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#### CITY OF CHELSEA HOLDS MEMORIAL DAY CEREMONY



veteran and Post Chaplain 2346, Carl Mucci, who grew up in Chelsea, and Olivia Anne Walsh, **Commander of Citizens Chapter** 10, Disabled American Veterans, placing wreaths in front of Chelsea City Hall.

Right, Police Chief Brian Kyes and Fire Chief Len Albanese saluting the flag. See more photos on Page 6.



## Council passes resolution opposing app-based driving legislation

The City Council voted 10-1 last week stating its opposition to proposed state legislation and a potential 2022 ballot question that would grant app-based gigs such as Uber, Lyft, and Doordash special exemptions from the state's labor, civil rights, and con-

sumer protection laws. "We kicked off the this resolution in the City of Chelsea as a statement of solidarity and advocacy for the app-based company workers of Chelsea," said District 3 Councilor Norieliz DeJesus, who introduced the resolution. "(We are) calling out big tech companies and advo-

month of May celebrating cating for our community to sustain; we cannot al-International Workers Day, for those who are working low these injustices in the and as we get closer to the endless hours with compa-workplace to continue." end of May, I introduce nies such as Uber and Lyft and in turn are getting no health insurance, no paid sick time, and fewer legal protections against discrimination in the workplace and are not eligible for paid family leave or unemployment. These workers have children to feed

and bills to pay and a roof

District 5 Councilor Judith Garcia also spoke in support of the resolution.

"It's incredible that to this day, some leaders refuse to stand against corporations that continue to treat our working class individuals and working

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#### CHELSEA HIGH SCHOOL'S ARTS NIGHT OUT



Friends and families gathering at Chelsea High School for the May 25 Arts Night Out. See Page 7 for more photos.

## expand on budget request for Election Commissioner By Adam Swift

A full-time Election Commissioner in the City Clerk's office could help improve voter registration in the city and free up the clerk's office to take care of more services for residents, according to City Clerk Jeannette Cintron White and City Manager Thomas Ambrosino.

During City Council subcommittee budget hearings last week, White and Ambrosino presented their case for adding the \$60,000 per year position in the Fiscal Year 2023 budget.

"This is an effort to grow the office in a very important role," White. "It is to put greater focus on elections, and it stems from the changes of 2020 and the efforts the state was trying to

make for expanding early voting, the vote by mail, and their future efforts of either Election Day registration or same-day voter registration."

White also noted the longer, two-week period of early voting that took place in 2020.

"I also wanted to focus on increasing voter participation, to lower barriers for those who don't speak English first," she said. "We do have about 16,000 registered voters, but our census shows over 40,000 residents."

In addition to being in charge of all aspects of elections, such as training poll workers and campaign finance law filings, White said the position would also be able to provide some backup to the

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## A Star In Stripes

Restiano will step down as CHS coach and pursue career as college basketball referee

By Cary Shuman

Gena Restiano could dribble, shoot, dish, and score with the best of them in Revere High School girls basketball history.

Now the RHS and Suffolk alumna has her sights on another aspect of the game: officiating.

Restiano, 27, made a huge career decision this week, opting to leave the high school coaching ranks in favor of continuing a path toward becoming a college basketball referee - with the WNBA and NBA also in her future, long-range goals.

Restiano has officially stepped down from her girls basketball and softball head coaching positions at Chelsea High School. She will be continuing as a physical education teacher at the CHS and receiving her Master's in Education with a concentration in Physical Education from Salem State University.

"I'm stepping down from both coaching positions and moving toward my career in refereeing," said Restiano. "I just got certified a couple of weeks ago to referee NCAA basketball on the women's side."

> **Emerging from** a refereeing tryout participated Restiano



Gena Restiano, pictured with Matt Grasso, will begin refereeing NCAA women's college basketball games in the 2022-23 season.

in a referees' tryout sessions with 65 candidates at the M-Plex, an athletic facility in Mansfield. Of the refereeing candidates, there were only 12 women present.

"I was there from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. and refereed four games," said Restiano. "I was evaluated by Division 1, 2, and 3, officials that have been refereeing for several years. One of the more notable evaluators was Mike Quigley of Quincy, who has been refereeing Division 3 women's basketball for the last 20 years. He just officiated the NCAA Women's Final Four this past year. He was awesome. He told me I have a very big career ahead of me in refereeing."

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busy Clerk's office.

"It's really just an effort to grow the office," White said. "I see Revere and Somerville and they have this position, and there is just so much that can be done there."

District 1 City Councilor Todd Taylor asked about how the Election Commissioner would remain impartial during elections, and if it would be required that the person filling the position be an unenrolled voter.

"I think it would be appropriate, seeing that someone who runs elections should go above and beyond and demonstrate they are impartial and unbiased and fair," said Taylor. "Being unenrolled doesn't necessarily give you that, but I think whoever is put into that position needs to be. I know that if somebody wasn't that I would strenuously object."

Ambrosino said there are measures to help make sure the elections are impartial, but said the Election Commissioner position is a union position that does not have a requirement that candidates be unenrolled.

"I would be a little wary of making that a condition of the job," said Ambrosino, stating that it could limit the pool of candidates as well as eliminate a qualified candidate who might be enrolled in one of the political parties.

"I don't want to commit that that will be a require-

ment of the position, but I hear your point," said Ambrosino.

Taylor said he would like to see some sort of listing of how the city would ensure that a commissioner would be impartial.

"We're in politics and we know how things work," said Taylor. "This is a very real question and I'm not just up here bloviating, this is real, and I think everybody, whether you are a Republican or a Democrat or unenrolled ... you want elections to be fair and impartial."

Taylor also touched on the need for additional help in the City Clerk's office, noting that there are often lines down the hallway of people trying to get business done at the clerk's office.

"We are sitting on a pile of free cash and we are anticipating more free cash at the end of the year," said Taylor. "I would hope you might consider adding an additional person to the clerk's office so we can really try to get a handle on the customer service aspect of citizens coming in here every day and having to wait."

Ambrosino said the Election Commissioner should free up other people in the department to take on other tasks, since much of the work is already spread out between employees in the clerk's

As a union position, Ambrosino said the com-

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missioner job will be posted within City Hall before being posted to all potential applicants.

"You are looking at filling a position that ... has to make sure all candidates file their campaign finance reports on time, be knowledgeable of that calendar, train poll workers and know the ins and outs of election law," Council President Roy Avellaneda.

In addition, the candidate would be expected to manage the voting lists and participate in an active voter registration campaign.

"You think that maybe you will find the person who has done this in this building and you're not going to try to find somebody who has done that sort of work outside?" Avellaneda asked Ambrosino.

Ambrosino said it is his obligation under the union contract to give internal candidates a week to ap-

"That is what we are mandated to do, and that is what we will do," he said. "Do I expect to find someone? I have to keep an open mind because that is my requirement under the union contract; if we don't, we will go out to the market."

Ultimately, Ambrosino said it is likely that the city may find someone who has worked in another clerk's office who has some election experience and is looking for a new position or challenge.



PROBATIONARY FIREFIGHTERS

Probationary Firefighters Moises Ventura, Irvans Cyprien and Santos Hernandez graduated from the Massachusetts Fire Academy on May 17. They are conducting in house training and will be on the line beginning June 3.

## Concerns raised about height of building proposed for Floramo's site

By Adam Swift

Developers of a proposed 11-story research and development building at the site of Floramo's Restaurant faced questions about the traffic, setbacks. and the size of the project at a Planning Board meeting on Tuesday, May 24.

The developers, Verdynt, will be back before the board at its June 28 meeting to provide more answers to some of the questions raised last week about the 213 Everett Ave. project. Planning Board members are also requesting the developer present a concept for a scaleddown, eight-story build-

At that June meeting, the Planning Board could then make a recommendation to the Zoning Board of Appeals for a number of variances and permits being requested for the project. Verdynt is scheduled to appear before the ZBA in July.

The initial concept for the 151-foot building calls for a restaurant and possible community space on the first floor, parking on floors two through four, and lab and office space on the upper floors.

"We didn't just pick this site because someone offered it to us, or because we know the Floramo family," said Doug Mednetz, one of the principals of Boston-based Verdynt. "We picked this site because we think it makes a lot of sense."

One of the main draws of the site is its proximity to public transportation, Mednetz said.

In addition, the new apartments being built across the street, its proximity to the high school and nearby hotels are also major draws for the location, Mednetz said, Since the development will be a science center, Mednetz said there are possible opportunities for collaborations with the high school and other local schools.

With the size and scope of the project, Mednetz said there will need to be some variances and special permits granted by the ZBA, primarily for building height, setbacks, and parking, to make the project a reality.

"The reason we are asking for the variances is because there are some hardships here," said Mednetz. "The lot shape, it's very irregular and it makes it challenging to fit (with) all the zoning regulations. We want to maximize the lot, because when you run into funky shapes, it makes it a little challenging."

Because of flood plain and soil issues, the parking needs to be above and not below ground, resulting in the parking deck on floors two through four, Mednetz said.

If the project does garner the necessary city approvals, Mednetz said the design and building permit phase should last about a year, with construction coming in at about 26 months.

"There is a huge demand for this type of building in Massachusetts, and we believe the vast majority (of the building) will be leased before we even start building," said Mednetz.

The size of the lab and office space will range from small lab and office space for one- or two-person startups, to entire floor leases for larger entities, he said. The entire building will

be about 390,000 square feet, with about 286,000 square feet of that leasable. The estimated construction cost is \$267 million and it is anticipated that the cost to lease space will be \$600 to \$700 per square foot, according to project architect Matthew Juros of Fishbrook Design in Haverhill.

Juros said the building is a speculative research and development building, so it's not being built for a specific company, but to attract companies.

A traffic impact survey done by the developers showed there would not be a significant impact on traffic compared to what is there now.

However, the developers noted that there are already major traffic issues in the area, and stated there would be traffic improvements made to several high-crash rated intersections along Everett Avenue.

Planning Board member Sharlene McLean said she had serious concerns about the scale of the proposed building.

"This building is just so ridiculously outsized for the neighborhood," she said. "It might be comparable in height to the (nearby) FBI building, but the FBI building has a lot of setbacks. Eleven stories, that's just too tall."

McLean said she wasn't convinced by the argument that the developer needed zoning relief because of the awkward shape of the lot.

"You know what they are, you know that going in and you know what the ordinances are, yet you are seeking relief from every single one," said McLean. "We've had other applications saying the same thing, and I find that arrogant. Somebody coming in for a project such as this and seeking relief from every single building code and ordinance that the city has is arrogant."

Mednetz said he understood the concerns, but said the cost of construction in part makes the scale necessary. He said the construction team initially sought to put the parking underground, but was unable to because of flood zone and soil issues.

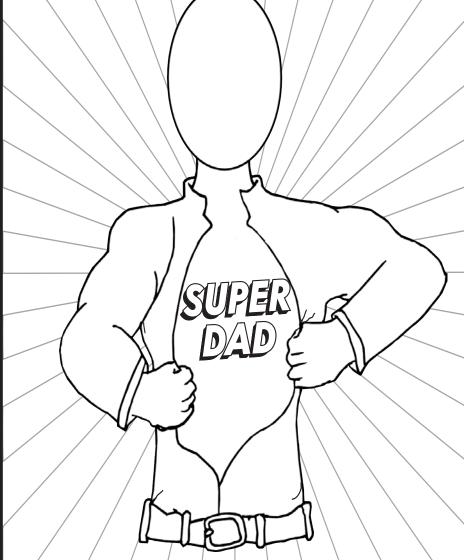
Mednetz asked what would happen if they had to go with a smaller proj-

"I think it makes it more challenging," said Mednetz. "I think the building can still be built, but there will have to be give and take. We can't just start cutting floors off the top of the building, because that's where the companies are going to be, that's where the revenue is."

Planning Board Chair Tuck Willis said he was concerned about there being no setback for the building with it abutting the sidewalk and was not in favor of lot line to lot line construction.

Land Use Planning Director John DePriest said the project also needs to present more detailed landscaping and street lighting plans.

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class families this way," said Garcia. "I do not believe our Commonwealth and our city can have a strong, growing economy without a strong and growing middle class."

District 1 Councilor Todd Taylor cast the lone vote against the resolution, stating that he was adhering to his policy of voting no on all political resolu-

City Council has no power

to affect anything.

"If people feel strongly about these issues, they should get involved in the ballot initiative campaigns, pro or against it," said Taylor. "But I can tell you that the City Councilors of Chelsea are elected to do Chelsea city business, not to endorse or try to get some agenda passed for some other larger thing. You can do that on your tions where the Chelsea

own time, but taking up the

time of the council, I don't think that is right." Councilor-At-Large

Damali Vidot said she disagreed with Taylor that the councilors' responsibilities end at the city border. "I think that to really

affect change we need to organize, and the way we organize is by teaming up with city councilors and people across the state to push initiatives."

#### News in Brief

#### JUNE IS PORCH FIRE SAFETY **MONTH IN CHELSEA**

The Chelsea Fire Department is once again promoting Porch Fire Safety for the month of June. Rear porch fires are a major source of fast moving fires that can threaten our densely populated neighborhoods. These fires can burn undetected by occupants or interior smoke alarms. The Chelsea Fire Department needs your help! Please take these 3 easy steps to help prevent porch fires in your home:

1. Grilling Safety: Grilling is not allowed on porches in the city! You must grill in the yard at ground level, at least 10' from any structure.

2. Smoking Safety: If you smoke, put your cigarettes out. All the way out. Every time. Wet your butts down and dispose in heavy metal cans with sand. NEVER discard cigarettes in mulch or potted plants. NEVER toss cigarette butts from windows or porches.

3. Storage safety: Your back porch is your family's second means of egress out of your home in case of fire or other emergency. Unnecessary storage adds weight and fire load to your porch. Do not use your porch for bulk storage! Always keep your escape route and stairway clear for easy egress.

Porch Fire Safety is important. Each year there are over 100 grill fires in Massachusetts, almost half extended to a dwelling. 70% of these fires occur between May and September. Nearly 150 residential fires are started outside by cigarettes and extend to a building. Please do your part to help protect our neighbor-

Members of the Chelsea Fire Department will be partnering with La Colaborativa, the Salvation Army Chelsea Corps and Market Basket this month to spread the message that preventing porch fires is everyone's responsibility. We thank you for your support and wish you a safe and happy summer season!

#### MASS OF THANKSGIVING ON **SUNDAY**

Fr. Dan Mahoney, pastor of Saint Francis de Sales parish, will celebrate a Mass of Thanksgiving at Saint Francis de Sales Church, 303 Bunker Hill Street "On the top of Bunker Hill" also affectionately known as "The Firefighter's Church" on Sunday, June 5 at 3 p.m.

Fr. Dan will celebrate 66 years of priesthood, 54 years at Saint Francis de Sales parish and 44 years as pastor of Saint Francis de Sales. He also celebrates 27 years as assistant chaplain of the Boston Fire Department, 31 years as chief chaplain of the Boston Fire Department and chaplain of the Professional Firefighters of Massachusetts, the 100 Club of Massachusetts, Boston Firefighters Local ASL-CIO and previously served as chaplain of the Cambridge, Chelsea, Revere and Wayland fire departments as well as chaplain for many Charlestown organizations.

Everyone is invited to attend this Mass of Thanksgiving. **Parking** will be available at Flatley's (formerly Schrafft's) with shuttle service beginning at 2pm. Due to inflation and unemployment

- Dr. Dan is asking for no gifts. Your presence is your gift.

### Chelsea student wins Posse Scholarship and will attend prestigious Bryn Mawr College

After a grueling two years of pandemic-interrupted learning, a Chelsea student overcame the odds to gain admission to Bryn Mawr College on a Posse Scholarship with the help of a mentoring program - Minds Matter Boston - which guided her through the emotional and academic ups-and-downs of COVID.

With the support of mentors from Minds Matter Boston (MMB), Angie Quiroz, the talented and driven senior from Excel Academy Charter High School, is preparing for college life and the opportunity to reach her full potential.

Minds Matter Boston is a mentoring organization devoted to helping low-income BPS dents gain acceptance to college. At MMB, Angie was connected with two mentors who met with her every Saturday for three hours, including virtually throughout the pandemic. Through the program, Angie was also able to attend summer classes at prestigious colleges, which introduced her to new experiences and acted as a catalyst for her enthusiasm to pursue a four-year

Volunteers from various Boston businesses and organizations dedicate hundreds of hours over three years to guide their mentees through college prep, as well as helping them to navigate how to apply for colleges and secure grants and scholarships. commitment has resulted in 100% of MMB graduates gaining admission to four-year colleges. In addition, \$1.4 million in scholarships was awarded to MMB graduates in 2021 alone.

Angie credits the mentoring she received from MMB as crucial to navigating the unique and difficult challenges posed by spending her last two years of high school entirely in a pandemic learning environment.

"Angie's story encapsulates what we do at Minds Matter of Boston," said Executive Director

Price Rite Marketplace, Feed the Children and

Rachel Kanter. "Her determination and talent, coupled with the support and advice of her mentors, allowed her to excel in school and her community. We are so excited to see how Angie applies her talent and passion in the next stage of her education."

To learn more about MMB and how to get involved, visit https://www. mindsmatterboston.org/

Minds Matter Boston connects driven and determined students from low-income families in the Greater Boston area with the people, preparation, and possibilities to succeed in college, create their future, and change the world. Since our founding in Boston nearly 20 years ago, Minds Matter Boston has achieved remarkable and consistent success – 100% of our students have been accepted into a four-year college. and 97% of alumni are still enrolled or have graduated from college.

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Restiano said there is not a lot of women currently pursuing jobs as college basketball referees. "And they're really seeking younger female officials to move quickly up the ranks," she said.

#### A basketball official since 2018

Gena, daughter of Larry and Debra Restiano, scored 1,000 points during her career at Revere High, returning from a knee injury in her junior year to accomplish the feat in the final game of her career in the MIAA Tournament.

She played college basketball at Babson and Suffolk, reuniting with her Revere High teammate Caitlyn Caramello in the Suffolk program.

She passed the IAABO test in 2018 and began refereeing high school and

AAU games. "I took a break from refereeing during the basketball season when I was coaching [at Chelsea High]," said Restiano. "I refereed throughout the summer and in the off-season, but during basketball season, I was totally focused on just coaching."

With her vast playing experience and superior

> A SHORT STORY ABOUT GROWING UP WITH AN

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

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knowledge of the rules, Restiano was well qualified to make the transition to full-time officiating.

"I have the talent for it, I have the knack for it," she said with the confidence that made her a 20-point scorer in high school. "I enjoy refereeing. I like the logistics of it. After playing the game for so long, you know what to look for and what the call's going to be. I like that aspect of it a lot more than the coaching aspect, especially in today's day and age. Coaching now, as compared to coaching when I played, is a completely different ballgame."

She will begin refereeing NCAA women's college basketball at the beginning of the 2022-23

season. "I feel like the sky's really the limit for me and I'm definitely up for the challenge," said Restiano. "I'm hoping that maybe within the next 5-7 years, I'm refereeing some highend Division 1 basketball and taking a shot at the

WNBA and the NBA." Men's college basketball referee Paul Halloran of Lynn said he's not surprised that Restiano's skills have caught the at-

tention of the refereeing world and feels she's destined for advancement.

"We recognized Gena as someone having great potential to be a successbasketball official," said Halloran. "It will be great to have her back on the court wearing stripes, the combination of age and ability makes her a candidate to advance quickly. We look forward to seeing that."

#### A big thank you to **Athletic Director Amanda Alpert**

Gena Restiano had high praise for Chelsea High School Athletic Director Amanda Alpert, who hired Gena to be the head coach of the softball and girls

basketball programs. "Amanda Alpert has been the absolute best athletic director that I've ever had, and the best woman that I've ever gotten the chance to work for," said Restiano. "I have nothing but love and respect for Amanda. She will still be my overseer in the physical education department. She's taken such great care of me. Chelsea Public Schools is so lucky to have Amanda – she is just awesome."

### Price Rite Marketplace Isael Gonzalez, Com-

and Feed the Children, together with event partners Kraft Foods and The Salvation Army Chelsea/East Boston Corps, will provide food and essentials to families in the Chelsea area to help fight food insecurity. Eight-hundred local families will receive a 25-pound box of food; a 15-pound box of essentials including shampoo, conditioner, lotion and personal care items; and additional shelf-stable items provided by Price Rite Marketplace. The families were pre-identified by The Salvation Army Chelsea/

East Boston Corps. On Thursday, June 2, the opening Ceremony: will be 9:30 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. at The Salvation Army on 258 Chestnut St., in Chelsea.

The distribution of food and essentials will be 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Several officials will be in attendance:

Tom Ambrosino, City Manager, City of Chelsea Dr. Almudena (Almi) G. Abeyta, Superinten-Chelsea Public dent, Schools

manding Officer, The Salvation Army Chelsea/East **Boston Corps** Kelsey Perkins, District

Director, Congresswoman Katherine Clark (D-MA) Kevin McDonnell, Senior Vice President, Price

Rite Marketplace Joe Allegro, Senior Director of Corporate Partnerships, Feed the Chil-

Two Feed the Children and Price Rite Marketplace semi-trucks filled with food and essentials will be distributed to 800 families.

Volunteers will be onsite serving and assisting members of the Chelsea community.

Remarks from Rite Marketplace and Feed the Children as well as local dignitaries who will speak to the issue of food insecurity in the

community. Fighting hunger is at the heart of Price Rite Marketplace's charitable giving and paired with Feed the Children's vision to create a world where no child goes to bed hungry, they have created the ini-

The Salvation Army donate food to Chelsea Families tiative, Feeding Minds & Bodies. The campaign's goal is help tackle childhood hunger and promote healthy childhood development by providing food, personal care items. books and school supplies throughout the year. Price Rite Marketplace and Feed the Children will host eight events throughout 2022, beginning in May and running through the fall. With one in six U.S. children living in a food insecure household. hunger remains a serious issue in many communities, especially during summer months. Since the two organizations first began working together in 2015, more than 40,000 families have received the fresh fruit, vegetables and groceries they need to help



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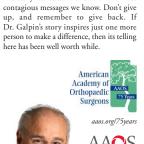


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#### **CONGRATULATIONS** TO THE CLASS OF 2022

These have been difficult times for all of us, but particularly for our young people, who have sacrificed so many of their rites of passage to the demands of the pandemic during these past two years.

For older people such as ourselves, some of what we've lost -- such as a vacation or similar -- have only been postponed. We can make them up later.

But for our young people of high school and college age, their once-in-a-lifetime experiences, ranging from sports and extracurriculars, to class trips, to proms, to graduation days, either were canceled altogether or conducted in a truncated form.

We are only now beginning to recognize and understand the significant psychological and emotional impacts, not to mention the lost learning time and lack of contact with friends, that the pandemic has wrought upon this generation. The experts tell us that those adverse impacts will last well beyond the end of the pandemic (whenever that may be).

Still, life goes on, and it is with great pleasure and relief to see that the graduates of the Class of 2022 have been able to resume their lives to a level of near-normalcy, especially during this graduation season.

Graduation is a bittersweet time, both for the grads and their family members.

For the parents who will be watching their sons and daughters step to the podium when their name is called, no doubt they will be thinking of how fast time has gone by since they first brought their child by the hand to preschool and kindergarten.

Such moments bring to mind the sentiments expressed in the lyrics of the song, Sunrise, Sunset, from the musical Fiddler on the Roof:

Is this the little girl I carried

Is this the little boy at play?

I don't remember growing older

When did they?

When did she get to be a beauty

When did he grow to be so tall?

Wasn't it yesterday when they were small?

Sunrise, sunset

Sunrise, sunset

Swiftly flow the days

Seedlings turn overnight to sunflowers

Blossoming even as we gaze

Sunrise, sunset

Sunrise, sunset

Swiftly fly the years

One season following another

Laden with happiness and tears

A high school graduation is a singular event in the life of every community, where almost everybody knows one of the graduates or their families. All of us share the happiness and sense of achievement of our young people who will be receiving their diplomas. And for all of us, a high school graduation brings back our own fond memories from our long-gone youth.

For the grads, their high school graduation marks both an end and a beginning. The grads no longer are children, either in the eyes of the law or in reality. They are full-fledged adults who will be leaving the sheltered harbor, where they have been protected from the full fury of life's storms and vicissitudes by their families and teachers, and embarking on a journey which none of them will be able to anticipate, but which will be full of surprises, both joyful and tearful.

We congratulate the Class of 2022 for all of the accomplishments that have earned them the right to step onto that podium to receive their diplomas.

We know we join with all of the members of our community in wishing them fair weather, both for their Graduation Day and in the years ahead.

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## Forum

## GUEST OP-ED

## More mass killings, what is the answer?

Dr. Glenn Mollette

Do parents in America want to spend every school day hoping and praying their children will not be heinously murdered? Do children want to spend their days constantly looking up to see who might be entering their room with an assault weapon? Do you want to walk the grocery store aisles wondering if someone has picked your store and this day to shoot at you? Do you enjoy sitting in a house of worship knowing that if a crazed gunman enters your location the exit doors are very few. Movie theatres are anticipating a major boost in attendance this summer. Can you go in peace knowing that your life could be in danger if someone enters with a semi-automatic weapon

The list of possibilities is almost endless as restaurants, sporting events, concerts, shopping malls and more are targets of those who plot evil rampages against innocent people.

or an AR-15?

Uvalde, Texas and Buffalo, New York are the recent locations of horrific killings of the very young and elderly American people doing everyday life going to school and buying groceries.

When will this happen at your school, grocery store, house of worship or any place else? At one time, Americans never imagined such horrors as many of us have lived to see. One mass shooting has led to another and another. Your school or church or whatever the event is must plan for an attack every time you gather. If we do not try to protect the people at such events and gatherings, then we are throwing caution to the wind and subjecting people we love to the possibilities of being killed.

What is the answer? The Buffalo grocery had an armed guard. This was not enough for a gunman who had strategized and outgunned the security guard who gave his life trying to save others. One major problem is such an evil person has the element of surprise. They have surveyed the location. Innocent people are caught off guard. People may even be carrying weapons but might not even have the time to draw their weapon because the rapid fire of the attacker's weapon takes that person's life before he or she can reach for their weapon. What is the answer? Do we equip every teacher in America with a semi-automatic weapon? Should teachers and grocery store shoppers and ministers carry assault weapons at all times? Do you want to put on your Sunday dress and then strap on your assault rifle so you might have a chance of defending yourself?

State and federal lawmakers continue to wrestle with what to do. One suggestion is to take away all the guns. This might be okay until Russia or China invades us and we all have to fight.

The local villain may find a way to order all the parts he needs online to assemble an assault weapon and you have no way to defend yourself. This possibility must be made

Evil finds a way to release hate and fulfill deranged fantasies. This does not mean we give up. Limiting assault weapons to people 25 and older, strict background checks, waiting periods and licenses is possibilities. Limiting all gun purchases to people over 21 is another possibility. Eighteen-year-olds use guns in the military but are trained and strictly supervised.

Do Americans really need assault type weapons? Would we be willing to ban them if it would save an elementary school of children from a murderous rampage?

It's all too late for Uvalde, Texas families and so many more. State and federal government must make some real decisions. In the meantime, we have to protect ourselves.

Glenn Mollette is the publisher of Newburgh Press, Liberty Torch and various other publishing imprints; a national columnist - American Issues and Common Sense opinions, analysis, stories and features appear each week In over 500 newspapers, websites and blogs across the United States.





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## Malden Catholic High School celebrates 87th Commencement

On May 21, Malden Catholic High School celebrated the 87th Commencement ceremony which was the school's first codivisional graduation including both the Boys and Girls Divisions. The Class of 2022 graduation was held live on the Brother Gilbert Stadium with 194 MC graduates and over 800 family members, faculty and staff in

attendance. The ceremony started with an invocation by MC Principal, Rose Maria Redman, and was followed by a presentation by MC's Girls Division valedictorian, Lily Baglio of Peabody. Baglio's address commented on the great success that has resulted from the school's unique codivisional model and how the administration had remained present to hear and fulfill as many ideas and aspirations as possible over the past four years. She also shared a letter written to her two siblings, Brooke and Luke, who will be joining MC's Class of 2026 with tips regarding how to appreciate the lessons gleaned both inside and outside of the classroom and the school's strong

90-year legacy.

After the presentation of candidates by Malden Catholic Principal Rose Maria Redman and Boys Division Leader, Robert J. Bucchino '71, Girls Division Leader, Jeffrey P. Smith '95 P'24 and Assistant Principal of Student Life, James J. Grocki, MC President John K. Thornburg was followed by the

conferral of diplomas and a presentation by Charles Dilman of Melrose, Malden Catholic Boys Division valedictorian. Dilman's speech commented tremendous value of MC's academic programs and spirit of connection he experienced over the past four years. According to Dilman, he is exceptionally well prepared to take on the world and its future challenges based on the education received at Malden Catholic during a period of unprecedented change.

The ceremony also included the following 2022 awards: Emma Pohl of Arlington - Xaverian Scholar Award, Andrew Nguyen of Billerica - Perfect Attendance Award, Andrew Blake of Charlestown - Perfect Attendance Award, Daniel Rodriguez of East Boston - STEM Award, Vincent Carbone of Everett - Xaverian Scholar Award, Luca Morelli of Everett - Xaverian Scholar Award, Social Studies Department Award, Jonathan Beauvoir of Everett - Perfect Attendance Award, Christopher Machado of Everett - Perfect Attendance Award, Evelyn Maradiaga of Everett - Perfect Attendance Award, Art Department Award, Matthew Kendall of Lowell - Perfect Attendance Award, Brooke Langis of Lynn - Xaverian Scholar Award, Science Department Award: Physics, Angie Mejia of Lynn - Xaverian Scholar Award, World Language Department Award: Spanish, Nicholas Julian of Lynn-



Malden Catholic High School celebrated the 87th Commencement ceremony.

field - Gerard F. Doherty, 1946, Loyalty and Friendship Award, Evan Keleti of Malden - Xaverian Scholar Award, World Language Department Award: Spanish, Technology Department Award, Chi Nguyen Hai Vu off Malden - Xaverian Scholar Award, Brandon Wong of Malden - Xaverian Scholar Award, Perfect Attendance Award, World Language Department Award: Latin, Sandra Aranha of Malden - Perfect Attendance Award, Neil Harrington of Malden - Perfect Attendance Award, Michael Mac-Cuish of Malden - Performing Arts Award, Art Department Award, Kylie Bragg of Malden - Science Department Award: Biology, Olivia Gowrie of Medford - Loyalty and Service Award, Xaverian Scholar

Award, Francesca Calla-

han of Medford - Xaverian Scholar Award, Karina Rahman of Medford -Xaverian Scholar Award, Pauline Turk of Medford - Science Department Award: Chemistry, Charles Dilman of Melrose - Xaverian Award, Valedictorian Award, Perfect Attendance Award, World Language Department Award: Spanish, Mathematics Department Award, Science Department Award: Chemistry, Samuel Sanzone of Melrose – Loyalty and Service Award, Xaverian Scholar Award, Perfect Attendance Award, Theology Department Award, Eavan Flood of Melrose - Xaverian Scholar Award, Perfect Attendance Award, Duy Thuc Trinh of Melrose - Xaverian Scholar Award, Science Department Award: Biology, Matthew Tarpey of Melrose - Perfect Attendance Award, Zeyu Xiao of Melrose - Science Department Award: Physics, Lily Baglio of Peabody – Gerard F. Doherty, 1946, Loyalty and Friendship Award, Valedictorian Award, English Department Award, Mathematics Department Award, Daniel Bousquet of Peabody - Perfect Attendance Award, Anthony Felder Jr. of Quincy – Physical Education Award

Since 1932, Malden Catholic High School has shaped emerging leaders in our community, claiming a Nobel Laureate, a Senator, two ambassadors and countless community and business heads among its alumni. Annually, graduates attend some of the nation's most renown universities including Harvard, Georgetown, Brown, Cornell, Dartmouth, Tufts, Georgia Tech, Boston Col-

lege and Amherst College. Foundational to student success is Malden Catholic's codivisional model which offers the best of both worlds, single-gender academics during the day and integrated social and extracurricular opportunities after school. Malden Catholic is known in the community for its rigorous academics, SFX Scholars Program and award-winning **STEM** program (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) with electives such as Robotics and Engineering Design. Malden Catholic curriculum is designed to improve individual growth mindset, leadership principles, success outcomes along with integrating the Xaverian values of trust, humility, compassion, simplicity

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Recommended booster doses vary by age and health status.





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#### CITY OF CHELSEA HOLDS MEMORIAL DAY CEREMONY

Photos & Story by Marianne Salza

The City of Chelsea gathered to recognize veterans and remember fallen heroes during the May 30 Memorial Day Ceremony on City Hall Lawn. Guest speaker, Michael Lovato, a retired United States Army veteran, shared how the military was beneficial to his life.

"I was headed down the wrong path. In my year-book, I was voted 'Most Likely to be on America's Most Wanted, "explained Lovato, Assistant Superintendent, Chelsea Public Schools. "It wasn't until the military that I started to find a purpose and exhibited leadership qualities. The military made me wake up and think about things differently."

Lovato comes from a military family: his father served in the Army during the Vietnam War, his late brother was an Army veteran, another brother was a Marine, and his son is currently deployed in Africa.

"Every day to me is a blessing, and I want to thank the military and my fellow soldiers, who fight for the Constitution and our freedom. We all want to voice our opinions, and have rights and freedoms, but we don't appreciate the people who gave us those rights," asserted Lovato. "The most beautiful thing about our nation is our ability to challenge our government and speak

freely."

During the ceremony, there were musical performances by the Chelsea High School Band. Jomar Colon, of Chelsea High School, sang the National Anthem; and Mary C. Burke Elementary School students described the significance of their schools' names, in honor of Chelsea soldiers who did not return home.

Councilor Leo Robinson read a selection from the book, "A Time to Honor," about remembering Vietnam veterans who were described as the most overlooked of all those who have served, and returned home to a divided, unappreciative nation.

"We will hold sacred the rights and privileges you fought for," declared Robinson. "We will work tirelessly to honor and thank you. It is our time to defend you."

Councilor Calvin Brown, the son of a veteran, father of a U.S. Air Force soldier, and brother of a U.S. Navy man, blessed the occasion, reading a scripture from the book of Psalms 27: 3-4.

"Heavenly father, we pray for those who courageously gave their lives for our freedom of this United States of America. May we be examples of your love," prayed Brown. "Thank you for the sacrifices made so we may live in unity. We thank you for this nation and for the determination of our government to fight for peace."



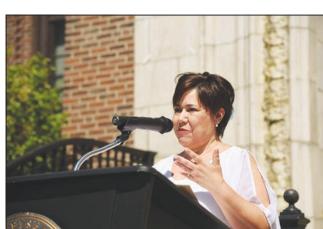
Maria Adams, 6th grade, of Brown Middle School, reading "Back to the Past," a poem by Amanda Gorman.



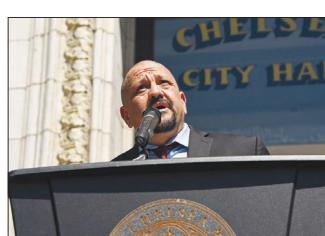
Candidate for State Representative and Councilor Leo Robinson sharing a selection from the book, "A Time to Honor," about honoring Vietnam War veterans.



Chelsea Police Chief Brian Kyes and Cuoncilor Calvin Brown.



Superintendent Dr. Almi Abeyta, whose father was a member of the Air Force, explaining how the four schools of the Mary C. Burke Complex were named in honor of Chelsea residents who died while serving their country.



Retired United States Army Veteran, Michael P. Lovato, Assistant Superintendent, Chelsea Public Schools.



Bus Network Redesign
MYSTIC RIVER & NORTH SHORE

## MBTA Seeks Rider Input on Bus Routes + Service Proposals

## We want to hear from you.

The MBTA's Bus Network Redesign is a once-in-a-generation opportunity to make bold improvements to the MBTA's bus network for the people that depend on it most.

At this meeting, we will present the draft network map for the **Mystic River & North Shore** region and gather feedback.

This is just one of a series of meetings we are having for this project in May, June, and July. Join our virtual open house for the MYSTIC RIVER & NORTH SHORE region!

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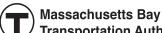
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Superintendent Dr. Almi Abeyta and 4th grader, Andrea Caballero, of the Sokolowski Elementary School, that was named after Frank Sokolowski, who was born in Chelsea, loved



Roy Avellaneda, City Council President, Naomi Zabot, Chelsea School Committee, and Councilor Calvin Brown.



Chief Len Albanese, Fire Department, Francisco Toro, Director of Veterans' Services, and Eric Johnson, Superintendent of Chelsea Soldiers' Home.

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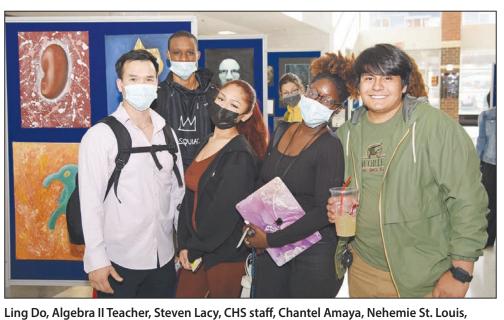
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#### CHELSEA HIGH SCHOOL'S ARTS NIGHT OUT

Photos by Marianne Salza

Chelsea High School's Visual Arts and Performing Arts Departments held

an Arts Night Out on May 25. Acrylic paintings, mixed media, and charcoal drawings featured in the gallery reflected students' personal experiences. Students and families also enjoyed performances by the Orchestra and Concert Bands.



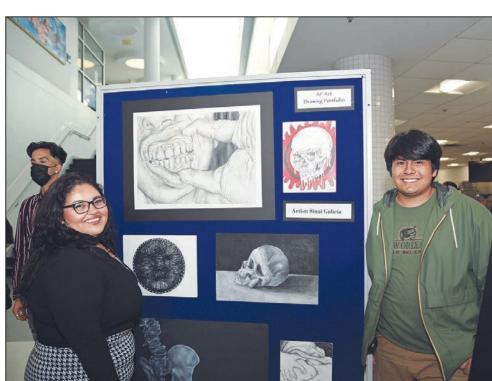
Reach Group Leader, and Sinai Galicia.



Members of the Concert Band and Beginner Band practicing warm ups.



carios Jillenez, soprioniore, with his charcoar artwork.



Iliana Valentin, Drama/Dance Teacher, with senior, Sinai Galicia, and his graphite, charcoal, and realistic mixed media artwork.



Art Teacher, Maren Olson, with her AP art students, Sinai Galicia, Jaylee Ortiz, and Misael Godoy-Nunez, who received roses and Golden Art Brush awards.



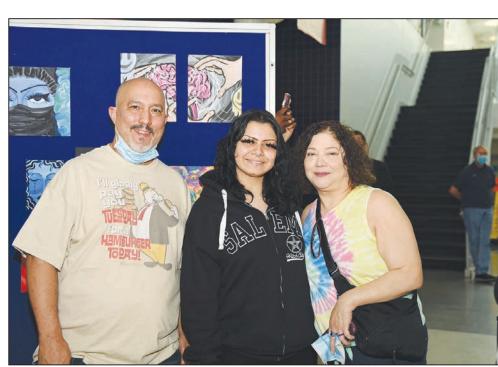
Chelsea High School Orchestra members: Isaiah Laporte, Jasmine Varela, and Reina Rojas, with Orchestra Director Ali You.



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Misael Godoy-Nunez, senior, with his oil pastel paintings.



Senior, Jaylee Ortiz, in front of her acrylic and colored pencil pieces, with Frankie Arroyo and Michelle Escatante.



A visitor perusing the Arts Night Out gallery.

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#### CITY PAWS

## Dogs in cars

By Penny & Ed Cherubino

Summer brings more happy destinations to share with our furry companions. Some dogs quiver with excitement when their person says, "Car!" Others tremble and suffer carsickness. When dogs are along for the ride, we need to think of safety.

#### Car Training and Safety

To make driving safe for everyone requires some training. Start with short trips and work up to longer ones. Decide how you will secure your pet in the car and reward cooperation. If you need help with motion sickness, work with your veterinar-

#### Crated or Harnessed in the Back Seat

Georgi-Veterinarian na Ushi Phillips wrote, "We seem to have a bit of a blind spot for canine seatbelts and car safety." She explained that a 35-mile-per-hour

crash, inertia sends everything in a car flying, a 60-pound dog becomes a 2,700-pound projectile.

Airbags pose a fatal risk for dogs in the front seat. A backseat seat-belt-connected harness or secured crate keeps the animal from interfering with or distracting the driver and could save your dog in the event of an accident. The MSPCA reminds us, "In Massachusetts, it is against the law for an operator of a motor vehicle to allow anything in or on the vehicle that "may interfere with or impede the proper operation of the vehicle...'

A restrained animal will not be able to break free and run away the second the car door is opened. An unrestrained dog can slow care delivery by first responders in an accident or emergency.

Heat Kills

Never leave your dog in a hot car. The American Veterinary Association warns, "The temperature

community identify and

address harms, as well as

inside your vehicle can rise almost 20° F in just 10 minutes, and almost 30° F in 20 minutes. The longer you wait, the higher it goes. At one hour, your vehicle's inside temperature can be more than 40 degrees higher than the outside temperature at one hour. Even on a 70-degree day, that's 110 degrees inside your vehicle!" A dog can make the situation worse by jumping around and barking. This activity would further raise the animal's core body tempera-

Leaving a dog alone in a car can also risk damage to your vehicle by a good Samaritan or first responders trying to protect your

#### **Products Can Help**

You'll find a good selection of pet restraint harnesses at local pet supply stores and online. You want one that fits your dog comfortably and has a secure connection to the car's seat belt system.

There are car seat car-

riers and crates of various designs that you can use to keep your dog safe. We prefer a crate that we secure to the seat belts in the back seat. This option adds a level of security by restricting our Poppy's movement. We find that she settles right in and goes to sleep once we are

Thanks to the RV industry, we now have ac-

underway.

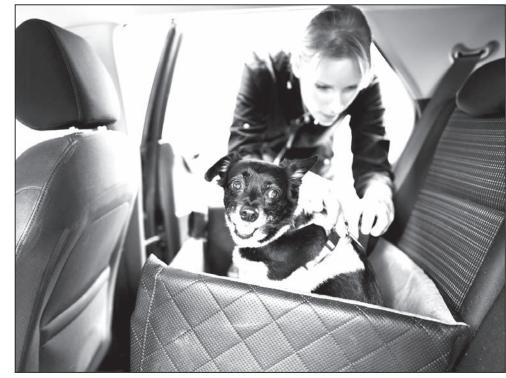
cess to various heat alarm products with apps that alert by text or email if the temperature in your car or RV is too high. The website Go Pet Friendly did a review of these products listing the pros and cons, in their article,

"Pet Temperature Monitor Roundup - Keep Pets Safe from the Heat."

Loving our dogs, we want to do what's best

for them. Sometimes that means more work and giving up some old ways of doing things. Protect your dog by securing them and keeping them safe every time they ride in a car.

Do you have a question or topic for City Paws? Send an email to Penny@ BostonZest.com with your request.



A seat-belt-connected harness keeps your dog from interfering with or distracting the driver and could save a life in an accident.

### Staff Report

Suffolk District Attorney Kevin Hayden announced the creation of a restorative justice pilot program that will bring victims, offenders and community members together to create a case resolution option outside of the traditional court sen-

tencing process. The Suffolk Restorative Justice (SRJ) program will roll out in Chelsea District Court and the Charlestown and Roxbury Divisions of Boston Mu-

nicipal Court. Restorative justice is a voluntary, inclusive, confidential and collaborative process by which offenders, victims

and members the

any needs and obligations resulting from an offense, to help all parties understand the impact of that offense. During the restorative justice process the offender accepts responsibility for their actions and is supported in making reparations to the victim or community harmed. Restorative justice is an essential component to allow for community heal-

> ing and restoration. Hayden, who championed progressive approaches to criminal system matters since starting as a prosecutor in the 1990s and has insti-

> > tuted major al-

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tive-to-prosecution programs and diversion initiatives as DA, said the participants in the program "will collaborate on guided resolutions that feature both healing and accountability."

"We're always seeking paths to justice that take an innovative approach beyond the traditional adjudication and sentencing route. Restorative justice is a perfect example of the types of approaches modern prosecution offices should embrace. The results for participating victims, community members, and offenders can be powerful," immensely Hayden said.

The program will inpre-adjudication clude cases that fall within the final jurisdiction of the district or municipal court and do not carry a mandatory minimum,

do not involve allegations of sexual assault, violence against children, elders, intimate partners, persons with disabilities, serious bodily injury or death.

The applicants could include victims, defendants and/or their attorneys, Suffolk County community members impact by crimes, and law enforcement agencies.

Hayden's office is partnering with Communities for Restorative Justice (C4RJ) on the SRJ program. C4RJ will facilitate the restorative process and will communicate status updates throughout a case to stakeholders and provide a conclusion memo at the end.

C4RJ Executive Director Erin Freeborn said, "As a community-based restorative justice program, C4RJ provides a process

toward healing and repair for victims, communities, and responsible parties while minimizing further involvement with the system. As we continue to expand access to restorative justice in Suffolk County, launching this pilot out of the Charlestown, Roxbury, and Chelsea courts is a significant stride. We are inspired by the longtime commitment at the SCDAO to restorative practices and are excited to support the DA's office as it launches a formal referral process for cases at the district court level in an effort to center the needs of victims and communities, while supporting responsible parties, and building up an infrastructure for alternative approaches to cases."

Suffolk County District

Suffolk District Attorney Kevin Hayden launches pilot alternative justice program Attorney Kevin Hayden's office serves the communities of Boston, Chelsea, Revere, and Winthrop, Mass. The office handles over 20,000 cases a year. More than 160 attorneys in the office practice in nine district and municipal courts, Suffolk Superior Court, the Massachusetts Appeals Court, the Supreme Judicial Court, and the Boston Juvenile Courts. The office employs some 300 people and offers a wide range of services and programs to serve anyone who comes in contact with the criminal justice system. This office is committed to educating the public about the services we provide, our commitment to crime prevention, and our dedication to keeping the residents of Suffolk County

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## Council reviews city social services contracts

By Adam Swift

The city has contracts with four social service agencies, and as part of the Fiscal Year 2023 operating budget discussions, representatives of those agencies met with the City Council on Tuesday night.

Chelsea has contracts with North Suffolk Mental Health; Roca, Inc.; La Colaborativa; and CAPIC for various social and mental health services.

The contracts discussed on Tuesday night only concerned money that comes straight out of the city's operating budget, according to City Manager Thomas Ambrosino.

"Some of the agencies have other funding that can funnel through the city," said Ambrosino. "For example, ROCA has a contract with the state for Safe and Secure Youth that funnels through the city budget, but we do not pay for it."

The \$152,000 contract with North Suffolk Mental Health funds the salary and support for two navigators, who work primarily with the city's homeless population to place them in detox or mental health facilities.

Jason Owens, the navigator supervisor, said that he and the other navigator head out every day to many of the spots where there are issues, including under the bridges, the city parks, and potential homeless encampments.

"Once we engage people, we do a lot of work with the courts and the police department and other public service entities in the city," he said. "For the most part, we get a lot of denial of services."

But Owens said the navigators continue to work with the individuals until they are ready for services and they can find them a place in a detox or mental health facility. He said they try to walk them through the entire process and work with other social services agencies in the city to make sure the individuals get the best care

and support. In Fiscal Year 2022, Owens said the navigator program enrolled 82 new clients, served 346 individuals overall, and placed 87 individuals in detox units.

ROCA has a \$150,000 transitional employment contract with the city where at-risk youth provide services alongside the department of public

One supervisor and five crew members work four days per week, 6.5 hours per day, according to Joe Furnari, ROCA's Chelsea site director. Furnari said the crews go out on a daily basis, and even operated during the pandemic, assisting with preparing food boxes for residents. He said the program is as much an educational and training program as it is a jobs program.

Chelsea has two contracts with Community Action Programs ter-City (CAPIC). One is for \$135,000 for emergency housing and general case support, and the second is for \$90,000 for case management for substance use disorder.

"The aim of the program is to connect individuals to services," said Gladys Agneta, the director of the substance use disorder program at CAPIC. "We provide wraparound services, which is once they come from detox and clinical stabilization programs, we wrap around them with sober living, we provide transportation. We also put them on a stipend program to help them get back on their feet; we give them clothing and toiletries and then we try to case manage them."

The city's \$190,000 contract with La Colaborativa helps support its Summer Jobs Youth Program, which also provides year-round jobs for young

"We are hoping to hire up to 25 young people year round and two supervisors," said La Colaborativa Executive Director Gladys Vega.

Vega said about 16 percent of the \$190,000 from the city contract goes toward supervisors and administrative costs, while the remainder covers the jobs for the young people.

Overall, the Summer Youth Program employs about 230 young people, with 102 of those being year round, and the remainder taking part in a six-week summer jobs program. The majority of the young people work 10-15 hours a week.

#### DCR summer events at Revere Beach and Belle Isle Marsh

Staff Report

All Programs are free and open to the public. An adult must accompany children. Reasonable accommodations available upon request. Dress for the weather. Bring water and use sunscreen.

Please phone (781) 656-1485 or email matthew.nash@mass.gov for more information including an automated message of possible cancellations made up to an hour before the start of the program. High winds or rain will cancel. Free parking. Please follow all current COVID guidelines: Mass. gov/COVID.

#### **Belle Isle** Marsh Reservation, 1399 Bennington Street, East Boston, MA

An Oasis for Birds Saturdays Jun 4 & 18,

Jul 2 & 16, Aug 6 & 20 7:30-8:30 am

We will search for birds of the marsh & meadow.

We will travel on foot up to one mile, on flat, easy terrain at this Birding Hotspot & MA State Park. Expect to move to different locations by car or bicycle. Prepare for mosquitoes and ticks. Best for adults and kids aged 8+ with adult chaperone. Binoculars recommended.

#### **Beach** Revere Reservation, on the beach across from 21 Revere Beach Blvd., Revere, MA

Shorebird and Seabird **Discovery Station** Wednesdays Jun 8 &

22, Jul 6 & 20, Aug 3, 17, 31 - Drop-in 8:30-11:00 Listen to a short lesson

(3-5 min) about the fascinating shorebirds and seabirds that make Revere Beach their home at this station. A spotting scope will be available for viewing birds but bring binoculars if you have them. Drop in anytime. Appropriate for Kids 8+ and adults.

### **OBITUARIES**

#### Jennie Citro

February 11, 1929 – May 29, 2022

Jennie G. (Pietropaolo) Citro passed away peacefully after a brief illness on Sunday, May 29 at the Sawtelle Family Hospice House in Reading with her loving family at her She was 93 years of age.

Born and raised in Chelsea, Jennie was one of five daughters of the late Gaetano and Giovanna (Magazzu) Pietropaolo. She attended local schools in Chelsea.

Jennie was married to Romolo M. Citro for 72 years and together raised one daughter and two sons. Formerly of Chelsea, Jennie and Romolo have been residing in Burlington for the past 45

Jennie was passionately devoted to home and family. She also worked outside of her home for many years as a seamstress and later as a banquet hostess for Seiler's Caterers and a receptionist for the Mitre Corp before retiring. She was a member and past president of the former Chelsea ITAM's Ladies Auxiliary. She also enjoyed occupying her time reading and completing

In addition to her parents, Jennie was also predeceased by her daughter, Diana M. Telis, her husband, Peter, a grandson, Salvy J. Citro and her sisters and their spouses; Mary A. and George V. Welch, Rose and Pat Leone, Grace and Leon Foubert, Josephine and Mickey Drago. She is survived by her beloved husband of 72 years, Romolo M. Citro. She was the devoted mother of Carmine Citro and his wife, Kath-



leen of Saugus/Ipswich, Guy Citro and his wife, Kathy Rappa of Chelsea and the late Diana M. Telis and her husband, Peter. She was the cherished grandmother of Matthew Citro and his wife, Maria, Michael Citro, Mark Citro and his companion, Jenna Wolfsgruber, Nicole Marchionda and her husband, Karl and the late Salvy J. Citro and the adored great-grandmother of Luca and Kayla Marchionda. She is also survived by numerous nieces, nephews, extended family members and friends.

Visiting hours will be held from the Welsh Funeral Home, 718 Broad-Chelsea today. way, Thursday, June 2 from 4 to 8 p.m. Relatives and friends are most kindly invited to attend. Funeral from the Welsh Funeral Home on Friday, June 3 at 9:30 a.m. followed by a Mass of Christian Burial in St. Anthony of Padua Church, 250 Revere Street, Revere at 11 a.m. Services will conclude with interment at Woodlawn Cemetery, Everett. Should friends desire, contributions in Jennie's name may be made to a charity of their choice. For online guest book or to send expressions of sympathy, please visit: www. WelshFH.comcharity of their choice.



#### Nursing Care Center in Chelmsford on Sunday, May 8 following complications from ongoing ill-Born and raised in Chelsea, she was a beloved daughter of the late Raymond Appleton Bishop and Helen Mae (Sjoberg)

Laura graduated from Chelsea High School and resided in Everett for most of her life. A devoted homemaker and mother she also worked outside of her home as a professional secretary and office clerk with several local businesses.

In her lifetime she most enjoyed time spent with family and friends as well as playing bingo, caring for her feline friends and collecting angels for her

She was the devoted mother of Andrew Giannasoli, his wife, Kelly and their daughter, Emma of Everett, Jodi Lyn Moscone and Diana



Laura Ray Moscone

April 11, 1952 - May 8, 2022

Moscone; dear sister of Josephine Orloff of Malden, Dorothy "Dolly" Blake and her husband, Charles of Saugus, Veronica Laurenza, her husband Joseph of Revere, Vince Ann Piasecki and her companion. Carl Metzler of Billerica. She is also lovingly survived by her close friends and caregivers, Donna and Bob Crafts and Johnnie Reardon, all of Everett, along with many nieces and nephews and her feline companions "Ike" and

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## DA reaffirms original finding in 2017 officer-involved shooting

By Adam Swift

The Suffolk County District Attorney's office has completed its review of a 2017 officer-involved shooting in Chelsea, and reaffirmed that officers acted lawfully and reason-

Last week, DA Kevin Havden released the final investigative finding into the incident involving Kelly Pastrana on May 22, 2017. The investigation confirmed the original findings by former District Attorney Rachael Rollins.

The Pastrana investigation determined that the involved officers' actions were lawful and reasonable exercises of self-defense and/or defense of others, and no criminal charges are warranted, according to Hayden. 'This was a deeply

traumatic case for all involved—Mr. Pastrana's wife, his daughter, the Chelsea police officers and firefighters on scene, and the neighbors who, by simple proximity, became unwilling participants in

the unfolding tragedy," Hayden said.

On May 22, 2017, Pastrana punched and choked his wife following an argument at the couple's home at 80 Warren Ave., according to the DA's office. Pastrana then pursued his wife and 10-year-old daughter as they attempted to find refuge at a neighbor's house across the street, and fired gunshots at them while they hid in the house.

Pastrana returned to his house and fired multiple shots at a Chelsea police officer who responded to multiple 911 calls for a man with a gun, according to the report. Pastrana then set fire to his house while he was in it and fired shots at a second officer while the house was burning. Pastrana ultimately died

in the fire he started. Hayden's office has

investigations reopened into a number of officer-involved shootings in Suffolk County that took place over the past several years.

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## Fire officials urge fire safety as the warm weather ramps up

Staff Report

State Fire Marshal Peter J. Ostroskey, Shrewsbury Fire Chief James Vuona, president of the Fire Chiefs Association of Massachusetts, and Chief Fire Warden David Celino of the Department of Conservation and Recreation are asking residents to practice fire safety this summer.

"Memorial Day is the unofficial start of summer. and we want to remind everyone to play it safe as they enjoy the warm weather," said State Fire Marshal Ostroskey. "Take the appropriate safety precautions against fires and burns so you can have fun all summer long."

"Don't let a fire or serious burn ruin your summer," said Chief Vuona. "Practice fire safety with friends and family safely this season, and you won't have your local firefighters showing up as uninvited guests.'

"We've seen increased brush and wildland fire activity and larger fire growth during the spring fire season this year," said Chief Fire Warden Celino. "As more people spend

more time outside in the warm months ahead, we want to be sure everyone enjoys the great outdoors safely and responsibly."

#### **Grilling Safety**

More than 75% of grilling fires in Massachusetts occur between May and September. Between 2012 and 2021, there were 908 fires involving grills, hibachis, and barbeques. These fires caused 35 civilian injuries, 10 fire service injuries, and \$8.9 million in estimated damages.

#### **General safety tips for** grilling: Always grill outdoors,

- never inside. • Do not use a gas or
- charcoal grill on any porch, balcony, or fire es-• Place grills 10 feet
- away from the house and deck railings. Make sure grills are not under eaves or overhanging branches. • Gas grills can be used
- on first floor decks or patios, only if there is an outdoor stairway to the ground, or it is at ground
- Keep all matches, lighters and lighter fluid away from children.

• Create a circle of safety. Keep children and pets three feet away from grills. Children should never play near grills.

#### **Charcoal grill safety:**

- Only use charcoal starter fluid. Do not use gasoline or kerosene to start a fire in a grill.
- Never add lighter fluid to burning briquettes or hot coals. Doing so may cause a flash fire and result in serious burn injuries.
- Charcoal briquettes give off carbon monoxide, a colorless, odorless gas that can be deadly. Always use charcoal grills outdoors in a well-ventilated • For proper disposal of
- to burn out completely and then cool for 48 hours before disposal. • If you must dispose of ashes before they are completely cooled, thoroughly

soak them in water before

putting them in a metal

grill ashes, allow the coals

#### **Gasoline Safety**

container.

"Serious gasoline-related burns peak in the summer months, with about 40% reported from June through August,"

State Fire Marshal Ostros-

Gasoline vapors are highly flammable and refueling a hot motor can ignite them. Gasoline spilled onto clothing or rags can give off vapors until completely dry and be ignited by any heat source. Gasoline vapors can travel a long distance to find an ignition source, which is why gasoline must not be stored inside the house. There have been nearly 900 gasoline-related fires in Massachusetts over the past 10 years, causing nine deaths, 132 injuries, and over \$19 million in dam-

#### **Gasoline safety tips:**

- Never use gasoline to start a fire or add it to any
- Store gasoline only outside the home, such as in a locked shed, and always in an approved container. Never store gasoline in the home or basement.
- Gasoline should only be used as fuel for an engine, not as a solvent.
- Refuel lawnmowers, leaf blowers, mopeds, and other devices only when the engine is cool. Never

refill while it is hot.

 Keep gasoline away from all heat sources, such smoking materials, campfires, and grills.

#### **Smoking Safety**

Smoking materials have been the leading cause of fire deaths in Massachusetts for decades, and there have been many fires this spring from improperly discarded smoking materials on porches and in backyards. Smoking fires can be particularly dangerous because they may smolder undetected and then erupt into flames that grow rapidly. A fire that starts on a porch, balcony, or exterior stairway can get a strong hold before smoke alarms inside warn anyone of the danger.

Massachusetts fire departments reported almost smoking-related structure fires between 2012 and 2021. These fires claimed 108 lives, including the life of a Watertown firefighter, caused 610 injuries to civilians and firefighters, and resulted in nearly \$200 million in damages. Cigarettes and other smoking materials cause an even higher number of fires outdoors,

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including brush fires.

"If you still smoke, or if you're having guests who smoke, please do it responsibly," said Chief Vuona. "Always use a deep, sturdy ashtray or a can with sand or water. Don't let people toss smoking materials into the mulch, leaves, grass, or planters, and don't stub them out on the porch railing or stairs. Remember to put it out, all the way, ev-

#### **Brush and Wildland Fire Safety**

According to Department of Conservation & Recreation data, there were more than 1,100 wildland fires on non-federal land in Massachusetts last year, burning more than 1,600 acres. More than 1,000 acres have burned in more than 400 fires so far this year. Everyone can and should play a part in preventing them by using caution and common sense when camping, cooking on the barbecue, extinguishing smoking materials, or riding dirt bikes or ATVs in wooded areas.

See FIRE SAFETY Page 11

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#### **LEGAL NOTICE**



NOTICE OF HEARING

Case No. 2022-13 Notice is hereby given in accordance with the Massachusetts Zoning Act, Chapter 40A that a Regular Meeting of the Chelsea Zoning Board of Appeals will be held on: Tuesday, July 12, 2022 Chelsea City Hall - 500 Broadway – City Council Conference Room, 3rd Floor

6:00 p.m. With reference to the application of: Jay Duca For Special Permits and Variances seeking approval for the construcstructure which does not meet the current minimum zoning regulations for front yard setback, side yard setback, and minimum lot size at the premises known as: 30 Hillside Avenue A copy of the application and petition is available

for review at: City Clerk's Office during normal business hours: Monday, Wednesday and Thursday 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. - Tuesday, 8 a.m. - 7 p.m. - Friday, 8 a.m. to noon 6/2/22, 6/9/22

#### <u>LEGAL NOTICE</u>

OF MASSACHUSETTS LAND COURT **DEPARTMENT OF** THE TRIAL COURT Docket Number: 22 SM 001447 ORDER OF NOTICE TO: Segunda Lopez and Adelso A. Lopez and to all persons entitled to the benefit of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act 50 U.S.C. c. 50 §3901 (et seq) NewRez LLC d/b/a Shellpoint Mortgage Servicing claiming to have an interest in a Mortgage covering real property in Chelsea, numbered 3 Suffolk Street, given by Segunda Lopez and Adelso A. Lopez

to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for New FED Mortgage Corp., dated May 27, 2021 and recorded in Suffolk County Registry of Deeds in Book 65568, Page 30, and now held by Plaintiff by assignment, have filed with this court a complaint for determination of Defendants' Servicemembers status. If you now are, or recently have been, in the active military service of the United States of America, then you may be entitled to the benefits

of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act. If you object to a foreclosure of the above-mentioned property on that basis. then you or your attornev must file a written appearance and answer in this court at Three Pemberton Square, Boston, MA 02108 on or before 7/11/2022, or you may lose the opportunity to challenge

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with the Act.

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Witness, Gordon H. Piper,

on 5/27/2022, Attest: Deborah J. Patterson Recorder

Chief Justice of this Court

#### **LEGAL NOTICE**

OF MASSACHUSETTS THE TRIAL COURT PROBATE AND **FAMILY COURT** Suffolk Division INFORMAL PROBATE **PUBLICATION** NOTICE Docket No. SU22P0728EA

Estate of: Ronald Edward Verge Also Known As: Ronald E. Verae Date of Death December 29, 2020 To all persons interested in the above captioned estate by Petition of Petitioner Charlotte A. Verge of Chelsea, MA Charlotte A. Verge of

Chelsea, MA has been

informally appointed as

the Personal Represen-

serve without surety or the bond The estate is being

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6/02/22

### **LEGAL NOTICE**



In accordance with Section 2-7 (b) and (d) of the Chelsea City Charter notice is hereby given of the Chelsea City Council held on May 23 2022, the City Council voted after a second reading to adopt the following orders: City Council authorizes the appropriation of funds in the amount of for construction activity in Chelsea.

### Ordered, that the Chelsea

that at a regular meeting Ordered, that the Chelsea \$1,000,665 in Free Cash to the FY22 DPW Streets and Sidewalks Capital Account #0142258-587000 to restore the Quiet Zone Ordered, that the Chelsea

City Council authorize the appropriation of funds in the amount of \$225,000 from free Cash to a new CIP FY22 Project titled "Police Body Cameras"

500 Broadway, Room City Council authorize the appropriation of Chelsea, MA 02150. Jeannette Cintron White funds in the amount of \$31,000 from Free Cash City Clerk to a new CIP FY22 Project titled "22-24 Cottage St

Copies of the orders are

available at the Office of

the City Clerk, City Hall,

#### **LEGAL NOTICE**



CITY OF CHELSEA INVITATION FOR BIDS PAINTING PROJECT FIRST FLOOR OF WIL-LIAMS MIDDLE SCHOOL The City of Chelsea, Massachusetts, through its Chief Procurement Officer, is seeking Rids for marked ing Project - First Floor of Williams Middle School". Invitation for Bids will be available on or after June 02, 2022 by visiting the City's website at http://www.chelseama. gov/purchasing/pages/

current-bids-solicitations.

Bids must be sealed and

and submitted to the Office of the Chief Procurement. Bids will be received until June 16, 2022 at 10:30AM and publicly opened, forthwith online. The City of Chelsea reserves the right to accept any proposal, to reject any or all proposals and to waive minor irregular ities and/or formalities as it deems to be in the best interest of the City.

clearly marked "Painting

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#### 'A Rabble of Dead Money: The Great Crash and the Global Depression by Charles Morris Reviewed By Bernie Kelly

"A Rabble of Dead Money" by Charles R. Morris is an informative study of the crash of 1929 and the Great Depression that followed. Morris has an inquisitive mind, and he explores the magnitude of the world's most financial disaster.

The book opens with a history of the Jazz Age of the 1920's when all seemed to be on the upswing. From innovators like Edison to Ford, Morris explicates the advances in technology that made America the financial and cultural behemoth that it was to become. Part one of the book ranges from the extravaganzas of New York City to the sociological studies of the Midwest, best exemplified by Muncie, Indiana. Everything was going well throughout the Twenties, and in Herbert Hoover, Americans thought they had elected the ideal president to lead them through

Unfortunately, this was

good times.

not the case. In October of 1929, the Stock Market collapsed, sending shock waves throughout the country and the world. Millions of people lost their jobs, which in turn forced people and families to frequent bread lines and soup kitchens, which thankfully sprung up on city boulevards. The unemployed took to selling apples in order to achieve

some kind of income. Hoover was nonplussed by the whole experience, despite having extensive experience as a food insecurity specialist; During World War 1, and later in Belgium, Germany and Russia. Due to his inaction, the populace from the United States sought relief from the opposition party electing Democrat Franklin D. Roosevelt to the presidency in 1932.

book is largely devoted to Roosevelt's New Deal. The president instituted a number of programs, including the Civilian Conservation Corps, the WPA and the Tennessee Valley

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ployed workers attain a source of income. We also began a series of welfare programs to help the poor.

Morris also details the events that led up to World War 2. He doesn't dwell on them, but does maintain that it was not the War that brought us out of the Depression.

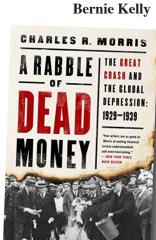
The Great Depression was one of the most traumatizing occurrences in the nation's history, and Morris does a nice job of restructuring Roosevelt's response to it. The New Deal exacerbated the restoration of the physical and mental health of the country's citizens. Without Roosevelt, millions of people would have augmented the history they felt due to straited economic circumstances.

Charles R. Morris is a prolific writer. He has penned fifteen books. Among his works are "Comeback, America's new Economic Boom" "The Sages, Warren Buffet, George Soros, Paul Volcker and the maelstrom of Markets", and

"The Tycoons: How Andrew Carnegie, John D Rockefeller, Jay Gould and J.P. Morgan invented the American Super Economy."

Morris is a lawyer and a former banker, and he has written extensively on matters economic. His articles and reviews have appeared in many publications.

'A Rabble of Dead Money" is an excellent study of the Great Depression and its repercussions, both here in the U.S. and abroad. Morris has crafted a work of art. Enjoy your reading!



### State Senate secures necessary funding for Triangle, Inc's School

The State Senate reaffirmed its commitment to supporting the disability community by earmarking the expenses for Triangle, Inc.'s School to Career Program earmark in the FY 2023 budget. The two-hundred-thousand-dollar earmark that will allow for sustainable services to those most in need.

School to Career (STC) is a vocational program for young adults between the ages of 18 and 22 looking to expand their career experience with the goal of securing competitive employment. Triangle currently partners with several school districts, including Chelsea, Marblehead, Randolph, and Stoughton, to offer STC to 20 students before they age out of school-supported programming. The organization is actively seeking out additional school partners to disrupt entrenched, systemic problems related to disability employment.

"At Triangle, Inc we believe a job is the greatest equalizer. Our members are eager to go to work but like everyone, they just need a little guidance in getting prepared, knowing what to expect in the workforce, connecting

with the right opportunities for their skills, or getting the skills needed for their career ambitions,' said Triangle CEO Coleman Nee. "We know there are many priorities for our state leaders to consider and we are more than grateful for their continued support and recognition in knowing that we are all people with ability."

representa-Elected tives including Senator Sal DiDomenico, Senator Brendan Crighton, Senator Walter Timilty, Senator Nick Collins, Senator Michaels Brady, Senator Joan Lovely, and Senator Jason Lewis worked tirelessly during this budget process to support the dis-

ability community. Since 1971, Triangle, Inc. has empowered people with disabilities and their families to live rich, fulfilling lives. With a strong focus on employempowerment. ment, independence, and community engagement, Triangle, Inc. reaches more than 4,000 people across Massachusetts eastern each year. Through all of its efforts, Triangle, Inc reminds our communities that we are all people with abilities. Learn more about the organization and their impact at triangle-inc.org.

## Fire Safety / Continued from Page 10

"More than 98% of wildland fires in Massachusetts are caused by human activity," Chief Fire Warden Celino. "These fires threaten our forests, they can severely tax local and regional firefighting resources, and they put people and homes in harm's way."

#### **Brush and Wildland Fire Safety Tips:**

- Before setting up a campfire, be sure it is permitted by checking with the local fire department.
- Clear away dry leaves and sticks and overhanging low branches and shrubs.
- Avoid burning on windy, dry days.
- Keep campfires small so they are easier to control and attend to them at

- Never use gasoline or other flammable or combustible liquids.
- Always have a hose, bucket of water, or shovel and dirt or sand nearby to put out the fire.
- Make sure your campfire is out cold before leav-
- If using an ATV, dirt bike, or other off-road vehicle, be sure the spark arrestor is properly installed, as required by Massachusetts law • Don't park an ATV,
- dirt bike, or other off-road vehicle on or near dry vegetation, and turn the engine off when stopped for an extended period of

#### Fireworks Safety

Massachusetts law prohibits the use, possession, or sale of fireworks in Massachusetts without a license, even if they were purchased legally elsewhere and then transported into the state. Their possession or use carries a fine of up to \$100, and sale carries a fine of up to \$1,000 and a year behind

"People are injured and

gle year in Massachusetts because of fires that start with illegal fireworks,' said State Fire Marshal Ostroskey. "If you want to watch fireworks this summer, many cities and towns will have displays that are carefully managed and organized by licensed experts. For the safety of our friends, families, and communities, let's leave fireworks to the profes-

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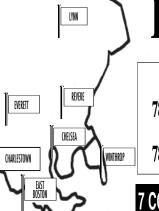
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