Person of interest identified

Three shot Monday on Mass. Ave. near Tremont

By Sue O'Connell

On Monday, just after 11:30 p.m., three people were wounded in a shooting. One woman was found inside 521 Massachusetts Ave., another found outside the building and a man found on Northampton Street near Shawmut Avenue.

Reports indicate a witness saw a group of men open fire on women and another group of men responded with gunfire.

Several cars were hit by gunfire. One nearby resident reported he heard what sounded like half a dozen or so shots.

Boston Police Superintendent-in-Chief William Gross said the woman appeared to be hit by birdshot, the man with a large-caliber pistol bullet. A shotgun and a pistol were recovered on Northampton Street. The victims are expected to survive.

Ross told the Boston Herald on Wednesday, “Right now, it looks like we do have a person of interest that we're looking at as one of the possible shooters.”

Police urge the public with information to call 1-800-494-TIPS or text the word “TIP” to CRIME (27463) and report a crime anonymously to the CrimeStoppers unit.

Free Lunch On The Lawn At City Hall Plaza for youth 18 or under

Each weekday, from 11:30 a.m. -1:30 p.m., City Hall Plaza offers free lunch to youth 18 or under. No registration or identification is required. Meals will be served on a first-come, first-served basis each day.

The program is run by: the Mayor's Office of Food Access City Hall Property Management, and Boston Public Schools.

A Graduation Like No Other At Pine Street

On Friday, June 23, in an unlikely scene, homeless men and women, who range in age from their 20's to their 60's, wore caps and gowns and received "diplomas" under a big white tent to signify their achievement, as they celebrated completion of job training programs in food services and homekeeping. For many, this is the first celebration of an achievement they have had in their lifetime.

Pine Street has been creating permanent housing with on-site support staff for homeless men and women in 1989. Today, Pine Street has 40 locations with over 900 tenants throughout Greater Boston. Reaching more than 1,900 individuals daily, Pine Street provides permanent housing, job training, emergency shelter and street outreach, with a goal to help men and women reach their highest level of independence.

For more information, go to www.pinestreet.org.

BCYF Girls Nights Start July 12

Boston Centers for Youth & Families (BCYF) invites Boston girls to Girls Nights, a series of free girl-only events. All activities are designed to bring girls together in a safe, noncompetitive environment where they can be themselves, meet other girls their age and engage with role models.

Girls Nights also connect girls with resources and opportunities while they enjoy a positive and fun experience with their peers. Last summer over 1,000 girls participated in BCYF’s Girls Nights.

Girls Night schedule is as follows:

Wednesday, July 12: “Beauties and the Beach” at BCYF Curley Community Center, 5-8 p.m. All ages.
Saturday, July 15: Girls’ Night at Franklin Park Zoo, 5-7 p.m. Ages 6-18.
Wednesday, July 19: Girls’ rock climbing, games and BBQ at BCYF Melrose Community Center, 5-8 p.m.

Graduates applaud one of the graduation speakers.

SUMMER FUN
At Boston Center for Youth & Families

Connect online: www.boston.gov/BCYF
Facebook: BCYF Boston Twitter & Instagram: @BCYFcenters
BCYF Blackstone Community Center 50 West Brookline Street.

Summer Fun Stop at BCYF Blackstone Starting July 10 Mon-Fri, time TBD Ages 5-14 This drop-in program provides structured games, sports activities and arts projects for up to 50 children.
BCYF Blackstone Academy Enrichment Summer Program July-August Mon-Fri, 9-3 Ages: 5-12 Fees: Ages 5-6 $140/week; Ages 7-12 $115 Licensed camps. Safe, affordable summer program featuring field trips and more. Breakfast and lunch provided.

Youth Connections: Summer Programs July-August
"See her," a collaborative mural in Boston lifts up stories of incarcerated women

See Her, a mixed-media mural conceived by artist activist Ann Lewis is now part of the urban landscape at 803 Tremont St. in the South End, a property owned and managed by The Community Builders, adjacent to the historic People's Baptist Church of Boston. The artist created the work in collaboration with women at the McGrath House, a reentry facility where incarcerated women serve the final six months of their prison sentences. McGrath House is a program of Community Resources for Justice (CRJ).

The mural was commissioned by Boston non-profit Now + There, known for its temporary, site-specific public artworks. See Her is the first artwork in Now + There's Year of the Woman programming and will remain through October 2018.

"This piece aims to champion feminist expressions in the realm of public art by supporting a female artist, lifting up community voices, and exploring the power of female resilience and creativity," stated Now + There Executive Director Kate Gilbert. "We are proud to support Lewis' work, which emphasizes the power of the choices we make every day."

Lewis is known for defying convention and unashamedly into the heart of pressing social issues. Trained in both graphic and fine art, the artist will use photographic imagery and paint in creating the 12x30 mural, which will reflect on the inherent worth, strength and potential of women. "With my work See Her, I am asking viewers to look past their preconceptions and see the human, the woman looking back at them," Lewis said. "We cannot face the challenge of mass incarceration without first recognizing the value of those entrenched in our criminal justice system."

Lisa Chute, Assistant Program Director at McGrath House, said that Lewis' work with residents of the reentry center was "a perfect partnership. "The women will see this mural on display in their community and know that they helped to create it. It's a huge validation and a testament to their creativity and perseverance."

"As part of the South End for more than 90 years, The Community Builders is thrilled to host this powerful mural at our South End Apartments development. The public art will be a vibrant addition to the neighborhood for residents and neighbors to enjoy," said Stephanie Anderson-Canarelli, vice president of communications and fund development. The public is encouraged to join in the conversation with the artist and Now + There through social media. Limited edition signed prints of the mural will be available for purchase with a portion of the proceeds supporting CRJ. To learn more, visit http://www.nowandthere.org/.
Regis Dean’s List

Regis, a Catholic university in Greater Boston, is pleased to announce that Sandshah Nurnan, class of 2017, was among 462 students who have made the Dean’s List for academic achievement for the 2017 spring semester. To be eligible for the Dean’s List as a senior, junior, or sophomore at Regis, a student must have a semester grade point average (GPA) of at least 3.50.

MGH Institute of Health Professions in Boston

The following students received a degree from MGH Institute of Health Professions:

Shahar Castel, received a Master of Physical Assistant Studies degree.

Victoria Lee received a Master of Science in Nursing degree.

Wildefiine Severino received a Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree.

Lauretta de Vos was awarded a Doctor of Physical Therapy degree.

Claire Watt received a Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree.

Lauren Wall received her Master of Science in Nursing degree.

Lauren Langen received a Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree.

Lauren DeMuse received a Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree.

Christa Piala received a Master of Occupational Therapy degree.

Alicia Kranck received a Master of Science in Nursing degree.

Hana Rourke received a Doctor of Occupational Therapy degree.

Wildefiine Severino received a Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree.

Tina Yang received a Master of Science in Physical Therapy degree.

Ariel Nowicki received a Master of Physician Assistant Studies degree.

Mamta Patel received a Master of Science in Physical Therapy degree.

Patrick Stockton received a Master of Science in Nursing degree.

Bennett Slack received a Doctor of Physical Therapy degree.

Lauren Langen received a Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree.

Hayley Younkin received a Doctor of Occupational Therapy degree.

They were among the 595 students in the Class of 2017 who graduated from the Boston graduate school on May 6. The MGH Institute, which is celebrating its 40th anniversary, has educated more than 7,200 health care professionals since its 1977 beginning.

Massachusetts Maritime Academy

The following local residents have graduated from the Massachusetts Maritime Academy on Saturday, June 27, 2017:

Odell 1st Class Thomas J. Mathew received a degree in Marine Engineering.

Odell 1st Class Jennifer M. L. Mather graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Marine Engineering.

Odell 1st Class Felix Cloe Y. Lee graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Marine Engineering.

Odell 1st Class James Michael P. Wilson graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Marine Engineering.


The Academy is located on Cape Cod and is the oldest functioning Maritime College in the country.

BCYF

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Ages 6-18

Saturday, July 28: Bowling at Boston Bowl

S7pm. Ages 6-18

Friday, August 4: Girls’ Summer Night at BCYF Quincy Community Center, 5-8pm. Ages 10-17

Tuesday, August 8: Lip Sync Night and BBQ at BCYF Perkins Community Center, 5-8pm. Ages 11-16

Saturday, August 12: Girls’ Day at New England Aquarium, 11am. Ages 6-17

Wednesday, August 16: Girls’ Skate Night at Chelsea Piers, 5-8pm. Ages 6-18

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As a vehicle to engage students in learning, ARCON’s art integration programs go beyond art teaching to promote literacy skills such as empathy, self-confidence, problem solving, and global awareness.

Tuesday, August 22: Ice Cream Social at JP Licks, 4-5pm. Ages 6-17

For more information on Girls Nights or to register, please email Erin’s Butterflies at Erin’sButterflies@Boston.com or call her at 617.655.4920 x2214. Updates and changes to the schedule will be posted on BostonGCV/BCYF and twitter @BCYFCenter.

BCYF serves thousands of young people throughout the summer through day camps and full day programs, early and middle school programs, sports and fitness programs, the BCYF Summer Program, and family-friendly neighborhood block parties. Visit our website to learn more.
(Top) New England Patriots special teams captain Matthew Slater addresses graduates. (Bottom Left) John Barros, Chief of Economic Development for the City of Boston, and Matthew Slater congratulate graduates. (Bottom Right) Pine Street President Lyndia Downie hands a diploma to one of the graduates.

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Free Legal Advice on Recent Changes in Immigration Policy

What If you are a young person affected by the recent changes in immigration policy, or know someone who is, you can confidentially contact Sociedad Latina by email at developmen@la�cia.com, or by phone at 617-442-2989 x107. Sociedad Latina can connect you to free legal advice through partnerships with the Irish American Immigration Center and the Lawyers’ Committee for Civil Rights & Economic Justice.

City of Boston Office of Immigrant Advancement

What Boston is a sanctuary city and personnel are trained to assist with resources regardless of immigration status.

Where: Open Monday–Friday from 9:00 AM–5:00 PM
Where: 1 City Hall Square, Room 806, Boston

More Info: Please visit https://www.boston.gov/departments/immigrantadvancement

Call 617-635-2890 or email immigrationadvancement@boston.gov

United States Citizenship and Immigration Services Information Sessions at the Boston Public Library

What The Boston Public Library is hosting several USCIS (United States Citizenship and Immigration Services) Information Sessions at the Central Library as well as at four of the other branches over the next few months. Information will be provided about naturalization and citizenship, permanent residency, immigration benefits, how to avoid immigration scams, how to find low-cost and reliable advice.

More Info: Please visit https://drive.google.com/file/d/0B7zG-oUliWi5bEasN5yV4XNStNVE1OY5Z0iUjJhZGUvVVkyVWJy5R10i/view?usp=sharing

Staff will not be able to address specific case inquiries. If you or someone you know needs case-specific information, please visit your local USCIS office or call the USCIS Customer Service Center at 1-800-375-5283.

Senior Save Applications Now Available

What City is announcing that applications are now available for Senior Save, a proactive program that helps income eligible seniors replace failing or inefficient heating systems before winter begins! Applications are currently available through the Boston Home Center (BHC) by visiting the Department of Neighborhood Development’s website, or by contacting one of the BHC’s partner agencies. To qualify, income eligible seniors must be 60 years of age or older, the occupants of a residential, one-to-four family property or condominium in the City of Boston, and income must not exceed 80 percent of median family income, as determined by the US Department of Housing and Urban Development. Eligible homeowners will receive a $3,500 grant towards upgrades to their heating systems. Additional funding is available in the form of a zero percent, deferred loan, which will only be payable on the sale or transfer of the title. Once a senior citizen submits an application, BHC Construction Specialist will work with the homeowner on the scope of the project, and will help select a contractor from the BHC’s pre-approved, licensed and insured contractor list. A BHC Construction Specialist will then oversee the work from start to finish.

More Info: To learn more or apply please call (617) 635-2890, or visit the Boston Home Center website: https://www.boston.gov/departments/immigrantadvancement

Immigrant Legal Resource Center (ILRC)

What: What immigrants can do now. People should go to a legal services provider to be screened for any possible immigration options other than DACA for which they may already eligible. The ILRC has a comprehensive client intake form to assist clients in screening. It can be found online at https://www.ilrc.org/screening-immigration-referral-clients-take-form-and-notes.

More Info: The Immigration Advocates Network maintains a national directory of more than 900 free or low-cost nonprofit immigration legal services providers in all 50 states. It can be found online at https://www.immigrationlawhelp.org.

Community members should be warned of fraudulent service providers schemes and educated about how to seek competent immigration help. The ILRC has created a community education flyer about this available in English and Spanish available online at https://www.ilrc.org/anti-fraud-flyers.

Volunteer with Sole Train

What: Sole Train is a community building and monitoring program that uses running as a vehicle for setting and achieving personally unimaginable goals. Volunteers are asked to commit 1-2 hours a week of weekly practice time and 3 weekends a community building event. Interested in becoming a volunteer? Please contact us.

More Info: Please contact Sole Train at aidenout@gmail.com, or visit http://www.traintoinspire.org/soletrain/
Unauthorized illegal fireworks too much this year?

What do you think?
BY DICK O’CONNELL

Every year, for as long as most can remember, Massachusetts residents set off their own Fourth of July fireworks displays, even though state law says:

“It is illegal for private citizens to use, possess, or sell fireworks in Massachusetts, or to purchase them legally elsewhere and then transport them into the state. The law prohibits any article designed to produce a visible or audible effect.”

This year, however, many long-term South End residents noted the sounds, flashes, and duration of the events went well beyond what is tolerable in a city. Especially a city that hosts a world-class free fireworks display.

Wednesday’s Boston Globe reported, “People turned to the city’s 311 constituent service app on Wednesday morning to complain to officials that public spaces around the city were left in a disarray after small amounts of fireworks were apparently set off overnight, leaving behind litter and debris.”

Below is a sample of comments to the South End Community Board of Facebook. Add your comments or reach out to your city and district lawmakers.

“The illegal fireworks on Mass Ave and Villa Victoria and elsewhere are outrageous. Calls 911 and they said ‘we have calls all over the city, it’s illegal.”

“Sorry, I didn’t realize how big my dog’s fireworks display was.”

“Very loud, even after they don’t have to work in the morning some of us do! Ridiculous and extremely inconsiderate.”

“They woke me at 130 AM”

“And at 3:30 AM.”

“ать the city just can’t do nothing about it. One of these years there will be a disaster and then the finger pointing will begin.”

“Welcome to the world of how other folks do it, 1st time we had to put a ThunderShirt on one of our dogs. Pure hell week for dogs.”

“Noise sucks. I was worried they might ignite a fire. Serious fireworks are really dangerous”

“Not to mention all the trash left behind. This morning I saw the basketball court at Peters and the trash is everywhere.”

“I heard huge explosions at 3am.”

“After the hour of midnight was uncalled for. People need to sleep.”

“Hey, lighten up! It’s the 4th, what’s the harm in breaking the law, amirite?”

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