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Curtain Call



The family of Richard and Loretta Band enjoyed the special dinner program held in honor of the couple's many years of dedication to Temple Ner Tamid in Peabody. Front row, from left, are: Luz Salinas, Loretta Band, Richard Band, and Catherine Band. Back row, from left, are: Jonathan Band, Kelly Moore, Brian Kaplan, Stephanie Kaplan, Samantha Lerner, Cody Ross, and Josh Band.

Temple Ner Tamid honors Richard and Loretta Band for their many years of distinguished and selfless service

By Cary Shuman

Richard Band has great memories of his years growing up in the Central Avenue "projects" and attending Shurtleff School (K-9) and Chelsea High School, graduating in 1971.

During his childhood, Richard, son of Murray and Ethel Band, attended religious services at the Congregation Agudath Shalom (Walnut Street Synagogue) and celebrated his bar mitzvah there in 1966.

"What I remember

most about Chelsea are the close friends whom to this day I'm still friends with," said Richard.

Barry Kirshon said about his lifelong friend, "I've known Richard since we were little kids growing up in Chelsea. He's always been a kind and

giving person, a mensch, a person whom I call a great friend and is always there when you need him."

Saturday night before a capacity crowd, Richard Band and his wife, Loret-

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City Councilors push for more access to subcommittee meetings

By Adam Swift

Televising the City Council's subcommittee meetings will help make the governmental process more transparent, and could potentially enhance civic engagement, according to several councilors.

At Monday night's meeting, councilors Damali Vidot, Norieliz DeJesus, and Todd Taylor

filed a motion requesting a subcommittee meeting with the City Manager, the IT department, and CCTV to discuss the possibility of livestreaming council subcommittee meetings.

"The idea behind this is that we want to have more transparency," said DeJesus.

While regular council meetings are livestreamed and then uploaded to You-

Tube by CCTV, many of the council's subcommittee meetings are not.

"There are very important communications that also happen in our adjacent (conference) room," DeJesus said, adding that it is important to increase access for residents so they can listen to those conversations.

Taylor said increasing easy access to the meet-

ings will be a benefit for the residents.

"I really think that when we have a disengaged public, we don't have good government, and when we don't have good government, we don't have a good society," said Taylor. "I think a lot of people out there are under a lot

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Council votes to approve parking passes at City Hall for councilors

By Adam Swift

A vote to allow parking passes at City Hall for City Councilors revolved around whether it would create a special privilege for the elected officials, or

if it would make it easier for the councilors to conduct business for their constituents.

The motion introduced by Councilors Giovanni Recupero, Damali Vidot, Norieliz DeJesus, Todd Taylor, and Enio Lopez to all a City Hall parking pass for councilors passed by a 5-3-3 vote with Councilors Leo Robinson, Calvin Brown, and Brian Hatleberg voting against the motion, and three councilors absent Monday night.

"There are some of these things that I think are just about basic fairness, and I think there might be some sort of misconception about what it is we are asking," said Taylor. "I was here not too long ago ... on city business, and I go back out and I have a ticket because I've been there for longer than 30 minutes."

Taylor said councilors spend a lot of time at City

Hall doing city business, and he did not believe it was fair that they would have to worry about moving their cars or getting a ticket while conducting business.

"Look, we're not here to take up space and lounge around, we're not staying here all day, we are coming in and we are conducting our business and then we are leaving," said Taylor. "I don't think it is fair that on top of that, we have to pay a parking ticket because we're in here taking care of business. I'm not advocating for special parking places for us, just a regular City Council sticker that precludes us from being ticketed in City Hall."

Lopez noted that he and Recupero had advocated for the parking stickers for councilors in the past, with Lopez adding that he has also been ticketed while meeting with people at

City Hall for council business.

"I'm a big believer that we shouldn't be special, particularly on parking," said Hatleberg. "I get it, parking is a pain in the neck for everyone in the city and almost every place in the city. I guess I fall on the side that if it is a pain for the people, it ought to be a pain for me, too."

However, Vidot countered that councilors are voted in to do the business of the residents.

"It's not as if all of us are going to be here at one time during City Hall hours, it's very sporadic when we come up here to the City Hall business," she said. "I would never want special treatment as a City Councilor ... but, I should not be penalized for trying to do the job that I was elected to do by the residents of the community."

School Committee, City Council meet to discuss school budget

By Adam Swift

The City Council held its annual joint meeting with the School Committee to discuss the school district's proposed \$132 million school budget for Fiscal Year 2024.

The budget is about \$14 million above the current school year's budget, thanks in large part to the state's Student Opportunity Act which sees a greater influx of Chapter 70 funds for districts that have been traditionally underfunded by the state, such as Chelsea.

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"From 2021, 22, and 23, we have begun to see the money set aside as part of the Student Opportunity Act," said Monica Lamboy, the school district's Executive Director of Administration and Finance. "These are funds that Chelsea and other communities around the state worked hard to have the legislature fund for us. It more accurately reflects low-income students and their needs and ELL (En-

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O'Leary of NSCS named one of Most Influential Bostonians

By Dan Murphy

Katie O'Leary was in the midst of an eight-day cruise in the Bahamas earlier this month when someone texted O'Leary to let her know that she had been named one of 150 Most Influential Bostonians by Boston Magazine as in its May issue.

"I'm really humbled," said O'Leary, the director of recovery for North Suffolk Community Services and a Charlestown native. "It's super cool, I can say that."

Coming in at #137 on the list, Boston Magazine describes O'Leary, who now lives in Braintree, as someone who



COURTESY OF KATIE O'LEARY

Katie O'Leary.

"has quietly become a catalyst for change in a region that continues to struggle with addiction-related issues."

But before O'Leary came to work in recovery services, she was in recovery.

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Secretary Santiago tours state-of-the-art CLC at Veterans' Home in Chelsea

Special to the Record

Secretary Jon Santiago joined staff and elected officials on a tour of the newly constructed state-of-the-art Community Living Center (CLC) on April 21 at the Veterans' Home in Chelsea.

"Constructing a sustainable living environment for our veterans is not only important for their overall health and

well-being but is a gift to our planet," said Secretary Santiago. "The Community Living Center uses energy-efficient technologies and will nurture our veterans' physical, mental, and emotional health while dignifying their long-term care needs with a home that honors their sacrifice."

Located atop Chelsea's

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Secretary of Veterans Affairs Jon Santiago (second from left) and Executive Director and Acting Superintendent of the Chelsea Veterans Home Robert Engell (left) listen as architect talks about the energy-efficient technologies being used at the state-of-the-art Community Living Center at the Chelsea Veterans' Home.

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FROM THE PHOTO ARCHIVES
OF ARNOLD JARMAK



Legendary Chelsea Record photographer Arnie Jarmak documented all aspects of city life during his time at the Record from 1977-89. This is a photo of the meeting of the Student School Committee during Student Government Day in 1978. School officials in attendance included (from left) CHS Principal Vincent Franco, Supt. of Schools Vincent McGee, School Committeewoman Elizabeth McBride, School Committeeman Mark Levine, School Committeeman Paul Kornechuck (standing), School Committeewoman Nancy Moore, and School Committeeman Robert Krentzman. Among the students we recognize are Student School Committee chairman Charlie Moore (seated at the head table in the center), Debra Elfman (seated next to Liz McBride), Penny Gullage (seated on the left in the center), Marie Monziona (seated second on the right), and Rhonda Belanger (seated next to Monziona). Thomas Miller (seated next to Charlie Moore), and Peter Yee (seated next to Penny Gullage). We welcome some of our long-time readers to identify some of the other students in the photo.

DiDomenico advocates for legislation creating
Secretary of Housing and Livable Communities

Senator DiDomenico joined colleagues in passing a reorganization plan to create a state Secretary of Housing and Livable Communities, a cabinet-level position which will assist the Commonwealth with meeting its long-term goals in addressing the housing crisis and expanding safe, accessible, and affordable housing for residents.

“I am proud to support Governor Healey’s efforts as she works to address the housing crisis, one of the most pressing issues on the mind of my constituents and residents across Massachusetts,” said Senator DiDomenico, Assistant Majority Leader of the Massachusetts Senate. “I look forward to working with the new Secretary of Housing and Livable Communities along with my colleagues to ensure all people can afford to put a roof over their head and help residents stay in communities they have lived in their entire lives.

I want to thank Senate President Spilka, Senator Collins, and Senator Edwards for getting this bill passed with the urgency it deserves.”

“As a state, we must work towards a creating a sustainable and inclusive future, where no one is prevented from calling Massachusetts home simply because of the cost of housing,” said Senate President Karen E. Spilka (D-Ashland). “I am grateful that Governor Healey has brought this legislation before us, and we in the Legislature look forward to continuing to partner with the administration to support housing that is affordable and livable, vibrant communities. I’d also like to thank Senator Collins and Senator Edwards for their attention and hard work to ensure that the Senate could reach consensus on this issue in a timely fashion.”

In Massachusetts, housing-related issues are cur-

rently addressed by the administration through the Executive Office of Housing and Economic Development. The reorganization plan passed in the Senate today would elevate housing issues to a separate executive agency tasked with supporting housing availability and assessing the Commonwealth’s progress in this area.

In response to ongoing concerns over housing availability, last session, the Massachusetts Legislature allocated over \$1 billion in direct appropriations to support affordable housing in Massachusetts. This followed a session that saw the long-awaited ‘housing choice’ legislation become law with important housing production incentives, including requiring multi-family zoning near transit.

The reorganization plan is also in the House of Representatives for consideration.

Two men pleaded guilty last
week in separate murders

Two men pleaded guilty to second-degree murder last week on two separate murder cases in Suffolk Superior Court, District Attorney Kevin Hayden announced.

Raul Gutierrez-Rosales, 25, of Chelsea pleaded guilty on Friday to second-degree murder for the stabbing death of Carlos Ramos, 22, on September 3, 2019 in the area of West Eagle Street in East Boston. Rosales also pleaded guilty to witness intimidation. Judge Mary Ames sentenced Rosales to life with a possibility of parole after 15 years.

Assistant District Attorney David Bradley stated that on September 3, 2019, at approximately 11:20 p.m., Rosales had a brief argument with Ramos and then left in a distinctive white custom convertible Mustang. A short time later, Rosales returned to West Eagle Street with others in the same Mustang, and parked up the street from the scene of the incident. Rosales and the other individuals attacked Ramos, stabbing and kicking him multiple times before fleeing the scene, leaving Ramos in the middle of the street.

Ramos was transported to Massachusetts General Hospital and pronounced dead shortly after. Surveillance video captured part of the stabbing and Rosales’s distinctive car arriving and fleeing the area. Investigators tracked the Mustang to where Rosales’ lived and worked, and subsequently discov-

ered Ramos’s DNA inside the car.

Marcus Ambrosio, 28, pleaded guilty to second-degree murder and firearm offenses for the shooting death of Gregory Phillips, 25, on December 10, 2018 outside of 155 Savannah Avenue in Mattapan. Judge Mary Ames sentenced Ambrosio to life with the possibility of parole after 15 years.

Assistant District Attorney Craig Iannini said surveillance footage from Savannah Ave. showed two males, one of whom was later identified as Ambrosio, exit a van and walk in the direction of Phillips’s car. Ambrosio and the other male continued walking down Savannah Ave. until they were out of camera view. While out of view, Ambrosio and the other male fired multiple shots into Phillips’s car. After running back to their car, both Ambrosio and the other male drove by Phillips’s car and again fired multiple shots into his car.

In November 2019, Boston police were informed that Massachusetts State police recovered two firearms on the morning of December 13, 2018. The firearms were discovered lying on ice under the Fellsway Bridge in Somerville. Firearm analysis connected the firearms to the Phillips murder. Cell tower records from Ambrosio’s phone placed him in the area of Fellsway Bridge on the night of December 12, 2018.

Both Gutierrez-Rosales and Ambrosio were rep-

resented by Attorney John Geary.

“Although there is nothing we can do to bring back their loved ones, I hope that these defendants being held accountable will provide some sense of justice for the families involved. The evidence in both cases was overwhelming and I applaud the collaborative work between my office and the investigators involved, resulting in these convictions,” Hayden said.

All charged individuals are presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty beyond a reasonable doubt.

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

D’Ambrosio appointed to state’s
Judicial Nominating Commission

Special to the Independent

Well-known Revere attorney Gerry D’Ambrosio has been appointed to the state’s Judicial Nominating Commission.

Governor Maura Healey said D’Ambrosio and the other Commissioners will be responsible for advising her on nominating and appointing judicial officers in coordination with the Governor’s Council.

“Judicial officers play a critical role in shaping the lives of Massachusetts residents. Our goal is to ensure that those serving on our courts are committed to justice and equality, and that they are representative of the vibrant, diverse communities they serve,” said Governor Healey. “We’re proud to be appointing this experienced, dedicated group to the Judicial Nominating Commission, who I know I can count on to advise me on nominating the best judges to serve the



Gerry D'Ambrosio.

of Saint Dominic Saavio High School. He is a magna cum laude graduate of Boston University and went on to attend Suffolk Law School, where he was a member of the Law Review and a Trustees’ Scholar.

D’Ambrosio has been an attorney for 30 years and serves as managing partner of D’Ambrosio Counselors At Law, which has offices in Revere and Boston. He has tried cases at the District, Superior, and Federal Court levels and also argued cases before the First Circuit Court of Appeals and the Supreme Judicial Court.

Gerry and his wife, Michelle, have four children, Anthony, a graduate of Yale University and a former member of the Revere School Committee, Gabby, a third-year law student at Suffolk, Andrew, a senior at the University of Southern California (USC), and Ava, a freshman at Boston College.

people of Massachusetts.”

D’Ambrosio said he was “very thankful” to Gov. Healey for the prestigious appointment to the Commission.

“I look forward to participating in public service and helping Gov. Healey in screening her judicial nominations for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts,” D’Ambrosio said humbly.

D’Ambrosio attended the McKinley School and is a 1986 graduate

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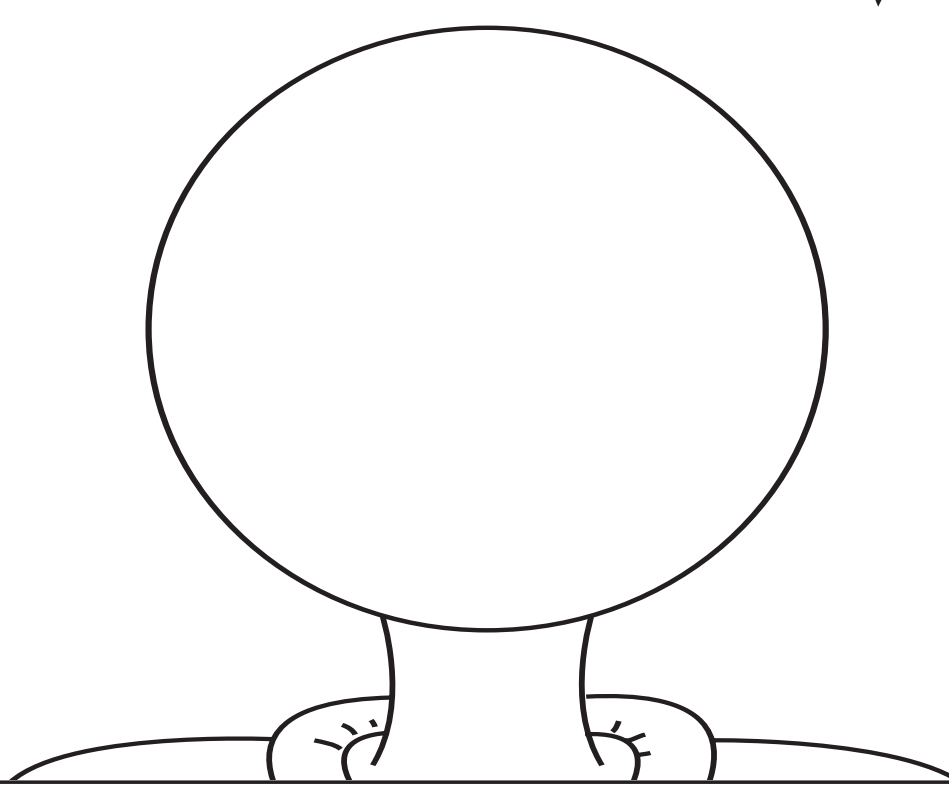
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Entries will be published with in the May 10th and 11th issues

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ta Band, who have been have been members of Temple Ner Tamid in Peabody for 30 years, were honored by the synagogue for their many years of dedication to the Peabody synagogue, and for their distinguished commitment and service to the community.”

It was a beautiful, Red Sox-themed event, and Bob Montgomery, the former Sox catcher and television analyst, presented a special award to Richard Band, a Sox season ticket holder for 30 years, and Loretta Band.

Richard, a certified public account who works at Goldfarb and Band and Company, and Loretta, a retired schoolteacher, had their family in attendance at the dinner.

The Bands’ daughter, Stephanie Kaplan, a schoolteacher, and her husband, Brian Kaplan, son, Josh Band, a former Peabody High and Rollins College baseball star who played professionally, and his wife, Catherine Band, who is a superb wedding photographer, and son, Jonathan, also a teacher, and his girlfriend, Luz, looked on proudly from a table at the front of the large hall. The Bands also have four grandchildren.

of the Temple Ner Tamid vice-presidents during my first or second or third term. She is a shining star on our board. Loretta is a leader and one of the most pleasant, caring woman I know. She goes with the flow when I start talking Chelsea with Richie. She knows how strong these Chelsea bonds are.

“Richard is a true mensch. As a matter of fact, he was honored by the Jewish Journal as a mensch. Richard and Loretta can be relied on to act with honor and integrity. They are decent, wise, kind, honest, trustworthy, respected, respectful and compassionate,” concluded Lubarsky.

Temple Ner Tamid Senior Rabbi Richard Perlman said of Richard and Loretta Band, “They are perfect examples of people who just do it, get it done, and don’t ask for cover or anything, or the thanks. The two of you are incredible people who lead by example. You show us what it’s like to love what you do, to love helping others, to give of yourselves without expectation of a thank you. That’s so beautiful, and that’s such a wonderful representation of the two of you.”

Guests of honor deliver their remarks

Richard said in the couple’s address to the many Temple Ner Tamid members and friends in attendance, “Loretta and I would like to thank everyone for joining us on this very special evening, and I would especially like to thank my wife, Loretta, who definitely deserves this honor.

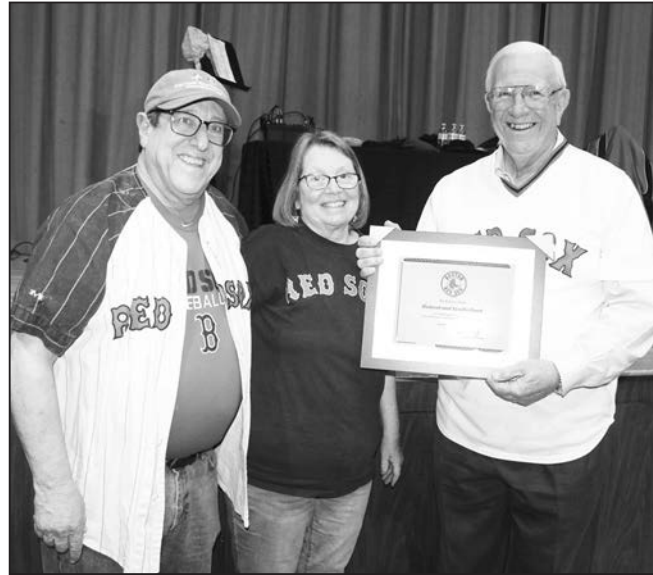


Loretta Band and Marci Casaletto.

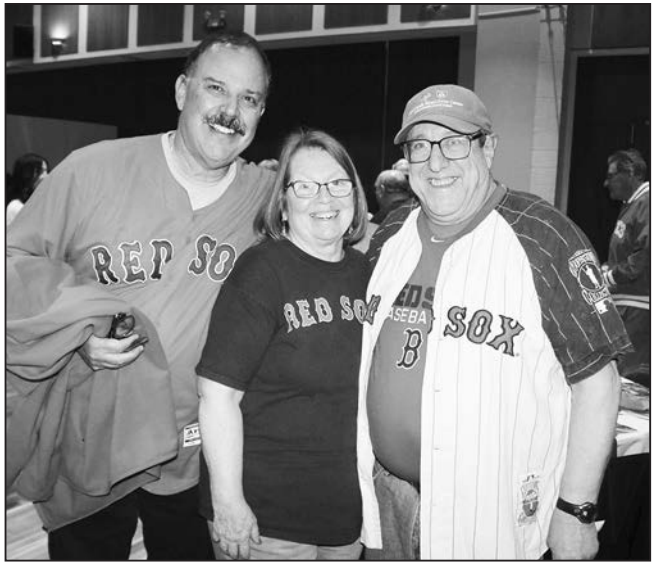
“It is terrific to see so many friends and family find the time to come together for a good positive occasion – we have all our children and extended children in the room this evening,” continued Richard. “We have our “Band” of brothers from Chelsea who have been close friends for more than 60 years.

“And here we are with our Temple Ner Tamid family. We have many friendships here and celebrated all life’s moments with our Temple.

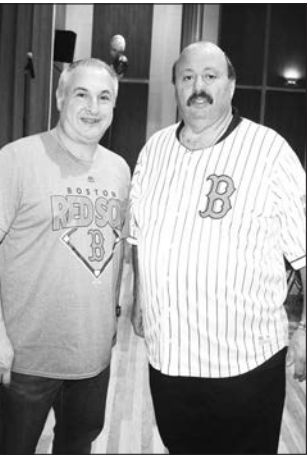
“Tonight, we are celebrating something wonderful. We are celebrating family values and Tzsedakah. We have always worked at creating a warm and welcoming home to share with our family and friends. And we are glad that we could bring so many friends and family here with us to celebrate our Temple Ner Tamid home.”



Former Boston Red Sox catcher and television analyst Bob Montgomery presents a special recognition award on behalf of the Red Sox organization to Richard Band and Loretta Band.



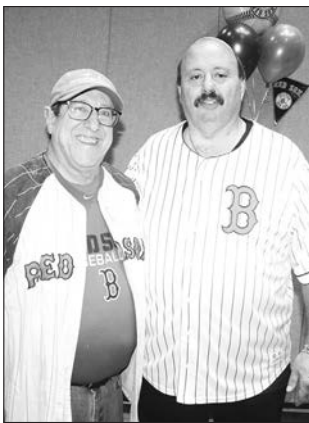
Jeffrey Engber (left) congratulates Loretta Band and Richard Band on being honored by Temple Ner Tamid in Peabody.



Temple Ner Tamid board members Eric Richman and Todd Levine, whose efforts helped make the event a big success.

After thanking the committee that organized the event, Richard and Loretta closed with a fitting quote from their all-time favorite movie, “It’s A Wonderful Life.”

“The richest man in town, not measured in dollars and cents, but measured in love and friendship. No man is a failure who has friends. Loretta and I are tru-



Richard Band and Todd Levine, owner of Larry Levine’s Kosher Meats and Deli, who catered the dinner.

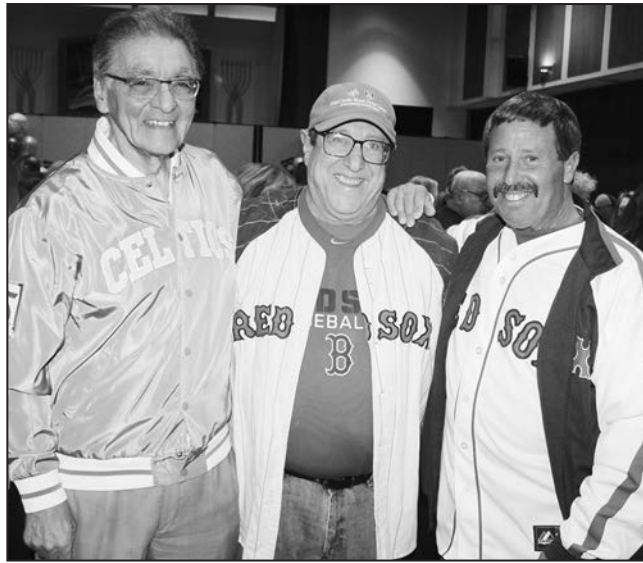
ly fortunate we have our friends, family, four spectacular grandchildren, and Chloe the bulldog. It does not get any better than this.”



Marlene Goodman (right) congratulates Richard Band and Loretta Band on their special award recognition from the Temple Ner Tamid congregation. One of Richard Band’s favorite teachers at Shurtleff School was Mrs. Goodman’s husband, the late Arnold Goodman.



Rabbi Richard Perlman thanks Sisterhood President Loretta Band and Richard Band for their many years of dedication to Temple Ner Tamid.



Temple Ner Tamid honoree Richard Band, with friends, Al Mazin and Hal Zuravel.



Richard Band, with childhood friends, Barry Porter (left) and Steve Grossman.



From left, Darleen Kirshon, Barry Kirshon, honorees Loretta Band and Richard Band, Al Mazin, and Hal Zuravel.



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ANTISEMITISM HAS NO PLACE IN OUR SOCIETY

As we were reading about the federal court trial that is getting underway this week of the 50 year-old Pennsylvania man charged with fatally shooting 11 people and wounding six at a Pittsburgh synagogue in 2018, which was the deadliest antisemitic attack in U.S. history, we at first felt a sense of irony -- which then turned to sadness -- and finally into anger.

Irony, because this miscreant’s trial follows Holocaust Remembrance Week, which was observed last week (Holocaust Remembrance Day itself was last Tuesday) throughout the world.

Sadness, for the innocent victims of his rampage, most of whom were elderly worshippers, whose lives were taken at the Tree of Life synagogue on the morning of Oct. 27, 2018.

And anger, that antisemitism not only still exists, but is growing all across our country.

When we were young, the typical antisemitic act consisted of a rock thrown through the window of a temple or some ant-semitic graffiti. But those acts of vandalism typically were committed by teens who had been drinking, and who were as likely to throw rocks through a school window as a synagogue.

But in recent years, antisemitic violence has escalated exponentially, both in numbers and in severity, of which the Tree of Life mass shooting is the apotheosis.

The Anti Defamation League (ADL) found that the number of antisemitic incidents in the U.S. increased by more than 36 percent in the past year, from 2,721 in 2021 to 3,697 in 2022. Antisemitic and white supremacist propaganda in the U.S. also hit new levels.

According to the ADL’s web site, 2022 saw the highest number on record since the ADL began tracking antisemitic incidents in 1979, marking the third time in the past five years that the year-end total has been the highest number ever recorded.

The ADL also noted that incidents increased in each of the major audit categories: antisemitic harassment increased 29% to 2,298; antisemitic vandalism increased 51% to 1,288; and antisemitic assaults increased 26% to 111.

This trend is having a profound effect upon our fellow citizens of the Jewish faith.

A New Jersey rabbi wrote a column in the New York Times over the weekend in which he said::

“In the four years since the shooting at the Tree of Life Congregation in Pittsburgh, American Jewish institutions have developed rapid-response playbooks to address concrete terror threats and best practices have been shared around the country. We have invested in our security infrastructure and communicated those changes to our congregants. Over the past few years we’ve added cameras, panic buttons, shatterproof film to our windows, and boulders meant to keep cars from plowing into our buildings.”

For those of us who were born shortly after the end of WWII, it is inconceivable that antisemitism can be on the rise. To be sure, antisemitism always has existed in our country, but when we were growing up in the ‘60s and ‘70s in the immediate aftermath of WWII and the Holocaust, it seemed that the lessons of the horrors of WWII had been learned and that the world was becoming a better place, not only for Jews, but for people of all races and creeds.

So it has been with a profound sense of sadness, dismay, and anger for us to witness the sharp increase in antisemitic acts across the United States today.

The theme of Holocaust Remembrance Week is that the world must never forget what can happen when hate and politics merge to create a force of evil. That is a message that is just as timely today as it ever has been.

Betz promoted to Police Captain at City Council meeting

By Adam Swift

David Betz was promoted to captain by Police Chief Keith Houghton at Monday night’s City Council meeting. Betz leads the department’s Criminal Investigation Division.

“I’m proud to have a colleague, a dear friend, someone who is one of the brightest minds in law enforcement as an investigator and in so many realms of policing to officially, ceremoniously sworn in,” said Houghton. “Dave’s been a police officer for over 35 years, he started with the Harvard University police, Arlington Police, and he’s been on Chelsea since 1990. He rose through the ranks rather quickly, making his mark, most notably in criminal investigations.

“Dave has a knack, he has a quality that most people don’t have, as a detective, which I was since 2007 ... I relied on Dave, who was the lieutenant in the bureau continuously for guidance, to know how to run an investigation, to use his creative mind to know how to catch the person we were looking for.”

In other business Monday night, the council approved some changes to its rules on Monday night, including changing the deadline of when councilors can submit motions and orders.

Councilor-at-Large Damali Vidot said the subcommittee on rules and regulations has been meeting over the past several months to review the council rules.

“We have a set of rules that we vote on every year when we are inaugurated that supersede (Robert’s Rules of Order), and some of these are just to maintain order so things can run smoothly here,” said Vidot.

One of the changes moves back the deadline of when councilors can submit orders for the following Monday’s meeting from Thursday to Wednesday at noon.

“Another one is just about just highlighting some of the rules in the council and making sure there is decorum here in the City Council,” Vidot said. “Another one emphasizes that when we are here and someone mentions a councilor by name, (the councilor who is mentioned) has the right to speak. What we want to do is maintain professionalism here ... so we can actually get the work of



David Betz was promoted to Captain on the Chelsea Police Department at Monday night’s City Council meeting (photo from CPD)



COURTESY PHOTOS

The Chelsea Police Department Honor Guard. Shown are Lt. Paul Marchese, Officer Richard Laft, Officer Mustafa Mirza, Officer Joe Barker Santiago, and Officer Carlos Vega, Jr.

the people done.”

The council also approved a number of resolutions, including ones recognizing Earth Day, Administrative Professional Day, Armenian Genocide Remembrance, and Asian/Pacific Islander American Heritage Month.

Increased enforcement for illegally parked commercial vehicles wanted

By Adam Swift

Parking is always going to be a major issue within the bustling confines of Chelsea.

But several City Councilors said they believe the issue is not helped any by the number of hitch trailers and commercial vehicles that have been taking up parking spaces across the city.

Councilors Damali Vidot, Enio Lopez, and Giovanni Recupero introduced a motion Monday night asking that a subcommittee on conference be held to be held with the parking clerk, City Manager, and police to discuss the lack of enforcement of illegally parked hitched trailers and commercial

vehicles on city streets.

“I live in the old District 5, and in this area, we have a huge parking issue, and we are seeing hitch trailers and commercial vehicles in our residential streets,” said Vidot.

For some time, Vidot noted that Lopez had been trying to raise awareness of the issues and sending out emails to other city officials looking for some relief and enforcement of the issue.

“He’s been sending out emails, I went back, and it has gone back years, emails with the Chief of Police, with the parking clerk, with the City Manager, where they continue to tell us they are going to be a little bit more active

and making sure they are enforcing the parking restrictions on these folks, and yet they are still parking on our streets,” said Vidot. “Vehicles with a hitch trailer are taking up two to three parking spots. It’s just not fair that we are nickel and diming residents and continue to hammer them with parking tickets, but these big, huge vehicles are allowed to park on our streets.”

Vidot said she realizes that there needs to be a larger community-wide conversation on parking in the city, but until then, the city is going to have to address parking issues as they come up.

Lopez said he has been working with city officials

to try to get greater enforcement, but still sees illegally parked commercial vehicles and hitch trailers not getting ticketed.

“They are taking spaces from our people who come in from a part-time job at 11 p.m. or midnight, and these people (with the commercial vehicles) don’t have a permit to park in the city,” said Lopez. “These commercial vehicles and trailers are all over the city.”

Recupero said it seems like there is a similar motion filed every year, but that he never sees any increased enforcement.

“I want to know how many tickets have been given out to cars with trailers,” he said.

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glish language learner) students.”

More than 40 new positions across the district schools and central office are included in the budget. The budget also moves 20 positions that have been funded through federal ESSER Covid relief funds to the general operating budget next year.

One of the main points of discussion with the council was the potential for an “ESSER cliff,” with 40 positions still being funded with those federal relief funds, which are set to expire in September of 2024, in the coming budget.

Lamboy discussed a number of the factors driving the budget, including student needs and enrollment.

Overall enrollment has been on the rise, and the numbers have been especially felt at the high school, Lamboy said. In addition, there has been a slow increase in the number of special education students and a more rapid increase of ELL students in the district.

Current enrollment is at 6,280 students, which is higher than it has been since before the Covid pandemic.

“All of these factors, in terms of enrollment and student needs, flows into the revenue forecast, the revenue that the state forecasts for us,” said Lamboy.

Deputy Superintendent of Schools Dr. Adam Deleidi said the budget priorities focus on strengthening and expanding equity for students through social-emotional support and curriculum development support.

“We’re trying to accelerate literacy and math learning, and we’re trying to reduce teacher-to-student ratios, as well as teacher recruitment and retention,” said Deleidi.

Councilor Norieliz DeJesus asked what was being done to improve the student-teacher ratio in classrooms.

Lamboy noted that there are space constraints within the school district that make it difficult to create new classrooms. However, she said the district is taking steps to add additional adults in the classrooms, such as aides and para-professionals, so that the students can more easily be broken out into smaller groups within the classrooms.

“It sounds like there are a lot of positions that

we added, and I’m all for it, we need it and we’ve been underfunded for a long time,” said Councilor Damali Vidot. “But I do have some questions about what happens when that emergency money runs out, and I’m wondering if it is expected that the Student Opportunity Act will fund these new positions that you are putting in, or if there will be a point after Sept. 20, 2024 where you are coming back to this City Council and saying we an an additional big lump of change that we may not have?”

Lamboy said that was a fundamental question that the school administration

has been working to address.

“We have added reading specialists and math specialists and other important positions, and we don’t necessarily want to lose all of them,” said Lamboy. “So this year’s expenditure recommendations are taking into account that next year we are going to have an additional probably 40 positions that are going to have to figure out did we get the value we hoped for when we first funded the positions? If we are, those will be the highest priorities and in order to stay where we are today, those positions need to continue to be funded.”

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DiDomenico reintroduces healthy youth act legislation to improve sex education

Senator Sal DiDomenico has reintroduced his Healthy Youth Act bill, An Act relative to healthy youth (S268), which has been proposed in the legislature for over a decade. This bill will ensure that Massachusetts public schools electing to teach sex education curriculum use age-appropriate, medically accurate, and research-based information that covers a comprehensive range of topics. The legislation also calls for sex education to be inclusive and appropriate for students regardless of gender, race, disability status, sexual orientation, and gender identity.

A 2018 poll conducted by EMC Research showed overwhelming bipartisan support for sex education in Massachusetts, with 91% of likely voters agreeing that students should receive sex education in high school, and 75% of likely voters agreeing that sex education should include comprehensive information, such as how to build healthy relationships and understand consent.

“This legislation will finally make it clear that sex education in Massachusetts must be inclusive of all students and emphasize the importance and necessity of consent in

relationships,” said Senator DiDomenico, Assistant Majority Leader of the Massachusetts Senate. “The Healthy Youth Act was first filed 12 years ago and has passed the Senate several times. We must finally get this common-sense health policy over the finish line to ensure our children have the information they need to protect their health, form respectful relationships, and build the bright futures they deserve.”

“Whether we’re from Boston or the Berkshires, a strong majority of people in Massachusetts – including most parents – want young people to receive sex and relationship education at school,” said Jamie Klufts, co-chair of the Healthy Youth Act Coalition. “The Healthy Youth Act will update our state’s woefully outdated health education guidelines to ensure that the sex and relationship education taught in our schools is accurate, high-quality, and inclusive. This type of education protects young people against bullying and abuse, helps them develop healthy relationship skills, improves their academic performance, and is something every student in our state deserves. We owe it to them to finally pass the Healthy Youth

Act.”

Currently, public schools in the Commonwealth that choose to teach sex education are not required to use or adhere to a specific sexed curriculum. While some schools provide comprehensive and effective sex education, others teach outdated and abstinence-focused programs, including curricula that ignores LGBTQIA+ health and critical lessons on consent. This has led to a patchwork of sexual education programs across the state. The Healthy Youth Act (SD2199) aims to change this by requiring school districts that offer sex education to follow certain guidelines when selecting a curriculum. This is vital to ensuring that students throughout the state are provided with age-appropriate, medically accurate, and comprehensive information, including topics on:

- the benefits of delaying sex;
- human anatomy, reproduction, and sexual development;
- effective contraceptive use;
- prevention of pregnancy and sexually transmitted infections (STIs);
- relationship and communication skills to form healthy relationships;

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- coverage of affirmative, conscious and voluntary consent; and
- age-appropriate information about gender identity and sexual orientation, including resources that offer support to LGBTQ students.

The bill does not require public schools to teach sex education but sets curriculum guidelines for those that do. This legislation also protects and enhances parents’ right to remove their children from all or part of the sex education program if they choose to do so— an ac-



Senator Sal DiDomenico speaking at Healthy Youth Act Rally.

tion already protected by state law. Additionally, this bill updates parent-notification guidelines for districts that choose to teach sex education curriculum and requires schools to send notice to parents in English and in other commonly spoken languages in the district. Notice would alert parents that their child is enrolled in a sex-education course and would inform them of their right to review the curriculum or opt their child out of some or all of the lessons.

Sex education programs have repeatedly

been shown to work best when they emphasize the value of delaying sex, while also teaching students about the importance of protecting themselves from unintended consequences. As demonstrated by numerous studies, comprehensive sex education programs have been proven to delay the initiation of sex, increase use of contraception, lower the rates of STIs and unintended pregnancy among teens, and reduce reported levels of bullying towards LGBTQ youth in school.

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of misconceptions about what actually occurs here, and what the rules are and how things work.”

Taylor added that there would be an additional cost to televise and livestream more meetings, but that it would be worth the investment.

“If you are watching, your politicians are actually going to be held responsible for what they say and do,” said Taylor.

District 6 Councilor Giovanni Recupero was slightly blunter in his as-

essment.

“Now you will be able to see who is lying and who is telling the truth,” he said. “You will be able to see who is working for you and who is not working for you.”

Vidot noted that in her

nearly eight years on the council, there have been tremendous upgrades in meetings being available online and through livestreams. But she said there is still a need for more access.

“We’re really at a point

where we need a broader conversation about how we create the infrastructure we need to accommodate all of our subcommittee meetings,” said Vidot, adding that there would likely be some scheduling work with other boards

and commissions to make sure everything can be streamed and televised.

“It’s time to step it up a little more to bring government to the people,” Vidot said.

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EARTH DAY CELEBRATIONS ON BOSTON HARBOR

On Saturday, April 22, almost 1,000 kids and families from across the city and around the region celebrated Earth Day weekend on Save the Harbor/Save the Bay’s annual free Marine Mammal Safaris.

The four free trips were narrated by Save the Harbor’s Harbor Historian David Coffin aboard M/V Massachusetts, which was donated for the day by Massachusetts Bay Lines. The trips departed the Rowes Wharf Ferry Terminal adjacent to the Boston Harbor Hotel, and searched for harbor seals and harbor porpoises from Castle Island and Logan Airport to the USS Constitution in Charlestown.

Mancini was delighted

with the turnout, which was one of the largest Save the Harbor has seen since beginning their Earth Day weekend Marine Mammal Safari tradition.

“We cleaned up Boston Harbor for all the region’s residents, but of course the seals and porpoises really appreciate it too,” said Mancini. “It was great to see hundreds of people from all over the area come down to the harbor to experience it up close, even on a cool, windy day.”

Save the Harbor’s Deputy Director Kristen Barry shared that sentiment as well, reminding participants to follow @savetheharbor on social media, and to join the group this summer for free “Share the

Harbor” and “All Access Boston Harbor” cruises each week to the Boston Harbor Islands, and free events on the region’s public beaches from Nahant to Nanatasket.

Barry said that Save the Harbor’s Marine Mammal Safaris and their other Earth Week Programming are possible thanks to the generosity of Massachusetts Bay Lines, The Cronin Group, BXP, the National Grid Foundation, the Mass Cultural Council, and the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection.

She also thanked the Champions of their Youth Environmental Education Programs, Bay State Cruise Company, Liber-



Passengers on the free trips included the Rodriguez family from Chelsea.



Almost 1,000 people joined Save the Harbor/Save the bay on Saturday for four free Marine Mammal Safaris. Attendees of the first cruise stopped for a photo as they exited the vessel.

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of Massachusetts, the Department of Conservation and Recreation, Eastern Salt Company, Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs, and JetBlue.

Save the Harbor’s Youth Programs are also supported by Leaders Alexandria, Amazon, the Boston Bruins Foundation, Boston Properties - Atlantic Wharf, the Boston Foundation, Camp Harbor View

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Save the Harbor/Save the Bay Harbor Historian, David Coffin, who narrated the free Marine Mammal Safari trips, stopped to pose with participants after the trip!

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Sports

CHELSEA RED DEVILS IN VOLLEYBALL ACTION AGAINST MEDFORD

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The Red Devils gave the Medford Mustangs all they could handle but fell short in each of three sets, bowing 3-0 in Greater Boston League volleyball play Thursday, April 20 at Chelsea High. The loss dropped Chelsea to 3-4 as they headed into games Monday against Lynn Classical and Wednesday against Somerville.



Jason Rodrigues makes contact for a return shot. See Page 8 for more photos.



Xavier Gonzalez (11) lines up a return volley.



Jayden Jose (3) makes a play at the net.



(15) Sebastian Rendon (15) has his eye on the ball and his hand at the ready as the ball nears.



Jonathan Gomez (2) returns a shot while teammate Jason Rodriguez stands by to help, just in case.



Yamil Rivera controls the ball as a Medford player lines up his defense.

CHS ROUNDUP

WARSAME WINS THREE EVENTS FOR BOYS TRACK

The Chelsea High boys outdoor track and field team came up just short in their meet with Somerville last week by a score of 64-62.

Ali Warsame once again led the Red Devil scoresheet with 18 points. Ali took first in three events, the long jump with a leap of 18'-5", the 100 dash with sprint of 11.7, and the 200 dash in a clocking of 24.1. He also grabbed second in the triple jump (38'-5").

Nathaniel Nadow was a double-winner for coach Cesar Hernandez's squad. Nate won the 400 hurdles with a clocking of 1:02.3 and the 800 with a time of 2:10.4.

Theodore Joseph Seal won the shot-put with a toss of 37'-8.5" and took second in the discus with a throw of 97'-0" to score eight points, as did teammate Emerson Melgar, who won the discus with a spin of 99'-9" and took second in the javelin with a throw of 99'-2".

Contributing three points to the CHS score-sheet with second-place finishes were: Ariel Aracena in the shot-put (36'-10"); Jose Amaya in the

110 hurdles (29.5); and Kevin Flores in the mile (5:21.9).

Adding single points with third-place efforts were: Alexander Cano in the javelin (95'-7") and the 400 hurdles (1:08.9); Austin Freeman in the 400 dash (58.3); and Ajay Singh in the two mile (13:39.2).

Hernandez and his crew are scheduled to host Everett today (Thursday) and will trek to Malden next Thursday.

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Libero Jason Rodriguez (red jersey) and Brandon Rodriguez make a double-dive to keep a ball in play.

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CHELSEA RED DEVILS IN VOLLEYBALL ACTION AGAINST MEDFORD

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Brandon Rodriguez (5) stretches to keep a ball in play



A fan with a front row seat seeks cover as Jason Rodriguez (8) and Alejandro Zepeda (13) toward the stands to keep a ball in play.



Libero Jason Rodriguez (red jersey) and Brandon Rodroguuez make a double-dive to keep a ball in play.



Brandon Rodriguez goes to the floor to prevent a Medford spike.

Chelsea Girls Flag Football enjoys day to remember with Patriots

On Thursday, April 20, Chelsea High School signage and the CHS Red Devils logo adorned the visitors’ locker room at Gillette Stadium. The grandiose video boards welcomed Chelsea to the same venue where Tom Brady, Beyoncé and Taylor Swift have performed. What was the occasion? A welcoming and grand introduction for the newly formed Chelsea Girls Flag Football team.

Chelsea is one of eight communities in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to participate in the first-ever girls flag football league in New England, joining Ayer-Shirley, Fitchburg, Leominster, St. Mary’s Lynn, Needham,

Peabody and Woburn. “Any time we have an opportunity to give our students more options to participate, we are all in! We are so excited to be able to offer flag football for our girls. We are grateful for all the support from the New England Patriots and what they are building here in MA,” commented Chelsea Public Schools Athletic Director Amanda Alpert. “Flag football is exploding across the US. Other NFL teams have started this initiative and it has gained traction. Colleges are offering flag football as a varsity sport and are giving scholarships. The options for girls to participate in football continues to grow. I

personally cannot wait for this to become an MIAA sanctioned sport to legitimize the sport and females playing football.” The welcome event gave the first-year Chelsea players a VIP experience at the home of the New England Patriots. The Chelsea High School students first went to unbox their uniforms in a ceremony in the visitors’ locker room. From there, the teams spent time on the field where they met with Pro Football Hall of Famer and Patriots’ Executive Director of Community Affairs Andre Tippett. The Chelsea players played catch on the Gillette Stadium turf and were featured on WBZ-TV (CBS Bos-

ton). The Patriots’ team photographer took team photographs in the Chelsea uniforms. The event ended with the students meeting current Patriots Marcus Jones and Jahlani Tavai. Chelsea Public Schools received a \$5,000 grant from the Patriots Foundation as part of the school district’s participation in the league. Nike donated uniforms and USA Football is providing equipment. The team will compete in its inaugural season this spring. Its first games will be the last week of April. Chelsea will also host games at Chelsea High School on Thursday, May 4, and Thursday, May 11.



Alejandro Zepeda (13) makes a play at the net.

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STRONG EFFORT FOR CHS GIRLS TRACK

Although The Chelsea High girls outdoor track and field team dropped a 71-55 decision to Somerville last week, there were a number of strong performances turned in by head coach Cesar Hernandez’s Lady Red Devils. The Chelsea throwing contingent swept both the shot-put, led by Kiara Ramirez (28’-11.5”) and followed by Lamari Davis (27’-5.5”) and Dhalia Christmas (26’-6.5”), and the discus, paced by Christmas (80’-4”) and followed by Ramirez (70’-4”) and Angelina Agostini (67’-11”). Chelsea went 2-3 in the javelin, with Anais Artica in second spot (64’-10”) and Lauren Nadow in third (60’-9”), thus accumulating 22 of the 27 points in

the throwing events. Giselle Olivar won the 110 hurdles with a clocking of 19.1 and took second in the 400 hurdles with a time of 1:27.2 for eight points on the day. Rosalinda Rojas contributed six points to the CHS cause with second-place performances in the 800 (3:01.9) and the mile (6:56.9). Nadow was a multi-faceted performer for Chelsea. In addition to her third-place effort in the javelin, Lauren finished second in the 110 hurdles (20.4) and third in the 400 hurdles (1:34.4) to tally five points. Contributing three points to the CHS score-sheet with second-place efforts were Mar caylla Louis Jean in the triple jump (26’-3”) and Emily Singh in the 400 dash (1:19.9). Adding single points

with third-place finishes were: Keiri Hernandez in the long jump (11’-10.5”) and the 200 dash (30.4); Adyen Bonilla in the 400 dash (1:28.9); Ashley Mejia Puzul in the 800 (3:24.2); Mar caylla Louis Jean in the 100 dash (14.9); and Reina Moreira in the two mile (16:18.5). DESPITE LOSS, SOME BRIGHTS SPOTS FOR CHS BASEBALL TEAM Although the Chelsea High baseball team came up on the short end of an 11-0 decision to Greater Boston League (GBL) rival Lynn Classical on Monday at Carter Park, there were some bright spots for head coach Mike Lush’s Red Devils. Starting pitcher Nazareth Aquino went 3-and-2/3 strong innings, giving up six hits and one walk

while fanning three Ram batters. Leudy Sanchez came on in relief to finish up, tossing 1-and-1/3 innings, yielding five hits with two strikeouts. At the plate, Yared Rodriguez went 1-for-1 and Elijah Rivera went 1-for-2. “The rest of the team had tough at-bats, but came up short against the Classical pitchers,” noted Lush. “We started off strong, but four errors doomed us.” The Red Devils traveled to GBL foe Somerville yesterday (Wednesday) and will host non-league foe Excel Academy tomorrow (Friday) at Carter. They will make the short trek across the Parkway to face GBL rival Everett on Monday and return home next Wednesday to host GBL opponent Malden.

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Maria Cosco

Devout Catholic, she will truly be missed by all

Maria L. Cosco, 82, of Chelsea, passed away peacefully, Family Life Center in Chelsea provided an environment that rooted her peace-filled leave due to the meticulous care and love provided by the staff.

In earlier years, Maria attended the Everett and Chelsea school systems graduating from St. Rose High School and eventually fulfilled a higher education platform at Boston College. That college training prepared her for early service to families in New York where she used her teaching skills to tutor students before exploring opportunities as a Marine Biologist.

Maria was an avid lover of horses. During her time on Long Island, she participated in Equestrian competitions before returning home to Chelsea where she ultimately became the primary care giver to her mother. Her lifetime training in loving and serving others secured a long life for her mother who reached 94 years of age. Maria is the family

Maria is survived by her brothers, Vin Cosco and his wife, Mary and Bob John; niece, Anne Bladd and her husband, Bill and their children, Zachary, Brittany, Julia, and Sarah; nephew, Vin Cosco and his wife, Tara and their children, Michael and David; nephew, Jon Cosco and his wife, Elise and

their children, Nathanial and Yi Ai; nephew, Jim Cosco and his partner, Sonia; nephew, Chris Cosco and his son, Joshua; niece, Nicole Buisson and her children, Ben and Henry and nephew Rob Cosco and his children, Candice and Miriam; cousins: Theresa, Anne, John, Carolyn, Joyce, Faith, Hope and Stephen; and hundreds of souls, with whom Maria connected, always extending her spirit to leave a sense of love sprinkled upon them. Her family and friends feel blessed to have shared her journey with her in the time she was given and she will be truly missed by all.

A funeral service will be held on Saturday, April 29 at 11 a.m. at Ste. Marie Church in Manchester, NH. Family and friends are kindly invited to attend. Committal Prayers will be offered at the end of the funeral mass as interment will be held privately in Puritan Lawn Memorial Park Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, please forward contributions in MariaKatzman Family Life Center, 17 Lafayette Ave, Chelsea MA 02150

Arrangements have been entrusted to the care of Phaneuf Funeral Homes & Crematorium in Manchester, NH. To view Maria’s online tribute or write in the guestbook, please visit www.phaneuf.net

Jose David Garza Rodriguez

January 16, 1967 – April 17, 2023

Jose David Garza Rodriguez passed away in his home on Monday April 17. He was 56 years of age.

Born and raised in Iza-bal Morales, Guatemala, he was a beloved son of the late Maria Aguilar Rodriguez and Samuel Garza. As young man, he settled briefly in East Boston and has resided in Chelsea for the past 20 years.

He was married to Clara Elena Cruz Hernandez and worked locally for 15 years at Minichiello Bros, “Scrap-It” metal recycling as a mechanic. He also traded used cars, buying, repairing and selling secondhand vehicles. He was a cattle rancher in Guatemala and still operated his ranch raising and selling livestock and maintained several homes and real estate in Guatemala. He is remembered for his life’s devotion to family and hard work.

He is survived by his wife of 12 years, Clara E. Cruz Hernandez. He



was the devoted father of Jennifer Garay, David Garay of Newton and loving stepfather of Yansy Avilenis Melara of Chelsea and Heidy Rivas of Texas. He was the dear brother of Elias Garza Rodriguez and Adolfo Garza Rodriguez, both of Chelsea and Miguel Garza Rodriguez of Guatemala.

Funeral arrangements were by the Welsh Funeral Home, 718 Broadway, Chelsea. Interment was at Pine Grove Cemetery, Lynn.

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



Lawrence “L” Campbell, Jr.

September 27, 1989 – April 11, 2023

Of Jacksonville, Florida, at 33 years of age, Lawrence “L” Campbell, Jr. passed away unexpectedly on Tuesday, April 11. Lawrence grew up in Brockton and graduated from Brockton High School. A resident of Jacksonville for the past three years, Lawrence worked to support his family as a self-employed independent truck driver. He was married to Adriana Marie Santiago for twelve years together raising their two sons and daughter. Lawrence was passionately devoted to home and family. He enjoyed his time on family vacations and is well remembered for his sense of humor, his ability to make others laugh and his own warm smile.

He is survived by his beloved wife, Adriana Marie Santiago, his most cherished children, Jeremiah, Noah, and Zemirah. He was the loving son of Dominique Dieudonne and her husband, Esthe-nor Rene; dear brother of



Christopher Policard and Gregory Policard; dearly loved son-in-law of Marie Sanchez-Lopez and Lyle Lopez. He is also survived by several nieces, nephews, extended family members and friends.

Relatives and friends attended his funeral service on Saturday, April 22 in the First Haitian Church of Brockton, 940 So. Main St., Brockton. Services concluded with interment at St. Michael Cemetery, 227 Walk Hill St., Roslin-dale.

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



Jose David Salas Rodriguez

July 8, 1967 – April 19, 2023

Jose David Salas Rodriguez passed away suddenly on Wednesday, April 19. He was 55 years of age.

Born and raised in Moca, Puerto Rico, he was a beloved son of Martina Gonzalez and Luis Salas. Jose was a Chelsea resident for most of his life and worked as laborer and handyman. In his lifetime, Jose enjoyed playing bingo at the Chelsea Senior Center, lottery games, playing cards, and his Dunkin Ice Coffee and donuts.

Jose is lovingly survived by his mother, Martina Gonzalez, his sister, Lisette Salas and brother, Alberto Salas. He is also survived by his dear friend



and home health aide, Julia Melendez.

Funeral arrangements were entrusted to the Welsh Funeral Home, Chelsea.

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Vincent James Cosco Jr.

His joy and legacy is his beautiful family

Vincent James Cosco Jr. of Methuen, formerly of Melrose and Chelsea, entered into eternal rest on April 20. Vincent was born in Boston in 1939, the son of Vincent James Cosco and his wife, Mary L. (Yakubovich) Cosco. He will be missed by all those he knew and loved. He leaves behind his dear brother Robert of Manchester, NH and his late dear sister, Maria L. of Chelsea along with cousins and many nieces and nephews. He was the beloved husband of Mary Ann (McHatton) Cosco with whom he was happily married for 60 years. He is survived by Mary and their four children: Anne and her husband, William Bladd of Winchester, Vincent (3rd) and his wife, Tara (Ducott) Cosco of Litchfield, NH, Jon (Jonathan) Cosco and his wife, Elise Zoli of Ipswich and James Cosco and his partner, Sonia Anathakrishnan of Belmont. Vincent and Mary were the proud grandparents of eight wonderful grandchildren: Brittanica, Zachary, Sarah, Julia, Michael, David, Nathanial and Yi Ai. Vincent’s joy and legacy was his beautiful family.



He cherished the quality time he was able to spend with all of them especially watching and sharing in their activities. Over the years he saw them grow in so many ways to become loving and caring human beings always ready to help others less fortunate and he was so very proud of each of them.

Visitation was held at the Gately Funeral Home, 79 W. Foster St., Melrose on Wednesday, April 26 followed by a Mass of Christian Burial at Incarnation Church, 425 Upham St., Melrose. At Vin’s request, the burial was private. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital @ www.stjude.org or to Smile Train @ www.smiletrain.org. To send a message of condolence, please visit www.gatelyfh.com


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MCAE to present Ruth E. Derfler Memorial Scholarship Awards

The Massachusetts Coalition for Adult Education (MCAE) is delighted to announce that Sulmi Nova Garcia from the Chelsea Intergenerational Literacy Program, is one of the two recipients of the 2023 Ruth E. Derfler Memorial Scholarship.

Sulmi is being recognized for her high level of academic achievement, intellectual curiosity, leadership and passion for serving others both in her home community of Chelsea and in her class.

Sulmi's teachers described her as "an extraordinary young adult who has shown determination and dedication to learning and supporting her family." She attended Chelsea High School for 18 months after she arrived in the United States from Guatemala, but then dropped out of high school. She said, "I made the decision to quit school at that time. Now I know that maybe I made a bad decision, but it is never too late to start again."

Sulmi went back to school at the International Literacy Program, earned her GED high school equivalency diploma and is currently completing an Associate Degree in Early Childhood Education at Bunker Hill Community

College where she recently made the Dean's List. Sulmi decided to go to college "to demonstrate to myself that I can do it, also I want to be a role model to my children, so they can see how important higher education is."

Wanting to share what she's learned with other adults, Sulmi applied for and was hired to work for Chelsea Public Schools as an ESOL tutor. She became a tutor because, as she said, "I love to help people, I like to inspire parents, especially those who think education is over for them."

Ruth E. Derfler was the Past President of MCAE, the former Director of High School Equivalency at the Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education, and an advocate for countless adult education students and staff for more than forty years before she passed away in 2017. The Ruth E. Deffler Memorial Scholarship Award is given annually to a deserving adult student who is going on to higher education or a job training program.

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For over 30 years, MCAE has been the dedicated "Voice of Adult Education in Massachusetts," championing the right of all adults to acquire 21st century literacy, English language, and numeracy skills in order to build economic prosperity, support their families, and create vibrant communities. Nearly 20,000 adults learn to read, write, speak English, study for the citizenship test, complete high school credentials and transition to college and careers through adult education programs in the state. MCAE supports this work through effective advocacy and the NETWORK Conference.

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With reference to the application of: 43 Blossom Street Development LLC
For Special Permit and Variance seeking approval to renovate the existing four (4) family structure containing a total of twelve (12) bedrooms and for the reconfiguration of space including a 3rd floor addition in order to establish a six (6) dwelling unit structure containing a total of twelve (12) bedrooms which does not meet the minimum requirements for front yard setback, off street parking spaces, lot size, and side yard setback at the premises known as: 43-45 Blossom 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
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With reference to the application of: Maria Teixeira
For Special Permit and Variance seeking approval for the subdivision and the construction of two (2) two-residential dwelling unit structures which does not meet the requirements for minimum lot size, side yard setback, and combined side yard setback. Existing residence / lot fails to meet requirements for minimum lot size, side yard setback, and combined required side yard setback. Lot A - 83 Library Street fails to meet the requirements for minimum lot size, front yard setback, side yard setback, off-street parking, and minimum usable open space. Lot B - 85 Library Street fails to meet the requirements for minimum lot size, front yard setback, side yard setback, off-street parking, and minimum usable open space at the premises known as: 83-85 Library Street
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With reference to the application of: Mark Meads, Trustee
For Special Permit seeking approval to construct a two-story structure with a proposed use of a trade shop, including accessory office space which does not meet the minimum requirement for off-street parking spaces, minimum parking space setback, and minimum parking aisle width at the premises known as: 157 Crescent Avenue
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Case No. 2023-10
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With reference to the application of: Stella Lewis (by Elaine Chitopoulos, POA)
For Special Permit and Variance seeking approval to extend a driveway to the rear right side property line which fails to meet the requirements for side property line, front yard setback, and usable open space at the premises known as: 125 Ash 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


application of: 122 Warren VG, LLC
For Special Permit and Variance seeking approval for the construction of a two (2) family dwelling within 122 Warren Avenue with an existing three (3) family dwelling to remain within proposed subdivided lot. Pursuant to Section 34-78(a), no lot on which a building existing or is erected shall be altered and no structures shall be rearranged so as to create or increase a non-conformance with this ordinance. Lot 1 - proposed subdivided lot to contain proposed two (2) family structure, which fails to meet the requirements for minimum frontage, minimum side yard setback, minimum combined yard setback, minimum number of stories, maximum height, and required parking space property line buffer. Lot 2 - proposed subdivided lot to contain existing three family structure which fails to meet the requirements for minimum frontage, minimum side yard setback, minimum lot size, minimum open space, and minimum combined side yard setback at the premises known as: 122 Warren Avenue
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City Council Chambers 500 Broadway, Chelsea, MA 02150
Pursuant to Section 6-3 of the Charter of the City of Chelsea, the purpose of the public hearing is to receive comment regarding the approval of posting "No Parking" signs (eliminating one (1) or two (2) parking spaces) at Carter and Vale Street.
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Pursuant to Section 6-3 of the Charter of the City of Chelsea, the purpose of the public hearing is to receive comment regarding the approval of a daytime restriction of the Residential Parking Program on Chestnut Street, from Third Street to Fourth Street,
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Pursuant to Section 6-3 of the Charter of the City of Chelsea, the purpose of the public hearing is to receive comment regarding the approval to make Clark Avenue a one-way Street, in the southwest direction, between Stockton Street and Webster Avenue.
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Public Announcement of Invitation to submit a REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL
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City Council Chambers 500 Broadway, Chelsea, MA 02150
Pursuant to Section 6-3 of the Charter of the City of Chelsea, the purpose of the public hearing is to receive comment regarding the approval of the removal of the "Stop" sign at the top of Highland and Marlboro Street.
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CITY OF CHELSEA REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS REBID-
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LEGAL NOTICE MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE
By virtue of and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by Simon Gonzalez, Marina Gonzalez, and Gonzalo Gonzalez to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as mortgagee, acting solely as a nominee for Old Kent Mortgage Company, dated October 29, 1999 and recorded in Suffolk County Registry of Deeds in Book 24366, Page 243 (the "Mortgage"), as affected by a Loan Modification Agreement dated February 11, 2013, and recorded at said Registry of Deeds in Book 51160, Page 278, and further affected by Judgment dated August 28, 2019, and recorded at said Registry of Deeds in Book 62634, Page 336 of which mortgage Mid-First Bank is the present holder by Assignment from Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. to Old Kent Mortgage Company dated December 27, 2000 and recorded at said Registry of Deeds in Book 25727, Page 197, and Assignment from Fifth Third Mortgage Company, survivor by merger to Old Kent Mortgage Company to MidFirst Bank dated October 23, 2012 and recorded at said Registry of Deeds in Book 50445, Page 62, for breach of conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing the same, the mortgaged premises located at 153 Grove Street, Chelsea, MA 02150 will be sold at a Public Auction at 1:00 PM on May 4, 2023, at the mortgaged premises, more particularly described below, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage, to wit: A certain parcel of land with the buildings thereon now known and numbered 153 Grove Street, situated in Chelsea, Suffolk County, Massachusetts, being the northerly half of Lot 53 on a plan by Alonzo Lewis, dated 1836, recorded with Suffolk Registry of Deeds at the end of Book 410. Bounded and described as follows: NORTHEASTERLY: by Grove Street, sixty (60) feet; SOUTHEASTERLY: by Lot 55 on said plan, one hundred (100) feet; SOUTHWESTERLY: by the remaining portion of said Lot 53, sixty (60) feet, and NORTHWESTERLY: by Lot 51 on said plan, one hundred (100) feet. Containing 6000 square feet of land. For title: see deed recorded prior hereto. For mortgagor's title see deed recorded with the Suffolk County Registry of Deeds in Book 24366, Page 242. The premises will be sold subject to any and all unpaid taxes and other municipal assessments and liens, and subject to prior liens or other enforceable encumbrances of record entitled to precedence over this mortgage, and subject to and with the benefit of all easements, restrictions, reservations and conditions of record and subject to all tenancies and/or rights of parties in possession. Terms of the Sale: Cashier's or certified check in the sum of \$5,000.00 as a deposit must be shown at the time and place of the sale in order to qualify as a bidder (the mortgage holder and its designee(s) are exempt from this requirement); high bidder to sign written Memorandum of Sale upon acceptance of bid; balance of purchase price payable by certified check in thirty (30) days from the date of the sale at the offices of mortgagee's attorney, Korde & Associates, P.C., 900 Chelmsford Street, Suite 3102, Lowell, MA or such other time as may be designated by mortgagee. The description for the premises contained in said mortgage shall control in the event of a typographical error in this publication. Other terms to be announced at the sale. MidFirst Bank Korde & Associates, P.C. 900 Chelmsford Street Suite 3102 Lowell, MA 01851 (978) 256-1500 Gonzalez, Simon, 18-033540 18-033540 / FC01
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ery herself.

After graduating from Matignon High School in 1998, O’Leary went off to attend college at UMass Amherst. Her drinking in college eventually escalated into a problem, and she would later struggle with addiction to alcohol, as well as to opioids.

O’Leary made various attempts at sobriety before January of 2011 when she entered treatment for the last time and became truly sober.

In October of 2013 - two years into her sobriety – O’Leary was receiving recovery services from North Suffolk Mental Health Association (NSMHA) now North Suffolk Community Services (NSCS) when she went to work as a Recovery Coach for the organization. Her work mentor there was Kim Hanton, NSMHA’s former Director of Addiction Services.

O’Leary was already well acquainted with Hanton, who was helping to start the Recovery Court at Chelsea District Court, when Katie’s father, Bob O’Leary, was working at the court.

Hanton had also helped both Katie and her sister, Bonnie O’Leary, “get into recovery during different

points of our active addictions,” said Katie.

Meanwhile, O’Leary excelled in her position with NSMHA, being named the organization’s Director of Recovery Support Services in 2017. She was promoted again to her current role in senior management last November.

O’Leary has helped open two new recovery facilities - Recovery on the Harbor in East Boston, and Hanton House in Chelsea. She was also instrumental in helping another established recovery service, StepRox in Roxbury, move and get their building permitted before reopening.

In March of 2022, O’Leary was one of 10 women recognized as part of Chelsea District Court’s Women’s History Month Celebration in an event that acknowledged women who are “providing healing and promoting hope.”

Regarding O’Leary’s work, First Justice Matthew Machera said at this time that “keeping people in recovery through these unprecedented times has been beyond remarkable.”

In light of receiving this recognition, O’Leary humbly said, “It’s not me. I’m getting recognized for

all work my team does.”

And as much of a surprise as the latest recognition for O’Leary from Boston Magazine has been, she admits she had an inkling something was afoot when Sen. Lydia Edwards reached out about six weeks ago to ask O’Leary for her bio, as well as to let O’Leary know that the senator would be nominating her as an Influential

Bostonian.

“Never in a million years did I think anything would come of it,” said O’Leary.

As for O’Leary ultimately receiving this recognition from Boston Magazine, Sen. Edwards said: “Katie is a true life saver and first responder. She is a straight shooter, humble, kind and leads with her heart. Her jour-

ney and growth reflect the struggles of a lot of good people. She has been a guiding light for so many including myself. She serves as a bridge for so many on the long road to recovery. She demands a seat at the table for so many silenced by stigma and shame. Katie represents so many people that are everyday heroes.”

Meanwhile, O’Leary knows above all else, that recovery doesn’t come easily and requires hard work.

“The biggest misconception is someone once told me that ‘when the pain gets great enough, we change,’ and now we live in a world where there’s a pill that fixes everything,” she said. “But that’s not factual – people have to put in the work.”

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Powder Horn Hill, the CLC offers 154 private resident rooms and is constructed to be highly energy efficient. The building and systems design utilizes a performance-based approach and focuses optimally on energy efficiency. The tour highlighted many sustainability features, including geothermal heating, cooling, and natural ventilation in all public and private residential spaces.

“This new facility is constructed using state-of-the-art technologies that are fully integrated to provide an earth-friendly, sustainable home for our Veterans into the future,” said Robert Engell, Executive Director and Acting Superintendent of Chelsea Veterans’ Home. “Its design creates a home-like environment to foster community and enhance the quality of life for our resident Veterans.”

Geothermal heating and cooling provide energy savings, reduce greenhouse gas emissions, improve comfort for residents, and have significant cost savings over the life of the building. Additionally, the building has a 0.6-megawatt rooftop-mounted solar array, which reduces its reliance on non-renewable fossil fuels and is designed to use 71 percent less energy than what is required by building codes.

“This new Community Living Center will give our Veterans the modern living space they deserve and serve as a model for new building developments that align with our climate goals,” said State Senator Sal DiDomenico. “I am proud to sup-

port projects like this that serve the men and women in my district who have sacrificed so much for our country. I look forward to working with Secretary Santiago to bring more housing upgrades for Veterans across my district and throughout the Commonwealth.”

“Our veterans have gotten the short end of the stick in so many ways, so I’m thrilled to see that the Veterans’ Home in Chelsea is going above and beyond to provide these folks with a happy, healthy space — one that is making a positive impact of its own,” said State Representative Judith Garcia.

The new CLC offers a healthy and comfortable living atmosphere for both residents and staff, with a range of amenities that include shared community spaces such as a bistro, chapel, art room, media room, library, physical rehabilitation, central kitchen, and direct access to Powder Horn Park, in addition to its environmental features.

“The new Soldiers’ Home represents a very different way of providing long-term care for our veterans and is a new milestone for the state in our work to decarbonize our state buildings,” said Department of Capital Asset Management and Maintenance Commissioner Carol Gladstone. “The Community Living Center model offers privacy and community in a sustainable building that provides a new landmark on the Chelsea skyline.

Once operational, the new home will replace the existing Quigley Hospital Building.

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Congenital heart defects (CHDs) are the most common birth defects and doctors and affected families can help ensure that individuals with CHDs receive lifelong congenital cardiac care to stay healthy. In 2010, it was estimated that approximately 1 million children and 1.4 million adults were living with a CHD in the United States. However, about 60% of individuals with CHDs don't see a congenital cardiology specialist after age 18 for follow-up.

Congenital cardiology care is essential, even for those who are not currently experiencing symptoms. In addition to the need to manage the CHD, affected individuals remain at risk for developing acquired cardiac conditions of adulthood. These include a range of potentially serious conditions such as arrhythmias, atherosclerotic heart disease, congestive heart failure, endocarditis, hypertension, hyperlipidemia and pulmonary hypertension.

According to advocates, a primary care physician is often the only doctor a patient sees, making it critical that patients disclose their CHD to their their doctors, and for doctors to help ensure they get the specialized care they need to stay healthy



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and safe over the years. “Although most individuals with CHDs require lifelong congenital cardiac care, many children and adults experience gaps in care for several years or more,” says Dr. Sherry Farr from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. “Whether these lapses are due to loss of insurance, financial barriers or an inaccurate belief that their heart defect has ‘been cured,’ physicians that these patients see for other reasons can facilitate continuity of cardiac care.”

Dr. Farr suggests that physicians start the conversation with patients by asking them if they ever had heart problems. After learning that a patient has a heart defect,

they should then emphasize the need for continuous care, even in cases where patients feel well. Doctors should be prepared to both explain the vital role of congenital cardiologists and provide a referral for a specialist in the area. Patients with CHDs should share their health history at their

appointment and be ready to ask questions and seek referrals. The new CHD Awareness Toolkit from the American Academy of Pediatrics and Centers for Disease Control and Prevention offers resources to help physicians connect people with heart defects to the care they need. It includes materials for pediatricians and family physicians (who treat children), internal medicine physicians and family physicians (who treat adults), obstetrician-gynecologists and emergency room physicians. To learn more or to download the toolkit, visit aap.org/CHDcare. People with heart defects need lifelong congenital cardiac care. By getting the conversation started, patients and physicians can help ensure continuity of care. (State-Point)

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