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of the Commonwealth for their efforts this summer to reduce demand on our water resources, which helped local suppliers to keep the water flowing,” said MassDEP Commissioner Martin Suuberg. “As we change seasons, I’d ask residents to focus their efforts on reducing demand by looking inside their homes and making water conservation an important part of your activities.”

It is important to note

the school year ends.

“But on the other hand, we have heard that the policy is fair and flexible and that the policy holds students accountable for coming to school,” said Abeyta.

Abeyta noted that the final draft of the new policy has to be revised and presented to the School Committee for a vote, and if approved, will go into effect for the third quarter in January.

“Due to the policy revision, we are waiving the current E-policy for the first and second quarter, and the new attendance policy will go into effect in the third quarter,” she

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STRIKE UP THE BAND!

We want to take an opportunity to acknowledge the Chelsea High Band, Orchestra, and Cantare for their absolutely magnificent performance at the Veterans Day observance that was held last Thursday morning at the Soldiers Home in the chapel of St. Michael the Archangel.

The ensemble performed for almost two hours, first greeting the audience as they entered and then concluding with a rousing tribute to all five of the military branches (Army, Navy, Marines, Air Force, and Coast Guard) with a medley of their songs that drew a standing ovation from those in attendance.

We congratulate CHS Band director Shannon Chick, Cantare director Michael Bednarsky, Orchestra director Ali You, and all of the student-performers for their wonderful salute to our veterans in which they represented their school and city so outstandingly.

GET YOUR FLU VACCINE NOW!

We'll be the first to admit that "vaccine fatigue" is affecting all of us these days.

But the reality is that the viruses never take a break -- fatigue is not in their DNA.

Although hopefully the worst of COVID-19 is behind us, experts are predicting the high likelihood of a deadly flu season with the potential for dire impacts upon our senior citizen population, who are particularly susceptible to a bad outcome from a case of the flu.

The flu in an average year kills about 50,000 Americans, a rate that plummeted during the past two years when we were isolating and wearing masks. But with pretty much all of the COVID-19 restrictions no longer in effect, the flu is primed to return with a vengeance.

In addition, we also would note that contrary to common perception, COVID-19 is far from done with us. COVID-19 still is killing more than 300 Americans every day -- that's a rate of more than 100,000 Americans per year. (Let that sink in for a moment.)

Some experts are predicting that we may be facing a perfect storm of upper respiratory illnesses this winter from the flu, COVID-19, and RSV (which typically afflicts very young children and already is filling our hospital beds at the present time.)

It is up to each of us to protect ourselves and our families from these deadly diseases. With highly-effective vaccines readily available for both the flu and the latest COVID-19 variant (and yes, you can get both shots at the same time), there is no excuse for failing to be fully-vaccinated as the winter season approaches.

WE'RE DRINKING OURSELVES TO DEATH

A report issued last week by the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) has confirmed what we really already knew: The rate of deaths that can be directly attributed to alcohol rose nearly 30% in the U.S. during the first year of the COVID-19 pandemic.

With public attention focused on the opioid epidemic, excessive alcohol consumption has been overlooked as a public health problem.

But here are the grim statistics: The rate of such deaths had been increasing in the two decades before the pandemic, by 7% or less each year, but In 2020, they rose 26%, to about 13 deaths per 100,000 Americans, the highest rate recorded in at least 40 years.

Such deaths are twice as common in men than in women, but rose for both in 2020, the study found. The rate continued to be highest for people ages 55 to 64, but rose dramatically for certain other groups, including jumping 42% among women ages 35 to 44.

In addition, a second report, published in the Journal of the American Medical Association, looked at a wider range of deaths that could be linked to drinking, such as motor vehicle accidents, suicides, falls, and cancers. More than 140,000 of that broader category of alcohol-related deaths occur annually, based on data from 2015 to 2019, the researchers said. CDC researchers say about 82,000 of those deaths are from drinking too much over a long period of time and 58,000 from causes tied to acute intoxication.

The study found that as many as 1 in 8 deaths among U.S. adults ages 20 to 64 were alcohol-related, including chronic illnesses such as liver cancer, high blood pressure, stroke, and heart disease. Drinking by pregnant women can lead to miscarriage, stillbirth, and birth defects. Health officials say alcohol is a factor in as many as one-third of serious falls among the elderly.

And that's not to mention the harm to others because of drunk driving accidents or alcohol-fueled violence, which causes death and injury to tens of thousands of Americans every year.

As we have noted many times in this space, the U.S. needs to launch a public health campaign, especially for young people, against alcohol similar to what we did with regard to cigarettes and tobacco use in the 1990s that finally brought that epidemic under control.

The statistics speak for themselves -- and it's time to take action.

Your opinions, please

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GUEST OP-ED

Billions spent on the election while Americans struggle

Dr. Glenn Mollette

Total cost of 2022 state and federal midterm elections may have exceeded \$16 billion according to a OpenSecrets analysis. Federal candidates and political committees spent over \$8 billion while state candidates, party committees, and ballot measure committees spent close to \$8 billion.

Here are the five most expensive Senate races this year according to OpenSecrets. This includes both general election and primary candidates together with the outside groups supporting them, such as the national parties and Super PACs:

- Pennsylvania: \$373.6 million
- Georgia: \$271.4 million (Georgia's is growing)
- Arizona: \$234.6 million
- Wisconsin: \$205.8 million
- Ohio: \$202.1 million

Pennsylvania's crucial U.S. Senate race has been the most expensive in the country this year — and it wasn't even close. Georgia may end up close

to \$300 million. Who in Georgia is happy about this? The television stations. If you own a television station during a highly contested election season, in a lucrative market, you'll never have to work again when the election is over.

Democrat John Fetterman, Republican Mehmet Oz and their political allies have spent a combined \$312 million on a race that ended up not even close. According to OpenSecrets, a non-partisan group that tracks money in politics, money poured into Pennsylvania for Fetterman as he had over \$15 million dollars more to work with than Oz.

Many are wondering how Fetterman, a recuperating sick man with the worst debate performance ever on national television, beat Oz? The answer is not a simple sentence. The bottom line was they didn't want Oz. Oz was seen as an outsider. Someone who moved to the state to further his career in politics. He is well known. That should have helped but it didn't

help him that much. He was well known for being rich, famous and still relatively good looking for an old guy. Fetterman on the other hand is the local state guy. He doesn't look so good. They know who he is whether that is good or bad. He has been very sick and trying to rehabilitate. A lot of people feel sorry for him and didn't see him as a rich, affluent personality but rather a down to earth guy they can relate to. People often cheer for the underdog. If you post something on social media saying you are sick, bad off, down and out you'll get many more "likes" or responses than if you post you have just received a career advance and a \$50,000 bonus.

Rand Paul of Kentucky raised \$26,410,677 and reportedly spent \$20 million. I hope he will use the remaining \$6 million to rebuild homes in East, Kentucky recently devastated by flooding. Or, even West, Kentucky that is still trying to rebuild from tornadoes that flattened that part of the state.

The money spent on this election and all na-

tional elections is insane. People all over America can't afford to go the grocery store, fill up the gas tank or take care of their children's school needs. Yet politicians, interest groups, political parties, and Political Action Committees are raising and spending mega millions trying to keep or gain a political seat. You can't do anything about it either. We have so very little to say about anything in our country.

We have to depend on the people spending millions to get their seat. If the seat is worth millions to them and the special interest groups then do you really think they care about we think?

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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improvements, berm removal, and green infrastructure projects to reduce coastal flooding.

“Across the community, the intensifying impacts of climate change will acutely affect our most vulnerable residents, damage our environment, and gravely impact public health,” said Alex Train, Director of Housing and Community Development. “In spite of this daunting reality, the City is committed to diligently working to reduce coastal flooding, enhance water quality, and unlock waterfront access for residents, in partnership with GreenRoots and our partners.”

Throughout the design process, the partnership will work closely with residents and abutters to solicit input, receive guidance, and collaborate on public education. The design phase will produce fully engineered plans, cost estimates, and schedules, better positioning Chelsea to obtain future state and federal grant funding for construction.

“Having worked closely with Chelsea residents, local businesses, and city officials for nearly 30 years, GreenRoots has transformed what once

was a forgotten, contaminated environmental liability into what is Mill Creek today – a vibrant, ecologically rich, community asset that provides much-needed green space, walking trails, and active parks for the environmental justice community of Chelsea,” said John Walkey, Director of Waterfront and Climate Justice Initiatives at GreenRoots. “Our restoration efforts have increased access to a cleaner Mill Creek from Locke Street to Broadway, and we look forward to continuing our focus to include the stretch from Broadway to Chelsea Creek.”

There was also more good news for Chelsea residents eager to see Mill Creek as a thriving environmental resiliency and recreation area.

Building on efforts to expand waterfront open space, the city, once again through its Department of Housing and Community Development and in partnership with GreenRoots, the North Suffolk Office of Resilience and Sustainability, and the Mystic River Watershed Association, successfully completed the acquisition of 88 Clinton St. and initiated the creation of a new

public waterfront park.

Earlier this month, the City Council appropriated \$875,000 for the new park. Of this, \$321,426 will be reimbursed through a grant secured through the Land and Water Conservation Fund. The partnership also obtained \$182,021 through the MassTrails Program to design a boardwalk, connecting the park to Broadway.

“We’re pleased to begin the design of this new waterfront park that will be an asset for residents, while combatting the effects of climate change,” said Ambrosino. “We’re grateful to the City Council, CPC, and our state and federal partners, particularly the Executive Office

of Energy and Environmental Affairs’ Division of Conservation Services, for swiftly deploying the resources necessary to realize this unprecedented opportunity.”

Overlooking Mill Creek, the vacant property will be repurposed as an intergenerational passive park that provides a reprieve from the scoring summertime heat for residents.

“We are thrilled to partner once again with the City of Chelsea to not only create a new park space, but a new point of access to the Mill Creek area, along Clinton Street,” said Roseann Bongiovan- ni, Executive Director of GreenRoots.

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could hang in there and stay close until those players returned to the lineup. Now that that question has been answered, all can look forward to celebrating a Happy Thanksgiving next week, and add the Bruins’ awesome play and their record, to the list of things to be happy for. Tonight (Thursday), the locals will attempt to extend their four-game

win streak on Garden ice, and try to continue their perfect unbeaten record at home, when they host the Philadelphia Flyers (7:00pm), following with the Chicago Black Hawks on Saturday (7:00pm), and then back on the road for a pair of games – Tampa Bay Lightning (Monday, 7:00pm), and the Florida Panthers will host Boston on Wednesday at 7:00pm).

DiDomenico lands agreement to pass bill protecting open spaces

Special to the Independent

Senator DiDomenico secured an agreement with House of Representatives conferees on the Public Land Preservation Act, and later that day joined his colleagues in the Legislature to pass this legislation that protects open and

public spaces throughout the Commonwealth and ensures their conservation for future generations. This legislation permanently preserves and protects the amount of land designated as open spaces and prevents it from being used for other purposes. Senator DiDomenico was

appointed by Senate President Karen Spilka to be the Senate Chair on the Conference Committee to negotiate a resolution with House of Representatives. “I am thrilled that we have reached an agreement on this bill which will protect our public land so our communities can have parks, green spaces, and clean water to enjoy throughout the Commonwealth,” said Senator Sal N. DiDomenico, Assistant Majority Leader of the Massachusetts Senate and Chair of the Senate Committee on Bills in the Third Reading. “Protecting our public lands is so critically important in our state because they also help protect our residents from the effects of climate change; our forests keep our air clean, our trees provide shade and cool our urban environments, and our wetlands mitigate the effects of flooding and storms. I am grateful for Senate President Spilka’s dedication to getting this important bill passed, Senator Eldridge and Representative Balser for their years of work on this issue, and all the conference committee members for their help getting this bill over the finish line.”

“As we work to mitigate the effects of climate change we see and feel every day, it’s important that we do not allow the quality and acreage of open lands in Massachusetts to decrease,” said Senate President Karen E. Spilka (D-Ashland). “Open lands protect against floods, re-

duce heat from man-made roads and cities, increase carbon capture from plants and soils, protect our clean drinking water, and provide residents with wonderful outdoor recreational opportunities. I want to thank all the conferees, especially Senator DiDomenico for his leadership and Senator Eldridge for his years of attention and perseverance in seeing this legislation passed, as well as Senator Rodrigues for his review and support.”

Since its passage as a ballot initiative in 1972, Article 97 of the Massachusetts Constitution has recognized the importance of public lands. Lands acquired for conservation purposes under Article 97 have protected status, and such lands’ sale or conversion to other use must be approved by a two-thirds vote of each branch of the Legislature. Recognizing the importance of maintaining public lands, the Legislature, working with the Administration, has for many years ensured ‘no net loss’ of open spaces by requiring equivalent replacement land into open space when disposing of Article 97 land.

The conference report passed by the Legislature today codifies a no net loss’ policy into law, making it legally binding. It ensures a public process takes place when a public entity considers disposing of Article 97 land and that replacement land is located nearby and of comparable acreage, fair market value, and natural resource value. The legislation includes a provision



Sen. DiDomenico speaking in favor of open spaces bill.

SHOWING SUPPORT FOR
STATE REPRESENTATIVE
ADRIAN MADARO

Last week at the Est Boston Hilton Garden Inn at Logan Airport Roseann Bongiovanni was on hand to show her support for State Representative Adrian Madaro. Bongiovanni and Madaro have similar interests in their respective communities, wanting to improve greenspace and a better quality of life for the residents that live

in them. In Madaro speech to his supporters he pledged more funds to double the beautiful landmark Piers Park and that he also acquired ferry service from East Boston to the North End. The list continues for better quality of life for residents and those surrounding communities.



Shown in the photo at Hilton Garden Inn, State Representative Adrian Madaro, Roseann Bongiovanni (left) and Maria Power

The Brown Jug will once again be doing a *Christmas Toy Drive for Children* in our community. We will be donating the toys to the Salvation Army of Chelsea. Please consider participating in this fun and rewarding event. Please bring an unopened/unwrapped toy for a boy or girl between Nov. 25th and Dec. 15th and receive a single topping pizza for \$5⁰⁰. Thank You so much for your help.

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CHELSEA HOLDS VETERANS DAY CEREMONY AT CHELSEA SENIOR CENTER

Cary Shuman Photos

The City of Chelsea held its Veterans Day Ceremony on Friday, Nov. 11 at the Chelsea Senior Center.

Councillor-at-Large and Vietnam War veteran Leo Robinson presided over the ceremony that honored Chelsea’s war veterans.

Veterans Services Officer Francisco Toro officially thanked the veterans in attendance for their outstanding service to their country.

Commander Billie J. Farrell, the first woman commander of the USS Constitution, was the guest speaker. Commander Farrell spoke about the interesting history of the famous battleship that is also known as Old Ironsides.

The Cantare, the CHS choir led by Director Michael Bednarsky, presented an outstanding musical performance that included the singing of the official songs of the United States Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, and Coast Guard, which was greatly appreciated by all in attendance, including Supt. of



Chelsea’s veterans were recognized at the ceremony for their outstanding service to the United States of America.

Schools Dr. Almi Abeyta and her father, U.S. Air Force veteran Eliseo “Max” Guajardo.

Sen. Sal DiDomenico, grandson of a World War II veteran, praised the courageous military service of the nation’s 19 million

war veterans, stating, “We can’t do enough for our veterans. They have done so for much for all of us.”

City Manager Thomas Ambrosino gave the closing address in which he thanked Commander Farrell for her inspirational remarks and the veterans

in attendance at the ceremony.

“I want to thank everyone from the community for coming and supporting our veterans today,” said Ambrosino. “It’s very important that communities like Chelsea take this day to publicly thank our vet-

erans. We would not have the freedoms we are enjoying today without their immense sacrifice. On behalf of the city, I offer our deepest gratitude to you.”

Robinson lauded the efforts of his fellow members of the event organizing committee, Juan Car-

los Morales, Ned Keefe, Giovanni Recupero, Tom Ambrosino, and Francisco Toro.

Following the ceremony, the guests enjoyed a delicious luncheon buffet provided by Michael G’s Restaurant.



Chelsea Housing and Community Development Director Alex Train and North Suffolk Mental Health Association President and CEO Damien Cabezas.



Chelsea High School students Karla Lopez, who read the Governor’s Proclamation, and Cleny Reyes, who led the Pledge of Allegiance at the ceremony.



Supt. of Schools, Dr. Almi Abeyta, and her father, U.S. Air Force veteran Eliseo “Max” Guajardo.



Veterans Bill Cain and Olivia Anne Walsh.



Councilor Calvin Brown and Diane Cambria.



Frank Kowalski, CHA Director of Operations Paul Nowicki, Senior Center Director Tracy Nowicki, Rep. Dan Ryan, City Councilor Todd Taylor, and former city official Stanley Troisi.



From left, City Manager Tom Ambrosino, City Councilor Giovanni Recupero, Rep. Dan Ryan, City Councilor Calvin Brown, City Councilor and state representative-elect Judith Garcia, Councilor-at-Large Leo Robinson, City Councilor Todd Taylor, and City Councilor Enio Lopez.



CHA Director of Operations Paul Nowicki, Rep. Dan Ryan, guest speaker Commander Billie J. Farrell, City Manager Tom Ambrosino, Sen. Sal DiDomenico, and City Councilor Calvin Brown.



Commander Billie J. Farrell receives a Chelsea jersey as a gift of appreciation for her guest speaking appearance at the ceremony from City Manager Tom Ambrosino, City Councilor Judith Garcia, Veterans Services Officer Francisco Toro, Councilor-at-Large Leo Robinson, and City Councilor Calvin Brown.



CCCTV Technical Director Ricky Velez and Chelsea Schools Communications Specialist Michael Sullivan.



Shown to the right, Katie Ouellette, Linda Duck, and veteran Stephen Hartlen.

Shown to the left, Veterans, former Malden City Councilor Neal Anderson, Ronald Robinson, and John Jossfowitch.



CHELSEA HOLDS VETERANS DAY CEREMONY AT CHELSEA SENIOR CENTER



City Manager Tom Ambrosino and Supt. of Schools, Dr. Almi Abeyta.



The members of the CHS Choir, The Cantare, led by Director Michael Bednarsky, are pictured at the Veterans Day ceremony with Commander Billie J. Farrell, and Supt. of Schools, Dr. Almi Abeyta.



From left, City Manager Tom Ambrosino, Sen. Sal DiDomenico, Rep. Dan Ryan, City Councilor and state representative-elect Judith Garcia, Veterans Services Officer Francisco Toro, Supt. of Schools Dr. Almi Abeyta, Councilor-at-Large Leo Robinson, and City Councilor Todd Taylor.



Chelsea Senior Center Director Tracy Nowicki, Past DAVA Commander Becky Swope, and Chelsea Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Jennifer Hassell.



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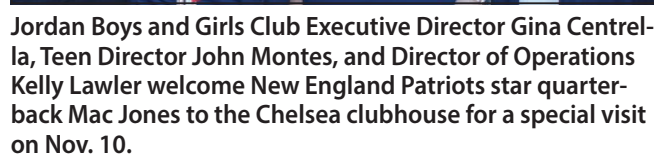
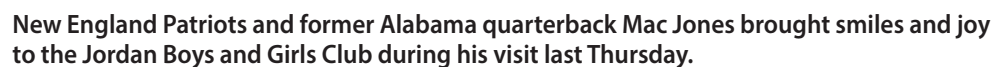
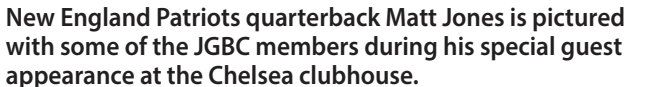
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during his spectacular collegiate career, was a huge hit with everyone at the club with his personable, congenial manner shining brightly.

Jones is a fantastic goodwill ambassador for the New England Patriots organization and no doubt brought on board some new fans for the team that is on track to qualify for the NFL playoffs.



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Sports

CHELSEA BOYS SOCCER 2-1 OVER WOBURN IN MIAA DIVISION ACTION

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Wander DePina came out of a scramble on the left wing and booted home an overtime goal to give Chelsea a 2-1 win over Woburn in the preliminary round of the MIAA Division 2 boys soccer tournament at Woburn High School. The Red Devil rode the goaltending of Daylin Yanes Casco, who made several spectacular saves in the second half that kept the game tied 1-1 until the overtime. The Red Devils survived an overtime penalty kick as the Woburn kicker put it over the net, and DePina did his heroics with 30 seconds left in the first overtime period.



LOOSE BALL BATTLE: Chelsea's Henry Vasquez battles a Woburn defender.



HIGH STEP: Steven Gamez Gonzalez gets a leg up on a Woburn defender.



FOOT RACE: Jefferson Ruiz is in high gear as he races a Woburn defender for a loose ball.



NET ATTACK: Olvan Mendez Ramos moves toward the net as a Woburn defender moves in.



SANDWICHED: Jefferson Ruiz (10) gets caught in the squeeze between a pair of Woburn defenders.



GET OFF MY BACK: A Woburn forward tried to go over the top on Chelsea's Jose Melendez Perez.

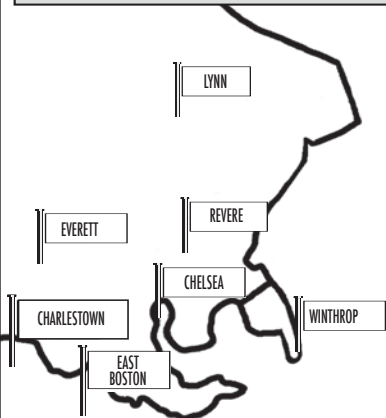


WHATEVER IT TAKES: A Woburn forward leaps over sprawled Chelsea goalkeeper Daylin Yanes Casco after Casco came out of his net to make a sliding save.



SIDELINE SHUFFLE: Jose Melendez Perez winds up a sideline shot.

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Responsibilities:

1. Prepares monthly expense statements.
2. Reviews CHA programs and significant financial outlays.
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4. Reconciles bank statements.
5. Reviews and oversees all accounts receivable and payable, including Leased Housing owner payments.
6. Monitors and reports on the Section 8 Mobility Program.
7. Prepares biweekly payroll on computerized payroll system.
8. Performs daily functions of financial department including accounts payable, accounts receivable, payroll and leased housing payables and receivables.
9. Responsible for Budget Preparation and monitoring.
10. Works closely with Fee Accountant to produce financial statements.
11. Maintains the inventory records.
12. Maintains all CHA Modernization financial records.
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15. Coordinates all new hire procedures (advertising, scheduling, interviewing)
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OBITUARIES

Alice Nicewicz

Retired Bank of America Fraud Specialist

Alice Nicewicz-Pantano passed away peacefully on Friday, November 11 at the Beth Israel Lahey Clinic Hospital in Burlington.

A resident of Chelsea for most of her life, she also lived in Stoneham, Reading and recently resided in Peabody.

Alice was one of three daughters of the late Sigmund J. “Ziggy” and Florence A. (Burke) Nicewicz. Born and raised in Chelsea, she proclaimed she was perpetually 28 years of age.

She attended local schools and graduated from Chelsea High School with the class of 1965. She continued her education at Newbury College in Brookline where she received her Associates Degree.

She began her career in private banking starting as a bank teller at the Commonwealth Bank / Patriot Bank in Chelsea. She continued with the bank as the institution changed names throughout the years and at various branches in Chelsea, Everett, and Malden. She ultimately retired in 2002 from Bank of America as a fraud specialist.

In her lifetime, she was an avid New England Patriots’ fan and was passionate about baking. Her specialty was her famous chocolate layer cake. She also enjoyed decorating for the holidays, crocheting and, of course, enjoying a cup of coffee at Dunkin’s! Above all else, Alice loved spending time with her family and friends for special occasions as well as everyday life, including being part of her “Sunday Morning Breakfast Club.” Years earlier, she also socialized with friends and family at



the at the Chelsea Yacht Club, and the P.P.C in Chelsea.

She was the devoted mother of Michael Pantano and his wife, Christine, cherished grandmother of Mia and Emma Pantano, all of Reading; dear sister and sister-in-law of Margaret “Peg” McKeever of the Villages in Florida and her late husband, John, Patricia M. Salemi and her husband, Richard of Wakefield; adored aunt of Richard “Rick” Salemi, Jr. and his wife, Alicia of Wakefield, AnnMarie Salemi with Sergio Guaracino of Peabody and Michelle Salemi of Wakefield. She was also the former and past wife of Arthur Pantano of Revere.

Relatives and friends are most kindly invited to attend a memorial gathering and visitation at the Welsh Funeral Home, 718 Broadway, Chelsea on Monday, November 21 from 8:30 to 10 a.m. immediately followed by a funeral service in the Funeral Home at 10 a.m. Services will conclude with inurnment at Woodlawn Cemetery, Everett.

In lieu of flowers, should friends desire, contributions in Alice’s name may be made to a charity of their choice.

To send expressions of sympathy, please visit: www.WelshFH.com.



Diane Howard

Beloved wife, mother, grandmother and friend

Diane Howard of Franklin, Massachusetts, formerly from Branchburg, New Jersey, Billerica, Massachusetts and Chelsea passed away on November 9. Diane was the daughter of Helen (Marcin) Howard of Chelsea and Kenneth Vincent Howard, a former Lieutenant in the Chelsea Police Department. She leaves her beloved husband of 53 years, William Howard, formerly from Everett, a daughter, Kimberly Woodruff of Lawrenceville, New Jersey, a deceased daughter, Charise Heater of Franklin, Massachusetts, four grandchildren: McKenna Heater, Will Heater, Mia Woodruff and Zachary Woodruff and two sons-in-law, Michael Woodruff of Lawrenceville, New Jersey, and Christopher Heater of Franklin, Massachusetts.

Diane graduated from Chelsea High School in 1964 and Fisher College in 1966 as a Medical Assistant. She supported her children in many ways, including as a Girl Scout Brownie Leader and Classroom Parent. She was active in her church choir and sodality at St. Mary’s Church in Billerica and loved bowling in her younger days.

As an accomplished cake decorator, Diane made wedding cakes for some of her family members and countless birthday and other special occasion cakes for her loved ones. She also was quite



skilled at crocheting and candy making, especially chocolate treats for the holidays. She was an accomplished calligrapher as well. She very much enjoyed entertaining large groups of friends and colleagues especially around the holidays. She loved to travel with Bill and her “Billerica” friends. Diane was a beloved wife, mother, grandmother and friend.

A celebration of her life will be held at the Frank A. Welsh & Sons Funeral Home, 718 Broadway, Chelsea on Saturday, November 19 with family and friends gathering from 9 to 11 a.m. immediately followed by a service at 11 a.m. In lieu of flowers, donations in Diane’s name can be made to the St. Vincent DePaul Society c/o St. Mary’s Church, One Church Square, Franklin, MA 02038 or the Franklin Food Pantry, 43 W. Central St., Franklin, MA 02038 would be much appreciated.

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Lisa Uminski

May 16, 1952 – November 3, 2022

Lisa Uminski, “The Little Queen,” with her family at her side, passed unexpectedly and all too soon to her Lord, and her family in heaven on Thursday, November 3. She was 60 years of age.

Born and raised in Chelsea, the loving daughter and cherished angel of Alfred H. Uminski and Elaine H. (Davis) Uminski, as a young girl, Lisa attended Williams School in Chelsea, the Parlin Jr. High School in Everett and participated with the Bay Cove Program. Lisa lived with her family in Chelsea for most of her life and in Revere for the last 20 years.

In her lifetime, she brought immense joy to those privileged to know her. Her very special day came every May 16th, she enjoyed collecting beaded necklaces, doing arts and crafts, reading, and competing in the Special Olympics, receiving various gold and silver medals. She followed the Red Sox and football and cheering on any team player wearing the number 16. She was an honorary lifetime member of the St. Stanislaus Choir. She also enjoyed traveling with family and playing games of chance.

Lisa joins her beloved mother, Elaine Uminski in heaven and leaves her



father, Alfred Uminski to mourn her passing, along with her brother Kenneth J. Uminski, Sr. and his wife, Lori, her sister, guardian, and caregiver, Lorianne Uminski, all of Revere. She was the adored aunt of Brittany, Daniel and his wife, Amy, Kenneth, Jr., and Gianna Uminski.

Funeral arrangements were by the Welsh Funeral Home, 718 Broadway, Chelsea and committal was Woodlawn Cemetery, Everett.

Should friends desire, contributions in Lisa’s name may be made to Special Olympics, 450 Maple St., Danvers, MA 01923 or to St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Pl., Memphis, TN 38105-1905. WWW.StJude.org/Donate

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COVID-19 health tips

Special to the Record

COVID-19 treatments can prevent hospitalizations and reduce the risk of becoming very ill. Treatment is appropriate for people who test positive for COVID-19 and have symptoms, even mild ones (such as runny nose or sore throat), and who are at increased risk of severe disease.

Treatment should be started within five days of developing symptoms, the sooner treatment is started, the more effective it is.

There are several ways to access these treatments:

- Your CHA provider can place a referral for you
- You can self-refer by calling 781-338-0280
- A non-CHA provider can make a referral for you

• Los tratamientos de

COVID-19 pueden prevenir hospitalizaciones y reducir el riesgo de enfermarse gravemente. El tratamiento es apropiado para las personas que dan positivo en la prueba de COVID-19 y tienen síntomas, incluso leves como secreción nasal o dolor de garganta, y que tienen un mayor riesgo de padecer una enfermedad grave.

• El tratamiento debe iniciarse dentro de los cinco días posteriores a la aparición de los síntomas; cuanto antes se inicie el tratamiento, más eficaz será.

• Hay varias formas de acceder a estos tratamientos:

- Su proveedor de CHA puede hacer un referido para usted
- Puede hacer usted mismo un referido llamando al 781-338-0280
- Un proveedor que no sea de CHA también puede hacer un referido

MGC releases October 2022

Gross Gaming Revenue report

Staff Report

The Massachusetts Gaming Commission (MGC) reported that the month of October 2022 at Plainridge Park Casino (PPC), MGM Springfield and Encore Boston Harbor generated approximately \$97 million in Gross Gaming Revenue (GGR).

PPC, a category 2 slots facility, is taxed on 49% of GGR. Of that total taxed amount, 82% is paid to Local Aid and 18% is allotted to the Race Horse Development Fund. MGM Springfield and Encore Boston Harbor, cate-

gory 1 resort-casinos, are taxed on 25% of GGR; those monies are allocated to several specific state funds as determined by the gaming statute.

To date, the Commonwealth has collected approximately \$1.235 billion in total taxes and assessments from PPC, MGM and Encore since the respective openings of each gaming facility.

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MC receives major gift of \$52,000 to create permanent scholarship in memory of Elmer F. King '82

Recently, Malden Catholic received a major gift donation of \$52,000 to establish a permanent scholarship fund to honor the memory of Medford native and MC student, Elmer F. King '82, who along with another close friend from Medford, Ken Ritchie, died tragically in an accident in December of 1982. The gift was made possible by MC alumnus Mark J. Sullivan 1983 and his wife Julia O'Donnell. Long term funds such as these are often designated at Malden Catholic in memory of a loved one. A portion of the fund is provided annually as a scholarship toward a MC education for a hardworking Medford student who is a strong community member. On October 20, 2022, current MC student, Sean McCobb '23 received the Elmer F. King '82 Scholarship Award and Mark Sullivan and his wife had the opportunity to meet and spend time with Sean, the first-time award recipient.

A longtime friend of



Julia O'Donnell and MC alumnus Mark J. Sullivan. Mark Sullivan from North Medford, Mark first met Elmer King in the basketball program at Saint Francis of Assisi Parish where they were teammates. According to Sullivan, "Elmer was smart, athletic and very down to earth. He always treated friends and classmates with respect and kindness. He added, "I believe it's important to make a difference in the lives of others and therefore decided to

establish this scholarship to keep Elmer's memory alive and provide an opportunity to share the immeasurable value a Malden Catholic education provides to families in and around our community. We are very pleased to establish this scholarship in memory of my beloved friend Elmer F. King 1982 but want all to know that this scholarship came at a high price - not financially, but with the loss of a beautiful life."

Scholarship recipient Sean McCobb commented, "I am very grateful for receiving this scholarship. Malden Catholic offers a tremendous environment for learning that has resulted in students attending top tier schools year after year. In my Senior year, I am actively involved in several cocurricular activities including MC's award-winning Mock Trial, DECA and Guitar clubs, and it is my hope to study finance at a top New England college next year."

Malden Catholic Pres-

ident Mr. John K. Thornburg, stated, "We thank Mark and Julia for their commitment to Malden Catholic and for their inspirational decision to provide this transformative scholarship that honors the memory of Elmer. The scholarship allows us to provide a Malden Catholic education for deserving young men and women of character who will go forward to act to improve the world."

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, Dartmouth, Georgetown, Brown, Cornell, Tufts, Duke, Georgia Tech, Boston College, Northeastern, Boston University and Amherst College. Foundational to student suc-

cess 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, Engi-

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MC student, Sean McCobb '23 received the Elmer F. King '82 Scholarship Award.

CITY PAWS

Introducing dogs

By Penny & Ed Cherubino

With family and friends gathering for year-end celebrations, some furry guests will need an introduction to resident animals. It might be someone visiting you with their dog. Or perhaps, you've agreed to care for a friend or family member's dog while they travel. All these situations call for honing your skills around the topic of introducing dogs to one another.

Know the Dogs

Our first Westie, Sassy, was a suburban dog. She insisted that everything

she could see was her territory to defend. She even resented the scent of a strange dog on her people. When we moved to Boston, we had to keep our distance from other dogs. She made a few friends, but we never let down our guard.

Maggie Mae loved everyone, dogs and humans alike. A city dog since puppyhood, our concern with her was always that she was too trusting. We had to be the ones to decide if a dog approaching her was safe. Until she became old and cranky, she welcomed friends and foster dogs into our home

with the charm of a society hostess.

Poppy will occasionally engage in a sniffing session with dogs outside and enjoys a walk with a few specific friends. She has not reacted well to dogs entering her home.

Not only should you know what to expect from your dog, but you should ask questions to learn more about your visitor.

A Few Rules

When we fostered dogs, we followed a few safety rules from the rescue groups. Applying these to your visiting dogs can make it safer for everyone. Remember that should a dog fight start, you could be hurt trying to stop it.

We never left temporary visitors alone with our dogs. Maggie would stay in our bedroom, and the foster would stay in an exercise pen in our dining area. That way, we never had to worry about what was happening while we were gone. We also kept them separated, each in their own bed at night.



Weekends in a park provide great opportunities to practice doggie introductions!

Good Start

Unless the dogs have already shared your home, you should have them meet on neutral territory. We suggest you try this before the planned visit and see how your dog reacts when this dog enters your dog's territory.

Keeping both dogs on a leash while you let them explore your home together can be a good idea. Once unleashed, stay nearby and watch for any signs of aggression or misbehavior from either dog.

Toys and food can be flashpoints for the friend-

liest dogs. Feed the dogs separately and observe them while playing with toys. If a toy is causing an issue, remove it until the visit is over. If either dog has a particular comfort object, protect it but make it available in a specific space like their bed.

Brush Up on Body Language

Finally, brush up on the topic of dog body language. You can't assume that a wagging tail is a sign of welcome. Experts describe the many ways dogs wag their tails and what each means.

What a dog might tolerate on a walk with a pal may be less welcome after a few hours at home. Your job is to know and watch for tiny signals that your dog or your visitor is showing stress. It may not be as blatant as a bark or growl. Understanding the body language of strange dogs will keep you and your animals safer at any time. A visiting dog is a great excuse to brush up on that skill.

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Impressive Veterans Day exercises held at the Chelsea Soldiers Home

By Record Staff

The Chelsea Soldiers Home conducted impressive exercises in observance of Veterans Day last Thursday morning.

The Chelsea High Band, Cantare, and Orchestra provided the musical background for the ceremonies with an outstanding performance of appropriate military-themed music throughout the ceremonies.

Eric L. Johnson, SFC U.S. Army (Ret.), the Superintendent of the Soldiers Home, greeted the guests, who included a host of dignitaries, including former Soldiers Home Supt. Cheryl Lussier Poppe, Col. U.S. Army (Ret.), who is the Secretary for the Mass. Dept. of Veterans Services.

Also on hand were Chelsea City Manager Tom Ambrosino, Chelsea Schools Supt. Dr. Almudena (Almi) G. Abeyta, Chelsea City

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Fr. Michael O'Hara, the chaplain of the Soldiers Home, presented the opening Invocation and Rabbi Seth Novoselsky, the son of Ira Novoselsky, gave the Benediction.

C. Andrew McCawley, Capt. U.S. Navy (Ret.), who is the President and CEO of the New England Center and Home for Veterans, was the guest speaker and delivered a stirring and informative tribute to our nation's veterans in which he stressed the need to take care of our veterans in their later years.

"This location, here on the crest of PowderHorn Hill in the City of Chelsea, set aside, established, and constructed as a Massachusetts institution almost a century and a half ago, to ensure the care and dignity of the Commonwealth's military Veterans, is altogether a fitting and appropriate setting for such a ceremony," said McCawlev.

"So what here on this day, and at this location, would be fitting to speak about? There are many aspects of military service to this nation, and even more ways that one might convey the vital contribu-

tions, impact, and legacy of Veterans," McCawley continued.

"In and of itself, this, the second oldest and oldest continually operating State home for Veterans in the nation, is inextricably woven into the historical fabric of Massachusetts, the City of Chelsea, our community's public and private institutions, and our society's value on public service, sacrifice, and honoring promises made," added McCawley, who noted the long-standing legacy of Lawrence F. Quigley, who served as an 11-term Mayor of Chelsea and then as the Commandant at the Home for 14 years and who was succeeded by his son, John, who then served as Commandant for more than 30 years thereafter.

McCawley also gave an interesting historical perspective of the genesis of providing homes for aging veterans that can be traced to the 17th century in France and (ironically) in Chelsea, London, England.

"The Soldiers Home here in Chelsea, a Massachusetts institution with a long and rich national and international heritage of ensuring that EVERY Day is Veterans Day, still exemplifies the honor and

support that the people of this great Commonwealth, and of our entire nation accord to those who have served," said McCawley. "It is old and storied, and perhaps (in some places) a bit tired. But it is being refreshed and even born anew. With the ongoing and continuing upgrades, construction and redevelopments, (exemplified by this wonderful new facility) it will continue to uphold its heritage, and for house, serve, and care for our Veterans."



Chelsea High Orchestra director Ali You (first row, far left), Band director Shannon Chick (second row, far left), and Cantare director Michael Bednarsky (top row, center) gather with the members of the Chelsea High Band, Cantare, and Orchestra for a group photo on the steps of St. Michael the Archangel Chapel of the Chelsea Soldiers Home following the Veterans Day services last Thursday at which the students gave a superb performance.



The Chelsea High Cantare performs at the Veterans Day ceremonies at the Chelsea Soldiers Home last Thursday morning.



Chelsea Soldiers Home Supt. Eric L. Johnson, SFC U.S. Army (Ret.), (far left), addresses the audience at last Thursday's Veterans Day Services held in the chapel at the Soldiers Home.

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Chelsea High Orchestra director Ali You (first row, far right) and the members of the Orchestra await their turn to perform at the Veterans Day services last Thursday at the Chelsea Soldiers Home.



Chelsea High Band Director Shannon Chick (center of photo) turns to the audience during the medley of the five military service songs that concluded last Thursday's Veterans Day services at the Chelsea Soldiers Home for which the band earned a well-deserved standing ovation.

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