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Quality Inn quarantine hotel to close June 9

By Seth Daniel

Citing financial considerations, City Manager Tom Ambrosino said they would close down the quarantine hotel partnership in Revere and begin sending any patients to Everett's EnVision state-sponsored hotel.

"The last guest will be accepted Wednesday and the hotel will close on June 9," he said. "Chelsea residents who need isolation will be admitted to the EnVision Hotel in Everett, which is actually closer for most residents here."

The EnVision Hotel on the Parkway opened about one week after the Chelsea/Revere collaboration at the Quality Inn. However, it was paid for by the state and costs Everett or any other City that uses it nothing. Meanwhile, the Quality Inn has come at a cost of about \$1 million for the communities that partnered on it, which includes Lynn now as well.

Both the EnVision and the Quality Inn failed to really ever get full, and Ambrosino said he had wanted

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Bye, Bye Bottles

City gets one step closer to outlawing nip liquor bottles

By Seth Daniel

The state Alcoholic Beverages Control Commission (ABCC) finally ruled on the appeal by several liquor stores in Chelsea regarding the 2018 ban on nip liquor bottles – with the ABCC saying it has no jurisdiction to hear or rule on the case and, thus, sending it to state Superior Court if the matter is appealed further.

Officially, in the ruling on May 26, the ABCC allowed the City of Chelsea's motion to dismiss the appeal by eight liquor stores in the city – all of which said they were harmed by

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DISPLAY OF PATRIOTISM



PHOTOS BY SETH DANIEL

Volunteers and City officials gathered late on Friday afternoon, May 22, to decorate Chelsea Square with hundreds of individual flags to commemorate Memorial Day. The effort has been ongoing for about four years, said Councilor Roy Avellaneda – who put together Friday's volunteer effort. By the end of the day, Chelsea Square was adorned with hundreds of flags in a great display of patriotism despite the pandemic situation most find themselves in. Here Fidel Maltez of the DPW places one of the small flags into the ground. See Page 6 for more photos.



Collaborative hosts town hall with Housing Court Chief Justice Sullivan

By Cary Shuman

The Chelsea Collaborative, led by Executive Director Gladys Vega, hosted a virtual Town Hall Zoom meeting with City Manager Tom Ambrosino and Housing Court Chief Justice Timothy Sullivan and his staff.

During the bilingual forum moderated by Martha Soto, the participants discussed the moratorium on evictions and the housing resources available during the COVID-19 pandemic.

State Sen. Sal DiDomenico helped open the forum, beginning by praising Ambrosino and Collaborative Executive Director Gladys Vega for their efforts during the health crisis.

"City Manager Tom Ambrosino is doing a fabulous job in a very, very tough sit-

uation," said DiDomenico. "And Gladys Vega, who I call, 'the hero in the state right now,' who is working harder than anyone to make sure that everyone has food and make sure that everyone has what they need. Gladys is not only getting attention in the state but national attention as well for all that she is doing in our community."

DiDomenico highlighted the work being done in the Legislature to help Chelsea, including the evictions and foreclosure bill "to make sure people are not getting put on the street during this pandemic."

"This bill also helps landlords as well, to make sure we don't have foreclosures happening in our communities," explained DiDomenico.

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City Hall to have limited re-opening on June 1

By Seth Daniel

City Hall will return with a limited opening and many restrictions on Monday, June 1, according to City Manager Tom Ambrosino.

Ambrosino has said for weeks his aspirational goal has been to open the Hall on June 1, and on Wednesday he announced the news to the Record.

"We are re-opening on a limited basis on June 1," he said. "It's limited to the general public. Most offices will require an appointment. The only offices open to the general public will be the City Clerk and Treasurer for payment of bills. We are also going to try to limit the size lines by having people be able to come according to their street. Occupancy will be limited and we'll probably let 10 members of the general public in at one time."

The restrictions will also

include wearing a mask – that going for employees and the public. There will also be social distancing, hand washing and there has been additional build-out in the Hall to keep people safe.

Already, the City Clerk and Treasurer have protective glass in place, but other offices have had them installed. A limited workforce will be in place so that they can keep social distancing in the offices.

City Hall will be open from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. starting June 1, with exceptions for Tuesdays and Fridays.

"I have mixed feelings," said Ambrosino. "I'm hoping to try to get back to some semblance of normal business, but I'm sure there will be fits and starts as we work this through. I don't expect perfection on day one so people shouldn't expect that either."

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Crossing the Stage

CHS seniors will get to cross the stage after all

By Seth Daniel

After hearing from senior students and their families, Chelsea Public Schools announced this week they will offer a virtual graduation, and also a walk-in graduation where students will get to cross the stage individually at the Stadium and families will be able to take photos of the moment – even if a bit solitary.

Two weeks ago, Principal Mark Martineau and Supt. Almi Abeyta went ahead with scheduling a virtual graduation that will take place on July 12 and will be a full-scale production.

That upset a lot of seniors and their families, and sparked several online

Town Halls to talk about alternatives. It also allowed for the state Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) to come out with graduation regulations late last week. Now, administrators announced there will be a walk-in graduation in early August.

"After having listened to you via the town halls and student surveys and learning of the latest recommendations from DESE, we have made the decision to have an Individual Walk-In Graduation," wrote Abeyta in a letter to seniors. "We recognize the importance of crossing the stage, and our desire is to honor this special moment; we have worked on a way

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PHOTO BY SETH DANIEL

School Committeewoman Kelly Garcia and Councilor Melinda Vega Maldonado rallied the community for an auto parade to honor Chelsea Police officers on Friday, May 22, in Chelsea Square as part of Police Week. Both said first responders have stayed on the job and missed time from family to protect the city. Chief Brian Kyes and the force are seen here waving to one of the participants.

Honk and a Hello

Citizen car parade pays tribute to Chelsea Police

By Seth Daniel

There have been days when Tanaira Camacho hasn't seen her dad as he has worked long hours in

the Chelsea Police Department to make sure the city stays safe during the COVID-19 pandemic.

It is that kind of dedication in the face of the state's highest infection rates by a

long shot that inspired community members and teens like Camacho to coordinate a Citizens Parade on Friday afternoon to honor the

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AMERICANS WILL SURVIVE WITHOUT BACON DOUBLE-CHEESEBURGERS

The decision of the federal government to invoke the Defense Production Act to order meat-processing plants to reopen raises a number of issues about the use of the act for this purpose.

First and foremost, the order ignores the reality that meat-processing plants continue to be hot-spots for the spread of the coronavirus, placing the safety and lives of workers, their families, and their communities at high risk for contracting and spreading the disease. Despite the best efforts of meat processors over the past two months to improve worker safety, the coronavirus continues to explode among workers in this industry. The invocation of the Defense Production Act does nothing to address this issue.

Second, we certainly sympathize with the livestock farmers who have been forced to euthanize their animals, placing these farmers on the edge of bankruptcy. But their economic losses are easily-calculable and should be recompensed by the federal government.

By contrast, what has been more disturbing in our view has been the destruction of fruits and vegetables by farmers who normally supply the restaurant business. Why hasn't the federal government come up with a plan to purchase those foods and distribute them to the millions of needy Americans who are lining up, literally for miles, for distributions from food banks?

Third however, there is an even more basic question: Why has meat production been deemed an essential industry?

We raise this question for a simple reason: The American diet, which relies more heavily on meat than any other nation in the world, has been a major contributor to the death toll in our country for persons under the age of 60 who have contracted the coronavirus.

According to researchers, a person's body mass index -- whether someone is overweight -- is a crucial factor in the ability of an individual to fight the disease. In addition, individuals who consume a lot of animal protein are more likely to suffer from the pre-existing conditions of heart disease, diabetes, cancer, and kidney failure that place them at high risk for a fatal outcome if they should contract the coronavirus.

Americans --- who annually consume an astonishing average of 222 pounds of meat per person -- can obtain their protein in many other ways, whether from fish and shellfish or the new food products (such as the Impossible Burger and Beyond Meat) that actually are good for our health.

Finally, we would add that less meat production benefits our environment, thereby reducing air pollution, which is another plus for our nation's overall health. We're sure many of our readers will be surprised to learn that the production of meat and dairy, particularly from cows, contributes enormously to climate change, with livestock accounting for almost 15 percent of the world's greenhouse gas emissions each year -- roughly the same amount as all of the cars, trucks, airplanes, and ships in the world combined.

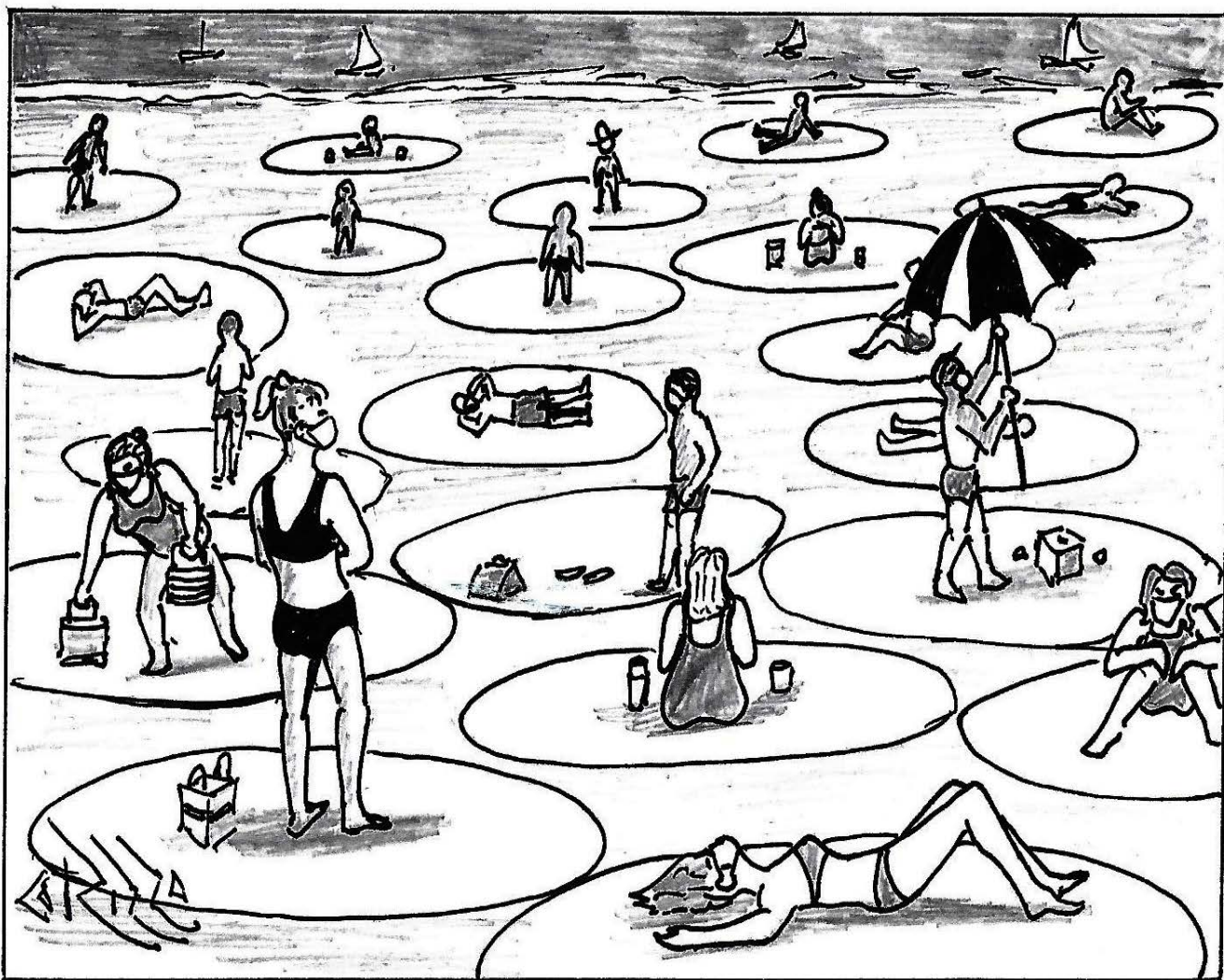
In conclusion, the federal government needs to take immediate action to ensure that farmers' fruit and vegetable products do not go to waste at a time when many Americans are in financial distress and in need of food. On the other hand, meat-processing plants should be allowed to reopen only when those facilities are safe for workers.

In the meantime, if the coronavirus changes the typical American's eating habits -- from less bacon, hot dogs, etc., to more fruits, vegetables, and whole grains -- that's a good thing, both for the present and future health of our nation.

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WHEN YOU'RE AT THE BEACH, BE SURE YOU'RE OUT OF REACH

GUEST OP-ED

Front lines not headlines

By State Rep. Dan Ryan

In the very near future, I will be announcing the kick-off of my 2020 campaign for re-election.

This is a campaign for which I was readying. I had collected twice the number of signatures needed to get on the ballot by the first week of availability. I greeted voters at the Presidential Primary polls on March 3. This was the day that Secretary of State Bill Galvin gave the first government directive toward how the public should interact with one another in a COVID-19 world. Although the eeriness of social distancing and hand sanitizer was foisted upon us, even that day, the majority of the electorate still did not fully understand what was about come.

A few days later my children's school would be the first in Boston to temporarily close its doors for deep cleaning due to potential COVID-19 exposure. I am finally getting a grasp on 4th grade math, as we have been homeschooling ever since.

My wife, Kara, and I have the ability to work from home. We are grateful for this luxury. I could fully quarantine and handle most of my State Representative work from the comfortable

confines of a shoebox size 'home office,' which technically, is a converted storage closet. But, it has a window. This does not make working from home in a five person domicile optimal. However, it is a workspace for which I am grateful. We do not take this for granted.

Why? Because, I understand my district. Kara and I understand that many families are facing financial ruin and/or have loved ones exposed to unhealthy conditions because of the work they do. I have spent the last eight weeks working on hundreds of unemployment cases, business closures and pushing government to move resources where they are most needed at any given time.

I have spent a lifetime in a family of frontline workers. I know what it is like to have loved ones punch a clock and venture into workplaces that most of society are avoiding. My previous life's work at the Boys and Girls Club, delving into community health studies, helps me to know and understand the families and faces behind the statistics. I know what 'social determinants of health' are. I understand it. I have lived it. I can read health data.

But, that is not what motivates me. When times get

tough, I, like the many people in our district, do our best work by getting out from behind a keyboard. We, as a society, as a district, as two communities that have had our fair share of setbacks, jump right in. We help our neighbors. We have open, honest dialogue with decision makers. Force their hand if we must. Work hand-in-hand when we can. I have been an eyewitness to that history.

This is where my research lies. On the front lines. Using the five senses to determine if what I am reading and watching on a screen is reality. By the way - it is! I have worked my adult life working to correct an unbalanced society's past and present sins. Workers who cannot afford to stay home, or, cannot properly quarantine when they are, have been disproportionately affected by this wave of epidemic. As have the elderly and infirmed. Particularly, those in long-term care facilities. Places that, until now, were considered safer accommodations for our loved ones to age rather than at home. They will be again. In an interconnected society, we must look at all the data. What affects one group could and will eventually affect others. Comprehensive data analysis, to support what we are

seeing and hearing, is the only way to properly marshal resources. It is the only way to rebuild justly and effectively. This why the Legislature has pushed for and achieved more robust data collection.

There will be time for me to campaign on the streets or in a virtual campaign reality. I will tout my record, of which I am proud. I will have to pat myself on the back for all the great things I have done. I am easing into that campaign role with this writing. I will have to fight for my share of headlines. But, for now, I am focused on the job I was elected to do. I will get re-elected with the support of those on the frontlines, because I have always had it, and in return, have always reciprocated that support. Most of the work of an elected official, is by nature deliberative and bureaucratic. Most of that work does not generate headlines. It is just the right thing to do in a sometimes unjust society. I look forward to discussing that record. For now, be safe, cover-up! You are not alone!

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LETTER to the Editor

NEW TOBACCO LAW STARTS JUNE 1

To the Editor,

I want to remind people that starting June 1, 2020, flavored tobacco, including menthol cigarettes like Kools and Newports will no longer be sold in Massachusetts. Last Fall, the Fight All Flavors campaign and many supporting partners worked to build grassroots understanding of and support for a proposed flavored tobacco restriction with an explicit focus on building youth leadership and calling out the tobacco and nicotine industry's targeting of menthol in communities of color.

The tobacco and vaping industries have allegedly targeted youth, LGBTQ

populations and communities of color with their deadly products, causing many health consequences for these populations specifically. Flavors, like mint and menthol, are a leading reason that young people start vaping and using tobacco.

The law, which goes into effect on June 1, 2020, means that:

- Menthol cigarettes and all other flavored tobacco products like flavored cigars, flavored chewing tobacco, and flavored e-cigarettes and nicotine vaping products will no longer be widely available in Massachusetts.
- E-cigarettes and nicotine vaping products will increase in price.

I'm excited to see that No Menthol. Know Why.

is an extension of that work; they're working with community-based organizations, youth advocates, public health and health care partners, local health departments, churches, regional Tobacco-Free Community Partnership programs, and more to reach out to and support the communities most impacted by the new law. They want to build awareness about the law and provide information about the resources available to help people quit smoking.

You can help spread the word in your community. Visit NoMentholKnowWhy.org to learn more, to share your menthol story and to find tools and resource to share.

For information about how the law will be en-

forced visit mass.gov/NewTobaccoLaw.

Help for those who want to quit vaping, smoking or using other tobacco products is available for FREE at 1-800-QUIT-NOW (1-800-784-8669) and KeepTryingMA.org.

Contact Edgar Duran Elmudesi at the Metro Boston Tobacco-Free Community Partnership, eduran@hria.org or 617-451-0049 x549 to learn more about the law, how you can support people in quitting and to find out how you can partner with us.

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•OPENINGS FOR BARBERS, SALONS, CHURCHES

Ambrosino said several barber shops and salons have re-opened in Chelsea as of Monday, and so far it has gone pretty well.

“So far we haven’t received any complaints,” he said. “I know the Houses of Worship are preparing slowly. We’ll be keeping an eye on our numbers to identify any upticks.”

Ambrosino has been worried about several churches that are re-opening this weekend, including St. Rose Church. With 40 percent capacity, that still amounts to a lot of people. He said he has been working with them proactively.

“I am concerned about any House of Worship that could have large numbers of people in an interior space,” he said. “We will

encourage them to have outdoor services if possible.”

•DOWNTOWN NEEDS HELP, PHASE 2 JUNE 8

The downtown is going to need some help, Ambrosino said, as its vibrancy and momentum is in jeopardy of being stalled due to the pandemic.

“We have a downtown that is certainly in jeopardy,” he said. “I think we need to take some steps to help the downtown,” he said. “We may have to ease up some of our development requirements potentially in the downtown... We have to think of some things we might not have wanted to think about last year. Our downtown is vulnerable and we may need to have some government action.”

He said he is particularly worried about restau-

rants and small businesses, thinking they may need to use the sidewalks and allow alcohol service outside – maybe change the zoning on the parking restrictions.

He said the Council’s Small Business Task Force would be key in discussing those changes and also in awarding grants to highly-affected businesses.

Ambrosino said he believes that many retail stores in Chelsea are likely ready for the Phase 2 opening on June 8 – provided things maintain.

“Retail doesn’t concern me as much and I’m surprised it wasn’t allowed in Phase 1,” he said. “What does scare me is the public areas in Phase 2. It would worry me to have crowds of people in a Kiddie Park. We might go slow there as a city.”

Trial Court partners with City of Chelsea and Chelsea Collaborative to hold virtual town meeting

On Friday, May 29, from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., the Massachusetts Trial Court, the City of Chelsea, and the Chelsea Collaborative will host a virtual town hall meeting to address concerns the Chelsea community has re-

garding access to the courts and to resources during the COVID-19 pandemic. The meeting will start with opening remarks by Trial Court Chief Justice Paula Carey, followed by a panel presentation and public question

and answer session. The session will include both Spanish and English speakers and be livestreamed online at: www.facebook.com/thechelseacollaborative.

Virtual Town Hall Meeting Agenda:

- 1) Opening Remarks – Massachusetts Trial Court Chief Justice Paula Carey
- 2) Panel presentations covering the following topics:
 - a. General City Resources –Tom Ambrosino, Chelsea City Manager
 - b. Chelsea Police Assistance – Officer Sammy Mojica
 - c. COVID-19 General Information – Doctor Dean Xerras, Chelsea Board of Health and MGH Chelsea Director of Health
 - d. Resources in Chelsea District Court – First Justice Matthew Machera, Chelsea District Court
 - e. Family Matters – Deputy Court Administrator Linda Medonis, Probate and Family Court
 - f. Court Service Center, Help Line, and Interpreter Services – Acting Director of Support Services Sybil Martin and Court Service Center Circuit Manager Jorge Colon
 - g. Probation Resources, Housing, Substance Use Treatment/Section 35 Petitions – Chief Probation Officer Carmen Gomez
 - h. Victim Witness Assistance and Domestic Violence, Police Assistance – Assistant District Attorney Myriam Feliz
 - i. Legal Aid Resources – Attorney Joey Michalak, Greater Boston Legal Services
- 3) Question and Answer
- 4) Closing Remarks – Executive Director of the Chelsea Collaborative Gladys Vega

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the decision to outlaw the 100mL bottles that City leaders argued contributed to litter issues and public drinking.

“The appropriate forum for the licensees to challenge the local licensing authority’s ban on 100 ml bottles is with the Superior Court, likely in a declaratory judgment action pursuant to (state law),” read the decision. “In any event, the Commission is not the appropriate forum for this challenge.”

City officials had hoped that the ABCC would rule to dismiss the appeal, and believe they have a better chance to survive the challenge in court – as the rules are more strict and judgments aren’t as arbitrary as at the quasi-judicial ABCC.

Many communities in Greater Boston have been waiting and watching for this decision, and will continue to watch the Superior Court proceedings. Most municipalities had hoped they could follow Chelsea’s lead in banning the nip bottles, as they are widely considered a nuisance in urban areas.

Councilor Roy Avellaneda, a former License Board member, said he was glad to hear the decision went the City’s way. He had

championed the idea for several years, noting that he has lived with seeing public drinking since he was a kid growing up in Chelsea and seeing people drink the nip bottles in Bellingham Square.

“I’m very happy that the ABCC decided in favor of Chelsea’s License Board and City’s position that the ABCC had no jurisdiction on deciding if NIPS can be sold in the city,” he said. “I’m sure the Plaintiffs will consider and file an appeal to the Massachusetts Superior Court to overturn the ban. My position has not changed since I have advocated for the ban and more so I now have actual data to support my reason for the ban. In the two years we have had the NIP ban in place, Chelsea is a cleaner place without the litter of NIP bottles all over and more importantly and primary reason for my advocacy is that our streets are safer and healthier.”

Avellaneda said the volume of responses for alcohol-related calls by police, fire and ambulance is down almost 75 percent. He argues the decision might come down to a public health argument, and said eliminating the nip bottles has taken pressure off of

first responders, and also made the downtown more family-friendly.

In the argument against accepting the appeal, the ABCC said the license hadn’t been modified, but a regulation had been established for every licensee.

“Here, none of the licensees’ licenses were ‘modified,’” read the decision. “Instead, the local licensing authority, pursuant to its authority to promulgate ‘reasonable requirements’ for the way all licensees conduct their business, banned the sale of 100 ml bottles of alcohol, not as a sanction for violating a law, but on considerations of public health and safety.”

“While the local licensing authority has the statutory authority to pass reasonable requirements regarding the conduct of a licensed business, even if the Commission believed a local licensing authority’s requirement to be unreasonable on a statutorily appropriate appeal, it only has the power to not enforce the requirement on any appeal before it,” continued the decision.

It was not readily apparent if the eight plaintiffs would appeal by filing suit in the Superior Court.

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to do this safely for all involved. Please hold August 4-7, 2020 on your calendar because you will be given a time and date to meet at the Chelsea High School Field to cross the stage (inclement weather date to be determined) and be handed your diploma.”

More details will follow and they will be working out many of the details so the event will be safe.

Abeyta and Martineau have said they understand that students were upset about the decision to schedule a virtual graduation without consulting students. Time, however, was of the essence and a quick decision had to be made to secure GradCasters to perform the ceremony.

“This decision was made with the information and knowledge that we had at the time and based solely on the safety and well-be-

ing for each of you, your families, and our staff,” wrote Abeyta. “The virtual graduation will still proceed as planned on July 12, 2020. Our goal with the virtual graduation was to ensure that you were celebrated despite the health risk of the current pandemic.”

The virtual graduation will feature each student who will be called in to give an interview individually in their cap and gown. She said all of that will be collected and organized into a cohesive and professional production that will be shown and distributed on July 12.

Overall, Abeyta said the idea is to celebrate the class in the best way possible, and she and the staff are looking forward to planning the walk-in ceremony as well as the virtual one.

“We are also cognizant that this has been a difficult

time with many mixed emotions, and we want to honor you,” she wrote. “Our goal is to celebrate the Class of 2020 and to ensure that you are recognized for your perseverance and hard work as you end one chapter in your life to begin a new one.”

•SENIOR LAWN SIGNS, ETC.

Already, the celebration for seniors has started with the placement of lawn and window signs at the homes of each student on Tuesday and Wednesday.

Staff and School Committee members places signs over both days that celebrated the students and their upcoming graduation.

There will be video messages through May and June, a virtual Senior Awards and Scholarship Night on July 9, and the virtual graduation on July 12.



School Committeewoman Jeannette Velez hands a senior sign to a CHS senior during the drop off of signs all over the city on Tuesday and Wednesday.

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Chelsea Councilor Damali Vidot secures spot on ballot, raises close to \$15k in two weeks

Two weeks ago, Chelsea City Councilor Damali Vidot announced her candidacy for the Massachusetts House of Representatives 2nd Suffolk District Seat, which represents Charlestown and Chelsea. Since making her virtual announcement, where more than 1,000 residents tuned in and contributed more than \$2,000, Councilor Vidot has further solidified her support and momentum throughout the district.

After being involved with

the City of Chelsea’s Pandemic Emergency Response Team and leading the efforts to coordinate support from the state and the National Guard, residents and community leaders in the district had a plan for Councilor Vidot. The plan included building a robust—completely remote and virtual—volunteer network in Charlestown and Chelsea which safely collected over 150 signatures for Councilor Vidot to qualify for the September 1 Democratic

State Primary. Councilor Vidot said, “I had residents from all walks of life, local community leaders, and elected officials approach me. It was surreal. My neighbors and colleagues were adamant about bringing our lived experiences to the State House. They want policy that puts people—especially those who are often left out—first.”

From this grassroots support, the Committee to Elect Damali Vidot rolled out a

comprehensive, completely virtual organizing program. Its success is already evident, as supporters and volunteers actively flood social media platforms to galvanize support for Councilor Vidot. Through it, they have strengthened the campaign’s volunteer infrastructure and helped raise close to \$15,000 in only two weeks.

Councilor Vidot acknowledged this early momentum, stating, “While it seemed crazy at first, qualifying for the September 1

Democratic Primary and raising \$15,000—primarily from small-dollar donations—further solidifies what this people-powered movement is all about. We are committed to lifting each other, and collectively building a better, more equitable, and resilient future.”

Vidot continued, “I am beyond grateful and honored for the overwhelming support I have received from residents, volunteers, and supporters throughout the district. Regardless

of which side of the Tobin Bridge we live on, together we’ve already overcome the first milestone in what will be an uphill battle. I am excited for what is to come, and energized to continue advocating until we create a just and equitable future for all residents of Charlestown and Chelsea.”

Councilor Vidot encourages all residents to register to vote at sec.state.ma.us/ovr, and to vote on Primary Day election day, Tuesday, September 1.

Firefighters endorse Kennedy for senate

This week the Professional FireFighters for Massachusetts (PFFM) endorsed Congressman Joe Kennedy III in his bid for U.S. Senate. Representing 12,000 firefighters across the state, PFFM is the 33rd labor organization in Massachusetts to endorse Kennedy.

PFFM released their endorsement today in a video with President Rich MacKinnon. The video highlights Kennedy’s support for firefighters and other first responders during COVID-19.

“Joe Kennedy’s constant presence and leadership on all issues for first responders is what drives our commitment to support him,” said PFFM President Rich MacKinnon. “Our members connect with Joe. After meeting him in person they often remark on how genuine and grounded he is. As Joe has stood with firefighters in firehouses all across Massachusetts, we are proud to stand with him for the U.S. Senate.”

Said Kennedy, “You are heroes who risk your lives everyday. When you leave home to head to the fire station, your hug to your children and your kiss to your significant other could be the last one. With two young children, the sacrifices you make to make sure the rest of us are safe are never lost on me. With the COVID-19 pandemic, those words and risks have never been more clear and present. Fighting for your right to collective bargain, SAFER Grants, and Assistance to Firefighter Grants have never been more important. I am honored to have your support in this race and will continue to be in your corner every step of the way.”

PFFM hosted a virtual endorsement ceremony with Kennedy on Wednesday, where President MacKinnon was joined by firefighters from Newton, Springfield, Falmouth, Worcester, Saugus, Melrose, Westfield, Fitchburg, and Attleboro who shared

why they are enthusiastically throwing their support behind Kennedy for the U.S. Senate.

PFFM is the 33rd labor union to endorse Kennedy in this race. He has also been endorsed by the Massachusetts Laborers, Laborers Local 609, NAGE, the Machinists Statewide Council, Machinists Local 264, Teamsters Local 25, Sprinkler Fitters 550, Pipefitters Local 537, Plumbers Local 12, IBEW 96, 103, 104, 1505, 223, 455, 326, 2325, 2321, 1499, & 2222, UWA 369, Carmen Union 589, Sheet Metal Workers Local 17, IUOE Local 4, UFCW Local 791, Painters and Allied Trades DC 35, the Boston Musicians Association Local 9-535, Ironworkers Local 7, the Plymouth/Bristol County Regional Labor Council, the Norfolk County Regional Labor Council, North Atlantic States Regional Council of Carpenters, and Eastern Millwrights Regional Council.

State Fire Marshal urges springing safely into summer

“The Memorial Day barbecue may be smaller this year,” said State Fire Marshal Peter J. Ostroskey, “but we still need to practice safe grilling as we celebrate the unofficial start of the summer season. Take a few minutes for a safety check and inspect grills for leaks and cracks, and teach children to stay three feet away from any grill in use. Follow the Governor’s guidelines for social distancing and have a safe Memorial Day.”

•Grill Fire Facts

In 2019, there were 81 fire and explosion incidents reported to the Massachusetts Fire Incident Reporting System (MFIRS) involving open fired grills. These incidents caused five civilian injuries, one fire service injury and an estimated dollar loss of \$1.4 million. Of the 81 grill fires, 71, or 88 percent, were gas grills. Solid fuels such as charcoal briquettes were involved in eight, or 10 percent of these fires.

•Check for Leaks

“Check to make sure all the connections are tight and secure before firing up the gas grill for the first time this season,” said Fire Marshal Ostroskey. “Using a brush, apply a soapy solution made of one part dish liquid and one part water to the tank connection. If the solution bubbles, you have a leak that needs repair,” said Ostroskey. He recommended checking for and replacing any cracked hoses.

•Rules for Grills on Porches, Decks and Patios

“Grills can only be used on first floor porches, decks, or patios if there is an outdoor stairway to the ground, or the porch is at ground level. Grills are prohibited on any porch, balcony or deck that has a roof, or overhang,” said State Fire Marshal Ostroskey. For more information,

contact your local fire prevention office.

•Safety First

Over the past five years (2015-2019), there were 449 fires involving grills, hibachis and barbecues. These fires caused 20 civilian injuries, five firefighter injuries and \$3.8 million in estimated property damages.

*Read and follow the owner’s manual for any cooking appliance.

*Always grill outdoors.

*Keep children and pets three feet away from the grill area. Create a circle of safety.

*Place grills 10-feet away from the house. Make sure they are not under eaves, overhanging branches or against the side of the building. Keep them away from deck railings.

*Grills can be used on open (no roof) first floor porches, decks or patios if there is an exterior stairway to the ground, or it is at ground level.

*Grills should never be used indoors or on fire escapes.

*Never leave a grill burning unattended.

*Keep the grill clean by removing grease or fat build-up from the grills and trays below the grill.

*If you smell gas while cooking, immediately get away from the grill and call the fire department. Do not move the grill.

*If the flame goes out, turn the grill and gas off and wait 15 minutes before relighting.

*Never use gasoline on any grill!

•Shut Off the Gas at the Tank

After each use, and before disconnecting the propane tank, be sure to shut off the gas at the tank.

•Charcoal Grill Safety

State Fire Marshal Ostroskey also said, “Practice safety around charcoal grills.” Once the coals have

been lit, never add lighter fluid to the fire—flames may travel up the stream of lighter fluid resulting in serious burns. Charcoal briquettes give off carbon monoxide, a colorless, odorless gas that can be deadly. “Make sure to always use charcoal grills outside in a well-ventilated area.” He added, “Let the coals cool completely before disposing in a metal container.” Charcoal grills cannot be used on decks, balconies, or fire escape stairways.

•Smoking Fire Safety

There have been so many fires this spring from improperly discarded smoking materials on porches and in backyards. These fires can smolder undetected for a long time and when they erupt into flames, travel fast. If you smoke, put it out all the way, every time. Extinguish smoking materials in a can with sand or water, not in the mulch, leaves grass, a potted plant or other container that can catch fire. Don’t snub them out on the porch railing or stairs.

•Gasoline and Lawn Mowers

Ostroskey said, “If your older children are learning to mow the lawn, be sure to teach them about gasoline safety at the same time.” Gasoline vapors are highly flammable. They stay on your clothing and can ignite if you light a match.

*Store gasoline only in approved containers, outside.

*Keep gasoline away from all heat sources, such as smoking materials, pilot lights, campfires, and grills.

*Fill a cooled lawn mower. Never refill while it is hot.

*Keep hands and feet away from a mower while it’s running.

*Never use gasoline to start a campfire.

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Justice Sullivan highlights open communications

Mr. Sullivan, who is chief justice of the Mass. Housing Court Department, delivered remarks that were thorough and informative.

The well-known judge, attired in his official judge’s robe, is known as “a great friend to Chelsea.” Justice Sullivan drew praise from local residents for not only for being fully engaged and present for the entire town hall forum but highlighting the importance of open communications between the Court and the Chelsea community during these difficult and unprecedented times as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic

“I’m here today with other members of our Housing Court team, Eastern Division Clerk Magistrate Mike Neville, Chief Housing Specialist Alex Valderrama, Deputy Court Administrator Ben Adeyinka, and Administrative Attorney Jorge Ghazal.”

Sullivan said the Housing Court has always appreciated the level of communication that Court has always enjoyed with the Chelsea Collaborative and the Chelsea community at large.

“It’s important for us in the Housing Court to main-

tain this type of open communication with the various communities that rely on the services that are available in Housing Court, especially during times of uncertainty like we’re facing now with the COVID-19 pandemic,” said Sullivan.

“Under the leadership of Trial Court Chief Justice Paula Carey, we all pride ourselves in the Trial Court on being accessible and available to the communities that we serve,” said Sullivan.

The chief justice said the Court’s goal at the town hall forum “is to inform you as to the services that are specifically available in the Housing Court. This was a commitment that we made to Gladys during our check-in call we made with the Chelsea Collaborative back in April.

“The very basic message today is that the Housing Court is open and the services we provide are available to you even though the building in Chelsea is currently not accessible,” said Sullivan. “We are here to help and we’re available to assist both landlords and tenants with any housing matters.”

Sullivan concluded his remarks, saying the Chelsea community is “resilient.”

“And it’s supported by

such great leaders as Tom Ambrosino, the city manager, Sal DiDomenico, and the other members of the delegation.

“And I also support what the senator said relative to Gladys Vega. Gladys is a tireless sign of real hope for the community of Chelsea and it’s not only a pleasure to work with her, but it’s inspirational—she really inspires all of us.”

Eviction moratorium law

Attorney Ghazal spoke about the state legislature’s passage in April of the “eviction moratorium law which for the immediate future temporarily pauses the eviction process in the majority of eviction cases.”

Ghazal said after the eviction moratorium law was passed, the Housing Court issued a new standing order that takes a broader view of the law.

Ghazal highlighted the key points of the eviction moratorium law, stating that “all deadlines in most eviction cases are on pause as long as the moratorium law is in effect; and the Housing Court is open, but the Court cannot accept, hear, or enter judgment in any eviction case that is considered under the law as non-essential.”



Mass. Housing Court Timothy Sullivan (lower left) and his staff participated in the Chelsea Collaborative’s virtual Town Hall with Executive Director Gladys Vega (top row, center), City Manager Tom Ambrosino (top row, right), and State Sen. Sal DiDomenico (bottom row, right). Martha Soto (top row, left) moderated the one-hour forum.

FEMA announces operational guidance for the 2020 hurricane season

To address the challenges of managing disaster response and recovery efforts during this year’s hurricane season, FEMA is releasing the “COVID-19 Pandemic Operational Guidance for the 2020 Hurricane Season” to help emergency managers and public health officials best prepare for disasters, while continuing to respond to and recover from coronavirus (COVID-19). The guidance can also be used by private sector and non-governmental organizations to gain an understanding of the government’s posture, planning and readiness efforts.

The guide provides actions emergency managers and public officials can take to prepare for response and recovery operations during ongoing COVID-19 pandemic response efforts.

Specifically, the guidance:

- Describes anticipated challenges to disaster operations posed by COVID-19;
- Highlights planning considerations for emergency managers based on current challenges;
- Outlines how FEMA plans to adapt response and recovery operations;
- Creates a shared understanding of expectations between FEMA and emergency managers; and,
- Includes guidance, checklists and resources to support emergency managers response and recovery planning.

Although some aspects of FEMA’s program delivery are different this year, others remain the same. FEMA does not anticipate major changes in program eligibility, timeliness of grant awards, or level of as-

stance provided under the Individual and Households Program.

While the guide focuses on FEMA’s program delivery during the 2020 hurricane season, most planning considerations can be applied to any disaster operation during the COVID-19 pandemic, including no-notice incidents.

FEMA will continue to operate under the framework of locally executed, state managed, and federal supported incident response. By creating a shared understanding of expectations among FEMA and state, local, tribal and territorial partners prior to hurricane season, the nation will be better positioned to achieve operational outcomes in disaster response and recovery efforts.

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police for their dedication during the pandemic.

“My dad is a detective – Fernando Camacho,” said Tanaira. “He’s been working a lot. There are days where I just haven’t seen him at all. I worry about him because his job is pretty scary, particularly now.”

Front and center at the Parade was Chief Brian Kyes – who has been at the front of watching the numbers for Chelsea during this pandemic and figuring out how to keep officers safe in the midst of such uncharted waters.

He said he was very threatened that residents took the time to organize and participate in the parade on a holiday weekend. “It really feels good to be appreciated by the people we work for,” he said. “The Friday before Memorial Day is a really busy time for people. I’m sure every-

one here has things they need to do. The fact they could come by and show appreciation to the men and women of the Chelsea Police Department means a lot.”

Kyes said the Chelsea Police have been very careful during the pandemic, and so far they haven’t had a lot of officers impacted- with only three officers testing positive since the outbreak started in one of the most affected cities in the state or nation.

“Based on the really high infection rates in the city – we’re about five times the average of any other city in the state – and the size of our department being 107 officers, we’ve had only three officers test positive and they’ve all returned to work,” he said. “I had it in my own household. It hit close to home. My daughter tested positive. It was a

challenge, but we were able to get through that... We did expand our testing of officers because they also had family that were exposed to a sick person. We sent a lot for testing, but they all came back negative.”

Officers over the last few weeks, and even now, are working under stressful conditions. He said with the infection rates he tallies up every week, he finds that rates are so high that officers have to assume everyone has the virus.

“That’s what we’re doing,” he said. “Early on the mindset might have been we wanted to know addresses of quarantined people...so we were on the safe

side if we had to respond there. But the virus spread so quickly. The idea now is that the virus could be anywhere at any time.”

Kyes has instituted protections like not having officers ride together in cars, and eliminating the roll calls that happened three times a day in normal times. Instead, officers show up, get the keys to the cruiser and go out the door. At the front desk, officers are now separated at the work station – one at the regular desk and the other at the Records desk.

It is a stressful situation to operate under, in a job that is typically stressful anyway in an urban city

like Chelsea.

“It goes on and on,” Kyes said. “All you can do is protect yourself from everyone. The officers are anxious. We all are. They aren’t so worried for themselves, but they are worried about being exposed and bringing it home to their families or their parents or someone with an illness... There is a level of anxiousness with that.”

And that is exactly why School Committeewoman Kelly Garcia and Councilor Melinda Vega Maldonado organized last Friday’s Citizen Parade. Vega Maldonado knows firsthand as her husband is a police officer, and they’ve been very care-

ful.

“We wanted to stage something that showed a lot of appreciation for all the great work in COVID-19,” she said. “We know firsthand. My husband is a police officer and it’s hard. We wanted to support each other right now, and members of our police department and first responders don’t get a lot of appreciation.”

Said Garcia, “It really ended up being a community effort. We wanted to have some sort of tribute for these officers for stepping up and protecting the community.”



Matt Frank of the Chelsea Housing Authority ready to get rolling.



Norieliz DeJesus and Jennifer Hassell get ready to go.



Magaly Valentin, Ivana Valentin and Jacqueline Fuentes were there to honor Lt. Miguel Sanchez.



Magaly and Ruben Valentin decorated their car and showed their appreciation for the Chelsea Police.



School Committeewoman Kelly Garcia with Officer Mustafa Miza.



Yolanda Valles decorated her car in balloons and was ready to roll.



School Committeewoman Kelly Garcia helped to organize the parade with Councilor Melinda Vega Maldonado.



Tanaira Camacho attached a balloon to the car in honor of her father, Fernando Camacho, who is a detective with the Chelsea Police.



Chief Brian Kyes and Capt. Robert Griffin wave to the passing cars along with a line of Chelsea Police officers.



Officer Joe Santiago keeps a proper distance from School Committeewoman Kelly Garcia and Councilor Melinda Vega Maldonado.



From the Chelsea Collaborative, Gladys Vega and Sylvia Ramirez.



Officer Maldonado with his wife, Councilor Melinda Vega Maldonado, and their children, Armani and Akyllis.

HUNDREDS OF FLAGS PLACED BY CHELSEA SQUARE FLAG PLACEMENT PROJECT

PHOTOS BY SETH DANIEL

The Chelsea Square flag placement project continued unabated despite the COVID-19 concerns this past Friday – showing that some things like honoring fallen soldiers on Memorial Day was worth taking a bit of a risk to carry out. The project has been ongoing in the Square every Memorial Day for around four years. About 25 volunteers, first responders and City officials showed up to help out the effort.



Firefighter Christian Avellaneda takes a look at his work after placing a line of flags.



Councilor Roy Avellaneda said it was on or about the fourth year that the tradition has continued.



City Manager Tom Ambrosino said it was important to keep with the tradition for Memorial Day.



Firefighter Gabriel Ruiz checks the alignment of the flags.



Officer Kyle Meehan took a few minutes to place some flags before reporting for duty.



Fidel Maltez of the DPW places a flag in the ground at Chelsea Square.



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Wai Leong of the Chelsea DPW has a handful of flags to place.



Councilor Todd Taylor dons a mask and places some flags on Friday.

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Seniors from CHS boys track reflect on lost season

“Chelsea High track gave me a sense of family”

With the coronavirus pandemic forcing the closure of schools across the state for the remainder of the 2020 school year, the Chelsea High athletic season also was canceled, taking away from the members of the senior class the opportunity to compete for the last time in a Red Devil uniform.

The Chelsea Record invited the coaches and members of the CHS spring sports teams from the Class of 2020 to reflect on the season that so abruptly was taken away from them in order to give these young athletes some of the recognition that they deserve. We also asked that they

provide some insight into what it means to be a Chelsea High varsity athlete and briefly to discuss their plans for the future.

We are certain that our readers will be as impressed as we were with these outstanding young men and women and join us in wishing them the best in their future endeavors:

The Record will continue to publish additional comments from the athletes and coaches as we receive them.

JAZMANY REYES, BOYS TRACK CAPTAIN

The Chelsea High track team has been a commitment that I was proudly involved in for the past

four years, along with the Chelsea High cross country team. It saddens me greatly that our outdoor track season ended, for a lot of my teammates, including myself, were seeing such great improvement and we were ready to continue growing as a team.

For the past four years, participating in such a difficult sport has allowed me to recognize my mental strengths and weaknesses as a person. Dedication, self discovery, and partnership were almost new concepts to me as a young child heading into high school with the pressure of independence.

I learned that you have to reach your inner breaking points not only to improve,



Jazmany Reyes

but also to recognize the potential that you can reach even if you believe that you can't obtain it.

Chelsea High track gave me a sense of family that I can't seem to find within

other teams. It was a second home for me and for my peers, where we all enforced a connection with one another.

As for the future, I plan to continue my journey

with the Framingham Rams at Framingham State University for the upcoming years. I'm extremely excited for what happens next.

MBTA lowers CharlieTicket and cash fare to CharlieCard

Slug: MBTA Lowers CharlieTicket and Cash Fare to CharlieCard Levels; Implements Free Bus and Subway Transfers from Zone 1A Fairmount Line Stops and Half-Price Zone 1A Commuter Rail Fares for the Youth Pass

As part of their Fiscal Year 2021 budget, the MBTA's Fiscal and Management Control Board today approved customer-driven fare tariff changes that include the lowering of CharlieTicket fares to that of the CharlieCard this fall as well as improvements for HYPERLINK “https://www.mbta.com/fares/reduced/youth-pass” \t “_blank” Youth Pass holders and for those transferring to rapid transit or buses from Zone 1A Fairmount Line stops.

“These tariff changes represent important initial steps toward a complete transformation of the MBTA's fare system, making the payment process easier and more convenient,” said MBTA General Manager Steve Pofatak. “Given the challenging circumstances created by the pandemic, these changes – eliminating the CharlieCard-CharlieTicket differential, free bus and subway transfers for Zone 1A Fairmount Line

stops, reduced Zone 1A fares for Youth Pass holders – allow the T to continue to best meet the needs of our riders through incremental, phased improvements.”

As part of the first phases of the MBTA's Fare Transformation program, which aims to make paying for transit easier and more convenient, today's approvals mean that the differential between CharlieCard and CharlieTicket/cash fares will be eliminated in fall 2020, lowering CharlieTicket and cash fares to CharlieCard levels. All fare payments will be the same, regardless of whether a customer is using a CharlieCard, CharlieTicket, or cash: \$1.70 for local bus (a \$0.30 reduction for those using CharlieTicket/cash), \$4.25 for inner express bus (a \$1 reduction for those using CharlieTicket/cash), \$5.25 for outer express bus (a \$1.75 reduction for those using CharlieTicket/cash), and \$2.40 for rapid transit (a \$0.50 reduction for those using CharlieTicket/cash).

The approval also allows for free bus transfers from Zone 1A Fairmount Line stations as well as free transfers to the subway at South Station – customers will no longer need to pay an additional fare to board the bus

or enter the fare gates at South Station. Through the use of CharlieCard readers at stations, these improvements will go into effect upon the commencement of the Fairmount Line Pilot.

This approval also grants Youth Pass holders with the eligibility for half-price Zone 1A Commuter Rail tickets, using the Fairmount validators, at ticket windows and onboard trains. The Youth Pass Program is a partnership between the MBTA and participating cities and towns that offers young adults with low income roughly 50% reduced one-way fares or \$30 monthly LinkPasses currently on bus and subway only. Upon the commencement of the Fairmount Pilot, Youth Pass holders can access Zone 1A stations for the reduced price.

Additional anticipated improvements to come as part of Fare Transformation's phased approach include:

- Deploying fare vending machines that dispense CharlieCards;
- All-door boarding on MBTA buses and surface stops along the Green Line;
- Integrating ferries and the entire Commuter Rail network into the CharlieCard system.

Catholic Churches look to begin Masses May 30 and 31

The Archdiocese of Boston released to parishes a video demonstrating how Catholics can help to keep each other safe as Churches begin to re-open this coming weekend.

It is expected most parishes will wait until the weekend of May 30 and 31 to resume the celebration of Mass since it was necessary to temporarily suspend Mass because of COVID-19.

The Evangelization and Discipleship Secretariat produced the just under 3-minute video and it shows what parishioners need to do from the moment they arrive in the Church parking lot, to entering the Church, how congregants will be social distancing, reception of Communion and how to exit the Church at the conclusion of Mass.

“The resumption of Mass in our Churches is a joyful moment for our parishes,” said Cardinal Seán P. O'Malley, OFM Cap. “It is very important

that, as we welcome parishioners back we do so with the health and safety of all in mind. Throughout this pandemic and for many months to follow we will be adjusting to a new way of doing things. We need to take care of each other now more than ever, confident the with the help of God we will emerge from this crisis to continue the mission entrusted us by Jesus Christ.”

Rev. Paul Soper, Secretary for Evangelization & Discipleship and leading the process of re-opening our Churches, said, “This is an extraordinary time for our people as we begin the process of returning to public Mass in our Churches. Our priests, parishioners, parish staff and volunteers have all responded to this opportunity with safety and the health of the community a priority. We ask for the patience, cooperation and prayers of the entire Catholic community as we begin this steady and slow

return to gathering together in prayer.”

The dispensation from the Sunday Mass obligation will continue for the foreseeable future. Cardinal Seán strongly encourages people in vulnerable populations, especially the elderly and those with complicating physical conditions, to continue to watch Mass from their homes on their parish's social media platforms or on CatholicTV.

The Archdiocese has consistently stated that it will work collaboratively with local and state officials during this crisis and we will continue to comply with their guidance and mandates devised to restart community activity while continuing to fight the virus and keep people safe.

The Archdiocese has posted the video on the BostonCatholic.org homepage and asked parishes to share with their parishioners.

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Do you need to schedule a telemedicine appointment with your primary care provider? Did you miss an appointment that needs to be rescheduled? If so, call 617-569-5800 to schedule a telemedicine appointment. This is especially important if you have a chronic or a behavioral health condition. You should be treated if needed, especially during this public health crisis. We're here to keep you healthy!

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SAILING HEALS MEALS HOLDS BBQ DELIVERY TO FRONTLINE MEDICAL WORKERS

Sailing Heals Meals, an initiative to feed frontline medical workers on the North Shore, made a Memorial Day BBQ delivery to MGH Chelsea HealthCare Center, with Kelly's Roast Beef of Revere Beach and Medford donating 140 meals to feed the entire staff at the center on May 21. Salem-based nonprofit Sailing Heals and the Martin Richard Foundation launched Sailing Heals Meals on April 15 and have since delivered more than 1,000 meals to local hospitals and health care facilities. For more information and to support Sailing Heals Meals, visit SailingHeals.org.



Volunteers Kathy, Betty and Catherine serve lunch.



Kathy and an MGH Staffer.



MGH Chelsea staffers enjoy their BBQ lunch on May 21.



Volunteers from Sailing Heals Meals hand out food at MGH Chelsea.

Massachusetts implements Pandemic Emergency Unemployment Compensation (PEUC)

The state announced May 21 that Massachusetts residents who are eligible for the federal CARES Act and qualify for having exhausted their regular unemployment compensation may now receive the new Pandemic Emergency Unemployment Compensation (PEUC).

The launch of this pro-

gram marks the third and final benefit available for the Commonwealth through the CARES Act. PEUC provides up to 13 additional weeks of benefits to an individual who has exhausted all rights to any regular unemployment compensation and who meets other eligibility requirements of the CARES

Act. PEUC will automatically begin for individuals who have been receiving regular standard unemployment benefits on an active claim and those benefits are exhausted, and those individuals do not have to take any further action. If an individual's standard unemployment claim has expired, they must file a new standard claim. If the individual is monetarily eligible on the new standard claim, regardless of the

benefit rate amount, they will receive benefits from that new claim. Otherwise, the individual will be eligible for PEUC on the prior claim and it will be automatically implemented. Individuals who exhausted their standard benefits but were receiving benefits through Pandemic Unemployment Assistance (PUA) must apply to claim weekly benefits. Residents should apply through the standard unemployment

benefits portal available here. Those receiving PEUC will also receive \$600 weekly through the week ending July 25, 2020, provided by the Federal Pandemic Unemployment Compensation (FPUC) program established by the CARES Act. The CARES Act signed into law on March 27, 2020, established the PEUC, PUA and FPUC public benefit programs that expanded

unemployment eligibility, temporarily increases weekly benefits for all claimants and allows additional categories of people to claim unemployment benefits. This is the largest expansion of assistance for the Commonwealth's workforce since the Great Depression. More information about Pandemic Emergency Unemployment Compensation can be found at mass.gov/peuc.



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POLICE Briefs

By SETH DANIEL AND PAUL KOOLLOIAN

THREATENED WITH KNIFE

On May 17, at 11:05 a.m., a CPD officer was approached in Bellingham Square by a victim that stated he was just threatened with a knife at the building

he lived in at 207 Shurtleff St. The officer requested other officers to respond to that location to investigate. The officers were given the name of the person that allegedly assaulted the male victim. Officers observed the suspect to be highly in-

toxicated and placed him under arrest for assault by means of a dangerous weapon. During the booking process, it was discovered the suspect had a misdemeanor default warrant out of Lynn District Court and was additionally charged.

NEWS Briefs

BY SETH DANIEL

EMERGENCY RENTAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM LOTTERY

The lottery of the City of Chelsea Emergency Rental Assistance Program will be held on June 3 on Facebook Live and Chelsea Cable. While applications are being processed, you are protected by law as a tenant during the pandemic. Your landlord cannot evict you, move your belongings, or shut off your utilities. For questions or housing-related legal help, contact Chelsea Collaborative at 617-889-6080 or Greater Boston Legal Services (GBLS) at 617-603-1807.

CHELSEA FUNERAL FUND

For the dignity of loved ones who have passed, the Chelsea Funeral Fund provides up to \$1,700 in financial assistance for cremation or burial. The fund is for Chelsea residents in need, regardless of religious affiliation, and is managed by Saint Luke’s Episcopal Church. To inquire, contact Reverend Edgar Gutiérrez-Duarte at 671-884-3300 or at vicarsanlucas@aol.com.

RAFT PROGRAM RENTAL ASSISTANCE

If anyone needs help paying rent, they may be eligible for financial assistance through the Massachusetts Residential Assistance for Families in Transition (RAFT) program. RAFT has expanded its eligibility requirements to help people with COVID-19 related job losses or financial hardship. Some things to consider:

- Your immigration status does not matter.
- You may be eligible for RAFT if you have not been, or will not be, able to pay rent, mortgage payments, or utilities due to COVID-19.
- You must be in contact with your landlord or property manager (RAFT funds are paid to them).
- If you are not on the lease, you can provide your landlord’s contact information to confirm that you are a tenant.

King Arthur’s to be demolished in coming days

Staff Report

City officials and developer Greg Antonelli confirmed that the infamous King Arthur’s strip club building will be coming down in the next week or so – putting an end to an infamous and embarrassing part of the history of Chelsea and Everett.

Antonelli said he will be moving forward very soon to demolish it, and City officials said there had been a demolition detail scheduled for the planned takedown. Antonelli has already secured the permits to build out a marijuana facility on the site, building a brand new building that will house a store.

King Arthur’s had existed on Beacham Street for many years, and had been the locus of many criminal acts – as well as the bad publicity of having a truck driver strip club in one’s community. The establishment lost its license several years ago, and Antonelli bought the club with plans to re-develop it.

and the hotel had ample space with only about 10 people using it and 100 rooms available.

“At the end of the day, it comes down to cost,” he said. “There was plenty of

capacity at EnVision. That let us to decide it made no sense to keep two hotels going when neither were at capacity.”

Hundreds gather at Salem State for Drive-By Commencement Celebration

By Seth Daniel

Extremely disappointed that college commencement at Salem State was in limbo, Everett’s Marc Centrella had an idea about a month ago that it would be cool to have hundreds cruise the campus on graduation day to celebrate even without an official ceremony.

He laughed about the idea, but posted it on the Salem State University Class of 2020 Facebook page anyway.

Soon, it had become quite a serious idea, and people really wanted to do it. So, Centrella began talking in online meetings with the president, the college administration, the campus police, the Salem Police and even Salem City Hall. He said he wanted to leave no stone unturned, and the result was an awesome – and safe – celebration on campus in cars on May 16.

“When I posted it so many people said if I organized it, they would support and attend,” he said.

The student-organized Drive-by Commencement Celebration brought cheers, honks, and decorated cars to Salem State’s O’Keefe parking lot on Saturday, May 16, where students and their families lined up in cars for the start of a celebratory drive around campus. About 100 cars holding about 300 people took part in the procession as approximately 40 Salem State faculty, staff, and administrators – including President John Keenan – spread out in their masks and cheered on the Class of 2020.

“We had about 100 cars and I was predicting 30 to 50,” he said. “It was an amazing turnout. Really, it gave people something to look forward to in these sad times. We will still have a commencement in the summer, but we don’t know when or how. For me personally, I’m the first person from my mother’s side of the family to attend college. When the pandemic happened, no one thought graduation would be impacted or businesses would lose so much money. To some students like me, family members have been really looking forward to this and to have something is an amazing thing in such a sad time...I saw people crying and tearing up, and it wasn’t said – they were tears of joy.”

Said President Keenan, “This drive-by celebration showed that the spirit of commencement cannot be dampened. The class of 2020 has shown tremendous resilience, and it’s no surprise that they found a safe and creative way to come together on what would have been our undergraduate commencement day. It was an honor to be there to cheer them on.”

Centrella, a current Everett resident that attended the Keverian School before graduating from Malden High in 2014, said getting things done involved collaboration with Salem State’s university police and the Salem Police Department. The drive-by was followed by a brief HYPERLINK “https://www.salemstate.edu/commencement” to “_blank” online conferral of degrees as a way to officially recog-

nize graduates’ success while the university works to reschedule the Class of 2020’s commencement.

“No matter what life throws at you, there’s always a way to find moments of light and joy,” said Centrella, “With everything going on in the world, we made something great out of nothing. We made it and we did it as one. That little drive-by meant a lot to family and friends. I had so many thank me. I felt it was just the right thing to do. It just worked out and I’m so happy for that.”

The university arranged for students to pick up their caps and gowns before the virtual conferral of degrees, while keeping masks and social distancing guidelines in place. As the university works to reschedule this year’s commencement, celebratory videos and emails have been shared with students.

Centrella graduated with a business major, and a concentration in Management Information Systems, but said he intends to find a job out of college that is about helping people. Since COVID-19 hit – along with the graduation planning effort – he said he really wants his life to be about helping people who are in need in some way.

The more than 2,000 graduates in the Class of 2020 include about 1,600 undergraduates and nearly 600 graduates receiving master’s degrees or certificates of advanced graduate studies. Graduates represent 32 countries and 23 states. This year, 279 students are becoming Double Vikings by receiving their second Salem State degree.

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DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES:

- Schedules applicant appointments and assist occupancy coordinator conduct interviews and process applicants for eligibility.
- Assists applicants in completing applications, updates, and transfers applications.
- Process Department mail daily
- Attend Vacancy meetings to discuss priorities for leasing vacant units
- Responsible for processing all transfer requests and updating and maintaining the Transfer list
- Perform preliminary Screening of all state applicants utilizing statewide system (CHAMP).
- Assist with state and federal updates of waiting list
- Performs other related duties as required.

QUALIFICATIONS AND SKILLS: Candidate must have strong oral and written communication skills, be detail oriented and can function in a multilingual/multicultural environment, must be well-organized and accurate in data-entry. Applicant must also exercise ethical judgment in maintaining the confidentiality and integrity of sensitive information. Computer skills including, but not limited to, MS Office are required. Fluency in Spanish is also preferred. A minimum of two years related experience is preferred, or a college Degree may be substituted for one year of relevant experience.

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Chelsea Housing Authority
Human Resource Department (PTAAJAN20)
54 Locke Street, Chelsea, MA 02150

Legislature passes bill to provide relief and improve access to unemployment benefits

State Rep. Dan Ryan joined his colleagues in the Massachusetts Legislature to pass a bill that will provide additional Unemployment Insurance (UI) relief to low-income families, non-profit institutions and employers. The legislation now moves on to the governor.

“The legislature continues to work together to move an agenda that best protects our most vulnerable residents while streamlining the unemployment system to best protect employees and employers alike,” said Ryan. “These emergency changes will provide a safety net for millions of residents in the short term while strengthening our economy to best be ready for long term recovery. Items like lifting the dependency caps on low wage earners is a recurring theme that we have worked on in other programs, pre-COVID. Those past themes resonated when it came time for COVID relief.”

An Act Providing Additional Support to Those Affected by the Novel Coronavirus Through the Unemployment Insurance System builds on UI legislation already signed into law waiving the one-week waiting period to receive benefits.

“This bill protects employers, including non-profits, and workers as we deal with the economic crisis in the wake of COVID-19,” said House Speaker Robert A. DeLeo (D-Winthrop). “I thank Chair Michlewitz, Chair Ferrante, Vice Chair Hay, Senate President Spilka, and my colleagues in the House and Senate for their work on this important UI Bill.”

The legislation builds off the

legislature’s ongoing efforts to address the COVID-19 public health crisis and its impact on workers and follows the passage of the federal Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security Act (CARES Act), which significantly increased UI benefits and expands eligibility during the coronavirus pandemic.

The components of the bill are as follows:

- Protection for Employers. Employers who participate in UI pay contributions based on their layoff experience. Like other forms of insurance, employers that are more likely to have workers use unemployment compensation are asked to pay more in the system. The system does not anticipate a situation where employers across a number of sectors have been forced to significantly reduce their workforces due to situations outside of their control. This bill prevents layoffs related to coronavirus from negatively impacting employer’s future UI contributions.

- Extending Unemployment Benefit Period. The number of weeks of unemployment compensation available in Massachusetts is tied to unemployment rates around the state. This trigger did not anticipate a situation, however, in which unemployment grows rapidly in a very short period of time. This bill ensures that the 30-week benefit period is triggered by a significant uptick in weekly unemployment claims.

- Lifting the Cap on Dependency Allotment. This bill eliminates the 50% cap for the

dependency allotment providing additional benefits to low-income families. This increase will be in addition to the \$600 per week benefit add-on provided for in the CARES Act for all workers eligible for state or federal benefits. This provision is effective for 18 months after the end of COVID-19 emergency and the end of enhanced federal benefits.

Currently, UI recipients are entitled to an additional \$25 per week for each child in the family, capped at 50% of a recipient’s base allotment. The result is that workers with particularly low allotments, such as low wage workers, can easily be capped out of receiving these additional amounts.

- Non-Profit Contribution Grace Period. Presently, many non-profits self-insure for unemployment claims. This means that when layoffs in the sector occur, non-profits pay the cost of those benefits dollar for dollar at the next billing period. This bill provides a 120-day grace period for non-profits to make these contributions. This delay will allow the state to review additional changes that are warranted to mitigate the impact on non-profits. The CARES Act provides 50% reimbursement for self-insured benefit payments during the Coronavirus crisis.

An Act Providing Additional Support to Those Affected by the Novel Coronavirus Through the Unemployment Insurance System now moves to the governor for consideration.

Slug: 32BJ SEIU & the Maintenance Contractors of New England agree to a one-year contract extension

In a moment of employer and labor unity during the Coronavirus crisis, 32BJ SEIU and the Maintenance Contractors of New England have agreed to a one-year extension of their 2016-2020 contract. The new contract—which covers approximately 14,000 janitors who clean commercial office buildings and public spaces throughout Metropolitan Boston, Central Massachusetts, and Rhode Island—was scheduled to expire this September but will now be extended through September 30, 2021.

Both parties agreed that coming together in this unprecedented economic and public health crisis is crucial, especially as people start coming back to work at the office buildings these workers clean. The extension will allow management, union officials, and workers to strategize

together on protecting the health and safety of all as Governor Baker’s administration rolls out his four-phase reopening plan, and making sure that building owners are doing the same. The extension also maintains quality, union healthcare for the janitors and their families, which is crucial for this vulnerable workforce and the general public in the face of COVID-19.

“The cleaning contractors of Massachusetts and Rhode Island put tremendous value in our employees,” said Michael White, President/Chairman of the Association. “We are glad that this agreement will enable the industry to continue and maintain our focus on providing our clients with the services they need in this unprecedented moment as well as to ensure the stability they and our employees depend

upon.”

“The pandemic has forced all of us on both sides of the table to unite around economic stability and workplace safety as the Bay State slowly reopens,” said Roxana Rivera, Vice President of 32BJ SEIU and local leader of the union. “Our commercial cleaners come from some of the most impacted communities in our state—they are primarily immigrants and people of color living in places that have been ravaged by the disease, such as Chelsea, Lynn, and Mattapan. Right now, they need stability and collaboration with management, and I’m very pleased that the Contractors Association agrees. By coming together, we will do our part to make the Bay State’s working families safe and secure as we fight this terrible disease.”

LEGAL NOTICE

Re: Café El Dorado, LLC.
241 Broadway,
Chelsea, MA
Chelsea Licensing Commission, June 4, 2020
Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be held by the Chelsea Licensing Commission on Thursday, June 4, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. via WebEx video conference at the City Council Conference Room at 500 Broadway, Chelsea, MA, for an application of an Amusement and Entertainment License for Café El Dorado, LLC., 241 Broadway, Chelsea, MA. 02150. If you wish to join or speak at the meeting, please email Naomi Libran at nlibran@chelseama.gov.
CHELSEA LICENSING COMMISSION
Naomi Libran

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LEGAL NOTICE

Re: Emiliana Fiesta LLC
d/b/a Emiliana Fiesta
35 Fourth Street,
Chelsea, MA 02150
Chelsea Licensing Commission, June 4, 2020
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LEGAL NOTICE

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22-24 Washington Avenue, Chelsea, MA 02150
Chelsea Licensing Commission, June 4, 2020
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Chelsea, MA, to consider a New All Kinds of Alcohol Beverages License application to La Chula LLC at 22-24 Washington Avenue, Chelsea, MA 02150. If you wish to join or speak at the meeting, please email Naomi Libran at nlibran@chelseama.gov.
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Re: Sabor Especial Foods Inc.
390 Beacham Street, Chelsea, MA 02150
Chelsea Licensing Commission, June 4, 2020
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Re: Oakwood Tavern LLC
d/b/a Tambo 22
22 Adams Street, Chelsea, MA 02150

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LEGAL NOTICE

Re: Wings El Corral, Inc. d/b/a Wings
408 Broadway, Chelsea, MA
Chelsea Licensing Commission, June 4, 2020
Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be held by the Chelsea Licensing Commission on Thursday, June 4, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. via WebEx video conference in the City Council Conference Room, Chelsea City Hall, 500 Broadway, Chelsea, MA, for an application of Change of hours in an All Kinds of Alcohol License for Wings El Corral, Inc. d/b/a Wings, 408 Broadway, Chelsea, MA. 02150. If you wish to join or speak at the meeting, please email Naomi Libran at nlibran@chelseama.gov.

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NOTICE
In accordance with Section 2-7 (b) and (d) of the Chelsea City Charter notice is hereby given that at a regular meeting of the Chelsea City Council held on May 18, 2020, the City Council voted to adopt the following emergency orders:
Ordered, that the Chelsea City Council authorizes the appropriation of funds in the amount of \$191,250 from Free Cash to the Bunker Hill Community College Scholarship

Program Expense Account #7400-578080 to provide tuition funding for Chelsea High School graduates. Ordered, that to fund the collective bargaining agreement negotiated with the USWA Local 9427 for Fiscal Year 2020, the Chelsea City Council authorizes the transfer of \$96,946.00 from the Salary Reserve Account #0199959-598000 to the FY2020 Regular Salaries Account 510200 to fund the FY2020 Contract Wage Increases. Copies of the orders are available at the Office of the City Clerk, City Hall, 500 Broadway, Room209, Chelsea, MA 02150. Jeannette Cintron White
City Clerk
5/28/20

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OBITUARIES

Michael Marden, Jr.

“Super” Patriots Fan

Funeral services and Interment will be held privately due to the ongoing COVID-19 (Coronavirus) pandemic for Michael E. Marden, Jr., who died at home on Saturday, May 23 in the comfort and love of his family after a long illness. He was 39 years old.

Michael was born in Malden and raised and educated in Revere. He attended Northeast Regional Vocational High School in Wakefield and Revere High School. Due to Michael’s health, he was disabled and could not work.

He had a deep passion for the New England Patriots and was enthralled with each game, play and victory. Like many of us, Michael was able to truly enjoy the past 20 years of football with his team dominating the game. His fascination demonstrated that he was a “Super Fan.” He also enjoyed watching the Boston Celtics as well, but not at the same level of excitement and devotion as the New England Patriots.

He loved being surrounded by his nieces and nephews and watching them grow up. He was a young man with a good heart and good sense of humor, he will always be loved and remembered.

The beloved son of Michael E. Marden, Sr. and



his wife, Pamela (Theberge) Marden of Saugus, formerly of Revere, he was the cherished brother of Michelle L. Mazza of Lynn, Kerri A. Marden of Danvers and Paul E. Marden and his wife, Alicia of Saugus; adored uncle of Kylie Mazza and Cameron Mazza, both of Lynn, Stella Bulla, Sadi Grey Bulla, both of Danvers and Saylor Marden of Saugus. He is also lovingly survived by many loving aunts, uncles and cousins.

In lieu of flowers, remembrances may be made to the Northeast Animal Shelter, 347 Highland Ave., Salem, MA 01970. To send online condolences, please visit www.vertuccioand-smith.com. Funeral Arrangements are entrusted to the care and direction of the Vertuccio & Smith, Home for Funerals.

Donald ‘Don’ Pasco

Proprietor of Pasco Aluminum and Piano Player at Continental Restaurant in Saugus for over 30 years



Funeral Services and Interment in Woodlawn Cemetery, Everett will be held privately due to the ongoing COVID-19 (Coronavirus) pandemic for Donald A. “Don” Pasco who passed away peacefully on Thursday, May 21 as God granted his final wish of being home surrounded by his family. He was 91 years old.

Born and raised in Boston, he was the son of the late Nicholas and Margaret (Gamaldo) Pasco. He attended Boston English High School and immediately enlisted in the United States Army. A proud member of a military family, Don and his three brothers each enlisted into separate branches of the United States Armed Forces, all of them serving faithfully and honorably. It was in the Army where Donald made many lifelong friends. He thoroughly enjoyed serving his time and defending the country that he loved.

He took up boxing while he was in the Army and it was there that he realized his potential in many aspects of his life, especially as a talented musician. After multiple re-enlistments, he was honorably discharged in 1951 and returned home to East Boston.

He began working in the business of aluminum siding and specialized in windows and doors. He would eventually own and operate his own business named Pasco Aluminum for many years.

His love for music led him to become a popular piano player in various venues throughout the North Shore area and later in Central Massachusetts. He played for over 70 years, from the Frolics on Revere Beach to the Driftwood and the Pony Lounge in East Boston. His resume included a 30-year stint at the Continental Restaurant in Saugus and Angelica’s in Middleton, among others. After marrying Yvonne M. Goulart, the couple resided in Dorchester with their youngest son for several years before moving to Revere and eventually to Brookfield where they made their new home about nine years ago. As a result, Don would continue to share his musical talent in Central Massachusetts. He continued throughout his 80’s playing in several senior centers and even



until recently, he and his wife, Yvonne, performed at Brookhaven Assisted Care in West Brookfield, Massachusetts.

Don was a dedicated family man and his personality drew everyone to him immediately. He and his family were avid theatre goers and as a result made many honored friendships over the years. He will be greatly missed by all who had the pleasure of meeting him or anyone who had the joy of listening to his gift of music that he shared with so many throughout his life.

The beloved husband of 29 years to Yvonne M. Goulart of Brookfield, he was the devoted father of Melinda S. “Mindy” Curry and her fiancé, Timothy Amentola of Everett, Michelle L. “Shelly” Pasco and her companion, Matt LeGallo of Revere, Nicole L. Pasco and her husband, Fouad Chebani of Revere, Anthony D. Pasco and his wife, Nicole Tedesco-Pasco of Taunton and Nathaniel “Nathan” D. Goulart-Pasco of Brookfield; cherished grandfather of Linda Brown and her husband, Joshua, Mario N. Pasco, Yassmina Kalila, Sophia Pasco, Roman Pasco and Dominic and Camron Shaw. He is also lovingly survived by Roberta L. Racki of Chelsea, Brian R. Racki and his wife, Athanasia of Lynn, Ottavia Racki of Chelsea and her children and Stephanie Murphy of Salem, NH and her daughter. He was the dear brother of Edward Pasco and his wife, Candy of Woburn and the late Jeanette Venuti, Richard “Dick” Pasco, Elizabeth “Betty” Oliva, Leonard “Lenny” Pasco and Maryann Dello Russo. Don is also fondly remembered by many nieces, nephews, grandnieces, grandnephews, extended family and friends. To send online condolences, please visit www.vertuccioandsmith.com. Funeral Arrangements entrusted to the care and direction of the Vertuccio & Smith, Home for Funerals.

Charlene Mary Carter

She was the life of the party wherever she went

Charlene Mary (Wolcott) Carter of Lynn, a long-time resident of Chelsea, passed away on April 10.

Charlene was educated in the Chelsea public school system. Among other jobs, Charlene worked for CETA in Chelsea and CAPIC Head Start as a Teaching Assistant. From there, she worked at the Massachusetts Highway Department where she worked for many years as a Program Coordinator in the Civil Rights Division before retiring in 2006.

Upon retiring, she volunteered her time at the non-profit Girls Inc. of Lynn as a mentor. Everywhere she went, Charlene was the life of the party. In her down time, she regularly participated in a Lynn bowling league. Charlene loved gardening, shopping with her friends and was an avid Boston sports fan. Those who unconditionally loved her will miss her immeasurably.

She was born in Boston on July 10, 1939 to the late Leonard A. Wolcott and the late Barbara A. (Russell) Wolcott. She was the for-

mer wife of the late Gene A. Carter, devoted and loving mother of the late Gene A. Carter, Jr., the late Michael A. Carter, Susan A. Carter of Cambridge, Lisa A. Tucker of Chelsea and Gregory A. Carter of Revere; the loving grandmother of 12 grandchildren, eight great-grandchildren and three great-great-grandchildren; sister of the late Althea Brown and the late Richard Wolcott. She is survived by her brothers: Leonard, Donald and Douglas and her sister, Dawn-Marie. She also leaves behind loving cousins, nieces, nephews, and her devoted friends, Shirley, Yvonne and Charlie.

A celebration of her life will be held and announced at a later date when family and friends can attend. Arrangements were given to the care and direction of the Welsh Funeral Home, Chelsea. We encourage family and friends who wish, to offer condolences at this time by means of the online guest book or to send a personalized sympathy card visit; www.Welsh-FuneralHome.com.

Philip Mathew Dyer, Jr.

Oct. 26, 1959 – May 2, 2020

Philip Mathew Dyer, Jr. of Chelsea passed away on Monday, May 25 from health complications. He was 60 years old.

Philip was born on October 26, 1959 in Chelsea, one of six children born to the late Philip M. Dyer, Sr. and Alice (Martineau) Dyer. He was the brother of Paul Dyer of Burlington, Fred Dyer of Woburn, Aimee Dyer of Maine, Marty Dyer of Everett and the late Vincent Dyer.

Philip attended St. Rose School in his elementary years and then to Chelsea High School. In his childhood, Philip spent most of his days at Carter Park. He played baseball, tennis, street hockey and even camped on the top of the water tower at Soldier’s Home.

After high school, Philip married Martha Cetina of Chelsea. They were married for 26 years and had three children: Veronica Dyer-Medina, Carol Dyer Sanchez and Philip Dyer III, all of Chelsea. The two remained good friends always.

Philip was involved with his children’s schooling as PTO president, coached his son’s little league team and played and coached for the Chelsea LHAS men’s softball league for many years in the 90’s. Philip won three championships with the Cardinals at Carter Park, and will be infamously remembered for frequently getting tossed by the “Umps.”

Philip enjoyed taking long train rides with his



children and nieces and nephews to Manchester by the Sea for the beaches. He enjoyed fishing, all Boston Sports and cooking.

Later in life, Philip re-married the late Kathleen Healy of Hull. He was also the proud grandfather of Charlize Sanchez, Cailyn Sanchez, Heylee Medina and Rudy Medina. Philip’s eldest grandchild nicknamed him “Da” and so he was called by all before his passing.

Philip will forever be remembered as a good old Chelsea boy, beloved father, uncle, son, brother and Da!

A private family farewell will be held next week. A full celebration of his life will be announced at a later date when family and friends can attend.

We encourage family and friends who wish, to offer condolences at this time by means of the online guest book or to send a personalized sympathy card.

In lieu of flowers, should friends desire, contributions in Philip’s memory should be directed to St. Luke’s Episcopal Church, 201 Washington Ave., Chelsea, MA 02150

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April unemployment numbers hit 15.1 percent overall

The state’s April total unemployment rate is up 12.3 percentage points at 15.1 percent, the Executive Office of Labor and Workforce Development announced Friday.

The Bureau of Labor Statistics’ preliminary job estimates indicate Massachusetts lost 623,000 jobs in April. This follows last month’s revised loss of 43,800 jobs. The monthly change in the job estimates reflects the ongoing impact of the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic. Over the month, the private sector lost 597,100 jobs as losses occurred in all sectors, the largest of which occurred in Leisure and Hospitality; Trade, Transportation, and Utilities; Education and Health Services; Construction; and Other Services. Government lost jobs over the month.

From April 2019 to April 2020, BLS estimates Mas-

sachusetts lost 638,000 jobs.

The only private sector job gain over the year was in Information. The remaining private sectors lost jobs over the year with the largest percentage losses in Leisure and Hospitality; Other Services; Construction; and Trade, Transportation, and Utilities.

The April unemployment rate was four-tenths of a percentage point higher than the national rate of 14.7 percent reported by the Bureau of Labor Statistics.

The labor force decreased by 364,700 from 3,772,000 in March, as 773,500 fewer residents were employed and 408,700 more residents were unemployed over the month.

Over the year, the state’s seasonally adjusted unemployment rate increased by 12.1 percentage points.

The state’s labor force participation rate – the total number of residents 16 or

older who worked or were unemployed and actively sought work in the last four weeks – dropped to 60.3 percent. Compared to April 2019, the labor force participation rate is down by 7.2 percentage points.

April 2020 Employment Overview

- Leisure and Hospitality lost 216,200 (-61.0%) jobs over the month. Over the year, Leisure and Hospitality lost 237,500 (-63.2%) jobs.
- Trade, Transportation and Utilities lost 112,700 (-19.5%) jobs over the month. Over the year, Trade, Transportation and Utilities lost 113,700 (-19.7%) jobs.
- Education and Health Services lost 85,900 (-10.6%) jobs over the month. Over the year, Education and Health Services lost 82,900 (-10.2%) jobs.
- Construction lost 60,000 (-37.1%) jobs over the month. Over the

year, Construction has lost 60,700 (-37.4%) jobs.

- Other Services lost 48,100 (-35.7%) jobs over the month. Over the year, Other Services are down -52,500 (-37.8%) jobs.
- Professional, Scientific and Business Services lost 45,600 (-7.5%) jobs over the month. Over the year, Professional, Scientific and Business Services lost 42,800 (-7.1%) jobs.
- Manufacturing lost 21,400 (-8.8%) jobs over the month. Over the year, Manufacturing lost 22,400 (-9.2%) jobs.
- Financial Activities lost 6,700 (-3.0%) jobs over the month. Over the year, Financial Activities lost 4,200 (-1.9%) jobs.
- Information lost 400 (-0.4%) jobs over the month. Over the year, Information added 2,000 (+2.2%) jobs.
- Government lost 25,900 (-5.6%) jobs over the month. Over the year,

Government lost 23,200 (-5.1%) jobs.

Labor Force Overview

The April estimates show 2,891,600 Massachusetts residents were employed and 515,700 were unemployed, for a total labor force of 3,407,300. The unemployment rate was up by 12.3 percentage points at 15.1 percent. The April labor force decreased by 364,700 from 3,772,000 in March, as 773,500 fewer residents were employed and 408,700 more residents were unemployed over the month. The labor force participation rate, the share of working age population employed and unemployed, was down at 60.3 percent. The labor force was down 393,800 from the 3,801,100 April 2019 estimate, with 795,700 fewer residents employed and 401,900 more residents unemployed.

The unemployment rate is based on a monthly sam-

ple of households. The job estimates are derived from a monthly sample survey of employers. As a result, the two statistics may exhibit different monthly trends. The Bureau of Labor Statistics implemented the Current Population Survey level-shift outliers into the estimation models to incorporate the state claims inputs starting with the revised March estimates. These level shifts preserved movements in published estimates that the model otherwise would have dis-

counted as sampling error.

Local area unemployment statistics for April 2020 will be released on Tuesday, May 26, 2020. The preliminary May 2020 and revised April 2020 unemployment rate, labor force and job estimates for Massachusetts will be released on Friday, June 19, 2020.

Malden Catholic High School graduation schedule 2020

In honor of the Class of 2020, our stadium lights are illuminated daily from 8:20 p.m. (that’s 2020 hours military time) to 8:40 p.m. until June 20, 2020. This symbolic lighting of the stadium for the duration of 20 minutes starting at 2020 hours demonstrates our pride for the Class of 2020. On Monday evenings, we will take photos of some of our senior class leaders including our Valedictorian and Salutatorian, Student Council, etc. Our Communications Department will contact these individuals directly.

Senior Gift – Delivered During the Week of May 25

Seniors will receive a special gift delivered to their homes over the week of May 25 from Gingerbread Construction Company.

Adopt-A-Senior

Plans are underway for parents in our MC community to provide a special token of appreciation for our seniors. Look for more information to be shared

soon.

Virtual Senior Christian-Service Prayer Service – Monday, June 15, at 4:00 p.m.

The annual Senior Christian Service Prayer Service will be held virtually on Monday, June 15, at 4:00 p.m. This is one way in which we can preserve our Prayer Service tradition and allow seniors to reflect prayerfully on the great service they rendered to the community over 4 years. Our survey responses supported a virtual event.

Senior Virtual Awards Ceremony – Wednesday, June 17, at 6:00 p.m.

The annual Senior Awards Ceremony will be held virtually on Wednesday, June 17, at 6:00 p.m. Based upon the survey data, our seniors indicated that a virtual ceremony was an appropriate format for this event. We will set up a stage and backdrop in the gym, and school administrators will host the event. (Awards, certificates, honor cords, moms’ flowers and

other memorabilia from this event will be distributed at our MC Live Rolling Rally on Saturday, June 20.)

The MC Live Rolling Rally – Saturday, June 20, from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. (Rain date is June 21, from 2:00 – 4:00 p.m.)

We will be transforming our back parking area into a senior celebration site for our first-ever Senior Rolling Rally! Seniors and family, traveling in one car, will follow a parade route around the School, making way to a stage where seniors will exit the vehicle for a photo opportunity with administrators and receive their MC Senior Graduation Package with awards, certificates, honor cords, flowers for their moms and other memorabilia. We encourage seniors to wear their “quarantine t-shirts” for the event. Additionally, MC administrators will host a short program. The event will be live-streamed for those gathered, as well as for other family members and individuals from

the community to follow along and enjoy.

Malden Catholic Live Commencement/Conferral of Diplomas – Saturday, August 1, at 4:00 p.m.

In response to our survey, we plan to host live our Class of 2020 Commencement Exercises in Brother Gilbert Stadium, as permitted by state and local health organizations and government officials. Malden Catholic will follow all social distancing guidelines as established by the CDC to ensure the safety for all involved.

If for some reason, we are not able to hold the event as outlined above, our “Plan B” is to conduct a drive-up conferral of diplomas on Malden Catholic grounds or personally deliver each diploma to the homes of our seniors by our lead administrators, while maintaining social distancing.

Valedictorian and Salutatorian

Malden Catholic is proud to announce the Valedictorian and the Salutatorian for

the Class of 2020.

Valedictorian - Michael Sekenski

Salutatorian - Ciro Carbone

Live Senior Baccalaureate Mass and Reception – Tuesday, November 25 (time to be determined)

During Thanksgiving week, when our seniors typically come home, visit the school to pick up yearbooks, and rekindle old friendships, we will host our Senior Baccalaureate Mass. The Mass and Reception are scheduled for Tuesday, November 25.

The time will be announced as we move closer to the date.

We have much to celebrate in the achievements of our Class of 2020! Though we cannot do it in our usual fashion, we hope that the events we have planned will convey our love, thanks, and appreciation to each senior and his family for the partnership we have shared and for the relationship that will continue as our graduates join the ranks of Malden Catholic alumni.

A SHORT STORY ABOUT GROWING UP WITH AN UNFAIR ADVANTAGE.

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As one of the last American children to contract polio, Jeffrey Galpin grew up in a world of iron lungs and body casts, alone with his imagination. His story would be dramatic enough if it was just about his battle with this dreaded disease.

But Jeffrey Galpin did more than survive polio. He went on to a list of achievements in medical research—including being the principal investigator in applying the first gene therapy for HIV/AIDS.

Dr. Galpin actually credits his own incurable condition for giving him the focus that made him so passionate in his research. His story leaves us with two of the most contagious messages we know. Don't give up, and remember to give back. If Dr. Galpin's story inspires just one more person to make a difference, then its telling here has been well worth while.

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