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“Look what I’ve done,” said Senate President Tom Birmingham as he smiled and looked up to the spot in the Senate Chambers where his wife, Selma Birmingham, was sitting and proudly watching as the Chelsea native’s historic election as Senate President become official.

Former State President Tom Birmingham dies at the age of 73

By Cary Shuman

The Chelsea community is mourning the loss of one of its most accomplished and distinguished residents, former Massachusetts State Senate President Tom Birmingham, who died on Jan. 20, 2023, at the age of 73.

Mr. Birmingham was elected as a state senator for Chelsea and adjacent communities Everett and Revere in 1990. He was elected president of the esteemed 40-member body by his senatorial colleagues in 1996.

During his time in the Senate, Tom Birmingham led the way for the passage of the Education Reform Act, which transformed the education of students in Massachusetts in a positive manner that was applauded by school administrators, teachers, students, and families. With Richard Voke as the chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee, Chelsea had a prodigious duo representing the city’s interests, and it ultimately led to the construction of new schools throughout the city.

The son of John and Agnes Birmingham, Tom grew up on Essex Street.



State Senate President Tom Birmingham and his wife, Selma Birmingham, pictured at the Charlestown Naval Yard on the occasion of his 50th birthday.

He attended the Shurtleff School and often spoke of the strong foundation that his education in Chelsea had provided, specifically noting the positive influence that his junior high English teacher, Arnold Goodman, had on his life. He continued his education at Austin Preparatory High School and Phillips Exeter Academy where he was recognized for his athletic skills and academic excellence.

His post-secondary school credentials were extraordinary. He graduated from Harvard University and Harvard Law School and became a Rhodes Scholar, an international award that allowed Tom to



Senate President Tom Birmingham reads to Chelsea school children as part of a guest appearance on National Read Across America Day.

study alongside the most outstanding students in the world.

Tom met his future wife, Selma Botman, at Quigley Park in Chelsea and they were in Selma’s words, “childhood sweethearts.” Tom graduated Shurtleff one year ahead of Selma, but they remained close through their high school and collegiate years.

Following their marriage, the Birminghams lived in a home on Nichols Street where they raised their two daughters, Erica and Megan.

A brilliant woman in her own right who graduated from Chelsea High, Selma holds an undergraduate degree from Brandeis Uni-

versity, a graduate degree from Oxford, and master’s and doctorate degrees from Harvard. She is currently the provost and vice president for academic affairs at Yeshiva University in New York City. As parents, Tom and Selma Birmingham instilled in their daughters the importance of education and the daughters took that inspiration and attended the nation’s finest universities as well. Erica Birmingham is a graduate of Harvard and holds an MBA from New York University. Megan Birmingham Wolf is a graduate of Bates College and holds a master’s degree from New York University.

Tom’s sister, former school principal Nancy Birmingham, and brother, the late Jimmy Birmingham, a former Chelsea Fire captain, were also widely known and well-admired in the city, taking pride in their brother’s career in the field of public service and law.

Dr. Selma Birmingham spoke of her beloved husband’s many contributions to the advancement of people’s lives for the better.

“Tom was a one-of-a-

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School Committee approves change in mask policy

By Adam Swift

At a special meeting last week, the School Committee approved a change to the district’s mask policy so it will no longer have to issue a mask mandate when Suffolk County is designated as a high-risk county for Covid-19.

Several weeks ago, the designation triggered a one-week mask mandate in the district, which led to chaos and a lack of compliance, according to school administrators. In addition to some confusion in the schools, administrators were flooded

with emails and complaints, many from outside the district, complaining about the policy.

Chelsea was the only community in the state to enact the most recent mask mandate.

The new policy will no longer call for a mask mandate, but rather, the district will issue a high-risk warning highly recommending students and staff wear masks when it is determined there is a high risk for Covid-19 transmission.

During the meeting, assistant superintendent Adam Deleidi presented both data on the recent Covid wave and anecdotal evidence about the latest one-week mask mandate. Deleidi noted that peak numbers for Covid cases in December of 2022 were about half of that from the

peak numbers in January of that year.

“The recent December uptick is about half of the peak from last year,” he said. “In general, cases peak around the Thanksgiving and December breaks, perhaps indicating that the spread is more prevalent outside of school.”

Another thing to consider, Deleidi told the committee, is that in virtually all areas outside the schools, there is no mask mandate.

“The thing to think about is that mandating in one school district has limited efficiency,” he said.

Deleidi said he does believe masks are effective in minimizing the spread of Covid, but added the most recent mini-mandate in the schools was a logistical nightmare.

“It causes a lot of confu-

sion, and it is certainly hard to enforce,” he said.

There were many students who said they respectfully did not want to wear the masks, creating a challenge for teachers and administrators.

School Committee member Roberto Jimenez Rivera said that under the current system, it takes a significant number of covid cases for the risk level to get to high.

“If we are getting to high, then there is a lot of Covid in the air,” said Jimenez Rivera. “We should do everything in our power to reduce the spread so it doesn’t affect our community.”

He said he was especially concerned about Covid having a big impact on staff attendance.

“There are districts that

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Council focusing in on City Manager search process

By Adam Swift

The City Council is moving forward with several steps in the process to find a replacement for former City Manager Thomas Ambrosino.

Last week, the council held a subcommittee meeting to address several of the issues surrounding Ambrosino’s departure, as well as for finding a replacement for clerk to the council Paul Casino. Casino officially retired from his position in December, but is working on a part-time/consultant basis to help the council until they find his replacement.

At the subcommittee meeting, the council discussed appointing Deputy City Manager Ned Keefe the acting City Manager.

However, the motion to appoint Keefe the acting City Manager was tabled at Monday night’s meet-

ing to the Feb. 6 council meeting because there was still some input the council was looking for from the deputy city manager and the city solicitor.

The council did approve hiring the Edward J. Collins, Jr. Center for Public Management to consult and assist with the City Manager search process.

“Prior to that, we, as a City Council will have a discussion about what we would like to see, what type of City Manager that the city will be looking for,” said Precinct 8 Councilor Calvin Brown.

Brown said the search process will also incorporate input from the community, and that there will be more information at the next council meeting about a possible screening committee to help with the selection process.

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CYBLs has two new leaders

Story & Photo by Marianne Salza

Joshua Concepcion and Ruben Vargas have been best friends for over 20 years. Growing up in Chelsea, they lived a block away from each other and would meet half way at Vargas’ grandmother’s house because there was a basketball hoop in her backyard. Now the two are the new leaders of Chelsea Youth Basketball League (CYBL) with Concepcion as president, and Vargas as vice president.

“Our mission statement is ‘crafting today’s youth into the builders and leaders of tomorrow,’” smiled Concepcion, proud of the acronym he created.

Since beginning their new positions in November 2022, Concepcion and Vargas were able to organize programs in five weeks; obtaining local sponsorships for each of the 16 teams within a week-and-a-half.

“People love their city,”

said Concepcion, a lifelong Chelsea resident. “When kids are involved, too, it makes them want to help out even more and get involved. That’s what it’s all about.”

Concepcion and Vargas remember how the COVID-19 pandemic halted everything a week before playoffs, including the following season. Players returned in 2021 with restrictions. Now mask wearing is optional, and Concepcion and Vargas have noticed an increase in enthusiasm and interest in the sport.

“I remember last year, kids were huffing and puffing in masks. It was hard for them. Even sitting around, spectating was uncomfortable for people,” recalled Vargas. “The kids are enjoying themselves and being around each other again. They went a whole summer with no basketball hoops up be-

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Chelsea Youth Basketball League Vice President Ruben Vargas, and President Joshua Concepcion, in front of the scoreboard of the CYBL basketball court in the Williams Middle School.

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North Suffolk Office of Resilience and Sustainability publishes annual report

By Adam Swift

The North Suffolk Office of Resilience and Sustainability published its annual report in January, sharing with its constituents in Chelsea, Revere, and Winthrop information on projects that were completed in 2022, updates on the upcoming phases of ongoing projects, and details on new initiatives that will launch in 2023.

The NSORS was created by the communities of Chelsea, Revere and Winthrop to address climate change issues using a regional approach. Since its creation, NSORS staff have worked on both regional and individual municipal projects to address issues such as heat mitigation, the reduction of greenhouse gas contributions and more.

“Like the rest of the Boston area, Chelsea, Revere, and Winthrop were impacted by heat waves and drought this summer, and by extreme high tides periodically throughout the year,” stated the introductory letter to the report, signed off on by former Chelsea City Manager Thomas Ambrosino, Revere Mayor Brian Arrigo, and Winthrop Town Manager Tony Marino. “And as energy prices rose this summer and fall, the need for energy efficiency took on new urgency. As we start to feel the impacts of climate change in real time, regional efforts like NSORS have become increasingly more important as tools to protect our communities and reduce our greenhouse gas contributions.”

City announces new ARPA investment to support mental health services

By Adam Swift

The city and one of its leading nonprofits are working together to provide affordable, accessible bilingual mental and behavioral healthcare services to Chelsea’s most vulnerable residents.

The city, through its Department of Housing and Community Development and Department of Health and Human Services, recently awarded a \$170,000 contract to North Suffolk Community Services (formerly North Suffolk Mental Health Association) to deliver the Latino Community Action Response Team (Latino CART) services through the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) recovery fund program.

This investment represents a small, but meaningful step towards addressing systemic racial inequities that make mental health services inaccessible and unaffordable to residents, especially residents without insurance coverage, according

The office manages over \$3 million in grant funds from projects specific to the three regional communities as well as projects that have an impact on the entire North-Suffolk region.

In Chelsea, the NSORS is managing ongoing projects to address the flood mitigation and restoration of Mill Creek, implement Phase I of the Microgrid Initiative, and instill neighborhood-scale resiliency measures. The neighborhood projects include a study of Eastern Avenue to combat frequent flooding caused by the Chelsea Creek, designing a new park at the foot of the Chelsea Street Bridge, developing a permanent park at 212 Congress Street, a white roof pilot project at the Jordan Boys and Girls Club, and the Bellingham Square Plaza redesign.

In Revere, the city is moving forward with a tree inventory and management plan under the NSORS. Obtaining an accurate inventory of Revere’s public trees, as well as a plan for maintaining and growing the urban canopy, will provide heat mitigation and flood control benefits to Revere, according to the report. In collaboration with Davey Resource Group, which has conducted similar projects in nearby communities and nationwide, Revere will begin its inventory this winter.

In Winthrop, the NSORS is taking the lead on updating the town’s hazard mitigation plan, which has expired and must be updated in order

for the town to be eligible for FEMA funding. Winthrop has applied for

funding to support a plan update, and expects to hear the status of this request this month, according to the report. If funded, the update would begin in early 2023, bringing together stakeholders in Winthrop to identify hazards and critical infrastructure, and to highlight priority mitigation measures.

The NSORS is also taking part in regional efforts with impact beyond its core communities. The Zero Carbon Action Plan (ZCAP) project kicked off in early 2022, with a core team composed of staff from NSORS, the Metropolitan Area Planning Council (MAPC), Chelsea/Revere/Winthrop municipal staff, and GreenRoots staff. The office conducted stakeholder interviews to gauge their understanding of, and interest for, climate mitigation. The MAPC team developed a GHG emissions inventory for each of the communities as well as a regional inventory.

The core team held workshops throughout the communities, with a mix of in-person and virtual gatherings to educate on the scope

of the project and its overall goals.

In early 2023, the core team will be holding regular meetings with a steering committee composed of municipal staff and GreenRoots which will provide more concrete ideas for strategies and actions that are to be included in the ZCAP plan.

to Alex Train, Director of Housing and Community Development. The city’s ARPA community recovery plan highlights the mental health needs of its residents and how the mental health crisis is sharply impacting them.

“Countless residents experience indescribable trauma and grapple with barriers to accessing mental health care that aren’t present in wealthier, white communities,” said Train. “We’re grateful for the opportunity to partner with North Suffolk Community Services to make culturally sensitive, bilingual mental and behavioral health services available to all residents, regardless of insurance or immigration status.”

The program consists of one full-time clinician and one full-time navigator that works to connect residents to a range of clinical mental health services, peer counseling, and supportive case management. Complementing the Commonwealth’s new Community Behavioral Health

Center (CBHC) Program, Latino CART clinicians will deliver services in the community, with a focus on aiding uninsured residents, regardless of immigration status.

North Suffolk Community Services was recently designated one of 25 CBHCs rolling out in early 2023 in the state. North Suffolk will deliver 24/7 community-based mobile crisis intervention and stabilization as an alternative to overwhelmed hospital emergency departments, for individuals of all ages in East Boston, Chelsea, Revere, Winthrop, and Charlestown.

“We thank the City of Chelsea for prioritizing our vulnerable underinsured and uninsured population,” said Emmy Porto, Director of Child, Youth and

Family Services for North Suffolk Community Services. “Latino CART services will ensure this marginalized population will continue to receive the ongoing support it deserves.”

FROM THE PHOTO ARCHIVES OF ARNOLD JARMAK



The recent retirement of Paul Casino from his position as Clerk to the City Council marked the conclusion of 50 years of public service by Paul to the city in many capacities. This photo, taken by Chelsea Record photographer Arnie Jarmak, shows Paul taking the oath of office as a member of the Board of Aldermen in 1986. Also taking their oaths as aldermen, standing in the rear of the photo behind Paul, are (l-r) John Zimini, John Brennan, Leo Robinson, and Asa Hubner. The swearing-in took place at the old Chelsea High School on Crescent Ave., the only time that the traditional swearing-in of city officials did not take place in the Aldermanic Chamber at City Hall. The McMullen Museum at Boston College recently held an exhibition of Arnie Jarmak’s work entitled, “Chelsea in Transition 1977-89,” and the Boston Public Library is digitizing 20,000 of his photos from that period. We look forward to publishing Arnie’s photos from that era on a regular basis in the Record.

News in Brief

MVES HOSTS FREE VIRTUAL HEALTH EVENTS

Mystic Valley Elder Services (MVES) will present two FREE virtual workshop series in January and February 2023.

“Healthy Eating for Successful Living” will be held on Tuesdays, January 31 to February 28 from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. Learn how to connect virtually through a Zoom platform and take this free class from the comfort of your home.

Throughout the series, you’ll learn more about how nutrition, physical activity and lifestyle changes can promote better health. This virtual workshop series focuses on heart- and bone-healthy nutrition strategies to help maintain or improve wellness and prevent chronic disease development or progression in older adults. Healthy Eating uses the USDA’s MyPlate as a framework.

“My Life; My Health,” a FREE virtual chronic disease self-management workshop series, will be held Monday, February 6 to March 20, from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. (No class on Feb. 20.) Learn how to connect virtually through a Zoom platform and take this free class from the comfort of your home. You don’t want chronic disease, pain or discomfort to limit the activities and life you enjoy.

The series is for anyone living with an ongoing medical condition, such as arthritis, asthma, chronic back pain, chronic fatigue syndrome, cancer, COPD, diabetes, fibromyalgia, heart disease, high blood pressure, Parkinson’s disease, or stroke. Topics will include managing and controlling pain, beginning (or improving) an exercise program, handling stress and learning to relax, increasing energy, and

eating for your health and wellbeing.

Class size is limited for both workshop series, so reserve your spot today. To register, or if you have any questions about the program, contact Donna Covelle at dcovelle@mv.es.org or call 781-388-4867.

Mystic Valley Elder Services is a non-profit agency that provides essential home- and community-based care and resources to older adults, people with disabilities, and caregivers. Based in Malden, Mass., MVES serves Chelsea, Everett, Malden, Medford, Melrose, North Reading, Reading, Revere, Stoneham, Wakefield and Winthrop. Agency services include coordination of home care, transportation, Meals on Wheels, and information and referrals. For more information, please call 781-324-7705 or visit www.mves.org.

NOMINATE A YOUNG CONSERVATIONIST

Do you know an outstanding youth who is an advocate for wildlife and conservation? Nominations are now being accepted for the Young Conservationist Award, presented by Zoo New England.

As part of the celebration of Zootopia, Zoo New England’s annual fundraising gala, zoo staff is excited to announce that applications are now being accepted for the Young Conservationist Award. The nominated youth should be enrolled in grades 3 through 12, have demonstrated a positive commitment to conservation at large and/or Zoo New England’s mission, and have engaged in some outstanding action to support this. The award, which includes a \$2,500 scholarship to further the

recipient’s project and conservation work, will be presented at Zootopia on June 10 at Franklin Park Zoo. The winner and two adults will receive complimentary tickets to Zootopia to participate in the awards ceremony.

“We are honored to once again present the Young Conservationist Award to an outstanding youth who is making a difference for wildlife and the environment,” said John Linehan, President and CEO of Zoo New England. “A cornerstone of the Zoo is to protect the natural world and cultivate the next generation of environmental stewards. Our past winners have been inspiring young individuals who share this mission and we can’t wait to continue this tradition.”

for the Young Conservationist Award are being accepted through Friday, April 7, 2023 at 5:00 p.m. Nomination forms are available at <https://www.zoonewengland.org/zootopia>. Please email questions to YoungConservationistAward@zoonewengland.org.

Zootopia is Zoo New England’s annual fundraising gala. This year’s event, to be held at Franklin Park Zoo on June 10 from 6:30 – 9:30 p.m., promises to be an unforgettable evening. The gala begins with an auction, followed by catered tasting stations and dancing. Attendees are encouraged to wear animal-inspired attire.

from Zootopia will directly benefit Zoo New England’s Franklin Park Zoo and Stone Zoo and will help to further the Zoos’ mission to inspire and educate the next generation of conservation stewards and leaders.

To purchase tickets or to learn about sponsorship opportunities, visit <https://www.zoonewengland.org/zootopia> or call 617-379-5190.

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As for the clerk to the council position, the council voted to reissue the job description for the position as a full-time position of up to 35 hours per week with a flexible schedule.

Brown noted that if the council could not find a suitable person to fill the

position full time, there could be some flexibility and ability to hire someone at fewer hours. However, Council President Leo Robinson stated that it is being advertised as a full-time position.

Casino announced his planned retirement for the

end of 2022 in May of last year.

At that time, the council established a special search subcommittee for the clerk to the council position. At that time, the clerk was being listed as a 20-hour per week position.

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cause cities were taking the rims off in parks. It was tough for kids to be able to go out and shoot a hoop if they didn’t own one. I’m glad they’re back.”

Chelsea Youth Basketball League has been intrinsic to the community for decades; and this year is serving 178 participants between the ages of 5-13.

“Teamwork, communication with others, push yourself,” listed Concepcion about the important lessons he hopes youth learn while playing basketball. “Sometimes you have people yelling at you. Step above it. I try to teach that as much as I can.”

Concepcion and Vargas volunteer to coach the Junior League (8-10-year-olds), and Senior League (11-14-years-olds). Every practice is unique with the diverse personalities and talents that each player brings to the court.

“Sometimes hard work does beat talent. When you apply yourself and push yourself to achieve any kind of goal in life, sports are a good way to learn that if you practice enough, you’ll get good at it,” explained Vargas. “You can put the best product out for yourself and your team. Through this sport, we’ve been able to reach kids.”

Concepcion and Vargas have seen how CYBL positively impacts youth and families.

“I have kids coming up to me in Market Basket, shouting at me from afar, ‘It’s Coach Josh,’” imitated Concepcion. “A lot of these kids I’ve known since they were 5, and they’re about to go into high school now. They always say ‘hi’ to you whenever you see them. They care about me, and listen to what I say.”

When former CYBL president, Yamir Rodriguez, approached Concepcion about assuming his title, Vargas was the first person that Concepcion called to join him. The friends had coached and refereed together for years. Vargas even served as best man during Concepcion’s wedding.

“I love the rush of it,” beamed Vargas, who loves the competitiveness, and togetherness of basketball. “Being able to run an actual league, it feels like being in a game. I wake up in the morning, and I’m ready to go.”

Basketball has been a part of Vargas’ entire life. One of his earliest memories was of his father placing a basketball in his hand when he was 3-years-old. Vargas taught Concepcion -- who had been a football player -- how to play basketball when they were boys; and Concepcion recalls cheering for Vargas in the bleachers during games.

“I started playing organized basketball at CYBL when I was 9-13. I’ve al-

ways had a love for the game,” Vargas recollected. “I played two years at Chelsea High School, and two years at Revere High School.”

His passion for the game, as well as the birth of his now 9-year-old nephew, Jayzian Alvarado, inspired Vargas to become a coach. Now Jayzian is a member of Vargas’ Junior League team.

Concepcion’s 13-year-old daughter, Jayliana’s, interest in basketball motivates him.

“I give her pointers on how to play basketball,” said Concepcion. “We’re thinking of putting her as an assistant coach for me next year, so she can learn more about the game.”

When the friends are not coaching, Concepcion, a box truck driver, enjoys playing Pokémon; and Vargas, a heating, ventilation, and air conditioning engineer, participates in a bowling league.

As Concepcion and Vargas continue into the first year of their new positions, they hinted at plans for CYBL, which include community outreach, and teams cleaning local parks in the summer.

“The simplest things can go a long way, and show these kids if you take care of the community, the community is going to take care of you,” Vargas emphasized.

DiDomenico visits Soldiers’ Home in Chelsea amid Inspector General report

In light of the Inspector General’s January report citing many areas that have to be addressed and improved at the Soldiers’ Home in Chelsea, Senator Sal DiDomenico visited the Veteran facility last week alongside State House colleagues, Senator John Velis, and Representative Judith Garcia. The elected officials spoke with Veterans at the Home and toured the facility with

staff and the new leadership. The Inspector General’s report highlighted the need for better communication from the leadership team to the staff, as well as several issues regarding the care of Veterans.

“Our Veterans and the staff that cares for them deserve better,” said Senator DiDomenico, Assistant Majority Leader of the Massachusetts Senate. “We visited the Soldiers

Home to see and listen for ourselves about what is happening at the ground level. We are taking this very seriously, and I look forward to partnering with the new leadership at the Soldiers’ Home and the Healey Administration to make sure conditions improve and every Veteran is treated with dignity and respect.”

Council to take up CPC recommendations

By Adam Swift

The City Council will consider approving funding for four proposals through the Community Preservation Act at its next meeting on Monday, Feb. 6.

At Monday night’s meeting, the council moved four recommendations from the Community Preservation Committee (CPC) to a second reading for a vote at its next meeting.

At its Dec. 15 meeting, the CPC recommended approval of three applications and partial approval for a fourth application, according to CPC Chair Juan Vega.

Those recommendations include \$100,000 for the Chelsea Restoration Corporation, \$30,000 for Comunidades Enraizadas/Community Land Trust, \$100,000 for Housing Families, and \$246,000 for Temple Emmanuel.

“Again, by statute, the Council may affirm, reject, or lower the amounts of the Committee’s recommendations,” stated Vega.

The Chelsea Restoration Corporation proposal is for a first-time homebuyers program. According to the organization’s project summary, the program will prepare participants to become homeowners and potential landlords.

Timeline set for Franklin Avenue staircase project

By Adam Swift

Reconstruction of the city’s historic Franklin Avenue staircase should begin in the spring.

City officials and consultants held an online forum on the staircase project last week. In addition to the staircase project, the officials also touched on plans for the creation of a small park project associated with the staircase at Forsyth Street.

“This is a project we are presently pursuing funding for, so we expect we will apply for funding through the Community Preservation Committee next spring, and if that is approved by the City Council, it would allow us to construct a small open space area on Forsyth Street later this calendar year,” said Alex Train, the city’s director of housing and community development. The small park would measure about 25 by 15 feet.

Tim Corrigan of project consultant Weston and Sampson said the contract for the reconstruction of the staircase between Franklin and Lafayette is currently out to bid. Corrigan said construction would take place beginning in May and run through August.

“The completion date figures to be mid-fall, accounting for some contingencies, and the job will have trades teams supporting the project in and out periodically, so it won’t be a continuous construction,

so it should be a pretty active site that May through summer months,” said Corrigan.

The scope of the project will include the reconstruction of the landings on each end of the project area, according to Corrigan, with the current steps and landings being demolished and fully removed.

“Those who use these steps will probably appreciate that the condition is quite poor, but through the course of demolition, we will be trying to block access to this space to keep it from being a hazard to the neighborhood,” Corrigan said. “The existing landings, the existing railings, and the existing steps are all to be removed.”

To make things move quicker and to reduce labor on the project and to reduce costs, Corrigan said there will be sections of the staircase built and delivered to the site for installation.

“Alongside that walk

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are having a lot of their staff be out with outbreaks of Covid,” Jimenez Rivera said. “I worry that could happen, so for that reason, when it gets to the level of high, there is a benefit to having a masking policy and even a mask mandate.”

Even if there is not 100 percent compliance, he said that there would be a higher percentage of students and staff wearing masks if there was a mandate than if there wasn’t.

“We’re kind of the odd district out, but I think we are the ones who are doing it right,” said Jimenez Rivera. “I think every district should be doing what we are doing and making sure we are reducing the spread not just in Chelsea, but everywhere.”

Committee member Naomi Zabot asked if a change in the policy was being considered because of the number of people who expressed opposition

to it recently.

“The reason we are looking at this is because the policy was voted on back in April, and so it was a different time in April,” said Abeyta.

The superintendent noted that while there has been some loud pushback from mask opponents who have no connection to Chelsea, there was also pushback from staff and students in the district.

“Oftentimes, we don’t hear from the people who disagree but don’t say anything,” said Abeyta, adding she heard from a number of teachers asking why Chelsea enacted a mask mandate when no other district in the state did.

“Shifting back and forth causes a lot of unnecessary chaos in the schools,” Abeyta said.

Jimenez Rivera asked if there was a way to keep a mask mandate for staff but not students to help prevent

excessive staff absences during high risk phases. He also suggested that the schools use more proactive wastewater sampling numbers to help determine when a mask mandate or advisory should go into effect.

Committee member Ana Hernandez asked if the district might consider a more consistent mask mandate around the time after holiday breaks, when the case numbers typically peak.

School Committee member Claryangeliz Covas Carballo said there should not be one mask standard for staff and another for students.

The committee voted 6-1-2 to change the masking policy language to enact a warning rather than a mask mandate when Covid levels are high. Jimenez Rivera voted against the change in language, and committee members Jeanette Velez and Yessenia Alfaro were absent.

Kick off the New Year with an updated COVID-19 booster and \$75 gift card

The Massachusetts Department of Public Health (DPH) has extended its \$75 gift card offer through March 31 for Massachusetts residents who get a COVID-19 vaccination or booster at participating “Get Boosted” vaccination clinics in Chelsea, Everett and Revere. The clinics offer first and second doses of the vaccine as well as the updated bivalent COVID-19 booster, which is approved for everyone ages six months and older.

Staying up to date on vaccines, including boosters, is the most effective way to prevent serious illness from COVID-19. Commonwealth residents who get vaccinated or boosted against COVID-19 at any of the designated clinics can receive a \$75 gift card to a local retailer for each dose administered.

while supplies last.

DPH is working with local partners to make the COVID shots accessible to as many people as possible.

- In Chelsea, clinics are currently scheduled at the Senior Center, 10 Riley Way, every Saturday and Sunday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. through Feb. 26;

- In Everett, clinics are currently scheduled on Tuesdays and Saturdays at Eliot Family Resource Center (times vary), and on Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Pope John High School through March;

- In Revere, clinics are currently scheduled at Women Encouraging Empowerment, 50 Walnut Ave., on Tuesdays Jan. 24 and Jan. 31 from 3 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

To find a clinic offering the \$75 gift card near you, go to Mass.gov/GetBoost-

ed. No ID or proof of health insurance is required.

“We’d like to see as many people vaccinated as possible, so we are offering these community-based COVID vaccination clinics – including a \$75 gift card incentive at select locations – to make it easier for people to protect themselves and those around them,” said Massachusetts Public Health Commissioner Margret Cooke. “These boosters provide the best protection against the Omicron subvariants, which are currently the most prevalent strains of COVID-19 in Massachusetts. The vaccine and boosters are proven to be safe and effective for adults and children. If you’ve been thinking about getting the vaccine, now is the time.”

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TOM BIRMINGHAM

Chelsea lost one of its greatest-ever citizens this past week with the passing of Tom Birmingham, a lifelong resident who rose to the highest-echelons of state government when he served as President of the Massachusetts Senate from 1996-2002.

Tom Birmingham was a Chelsea boy through-and-through. He grew up on Essex St. in a triple-decker, the son of John and Agnes (Agnes was a popular employee for many years in the city auditor’s department) with his sister Nancy and younger brother Jimmy. He attended the Shurtleff School, played Little League baseball, and participated in the summer park leagues, and it was at Quigley Park where he came to know his future wife, Selma Botman, while both were still in elementary school.

Tom went on to attend Austin Prep and eventually graduated from Harvard -- from where he became a Rhodes Scholar -- and Harvard Law School.

It would have been very easy for Tom to move into the legal world of the big-name law firms, but his heart remained in Chelsea. He used his law degree as a labor lawyer and first ran for the State Senate in 1988 against the popular incumbent, Fran Doris, and was given little chance. But thanks to his dogged determination -- he visited almost every home in the district, which included Chelsea, Revere, and a large part of Everett -- he came within 900 votes in the Democratic primary.

Two years later, when Doris decided not to seek re-election, Tom ran and won, returning the seat to Chelsea for the first time since 1956 when it was held by Andrew P. Quigley.

His rise at the State House was meteoric. Two years later, he was named as the chairman of the prestigious Ways and Means Committee -- a position usually reserved for legislators with more seniority -- by then-Senate President William Bulger, a move that shocked the Beacon Hill political establishment.

Bulger’s faith in the young senator from Cheldea was rewarded when Birmingham shepherded the Education Reform Act through the legislature in 1993, a monumental bill that changed the dynamic of education in our state that reverberates to this day. In addition to many other reforms, most notably giving more authority to school principals and superintendents, the act changed the formula for state aid to education, providing additional funding for the state’s poorest communities that launched many of those cities, including Chelsea, Revere, and Everett, from the depths of despair into educational systems that today are able to provide a host of services for their students.

When Bulger stepped down as Senate President four years later, his Senate colleagues elected him as Senate President, a trajectory that is unparalleled in Massachusetts politics.

Tom ran unsuccessfully for governor in 2002 in a campaign in which Shannon O’Brien won the Democratic nomination and Mitt Romney, the Republican nominee, won election, effectively ending his political career.

We know we join with all of our fellow residents in offering our condolences to Selma, their daughters, Erica and Megan, and his sister Nancy.

May he rest in peace.

THE MAURA HEALEY ERA HAS BEGUN!

Governor Maura Healey wasted little time since her inauguration a few weeks ago in setting the pace for what we’re sure will be an active -- and activist -- administration with her announcement last week that she will be filing her first two pieces of legislation, one of which is a \$987 million “immediate needs” bond bill targeting housing and economic development and another for an additional \$400 million for MassWorks that will make grants available to cities and towns for infrastructure projects.

Governor Healey, who highlighted economic development as a top priority during her campaign, said she filed the “immediate needs” bill “to ensure critical housing and economic development programs across the state can continue to serve people in Massachusetts without interruption.”

The \$400 million for infrastructure will continue the funding stream for MassWorks, which was established in 2010, that will ensure that this key program will create essential infrastructure improvements in communities across our state,

In our view, Governor Healey’s announcement represents a burst of energy that portends a refreshing change in the atmosphere on Beacon Hill.

To be sure, her predecessor, Charlie Baker, was the most popular governor in the country during his eight-year tenure. But it was clear that after two exhausting terms in office, Baker’s enthusiasm for the job had waned -- which, by the way, is to be expected, especially after three years of battling a pandemic.

But beyond that, Healey represents a true changing of the guard in politics on Beacon Hill. For all of his progressive views, Charlie Baker was a straight, male Baby Boomer who, like all of us, was a product of his age and his times. There were some things he just could not accept, such as marijuana legalization and providing driver’s licenses for non-citizens, that showed that he was out-of-step with the times.

By contrast, Maura Healey is a gay, female Gen Xer -- and accordingly will bring a perspective to the job of governor that will be based on her personal experience.

(We also would note that both Baker and Healey are Harvard graduates where they both played basketball, but Healey was the captain and a star player, whereas Baker was...not so much.)

Yes, the times they are a changin’ -- and we’re looking forward to the Maura Healey era in Massachusetts.

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GUEST OP-ED

Monterey Park, Evansville shootings, Hero Brandon Tsay, We need the news, good and bad

By Dr. Glenn Mollette

We like good news but typically the news is not good. Too often no news is good news. In reality, no news is bad news for us all.

There is lots of recent bad news. A crazed gunman entered a dance hall in Monterey Park, California killing 10 people and wounding many innocent people. A former employee walked into an Evansville, Indiana Walmart and shot an employee in the face in the store break-room. The shooter was killed by local police. A planned protest in downtown Atlanta turned violent when protestors damaged stores and burned a police car over the weekend.

We did hear astonishing good news from Monterey Park. Brandon Tsay confronted the gunman at a second location where he was about to enter and kill more people. He heroically wrestled the gun away from the killer and pointed it at him causing the gunman to leave the scene. Only God knows how many lives Tsay saved. He is a true hero.

News is always happening nationally, locally and individually to us all. We need the information whether it’s good or bad. We need the national and regional news but the local news is up front and close to us.

For example, all around us we are targets of scams, thieves and prowling bad people. Americans

were scammed to the tune 5.8 billion dollars in 2021. (Digital Guardian). We are never beyond being duped. Today, daily text messages, emails, phone calls and mail come to Americans phishing for a sucker who will buy the false story they are telling. They are good at what they do.

My son was away in a foreign country when I was duped out of \$350 years ago. The caller was very professional sounding and convincing. I believed that if I did not pay the money owed by my son it would negatively impact his career. This was at the beginning of the telephone scam industry and I paid him the money. Later I realized that I had been scammed.

Years ago, a dear friend received a telephone call from someone posing as an IRS agent. The scammer told the senior adult man that he owed \$45,000 in back taxes for various reasons. The friend was about 90 years old and living on a meager retirement income. He didn’t realize he was being scammed, was overwhelmed with anxiety and killed himself.

“At every level of life there is a new devil,” an old friend once said. At every stage of life there are new twists, turns and curves. We are never beyond being informed, learning and developing. Young people make mistakes but so do old people. We often think we’ve lived long enough and know most everything,

but we don’t. Most of us have become more aware of this problem but crooks work at catching people off guard and are constantly developing new schemes.

Today, we have search engines and are inundated with news and information. However, we don’t hear all the news nor do we know everything we need to know when we need to know. Often, we learn the hard way. This is why education is expensive. Life experience education is often the most expensive and difficult of all learning processes. Even in life education we learn but we don’t always utilize the life experience very much. Too often we repeat the same mistakes hoping for a different outcome.

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local paper and online news sources are crucial to a community’s health and overall well-being. Local newspapers, blogs and online sources tell what is happening in your local town and county. Support this news source with your subscription and advertising needs. County newspapers that have been around for years continue to close. Every week I receive notification of a newspaper printing its final edition and that’s not good news.

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Two new museum exhibits celebrate contrasting elements of maritime life

The USS Constitution Museum, in partnership with the USS Constitution Model Shipwright Guild and the Seafarer's Trust, proudly presents the 43rd annual exhibit, Masters of Miniature: Ship Model Show, and the new companion photography show "Life At Sea 2022". The exhibits, opening on Saturday, January 28, showcase the intricate and spectacular handcrafted models from local modelers alongside photography documented by seafarers worldwide, shining a light on the human side of the experiences and challenges this essential workforce faces.

Ship modeling is an art as old as shipbuilding itself and one for which USS Constitution has been a favored subject. Model shipbuilding provides a glimpse into vessels' remarkable history and intentional design. The process reveals much about the original shipbuilder's design, engineering, form, and functional considerations as they built a ship to accomplish a specific purpose. This year's Model Show showcase over

70 exquisite, handcrafted models of all types created by USS Constitution Model Shipwright Guild members across New England. From ninth-century ships to pleasure craft of today and everything in between, the show includes vessels of many kinds made by skilled Modelers representing Master Craftsmen and a new generation of modelers. They will be available daily to answer questions and demonstrate the craft of model building. Attendees can vote for their favorite model.

This year, the Museum also features a companion exhibit, ITF Seafarers' Trust LIFE AT SEA 2022, to convey the human side of maritime life. Featuring submissions to the ITF Seafarers' Trust photography competition, the images were taken by seafarers at work, communicating their unique perceptions and experiences while forging lives connected to ships and the sea. In contrast to the perfectly and intricately designed ship models, the emotionally charged imagery conveys the chal-

lenges and incredible passion of people who work in various ways connected with the sea. Robert Kiihne, Director of Exhibits at the USS Constitution Museum, explains, "These personal, moving images shine a light on the experiences of people who are often invisible to us; the seafaring men and women from around the world that make trade possible. By presenting their reality alongside the work of highly skilled Model shipwrights, we hope to explore the engineering beauty of ships throughout history and the realities their human crews face daily."

The Masters of Miniature and LIFE AT SEA 2022 exhibits will run from January 28 through February 25, 2023. Both exhibits are open to all visitors during regular Museum hours, from 10:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. daily. Admission is by suggested donation.

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PHOTO BY ARVY VERDER. ITC SEAFARERS' TRUST LIFE AT SEA PHOTO COMPETITION

: Arvy Verder's "PATINTERO" is part of the "Life at Sea 2022" photo competition by the ITF Seafarers' Trust on display at the USS Constitution Museum. The image captures crew on a vessel at anchor in China playing a traditional Filipino children's game known as "block and catch" or "block the runner"

encourages the art of constructing model ships and supports research in nautical history through its monthly meetings, workshops, educational activities, and exhibits. Guild members maintain a working model shop at the USS Constitution Museum, with an extensive library of modeling books and plans. For more information about model building: <https://www.usscmsg.org>

The ITF Seafarers Trust is a UK charity established in 1981, which funds programs that advance the well-being of maritime workers, seafarers, and

their families. They are funded by the Trust's own capital funds, and by the investment income of the Welfare Fund at the International Transport Workers Federation, a global federation of transport workers' unions representing nearly 20 million members. For more information, visit <https://www.seafarerstrust.org/>.

The USS Constitution Museum serves as the memory and educational voice of USS Constitution by offering award-winning exhibits where all ages can have fun while learning and exploring history together. The Museum's mission is

to engage visitors in the story of Constitution to spark excitement about maritime heritage, naval service, and the American experience. The Museum is open seven days a week with a pay-what-you-wish admission policy, and the Virtual Museum is open 24/7. The USS Constitution Museum is a 2022 winner in USA Today's 10Best Readers' Choice in the "Best History Museum" category and Boston Parents Paper's Family Favorites in the "Historic Sites & Tours" and "Museums & Attractions" categories. For more information, visit usscm.org.



Shown left to right, Front row: Donna Sroka, Zonta District I Governor; Christine DePrizio; Elizabeth Fama, and Janice Sikorski. Top row: Barbara Lawlor; Adriana Mitchell, Zonta Fellow at MIT; Lee Farrington; Maya Nasr, Zonta Fellow at MIT; Georgia Green, and Mary Jane O'Neill

THE ZONTA CLUB OF CHELSEA AND NORTH
SHORE CELEBRATE ZONTA'S ANNUAL AMELIA
EARHART EVENT AT ANTHONY'S OF MALDEN

Courtesy photo

The members of the Zonta Club of Malden and the Zonta Club of Chelsea & North Shore plan this local event each year to memorialize Amelia Farhart, a former Zontian.

and to celebrate recipients of Zonta Fellowship Awards in the fields of aerospace-related sciences and engineering. This year Zonta Fellows Adriana Mitchell and Maya Nasr spoke about their Ph.D. work at MIT and received

certificates and wing pins presented by Donna Sroka, Zonta District I Governor. A third recipient, Madeleine Schroeder, who could not be present, sent a video presentation of her amazing work at MIT.

Rep. Judith García sponsors bills for healthcare, housing, & Equity

State Rep. Judith Garcia's bills reveal her priorities are healthcare, housing and social equity

This is Garcia's first term in the Massachusetts House of Representatives, where she represents the 11th Suffolk District, which encompasses Chelsea and part of Everett. Her first elected position was on the Chelsea City Council, where she was elected five times to serve District 5.

As a city councilor, Garcia was crucial to passing an anti-wage theft ordinance, affordable housing legislation, and green zoning laws. Her new legislative agenda demonstrates a continued commitment to housing, healthcare, environmental justice, and accessibility.

“It’s difficult to pinpoint just a few legislative priorities, because they’re all so important and so connected to one another,” Garcia explained. “Healthcare equity, for example, is a matter of economic justice and racial justice, because poor and BIPOC communities have less access to healthcare than their wealthy

neers ”

One of Garcia's bills, An Act to Advance Health Equity, addresses just that. Alongside co-sponsors by Representative Bud Williams, Senator Pavel Payano, and Senator Liz Miranda, the bill aims to close the gap in healthcare by prioritizing equity in the state government, regulating data reporting on health equity, and improving access to and quality of healthcare.

“We knew that there was an issue with healthcare access before the pandemic

and the COVID crisis only exacerbated it,” Garcia said. “My colleagues and I are confident that An Act to Advance Health Equity can get to the roots of the systemic barriers to health equity. Healing this issue will be monumental for many folks in Chelsea and Everett.”

Representative Garcia's other sponsored bills address issues such as housing, language accessibility, and fair compensation for healthcare workers.

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Catholic Schools offer students more than just an education

Staff report

For parents seeking a well-rounded education that emphasizes good citizenship and a devotion to God, in addition to a regular academic curriculum, there are a number of Catholic School options for students in the Greater Boston area.

Good Shepherd School is an independent, non-profit Catholic preschool for children ages 2 to 5 years old located at 20 Winthrop St. in Charlestown. The school, which was formed through the leadership of Father James Ronan Ph.D., Pastor of St. Mary-St Catherine of Siena parish in Charlestown and a board of parents, citizens, and friends, opened in October of 2009.

“Good Shepherd School prepares its students for a life of joy by growing in the love of Jesus,” according to the school’s

mission statement on its website. “We seek to integrate this belief into all aspects of our educational programs.”

Good Shepherd School has a range of half day, “lunch brunch,” full day, and extended day options for Toddlers, Young Preschool, and Preschool. Financial aid is available via the FACTS system.

Visit gscharlestown.org or call 617-242-8800 for more information.

Immaculate Conception Parish School, located at 127 Winthrop St. in Revere, is a co-ed Catholic elementary school for pre-school through eighth grade, which has been extolling the virtues of “tradition pride, and excellence” to its students since opening in 1913. The school currently serves more than 300 students in Grades 3-8 from Revere and surrounding communities.

“The mission of Im-



Students are all smiles during an outing at St. John's School in the North End.

maculate Conception Parish School is to prepare a culturally diverse student community to become responsible, well-rounded, faith-filled citizens by focusing on Catholic values and high academic standards,” according to the school’s website. “Our school celebrates its faith by practicing the ideals of peace, justice, and service

to others, thereby witnessing to Christ's teachings.”

Total tuition and fees for Preschool (3-year-olds) and Pre-K (4-year-olds) is \$7,315; total tuition and fees for Kindergarten is \$6,315; and total tuition and fees for Grades 1-8 are \$6,015 for one child, \$11,330 for two children, and \$16,645 for three children. Families who can provide the necessary factual documentation are eligible for financial aid.

An Open House takes place on Wednesday, Feb. 1, from 5:30 to 7 p.m., and on Thursday, Feb. 2, from 10 to 11 a.m., at the school.

For more information on Immaculate Conception Parish School, call (617) 933-9230, email dtracy@icarevere.org, or visit ICRevere.org.

St Pius V School is a coed Catholic elementary school for pre-K through Grade 8 located at 28 Bowler St. in Lynn. The Sisters of Saint Joseph founded St. Pius V School in cooperation with the Parish of St. Pius V I in 1945. The school was initially based at a former public school building on Maple Street and served only two grades before relocating to its current Bowker Street home in 1959 and expanded to serve pre-K to Grade 8.

“Education at St. Pius V School is a ‘Lived Experience’ and focuses on developing the whole child according to the gospel of Jesus Christ,” according to the school’s mission statement on its website. “The school provides a unique, comprehensive, quality education with particular emphasis on Catholic values, fundamental skills, critical thinking, technology, and the fine arts.”

St Pius V School has financial aid available via the FACTS system, but there is a \$25 non-refundable processing fee for each application.

An Open House will take place on Sunday, Jan. 29, from 12:30 to 2 p.m. at the school.

For more information, visit stpiusvschool.org, email info@stpiusv-school.org, or call 781-593-8292.

East Boston Central Catholic School is a faith-based school serving Pre-K through Grade 8 located at 69 London St. in East Boston. The school was established in September of 1974 as a multi-parish, collaborative elementary school serving Our Lady of the Assumption, Our Lady of Mt. Carmel, Most Holy Redeemer and Sacred Heart Parishes.

“East Boston Central Catholic School is committed to strong basic skills development within a solid Christian Framework,” according to the school’s mission statement. “The curriculum at all times is geared to foster the growth of individual self-worth; to develop a love and commitment to our faith; to encourage knowledge and pride in one’s heritage; to develop an appreciation and respect for cultural diversities; and to develop a commitment of service to

others.”

Full-rate tuition for 2023-2024 is \$6,200 for one child; \$9,900 for two children (\$2,500 savings); \$11,600 for three children (\$7,000 savings); and \$12,600 for four children (\$12,200 savings). Discounted tuition rates and financial aid are also available.

Visit ebccs.org, call 617-567-7456, or email dgutierrez@ebccs.org for more information.

St. John’s Prep, an inclusive Catholic school for young men in Grades 6 through 12 located at 72 Spring St. in Danvers, was founded by the Xavierian brothers in 1907.

“Our rigorous academic and extensive co-curricular program encourages students to develop their spiritual, intellectual, moral, physical, and creative potential, and inspires them to honor the diversity that enriches both our school community and the world beyond St. John’s,” according to the school’s website. “We challenge our young men to grow in faith and wisdom, to promote human dignity, to act with compassion and integrity, to pursue justice and peace, and to live lives of service to society.”

The 2022-2023 tuition for Grades 6, 7, and 8 is \$27,885, and the tuition for Grades 9 through 12 is \$29,150. Around 36 percent of students received needs-based tuition assistance, while St. John’s meets 99 percent of families demonstrated need using the services of Blackbaud Financial Aid Management to process and determine need for all tuition assistance applications.

Visit stjohnsprep.org or call 978-774-1050 for more information on St. John’s Prep.

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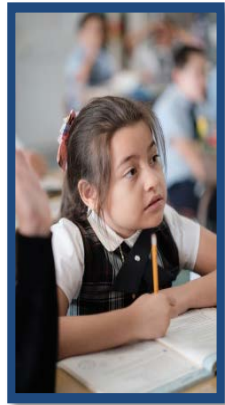
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NCEA CATHOLIC SCHOOLS SNAPS

A quick take on issues and statistics

Number of Schools

There are 5,938 Catholic schools in the United States; 4,765 are elementary/middle schools and 1,173 are secondary schools.



Sources: U.S. Catholic Elementary and Secondary Schools 2021-2022: The Annual Statistical Report on Schools, Enrollment and Staffing (NCEA).

ARCHDIOCESE OF BOSTON CATHOLIC SCHOOLS AT A GLANCE

Saint John Paul II said that "Community is at the heart of all Catholic education, not simply as a concept to be taught, but as a reality to be lived." The 100 schools in the Archdiocese are united in teaching our children our faith and in our efforts to provide our students with the best possible academic programs. We believe that Catholic education is the beginning of our students' journeys to college and to heaven.

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Schools	Students	Enroll in College	Avg. on the SAT (68th Percentile)
3,000	185	175,000+	72%
Facility	Communities	Community Service Hours Each Year	Students receive 3 or higher on at least one AP Exam

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Wonderful to be together again at St. John School!

By Rebecca Griffin

Nestled in the heart of Boston's historic North End, St. John School has educated children since 1895. Welcoming students in PreKindergarten Three through Grade Eight from over thirty five zip codes, we instill Catholic values while focusing on Faith and academic excellence.

In September 2020 during the pandemic, St.

John School remained open. Every child continued to learn either in-person or through remote learning. We were able to remain open without closure throughout the past two years, while also continuing to focus on students' academic and spiritual growth because of the exceptional hard work of our entire community. Through diligent planning and execution, we kept our school healthy, safe,



Advent Angels from grades Kindergarten and Sixth Grade working together on their Nativity Scene crafts.



PHOTO BY GEORGE MARTELL

Student hard at work at our in house Hydroponic Tower Garden.



First, Seventh and Eighth graders from St. John School at Quincy Market. They are pictured on their walk to St. Anthony's Franciscan Food Center to deliver fresh produce food donations and Christmas Cards that the students made.

and open. To be able to remain open, our ages did not mix, our families did not come into the building, and we did not gather as a community.

This past Christmas Season, it was such a joy to bring everyone back together again as our greater St. John School Community. It was wonderful to celebrate through several school wide events:

Our Advent Angel initiative matched older students with younger students to spend time together, share snack times, and to create a multi-week nativity craft. Our very own art teacher, the amazing Mr. Barber drew our nativity scene that St. John

School students added to each week of Advent. At the conclusion of this initiative, our older Advent Angels accompanied our younger Advent Angels, and sat together at our whole school Christmas Mass at our beautiful Parish Church, St. Leonard's Church. (St. Leonard's Church is celebrating 150

years this year, www.saintleonardchurchboston.org/150thcelebration). It was wonderful to see friendships develop and flourish across grade levels through this initiative.

It is wonderful to be together again at St. John School!

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HISTORY OF NATIONAL CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK

National Catholic Schools Week is held for seven days, starting from the last Sunday in January. Aside from its promotion of education, it's also a great opportunity to recognize the value, principles, and contributions that the Catholic schools have relayed to the Church and every citizen for decades. Showcasing what makes Catholic schools the best for every parent, family, and child is the priority for conducting Catholic Schools Week.

What usually happens during National Catholic Schools Week is the ob-

servance of catholic masses, assemblies, open houses, seminars, and many other activities for every family, parishioner, and community member. The quality and distinction of Catholic schools can be seen through these, especially for the young, those who will attend and enter school. The theme and logo for National Catholic Schools Week for the year 2022 is "Catholic Schools: Faith, Excellence, Service."

The first Catholic school that opened in the United State was called St. Mary's School in Philadel-

phia, in 1783. After some time, the enthusiasm and curiosity for Catholic education grew and the nation noticed a massive inflow of Catholics from all over the world. By the 1920s, more than 6,000 Catholic elementary schools accepted and enrolled almost two million students and employed 42,000 teachers. By the latter half of that century, enrollment grew, even more, reaching double the number of students. Ever since Catholic schools have been widely perceived and established as a viable means of education.

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION STUDENTS IN WASHINGTON, D.C.



Some students from the Immaculate Conception Eighth-Grade class, Mrs. Tracy, and parent chaperons joined together with many others from the Archdiocese of Boston, traveling to the annual March for Life in Washington, D.C. previously. The trip included attending a Christian rock concert called "LifeFest," followed by adoration, Mass, and the March itself. It was a memorable experience for all. Students accompanying the Archdiocese this year will be leaving on Jan. 28 to participate in the March for Life in Washington, D.C.

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Sports

CHS BOYS IN HOOP ACTION AGAINST LYNN ENGLISH

ROBERT MARRA PHOTOS

Unbeaten Lynn English flexed its muscle and dominated a hustling-but-outmanned Chelsea team, 88-29 in a Greater Boston League basketball game at Chelsea High Tuesday, January 17.



KNOCKED LOOSE: Chelsea's Abdullah Mohamed has a rebound slapped away from his grasp by a Lynn English defender.



TWO PLAYERS, ONE BALL: Chelsea's Jadel Arias fights a Lynn English forward for a rebound.



FIGHTING FOR CONTROL: Chelsea's Herman Esquivel Mendez tangles with Lynn English forward Nelson Obari-sighbon (14) as teammate Mohamoud Mohamed stands by to help out.



HEIGHT PREVAILS: Chelsea's Jadel Arias (left) and Roify Otanex Del Rosario (3) strain for a rebound but cannot match the reach of Lynn English forward (2).



INTERCEPTION: Chelsea's Islam Allouane steals an inbounds pass intended Lynn English forward.



SKY PILOT: Roify Otanex Del Rosario (3) leaps into a layup while a Lynn English forward defends.



BASKET-BOUND: Herman Esquivel Mendez drives on a Lynn English forward.

CHS ROUNDUP

GIRLS TRACK EDGED BY REVERE, 44-41

The Chelsea High girls indoor track and field team came oh-so-close to knocking off Greater Boston League opponent Revere last Wednesday, but fell short by the slim margin of 44-41.

Five Lady Red Devils won their individual events.

Chelsea swept the shot-put, led by Dhalia Christ-mas with a toss of 27'-9.5" and teammates Kiara Ramirez (26'-9.5") and Lamari Davis (25'-5.25").

The other first-place

finishers for Chelsea were: Darily Sanchez, who sped to victory in the 300 meter dash in a clocking of 50.1 seconds; Giselle Olivar, who won the 600 dash with a time of 2:04.9; Gi-zelle Rodriguez, who out-ran the pack in the mile in 6:08.5, which was 27 seconds faster than her closest Revere rival; and Rosalinda Rojas, who captured the two-mile run in 15:27.8.

In the 1000 meter run, the duo of Hazel Hatle-burg (3:47.6) and Reina Martino (4:05.3) went 2-3, and Reina Moreira grabbed second spot in the two-mile (16:14.2).

Chelsea won the 4 x 400 relay with the quartet of Rodriguez, Hatleburg, Sanchez, and Olivar top-ping their Lady Patriot counterparts by 11 sec-onds with a clocking of 4:50.3.

"We knew this one would be a single-digit outcome whether we won or lost," said CHS head coach Cesar Hernandez, whose team meets GBL foes Medford tomorrow (Friday) and Somerville on Monday. "We just couldn't get those third place spots we needed to solidify the win."

The GBL Meet is set for next Friday, Feb. 3, at the

Reggie Lewis Center.

FLORES WINS MILE FOR BOYS VS. REVERE

Alex Flores took home first place in the mile for the Chelsea High boys in-door track and field team in last Wednesday's meet at Greater Boston League (GBL) opponent Revere.

Alex's winning time of 5:22. was eight seconds faster than his closest Pa-triot rival.

Flores also ran the opening leg for the victo-rious 4 x 400 relay quartet. The other members of the relay were Ali Warsame,

Austin Freeman, and Jose Olivar.

Other point-scorers for the Red Devils, who came out on the short end of 59-26 decision, were: Greandoll Oliva (35'-4") and Emerson Melgar (34'-2.75") who went 2-3 in the shot-put; Warsame, who grabbed second in the 300 dash with a time of 43.0; Freeman, who took second in the 600 in 1:42.1; Kyle Leong with a second-place in the 1000 in 3:35.4;

Sherwin Kim with a third in the mile in 5:47.2: and the duo of Josue Her-nandez (12:30.1) and Ajay Singh (13:21.3) who went

2-3 in the two-mile run.

The Chelsea foursome of Flores, Warsame, Free-man, and Olivar captured the 4 x 400 with a clock-ing of 4:14.5, which was 4.5 seconds faster than their Revere counterparts.

Coach Cesar Hernan-dez and his crew will wrap up their dual meet indoor season this coming week when they take on GBL foes Medford tomorrow (Friday) and Somerville on Monday. The GBL championship meet is set for next Friday, February 3, at the Reggie Lewis Center in Boston.

OBITUARIES

Dolores Logiudice

February 4, 1928 – January 24, 2023

Dolores Logiudice passed on January 24 after a brief illness at the Kaplan Hospice in Danvers. She was one week shy of her 94th birthday.

Dolores grew up in East Boston and graduated from East Boston High, Class of 1946. She worked for G.E., US Air Force and the Food and Drug Administration. She lived the last 16 years at the Satter House in Revere where she was very happy. She will be missed.

She was the daughter of the late Antonio and Mary (Sammartino) Logiudice, sister of Anthony Logiudice and his wife, Nancy of Swampscott, and the late Frank and Pat Logiudice, Yolanda Batchelor, and Ida Bartnick. She is also survived by many nephews, nieces, and cousins.

Relatives and friends are most kindly invited to attend visiting hours in the



Welsh Funeral Home, 718 Broadway, Chelsea on Friday, January 27 from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. immediately followed by a Funeral Mass at 12 noon, at St. Anthony of Padua, 250 Revere St., Revere. Services will conclude with interment at Woodlawn Cemetery, Everett.

Arrangements were given to the care and direction of the Welsh Funeral Home.

For online guest book or to send expressions of sympathy, please visit: www.WelshFH.com.

MAPC awarded grant to combat youth violence for 17th consecutive year

The former Baker-Polito Administration awarded the Metropolitan Area Planning Council (MAPC) \$757,147.86 through the Senator Charles E. Shannon, Jr. Community Safety Initiative (CSI) Grant Program for the Metro Mayors CSI. The Shannon Community Safety Initiative (CSI) is a long-standing, state supported effort to combat youth and gang-related violence

A subset of the Metro Mayors Coalition, the Metro Mayors CSIncludes the cities/towns of Cambridge, Chelsea, Everett, Malden, Quincy, Revere, Somerville, and Winthrop. The Metro Mayors CSI seeks to reduce youth violence and gang-related crime in metropolitan Boston and the surrounding communities by implementing a multi-disciplinary, anti-gang strategy.

“Since taking office, I have worked to ensure that Massachusetts communities have the resources necessary to promote public safety while providing positive opportunities for young people. There is no single agency or approach that can achieve this goal. The partnerships built through the Shannon Community Safety Initiative [Grant Program] are an important part of our work creating safer communities,” said former Governor Charlie Baker.

The Shannon Grant Program, funded through the Executive Office of Public Safety and Security Office of Grants and Research, supports regional and multi-disciplinary approaches to youth violence intervention, prevention, enforcement, prosecution, and reintegration services. The initiative is designed to serve youth and emerging adults between the ages of 10 and 24 living in a community that has been identified as a hot-spot and who are at-risk or high-risk of gang involvement.

As the Metro Mayors CSI site, MAPC coordinates programs that serve thousands of youth to help them achieve positive life

outcomes. Various types of activities are supported by Shannon Grant funding, including directed hotspot patrols, after school programs, job trainings, and mental health counseling. The grant process is competitive: every year, MAPC submits a comprehensive plan to provide a coordinated prevention and suppression strategy across the Metro Mayors CSI.

“These grant dollars go straight to community-based organizations and government agencies in the Metro Mayors CSI that offer programs to help youth achieve positive life outcomes and keep communities safe,” said Amy Reilly, assistant director of municipal collaboration at MAPC. “Collectively, the cities and towns implement evidence-based strategies and share best practices to increase positive opportunities for youth.”

“Chief Cronin always states that anything we do above and beyond during the year and especially the summer is due to the Shannon Community Safety Initiative. I am certain that is why we have been able to build relationships, which has helped to reduce crime overall,” said Mayor of Malden Gary Christenson.

“As a direct result of the financial support provided by the Shannon Grant, our police department has been fortunate to immerse themselves in almost every youth related program within our city. This has been the cornerstone of our success in reducing youth related violence, and more importantly, the impetus that has led to positive relationships between the officers and the youth they serve,” continued Mayor Christenson.

Each of the Shannon Grant-funded sites (more than \$10 million was awarded in total) works with numerous partner agencies, such as law enforcement, social service providers and other agen-

Anthony Vozella

Former proprietor of Anthony Vozella Electrical Contractors



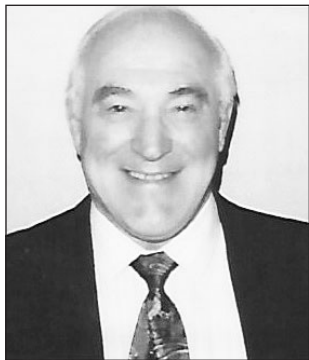
Family and friends attended visiting hours followed by a funeral service

on Wednesday, January 25 in the Vertuccio & Smith Home for Funerals, 773 Broadway (Rt. 107) Revere for Anthony S. Vozella, 89, who died in the loving presence of his family following a long illness. Interment was in Holy Cross Cemetery, Malden.

Anthony was born in Boston’s North End to the late Anthony F. and Theresa (Coviello) Vozella. He was an only child.

The family later moved to Chelsea and Anthony was raised and educated in Chelsea schools and was a graduate of Chelsea High School, Class of 1951. Following High School, he enlisted in the United States Air Force during the Korean War. He proudly and faithfully served his country and was honorably discharged following his service.

Anthony furthered his education, by studying to become an electrician at Wentworth Institute of Technology. In 1960, he opened his own business and named it Anthony Vozella Electrical Contractors. He was a hardworking businessman with an impeccable reputation. During this time, he was raising his three children, and later he proudly welcomed his son, Anthony to the business. He continued to work alongside his son as the roles shifted and he retired after 52 years in



2012.

Anthony moved to Salem, NH with his wife, Ann in 1974. He was a humble man, who knew the value of working, taking care of family and enjoying them as well.

He was a former member of the Merritt Club and a past member of the Chelsea Yacht Club.

The beloved husband of 41 years of the late Ann (Gymziak) Vozella, he was the loving father of Anthony F. Vozella and his wife, Nancy of Saugus, Susan M. Goss and her husband, Robert “Bobby” of Salem, NH and the late Linda Greene and her husband, Paul; the devoted son of the late Anthony F. and Theresa Vozella and cherished papa of Jaime B. Vozella, Anthony Vozella IV, Stephanie Vozella, Paul Greene, Robert “Bobby” Goss, Lance Goss and the late Angelina Goss and Katie Vozella and Nicholas “Nick” Greene and nine great grandchildren.

In lieu of flowers, remembrances may be made to St Jude Children’s research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Pl. Memphis, TN 38105. For online condolences, please visitwww.vertuccioandsmith.com.

Joseph A. Browne, Jr.

He will be fondly remembered for his wonderful personality and infectious laugh

Joseph A. Browne, Jr. passed away unexpectedly at home on Wednesday, January 18. He was 84 years of age.

Born and raised in Chelsea, a beloved son of the late Joseph A., Sr. and Louise A. (Donovan) Browne, he attended St. Rose Parochial School and graduated from the Immaculate Conception High School in Revere.

He worked for over 50 years as Records Retention Administrator in the commercial insurance industry. He retired in 2006 and was acknowledged for never missing a single day of work throughout his career. Joseph preferred walking and using public transportation over driving. He would make a daily bus trip to Demoulas or as he called it, going to “The Basket.” There he would shop and socialize with friends over a cup of coffee in the Basket’s Cafe.

He was a lifelong resident of the Prattville neighborhood in Chelsea. And, for the past 26 years, he resided in the Jones Ave. Apartments where he was a favorite resident to many friends and neighbors. Joseph also enjoyed listening to talk radio and keeping up on current affairs. He is fondly remembered for his wonderful personality and



his infectious laugh.

In addition to his parents, he was also predeceased by his companion and fiancé, Johanna Maher, is lovingly survived by his siblings, Maureen Harrington and her late husband, Jack of Revere, John V. Browne, and his wife, Linda of New York and Paul L. Browne, and his wife, Kathleen of Wakefield. He was the cherished uncle of Christopher, Joseph, Linda, Kristen, Lauren, Jaclyn and the late Timothy Browne and best friend of Frank Moran.

Relatives and friends attended a funeral gathering and visitation at the Welsh Funeral Home, 718 Broadway, Chelsea on Tuesday January 24 which was immediately followed by a funeral service in the Funeral Home Services concluded with interment at Woodlawn Cemetery, Everett.

For online guest book or to send expressions of sympathy, please visit: www.WelshFH.com.

Thomas Birmingham

Former Mass State Senate President who dedicated his life to advancing the careers of working people, first as a union labor lawyer and then as a Massachusetts State Senator

Thomas “Tom” Birmingham passed away in Boston on January 20 surrounded by family, after an illness. He was 73 years old.

Tom Birmingham’s was a life well lived. Born in Boston, he was raised in Chelsea, the son of the late John J. and Agnes I. Birmingham. Tom attended the Shurtleff School in Chelsea and Austin Preparatory School in Reading, where he captained the football and basketball teams. In recent years, Austin Prep established a sports hall of fame, and Tom was the first alum elected in three sports - football, basketball and baseball.

Tom continued his education at Harvard University, earning a degree in Social Studies in 1972 and winning a Rhodes Scholarship. Through the Rhodes, Tom studied English Literature at Exeter College at Oxford University. After returning to Massachusetts, he earned a law degree at Harvard Law School. He dedicated his life to advancing the lives of working people, first as a union labor lawyer and then as a Massachusetts State Senator. He was a passionate advocate for the highest quality education for children in Massachusetts, co-authoring the landmark 1993 Education Reform Act with Representative Mark Roosevelt. This Act provided increased funding to schools and statewide standards for students and educators, leading to student success locally and nationally.

In 1996, Tom was elected by his peers to serve as Senate President. While he had many accomplishments in that role, he is perhaps best known for two. In 1999, he negotiated the deal to keep the New England Patriots in Massachusetts. Later, in 2001, he became an unexpected champion for LGBTQ rights by repeatedly blocking the Defense of Marriage



Act. This was one step on the way to Massachusetts becoming the first state to allow same-sex civil unions. Like other former Senate Presidents, his portrait now hangs in the Massachusetts State House, painted by his favorite artist, George Nick. Since that time, he continued to advocate for, and write about, education quality.

He leaves behind his wife and childhood sweetheart, Selma Botman, and their daughters Erica of New York City and Megan Wolf and son in law Stewart Wolf of New York City and grandchildren Madeline and Asher. He also leaves his devoted sister, Nancy Birmingham of Charlestown. His brother, Jim Birmingham, predeceased him and Tom also leaves behind his nephews and niece, Jack, Adam and Allie, along with his sister-in-law, Jennifer. He also leaves many faithful cousins and extended family members throughout Massachusetts, from Charlestown to Cape Cod.

Relatives and friends are most kindly invited to attend his Memorial Funeral Mass at St. Francis de Sales Church, 313 Bunker Hill St. Charlestown on Saturday January 28 at 10 a.m. Interment will be private.

In lieu of flowers, contributions in Tom’s name may be made to Austin Preparatory School, – Austin Scholars Program in memory of Thomas F. Birmingham ’67 –, 101 Willow St., Reading, MA 01867. Austin Prep-donate.

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COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS LAND COURT DEPARTMENT OF THE TRIAL COURT 23 SM 000130 ORDER OF NOTICE TO:
Samir Moric; Heirs Devises and Legal Representatives of the Estate of Altijana Moric; Nadina Moric and to all persons entitled to the benefit of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act: 50 U.S.C. c. 50 § 3901 (et seq): WILMINGTON SAVINGS FUND SOCIETY, FSB NOT IN ITS INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY BUT SOLELY AS OWNER TRUSTEE OF THE PPT-1 TRUST claiming to have an interest in a Mortgage covering real property in Chelsea, numbered 250 Congress Avenue, Unit 26, Willow Park Condominium, given by Altijana Moric and Samir Moric to National City Bank, dated July 6, 2005, and recorded at Suffolk County Registry of Deeds in Book 37536, Page 101, and now held by the plaintiff by assignment, has/have filed with this court a complaint for determination of Defendant's/ Defendants' Servicemembers status. If you now are, or recently have been, in the active military service of the United States of America, then you may be entitled to the benefits

LEGAL NOTICE

RESCHEDULE NOTICE OF HEARING Case No. 2022-40
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, February 14, 2023 Chelsea City Hall - 500 Broadway - City Council Chambers, 3rd Floor 6:00 p.m. With reference to the application of:

Enterprise Rent-A-Car Company of Boston, LLC For Special Permit seeking approval of a storage of vehicles for hire or return from hire at the premises known as: 245-257 Marginal Street 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 1/19/23, 1/26/23 C

LEGAL NOTICE

Re:Como en Casa Inc d/b/a Como en Casa 107-109 Shurtleff Street, Chelsea, MA Chelsea Licensing Commission Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be held by the Chelsea Licensing Commission on Thursday, February 9, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. at the City Council Conference Room, Chelsea City Hall, 500 Broadway, Chelsea, MA. For an Amusement & Entertainment License application (Radio) for Como en Casa, Inc d/b/a Como en Casa at 107-109 Shurtleff Street, Chelsea, MA. 02150. Please be advised that you must notify, via Certified

Return Receipt mail, all abutters of this hearing. CHELSEA LICENSING COMMISSION Naomi Libran Licensing Administrator 1/19/23, 1/26/23 C

LEGAL NOTICE
COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS THE TRIAL COURT PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT Suffolk Division 24 New Chardon St. Boston, MA 02114 (617) 788-8300 CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION Docket No. SU23P0096EA Estate of: Dick Fong Date of Death: 11/29/2022 To all interest persons: A Petition for Formal Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative has been filed by May L. Fox of Francestown, NH requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition. The Petitioner requests that: May L. Fox of Francestown, NH be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve Without Surety on the bond in unsupervised administration. IMPORTANT NOTICE You have the right to

obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: 10:00 a.m. on the return day of 02/15/2023. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty days (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you. UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION UNDER THE MASSACHUSETTS UNIFORM PROBATE CODE (MUPC) A Personal Representative appointed under the MUPC in an unsupervised administration is not required to file an inventory or annual accounts with the Court. Persons interested in the estate are entitled to notice regarding the administration directly from the Personal Representative and may petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including the distribution of assets and expenses of administration. WITNESS, Hon. Brian J. Dunn, First Justice of this Court.

Date: January 18, 2023 Felix D. Arroyo, Register of Probate 1/26/23 C

LEGAL NOTICE
COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS THE TRIAL COURT PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT Suffolk Probate And Family Court 24 New Chardon St. Boston, MA 02114 (617)788-8300 CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL APPOINTMENT OF SUCCESSOR PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE Docket No. SU18P1960EA Estate of: Luis Orlando Fernandez Hernandez Date of Death: 06/30/2018 To all interested persons: A Petition has been filed by Aldo Hernandez of Revere, MA and Karen Serrago of North Billerica, MA requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order that Aldo H Hernandez of Revere, MA and Karen Serago of North Billerica, MA be appointed as Successor Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve Without Surety on the bond and for such other relief as requested in the Petition. You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition

or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before 10:00 a.m. on 02/16/2023. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an Affidavit of Objections within thirty (30) days of the return date, action may be taken without further notice to you. The estate is being administered under formal procedure by the Personal Representative under the Massachusetts Uniform Probate Code without supervision by the Court. Inventory and accounts are not required to be filed with the Court, but recipients are entitled to notice regarding the administration from the Personal Representative and can petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including distribution of assets and expenses of administration. WITNESS, Hon. Brian J. Dunn, First Justice of this Court. Date: January 10, 2023 Felix D. Arroyo, Register of Probate 1/26/23 C

LEGAL NOTICE
COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS THE TRIAL COURT PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT Suffolk Probate And Family Court 24 New Chardon St. Boston, MA 02114 (617)788-8300 CITATION ON PETITION FOR REMOVAL Docket No. SU18P1960EA Estate of: Luis Orlando Fernandez Hernandez Date of Death: 06/30/2018 To all interested Persons: A Petition has been filed by: Aldo Hernandez of Revere, MA and Karen Serrago of North Billerica, MA requesting that Ana Hernandez of Chelsea, MA be removed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate. Also requesting that Aldo Hernandez of Revere, MA and Karen Serrago of North Billerica, MA be appointed as Successor Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve Without Surety on the bond. You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before 10:00 a.m. on 02/16/2023.

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LEGAL NOTICE
Legal Notice House of Ermias, LLC Our dispensary is conducting Public Hearing Notice with the Chelsea License Department on Feb.9,2023 at 6p at City Hall 3rd Floor in the conference room. We are located at 267 Broadway, Chelsea, MA 02150. Nuestro dispensario llevará a cabo un Aviso de Audiencia Pública con el Departamento de Licencias de Chelsea el 9 de febrero de 2023 a las 6 p.m. en el tercer piso del Ayuntamiento en la sala de conferencias. Estamos ubicados en 267 Broadway, Chelsea, MA 02150. 1/19/23, 1/26/23 C

John Borders named Director of Tourism, Sports and Entertainment

Staff Report
Mayor Michelle Wu announced that John Borders IV will serve as the new Director of Tourism, Sports and Entertainment for the City of Boston, a critical department within the Economic Opportunity and Inclusion Cabinet. Borders IV most recently served as Principal of VTH & Madison, a consulting firm based in Boston, where he concentrated on implementing strategies focused on the growth and expansion of businesses owned by people of color like start-ups and celebrity boutique brands. Prior to his work at VTH & Madison, he served as an Account Executive at Everfi, a mission-driven company that addresses education inequities through data-driven software, and as Senior Manager of Community Engagement at the Boston Celtics. “Boston is a city for everyone, with something special for every resident and every visitor to experience across



John Matthew Borders IV, new Director of Tourism, Sports and Entertainment.

our neighborhoods,” said Mayor Michelle Wu. “As Boston continues to grow and welcome people from around the globe, we look to center and highlight the vibrancy of our communities even more. I’m grateful to John for his commitment to serving our city and look forward to his leadership in ensuring that Boston is a welcoming and inclusive place for all.” “As Boston emerges from the pandemic, it is an exciting opportunity to bring residents and visitors together,” said Segun Idowu, Chief of Economic Opportunity and Inclusion.

“With a vision of revitalizing our communities and turning our neighborhoods into destinations, I know that John, as a son of Boston, will enhance our standing on the local and global stage.” In this role leading the Mayor’s Office of Tourism, Sports and Entertainment, Borders IV will help to advance the department’s new vision of creating a more welcoming City by proactively attracting the meetings, events, conventions, and festivals that amplify Boston’s rich cultural diversity and bring people together. This will be done through the planning, development, and implementation of special community-driven events and celebrations, and deeper collaboration with agencies like Meet Boston, the Massachusetts Convention Center Authority, and the Greater Boston Chamber of Commerce. Additionally, Borders IV will oversee the process of film and TV production in the City, ensuring a broader understanding of the City’s diversity is highlighted and

that all neighborhoods are cast in a positive light. "What an opportunity to join the Administration in this role at such a critical time in the history of our city,” said John Borders IV, Director of Tourism, Sports, and Entertainment. “As the narrative of Boston continues to shift we get to shape the next chapter of what that means locally, domestically, and internationally. I am excited to leverage Boston’s greatest

resource - its people - to enhance the great work already being done by so many and to amplify what’s to come. The possibilities are endless and the best of Boston’s communities will be showcased like never before.” A son of the City, John Borders IV is a graduate of Morehouse College and proudly hails from Dorchester, MA. With a career focused on leveraging brands for impact,

his skill sets have shown forth through focused work in the areas of corporate social responsibility, community engagement, relationship management, and business development. Some of the organizations Borders IV has worked with include Goalsetter, Everfi, CUME, Morning Star Baptist Church, the Boston Celtics, as well as the Patrick administration for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

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cies focused on intervention, prevention, suppression, youth programming and community mobilization efforts. Shannon sites also partner with Local Action Research Partners who provide grant recipients technical and research support, assistance in completing reports and feedback to ensure that partner programs are utilizing best practices. “This important grant funding allows the City of Cambridge to strategically expand its outreach and dedicate resources to mitigating high-risk and/or violent behavior by building positive, supportive frameworks for youth in Cambridge and the region,” said Cambridge Police Commissioner Christine Elow. The Metro Mayors CSI’s eight municipalities partner with 18 organiza-

tions, including: the Cambridge Community Art Center; Cambridge Police Department; Cambridge Youth Programs; CAPIC - Revere Police Activities League; Center for Teen Empowerment; Chelsea Police Department; Gerald and Darlene Jordan Boys & Girls Club; Everett Police Department; City of Malden; Malden Police Department; Malden/Mystic Valley YMCA; Quincy Police Department; Quincy Recreation Department; Revere Police Department; Roca Inc.; Somerville Police Department; Winthrop Community Against Substance Abuse; and the Winthrop Police Department. The Shannon Grant was established in 2006, when the Metro Mayors Coalition worked with the Legislature to allocate funding

to combat youth violence, gang violence, and substance use through regional, multi-disciplinary efforts. The program is nationally recognized for its effective approach to deterring gang and youth violence through targeted enforcement and prevention strategies. The grant honors Senator Charles Shannon, a Massachusetts state senator who represented the Second Middlesex district from 1991 until 2005. He served as a police officer for 20 years and worked to diminish gang violence in Somerville during his time in the Senate. After his death, the Executive Office of Public Safety and Security began administering the Charles E. Shannon Jr. Community Safety Initiative.



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CHS GIRLS IN BASKETBALL ACTION AGAINST LYNN ENGLISH

Powerful Lynn English dominated the Chelsea girls in a Greater Boston League game Tuesday, January 17. Though the final score was a lopsided 77-14, Chelsea’s young team competed vigorously and showed signs of continued improvement on the court.



PLAYING KEEP-AWAY: Keara Chevez Trejo fends off the reach of Lynn English forward Alisha Jean.



ROUGH PLAY: Chelsea junior Isabella Chevez Barrera (24) puts a hand in the face of Lynn English forward Rosetta Son as they fight for a rebound.



READY TO PASS: Karla Amaya looks to pass as teammate Isabella Barrera (24) heads up court.



BALL CONTROL: Joselinne Moran Palma reaches to keep a loose ball in play.



IN YOUR FACE: Chelsea’s Keara Chevez Trejo gets a hand to the face from Lynn English forward Rachel Calnan but kept control of the ball.



WHERE TO?: Chelsea captain Joselinne Moran Palma looks for a passing outlet after taking down a rebound.



OPEN SPACE: Freshman Monica Cespedes-Cruz sees an opening for a pass as she gets space from a Lynn English defender. See more photos on Page 12.

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CHS BOYS BASKETBALL HOSTS EVERETT TONIGHT

The Chelsea High boys basketball team will host Greater Boston League rival Everett this evening (Thursday) at the Chelsea High gymnasium. The opening tip is set for 6:00. The Red Devils are

coming off a pair of hard-fought losses to GBL foes Lynn Classical (48-45) and Somerville (55-49) this past week. “Free throws are killing us,” said CHS head coach Cesar Castro. “We have to knock them down. We went 8-17 from the line against Classical and missed 10 free throws against Somerville. If we

had hit our free throws, we would have won those games.” After tonight’s encounter with Everett, Castro and his crew will hit the road for three games next week: to non-league rival East Boston on Monday, to GBL foe Malden on Tuesday, and to GBL archrival Revere next Thursday.

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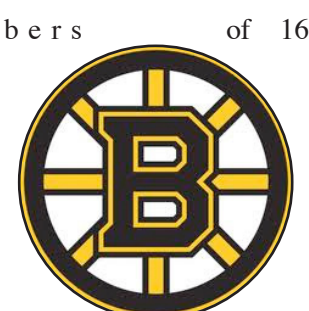
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BRUINS Beat by Bob Morello

Bruins machine rolls along

“It’s only a number,” is often heard when people are talking about the age factor. But, when it comes to the National Hockey League, it’s a much different story. Take for example the numbers for the 2022-23 Bruins thus far into the 82-game regular season, 47 games in they have amassed a stunning record of 38-5-4 for a total of 80 points. That calculates to read that with roughly 57% of the regular season played, this team has already shown how totally impressive they can be, both on the road, and on TD Garden ice. Currently the Bruins hold a commanding lead in the Atlantic Division with a 14-point margin over the Toronto Maple Leafs, and in both the Eastern Conference, and the NHL standings, Boston duplicates that 14-point margin over the Carolina Hurricanes, New Jersey Devils and the Leafs.

Just as eye opening, is just how much of a ‘team effort’ this season has been – David Pastrnak (37 goals/32 assists/ 69 points in 47 games) scoring at a point-and-a-half per game (get that mega contract ready). Brad Marchand (15/30/45) in 39 games, over a point per game. David Krejci (12/27/39) in 42 games, pretty close to a point per game. Patrice Bergeron (18/20/38), also close to a point per game. Taylor Hall (14/17/31) and even the injured Jake DeBrusk showing num-



bers of 16 goals and 14 assists for 30 points in the 36 games he has played. Add in the numbers from the remaining forwards, and it is just mind-boggling. Just when you think it can’t get any better, it does...the defense corps’ contribution includes solid numbers from Hampus Lindholm (6/25/31) in 47 games, along with Charlie McAvoy adding 4 goals and 26 assists for 30 points in his short 34-game return from surgery to begin the season. Additional goal have come from the remaining top-six defenseman: Matt Grzelcyk (3), Connor Clifton (4), Derek Forbort (3), and Brandon Carlo (1).

When doing the math, it is easy to figure out that the offense is not the complete factor; the goaltending plays a huge part of the numbers. For instance, #1 starting goalie Linus Ullmark has been beyond spectacular in goal, posting a record of 25-2-0-2, with a goals-against-average of 1.82, and a save percentage of .938. Ullmark has also set a record for the fastest ever in NHL history to reach the 25-win level. Solid num-

bers as well for goaltender #1a Jeremy Swayman and his record of 12-3-0-3, a goals-against-average of 2.25, and an equally notable save percentage of .916. Bruins head coach Jim Montgomery has done a phenomenal job in getting both goaltenders the minutes needed to keep them both fresh, and at the top of their game.

Following the locals’ 4-2 win on the road over Atlantic Division rivals, the Montreal Canadiens, the Bruins continue the remainder of their 5-game road trip with visits to: Tampa Bay Lightning, Thursday (tonight at 7pm); Florida Panthers, Saturday (6pm); Carolina Hurricanes, Sunday (5pm); and the final stop will be in Toronto to take on the strong-finishing Maple Leafs, Wednesday at 7:30pm, and follow with the All-Star Game break. The 2023 All-Star Game, hosted by the Florida Panthers, will be played in Sunrise, Florida, with All-Star Skills on Friday (February 2nd at 7pm), and the All-Star Game to be played on Saturday (February 3rd at 3pm). Representing the Bruins will be David Pastrnak and Linus Ullmark; with Boston head coach Jim Montgomery behind the Atlantic Division bench. Ironically, behind the bench for the Pacific Division team will be Bruce Cassidy, current Golden Knights coach and former Bruins coach.

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