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CHS Concert Band, Cantare win big at Music in the Parks Festival

By Seth Daniel

The Chelsea High Concert Band and Cantare Choir gave yet another reason why it should be considered the best urban – or suburban – music program in the state, taking home numerous awards at last weekend’s Music in the Parks Festival.

The Festival took place at the Westfield South Middle School and Westfield High School, and typically ends with an awards ceremony and fun day at Six Flags New England. However, due to the inclement weather, the Chelsea musicians had to be content with simply taking home some of the top prizes in the state.

Cantare Director Pete Papavaselio and Concert Band Director Shannon Sullivan reported that both groups did outstanding at the Festival.

The CHS Percussion Ensemble took first place and received the highest adjudicated score of all of the ensembles present that day, with a score of 98 (out of 100) and a rating of Superior.

The CHS Band received a rating of Excellent and placed fourth overall.

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An elite college athlete, DA Rollins got a taste of the law and never turned back

By Seth Daniel

New Suffolk County DA Rachael Rollins has quickly come to be known as an agent of change, a passionate advocate for equity in the law and a solid leader ready to stand up for a cause – but few knew that before all that she was an elite Division 1 college athlete, and it was on the playing field where she first gained her love and respect for the law.

Rollins grew up in a large family in Cambridge, and sports were part of her family from the beginning, long before she ever thought of the legal system.

Rollins said she was a team captain of every sport she played going back to youth soccer, and an All-Scholastic in basketball at Buckingham, Brown & Nichols School (BB&N), but it was on the lacrosse field where she was the most outstanding. The sport – which was somewhat newer to New England in the 1980s when she was in high school – was fast moving and, having been recruited to play after a basketball practice, Rollins had a great skill set to be a high achiever.

“I was the oldest of five siblings and my parents worked very hard to make sure we got a great education,” she said. “I got into BB&N after the third grade, but at one point my parents sat me down and told me I was a good athlete and a good

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‘SEUSSICAL’



PHOTO BY DEREK KOUYOUMJIAN

Isabella Blasi, playing a Cat In The Hat, peers from the Seussical Helicopter during the Kelly School’s performance of ‘Seussical’ last Friday night, April 26, in the auditorium. The annual spring show was a hit for students, family and faculty. See Page 6 for more photos.

School Superintendent finalists visit Chelsea for community forums

By Seth Daniel

The three finalists for the position of superintendent of schools have been on whirlwind tours of the district this week, concluding the day with a community forum at the Williams School.

On Monday, Weston High Principal Anthony Parker visited Chelsea and spoke with teachers/staff, business leaders and at a community forum in the evening. On Tuesday, Ligia Noriega-Murphy, currently the assistant superintendent of secondary schools in Boston Public Schools, went through the same agenda. Finally, today (May 2), Almudena Abeyta, currently the assistant superintendent of Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment for the Somerville Public Schools, will visit the city and have a forum at 4:30 p.m.

School Committeewoman Jeannette Velez said the School Committee would start with separate rounds of public interviews with the

candidates. They would follow the same order as this week.

All interviews are open to the public. Interviews will be held at City Hall Council Chambers in the evening.

The goal of the Committee is to have a vote on May 9 – after the final interview – to decide who to pick and negotiate a contract with. If all goes well, that person would likely begin on July 1.

At Monday’s community forum, Parker said he was very interested in Chelsea because it was a challenge and a place to learn. Though he has spent most of his career in suburban schools like Newton and Weston, he said he feels like he could be very successful in Chelsea.

“I like what I read about Chelsea and I like the emphasis on building bridges and the pathways,” he said. “I like the diversity of it...It was different enough for me to be interesting. I think any district is a challenge. It’s the opportunity to build on what is here.

What you have is Chelsea is you have a great district that wants to be excellent in many ways. I believe I can help you do that.”

He also said he hasn’t applied to any other districts, only Chelsea.

“This is where I want to be,” he said.

The forum was sparsely attended, and likely because it wasn’t well publicized ahead of the beginning of the forums by the Collins Center – which is running the superintendent search process.

However, numerous students from the Chelsea Collaborative and organizers from the Collaborative did show up with many questions.

The conversation went from opinions on expulsion to outside opportunities to gun violence.

At that, Parker said his students – like Chelsea last year – organized a walkout for school safety.

He said he believes in sup-

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School Committee’s Garcia fires back after Hernandez letter

By Seth Daniel

About one month after former School Committee member Julio Hernandez – the vice chair of the Committee – suddenly resigned, citing a lack of interest in the Committee from other members, one member is firing back to say the School Committee is committed.

In his letter last month, Hernandez cited financial reasons mostly for his resignation, but also indicated that many members of the School Committee didn’t show up to meetings and didn’t have the best interest of the kids at heart.

In a letter to the Record this week, member Kelly Garcia said she disagreed with that summation and defended her record.

“I persevered and fought against every obstacle that came my way, and I continue to serve on the committee and stand right by my students both in my classroom as a Special Education teacher,



Kelly Garcia.

as an advocate for increased funding at the State House on Beacon Hill, and the School Committee member representing District 7,” she wrote. “I never gave up on the students of Chelsea because once again, and in Hernandez’s own words, ‘our students’ education is no JOKE.’

“I was appalled to read such negative commentary by a former elected official,” she continued. “A person who has chosen to break his commitment to the Chelsea School District and its students should not be now using social media

to undermine those who are left to choose a replacement, while at the same time, having to choose a new Superintendent.”

The letter also indicated that she believed it was Hernandez that failed the students of Chelsea, urging him to move on with dignity.

“Hernandez is an aspiring professional, and I ask that he leave this position with dignity and respect for himself and for his former colleagues who continue to work hard attending the majority of the meetings, asking thought-provoking questions, and searching for the next superintendent,” she wrote.

Hernandez’s resignation came just before the resignation of School Committee Chair Rich Maronski, who also voiced frustrations with the fact that many members don’t attend meetings. He is continuing to serve out through the end of the superintendent search.

Hernandez resigned immediately after the letter.

A good start

Community Preservation recommends five projects in first round of funding

By Adam Swift

Rehabbing historic monuments and buildings and establishing a community garden are among the first projects the Community Preservation Committee (CPC) will be recommending to the City Council during their initial pilot round of Community Preservation Act (CPA) funding.

Monday night, the CPC recommended approval of funding for five projects, and tabled two other proposals until May so they can get more information on them.

The projects recommended by the CPC Monday night included money for the rehabilitation of the city’s Civil War monument, improvements to the Garden Cemetery, a Marlborough Street Community Garden proposed by The Neighborhood Developers (TND), and renovation of the Governor Bellingham-Cary House.

The two proposals that were tabled until more information could be gathered were for renovations to the Congregation Agudath Sha-

lom Museum (Walnut Street Synagogue) and for the city to hire an Affordable Housing Trust Fund housing specialist on a one-year contract basis.

Each of the proposals generated debate to its merits, with members keeping an eye on the potential that future years will feature requests with potentially larger impacts on the CPA fund.

Chelsea voters approved the adoption of the CPA in November 2016. It will provide hundreds of thousands of dollars each year to be used for the creation and acquisition of affordable housing, historic preservation, open space and recreation. The CPA trust fund currently has a balance of just over \$2.2 million.

The projects that could be funded during the initial pilot round are capped at \$50,000 each. The total of the seven proposals that came before the CPC is just under \$270,000, according to CPC Chair Jose Iraheta.

The pilot round of funding is not only a way to get out the word about CPA funding,

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MBTA Board awards contract for new commuter rail station

Staff Report

The MBTA’s Fiscal and Management Control Board approved a \$32.3 million contract that will result in the relocation and construction of a new, fully-accessible Chelsea Commuter Rail Station.

When complete, the new Chelsea Station will be an intermodal facility that connects the Newburyport/Rockport Commuter Rail Lines to the Silver Line 3-Chelsea service, which began operating in April 2018.

“This is a key investment in our Commuter Rail infrastructure that will allow for faster boarding and improved accessibility for people of all abilities,” said MBTA General Manager Steve Poftak. “Once complete, the new station will serve as a multimodal connection that will give our customers the choice of traveling to North Station on the Commuter Rail or South Station on SL3 from a single point.”

Featuring high-level platforms, canopies, benches, and windscreens, the brand new station will also include new

sidewalks, landscaping, stairways, lighting, communications systems, and structures for maintenance and bus operations personnel. The project also includes the demolition of the existing Chelsea Station, upgrades to railroad signal systems, and new traffic signal system installations at local intersections.

The project to construct and relocate Chelsea Station aims to relieve traffic congestion and overcrowding on existing area bus routes in Chelsea while also providing better transit options to environmental justice populations through improved accessibility to employment opportunities in downtown Boston and the Seaport district.

The project also includes the installation of transit signal priority improvements for the SL3-Chelsea along with improved operational efficiency and the incorporation of green operations elements at the new Chelsea Station. Greenhouse gas emissions will also be reduced by increasing the transit mode

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NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY



PHOTO BY MARIANNE SALZA

Lizet Vazquez, Leslie Flores, and Alny Herrara at the Chelsea High National Honor Society Induction Ceremony last Weds., April 24. Twenty-nine juniors and seniors were inducted into the Society this year. See Page 12 for more photos.

Roll On: MGC clears Wynn Resorts

Despite fines, troubling behavior identified, MGC allows casino, Maddox to move forward for opening

By Seth Daniel

The Massachusetts Gaming Commission (MGC), despite finding a troubling pattern in the Wynn Resorts leadership in the past and present, agreed to let the casino operators remain in control of their Everett project – clearing the way for a planned June opening with licenses, and CEO Matt Maddox, intact.

The decision came down on Tuesday evening after more than two weeks of deliberation by the MGC Commissioners. Those deliberations had followed an intense week of hearings April 2-4 at the South Boston Convention Center, as well as a year-long investigation by the MGC. The 54-page decision laid out the stipulations of the decision, including a record-setting \$35 million punishment for the company and a \$500,000 punishment for CEO Matt Maddox – who remained suitable by a majority Commission vote that was not unanimous.

The \$35 million fine was far larger – nearly double – the fine levied by the Nevada Gaming and Control Board in February when they fined Wynn \$20 million for similar breaches there. At the time, that was a record-setting penalty.

The great silver lining for the Wynn organization, however, was the first finding in the written report, which determined that no one in the Wynn organization intentionally provided false or misleading information to the MGC in 2013.

“...the Commission has determined that Wynn MA LLC, Wynn Resorts Limited, Matthew Maddox, Elaine Wynn and Patricia Mulroy remain suitable, subject to fines and conditions set forth in this decision, and all new qualifiers are deemed suitable,” read the decision. “While the Commission did not find substantial evidence that the company or any qualifier willfully provided false or misleading information to the Commission (during the licensing process) in 2013, the Commission did find numerous violations of controlling statutes and regulations largely pertaining to a pervasive failure to properly investigate...and to notify the Commission about certain allegations of wrongdoing.

“The Commission is deeply troubled by the circumstances of these findings,” it continued.

“Specifically, the corporate culture of the founder-led organization led to disparate treatment of the CEO in ways that left the most vulnerable at grave risk. While the Company has made great strides in altering that system, this Commission remains concerned



Wynn Resorts CEO Matt Maddox was deemed suitable by a majority, but not unanimous, vote of the MGC in its decision, released Tuesday evening. The decision allows him to remain as CEO of the company and the Encore project.

cerned by the past failures and deficiencies,” continued the commissioners’ decision.

Despite being troubled, the MGC indicated that it had decided it was in everyone’s best interest to move forward with the execution of the Region A gaming license in Everett.

“Given our findings, it is now in the interest of the Commonwealth that the gaming licensee move forward in establishing and maintaining a successful gaming establishment in Massachusetts,” read the report from the Commissioners. “One of the key metrics by which we will measure that success will be the overall well-being, safety, and welfare of the employees. A second but equally important metric is the importance of compliance and communication with the regulator. This penalty is designed to guarantee these practices.”

To help ensure future compliance and to punish for past transgressions, the Commission imposes the following penalties and conditions:

- The Commission will assess a \$35 million fine on Wynn Resorts.

- Wynn Resorts shall maintain the separation of Chair and CEO for at least the term of the license (15 years).

- At Wynn’s expense, the Commission, as more fully described in the decision, will select an independent monitor to conduct a full review and evaluation of all policies and organizational changes adopted by the Company as part of the Adjudicatory record.

- The Board of Directors shall provide the Commission timely reports of all Directors’ attendance records of both Board and assigned Committee meetings.

- Wynn MA, LLC shall train all new employees on the Preventing Harassment and Discrimination Policy within three months of opening.

- Any civil or criminal complaints or other actions filed in

any court or administrative tribunal against a qualifier shall be reported to the Commission immediately upon notice of the action.

- The Commission will assess a \$500,000 fine on Wynn CEO Matthew Maddox.

- The Board of Directors shall engage an executive coach and any additional necessary resources to provide the coaching and training to Mr. Maddox focused on but not limited to (i) leadership development, (ii) effective and appropriate communication for internal, company-wide reporting and messaging, (iii) enhanced sensitivity to and awareness of human resource issues arising in complex workplace environments that, without limitation, relate to diversity (including disability), implicit bias, hostile work environments, inherent coercion, sexual harassment and assault, human trafficking and domestic violence and (iv) team building and meaningful collaboration.

“Ensuring public confidence in the integrity of the gaming industry and the strict oversight of the gaming establishments through rigorous regulation is our principal objective,” said Chair Cathy Judd-Stein in a statement. “Our licensees will be held to the highest standards of compliance, including an obligation to maintain their integrity. The law of Massachusetts affords the Commission significant breadth in our decision making. With that comes an equally significant duty of fairness. We are confident that we have struck the correct balance and met our legal and ethical burdens.”

The \$35 million fine will be accompanied by a series of conditions, including an independent monitor to review and evaluate the company’s adherence to new and existing policies.

Maddox was levied a personal fine, and his suitability was confirmed by a majority vote that was not unanimous, the MGC said. The fine, they said, came from his “clear failure to require an investigation about a specific spa employee complaint brought to his attention.”

That complaint came from Hotel Operations Director Brian Gullbrants – now an employee of Encore in Everett – and the infamous “sensual massage” requested by Steve Wynn and his new wife in 2013 at the company’s Las Vegas resort spa.

That said, the Commission did acknowledge that Wynn Resorts had made voluminous changes to their corporate culture and structure – something that was hammered home for hours upon hours by the Wynn team during the MGC hearings.

The Commission concludes “[t]hese changes to the company’s philosophy, training, and operations show a new found commitment and focus on all levels of employees, which combined with the ongoing successful business operations, continue to demonstrate that Wynn is likely to be a successful operator in Everett,” read the decision.

Despite that determination, there was an undercurrent of “troubled” findings repeatedly spelled out in the report. Primarily, that related to information about settlements regarding Steve Wynn’s conduct in the 2013 licensing process.

The report said most of the time, the information withheld came at the advice of legal counsel, but that advice should not have been followed.

“One of the troublesome undercurrents driving this matter is that disclosure of information was often withheld reportedly on the advice of legal counsel, both in-house and outside,” read the report. “All persons involved should have known better.”

That troubling undercurrent also was expressed in the lengthy analysis of Maddox’s qualifier status. While Maddox was allowed to remain as head of the company, the decision was not unanimous – meaning that some on the Commission believed he shouldn’t remain and voted against him. However, they found that his shortcomings were due to incompetence rather than suitability issues, and they required that he take training classes on how to lead the company.

“Mr. Maddox presents a unique case given his longevity with the company, exposure to information pertaining to the alleged wrongdoings and settlements, and current role as CEO,” read the report.

“The Commission concluded that Mr. Maddox has, at critical junctures, demonstrated questionable judgment and other considerable shortcomings in many facets of his responsibilities as CFO, President and CEO,” it continued. “The majority of the Commission determined, however, that these shortcomings bear primarily on his competence, not his suitability...These shortcomings are largely not matters of honesty, integrity, good character or reputation...”

One of the most telling parts of the report was the Preamble at the very beginning, where it was apparent the Commission deliberated at length about the matter – and from the gut. In the end, though, it felt it had rendered justice.

“We are confident that we have struck the correct balance and met our legal and ethical burdens,” it read.

SCHOOL UPDATES

DISTRICTWIDE ART SHOW

The Chelsea Schools District-wide Art Show took place last weekend, with the opening reception on Thursday, April 25. Students from all the elementary schools, the middle schools and Chelsea High had their works on display. Here, some of the high school students pose in front of their artwork.

EARLY LEARNING CENTER (ELC)

- The ELC has completed its Pennies for Patients campaign, and they couldn’t be more grateful to entire school community for outstanding efforts. The top classrooms raised the most pennies which amounted to \$3,100 throughout the whole school. To reward students for their generosity, the school will have a pizza party for the top three classrooms.

- Spring has sprung at the ELC. Students are enjoying learning how flowers grow and are planting their very own.

- Last week the ELC celebrated the week of The Young Child. Parents visited the classrooms and enjoyed doing and seeing activities the children take part in throughout the school day.

BERKOWITZ SCHOOL

- April is Autism Awareness Month across the globe and at the Berkowitz School. Berkowitz students spent the month learning about Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) with a focus on understanding that everyone is different. Students learned that not everyone sees things in the same way, and each person handles each situation in a way unique to them. Students with ASD simply need friends that are patient, kind, and understanding. On Friday, students dressed in grade level colors for an optional donation of \$1 and purchased Autism Awareness bracelets to raise enough money to fund a special field trip for our social communication program. They also celebrated what they learned at our monthly assembly. Students were also recognized for demonstrating our core values of respect, responsibility, empathy, and determination. Lastly, the school was treated to some outstanding “Berkowitz Spotlight” performances.

HOOKS SCHOOL

- Hooks School students worked hard to earn Hooks Hoots by being respectful, responsible, and cooperative. Students have the opportunity to exchange their Hoots for prizes in the school store. During Friday’s school assembly, a representative from each grade level added the grade’s exchanged Hoots into the school tank.

KELLY SCHOOL

- It’s an all Seussical version of the Kelly School updates. The Kelly School make-up crew prepped the kids for the morning performance of Seussical last Friday. The show is a rollicking adventure celebrating the power of imagination and friendship and features many favorite Dr. Seuss characters in a large cast of Kelly School 4th and 5th graders, plus all the 2nd graders as chorus.

- A friend of Ms. Duffy’s came as a guest reader to Kelly School 2nd grade Caminos students. He read the Spanish version of Stone Soup while the other half of the class practiced a Readers Theatre version in English. Then they switched, exposing students to the same story in different ways.

SOKOLOWSKI SCHOOL

- Students in Room 112 at the Sokolowski have been enjoying four healthy chicks that have hatched. The first graders named them Shimmer, Bowzer, Lebron James, and Lucky.

CHELSEA HIGH SCHOOL

- On Wed., April 24, more than 50 juniors and seniors were inducted to the National Honor Society chapter at the CHS Auditorium. Students are voted in by a faculty council of teachers and must show The students also have been working with the city on a little free library initiative with the help of Science Lead Billy Decker, who has spent many hours helping them on this project. NHS officers ran the event and put in many hours. They include: Saira Carrerto, president; Vanesa Hernandez, vice president; Gitu Degefa, treasurer; Wuilfido Hernandez, finance; and Jhoselyn Tovar, secretary. It was great to see graduates from CHS there in the audience with many of the students’ parents. The highlight of the evening was the singing of National Anthem by Gitu Degefa and Leah Melito.

- Internship and School to Work Manager, Tania Baez, and Chelsea High School’s Career Coach from MassHire Metro North Workforce Development Board, Brian Nunez, put together a Job Fair on Thursday April 25. Employers ranged from fast food restaurants, retail and manual labor jobs, looking to hire students 16 and over. Students were prepared with resumes and job fair tips that they had received during the two resume workshops they attended weeks prior to the fair. In total 22 employers were present and more than 100 students participated in the job fair.

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Local official agrees with decision on Wynn Resorts

By Seth Daniel

Though Wynn Resorts has yet to officially respond to the decision by the Massachusetts Gaming Commission (MGC) handed down Tuesday night, State Rep. Dan Ryan said he was glad the MGC took a serious look at the casino.

However, Rep. Ryan said taking the license would have been detrimental to the economy and would have dashed the hopes of thousands who were ready to work at the resort when it opens in June.

“It appears from the hearings and the subsequent heavy fines administered this week that the commissioners took the issue of license suitability extremely serious and were judicious in their decision,” he said. “I thank them for their work. The consequences of pulling the license at this stage could have had a detrimental

effect on our local economy. It remains to be seen how Encore and their shareholders will respond as a business; but, it appears we will have a gaming resort and thousands of people working as scheduled.”

Ryan also said he was disturbed by the allegations against Steve Wynn, and that everyone will be watching the company as they move forward.

“The accusations against Mr. Wynn that occurred in Las Vegas are disturbing, but it appears the parent company has gone to great lengths to cleanse themselves of past practices,” he said. “My experience with local Encore representatives, before and after these accusations, has been positive. I have found their management team to be accessible, professional, diverse and committed to bringing a quality product to the Bos-

ton area. I think the Gaming Commission has gone to great lengths to ensure that is true. We will all be watching closely.”

Wynn Resorts had not officially commented on what they planned to do. Their options include appealing the fine to Suffolk Superior Court, though that would likely tie up the project even further.

“Wynn Resorts received a copy of the Massachusetts Gaming Commission's decision on suitability late today,” read their latest statement on Tuesday. “We are in the process of reviewing that decision and considering the full range of our next steps. We will not have further comment until we have thoroughly reviewed and considered the MGC's decision.”

The fine is to be paid within 30 days into an Escrow Account.

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but also gives the CPC an opportunity to work out the best method for recommendation of the projects, Iraheta said. The CPC can make recommendations for projects, but the funding is ultimately approved by the City Council.

“There’s so much we have to do to educate the community and have them understand what this is all about,” said CPC member Bea Cravatta. “This is a good amount of money that can change the city in a positive way.”

Key among the factors CPC members weigh in considering recommendation for a project is its community support, benefit to the city’s vulnerable populations, matching funds from the project’s pro-

ponents, and how it fits into Chelsea’s overall Master Plan. “I believe that little pieces like this are important to the community and to people of all income levels,” CPC member Tuck Willis said of the Civil War monument rehab. “Seeing a decaying monument is not good for anyone. A neater, cleaner, spiffier look is better for everyone.”

Improvements to the Garden Cemetery also got high marks from many of the CPC members.

“This is a fantastic project that strongly aligns with our leading and supporting principles,” said CPC Vice Chair Caroline Ellenbird.

Cravatta and CPC member Juan Vega both supported the

project but said they would like to see some more ideas about how the community at large could make more use of the space.

The two projects with the most questions about them were tabled to give Karl Allen of the planning department time to gather more information for the CPC.

Vega and Willis both said they both had concerns about CPA funds being used to fund a staff position for the city with the Affordable Housing Trust Fund.

CPC members also had questions about funding and budget specifics for rehab of the Congregation Agudath Shalom Museum.

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share and decreasing the idle time of commuter rail and BRT vehicles.

The Chelsea Commuter Rail Station Project was advertised in February 2019

with bids open in April 2019. After six bids were received, the Chelsea Commuter Rail Station contract was awarded to A.A. Will Corporation for \$32,367,200.

Construction could start as early as this summer, with project completion estimated for late 2021.

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student and needed to get a scholarship if I wanted to go to college.”

Her skills led her to a full Division 1 Scholarship to UMass-Amherst for lacrosse, this coming after winning a national championship on the high school level in 1989. After an outstanding freshman year, Rollins and her teammates were shocked to learn that their sport was being eliminated by the university due to budget cuts.

Though she was able to keep her scholarship, she said she eventually missed the athletic fields, and that’s when she and some other women athletes turned to the law – which she found to be a powerful leveler for those without much of a voice.

“At first, I was kind of relieved because I didn’t have to wake up at 5 a.m. for conditioning anymore, but later I began to miss sports,” she said. “I’d played sports my entire life and missed the camaraderie you feel when you have the team behind you and you score a goal.

“We only had three or four scholarship players and we were good,” she continued. “The men’s football team hadn’t won a game in years and they had 75 full-time scholarships with everything provided for them, including food and lodging. I didn’t know a lawyer or a judge, but it seemed so unfair. Myself and a few other athletes from the women’s teams, asked to meet with the Athletic Director.”

That meeting didn’t go so well, and there was no change, but DA Rollins said everything changed when they got a lawyer.

“Our lawyer threatened a Title 9 lawsuit,” she said. “The AD completely changed his tune. We got all or our teams re-instituted after a while.”

Rollins – who attended Northeastern University Law School after UMass – said it was her first taste at how the law can be used to empower and bring about justice.

And it was a powerful experience.

“I saw that lawyers matter and words matter,” she said. “As a young person, I thought, ‘Oh my God, lawyers are awesome.’ They make everyone fall into line and things change.”

It was the defining moment she points to after a long legal career with MassPort, the MBTA, and now as the Suffolk District Attorney, where the law became her passion.

However, when it came to leadership – another characteristic she said has been critical as the newly-elected DA in an office that has had the same leader for almost two decades – it was what happened after the teams were re-instituted that taught her the most.

She said when the team was finally brought back, she was the only player left with any real experience. Most of the players and coaches had been plucked from other sports like track and volleyball. The elite athlete soon found herself the captain of a team that couldn’t win a game to save themselves.

Yet, she said it was the most important time of her life, leading a team that likely wasn’t going to win, but could still accomplish some goals in the meantime.

“It was one of the best learning experiences I ever had,” she said. “You show up with a smile on your face and give 100 percent even when things aren’t going well. It taught me character...Anyone can be present when things are going great, but where are you when things get hard? Do you still show up? I like to say it costs very little to pay someone a compliment or be respectful. Yet so few do it.”

That kind of optimism for a competitive person in the midst of a losing season was life changing.

“What’s beautiful is to learn not to be discouraged and to be optimistic,” she said. “Those are actually the years I broke records because the numbers of goals I scored. There are still records out there 26 or 27 years later that I set and I’m proud to say I still hold.”

Certainly, the end of her athletic career did not mean an end to those valuable lessons. In fact, she said, it has been sports that taught her about justice and leadership.

“We are breaking down barriers,” she said. “When you see a woman in leadership roles, it happens quite often that in the past that woman had some athletic ability or played some sport. It teaches us about inclusion or teamwork or perseverance. Sports doesn’t care about how much money you have or where you live, it’s about how well you perform on the field. It’s a great leveler. It’s been invaluable for me.”

And in the office, she is adjusting to being that new person who is also the leader of the office. That, she said, takes the kind of skills she honed on the

athletic fields some years ago.

“I’m the new person to the team here in the DA’s office and I’m also their leader,” she said. “Change is difficult. What I try to do is show up, know the great work they do and be as encouraging and purposeful as I can.”

Nowadays, Rollins doesn’t spend much time on the playing field, but still enjoys watching her daughter run track, where she has won national championships in the 100m and 200m races. Such things are encouraging, she said, to see girls and young women have so many opportunities that were hard-fought by the generation ahead of them – a generation such as the women athletes like Rollins who used the legal system to challenge decision makers.

“It’s really exciting to see young women are getting the same opportunities men have had a long time,” she said. “Being excited for my young girls playing sports doesn’t take away from my excitement for young men playing sports. We want everyone to have the opportunity for success, on and off the field.”

DA Rollins indicates her office will be more present at crime scenes

Suffolk County District Attorney Rachael Rollins said one change she has made immediately to the office is making sure at major crime scenes, she and members of her office are on scene.

That includes homicides and other such crimes.

Whether in Boston, Chelsea, Revere or Winthrop, she said it is important to be present at the scene, even if it’s the middle of the night.

She said she has instructed everyone to call her no matter what time, and not to wait for the morning to brief her on major crimes.

“For me, it’s important to kind of be proximate and present when things happen so people know we not only handle the case, but also we had boots on the ground from the beginning. A lot of the work we do is behind the scenes and people don’t see it...So, it’s important they see us and we experience what they are dealing with because it really makes us have insight into the work we do every single day.”

She said that, particularly at homicides, she and her office would make every effort to be on scene throughout the county.

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The CHS Cantare received also received a rating of Excellent and came in third place, and the CHS Choir received a rating of Superior and came in second place. Additionally, Dimas Villanueva was recognized as the Best Student Accompanist of the competing ensembles and received an award for his guitar playing on "California Dreamin'" and "Blackbird."

The CHS Band’s next performance will be on Memorial Day at City Hall, at a ceremony which begins at 9 a.m. All of these ensembles will be performing at Arts Night Out, which is the combined year-end event with the Visual Arts Department. That celebration



The Concert Band, Percussion Ensemble and Cantare members showing off their trophies and awards from the Music in the Parks Festival last weekend.

is on Fri., May 31, with the art gallery opening at 6 p.m., and the concert beginning at 7

p.m. Viewing the art gallery is free, and tickets to the concert are \$4.



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Robocalls are the new plague of the digital and cell phone era.

According to some estimates, Americans received 48 billion robocalls last year, up from 30 billion in 2017. It used to be that only a person's land line would be subject to telemarketers, but these days our wireless phones also are being deluged on a daily basis with these annoying phone calls from robocall centers that typically operate from overseas.

The latest nuance in the robocalling game is spoofing, whereby a robocall essentially hijacks a local phone number, tricking the receiver of the phone call into thinking that the call is coming from someone in one's hometown.

No one is immune from the scourge of pre-recorded robocalls trying to scam us out of our money. And the calls seem to never stop coming. The deluge of these robocalls have become the number one complaint of Americans who have a phone line -- which is to say, just about all of us.

Robocalls have become an epidemic that must be stopped and to that end, U.S. Sen. Ed Markey has introduced a bill, known as the TRACED Act, that will give authorities and the telecom companies the ability to find, catch, and prosecute scammers.

The TRACED Act gives the FCC the authority to levy civil penalties against scammers, extends the window from one to three years to take action against intentional violators, and requires telephone providers to adopt call authentication technologies to verify that incoming calls are legitimate.

This bill already has overwhelming bipartisan support -- one of the few things that Republicans and Democrats can agree upon these days -- and recently passed a Senate committee by a 26-0 margin.

Each of us can show our solidarity behind ending the scourge of robocalls by calling Senator Markey's office to become a citizen co-sponsor of the TRACED Act.

Let our elected officials know that the sooner Congress takes action, the better.

WILL APRIL SHOWERS BRING MAY FLOWERS?

As Bob Dylan noted, 'you don't need a weatherman to tell you which way the wind is blowing.' Similarly, we have not needed a weatherman to tell us that this has been a particularly rainy April.

However, we learned this week just how rainy it has been with the news that this April has set the record for the most days with rain. The previous record had been 19 days, set in 1912. However, as this is being written, we are poised to attain a new mark of 21 days with rain.

We hasten to point out that this has not been the wettest April. Although total rainfall is more than three inches above normal for the month, it still is well below a record-setting total.

Yes, the mild temperatures have been nice -- this April reportedly is in the top 10 for warmest-ever -- but with all of that the wind and rain, especially coming off the ocean, we have not been able to enjoy the warmth as much as we would have liked.

Hopefully, the old song about April showers bringing May flowers will be predictive of the month ahead. So we thought it would be appropriate to publish a verse from that old song, which has been around since the 1920s:

Though April showers may come your way
They bring the flowers that bloom in May
So if it's raining have no regrets
Because it isn't raining rain you know, it's raining violets
And where you see clouds upon the hills
You soon will see crowds of daffodils
So keep on looking for a blue bird
And list'ning for his song
Whenever April showers come along

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GUEST OP-ED

Our May Day message: We will not be divided

By Antonio Amaya, Gladys Vega and Milagros Barreto

Just a few days ago, we saw the power of workers standing together. Stop & Shop employees represented by UFCW Local 1445 went on strike to protect their income and push back against extreme cuts to benefits. The people of Massachusetts stood with them. And soon they had a fair contract.

Many employers want to divide us. So does the Trump administration, which has tried to split America's working class in half: native-born against immigrants. If they succeed, we might miss their attacks on labor rights, consumer protections or our social safety net.

But it's not going to work. We're smarter than that.

Yesterday, on International Workers' Day, thousands of us took to the streets together in a massive show of strength and unity: labor leaders and immigrant activists, workers born

and raised right here in Eastie, and people from Latin America and all over the world who've made this their home.

We carried signs that proclaimed our common interests: Protect worker safety and the right to organize. End wage theft and worker abuse. Protect public education. And because immigrant rights are workers' rights, too: Protect DACA and Temporary Protected Status (TPS). And stop local officials' collaboration with Immigration & Customs Enforcement.

It's a tradition we've been proud to uphold for two decades. Every year for May Day, the immigrant communities of Everett, Chelsea and East Boston join together for an hours-long march and rally to send a powerful message to the world: We stand together with workers in more than 80 countries who are out on the streets demanding justice, dignity and respect in the workplace and the community at large.

It is true that workers are better off today than a few generations ago -- or in some of the countries that our members came from. But in recent decades, conditions in many workplaces have actually declined. And even in modern times, we continue to fight for labor rights. There is still a wide socioeconomic gap that separates the working class from the rich -- and that gap is widening. Corporate greed is rampant, and white supremacy and corruption enable it to thrive.

This is why it's so important to honor the enormous battles that workers are waging in Massachusetts, across our nation and around the world. Every day, they stand up for dignity and respect, for income security, for an end to exploitation and wage theft. And at the same time, many of those same activists are fighting just to keep their families together and in America.

Yesterday we marched with countless TPS holders who,

after decades in this country, face the prospect of deportation as soon as next January. And we marched with undocumented workers whose status forces them to serve as subcontractors, highly vulnerable to abuse and wage theft.

We'll say it again: Immigrant rights are workers' rights. And in a state where 1 in 5 workers is foreign-born, and key unions are powered by immigrants, workers' rights are very much immigrant rights.

They can try to divide us. They won't succeed. We stand together -- indivisible -- against hate and bigotry, and for justice and dignity for all. See you next May Day!

Antonio Amaya is executive director of La Comunidad, Inc. Gladys Vega is executive director of the Chelsea Collaborative. Milagros Barreto is coordinator of the Immigrant Worker Center at Mass-COSH. The three organizations jointly lead the May 1st Coalition.

GUEST OP-ED

Fighting the opioid epidemic with care and data

By Alexander Acosta

A little more than a year ago, I had the opportunity to visit Maryhaven treatment facility in Columbus, Ohio, to hear from those recovering from the effects of addiction. The visit was an impactful one. I met with individuals who talked about the terrible impact addiction had on their families. I heard from employers looking to offer a second chance to those in need. I heard from both about the importance of job skills and having a job in recovery.

With National [prescription] Take Back Day this week, the Department of Labor released new information on what we have learned about the opioid crisis and how we are improving our effectiveness in overcoming its challenges.

In 2017, President Donald Trump's administration declared the opioid epidemic a national public health emergency and directed all executive agencies to use every appropriate emergency authority to minimize the devastation. Since 2017, the U.S. Department of Labor's Office of Workers' Compensation

Programs' (OWCP) has dedicated significant resources to stem the abuse, misuse, and proliferation of opioids to protect 2.7 million federal workers from harmful opioid prescription practices.

The use of opioids to treat injured federal workers continued, virtually unchecked, until 2017. The capability to monitor dose level and duration by the department was not even available until operational changes were instituted that year. Since we started this effort, a series of successes can be attributed to the implementation of a four-point strategic plan: (1) effective controls, (2) tailored treatment, (3) impactful communications with employees and providers, and (4) aggressive fraud detection.

The strategic plan's core is a process where the department continuously gathers information and analyzes data. The results yielded great progress:

- 51 percent decline in new opioid prescriptions that last more than 30 days;
- 59 percent decline in claimants prescribed a morphine equivalent dose (MED) of 500 or more;
- 31 percent decline in

claimants prescribed a MED of 90 or more;

- 30 percent decline in overall opioid use; and
- 24 percent drop in new opioid prescriptions

A recent study highlights the unique challenges facing a legacy population of injured federal workers who have been prescribed opioids over an extended period of time. Specifically, the study showed that nearly 1 in 4 injured workers in this group had been prescribed a high dose of 90+ morphine equivalent dose. This is important because the higher the opioid dose, the higher the risk for misuse and overdose death. Higher doses, greater than 100 MED, have more than two times the risk relative to lower doses. Additional risk factors, including the use of extended-release opioids and the associated use of certain interacting medications, were also identified.

The legacy challenges needed to be confronted. All federal injured workers with a prescription of 90+ MED underwent extensive individual case reviews. Treating physicians were contacted and, as needed, nurses were assigned.

Our goal was to work with the medical provider and injured worker to provide opioid treatment where needed, reduce the opioid risk level, and assist in securing the Tapering an addictive drug takes time and there are a host of interacting factors to consider, yet as the statistics prove, the intense focus produced a real difference. This effort is not the federal government deciding what is best for patients. Rather, the federal government is acting as a responsible employer by caring about its workforce and ensuring that employees are getting the treatment and support needed for what can be a challenging recovery.

We are committed to (1) engaging individual employees and (2) analyzing the effects on the employee population as a whole. To win this battle, we must embrace a strategy that pursues accurate information, continuously evaluates that information, and invests the time necessary to find the right, healthy solutions for individuals struggling with opioids.

Alexander Acosta is the 27th U.S. Secretary of Labor.

DAs file case demanding end to federal immigration enforcement in courthouses

Staff Report

Middlesex County District Attorney Marian Ryan, Suffolk County District Attorney Rachael Rollins, the Committee for Public Counsel Services (CPCS), and the Chelsea Collaborative filed a groundbreaking lawsuit April 29 demanding an end to federal immigration enforcement in and around Massachusetts courthouses.

For the last two years, officers from U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) have frequented Massachusetts courthouses, surveilling, arresting and detaining immigrants, the plaintiffs asserted. The degree to which these civil arrests are occurring in courthouses is unprecedented in American history and have severely undermined the administration of justice and access to judicial redress in the Commonwealth, they said.

Entire communities now view the Massachusetts courts as places at which they simply cannot appear. Civil plaintiffs and criminal defendants cannot resolve their cases without risking detention and deportation. Witnesses do not appear in court out of fear of immigration arrest and deportation making legal proceedings and prosecutions more difficult. Victims of domestic violence seeking restraining orders against their abusers cannot access basic life-saving protections without exposing themselves to immigration enforcement. ICE's policy has effectively closed the courthouse door to immigrants and made us all unsafe in the process.

To combat this disruptive practice, representatives are

joining together from all sides of the judicial system – including prosecutors and public defenders. The District Attorneys' Offices, public defenders, and community groups such as the Chelsea Collaborative have all borne the brunt of ICE's illegal and unconstitutional arrest policy – and are now uniting to stop it.

"ICE's using state courthouses as a forum to conduct their enforcement work has struck fear in many of our most vulnerable, keeping them from accessing our courts. That is not justice. It does not make our communities safer. What is clear to me is that in order to make meaningful and positive change, we all need to work together. This lawsuit represents the first time that prosecutors, public defenders and advocates have filed a lawsuit with the goal of formally ending this practice. As our country wrestles with the complex problem of the state of the American immigration system, we cannot permit access to the courts of this Commonwealth by all of its residents to be detrimentally affected," said District Attorney Ryan.

"Our criminal justice system can only function properly when people feel safe coming to court. When victims, witnesses, and defendants fear that entering a courthouse could place them at risk of immigration consequences, it prevents us as prosecutors from securing justice for the people we serve," District Attorney Rollins said. "Initiating a federal civil deportation prior to a criminal defendant being held accountable for the harm they caused in Suffolk County does nothing to serve the interest of justice or public

safety. Instead, it creates an environment of fear and mistrust, and harms our entire community."

"Federal ICE agents have been regularly stalking our state courthouses in communities throughout Massachusetts for the last two years. When criminal defendants, witnesses and civil litigants are arrested by ICE before their cases are resolved or avoid the courthouses because of fear of ICE arrest, access to justice is denied for everyone," said Wendy Wayne, Director of the CPCS Immigration Impact Unit.

CPCS, which is responsible for all indigent criminal defense in the Commonwealth, can no longer effectively represent their immigrant clients who fear ICE arrest or defend their clients when noncitizen witnesses refuse to come to court.

"This lawsuit provides a powerful blueprint for advocates across the country who want to protect access to the courts and to judicial redress," said Ivan Espinoza-Madriral, Executive Director of Lawyers for Civil Rights.

The lawsuit seeks a declaration from the court that ICE's policy and practice of arresting people while coming to, attending, or returning from court is illegal. The suit also asks the court to immediately enjoin ICE from conducting any more courthouse arrests.

The District Attorneys and the Chelsea Collaborative are represented *pro bono* by Goodwin Procter LLP. The Chelsea Collaborative is also represented by Lawyers for Civil Rights. The CPCS Immigration Impact Unit is representing CPCS.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY, CLERK FELIX ARROYO



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Ernesto Arroyo, Julian Arroyo, Ricardo Arroyo, Felix D. Arroyo, Ana Arroyo, and Felix G. Arroyo celebrate Suffolk County Probate Court Clerk Felix D. Arroyo's 71st birthday last Thursday, April 25, at a party in Boston. Numerous supporters and family members came out to celebrate the birthday fundraiser.

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Este patrocinio está abierto a todo niño o niña residentes de la ciudad de Chelsea, y que no han sido participantes de este campamento en el pasado.

Para aplicar, por favor envía una carta de una página al Club Rotario de Chelsea y explica el "por qué" el Club debería enviarte a este campamento este verano. Todas las cartas deberán ser enviadas por correo o personalmente a esta dirección:

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KELLY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PRESENTS 'SEUSSICAL, THE MUSICAL'

Photos by Derek Kouyoumjian

The Kelly Elementary School put on a fantastic production of Seussical, the musical based on the work of Dr. Seuss. It centered primarily on the plight of Horton, a devoted elephant who discovers a world of tiny beings known as 'The Whos' that inhabit a speck inside a clover flower.

To add to his responsibilities, he is tasked with maintaining an egg abandoned by a vacationing bird. The themes presented include responsibility, imagination, diligence, believing in oneself, helping others, and many other positive attributes for young minds to discover.

Bravo Kelly Elementary School.



Kelly School student Catherine Hernandez was Mrs. Mayor of Whoville.



Mya Flores performs as JoJo The Child who makes her way through the imaginative universe of the Seussical.



Gertrude, played by Silvia Duenas, sings the Seussical song 'The One Feather Tale Of Miss Gertrude McFuzz,' a song lamenting the character's fears in her own appearance for not catching the eye of her beloved Horton.



Kelly School student Daniel Figueroa, playing a forest person, watches as the cast performs 'Monkey Around/Chasing The Whos.'



Jiovanni, Minnie, and Jesus Rivera are in the audience to see their daughter (sister to Jiovanni) Jayla in the cast as a 'Who.'



Director of the production and Kelly School music teacher Rebecca Vinci (right) helps with Robert Masterson's transformation into the beloved Dr. Seuss character Horton.



The cast of Seussical stands ready for the Seuss magic to begin.



Teacher Ashley Houston (second from left) tackled choreography, Music Teacher Rebecca Vinci (center) was director, while fellow teachers Brittany Hickson, Carrie Anderson, and Sarah Gurtis took on stage crew duties and made sure things happened as they should.



Horton, played by Robert Masterson, diligently sits on the egg of Mayze La-Bird, while the forest contemplates the fate of both.



Kelly School 4th grade teacher Brittany Hickson helps student Ashley Mejia into her Cat In The Hat costume.



Kelly School student Allison Roque as the Sour Kangaroo singing 'Yoppl,' a song about a word which saves the Horton, The Clover, and all The Whos.

25TH ANNUAL EARTH DAY CELEBRATION AND CLEANUP

Photos by Derek Kouyoumjian

The 25th annual Earth Day Cleanup and celebration was sponsored by GreenRoots and the City Of Chelsea. More

than 50 volunteers cleaned up half a dozen locations throughout the city and revitalized the Creekside Commons Park. It was a shining example of what happens when people come together for their community.



Volunteers Ivy and Caroline Ellenbird.



Volunteers Leo (left) and Jeff Ellenbird.



Chelsea City employees: T.J. Rodriguez, Manwai Leung, Francisco Lemus, Fidel Maltez, Mike Sandoval, and Karl Allen helped organize and implement the cleanup.



Chelsea volunteers cleaned up more than a half-dozen locations across the city last Saturday. Here, they stopped for a picture with the banner celebrating 25 years of Earth Day Clean ups in Chelsea.



Pictured above, volunteers enjoying a party held in gratitude of the cleanup efforts of the crew assembled. Pictured to the right, Volunteers Yenis Zelaya, Armando, Gregory, Efren, and Noemi Arce.



GreenRoots Resource Manager Yaritza Morales Gonzalez and her daughter, Sofia, Chelsea resident Fidel Maltez, GreenRoots Associate Executive Director Maria Belen Power, Executive Director Roseann Bongiovanni, State Rep. Dan Ryan, Judie Dyer, and City Councilor Enio Lopez.



Participants of the cleanup gather for a group picture during the after-party.



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Pope John High School hosts rally to garner fundraising support

By Cary Shuman

Pope John XXIII High School Principal Thomas Mahoney stood outside the school auditorium welcoming alumni, parents, and students to a rally Monday night.

Mahoney said because of International Residential Management [IRM] not fulfilling its financial obligations to the school for its placement of international students, Pope John needs to raise approximately \$1.5 million by a deadline of May 23. The school has to show the Arch-

diocese of Boston that it is a viable institution financially moving forward.

"We're here to rally support from alumni and let the parents know what's going on," said Mahoney.

Athletic Director Paul Sobolewski, who is leading the fundraising effort with Director of Advancement Kelleyrobin Mulvihill, said the school had raised more than \$50,000 in donations to-date.

State Rep. Joseph McGonagle, a Class of 1977 Pope John graduate, was the first of several speakers to address the large gathering.

"I'm very sad to see the news about the school [closing]," said McGonagle, adding that he received an outstanding education as a Pope John student back in the 1970s. "I applaud everybody for giving their donations to try to save this school."

McGonagle said he intends to write a letter to Attorney General Maura Healey "to start a lawsuit against this company [IRM] that has refused to pay for the international students."

"I believe she [Healey] will help us and fight for us to restore Pope John High School

back to its glory days," said McGonagle.

City Councillor Michael McLaughlin said he wanted to show his support to the school. "This school has stood for 50-plus years and that is remarkable it has been her for so long," said McLaughlin. "It's brought so many great victories for our community and so many wonderful people have come out of this school and gone on to do so many great things."

McLaughlin said he and fellow city councillor, Fred Capone, a Pope John parent, intend to reach out Wednesday to Encore Boston Harbor as a potential major donor.

"They [Encore] have brought so much good, positive community feeling to Everett and the surrounding communities and this school is not just about Everett, it's about the state of Massachusetts and that's what Encore has represented from the beginning."

"I'm sure if they hear the story of what is happening here on this hill, they'll be more than happy to be able to support whatever they can do make partners to see the school move forward," said McLaughlin.

Head of School Carl DiMaiti said he has enjoyed his position at Pope John after a brilliant administrative career at St. Mary's High School of Lynn where his two children, Drew and Carol, were exceptional student-athletes.

"I've been part of the Pope John school community for three years," said DiMaiti. "Initially I was supposed to be here for one year, but the school community is so accepting, so exceptional that I made a commitment to stay as long as the Board of Trustees would have me here."

DiMaiti said he was proud of the school's faculty and staff "by the way they've reacted to what is really a crisis situation."

"The students have also done a remarkable job," he added.

DiMaiti has contacted alumni and believes the school community can raise "the large amount of money by May 23. I'm absolutely convinced we can do it."

Two of Pope John's current students, junior Sarita Chen and senior Mekhi Collins, also spoke at the rally.

"As a junior, it's upsetting to find out that you may not graduate with the people you started your first day of high school with," said Chen. "I have made a countless amount



Principal Thomas Mahoney and sophomore Gavin Kelly outside the school auditorium before the rally.

of friendships and met people [whom] I call my family. Having a school where you know about everyone and being an affordable, diverse Catholic High School is what makes Pope John."

Chen said she hopes to see her younger sister attend Pope John and walk across the stage for her graduation, "just as all of us as students would, too."

Collins, who has received an academic and athletic scholarship to Cardinal Stritch University in Milwaukee, delivered one of the most powerful speeches of the evening.

A standout guard on the 2018 state championship boys basketball team, Collins told how his mother's perseverance early in his life helped him to go on achieve in the classroom and on the basketball court.

"Bringing the first-ever basketball state championship was an honor for us," said Collins. "I've never felt the whole school support like I witnessed last year. I've never seen a school so tightly knitted until I got to Pope John. I've never felt so part of a school family until I got to Pope John."

Collins said he will be the first person from his family to attend college and he's grateful to the Pope John faculty for

helping him attain his goals.

"I can't thank Pope John enough and I can't thank everyone who has been a part of my Pope John experience enough. My heart will always reside at 888 Broadway, Everett, Mass."

Sobolewski, who led Pope John to the Super Bowl in December, said he was one of four siblings to have attended the school.

"I can't tell you what the school has meant to us," said Sobolewski. "It's really paved the way for our future and our careers."

He said the school is starting a corporate campaign to secure funds "for our immediate needs and future endowment fund."

Mulvihill said alumni and parents can follow the school's fundraising drive on the school Website.

"We are so grateful to all of you," said Mulvihill. "We can't thank you all enough for having the passion for Pope John that you have."

A question and answer period followed the rally, during which DiMaiti assured parents that if the school remains open, it will offer all of the athletic and academic programs that currently exist at the school.



Pope John girls basketball head coach Jake Feraco, Pope John basketball players Sarita Chen, Korine Haidul, and Katty Haidul, and Eliane Haidul.



The speakers at the Pope John rally, master of ceremonies and school parent Dean Perrault, Everett City Councillor Michael McLaughlin, Director of Advancement Kelleyrobin Mulvihill, Everett City Councillor Fred Capone, Director of Athletics Paul Sobolewski, students Mekhi Collins and Sarita Chen, and State Rep. Joseph McGonagle. Missing from photo: State Sen. Sal DiDomenico.

ANOTHER ASSIST FOR BUSTAMANTE CHS soccer great is now coaching Boston City FC

By Cary Shuman

Michael Bustamante is arguably the greatest soccer player in Chelsea High School history. Following his All-Scholastic career at Chelsea High, he starred for Division I Boston University before being drafted by the New York Red Bulls of the MSL.

Following a professional stint with the Red Bulls, Bustamante, 29, is entering a new phase of his career. He is the new head coach of the Boston City FC team that plays its home games next door at Harry Della Russo Stadium in Revere.

"Coaching a little bit different than playing," said Bustamante, who is of Colombian descent. "You have to set up the game plan and make adjustments during the game."

Bustamante used to play for Boston City, a team made up of elite soccer players.

"It's great to return and be in this position and work with the players," said Bustamante.

He has fond memories of his superlative four-year career at Chelsea High.

"I enjoyed all of my time there," said Bustamante. "There are a lot of great people in the city. The superintendent (Dr. Mary Bourque) used to be the dean of students when I was in middle school. Principal Ron Schmidt was an assistant principal when I was in high school. And Coach Mick [Milutinovic] is still there doing great things for Chelsea soccer. Chelsea is place that is special to me."

He stepped up his game and was a force at midfielder for the BU Terriers, though he had to redshirt one year due to an injury. "Other than that setback, it was a fantastic four years," said Bustamante.

Following his career at BU, Bustamante realized his dream of being drafted by a professional soccer team as a fullback, a position he had never played before.

"It was something unreal," recalled Bustamante. "I remember the day of like it was yesterday. At the time, I was working for the REACH Program in Chelsea. I was at work and the Red Bulls called me about 4:30 p.m. and the next thing I knew I was talking to the head coach of the Red Bulls."

"They said, 'We need you to fly down to Florida tomorrow to join the team in train-

ing.' - "and the next day I was there."

Bustamante played pro soccer in front of tens of thousands of fans at the Red Bulls' stadium in New Jersey.

"It was a beautiful stadium and I'll cherish that time for the rest of my life," said Bustamante. "The team had great fans. The Red Bulls will always have a close place in my heart. I appreciate what they did for me and my family."

Bustamante has adopted a new philosophy as the Boston City coach, bringing in college players from the Boston area. "I'm here to get a group of guys together and jell as a

team," he said.

He hopes to stay in coaching and continuing to give back to the game.

"I'm here to learn and continue to grow," he said. "I think I'm in a great place to do that. As I continue to further my career, my hopes are that I eventually get to coach at the pro level."

Bustamante said he speaks frequently with his sister, Sandra Bustamante, 33, a former CHS basketball star and popular student who went on to attend BU and MIT and is now living in London. "She does research for a university in England," said Michael.



Michael Bustamante.

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OBITUARIES

Catalina Rivera

May 2, 1938 – April 27, 2019

Catalina “Kathy” Rivera passed away on Saturday, April 27 at the Eastpointe

Nursing and Rehabilitation Center in Chelsea where she was in residence for several years receiving supportive care. She was 80 years old.

Born and raised in San Lorenzo, Puerto Rico, she was a daughter of the late Maria Flores Rivera and Amparo Rivera, Sr.

Her family settled in Chelsea in 1963 and she has remained here for the past 55 years. She worked for many years at Suffolk Farms and later with Sweetheart Paper before retiring.

During her lifetime, Kathy enjoyed a simple home life, family gatherings, celebrations and dancing.

In addition to her parents, she was predeceased by three brothers: Anastacio and Jose

Rivera and Amparo Rivera, Jr. She is survived by her beloved daughter, Carmen Lopez of Springfield, her cherished grandchildren, Christopher and Victor Lopez and she was also blessed with six great grandchildren. She was the dearest sister of Pascuala Ferrer, Maria Rivera and



Ignacio Rivera, all of Chelsea, Carmen Perez of New York, Emma Rivera of East Boston and Maximo Rivera of Revere.

Her Funeral will begin from the Frank A. Welsh & Sons Funeral Home, 718 Broadway, Chelsea, today, Thursday, May 2, at 9 a.m. followed by a Funeral Mass at St. Rose Church, 600 Broadway, Chelsea. Services will conclude with interment at Woodlawn Cemetery, Everett. For online guest book or to send expressions of sympathy, please visit: www.WelshFuneralHome.com.

Arrangements given to the care and direction of the Anthony Memorial - Frank A. Welsh & Sons, Chelsea.

Hector Ramos

Owner/Operator of HR Tile and Construction

Hector A. Ramos passed away suddenly on Friday, April 26 in the Whidden Memorial Hospital in Everett. He was 39 years old.

The son of Celia Ventura Ramos and Guillermo Ramos of Lynn, he was born and raised in Yyantique, El Salvador. He came to the United States as a young man, graduated from Somerville High School and lived in Somerville, Lynn and Chelsea. He has been residing in Malden for the past seven years.

Hector worked as a general contractor and was the owner operator of HR Tile and Construction. He enjoyed soccer and time at home with family.

He was the beloved companion of Natalia M. Ventura of Malden and the loving father of Hector Alejandro Ramos, Christy Ramos Quijada and Nathaniel Ramos Quijada., all of Chelsea and Juan Estevan Ventura and Jonathan Ventura, both of Malden. He is also survived by his brother, Lawrence Ramos of Lynn and by many aunts, uncles



and extended family members.

Relatives and friends are invited to visitation and services today, Thursday, May 2 in the Iglesia Adventista Hispana de Chelsea, 111 Hawthorne St., Chelsea from 4 to 8 p.m. Hector's burial will be on Friday, May 3 at 2 p.m. in Woodlawn Cemetery, 302 Elm St., Everett. For online guest book or to send expressions of sympathy, please visit: www.WelshFuneralHome.com

Arrangements given to the care and direction of the Anthony Memorial – Welsh Funeral Home.

Kreg Scott

September 18, 1970 – April 29, 2019

Kreg Steven Scott passed away suddenly on Monday, April 29 in his Chelsea home. He was 47 years of age.

Born and raised in Revere, he was a son of Anthony L., III and Florence A. (Hartigan) Scott of Chelsea. Kreg attended schools in Revere and resided in Revere for most of his life. For the past several years, he has resided in Chelsea caring for his parents. His life devotion was to his family. He is survived by his parents and his beloved son, Kreg Scott II of Revere. He was the dear brother of Antonette Jarvis and her husband, Robert

of Haverhill, Robert Scott and his wife, Beate of Norway and the late Anthony L. Scott, IV and Shane Scott. He is also survived by several nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles and extended family members and friends.

A Life Tribute and Memorial Service will be scheduled at a later date.

Arrangements were given to the care and direction of the Anthony Memorial - Frank A. Welsh & Sons Chelsea. For online guest book or to send expressions of sympathy, please visit: www.WelshFuneralHome.com

Edward Mendalka

Hard working dedicated man who loved his family

Edward S. “Ed” Mendalka passed away Saturday evening at the Whidden Memorial Hospital after a brief illness. He was 90 years old.

He was born in Lynn, the son of the late Stanley Mendalka and Helen S. (Shostek-Mendalka) Slotkowski and step-son of the late Joseph Slotkowski. Although he was born in Lynn, Eddie spent most of his life as a resident of Chelsea. Having lost his father at a very young age, Eddie went to work instead of high school to support his mother and sisters. He remained industrious for his entire life, always working to provide for his family.

For many years, he worked at American Finish and Chemical Company in Chelsea, holding several different positions there. Working on evenings and weekends, he also did plumbing and heating work.

Eddie was incredibly self-sufficient. He could fix anything. And he would never pay anyone to do something that he could do himself. While he could be stubborn, he was also kind and loving. He loved his family, especially his beloved wife of 66 years, Caroline, who passed in 2017. He was devoted to his son, William (Billy) who was developmentally disabled and also predeceased him. He and his son, John shared a special bond when John followed in his footsteps and became a plumber. He was proud to send his daughter, Karen to college and law school, the first in the family to earn a college degree.

He loved spending time with his four grandchildren, watching them grow from babies to young adults. He had a special place in his heart for



Cathy, his daughter-in-law, whom he called “my angel” in his later years, when she selflessly provided so much care to him.

Eddie was hardworking, dedicated and he loved his family. He will be missed by all who knew him. Edward was also predeceased by his sister, Helen Troisi, step-brother, Edward Carpo- vich and step-sister, Eleanor Slotkowski. He was the cherished grandfather of Ingrid, Caroline and Philip Hoerner and Kaitlin Mendalka and dear brother of Blanche Miller of Chelsea.

His funeral will begin from the Frank A. Welsh & Sons Funeral Home, 718 Broadway, Chelsea on Saturday, May 4 at 10 a.m. followed by a Funeral Mass at Our Lady of Grace Church, 59 Nichols St. Chelsea, at 11 a.m. Services will conclude with interment at Puritan Lawn Memorial Park, Peabody. Relatives and friends are most kindly invited to attend. Visiting hours will be held at the Welsh Funeral Home on Friday from 4 to 8 p.m. The funeral home is fully handicap accessible, ample parking opposite funeral home. For directions or to send expressions of sympathy, please visit www.WelshFuneralHome.com

Anthony Memorial – Welsh Funeral Home Chelsea, 617-889-2723

Theresa Agri

Homemaker who loved to dance and adored her large family

Theresa R. (Bellino) Agri entered into eternal rest Friday morning, April 26 at the Chelsea Jewish Nursing Home. She was 94 years old.

Born in East Boston, the daughter of the late Agripino and Giovannina (Raia) Bellino, she attended school in East Boston and graduated from East Boston High School, Class of 1942. Theresa settled in Chelsea with her beloved husband, Santo Anthony Agri, with whom she shared 68 years of marriage. She worked in her own home as a homemaker, taking care of her husband and four children. Theresa and her husband had a passion for dancing. They would travel all over to dance. A few of their favorite spots included the Chelsea Polish Club, Polcari's, and the Cathay Pacific Restaurant in Quincy.

Theresa adored her large family and loved spending time with all of her grandchildren and great grandchildren. She loved to cook and provide her delicious home cooked meals to all who entered her home. She will be greatly missed by all who loved her.

Theresa is the beloved wife of Santo Anthony Agri with whom she shared 68 years of marriage, the devoted mother of Joseph M. Agri of Florida, Janice J. Christoforo and her



husband, John of Holbrook, Joan Ramage and her husband, Joseph of Avon and Joyce Agri and her husband, Stephen Thomas of Malden; dear sister of Anna Bellino of East Boston and the late Giovanni Bellino and Santa Bernardo. She is also lovingly survived by six grandchildren: John and Matthew Christoforo, Dominic and Andrea Taverna and Eddie and Theresa Klosiewicz and four great grandchildren: Julia, Nicholas, Jimmy and Thomas Christoforo.

Funeral arrangements were by the Carafa Family Funeral Home, 389 Washington Ave., Chelsea. Interment was at Woodlawn Cemetery in Everett. For those who wish, donations in Theresa's memory may be made to the Chelsea Jewish Nursing Home, 17 Lafayette Ave., Chelsea, MA 02150.

Robert Cataldo

Retired member and former business agent of Carpenters Union Local 218



Robert "Bob" E. Cataldo, a lifelong Chelsea resident, passed away Saturday afternoon, April 20 at the Cambridge Health Alliance Hospital in Everett. He was 82 years old.

The son of the late Joseph H. and Beatrice (Matys) Cataldo, Bob attended Chelsea public schools but went to high school at the Everett Vocational High School, graduating in 1954.

He worked in the printing industry for four years before enlisting in the US Army on March 17, 1958. Serving during the Vietnam Era, he was assigned overseas duty in Korea. Having faithfully served his enlistment, he was honorably discharged as a Specialist 4th Class, E-4, on March 2, 1961.

Upon returning home from the service, Bob took up the trade of carpentry and worked in the industry for almost 40 years. He was a member of the Carpenters Union Local #218. Over the last few years of his career, Bob worked in the capacity of a business agent for the Union. He retired in 1999.

Bob enjoyed his retirement by fishing, boating and watching the Patriots and Red Sox. He was a late member of the Pleasant Park Yacht Club in Winthrop. Most of all, Bob enjoyed his time with his grandchildren. He will



be greatly missed by all who loved him.

The beloved husband of Carol A. (Sartorelli) Cataldo of Chelsea with whom he shared 57 years of marriage, he was the devoted father of Jane M. Cataldo of Chelsea, Ellen M. Sullivan and her husband, Edward of Saugus, Robert V. Cataldo and his wife, Sheila of Medford, Gregory M. Cataldo and his wife, Michelle "Missy" of New Hampshire; dear brother of Ralph H. Cataldo of Florida and the late Joseph Cataldo and Dorothy Dushinski. He is also lovingly survived by six grandchildren: Nicholas and MaryElyse Sullivan, Christina and Joseph Cataldo, Nathan Day and Alexander Cataldo.

Funeral arrangements were private and entrusted to the Carafa Family Funeral Home in Chelsea. Donations in Bob's memory may be made to St. Michael the Archangel Chapel, Chelsea Soldier's Home, 91 Crest Ave. Chelsea, MA 02150.

Pena Simon Ruiz

Of Chelsea, formerly of Puerto Rico

Pena Simon Ruiz of Chelsea, formerly of Puerto Rico, passed away at the Seasons Hospice in Milton where he was receiving palliative care for esophageal cancer. He was 73 years old.

Simon was born and raised in Yabucoa, Puerto Rico. He lived on his family farm where he worked the land for his entire life. Four years ago, he came to Chelsea to live with

his daughter.

Simon was repatriated to Puerto Rico for funeral services and burial in the family plot in Yabucoa Cemetery. Arrangements were given to the care and direction of the Anthony Memorial - Frank A. Welsh & Sons Chelsea. For online guest book or to send expressions of sympathy, please visit: www.WelshFuneralHome.com

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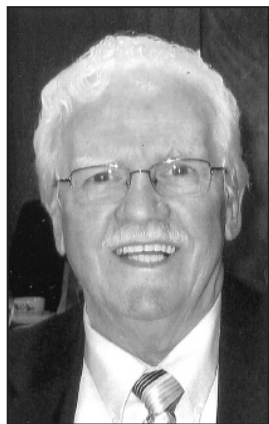
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BRUINS *Beat* by Bob Morello

Bruins lack execution

Three games into the second round of the playoffs, the Bruins have showed that their special team’s play is sub-par to that of the Columbus Blue Jackets. Overall they’ve thrown 105 shots in those three games at Blue Jackets goaltender Sergei Bobrovsky, he has stopped 99 of them. A ‘hot’ goaltender for sure, but the fact that all three games have been decided by a single goal, puts an exclamation point on how important it is for the Bs to be effective and execute on the power play. Coming into tonight’s (Thursday) Game Four, the Bruins have only scored one time in ten power play attempts. This is surprising because the Boston power play in the first round versus Toronto Maple Leafs, was able to hit the back of the Toronto net on seven of the 16 opportunities. Columbus netminder Bobrovsky has been ‘hot,’ (1.88 goals-against-average and a .943 save-percentage), but by the same token, the Bruins in Game Three continue to be ineffective on the power play, including Tuesday’s 0-2 showing in the 2-1 loss, while CBJ have capitalized on three of their 11 chances. The inability to maintain the physical aspect of play was also evident in the numbers, which showed Columbus having outhit the locals by a 53 to 28 margin. Playing a physical game is a necessity versus Columbus whose lineup includes speed and toughness

from a number of players in their lineup. The ringing in the ears of the Boston bench signaled missed opportunities for the Bs as they rang three shots off the posts behind Bobrovsky, the first by Charlie McAvoy who played a standout game, and twice in the third when Noel Acciari struck the pipe and Brandon Carlo’s shot which hit the crossbar. Boston’s failure to execute on the power play was combined with their inability to clear the puck out of their end in a second period penalty kill, leading to the eventual game-winner by Matt Duchene. A major concern for Boston is obviously the lack of scoring from their top line (Patrice Bergeron, Brad Marchand and David Pastrnak), which coming into tonight’s game has contributed one point, that coming on a Pastrnak goal earlier in this round. The decision by Bruins coach Bruce Cassidy to drop the stagnant Pastrnak down to the third line also proved to be ineffective, and he was eventually returned to first line status at the start of the third period. Resilient, regarding the Bruins’ team - is a word that has been thrown around often during the regular season. Now in these playoffs the team must once again seek to find more of it as they enter Game Four. Overlooked during the tight one-goal games Boston has had in this second round, is the

play of Tuukka Rask, who has been solid in net, giving the Bs a chance to win every game. If the Bruins wish to silence any of the outrageous blasts of Columbus’ obnoxious cannon, fired each time Columbus scores a goal in Nationwide Arena, they will need to blast more pucks by Bobrovsky. Something that can be achieved by creating more traffic in front of Bobrovsky’s net, and possibly forcing him to move from side to side more often. Sounds simple doesn’t it? A good, strong effort by the Bruins in Game Four could turn this series around, as a Boston win would tie the series at 2-2 – and make this a best-of-three matchup, with the Bs once again having ‘home advantage,’ with two of the three remaining games being hosted by the locals at TD Garden. Game Five will be on Garden ice, Saturday (5/4 at 7:15pm). Game Six (if necessary) would mean a return to Columbus’ Nationwide Arena, Monday (5/6 time TBD), with Game Seven (if necessary) hosted by the Bruins, Wednesday (5/8 time TBD). It could possibly take seven games for a winner to be determined, but at this point the Bruins can only play one game at a time – and if they perform with the resilience and determination they’ve shown this entire regular season, they could emerge with a positive result!

POLICE *Briefs* BY SETH DANIEL

STABBED IN THE SQUARE
On April 18, at 9:49 a.m., Officers were dispatched to 75 Bellingham St. for a report of a stabbing. The victim gave officers a description of his attacker. Responding officers observed a male fitting the description and placed the male in custody at Bosson Park. A knife was recovered on scene. The victim was taken to MGH to receive treatment for serious, but nonlife-threatening injuries. Chelsea Detectives are continuing the investigation.

Isiah Chafin, 22, of 79 Burma Rd., was charged with assault and battery with a dangerous weapon (knife) and one warrant.

HIT IN THE HEAD
On April 17, a CPD Officer was dispatched to the East Boston Health Center at 8:51 p.m. to take a report of a past assault that occurred at 739 Broadway Chelsea. The male victim told the officer he was struck in the head with a beer bottle by a person inside his apartment causing a laceration to his head. Officers responded to the residence and placed the male suspect under arrest. Carlos Castellon, 41, of 739 Broadway, was charged with assault and battery with a dangerous weapon.

DRUG NETWORK BUSTED ON MILL HILL
On April 18, at 3:15 p.m., detectives acted on information from tips of substantial drug activity in the area of Washburn Street, Louis Street, Clinton Street, and Hooper Streets. This area is

also known as the Mill Hill area. Witnesses stated that sometimes people would park their vehicles and make drug deals from their cars. Based on that and other information, Chelsea Drug Unit Detectives set up surveillance in the area and observed several illegal transactions originating inside cars as described. Three individuals were placed under arrest on drug charges. Danny Hernandez, 29, of 855 Broadway; and Ramon Hernandez, 58, of 855 Broadway; were both charged with distribution of a Class A drug, Distribution of a Class B drug, and conspiracy. Tyler Travis, 26, of Medford, was charged with distribution of a Class A drug, Distribution of a Class B drug, conspiracy, unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle and one warrant.

STOLEN CAR
On April 20, at 5:05 p.m., officers were dispatched to a hit and run accident at the intersection of Grove and Willow Streets. Officers were given a description of the vehicle that fled. A BOLO was issued and a CPD officer on Carter Street observed the car and stopped the operator. The car was reported stolen and the driver arrested. Cristian Alfaro, 21, of 61 Heard St., was charged with receiving a stolen motor vehicle, leaving the scene of property damage, unlicensed operation, and reckless operation.

MS-13 MEMBER INDICTED FOR RACKETEERING CONSPIRACY
An alleged member of the

transnational criminal gang La Mara Salvatrucha, or MS-13, was indicted on Wednesday, April 24, on racketeering conspiracy. Edwin Amaya Mejia Alvarado, 18, a Salvadoran national who had been residing in East Boston, was indicted on one count of conspiracy to conduct enterprise affairs through a pattern of racketeering activity, commonly referred to as racketeering or RICO conspiracy. Amaya Mejia was detained following an initial appearance in federal court in Boston. As alleged in the indictment, MS-13 is a violent street gang with members in Massachusetts and across the United States. Among other things, gang members attempt and use violence to enhance the gang’s prestige and expand their criminal operations. MS-13 members have engaged in acts of violence in Massachusetts including murder, attempted murder, robbery, and assault, as well as other criminal activity, including narcotics trafficking, firearms possession, witness tampering, and witness retaliation. It is alleged that Amaya Mejia is a member of the Huntington Locos Salvatrucha clique of MS-13. The charge of RICO conspiracy provides for a sentence of no greater than 20 years in prison, up to three years of supervised release, and a fine of up to \$250,000. The defendant also faces deportation proceedings upon completion of any sentence imposed. Sentences are imposed by a federal District Court judge based upon the U.S. Sentencing Guidelines and other statutory factors.

CHS girls track team wins three contests
The Chelsea High girls outdoor track & field team enjoyed a successful week, winning all three of its meets against Commonwealth Athletic Conference opponents. The Lady Red Devils’ 80-51 victory over Greater Lowell was highlighted by a new school record set by Ana Chang in the 400 hurdles with a time of 69.8 seconds. Ana also won the 400 dash in a clocking of 61.2. Other notable performances for Chelsea were turned in by Stephanie Simon, who won three events, the long jump, high jump, and 100 dash; Ana Severino, who captured the triple jump; Jessica Martinez who won the discus; Yari Deras, who triumphed in the mile; and Jocelyn Poste, who won two events, the 800 and the javelin. The Lady Red Devils engaged in a tri-meet earlier in the week with Northeast Regional and Mystic Valley, defeating both rivals. Chelsea topped NE by a score of 71-62 and MV by a score of 80-44. Leading the way for the Lady Red Devils was Stephanie Simon, who won four events, the 100 dash, 200

dash, long jump, and high jump, against both opponents. Yaris Deras outran the field to capture the mile against both rivals, as did Jocelyn Poste in the 800. Coach Cesar Hernandez and his squad are scheduled to take on Shawsheen and Essex Tech in a trip-meet on Tuesday.


Three homes games for CHS baseball team
Nate Rosario enjoyed a banner day at the plate for the Chelsea High baseball team in its contest with O’Bryant High last week. Nate hit for a near-cycle with a triple, double, single, and a base-on-balls. Teammates Santiago Quintero, DJ Valdes, Christian Ortiz, Daniel Guilamo, Francisco Molina, and Sergio Maldonado all had base hits in the contest in which O’Bryant prevailed by a score of 15-8. The Red Devils will play a string of home games this coming week, starting with Hull tomorrow (Friday). Coach Rich Wilson and his Red Devils will entertain Nashoba Tech next Tuesday and Lynn Tech next Friday. All of the games will start at 4:00.

CHS boys in close meet with Gr. Lowell
The Chelsea High boys outdoor track & field team came out on the short end of a 71-64 decision with Greater Lowell this past week. Among the top performers for the Red Devils were: Justin Turner, who won the two-mile race in a time of 10:45; Jazmany Reyes, who captured the mile in 4:55.6; Julio Valladares, who outraced the field in the 800 in a time of 2:13; Jesus Matos in the triple jump with a landing of 30’-2”; Anthony Del Rosario with a toss of the shot put of 37’-3”; and Richard Flores with a discus throw of 101’-6”.

Previously the Red Devils engaged with Northeast Regional and Mystic Valley in a tri-meet. Chelsea fell to Northeast, 81-55, but easily handled Mystic, 114-27. Three Red Devils won their events against both rivals, Turner in the two-mile, Reyes in the mile, and Valladares in the 800. Coach Cesar Hernandez and his squad are scheduled to take on Shawsheen and Essex Tech in a tri-meet next Tuesday.

LEGAL NOTICE
COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS THE TRIAL COURT PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT CITATION GIVING NOTICE OF PETITION FOR APPOINTMENT OF GUARDIAN FOR INCAPACITATED PERSON PURSUANT TO G.L. c. 190B, s 5-304 Docket No. SU19P0736GD In the matter of: Donald Webster RESPONDENT Alleged Incapacitated Person Of: Chelsea, MA To the named Respondent and all other interested persons, a petition has been filed by Department of Mental Health (Boston of Westborough, MA in the above captioned matter alleging that Donald Webster is in need of a Guardian and requesting that Theresa Webster of South Boston, MA (or some other suitable person) be appointed as Guardian to serve on the bond. The petition asks the court to determine that the Respondent is incapacitated, that the appointment of a Guardian is necessary, and that the proposed Guardian is appropriate. The petition is on file with this court and may contain a request for certain specific authority. You have the right to object to this proceeding. If you wish to do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance at this court on or before 10:00 A.M. on the return date of 05/23/2019. This day is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline date by which you have to file the written appearance if you object to the petition. If you fail to file the written appearance by the return date, action may be taken in this matter without further notice to you. In addition to filing the written appearance, you or your attorney must file a written affidavit


stating the specific facts and grounds of your objection within 30 days after the return date. IMPORTANT NOTICE The outcome of this proceeding may limit or completely take away the above-named person’s right to make decisions about personal affairs or financial affairs or both. The above-named person has the right to ask for a lawyer. Anyone may make this request on behalf of the above-named person. If the above-named person cannot afford a lawyer, one may be appointed at State expense. WITNESS, Hon. Brian J. Dunn, First Justice of this Court. Date: April 24, 2019 Felix D. Arroyo, Register of Probate 5/2/19 C

LEGAL NOTICE
 NOTICE In accordance with Section 2-7(d) of the Chelsea City Charter notice is hereby given that at a regular meeting of the Chelsea City Council held on April 22, 2019, the City Council voted after a second reading to adopt the following order: NOW, therefore be it Ordained, that the Revised Code of Ordinances of the City of Chelsea as amended, be further amended as follows: AN ORDINANCE REVISING PART II CHAPTER 16 SECTION 16-79 OF THE CHELSEA CODE OF ORDINANCES Amendment 1 That Chapter 16, Section 16-79 of the Code of Ordinances, City of Chelsea, Massachusetts is hereby amended as follows: a. by adding at the end of the second full paragraph the words “or electric assisted bikes as long as the electric assistance does not exceed 15 m.p.h.”; and b. by adding at the end of the third full paragraph a new subparagraph (5) which

reads: “(5) electric assisted bikes as long as the electric assistance does not exceed 15 m.p.h. and the electric assistance is not utilized while the bike is on a sidewalk.” These changes shall take effect immediately. A copy of the ordinance is available at the Office of the City Clerk, City Hall, 500 Broadway, Room 209, Chelsea, MA 02150. Jeannette Cintron White City Clerk 5/2/19 C

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 REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS LEGAL REPRESENTATION FOR GENERAL COUNSEL AND LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT MATTERS The Chelsea, Massachusetts Housing Authority (CHA) is seeking proposals, from individual attorneys or firms (Proposer) for legal services to be provided to the CHA as general counsel, including public sector labor, collective bargaining, and employment-related matters. Services required include advice and consultation on pending and arising matters as well as board governance, representation in collective bargaining, matters involving employees, both unionized and non-unionized, before administrative bodies and/or in court, open meeting law, public records law, state and federal housing regulatory issues, and advice relative to policy development. Request for the full RFP along with any and all documentations needed in order to respond to the RFP must be made by sending an email request to avelazquez@chelseaha.com or pick up at our main office 54 Locke Street Chelsea, MA 02150. Proposers are requested

to submit their proposals for services to be rendered NO LATER THAN 11:00 a.m. Friday, May 17, 2019 TO: Arnaldo Velazquez, Director of Finance and Administration, GENERAL COUNSEL AND LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT RFP Chelsea Housing Authority 54 Locke Street Chelsea, MA 02150 5/2/19 C

LEGAL NOTICE
 CITY OF CHELSEA REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS Worker’s Compensation and Injured on Duty Services The City of Chelsea, Massachusetts, through its Chief Procurement Officer, is seeking Request for Proposals for “Worker’s Compensation and Injured on Duty Services”. Request for Proposals will be available on or after May 1, 2019 by contacting Dylan Cook, Chief Procurement Officer at dcook@chelseama.gov or by visiting the City’s website at http://www.chelseama.gov/purchasing/pages/current-bids-solicitations. Proposals must be sealed and clearly marked “Worker’s Compensation and Injured on Duty Services” and submitted to the Office of the Chief Procurement Officer no later than 9:00AM on Thursday, May 16, 2019. The City of Chelsea reserves the right to accept any proposal, to reject any or all proposals and to waive minor irregularities and/or formalities as it deems to be in the best interest of the City. In accordance with our Minority Business Enterprise Plan, we are inviting all qualified women and minority business firms to respond.

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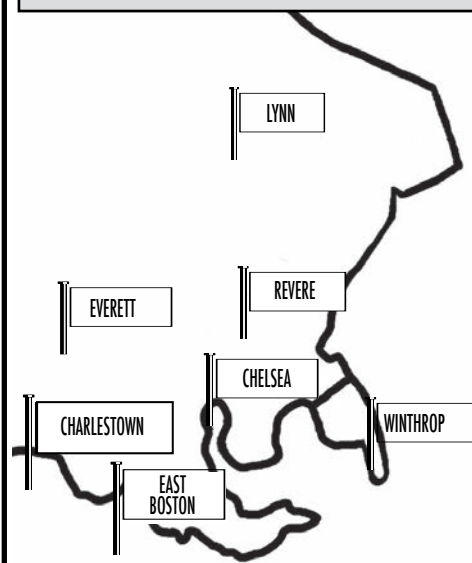
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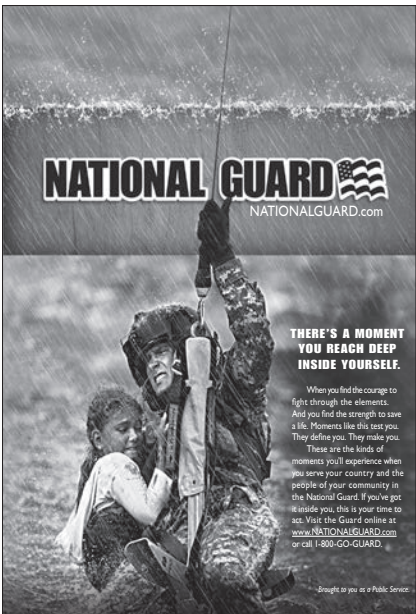
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porting student voices – something that has grown to be very important to students at the high school over the last year. Students at Chelsea High have successfully organized the walk-out, and also successfully advocated to move graduation back outside on the new turf field.

“I walked out with them,” he said. “We knew it was happening and supported it. It was a genuinely student-led effort. We need to support that even if we disagree with that they want to do. I think if a district didn’t support students on that particular situation, I think they missed out.”

When it came to chal-

lenges between suburban Weston and urban Chelsea, Parker said he would like-ly have a learning period with getting community and parent participation – which often lacks in Chelsea but is strong in Weston.

“If our parents cannot make meetings or conferences because they are working multiple jobs or are too busy, then we need to go to them,” he said. “I would spend time finding out where they are and where I need to go to engage them.”

The process with the School Committee next week on Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday is open to the public.



Anthony Parker, currently the principal at Weston High, listens intently to a question from students during Monday's community forum at the Williams School. The three finalists have been in Chelsea this week for whirlwind tours and forums. Next week, all three will meet with the School Committee for public interviews. A decision is expected May 9.



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CHELSEA HIGH SCHOOL NHS INDUCTION

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Chelsea High School (CHS) Principal Alexander Mathews observes students working hard in their classrooms, speaking their opinions at City Hall, and studying at Dunkin Donuts before and after school. They are ambitious, respectful, and committed to learning. On April 24, some 29 juniors and seniors were honored for their achievements during the National Honor Society (NHS) Induction Ceremony.

“You are the backbone of our school. You excel in classes, and you engage in the community,” said Principal Mathews. “I see you being positive every day. You’re helping your families. You’re working to earn money. Your effort and drive inspire us.”

The NHS was established in 1921 to recognize outstanding high school students who are actively involved in their schools and community.

Keynote speaker, Anika Manzoor, Harvard graduate and Executive Director of the

Youth Advocacy Project, explained the importance of activism in developing the four pillars of the NHS: scholarship, leadership, service, and character.

“Activism has taught me a love for service. I’m thinking about how to change people’s attitudes and laws so things are better in the future,” explained Manzoor, who was born in Bangladesh, and supports girls’ education worldwide. “We need all hands on deck if we want to solve the world’s problems. The best activist is prepared and thinks critically about society. Activism has taught me to always have compassion and be ethical and thoughtful as I pursue systemic change in the world.”



Pictured above, new members pledging to the NHS. Pictured left, Principal Alexander Mathews.



Leslie, Michelle, Lisandra, Jasmin, and Gabriella.



Oliver Romero being inducted into the NHS.



Talia Lemerise, Rosa Brito, and Diana Hercules.



NHS members Leah Melito and Gitu Degefa singing the National Anthem.



Alumni guest speaker Ledia Koco, City Council Clerk.



Keynote speaker Anika Manzoor, Executive Director of the Youth Advocacy Project.



NHS Finance officer Wuilfido Hernandez, and President Saira Carreto, lighting the scholarship candle.

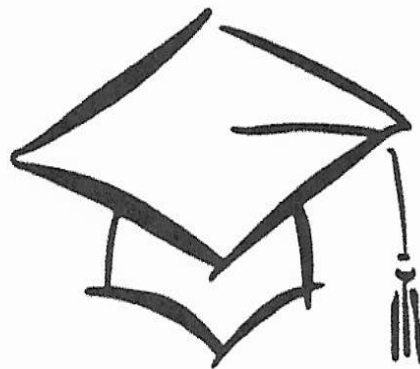


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