of conventional working hours. Good News Garage's ability to help our neighbors in need is only limited by the number of vehicle donations it receives. The organization remains one of the few car-donation programs in the country that awards donors' old or unused cars to neighbors in need, and in doing so can offer donors generous tax deductions.

For more information or to donate, visit www.GoodNewsGarage.org.

20-year old arrested in connection to May 14 homicide

in New Bedford

Bristol County District Attorney Thomas M. Quinn III announced today that a 20-year-old man was arrested this morning in connection to the May 14 homicide of Joseph Pauline in New Bedford.

Malique Smith, of New Bedford, was apprehended in Fall River this morning by members of District Attorney Quinn's Massachusetts State Police Unit, New Bedford Police, the state police Violent Fugitive Apprehension Section, and US Marshals. The defendant is being charged with murder, carrying an illegal firearm and carrying a loaded illegal firearm. He is expected to be arraigned in New Bedford District Court this afternoon.

Homicide Unit prosecutors, Massachusetts State Police detectives assigned to this office and New Bedford Police continue to actively investigate the homicide.

On May 14 at around 6:45 pm, New Bedford Police received 911 calls around 6:45 pm reporting shots fired outside the Richdale Food Market on Brock Avenue.

When first responders arrived on the scene moments later, they located a male victim in the parking lot, suffering from an apparent gunshot wound. The victim, who was later identified as Joseph Pauline, 32, of New Bedford, was rushed to Saint Luke's Hospital in New Bedford, where he was pronounced deceased at 7:44 pm

Dartmouth Police Department receive special “Search and Rescue” training

“Today, members of the SEMLEC Search and Rescue team are training at Harry Reynolds Park in Dartmouth.

As part of their training, they will be using metal detectors to recover items placed in the woods by team members. The SEMLEC (Southeastern Massachusetts Law Enforcement Council) Search and Rescue team is a mutual aid consortium comprised of resources from the police departments of 30 cities and towns.

They respond when requested by a chief of police to assist with search and rescue, special events, or major crimes.”- Dartmouth Police Department.



Dartmouth Police Department photo.



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Dartmouth's "My Brother's

Keeper” to host summer collection drive

On Saturday, June 26, 2021 from 10:00am-12:00pm My Brother’s Keeper will be hosting a Pop Your Trunk Spring Collection Drive for new sets of bed linens and towels.

This collection drive will support the organization’s core charitable program of 33 years: furniture assistance. My Brother’s Keeper can provide anything needed to furnish a bare apartment: beds, cribs, dressers, refrigerators, kitchen tables and chairs, and living room furniture, as well as household items like bed linens and towels. All items are delivered free of charge—a critical service for residents without transportation, the elderly and disabled.

Since the start of the pandemic, My Brother’s Keeper has continued its Furniture and Christmas Assistance Programs, and significantly expanded its Food Assistance Program. The organization has more than tripled its number of annual food deliveries, while increasing the average retail value of a delivery to \$200. As a result, My Brother’s Keeper has completed over 25,000 deliveries of these three critical services since March 2020 – a historic pace for the organization.

Demand for assistance in our community remains extremely strong so the Summer Collection Drive will help My Brother’s Keeper provide as much assistance to families as possible. The June 26th drive is one in a series with this one focusing on collecting household items such as: bed sheets (twin, full, queen), comforters, blankets, pillows, pillow cases, bath towels, and face towels.

Future drives will be held on October 9th (canned food items) and November 13th (new toys for the Christmas program).

My Brother's Keeper regularly purchases new beds and other essential furniture for these deliveries, so another way to support the Furniture Assistance Program is by making a financial donation online. Visit www.mybrotherskeeper.org for details. My Brother's Keeper does not receive any local, state or federal funding, and relies on private donations to serve the community.

What:

- The Pop Your Trunk Summer Collection Drive needs donations of all types of new linens: bed sheets (twin, full, queen), comforters (twin, full, queen), blankets (twin, full, queen), pillows, pillowcases, bath towels, and face towels.

Where:

- My Brother's Keeper Dartmouth Building, 1015 Reed Road, Dartmouth, MA 02747
- Participants can remain in their vehicles as staff/volunteers remove donations with a pop of the trunk.

When:

- Saturday, June 26, 2021, 10:00am-12:00pm