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and community leaders are collaborating in new ways to protect our neighborhoods. Most community members are taking social distancing seriously and continue to do their part to protect themselves and others. Local businesses and

individuals are stepping up to help however they can. The East Boston Neighborhood Health Center (EBNHC) is proud to see our community in action. We were grateful to receive donations of personal protective equipment (PPE) for

our providers from individuals as well as businesses, in addition to thoughtful pizza deliveries for our hard-working staff. The appreciation and encouragement expressed by community members goes a long way and we thank you.

Patients and providers at EBNHC are adapting well to our telehealth program, which enables medical care over the phone so patients can stay safe at home. Last week we provided 1,741 telemedicine visits with 455 occurring on our busi-

est day. Video conferencing will be available soon. Everyone is learning new ways to get their jobs done, stay connected and care for their patients. Across the board, people are being flexible,

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Chelsea Soldiers' Home suffers resident death to COVID-19, others positive

By Seth Daniel

The Chelsea Soldiers' Home is monitoring and trying to contain an outbreak of COVID-19 at the veterans' home on the hill – with one veteran resident there dying of the virus on Tuesday night.

According to a spokesperson for the Home, four residents have been tested. The man who died was positive, as is another resident. A third came up negative and the fourth is still pending.

Staff members have also had five people tested, with two being positive, one negative and another two pending.

The spokesman said they



Above, Principal Michael Talbot and a crew of staffers helped to get ChromeBooks in the hands of middle schoolers.

Right, Wright Middle School staffers handing out ChromeBooks last Friday.



Chelsea Public Schools mobilizes massive effort to pass out ChromeBooks

By Seth Daniel

The Chelsea Public Schools organized a massive effort last week and this week to pass out ChromeBooks to thousands of students in the district so they can prepare to begin online learning next week as things ramp up statewide for students to remain engaged in serious learning during the COVID-19 out-

break. Supt. Almi Abeyta said that after the second day of distribution, they had put 3,000 ChromeBooks in the hands of their student operators to prepare for learning online – which has been going on already for two weeks.

“We’re trying to create continuity for students from the classroom to home learning,” she said. “What

we’ve been suggesting to our teachers is we want to keep offering our online resources for families and students. These are resources that the students already know because they used them in the classroom. Because they already used them in the classroom, when they get the ChromeBooks, they are already familiar with them and the

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Baker extends stay-at-home advisory, closure of non-essential businesses until May 4

By Lauren Bennett

Mayor Marty Walsh and Governor Charlie Baker continue to update the public with new announcements as the coronavirus outbreak continues to develop. Governor Baker on

Tuesday announced an extension of his previous executive order requiring the closure of all non-essential businesses as well as the stay-at-home advisory until May 4. The orders were previously set to end on April 7. “This order also extends the 10 person limit on social gatherings until

May 4 as well,” the governor said. The state will also put out an updated list of businesses and organizations that will continue to operate during this period of time, which can be found at mass.gov/covid19.

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Stay Home

City Manager: Assume everyone has the virus and take precautions

By Seth Daniel

City Manager Tom Ambrosino said there have been 113 cases of COVID-19 reported in Chelsea as of Tuesday evening, a number he said is likely meaningless due to the quick spread of the virus throughout Chelsea and all communities around it.

Revere had logged the most cases in the area, with 140 confirmed cases by

Tuesday evening, with Everett only reporting 29 as of Monday night. “As I tell everyone, in some sense the number of cases is irrelevant,” he said. “The true number is likely many, many multiples of that. That number is only the number of people who have symptoms and have reported it to a doctor and have been tested. That’s only a small number

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‘I need a teacher!’

Chelsea High seniors grapple with the loss of activities, struggle to focus

By Seth Daniel

When Shakaya Moore-Perkins heard that school was going to be closed through the spring in mid-March, she said she was happy because she always wanted to do more learning online. Just one week into it though, the Chelsea High

senior is struggling with focus, technology and just really wants a teacher and classmates. “I always wanted to do online classes and I thought I’d love school being closed and going online,” she said this week. “I am struggling a week later because I realized I needed a teacher a

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A LITTLE HOPE



COURTESY PHOTO BY ENCORE BOSTON HARBOR

Encore Boston Harbor shined a little hope into the community this week as the shuttered resort casino aligned the lighting at its hotel rooms in the shape of a heart. The company said it's simply a show of love and caring for the community, a way to bring a smile to people's faces during this challenging time. To respond to the immediate needs in Greater Boston, Encore this week donated 46,000 standard masks, 4,000 n95 masks, 6,000 gloves, 40 pallets of food, seven pallets of bottled water, five pallets of toilet paper and 13,000 daffodil plants.

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CHA Everett doctor tells America ‘It just happened all at once’

By Seth Daniel

A young attending physician at the CHA Everett hospital on Monday gave a peek to the entire country as to what’s happening in the city’s local hospital, and it was shocking and difficult news.

Dr. Erin Beaumont is an attending physician at the CHA Everett Emergency Room, and last week she kept a video diary from Monday, March 23, to Sunday, March 29, about her shifts in the ER on hospital hill. On Monday night,

portions of her diary were shown on the ABC national news, and she goes through what she describes as waiting for the inevitable, to worrying about her personal safety to getting deluged with patients early on Sunday.

“At one point this evening, we just got overwhelmed,” she said on her video diary around 2:30 a.m. on Sunday. “It all happened at once – ambulance after ambulance. Our Intensive Care Units are full, our floors are full and the ER is full.”

The diary starts with her

on Tuesday afternoon getting ready to go into her shift, noting that the ICU had been full the previous day. After that shift, she talks intimately about a patient that is her age who had been admitted to the hospital with breathing problems and was presumed to be positive for COVID-19.

“He is my age, a healthy person who I admitted because I felt he was COVID-19 positive due to his labored breathing,” she said. “It’s heartbreaking though and hard because he is my age and young and healthy. I really hope we

don’t see more and more like this.”

That next day, she reported he was in the ICU getting treatment.

On Thursday, things had progressed, but the waiting game was on.

“We’re just waiting and waiting and waiting for the inevitable increases in patients that we know is going to happen,” she said. “It eats at you...and the prospect of this country being open by Easter...is ridiculous and dangerous.”

On Friday, she talks about being worried as to whether there is enough

equipment for her.

“My mom asked if I had enough PPE for myself and the answer is that I don’t know,” she said. “The question comes about where do you draw the line between protecting yourself and helping your patients...I do have asthma and I worry if I get sick I won’t do well.”

Her next entry that aired showed her overwhelmed around 2:30 a.m. on Sunday, saying they had been overwhelmed by a surge of patients.

“It happened all at once – ambulance after ambulance,” she said.



Dr. Erin Beaumont, an attending physician at CHA Everett, shared a video diary with ABC National news on Monday, noting that they hit a surge over the weekend and were overwhelmed with patients young and old.

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have taken great measures to protect the residents there, many of whom are older or are medically vulnerable.

“Protecting the health of our veteran residents, and our staff, is the single most important part of the work of the Chelsea Soldiers’ Home,” read the statement on Tuesday night. “COVID-19 cases in the Chelsea Soldiers’ Home are being isolated, closely monitored, and tracked daily, and we are deeply saddened to report (Tuesday) that a resident of our community died of this infection.

“We continue to take rapid action to mitigate the impact of the virus on our residents and staff,” it continued. “The Chelsea Soldiers’ Home is following to the letter the cleaning and infection control protocols from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Department of Veterans Affairs, and Massachusetts Department of Public Health, and vigilantly cleaning and disinfecting to maintain a clean and safe environment. The Chelsea Soldiers’ Home is doing everything in its power to maintain our veteran residents’ health during this outbreak, and will continue to monitor and act immediately. The Chelsea Soldiers’ Home followed appropriate reporting and protocols for a COVID-19 incident and is working to prioritize veteran residents’ health during this outbreak.”

City Manager Tom Ambrosino said he and the City’s Health Department had been working closely with management of the Soldiers’ Home to try to mitigate the spread of the virus. Here, unlike at the Holyoke Soldiers’ Home where there has been controversy this week about an outbreak there that wasn’t

disclosed, staff at the Home have been working in concert with the City.

“My deepest sympathies goes out to the family and friends of that veteran,” he said. “It is our first death in Chelsea. Regrettably, I don’t think it will be the last reported death in the community...The Soldiers’ Home did have great protocols and we’ve been working closely with them. The virus is everywhere and so contagion is just inevitable.”

The Chelsea Soldiers’ Home said it has and continues to implement the guidance issued by the Department of Public Health, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Guidance, and the Department of Veterans Affairs, including additional cleaning measures per current Centers for Disease Control and Prevention guidelines, including:

- Quarantining of Veterans to their wards to minimize risk of exposure.
- Masks being worn by staff throughout the facility, and veterans who request to wear one.
- Restricting take-out food allowed on premises.
- Postponed all new admissions.
- Dedicated a ward strictly for residents who have tested-positive.
- Testing all residents who present symptoms for COVID-19 is tested, per CDC guidance.
- Starting on Saturday, March 14, 2020, restricting visitors to the Long Term Care Facility.
- Starting on Monday, March 16, 2020, restricting visitors to the Independent Living Facilities.
- Adding hand sanitation stations for employees as they enter the building and throughout the facility.
- Disinfecting and treating high touch areas

throughout the day.

- Performing a deep clean of the kitchen areas daily.

- Taking daily temperatures of the residents in the Long Term Care Facility.

- Posting signage on proper hand hygiene and how to prevent the spread of respiratory diseases like the flu and COVID-19.

- Restricting movement of residents in the Long Term Care facility and the Independent Living Facilities.

On Friday, March 27, 2020, the Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency (MEMA) distributed tents to 24/7 state operated facilities as a single point of entry screening site, at which staff temperatures are taken. At the conclusion of the screening the employee is given Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) before entering the facility.

Additionally, they Home is also doing the following:

- Monitoring the situation daily and preparing for all possible contingencies.
- Positions determined to be eligible for telework have been asked to do so.
- The nurses in our Independent living area have made themselves readily available to Veterans to screen, assess, and educate Veterans in regards to COVID-19.
- The proper local and state public health officials were notified and the appropriate public health measures were taken.
- Families of residents who are tested for COVID-19 are contacted by medical staff of the Soldiers’ Home, notifying them of the test and its results.
- Sending regular communications to update veterans, families and staff on current guidance for infection control and prevention.

SBA, Treasury begin unprecedented public-private mobilization on Friday

Staff Report

Following President Donald Trump’s signing of the historic Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act, Small Business Administration (SBA) Administrator Jovita Carranza and Treasury Secretary Steven T. Mnuchin announced Tuesday that the SBA and Treasury Department have initiated a robust mobilization effort of banks and other lending institutions to provide small businesses with the capital they need.

The application period for the program is expected to begin Friday, April 3.

The CARES Act establishes a new \$349 billion Paycheck Protection Program. The Program will provide much-needed relief to millions of small businesses so they can sustain their businesses and keep their workers employed.

“This unprecedented public-private partnership is going to assist small businesses with accessing capital quickly. Our goal is to position lenders as the single point-of-contact for small businesses – the application, loan processing, and disbursement of funds will all be administered at the community level,” said Administrator Carranza. “Speed is the operative word; applications for the emergency capital can begin as early as this week, with lenders using their own systems and processes to make these loans. We remain committed to supporting our nation’s more than 30 million small businesses and their employees, so that they can continue to be the fuel for our nation’s economic engine.”

“This legislation provides small business job

retention loans to provide eight weeks of payroll and certain overhead to keep workers employed,” said Secretary Mnuchin. “Treasury and the Small Business Administration expect to have this program up and running by April 3 so that businesses can go to a participating SBA 7(a) lender, bank, or credit union, apply for a loan, and be approved on the same day. The loans will be forgiven as long as the funds are used to keep employees on the payroll and for certain other expenses.”

The new loan program will help small businesses with their payroll and other business operating expenses. It will provide critical capital to businesses without collateral requirements, personal guarantees, or SBA fees – all with a 100 percent guarantee from SBA. All loan payments will be deferred for six months. Most importantly, the SBA will forgive the portion of the loan proceeds that are used to cover the first eight weeks of payroll costs, rent, utilities, and mortgage interest.

The Paycheck Protection Program is specifically designed to help small businesses keep their workforce employed. Visit [HYPERLINK “http://www.SBA.gov/Coronavirus”](http://www.SBA.gov/Coronavirus) At “blank” [SBA.gov/Coronavirus](http://www.SBA.gov/Coronavirus) for more information on the Paycheck Protection Program.

- The new loan program will be available retroactive from Feb. 15, 2020, so employers can rehire their recently laid-off employees through June 30, 2020.

- Loan Terms & Conditions
 - Eligible businesses: All businesses, including non-profits, Veterans organizations, Tribal con-

cerns, sole proprietorships, self-employed individuals, and independent contractors, with 500 or fewer employees, or no greater than the number of employees set by the SBA as the size standard for certain industries

- Maximum loan amount up to \$10 million
- Loan forgiveness if proceeds used for payroll costs and other designated business operating expenses in the 8 weeks following the date of loan origination (due to likely high subscription, it is anticipated that not more than 25 percent of the forgiven amount may be for non-payroll costs)
- All loans under this program will have the following identical features:
 - *Interest rate of 0.5%
 - *Maturity of two years
 - *First payment deferred for six months
 - *100 percent guarantee by SBA
 - *No collateral
 - *No personal guarantees
 - *No borrower or lender fees payable to SBA

SBA’s announcement comes on the heels of a series of steps taken by the Agency since the President’s Emergency Declaration to expeditiously provide capital to financially distressed businesses affected by the Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic. Since March 17, SBA has taken the following steps:

- Declared all states and territories eligible for Economic Injury Disaster Loan assistance.
- 1-year deferment on Economic Injury Disaster Loans provided due to COVID-19.
- Automatic deferment of previous disaster loans for homeowners and businesses through 2020.
- Waiver of garnishments through 2020.

MassDOT Advisory: Rt. 1 Chelsea

Temporary Closures and Lane Reductions

The Massachusetts Department of Transportation (MassDOT) is announcing that beginning the first weekend of April 2020, Route 1 northbound and southbound in Chelsea will be reduced to one (1) travel lane during five (5) weekends in the spring for necessary bridge repairs and safety improvements. This project to, in part, replace the Route 1 Chelsea Viaduct, is using accelerated bridge construction methods to ensure that the vital section of Route 1 through Chelsea can continue to safely and efficiently process passenger and freight traffic.

Lane Reductions: Route 1 will be reduced to one (1) lane in each direction during the following weekends: **April 3 to April 6**, April 24 to April 27, May 1 to May 4, May 15 to May 18, and May 29 to June 1. **Lane reductions will begin at 10 p.m. on Fridays with two lanes available again by 5 a.m. on the following Monday.** During the lane reduction weekends, work continues around the clock.

In addition, during the spring, the Carter Street off-ramp from

Route 1 southbound in Chelsea will be closed on four weekday weeknights and also during three full weekends. Each closure will begin at 10 p.m. and conclude no later than 5 a.m. on the scheduled end date.

Closures: An overnight closure will occur on An overnight closure **will occur on Thursday, April 2nd at 10 PM and conclude on Friday, April 3rd at 5 AM.** The first weekend closure will occur on Friday, April 24, beginning at 10 p.m. and conclude on Monday, April 27, at 5 a.m. The following weekend closure will occur on Friday, May 1, at 10 p.m. and conclude on Monday, May 4, at 5 a.m. The final weekend closure for the Spring will occur on Friday, June 5, at 10 p.m. and conclude on Monday, June 8, at 5 a.m.

Drivers are urged to utilize public transit options such as the Newbury/Rockport Commuter Rail Line and seek alternate routes. Drivers looking to exit Route 1 southbound in Chelsea should use the Route 16 westbound exit towards Everett and take Revere

Beach Parkway to Everett Ave.

Drivers are urged to reduce speed, exercise caution, allow extra time for their trip, and pay close attention to signage and directions by police while traveling through work zones.

All work is subject to weather conditions.

Please share this information with your friends, neighbors, family members, co-workers, or anyone else you think will benefit from it.

For more information about the project, please visit the project website at mass.gov/tobin-bridgechelsea-curves-rehabilitation-project.

You can also view public transit options at mbta.com/Tobin-Bridge and view live and personalized traffic reports at mass511.com.

For MBTA parking lot capacity updates, check [@MBTA_Parking](https://twitter.com/MBTA_Parking) on Twitter.

You can also contact Donny Dailey, MassDOT Government Affairs Liaison, at 855-201-2614 or Tobin-Chelsea@dot.state.ma.us.

Proyecto de Rehabilitación del Puente Tobin/ Curvas de Chelsea Cierres Temporarios y Reducciones de Carriles

El Departamento de Transporte de Massachusetts (MassDOT) anuncia que a partir del primer fin de semana de abril de 2020, la Ruta 1 en dirección norte y sur se reducirá a un (1) carril de viaje durante cinco (5) fines de semana en la primavera para reparaciones de puentes y mejoras de seguridad necesarias.

Este proyecto, en parte, para reemplazar el Viaducto de Chelsea de la Ruta 1, está utilizando métodos de construcción de puentes acelerados para garantizar que la sección vital de la Ruta 1 a través de Chelsea pueda continuar procesando al tráfico de pasajeros y carga de manera segura y eficiente por dentro y en las afueras de Boston.

Reducciones de Carriles: La Ruta 1 se reducirá a un (1) carril en cada dirección durante los siguientes fines de semana: **del 3 al 6 de abril**, del 24 al 27 de abril, del 1 al 4 de mayo, del 15 al 18 de mayo, y del 29 de mayo al 1 de junio. **Las reducciones de carriles comenzarán a las 10 p.m. los viernes, con dos carriles disponibles de nuevo a las 5 de la mañana del siguiente lunes.** Durante los fines de semana de reducción de carriles, el trabajo continua las 24 horas.

Además, durante la primave-

ra, la rampa de salida de la calle Carter desde la Ruta 1 hacia el sur en Chelsea, estará cerrada durante cuatro (4) días laborales entre semana y también durante tres (3) fines de semana completos. Cada cierre comenzará a las 10 p.m. y concluirá a más tardar a las 5 de la mañana en la fecha de finalización programada.

Cierres: Un cierre de noche se llevará a cabo el **miércoles 2 de abril a las 10 p.m. y concluirá el jueves 3 de abril a las 5 a.m.** El primer cierre de fin de semana tomará lugar el viernes 24 de abril, comenzando a las 10 pm y concluyendo el lunes 27 de abril a las 5 a.m. El próximo cierre de fin de semana tendrá lugar el viernes 1 de mayo a las 10 p.m. y concluirá el lunes 4 de mayo a las 5 de la mañana. El último cierre de fin de semana de la primavera tendrá lugar el viernes 5 de junio a las 10 p.m. y concluirá el lunes, 8 de junio a las 5 a.m.

Se les urge a los conductores a utilizar opciones de transporte público, como la línea morada del tren Newbury/Rockport y buscar rutas alternativas. Los conductores que buscan salir de la Ruta 1 Sur

en Chelsea deben usar la salida de la Ruta 16 Oeste hacia Everett y tomar Revere Beach Parkway a Everett Ave. **A los conductores se les urge a reducir la velocidad, tener cuidado, permitir tiempo adicional para su viaje, y prestar mucha atención a la señalización y direcciones de la policía mientras viajan a través de zonas de trabajo.**

Todo trabajo está sujeto a condiciones climáticas.

Por favor, comparta esta información con amigos, vecinos, familiares, compañeros de trabajo o cualquier otra persona que cree que beneficiará de ella. Para obtener más información sobre el proyecto, visite el sitio web del proyecto en mass.gov/tobin-bridgechelsea-curves-rehabilitation-project. También puede ver las opciones de transporte público en mbta.com/TobinBridge y ver informes de tráfico en vivo y personalizados en mass511.com. Para actualizaciones de la capacidad del estacionamiento MBTA, consulta [@MBTA_Parking](https://twitter.com/MBTA_Parking) en Twitter. También puede comunicarse con Donny Dailey, MassDOT Enlace de Asuntos Gubernamentales, al 855-201-2614 o Tobin-Chelsea@dot.state.ma.us.

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students now exactly what to do.”

Abeyta said there was a rush to get the computers, which students already use at school, but are not allowed to take home. The district didn’t have to go out and get brand new computers, luckily, but many families were hampered in the last few weeks in connecting with schoolwork due to a lack of technology in the home.

“Before we even started, we had lines,” she said. “We did 2,000 ChromeBooks on day one. It went really well, but in the midst of that we had to be smart and practice social distancing.”

As much as possible, the schools set up pick-ups in a drive-thru situation, such as at the Burke Complex. Otherwise, they were picked up in front of the schools, such as at the Clark Avenue Middle.

“Every ChromeBook has a number and we scan the number into the system so we know who received their ChromeBook,” she said.

City officials and school officials have also been able to help families without an Internet connection get a connection through Comcast for the time being.

“Our Chelsea Public Schools and the City have been amazing during this time,” she said. “People have come together and are working together to support the community and our students. We’ll be a lot strong in many ways after going through this trial.”



At the Burke Complex, staffers helped to distribute ChromeBooks to students.



A staff member at the Burke Complex prepares a ChromeBook packet for students.



Principal Lisa Lineweaver of the Kelly School greeting families at a safe distance.

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no one knows what’s going on. I need a teacher with me and I need classmates. If I as in college, I think this is what it might be like because they always say you are on your own. I know people need to finish their large projects right now so they can graduate and I’m trying to do that, but it’s hard. I need to finish so I can get my financial aid package.”

Moore-Perkins is an active student at CHS, and also an athlete on the track team. When she isn’t at school, she is dedicated to the ECO Youth team at GreenRoots. All of that life is seemingly on pause for Moore-Perkins and her classmates, particularly the seniors.

One thing on everyone’s mind, she said, is prom.

No one is sure what will happen with prom, and it isn’t yet canceled but some say the writing is on the wall.

“I was looking forward to prom so much,” she said. “I’m glad I didn’t buy my prom dress yet. I did have a budget for it though. I have friends who have dresses that cost \$750 and they already put down-payments on them. They spent like \$400 and can’t get it back. They can’t return them either. Many of my friends had set up make-up and hair appointments back in February. Now we don’t know and we probably won’t have it. Prom is next month and there isn’t a vaccine now and having 100 people in a room is maybe not a good idea these days.”

Graduation is also on her mind, she said.

“I wanted to walk across that stage,” she said. “I wanted my uncle and aunt to be there for it too. I hope we have it and I hope they are healthy enough to come if we do have it.”

Supt. Almi Abeyta said everything is up in the air now, particularly for the seniors.

“It’s unfortunate our seniors are going through this because it’s their last days in high school,” she said. “We do still plan on having graduation. I don’t know when it will be. I’d like for it to be at the end of June. Whether it’s June, July or August, we’ll do something.”

She said she hopes that the community might be able to come together when the COVID-19 response is lessened in order to honor a special group of CHS seniors that lost out on many of the best parts of their last year.

“I know our Chelsea community is an amazing community and would support our seniors in any way it can,” she said. “It’s just a matter of not knowing how long we’ll be in this situation.”

But for Moore-Perkins right now, the pressure is to complete difficult work alone, and in an environment where technology glitches can set students back several days – causing

them to miss critical deadlines.

Moore-Perkins wants to be a high school social worker and is currently taking college classes (English and Statistics) at Bunker Hill Community College. She had planned to continue her education there in the fall and maybe transfer later on. However, right now she needs to pass her English class, she said, in order to make sure her financial aid package for next fall stays intact.

That was made all the more difficult this week when her phone broke.

“On Monday my phone broke and I had an important essay due,” she said. “My teacher extended the deadline but my phone was broken and I didn’t have any of the log-ins or security questions. I couldn’t do any homework that entire time. Finally I got my phone fixed.”

Meanwhile, she said her guidance counselor and social worker from CHS have been in daily contact, and the ChromeBook at home from school with a new internet connection have been helpful.

Still though, she said, “I need my teachers back.”

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THERE ARE MANY HEROES IN THE BATTLE AGAINST COVID-19

The current crisis in which we find ourselves has been compared to a war.

But instead of an opposing army, our enemy is a novel virus that is 1/900th the width of a human hair and that can be transmitted in ways that are both stealthily insidious and ruthlessly efficient.

As with any battle, it is the soldiers on the front lines who are doing the hard fighting and bearing the heavy burden of loss.

In this case, the army responding to take on COVID-19 consists of our first and second-level responders -- the police officers, firefighters, EMTs, nurses, doctors, and other health care and emergency workers -- as well as the truckers, grocery store and pharmacy clerks, utility company employees, municipal employees, and the countless others whose jobs have been deemed “essential” in order that their fellow Americans can maintain some semblance of normalcy.

Although these heroes perform many disparate tasks, the one thing that they have in common is that they literally are putting their lives, as well as the safety of their loved ones, on the line by exposing themselves to possible infection when they deal with any member of the public.

For our first and second-level responders, the danger has been particularly acute. The tragic stories making the headlines about nurses and doctors who have died because of exposure to COVID-19 have cast into stark reality the very real, life-and-death battle that these heroic Americans are facing every minute of every day that they are on the job.

Thanks to a level of unpreparedness by our nation that is nothing less than shocking -- from the lack of available test kits that could have identified those first cases that ensnared so many unsuspecting victims, to the scarcity of necessary protective and life-saving equipment (masks, gowns, and ventilators) -- our first and second responders have been left defenseless in their battle against this onslaught.

As one emergency room nurse in New York aptly put it, “We are being asked to fight a war without any ammunition.”

We know we join with our readers in thanking all of our heroes for their selfless service to our nation and upon whose continued devotion to duty our very survival is dependent.

THIS WILL BE A LONG HAUL

It has become evident to everyone that the effort to hold back COVID-19 is not conducive of either an easy or a quick fix.

This is going to be a long and difficult ordeal that will test the fabric of our nation, both collectively and individually.

No one among us is immune to the effects of this plague. It will reach into every corner and crevasse of society, regardless of age, gender, fame, or wealth.

The \$2 trillion relief bill that Congress approved last week is just the beginning of what promises to be the unlimited spending of vast sums in order to provide all Americans, from the biggest corporations to individual citizens, the means by which they can make it through to the other side of this pandemic, however long that may take.

With almost all of the country essentially quarantined in place, these additional, enormous government outlays will be the only available option to ensure that no American goes hungry and to save hundreds of thousands of businesses, both big and small, from disappearing forever.

Unlimited government spending to achieve these ends also will be necessary to prevent our society from descending into a state of total anarchy.

ACT WITH THE URGENCY THIS CRISIS REQUIRES

Dear Editor,

(An open letter to the Massachusetts State Legislature)

In this time of crisis, instability, and fear we look to you for leadership—and the lives of Bay Staters will literally depend on it. We are grateful for the role the legislature has played over the past two weeks, from moving legislative offices to remote function, to encouraging Governor Baker to close schools and daycares statewide, to waiving the 1-week waiting period for unemployment assistance. However, this moment requires more from the legislative branch, and on a rapid timeline.

Even as workplaces across the Commonwealth shutter and paychecks disappear, individuals’ expenses are increasing due to the demands of this emergency. And as we saw vividly in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina, when disasters strike, it is people of limited means who bear the most unforgiving brunt of these crises. Low-income residents must now heat their homes during the hours when they used to be at school or work. Families must make daily pilgrimages to meal distribution sites—also often exposing themselves and their children to risk of coronavirus exposure on mass transit—to replace the two meals a day previously provided at schools. Formerly routine trips to the laundromat are now costly moral choices between leaving young children home alone longer, taking a less-frequently running bus, or paying for a TNC ride to get home to your kids faster. Residents in need are spending scarce cell phone minutes on long wait times to apply for emergency aid or to get telemedicine consults.

Massachusetts’ assistance programs, as currently configured, are not adequate to meet this unprecedented need. Applications for SNAP benefits have increased fourfold in the last two weeks. The unemployment system has

been flooded with applications, many of whom are ineligible for assistance under current parameters. And even for those who do qualify, the existing 50% wage replacement will not sustain already-low-income families. Advocates in the domestic violence space are steeling themselves for a wave of families in crisis. And these are just a few examples. The coronavirus pandemic has put immense stress on the safety net system.

Many proposals have been floated for how to address different facets of this flood of need, and to keep circulation flowing in our local economies: a one-time supplemental payment TAFDC and EAEDC cash assistance beneficiaries; a universal basic income intervention; closing holes in healthcare coverage for the underinsured; expansion of the UI benefit beyond 50%; supplementing the federal LifeLine program to ensure people have adequate minutes on their

phone to enroll in these programs and to realistically practice social distancing; an infusion of dollars into the shelter system and RAFT program to help people be/stay safely housed. We implore you to choose some of these solutions and move on them now.

Low-income families are in desperate, health-compromising situations and have been so for many days already. Specifically, we call on you to put a package of safety net measures on the floor of the House and Senate for a vote no later than April 10—a full month after the state of emergency was declared.

We recognize that funding will be necessary to back up these interventions. While federal assistance may cover some of these expenses, it likely won’t cover all of them. Thanks to your stewardship of the state budget in recent years, Massachusetts boasts the strongest “Rainy Day Fund” we have ever had, at \$3.47 billion. One of the three allowed purposes for appropriations from the fund is “for any event which threatens the health, safety or welfare of the people or the fiscal stability of the

commonwealth or any of its political subdivisions.” If this isn’t such an occasion, we don’t know what is. We urge you to use the Rainy Day Fund to swiftly enable some combination of the interventions above.

We recognize that the Fund, combined with federal resources, will likely be needed to support emergency response and economic recovery over several months and potentially years. But given the acute state of emergency facing our people and our economy in the immediate weeks, a modest draw of up to 6%, or about \$200 million, from the \$3.47 billion total in the Rainy Day Fund is entirely warranted. As many of our family members, neighbors, and fellow Bay Staters enter the third week of coronavirus impacts, we believe this \$200 million is not only desperately needed, but overdue.

In Massachusetts, we have the means to protect the health and welfare of our residents. We beg you to act with the urgency this crisis requires.

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A HUGE THANK YOU

To the Community of Chelsea,

As we navigate through the challenges of COVID-19 and the constant changing atmosphere, I would like to take a moment and thank the community members who have worked tirelessly to support our community of Chelsea during this unprecedented time in history.

In all of the challenges, noise, and isolation, I am reminded that our educators, superintendent, assistant superintendent, school principals, faculty and staff across the district, are constantly fighting educational inequity that is only destined to grow in the coming weeks and months, as a result of this pandemic. Through online classes, virtual check-ins, food and ChromeBook distribution, the Chelsea Public School System has our students’ best interest at heart.

I would also like to thank members that are doing the vital work of keeping our community safe and caring for the most vulnerable among us. A huge thank you to our grocery store workers, cashiers, medical professionals, caretakers, bus drivers, janitors, restaurant workers, sanitation workers, postal workers, Chelsea Police Officers, Chelsea Fire Fighters, caregivers, factory workers, social workers, City Manager Tom Ambrosino, Chelsea School Committee Members, Chelsea City Council, members of the faith communities, volunteers and food service workers.

In closing, in the words of Paul Williams, a Grammy-winning songwriter, “When you go out and see the empty streets, the empty stadiums, the empty train platforms, don’t say to yourself ‘It looks like the end of the world.’ What you’re seeing is love in action. What you’re seeing, in that negative space, is how much we do care for each other, for our grandparents, for our immuno-compromised brothers and sisters, for people we will never meet. Let it fill you and sustain you. It isn’t the end of the world. It is the most remarkable act of global solidarity we may ever witness.”

Kelly Garcia
Chairwoman of the
Chelsea School
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Cultural Council announces new Heritage Celebration grants

The Chelsea Cultural Council (CCC) is excited to announce a new grant program supporting the celebration of Chelsea’s heritage and diversity. The Chelsea Heritage Celebrations Grant funds a broad range of cultural events, street fairs, art shows, festivals, and related activities such as: murals, sculptures, and film series that promote the community’s heritage, quality of life, recreation.

“The arts and culture are a powerful source of healing in times like these,” said Marlene Jennings, CCC Chair. “They can connect us, they can infuse our lives with a deeper sense of place and purpose. The arts and culture have the power to change where we live



and who we are for the better. We are grateful to Encore Boston Harbor for providing the funds to support this special grant program.”

The goal is to fund both single and multi-day events and projects that are open to the public to promote the celebration of Chelsea and its surrounding heritage and diversity. The grant range is 3,000-\$15,000. A larger request may be considered based on merit.

Current round of funding is for projects happening until December 31, but we’ll be flexible considering this year’s special circumstances. Beginning October, 2020 the application process will open again, for another round of funding for projects that will take place during the 2021 calendar year.

Grant Guidelines and Application can be found at www.chelseamaa/coc.

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patient and understanding. All of this makes our challenges easier to address.

EBNHC is also proud to partner with the City of Boston and Boston Public Health Commission to offer COVID-19 testing to first responders at Suffolk Downs. The drive-thru testing site, which opened this past Saturday, is open by appointment only to qualified EMTs, firefighters and police officers who have first been screened to ensure they meet the state criteria for testing. The site is not open to the public.

“Working closely with Mayor Walsh and the Boston Public Health Com-

mission, the East Boston Neighborhood Health Center is honored to come to the aid of the city and our first responders,” said Manny Lopes, President and CEO, EBNHC. “We have been here for Boston for 50 years, and our staff continues to show their commitment to our city and local communities in the face of this terrible crisis. Thank you to our partners at the City of Boston, the Boston Public Health Commission, HYM Investment Group and Suffolk Downs, Quest Diagnostics and Blue Cross Blue Shield of Massachusetts for their support mobilizing around the testing

center so rapidly.”

Our community’s unity, strength, grit and resources are assets for which we can all be grateful and proud. For as long as it takes, EBNHC will continue working with local and national public health officials to ensure the safety of our staff, patients and members of the communities we serve. To help protect you, EBNHC has partnered with Independent Newspaper Group and other media to share important information regularly. This content and other health information also appears at ebnhc.org/COVID19 and on our social media channels.

POLICE Briefs By SETH DANIEL AND PAUL KOOLLOIAN

ABUSED DOG

On March 4, at noon, officers responded to 1 Webster Ave. for a report of animal abuse. Witnesses came forward and told officers that they observed the male physically abusing his dog. The dog appeared to have injuries and the male was placed under arrest. The animal control officer was notified to further investigate. The dog was transported to a local animal hospital to be treated for serious injuries.

John Lawson, 22, of 1 Webster Ave., was charged with cruelty to an animal.

STOLEN VEHICLE

On March 2, at 10:20 p.m., officers were dispatched to the parking lot of 14 Bloomingdale St. for a suspicious motor vehicle with two parties inside. The vehicle was a Nissan Rogue and Chelsea Dispatch advised that the vehicle was reported as stolen out of

Malden. Chelsea officers responded and located the car and occupants and placed the operator under arrest, they released the female on-scene.

Scott MacDonald, 36, of Everett, was charged with receiving a stolen vehicle.

ENDANGERED CHILD

On March 5, at 7:30 p.m., officers were dispatched to the area of Marginal Street and Pearl Street for a report of an intoxicated female in an Uber rideshare with an infant. The officers observed the female party was intoxicated in the vehicle with the child in the back seat. The Uber driver stated he was not comfortable with her intoxication and did not want drive with her in the vehicle. The female and child were taken into the station, the female was charged with child endangerment and the child

was turned over to a family member. The Department of Children and Families was notified to investigate further.

Ashley Yarasitis, 23, of Medford, was charged with reckless endangerment to children.

DRIVING WITHOUT THE ESSENTIALS

On March 10, while a traffic assignment in the area of Broadway and Fifth Street, officers noticed Nissan brown sedan traveling down Broadway with no valid inspection sticker. Officers signaled the vehicle to pull over. The operator was found to not have a valid license and had improper plates on the vehicle.

Martha Zelaya, 36, of 8 Fitz Terrace, was charged with unlicensed operation, no inspection sticker, number plate violation, and using a number plate to conceal ID.

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of people in Chelsea who have done that. We have to assume the virus is everywhere in the city. The good news is most people have mild symptoms and recover quickly.”

Last week, Ambrosino made an impassioned call for people to stay home and practice social distancing, particularly due to the dense living conditions of many homes in the city. So far, he said most people are following that calling.

“I would say compliance with that has been working well,” he said. “If you have 70 to 80 percent compliant, that is good, but even with that it means 20 percent aren’t complying and that’s a lot of people on the streets...The vast

majority are taking it seriously. There is a group of people that are not and they have an outsized impact on people’s perceptions. Most people here are heeding the warning.”

Ambrosino said the Public Health Department has been working with Senior Citizen buildings in the community to make sure they have all the proper protocols to prevent an outbreak such as has happened at the Jack Satter House on Revere Beach where up to five people have died in one week.

“These are very vulnerable populations and even with the best efforts, it’s probable people will be infected and there will be some outbreaks,” he said.

“We are providing the best support as possible to these buildings. They all seem to have good protocols in place.”

•Volunteers are still needed in the City for a variety of things, he said.

Anyone that wants to volunteer can call 3-1-1 to register, or if that doesn’t work, they can call (617) 466-4209.

“We are just going to try the best that we can do,” he said. “That’s our mantra. We can’t solve everything and be everywhere, but we’ll do the best we can. If we meet 75 percent of the needs, that’s great. If it’s 25 percent, at least we know we did our very best.”

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Legislature passes bills to help local government, restaurants

Rep. Ryan commends leaders for getting bills passed quickly

By Seth Daniel

The State Legislature passed several pieces of legislation over the past few days that focus on helping local businesses like restaurants by allowing liquor license holders to sell beer and wine with food to go – along with a municipal package focusing on taxes.

State Rep. Dan Ryan praised the efforts of both houses of the State Legislature in working well together to get necessary changes passed quickly that will help local businesses and local governments survive the COVID-19 response.

“I want to commend the

House and Senate leadership for getting these bills to the Governor’s desk,” he said. “Legislative bodies, by design, are accustomed to deliberation, not immediacy. In Massachusetts our work is bi-cameral, and bi-partisan. We are working collectively to get relief to our local communities as quickly as possible while respecting the confines of our Constitution. We are not out of the woods by a long shot. But I feel good about our local and state governments’ ability to respond and adapt. Mistakes will be made but the will to work and work collectively is heartening.”

State Sen. Sal DiDomenico said the bill came to the Senate on Monday after being passed in the House on Friday, March 27, and it included key provisions like the ability of restaurants with liquor licenses to be able to serve beer and wine with food to-go or delivered.

DiDomenico said despite the shut-down at the State House, the legislature continues to meet regularly via online meetings.

On Tuesday, they had a caucus and last week they had an online meeting with 40 of the state’s top legislative leaders. They plan to have more as well in the

coming weeks, likely about two a week.

“We’re still in business and passing bills and I’m co-sponsoring bills,” he said.

The legislation would extend the individual state tax filing and payment deadline from April 15 to July 15.

The legislation also includes the following provisions:

- Permits establishments licensed to sell alcohol for on-premises consumption to sell wine and beer via delivery and take-out provided the wine or beer is sold in the same transaction as a purchase of food and in a sealed container.
- Modifies local permit-

ting processes, extending municipal tax deadlines, and allowing municipalities to extend property tax exemptions and deferrals.

- Allows municipalities to activate qualified workers by suspending the cap on hours and compensation for certain retired employees for hours worked during the state of emergency.

“As the COVID-19 public health crisis continues to evolve, the House responded again today to the growing needs of our communities, our businesses, and our residents by easing burdens related to local permitting, extending the state’s tax deadline and giving restaurants more business opportunities,” said Speaker

Bob DeLeo. “Thank you to Chair Michlewitz and Chair O’Day for their leadership on these important issues.”

Said neighboring State Rep. Aaron Michlewitz, chair of the Ways & Means Committee, “This relief package will give administrative and economic relief to our restaurants, our cities and towns, and to the taxpayers of the Commonwealth. As we continue to face the day to day effects of COVID-19, it is vital that we do all that we can to offer assistance to those in need.”

The bill was expected to be signed quickly by Gov. Charlie Baker, who proposed many of the measures two weeks ago.

He’s Barry Good At What He Does

Kirshon carries on tradition at Home Décor Group

By Cary Shuman

Kirshon Paint built up a reputation that was so trusted and revered that customers fondly called the store simply, Kirshon’s. The Kirshon Family owned and operated the business for 73 years on Pearl Street, with proud son Barry Kirshon taking the reins as owner for the past 40 years.

Last June, Barry made the decision to sell the business to the Home Décor Group, a seven-store, decorating paint chain based in Peabody and owned by the Tapper family, Lee and Leslie Tapper, and sons, Jonathan and Michael.

“I had decided to look in to selling the business because I wanted to retire in a

few years,” said Barry. “My daughters [Melanie and Kimberly] and their husbands enjoy their careers and they didn’t want to go in to the paint business.”

At the age of 63, Barry felt it was time to start his retirement and begin enjoying life after retirement.

“The Tapper family made an offer and we worked out an agreement where they would buy the business and I would work for them for a few more years to keep the same flow of business and make it an easy transition for my customers and employees,” explained Barry, who is now the store manager.

The change in ownership has allowed Barry to take more vacations with his

family and spend time with his three grandsons.

Customers, though, still enjoy seeing Barry and purchasing the store’s familiar products and brands. Hollywood movie producers have made his store the No. 1 choice for paints for local movie sets and locations.

Barry has always made sure that his business was a member of the Chelsea Chamber of Commerce. He served with distinction as president of the Rotary Club and was honored as a Paul Harris Fellow.

The store’s commitment and support of Chelsea organizations goes all the way back to its founding. For years the Kirshon family sponsored the dynastic Chelsea Little League Red

Legs team, featuring such all-time greats as Mike Lush, Peter Hanlon, Scott Cole, the Richard brothers, Jack and Eddie, Paul Wheeler, and Earl Vigoda.

Operating during the current coronavirus crisis

Barry Kirshon spoke about Home Décor and how the COVID-19 crisis has affected the business.

“We are considered an essential business due to the cleaning products that we have,” noted Barry.

He said for the sake of employees’ safety the store has changed its operating hours to Monday to Friday, from 6:30 a.m. to 3 p.m., and Saturday, from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.

“We’re offering curbside service after a customer



Store manager Barry Kirshon is pictured outside the Home Décor Group store on Pearl Street.

calls in with their order,” said Barry.

Interestingly, Benjamin Moore, the store’s main supplier of paint, is producing hand sanitizers for distribution in stores.

Still The One

While the familiar Kirshon Paint sign still hangs outside the building at 124 Pearl St., the store is offi-

cially known as Home Décor Group of Chelsea.

And Barry Kirshon – the well-known businessman and community leader, husband of Darleen Nelson Kirshon, father and grandfather, and exceptional candlepin bowler – is present at the store each day welcoming old friends and loyal customers.

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CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

MassDOT Advisory: Rt. 1 Chelsea Temporary Closures and Lane Reductions

The Massachusetts Department of Transportation (MassDOT) is announcing that beginning the first weekend of April 2020, Route 1 northbound and southbound in Chelsea will be reduced to one travel lane during five weekends in the spring for necessary bridge repairs and safety improvements. This project to, in part, replace the Route 1 Chelsea Viaduct, is using accelerated bridge construction methods to ensure that the vital section of Route 1 through Chelsea can continue to safely and efficiently process passenger and freight traffic.

- Lane Reductions: Route 1 will be reduced to one (1) lane in each direction during the following weekends: April 3 to April 6, April 24 to April 27, May 1 to May 4, May 15 to May 18, and

May 29 to June 1. Lane reductions will begin at 10:00 p.m. on Fridays with two lanes available again by 5:00 a.m. on the following Monday. During the lane reduction weekends, work continues around the clock.

In addition, during the spring, the Carter Street off-ramp from Route 1 southbound in Chelsea will be closed on four weekday weeknights and also during three full weekends. Each closure will begin at 10 p.m. and conclude no later than 5 a.m. on the scheduled end date.

- Closures: An overnight closure will occur on Wednesday, March 25, at 10 p.m. and conclude on Thursday, March 26, at 5 a.m. The second overnight closure will occur on Thursday, April 2 at 10 p.m. and conclude on Friday, April 3 at 5 a.m. The first weekend closure will occur on Friday, April 24, beginning at 10 p.m. and conclude on Monday, April 27, at 5 a.m.

The following weekend closure will occur on Friday, May 1, at 10 p.m. and conclude on Monday, May 4, at 5 a.m. The final weekend closure for the Spring will occur on Friday, June 5, at 10:00 p.m. and conclude on Monday, June 8, at 5 a.m.

Drivers are urged to utilize public transit options such as the Newbury/Rockport Commuter Rail Line and seek alternate routes. Drivers looking to exit Route 1 southbound in Chelsea should use the Route 16 westbound exit towards Everett and take Revere Beach Parkway to Everett Ave.

Drivers are urged to reduce speed, exercise caution, allow extra time for their trip, and pay close attention to signage and directions by police while traveling through work zones.

All work is subject to weather conditions.

Office of Economic Empowerment launches digital financial resources amid COVID-19 outbreak

The Massachusetts State Treasurer’s Office of Economic Empowerment has launched a new digital tool for residents in Massachusetts experiencing financial changes due to the COVID-19 outbreak. With the goal of providing relevant financial education for families, the Office of Economic Empowerment created a new page on Mass.gov with timely free resources available to the general public.

The page, HYPERLINK “https://www.mass.gov/ma-financial-resources-for-covid-19” \t “_blank” https://www.mass.gov/ma-financial-resources-for-covid-19, features state-of-the-art financial education tools designed by Everfi, an education

technology company. The page also includes critical resources on identifying scams and fraud during this time, directions to file for unemployment, and much more. The Office of Economic Empowerment is committed to updating the page regularly with new materials as they become available.

“The COVID-19 outbreak has had an impact on all of Massachusetts, so it is important that we provide support during this unprecedented time,” said State Treasurer Deb Goldberg. “This website is designed to offer resources that will assist everyone with everyday life challenges.”

The Office of Economic Empowerment is dedicated to providing financial

education for residents of Massachusetts. In 2017, the Office launched MyFinancialLifeMA.org, a first-of-its-kind website providing money management strategies and tools that can help guide users through each stage of life.

On day one of becoming Treasurer, Goldberg created the Office of Economic Empowerment (OEE), led by a deputy treasurer, with the deliberate goal of implementing a range of economic empowerment initiatives that include closing the gender wage gap, increasing access to financial education, improving college affordability, and investing in STEM careers and education.

CORONAVIRUS CONTINUED IMPACT ON CHELSEA AND THE COMMONWEALTH

Housing Court standing orders will bar new eviction cases through April 21

By Seth Daniel

Though it is an unintended consequence of the state court system trying to promote social distancing and health, there will also be an added protection for tenants affected by the COVID-19 response who are in fear of being evicted from their homes for not being able to pay rent.

April 1 has been circled on the calendar of many homes for the past three weeks since the bottom fell out of the world economy, and with such job and income loss – it left a lot of folks wondering how they would pay rent at the first of the month, that being the first rental payment due since the outbreak.

Housing Court Chief Justice Tim Sullivan and Deputy Court Administrator Benjamin Adeyinka said this week they have issued a Housing Court standing order through April 21 that will allow only emergency cases to come before them, and those do not include the typical summary process evictions.

“The answer as to whether we are taking those cases is no – we are not taking the garden variety eviction cases until after April 21,” said Chief Justice Sullivan. “The only actions we’re hearing are emergency conditions and they do not include the garden variety eviction cases. Only emergency cases are being heard, and so eviction cases are being suspended presently.”

That order really doesn’t have a lot to do with protecting people from being evicted. In fact, the standing order spells out that the order is to prevent the spread of the COVID-19 virus.

“Consistent with the Trial Court’s goal in slowing the spread of the virus, and considering the recommendations by the Center for Disease Control (CDC) and from state health officials, the Housing Court’s aim during this time is two-fold: first, where practicable, to reduce the number of people who come to each

courthouse where Housing Court business is conducted; and second to promote ‘social distancing,’ thereby minimizing the risk of exposure to court staff and litigants.”

That has, however, stopped evictions at a time when people also need help staying in their homes.

Across all the Housing Courts – which have expanded in the last year across the state – case filings have gone down dramatically because of the order and the inability to appear in court unless an absolute emergency. Filings statewide in Housing Court were down 63 percent two weeks ago, and were down 68 percent last week.

“We think the message has been received loud and clear by the general public,” said Chief Justice Sullivan. “The emergencies we’re doing with telephonic hearings...Still, we want to make sure they fully understand that despite the access to the building, we’re still accessible. They can call us.”

Right now, the typical Eastern Division Housing Court session in Chelsea – which serves Chelsea and Revere once a week – will be suspended for a period of time. Operations for the Eastern Division have been fully moved to the Edward Brooke Courthouse, which has been closed recently.

For those in Everett, typically they had sessions in Woburn for Housing Court, those are also suspended. The headquarters for those operations now are in Salem or Lawrence, but again only for emergencies.

Adeyinka said they cannot take a position on evictions or protections at the court, but they are encouraging communication between all parties.

“We do encourage individuals in this time to exercise common sense and communicate – landlords with tenants and tenants with landlords,” he said. “We’ve found anecdotally that large landlords have taken measures...We’ve found some of the larger landlords have

made that contact. We can’t support or offer any advice though.”

Chief Justice Sullivan said a key item is the state Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) standing order that reinforced the order from Housing Court. That order calls on all local housing authorities to allow forbearance of rent on subsidized tenants. He said that is an important precedent and helpful to those tenants.

“If someone feels they have their back against the wall, whether a landlord or a tenant, they should contact the court’s hotline,” he said.

It is also important to note that any default judgements entered between March 1 and April 21 will be vacated.

Sullivan and Adeyinka said they have Housing Specialists still working diligently who can offer advice on how to access rental programs like the Residential Assistance for Families in Transition (RAFT). They also said Housing Specialists are bi-lingual in Spanish, and interpreters can be patched in on an advanced conference call line that can handle up to 20 people at once.

“We don’t want language to be a barrier,” Adeyinka said. “We do have the ability to conference in an interpreter.”

Chief Justice Sullivan added the attorney for a day program is also available virtually for those who need it, and they are working with several organizations to have that available by telephone or online.

“We are here to help even though the building is physically closed,” he said.

Sullivan added the situation and the times are like nothing he has seen, and that has justified the measures that have been taken in Housing Court.

“I agree with is a unique time we’re in,” he said. “I’ve never experienced anything like it in my 60 years. I can’t remember anything being more disruptive than this pandemic.”

setts bar examination, alternative means for testing of applicants for Massachusetts bar admission will be devised and announced.

The Massachusetts Board of Bar Examiners (BBE) is established by G.L. c. 221 §§35 & 36 to evaluate the qualifications of persons seeking admission to the bar of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

State announces Command Center Advisory Board of Medical Experts, Infectious Disease Specialists

On Weds., March 25, the state announced the COVID-19 Advisory Board, a group of medical experts that will support the Response Command Center as the Commonwealth continues to respond to COVID-19.

The Response Command Center, under the leadership of Secretary Marylou Suders and reporting to Governor Charlie Baker and Lt. Governor Karyn Polito, is the Commonwealth’s single point of strategic decision making and coordination for the Administration’s comprehensive COVID-19 response.

The COVID-19 Advisory Board, which first met on Wednesday, March 19, will advise the COVID-19 Response Command Center on key decision points in the state’s response, including expanding access to testing and planning for medical surge, and will formally meet weekly for updates. Advisory Board members include:

•Scott Gottlieb, MD, American Enterprise Institute – Scott Gottlieb, M.D., is a resident fellow at the American Enterprise Institute (AEI). He returned to AEI in 2019 after serving as the 23rd commissioner of the Food and Drug Administration (FDA). At AEI, he continues his work on improving public health through entrepreneurship and medical innovation and on expanding regulatory approaches to maintain patient

and physician autonomy.

•Rochelle Walensky, MD, MPH, Massachusetts General Hospital – Dr. Rochelle Walensky, MD, MPH, is Professor of Medicine at Harvard Medical School and a practicing Infectious Disease physician at Massachusetts General Hospital and Brigham and Women’s Hospital. Dr. Walensky’s research interests focus on model-based analyses of the cost-effectiveness of HIV testing, care, and prevention strategies to inform HIV/AIDS policy internationally and domestically.

•Paul Biddinger, MD, Massachusetts General Hospital – Dr. Paul Biddinger holds the MGH Endowed Chair in Emergency Preparedness and is the Director of the Center for Disaster Medicine, and Vice Chairman for Emergency Preparedness in the Department of Emergency Medicine at Mass General. He is also the Director for Emergency Preparedness at Partners Healthcare. Dr. Biddinger additionally serves as the Director of the Emergency Preparedness Research, Evaluation and Practice (EPREP) Program at the Harvard T. H. Chan School of Public Health, and holds appointments at Harvard Medical School and at the Chan School. Dr. Biddinger serves as a special advisor to the Massachusetts Medical Society’s Committee on Preparedness and serves as a medical officer for the MA-1

Disaster Medical Assistance Team (DMAT) in the National Disaster Medical System (NDMS) in the US Department of Health and Human Services (HHS).

•Michael Wagner, MD, FACP, Wellforce – Dr. Michael Wagner is a physician leader who combines his unique experience as a primary care physician, hospitalist, entrepreneur and CEO to transform health care. Dr. Wagner has worked with caregivers in academic and community health care settings throughout the country. Today, he is the Interim CEO and Chief Physician Executive of Wellforce, a \$2B and growing health system in Eastern Massachusetts that has been recognized for its high quality, lower cost value position and its commitment to keeping care in the community.

•Eric Lander, PhD, Broad Institute – Eric Lander is president and founding director of the Broad Institute of MIT and Harvard. A geneticist, molecular biologist, and mathematician, he has played a pioneering role in all aspects of the reading, understanding, and biomedical application of the human genome. He was a principal leader of the Human Genome Project.

The Baker-Polito Administration announced the creation of a new COVID-19 Response Command Center on March 14, 2020.

City Budget later this year will be a grim reminder of COVID-19 financial problems

By Seth Daniel

Revenues for the City and state are down across the board – that coming with the announcement that the State Lottery sales are down 30 percent since the first week of March – and it’s a situation that City Manager Tom Ambrosino said will be wrenching to deal with once the COVID-19 crisis is mitigated.

This week, State Lottery officials told the Record that sales are down across the board since the first week of March by 30 percent – which is almost \$30 million less per week. They expect it to go down even further as business continues to be shut down, and that will likely affect unrestricted local aid to cities like Chelsea.

No surprise to Ambrosino, who said it’s not just the lottery, but also hotel excise tax, meals taxes, property taxes and other forms of revenue too.

“I would say every revenue source for the City has fallen through the floor and Fiscal Year 2021 will be an incredibly gut-wrenching time for Chelsea and every

other city and town in the Commonwealth and the nation,” he said.

Gov. Charlie Baker had already presented his State Budget proposal two months ago, which the State Legislature was reviewing and the City was using to start formulating numbers for its budget.

Not anymore. “I would say the governor’s Fiscal Year 2021 budget has been shredded and he’ll be starting from scratch,” he said. “Anything the Commonwealth had planned to do is likely interrupted. The only question for the City is what are the cuts and how much cutting will we have to do. It’s still too early to tell because we have no idea what state aid will look like and we had been crafting our budget based on those numbers.”

There is \$150 billion set aside for state and local government in the CARES Act passed last week by the federal government, but Ambrosino said it’s nowhere near enough.

“That will be totally insufficient,” he said. “There will be massive layoffs to

government workers unless the federal government steps in to support state government and cities and towns like they did big companies and small businesses. Until they do that, the majority of the layoffs in the nation will be in government.”

There are also concerns about the School Department, which was set to start reaping the benefits of the long-awaited Student Opportunity Act. That is in question now, and few have any answers at this moment as to whether that money will come in, or whether districts will be left to make even more cuts and try to survive.

“I think mayors and city managers and superintendents are all troubled by this, but we have so many immediate concerns in the next week or two with safety and health that worrying about July 1 is second in priority,” he said. “Everyone is just trying to get through the day, the week, the month. July 1 is going to be a nightmare, but we can’t worry about that now.”

GreenRoots establishes a 4 p.m. daily routine with conference call

By Seth Daniel

It was a few weeks ago when one of the workers at GreenRoots told Directors Roseann Bongiovanni and Maria Belen Power that she thought the coronavirus was going to be a major issue in Chelsea.

No one doubted her, but getting things coordinated was going to be the key.

What came out of that discussion was a conference call every day at 4 p.m. that has become a key rallying point for City government, first responders, medical personnel and non-profit agencies all over Chelsea.

“She said she felt things were going to get real-

ly tough here and people might end up not being able to pay rent or get food,” said Bongiovanni on Monday. “We got people together on the phone that day and had about 10 to 15 people. What started that day ended up being our daily 4 p.m. call. For the past 17 days we’ve had a daily 4 p.m. call. It started with 10 to 15 people and now it’s up to about 70 stakeholders.”

Bongiovanni said GreenRoots has pivoted from its environmental work to now putting all of its efforts towards fighting the COVID-19 virus and helping mitigate the accompanying response in Chelsea.

Working with the City, the School Department, the Chelsea Collaborative,

Chelsea Prospers, MGH, Healthy Chelsea, MGH and others, they have started forming committees within the group to take charge of problems such as food, medical supplies or housing.

All of them make sure that there isn’t a need that isn’t heard, and hopefully can also be addressed as the situation changes daily.

“I have to say the coordination of all the stakeholders is impressive,” she said. “I was thinking the other day when we were on the call that this is the reason we won the Robert Wood Johnson Award. Everyone is working together for one goal. It’s really nice.”

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This in combination with other new protocols will improve the customers’ experience.

“We have been constantly refining our operations focused on the health and safety of our customers and associates,” said Joseph Schmidt, Operations Supervisor. “These changes reflect the wide range of input we have received on a daily basis – from our customers and our associates and from the Governors and public health experts who describe the next several weeks as critical for the health of the residents in our region. It is important that our customers have a pleasant, safe, and healthy experience in our stores.”

Beginning April 2, the

new healthy shopping protocol will include the following:

•The number of customers shopping at one time will be limited, based on the size of the store, in order to ensure that customers have personal space, can maintain social distancing and feel more comfortable.

•A single entrance and exit will be designated for customers’ use. (All fire safety measures will remain in place.)

•Upon entrance, each shopper will be greeted by an associate who will clean and sanitize a carriage for them.

“Our hardworking associates are committed to helping our customers during this challenging

time,” Schmidt continued. “We firmly believe that with this newly refined approach we can make the grocery store experience better for all.”

Market Basket’s heightened disinfection program in response to coronavirus continues, focusing on high-touch surfaces including cash registers, counter tops, register belts, red baskets, shopping carriages, payment devices, touch pads, desks, door and drawer handles, phones and computers. Associates are required to practice good hygiene including washing their hands frequently. Social distancing is also in place.

APPRECIATION

Salvatore DiDomenico passes at the age of 81

Father of Sen. Sal DiDomenico, always by his son’s side

By Seth Daniel



Salvatore DiDomenico, father of Sen. Sal DiDomenico.

There were few places and few events in the adventures that come along with being a state senator that Salvatore DiDomenico didn’t attend with his son, Sen. Sal DiDomenico, and his family.

Whether it was holding signs, attending fundraisers, helping to coordinate charity efforts, the elder Sal was always the cornerstone part of the DiDomenico team in Everett.

That included the very first time that Sen. DiDomenico decided to make it public that he was going to run for office – making the announcement at the old Shooter’s bar and grill.

“The very first night I was thinking about running for office, it was at the old Shooter’s,” said DiDomenico this week. “I sent out a text at 4 p.m. to my supporters to meet at 6 p.m. in Shooter’s. People showed up in droves. My father and mother were there. My

father, in particular, was worried I might have bitten off more than I could chew. He wanted the best for me. Then he saw that turnout and he knew I would be ok. That’s when it all started for me and my career as a state senator.”

Salvatore DiDomenico passed on March 18 in Cambridge at the age of 81.

In fact, DiDomenico said his father was quite proud of him being a state senator, and put up newspaper article in his East Cambridge flower shop about his son’s accomplishments. To that, Sen. DiDomenico said he placed a DiDomenico for Senate campaign pen in the casket with his father, saying he would have loved the gesture.

“He was so proud of me becoming a senator,” he

said. “He hung newspaper articles up in his store. Everything we did, he was always there, always a part of it.”

DiDomenico said when the services were held, they weren’t able to have the large service they had hoped for because of restrictions brought about by the COVID-19 responses. Despite that, DiDomenico said he delivered a fitting eulogy, and he said he was touched when he saw his friends and municipal colleagues lined up six feet apart all the way to the cemetery.

“Our group of friends knew him and they have been really supportive of us at this time,” he said. “They all knew my dad and traveled with him to D.C. He knew them and they knew him and it was a nice thing for him to be able to experience all of our friendships and that part of our life. He got to be a part of that too.”

DiDomenico said he wanted to thank all of his friends and supporters for going above and beyond in a time of national crisis to support him.

“The big thing for me is to say thank you to everyone that reached out to us – even people we never real-

ized knew my dad and that there was a connection,” he said.

DiDomenico said he also has recalled some of the small, great things his dad often did such as always giving neighborhood kids in Cambridge a rose if they came in the store.

“He would give them one rose and tell them to go home and give it to their mom,” said DiDomenico. “He did that all the time.”

Sal was born on September 20 during the hurricane of 1938 in East Cambridge, two streets away from where he raised his own family. Sal graduated from Rindge Tech in Cambridge, went on to Boston College and then served in the Army National Guard. He found his calling at the Rittners School of Floral Design. He met the love of his life, Marie, at Moseley’s on the Charles and they never stopped dancing. They married in 1970 and spent over 50 glorious years together. In October of 1969, he proudly opened the doors to Flowers by Sal, which became a pillar in the East Cambridge community. This past November, he commemorated the store’s 50th anniversary with a ceremony celebrating this

milestone. His store was an extension of his home, just downstairs from where he lived. Because of his love of traveling, he also opened and operated Jet-A-Way Travel for many years. Sal devoted his life to the S.S. Cosmas and Damian Society, his patron Saints, in Cambridge, where he was a beloved member, Treasurer and Feast Chairman. He always spoke of his Gaeta, Italy heritage and family history. He kept the society’s feast, banquets and annual traditions alive for more than five decades. Due to his strong faith and devotion to the Saints, he brought the annual feast to new heights and made it one of the largest events in the community. Some of his proudest moments were watching his wife, children and grandchildren carry on this important part of his life.

He loved his family and always put them before himself, as he did with everyone he met. His nine grandchildren were his world and they shared a very special bond. He knew that the most valuable thing in life was family and treasured every moment with them. He loved family gatherings, holiday celebra-

tions, annual trips to Disney, cruises, Italian beach days or just being at home surrounded by his family. He beamed as he watched his children become adults and his family continued to grow, passing on his traditions to the next generation. He never met a stranger, because within minutes you were his friend. He had the natural ability to make all feel welcomed and all feel special. Services were private.

He was the beloved husband of Marie (Apruzzese) Treasured son of the late Nicola and Mary (Camilio) DiDomenico. Devoted father of Senator Salvatore DiDomenico and his wife Tricia, Lisa Lavoie, Brenda Giunta and her husband Joseph, Allison DiDomenico and her fiancé Jonathan Killeen. Cherished grandfather of Emma, Lindsey, Matthew, Salvatore, Marissa, Hailey, Olivia, Ava and Amelia. Loving brother of Marie Vaudo, her late husband Sal, of Burlington and Linda Cafarella, her husband Ron, of Belmont. Dear brother-in-law, uncle, cousin and friend to so many.

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“These actions will improve our ability to mitigate the spread of COVID-19 and the impact the surge has on our healthcare system,” Baker said.

The governor said he recognizes the “high cost” this has on small businesses and on residents who have to stay away from their loved ones for even longer.

“If we can limit face-to-face, person-to-person contact now, we can slow the spread and get back to work as soon as safely as we can,” he said.

Additionally, the governor said that hotels, motels, and short term rentals like Airbnbs are to be used “for limited purposes only” — ones that serve “direct efforts related to the fight against COVID-19,” which

includes nurses, doctors, workers part of the essential business community, and Massachusetts residents “who have been otherwise displaced.”

Baker said that restaurants may continue providing food for takeout and delivery only, and stressed the importance of social distancing when outside and inside grocery stores and pharmacies.

“The next couple of weeks are going to be critical in this battle,” Baker said. “People need to play their part.”

He thanked all the workers on the front lines, including nurses, doctors, first responders, public sector workers, the National Guard, and essential workers like grocery store em-

ployees. “The state is filled with remarkable people and remarkable communities,” he said.

Baker also talked about the 13 confirmed deaths at the Solders’ Home in Holyoke, six of which have been officially attributed to COVID-19.

Baker said that in the short term, a primary focus of the state will be on the residents of the Solders’ Home in Holyoke, and assured that the state “will get to the bottom of it.”

Additionally, Massachusetts has partnered with Buoy Health, based in the South End, which can provide free health tools to residents. At buoy.com/mass, residents can use an online diagnostic tool to assess risk for COVID-19.

OTHER BAKER UPDATES

Governor Baker on March 30 announced actions that would increase the health care workforce in Massachusetts, including expediting licensing for certain health care workers and initiatives to recruit volunteer medical professionals. Health care professionals who are licensed in other states or have allowed their Massachusetts licenses to expire within the past 10 years while in good standing can receive expedited licenses to help out in hospitals.

Additionally, the Baker-Polito Administration’s COVID-19 Response Command Center is working to create dedicated facilities for people who are infected

with the virus but are stable enough to not be in the hospital. This will free up hospital beds for those who need more critical care.

Baker also spoke about the federal relief package passed by Congress last week, calling it “a lot of good news.” He said that states are still waiting on guidance from the federal government about how to “implement and distribute these funds.”

Additionally, “our administration is committed to getting the resources to people who need them,” Baker said. Updates will be posted on mass.gov.

Baker said that the state continues to look for personal protective equipment (PPE) through a variety of different supply chains,

and the national stockpile did send additional supplies over the weekend. He added that there is a “crucial need” for blood donations right now as well.

The surge in cases in Massachusetts has been calculated to start somewhere between April 7 and April 17, Baker said.

“For the most part people are doing a good job” of social distancing, he added, stressing the importance of doing so when going outside.

“We are about to enter what will be the most difficult period associated with this virus,” Baker said on Tuesday, adding that there is “no doubt in my mind... that you will all perform above and beyond.”

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LEGAL NOTICE

METRO CREDIT UNION SPECIAL NOMINATION MEETING
Notice is hereby given that a Special Nomination Meeting of the Membership will take place on Friday, April 24, 2020 at 1 p.m. at the Main Office of the Credit Union, 200 Revere Beach Parkway, Chelsea, MA for the purpose of presenting nominations for Director to be elected at the next Annual Meeting; only those nominated at said meeting shall be eligible for election by ballot at the Annual Meeting. Respectfully submitted, Arthur M. Cohan Clerk 4/2 C

LEGAL NOTICE

Crown Castle is proposing to replace telecommunications antennas mounted on a 40-foot utility pole for an overall height of 46 feet at the following site: 103 Poplar Street, Chelsea, Suffolk County, MA 02150; N 42° 23' 40.10", W 71° 02' 02.68". Crown Castle is also proposing to replace telecommunications antennas mounted on a 34-foot utility pole for an overall height of 40 feet at the following site: 5 Maverick Street, Chelsea, Suffolk County, MA 02150; N 42° 23' 21.97", W 71° 02' 04.37". Crown Castle invites comments from any interested party on the impact of the proposed action on any districts, sites, buildings, structures or objects significant in American history, archaeology,

engineering or culture that are listed or determined eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places and/or specific reason the proposed action may have a significant impact on the quality of the human environment. Specific information regarding the project is available by calling Monica Gambino at 2000 Corporate Drive, Canonsburg, PA 15317, Monica.Gambino@CrownCastle.com, 724-416-2516 within 30 days of the date of this publication. 3/26/20, 4/2/20 C

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PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE
In accordance with Chapter 71, Section 38N, the Chelsea School Committee will hold

a public hearing on Thursday, April 9, 2020 at 6:30 p.m. in the City Council Chambers at Chelsea City Hall for the purpose of receiving comments on:
1) School Choice for the 2020-2021 school year.
2) The proposed 2020-2021 school budget. Copies of the budget proposal will be available for inspection no later than 2 days prior to the hearing at the Chelsea Public Library and the Office of the Superintendent of Schools
The meeting is closed to observe social distancing guidelines. The meeting will be live streamed for the public at : Chelsea Cable TV <https://www.chelseaschools.com/> ChelseaPublicSchools/ Agenda is available online at the Chelsea

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De acuerdo con el Capítulo 71, Sección 38N, el Comité Escolar de Chelsea llevará a cabo una audiencia pública el jueves, 9 de Abril del 2020 a las 6:30 p.m. en la Sala del Consejo Municipal en la Alcaldía de Chelsea con el propósito de recibir comentarios sobre:
1) La Elección de las Escuelas para el año

escolar 2020-2021.
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La reunión está cerrada para observar las pautas de distanciamiento social. La reunión se transmitirá en vivo para el público en: Chelsea Cable TV <https://www.facebook.com/ChelseaPublicSchools/> La agenda está disponible en línea en el sitio web de las Escuelas Públicas de Chelsea <https://www.chelseaschools.com/> Los comentarios públicos

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Backed Trust, Series INABS 2005-B, Home Equity Mortgage Loan Asset-Backed Certificates, Series INABS 2005-B claiming to have an interest in a Mortgage covering real property in Chelsea, numbered 59 Clark Avenue, given by Tan Huynh to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee Community Lending, Incorporated, dated December 21, 2004, and recorded in the Suffolk County Registry of Deeds in Book 36165, Page 203 and now held by the Plaintiff by assignment, has/have filed with this court a complaint for determination of Defendant’s/Defendants’ Servicemembers status. If you now are, or recently have been, in the active military service of the United States of

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Dorothy Rennie

Former Chelsea resident

Dorothy M. “Dossie” (Flavin) Rennie passed away peacefully, surrounded by her family on March 13. She was 78 years old.

Born and raised in Chelsea, the beloved daughter of the late Joseph and Doris (Lewin) Flavin, she attended Chelsea Schools and married her high school sweetheart, Russell A. Rennie. Dossie and Russ raised their own family, making their home on Spencer Avenue in Chelsea for over 30 years. Dossie also worked as a telephone response operator with 3M Alarm Company.

After retirement, Russ and Dossie enjoyed many years in Sumner, Maine. She was a member of the Sumner Women’s Sewing and Quilting Club and enjoyed many hours helping neighbors and friends in the Sumner community.

In her later years, she and Russ moved to Andover with Nan, Marc and Mike, where they enjoyed making new friends at the Punchard Senior Center.

During her lifetime “Dossie” enjoyed quilting, baking and a good game of Cribbage.

She was widowed in 2017 after 58 years of marriage when Russ passed away peacefully at home with his family. She was the



forever beloved mother of Timothy P. Rennie and his wife, Carrie of Merrimac, Nanette (Rennie) Fournier and her husband, R. Marc of Andover, Lorell A. (Rennie) Lawrence of Berwick, Maine and Russell A. Rennie Jr. and his wife, Karen of North Conway, New Hampshire. Dossie was the cherished grandmother of Sarah, Megan and Jacob Lawrence, Michael Conte and Abigail Fournier. She was the dear sister of Geraldine and her husband, Alan Gopen of Texas and also sister to Barbara and Jack in California. She is also survived by many loving nieces and nephews.

A memorial gathering and celebration of her life will be held at a later date. In lieu of flowers, donations in Dossie Rennie’s memory may be made to Compasus Hospice, 790 Turnpike Street, Suite 202, North Andover, MA 01845.

Loris P. Harrison

Devoted mother and homemaker

Mrs. Loris P. (Halkett) Harrison, of Saugus, formerly of Chelsea, died on March 27 at her home surrounded by family following a brief illness. She was 92.

Born in Derry, N.H., on Dec. 11, 1927, she was the wife of the late Ernest E. Harrison, with whom she shared 50 years of marriage.

Mrs. Harrison was a devoted wife and mother who raised her family in Chelsea. She worked as a sales associate at BD’s at the Mystic Mall, Chelsea.

Mrs. Harrison enjoyed spending time with her family at Fourth of July backyard cookouts, holiday celebrations for Thanksgiving and Christmas, and other get-togethers.

“That’s what she really loved the most – just being with family for the holidays and other special occasions,” said her son, Bruce Harrison, one of Chelsea Youth Basketball’s greatest coaches.

Mrs. Harrison and her husband, Ernest, and sisters Cynthia and Gayle proudly watched from the stands at Chelsea High School when Bruce led his 9-4 Bucks team past the undefeated Knicks to claim the CYBL championship. Also bringing Mrs. Harrison and the family much happiness on that day was her grandson, Leon Smith, an outstanding guard for the Bucks team who was named MVP of the playoffs.

Mrs. Harrison leaves her children, Gayle Harrison and her boyfriend Ramon Sosa, of Saugus, Keith Harrison of Saugus, Lisa Harrison of East Boston, Bruce Harrison and his wife Devorah Harrison, of Chelsea, David Harrison and his wife Mayumi Harrison, of Brookline, Laurie Carvalho Vegin and her husband James Vegin, of Hallowell,



Maine.

Mrs. Harrison also leaves 14 grandchildren, 30 great-grandchildren, and seven great-great-grandchildren, and several nephews, nieces, and cousins.

She was the mother of the late Cynthia Harrison, the late Peter Harrison, and the late Randy Freeman Sr., a family friend.

Arrangements are by the Vazza Funeral Home. A service will be held at a later date.

Following is the beautiful poem that Bruce Harrison wrote in tribute to his mother:

She was our leader. She was our Queen.

Now she is gone. What do we do now?

How would she want us to move forward?

I believe we can live through her. Holding memories of how our lives began, memories she gifted us.

She was our Queen and we were her seeds.

Growing and healing will hurt.

Regardless, we will continue to bloom – what a journey.

We must remember to never let go of her and of her memory. She lives through those memories.

Although she is gone, this family will always have her in our hearts.

May our Queen’s soul rest in paradise and remain secure in heaven for her spirit will forever live on Earth, through every one of us.

Roberta Golini

Former secretary for City of Chelsea

Roberta (Goldstein) Golini, 88, of Peabody, beloved wife of the late Alfred Golini and Leonard Braverman, died March 31 at the Courtyard Nursing Home in Medford surrounded by her loving family.

Born in Chelsea, she was the daughter of the late Maurice and Betty Goldstein whose family owned Goldsteins Supermarket in Chelsea for many years. She was educated in Chelsea and a graduate of Chelsea High School; Roberta went on to Mary Brooks School of Boston to continue her education. Roberta was also employed as a secretary for the City of Chelsea.

Roberta enjoyed spending time with family and friends and especially spending time with her grandchildren and great grandchildren. She is survived by her daughters, Ellen Braverman Fortes of Peabody and Betsy Braverman Stevens of Danvers, her grandchildren, Jamie, Joseph and Nicole Gaeta



and great grandchildren Christopher and Raegan Gaeta and many nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her brother, Berton Goldstein.

Private graveside services were held due to the COVID -19 virus. Assisting the family with arrangements was the Torf Funeral Service 151 Washington Ave. Chelsea, MA 02150. Contributions in her memory may be made to The Association of Frontal Temporal Dementia at demetiasociety.charityproud.org or the Alzheimer’s Assoc. at act.alz.org For guest book www.torffuneralservice.com.

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Gurska earns All-American honors for new college program

By Cary Shuman

There are few honors in collegiate sports more prestigious or sought-after than All-American. It means you’ve been selected the best of the best among all athletes in the country for a particular season.

Like Heisman Trophy winner, “All-American” is a title that will forever be affixed in front of your name.

Michael Gurska, a sophomore defenseman for the Wilkes University ice hockey team and the son of Chelsea Fire Capt. Michael and Stacey Gurska, has been selected to the CCM Hockey/American Hockey Coaches Association (AHCA) All-American Team.

Gurska said he was honored to receive the award that designated him as one of the top defensemen among the 90 colleges playing Division 2-3 hockey in the United States. That’s prime-time company.

“Honestly, it’s a really cool honor,” said Gurska. “I know that I couldn’t have done it without the help of my teammates, my coaches, and my family. One of the main things we focus on at Wilkes is that the only success that really matters is our team success. While individual accomplishments are nice, we focus on how the team is doing.”

A leader on the ice

The 6-foot-1-inch, 200-pound Gurska, had plenty to do with Wilkes’ success in only its second season as a program. He was selected a captain and wore the ‘C’ on his Wilkes hockey jersey proudly.

Gurska helped lead the Colonels to the league championship game with two goals and a nation-leading 31 assists.

“I actually got a lot of my points on the power play,” said Gurska, who twice tallied four assists in a game. “It was a lot of setting guys

up, making plays, starting the breakout and making sure that we got the puck up the ice and in to the back of the other team’s net.”

One of those players he was setting up was fellow All-American Donald Flynn, the nation’s leading goal scorer – which made the phenomenal Wilkes combo of Gurska and Flynn the undisputed Orr and Esposito of college hockey this season.

“He made it so easy for me, just being able to give him [Flynn] the puck and watch him work,” said Gurska, humbly crediting his teammate.

Wilkes Coach Tyler Hynes, a former Union College player who at 26 is one of the youngest head coaches in the country, said while Gurska’s playmaking abilities were noteworthy, his leadership of the defensive corps was also crucial to the team’s success.

“Michael had a huge sophomore season,” said Hynes. “He is a definitely an offensive defenseman from the production standpoint. But a lot of times with offensive defenseman like Michael, they give up something on the defensive side, but he’s so good and so smart, that he’s able to really control the ice. He’s very cerebral, makes the right play, makes the easy play and he gets rewarded for it. He does stuff for us offensively and on the defensive end, I can’t say enough good things about him.”

Hynes said the power play, with Gurska at the top running the show and Flynn adjacent to him looking to make a play, was devastating all season.

“When we’re going on the power play, you look at both those guys and there’s a look in their eye like, ‘Okay, it’s our time now.’ “When Michael is out there on the power play, he’s in control of what’s going on. He communicates extremely well and we can count on

him in the big moments in a game.”

Hynes is happy that the team’s dynamic duo had faith in joining a fledgling men’s hockey program.

“[Former Wilkes Coach] Brett Riley did a tremendous job recruiting Michael and Donald,” said Hynes. “To get two guys who are All-Americans as sophomores to commit to a first-year program – it’s pretty incredible.”

From local ice rinks to prep school and college

Michael Gurska began his hockey career early, first stepping on to the ice at the age of three.

“My parents took me to the rink in Everett and I pretty much got on skates right then and there and I’ve really never looked back,” recalled Gurska.

He started organized play in the Everett Youth Hockey program and then competed for the Boston Junior Eagles select teams through eighth grade.

He enrolled at the Rivers School in Weston, where he played varsity hockey in an elite prep school program led by head coach Shawn McEachern, a former BU and NHL star. Rivers, with Gurska as one of the captains, advanced to the New England Prep School playoff finals.

“I had a great experience at Rivers,” said Gurska, “I really got to mature as a person and a hockey player. I made countless friendships there. I was able to transition from being a local player to putting my name out there at the prep school level, which ultimately helped me get recruited to a junior team and eventually move on to college.”

He excelled in junior hockey for two seasons with the Connecticut Junior Rangers based in Stamford.

Several college programs recruited Gurska and he chose Wilkes over Endicott, Skidmore, Southern

New Hampshire, among other schools.

Gurska knows now that he made the right decision to head to Wilkes, which is located in Pennsylvania. “I love the school. We only have about 2,500 undergraduates so it’s a close-knit community where you get to know everybody,” said Gurska, who is majoring in Sports Management and also plays varsity golf. “All the athletes support each other and go to each other’s games. The faculty knows your names and they care about your successes. I think it’s a great place to go to school.”

This summer he hopes to return to his position of coaching high-level prep school and high school athletes at PRS, a skills development and on-ice training program led by BBN hockey coach Peter Russo.

And next season, Wilkes University, with 25 players, including Gurska returning, should be a national championship contender.

Gratitude for his parents

Michael Gurska inherited a love of sports and a competitive spirit from both sides of his family. His father, Michael, was a versatile athlete and team leader who excelled in baseball at Chelsea High School and for the Pirates in the former Chelsea Youth Baseball League that drew large crowds to Voke Park. He became a noted youth softball coach and passed on a fountain of knowledge to his teams that included his talented daughters. He has served admirably for years in the Chelsea Fire Department. Stacey Kowalski was an accomplished, award-winning dancer who trained under legendary instructor Joyce Sartorelli, owner of Broadway Dance Studio, Stacey was a popular Chelsea High School cheerleader.

Michael is also the grandson of Frank and



Wilkes University sophomore Michael Gurska of Revere has been named to the 2019-20 American Hockey Coaches All-American Team.



Wilkes University captain Michael Gurska controls the puck and looks to make a play during a game this season.

Pat Kowalski, and Helen Gurska and the late Richard Gurska. He has three sisters, Courtney, a graduate of Endicott finishing her Master’s in Social Work this spring, Lindsay, a graduate of WPI currently working on her PhD in Cell Biology, and Meaghan, just finishing her first year at Johnson and Wales, Rhode Island. Both Lindsay and Meaghan are college softball catchers.

“I wouldn’t be anywhere without my parents,” said Michael. “All the work they’ve done for me as a person and a hockey player, I wouldn’t be in the leadership positions I am with-

out all the lessons they’ve taught me throughout my life. I wouldn’t be on skates if it weren’t for them driving me from rink to rink every Saturday, so I had every opportunity possible.

“Sending me to Rivers when they didn’t have to supporting my decision to pursue junior hockey – all the faith that they have put in me, and everything they’ve done for me, I’m so grateful to them for everything. And my three sisters with the success they’ve had in different fields – that pushes me to work the hardest I can.”

Lottery sales down nearly 30 percent since beginning of March

By Seth Daniel

State Lottery officials reported this week sales have dropped off steeply on lottery products across the board, and if that drop continues, it could have a major effect on Local Aid payments to cities and towns this year.

That news comes just as worried municipalities begin to put together City or Town Budgets in one of the most uncertain times on record. Budgets always have relied on Local Aid payments from the state, which come from a variety of sources. However, lottery disbursements were always

a steady and reliable stream within the Local Aid formula – even in tough times.

However, the lottery products are mostly based on physically going to a retailer, and with many stores closed and social distancing in place for those that aren’t, it’s a tougher sell. That combined with tre-

mendous job loss in the last four weeks has led to steep declines.

“The health and well-being of Lottery employees and residents of the Commonwealth are our top priority and the Lottery will continue to follow the guidance and orders of state and federal officials regarding public health and safety,” said Michael Sweeney, executive director of the Massachusetts State Lottery, on Tuesday. “Representative of the whole economy, Lottery revenues have decreased significantly over the last three weeks. This will affect the revenue returned to the state and could potentially impact unrestricted local aid returned to cities and towns. The decreased sales and revenue production will also negatively impact the small business owners

who are increasingly under financial duress. As an in-store cash-only business, with a stay-at-home advisory currently in place and many of our retail partners being closed, we anticipate that these figures will continue to be drastically lower than usual.”

Since the week beginning on March 1 – which featured fairly “normal” Lottery sales, the overall Lottery products are down 29 percent. That meant sales went from \$111.6 million during that week, to \$78.9 million the week

beginning March 22.

Overall, Keno sales are down the most, dropping 52 percent since the beginning of March. Instant tickets were down 24 percent,, while numbers game sales were down only 17 percent.

Below are the weekly sales numbers from the Lottery for March:

- March 1-7: \$111.6 million
- March 8-14: \$110.2 million
- March 15-21: \$88.7 million
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