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Jesus carries his Cross to Golgotha.



Followers of Jesus keep pace behind him as he carries his Cross to the site of his execution.



The mother of Jesus watches as he carries his Cross to the site of his execution.

Special Council meeting addresses temporary shelter at former Soldiers' Home

By Adam Swift

City Councilors raised questions and concerns about the use of the former Chelsea Soldiers' Home as a temporary shelter for migrants at a special meeting with state officials last Thursday.

The use of the vacant Quigley Building was announced by Governor Maura Healey on Monday, March 25 as part of efforts to handle the overflow of migrants into the state over the past year. City officials were first notified of the plan the day before the announcement.

It is expected that the shelter will be open for six to 12 months, according to the governor's staff, and will serve 100 families, the first of which should be in place later this month.

Thursday night, officials from the Healey administration outlined how the migrant influx has multiplied exponentially over the past two years, as well as how the state plans to operate the temporary shelter.

It was also announced that Chelsea nonprofit La Colaborativa will be the service provider for the families at the shelter.

Council President Norieliz De Jesus, who works

for La Colaborativa, recused herself from the discussion after outlining the timeline and efforts the council made once being informed of the temporary shelter plan.

"In my capacity as council president, although this shelter falls outside my district line, I have diligently pushed for transparency within our community," De Jesus said. "There were definitely challenges that we confronted with communication. We got a very short timeframe to be fully briefed for the public questions that came about."

De Jesus noted that the council and city administration met quickly to meet with the governor's staff about the plan, as well as to reach out to the neighborhood around the Old Soldiers' Home.

"The reality is we are all confronting a crisis that is beyond our city and our state," she said.

De Jesus stressed that the special meeting did not pertain to the determination of the establishment of the shelter.

"This property falls under state jurisdiction, therefore we have no control over it and this de-

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City Manager updates community on first 90 days in office

By Record Staff

City Manager Fidel Maltez has placed an emphasis on communicating with residents since he took office in January. Earlier this week, Maltez recorded the latest in his series of public outreach videos to air on Chelsea Community TV. The text of his latest video, which focuses on his first 90 days as city manager, is below:

Hello residents of Chelsea. Welcome to Our Community. My name is Fidel Maltez and I am humbled

to serve as your City Manager. It is with immense gratitude and a sense of purpose that I stand before you today, marking 90 days since assuming the role of City Manager of our beloved community.

These past three months have been a whirlwind of activity; a period of profound connection, learning, and inspiration. I have had the privilege of meeting with countless residents, engaging with our vibrant community-based organizations, immersing myself in the heartbeat of our schools,

and sharing moments of reflection in places of prayer. Chelsea is a tapestry of diverse stories, bound together by resilience,

compassion, and an unwavering spirit. Our city is special, and it is special because of you, because of us, who call Chelsea home. Our strength lies in our people, in their willingness to stand together, to support one another, and to embrace the challenges and triumphs that come our way.

Recent events of violence in our city have

shaken us to our core. Let me be clear: our administration, alongside the Chelsea Police Department, is unwavering in our commitment to addressing these acts of violence. Public safety is our top priority. We will leave no stone unturned in our efforts to investigate every instance of violence, and we will bring those responsible to justice. But we cannot do this alone. We need each and every one of you to stand with us in this fight. Our police

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City Council swears in new fire chief

By Adam Swift

John Quatieri was officially sworn in as the city's new fire chief at Monday night's city council meeting.

Quatieri has served in the Chelsea Fire Department for 32 years, most recently as deputy chief under recently retired Leonard Albanese.

"I am truly honored and grateful for the trust and confidence you have placed in me, and I understand the great responsibility that comes with this position," said Quatieri. "I am committed to serving to the best of my ability, and I look forward to working collectively with city leaders, our residents, local organizations, and local business owners to ensure the highest level of service for our community."

The new chief took a moment to thank his family. He said his wife Wendy played a significant role in helping him to achieve all of his goals in the fire department.

"Thank you for everything you do for our family, thank you for al-



New Chelsea Fire Chief John Quatieri.

ways being by my side, and I couldn't have done it without you," Quatieri said, addressing his wife.

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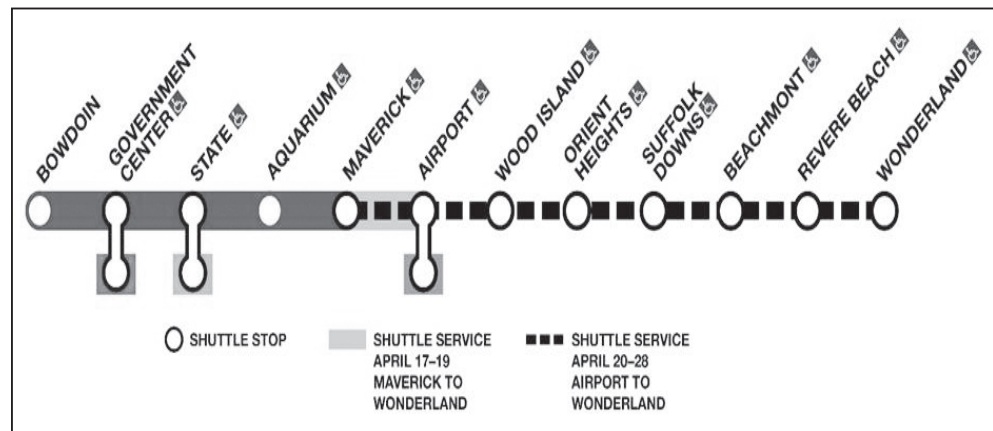
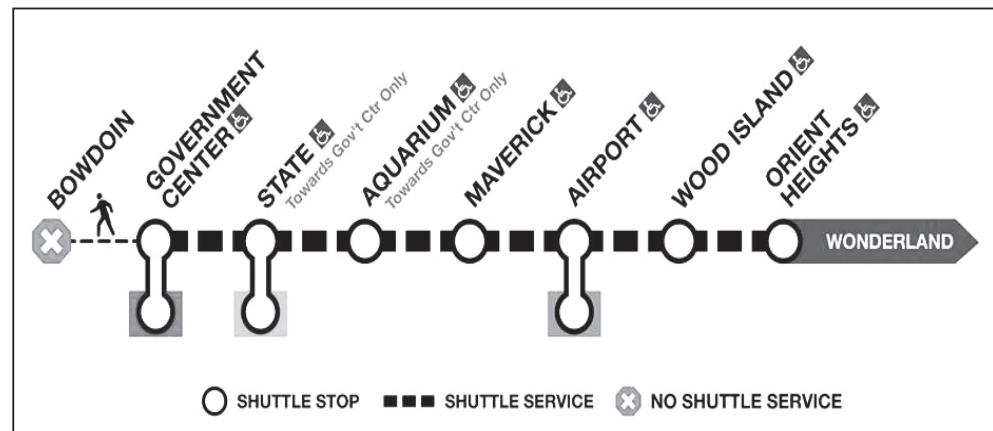
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Several members of Chelsea Emergency Management/911 -- Asst. Director Dan Johnson, Supervisor Josiah Hill, Lead Dispatchers Sheila O'Leary Lacey, John Lobo and Miriam Acevedo -- received Departmental Commendations for their role behind the scenes during the 5 Alarm Fire at 50-54 Maverick St. on March 1 at Monday night's City Council meeting.

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Evening service will be suspended between Government Center and Orient Heights April 9-11

Shuttle Service will be replacing the Blue Line from Maverick to Wonderland the latter half of this month.

Shuttle Buses to replace Blue Line for critical track work latter half of April

Evening Blue Line service also suspended between Bowdoin and Orient Heights each day from April 9-11

Special to the Journal

Following up on the previous announcement on March 15, the MBTA is today reminding riders that Blue Line service will be suspended between Maverick and Wonderland for three days from April 17-19 and between Airport and Wonderland for nine days from April 20-28. Evening Blue Line service will also be suspended between Bowdoin and Orient Heights each day from April 9-11.

As previously announced, this service change is in place to allow crews to perform critical

work to upgrade infrastructure as part of the Track Improvement Program, which will improve reliability and provide a safer ride. Work crews will also maximize this service change by upgrading the overhead catenary wire system between Orient Heights and Wood Island stations.

As previously announced, Blue Line service will be suspended between Bowdoin and Orient Heights stations beginning at approximately 8 PM through the end of service each day from April 9-11. Free and accessible shuttle buses will make stops be-

tween Government Center and Orient Heights. Riders should note that shuttle buses will not stop at Bowdoin station. Riders can instead utilize shuttle buses at Government Center, which is about a quarter mile away (or about a four-minute walk). State and Aquarium stations will only be serviced by inbound shuttles to Government Center. Accessible vans will also be available to riders.

As previously announced, Blue Line service will be suspended between Maverick and Wonderland for three days

from April 17-19 and between Airport and Wonderland for nine days from April 20-28. Free and accessible shuttle buses will make stops at all stations. Accessible vans will also be available to riders.

Information is available at mbta.com/alerts. Riders can also learn more at mbta.com/TrackProgram.

The important work accomplished during this Blue Line service suspension means riders will experience a more reliable trip with fewer unplanned service disruptions related to older tracks, older infrastructure, signal issues, or

power problems. Riders will also be provided with a safer ride as a result of this state of good repair work.

The MBTA understands how these service changes affect riders' daily travels during this period, but we are committed to improving your travels long term with more reliable, timely, and safe service. We thank riders for their patience as we deliver this important work and for continuing to ride our system.

More information is also available through in-station signage and public announcements. Transit Ambassadors

and MBTA staff will be available on-site to offer information and assistance during these service changes. Riders are encouraged to subscribe to T-Alerts or to follow the MBTA on X (the site formerly known as Twitter) @MBTA for up-to-date service information.

For more information, please visit mbta.com/TrackProgram or connect with the T on X (the site formerly known as Twitter) @MBTA and @MBTA_CR, Facebook /TheMBTA, Instagram @theMBTA, Threads @thembta, or TikTok @thembta.

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"My sons Nick, Mike, and Anthony are here, as well as my mother Patricia as well as my brother Patrick, my mother-in-law Nancy. I am truly blessed to have these incredible people by my side, and I thank you from the bottom of my heart."

He thanked the officers and firefighters of the department for their hard work, dedication, and sacrifice.

"I'm proud and honored to lead such a talented, dedicated team, and I look forward to working beside each and every one of you to ensure that you have the necessary resources, training, and support needed to stay safe while working in the different hazards and emergency incidents you respond to in every shift," Quatieri said.

The new chief noted that when he started with the department 32 years

ago, the city had just come out of state receivership.

"At that time, there were drastic cuts made to the fire department, two of the four fire stations were closed, our manpower was reduced from 21 men per shift to 13 firefighters per shift," he said. "As difficult as that made it for the fire department operations, it was our residents, in particular a young family on Essex Street, who were tragically impacted directly by the receiver's cuts. But through the years and through my career, I have watched this city persevere, rebuild, and become the thriving community it is today."

Quatieri said the Chelsea Fire Department has a remarkable, rich history, and that together with the department, he will continue to honor that history, uphold the values of the department, and work



Chelsea Fire Chief John Quatieri is pictured with members of his proud family at the swearing-in ceremony in the City Council Chambers.

tirelessly to protect and serve the residents of the

community with pride and dedication.

"I'm ready and eager to face the challenges ahead and to serve this great city," he said.



City Manager Fidel Maltez and members of the Chelsea City Council congratulate new Fire Chief John Quatieri at the swearing-in ceremony at Chelsea City Hall. From left, are Calvin T. Brown, Melinda Vega, Fidel Maltez, Roberto Jimenez-Rivera, Lisa Santagate, Council President Norieliz DeJesus, Fire Chief John Quatieri, Kelly Garcia, Giovanni Recupero, Todd Taylor, Manuel Teshe, and Leo Robinson.

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Assistant City Clerk Gabriela Solis administers the oath of office to new Chelsea Fire Chief John Quatieri at the swearing-in ceremony at Chelsea City Hall.

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cision has already been made by the governor," said De Jesus. "Tonight's focus is on comprehending the procedural, logistical, and operational aspects of this site so that our families in Chelsea have a clear understanding of what to expect as this moves forward."

General Scott Rice, the state's emergency assistance director, gave an overview of the migrant influx that has seen as many as 1,000 families come into the state per month in recent months.

As the state met its shelter capacity, it started contracting with underutilized hotels throughout the state as supplemental shelters.

"In October and November, we could clearly see the number of shelters and providers, and the cost to manage the whole, they just became insurmountable, and that's when we decided to implement a policy of a cap at 7,500 families in the system," said Rice.

With families continuing to come into the state, it got to the point where the state had to establish overflow sites. The Chelsea site will join overflow sites that have already opened in Quincy and Cambridge, Rice said.

The goal of the overflow sites, and the emergency shelter system as a whole, is to get people into stable housing, help them find employment, and become part of the community, Rice said.

There are currently supplemental shelters, mainly the hotels, in about 90 communities in the state. In November, Rice said the state hit the capacity of 7,500 families, with over 700 currently on the shelter waitlist.

The goal of the overflow sites, such as the one at the Old Soldier's Home, is to provide safe shelter and services for the most vulnerable on the waitlist. That includes those who are either pregnant or just gave birth, and those with major medical issues.

The families are vetted by state staff, according to Alicia Rebello-Pradas, the governor's chief of staff for legislative affairs.

Rebello-Pradas also ran through what a typical day would be like for the migrants at the Chelsea overflow site, as well as the services that will be provided by La Colaborativa and others. She said the shelter will provide services 24/7, and that there will be security on site at all times.

La Colaborativa will oversee the staffing and day-to-day needs of the families, including providing three meals per day, case management focused on stable housing and employment, school enrollment, and transportation from the shelter from the Family Welcome Centers and to necessary medical and immigration appointments. There will also be basic necessities such as diapers, formula, and hygiene items provided.

Additional services will include legal assistance for work authorization and on-site health screenings. "The goal is to transition families from this site to other locations," said Rebello-Pradas. "Hopefully, that is stable housing, though some may enter the emergency assistance shelter system and be referred to other locations."

Jon Santiago, the state's veterans' services director, said there have been concerns expressed by veterans at the nearby domicil-

iary campus and the new veterans' home about security and transportation. He said there will be more conversations with the veterans about those concerns and that the state is committed to making sure they feel safe and secure.

When questioning from the council opened up, Councilor-at-Large Leo Robinson, who lives near the Old Soldiers' Home, expressed some of his frustrations and those of his neighborhood.

"First of all, where is the respect to the local public officials," said Robinson. "I received a call on Sunday evening that the governor would be making an announcement on Monday regarding placing families at the Soldiers' Home hospital. Why were we not notified by the governor or her staff?"

"This did not happen overnight; we should have been involved in the process."

Robinson also wanted to know if the temporary shelter would impact the schedule of the proposed Pennrose development of the domiciliary campus, as well as the impact on parking in the neighborhood.

He said the state should also have been on hand to answer more questions about the impact on public services and educational costs to the city. Robinson also raised some issues about the building itself, which was discontinued two years ago, and how it was going to be occupied. The councilor also wanted to know if the facility had adequate bathroom and kitchen facilities for the proposed use.

"With respect to the Pennrose Development, this should not impact that at all," said Santiago, with an anticipated groundbreaking at the end of 2024 or beginning of 2025.

Officials noted that there are also fire alarm and safety updates being made to the old Quigley building itself to ensure safety, and that there will be an occupancy permit from the state. In addition, they also said there would be adequate bathroom facilities, and that culturally appropriate food would be brought into the site for the three meals per day that will be provided at the shelter.

District 2 Councilor Melinda Vega asked if Massachusetts families would potentially be taken off the shelter waitlist and housed in Chelsea, as well. Rebello-Pradas said Massachusetts families would be eligible for shelter at the site.

Councilor-at-Large Roberto Jimenez-Rivera asked if there was an idea of what the demographics of those using the shelter might be so that providers might be better equipped to know what languages would be used when providing assistance.

The state officials noted that the vast majority of new arrivals to the state are Haitian.

District 7 Councillor Manuel Teshe reiterated the city should have been notified earlier, but he added that he applauded the governor for being able to take the initiative and help vulnerable families.

Teshe did ask if there was contact with the Chelsea school department about its current capacity to take in students.

"We have to make sure that wherever they go, that public education is prepared to take them," said Teshe.

District 1 Councilor Todd Taylor asked about the procedure for the migrants receiving work permits, which he said he believed was a federal procedure and not done through the state.

The state officials noted that there have been nearly 4,000 work permits that have been filed through the services it has provided, with about 3,000 having received their work permits.

"I just want to make a general comment regarding this specific site at the Chelsea Soldiers' Home," said Taylor. "It is a site that is here that is probably a lot better than a lot of other sites that probably could have been used. I just want to reiterate Councilor Robinson's initial thing about - I didn't receive a phone call, I got phone calls from my colleagues, so I think there is room for improvement on that."

Taylor said what happens with the lack of communication is that not everyone has all the correct information about the situation and that it makes people nervous.

"You can understand why some of the residents, especially in that neighborhood, are nervous about this," said Taylor. "That being said, we have a significant problem here overall, and it seems like you guys are working hard to address it. My major concerns aren't with what is going to be done here right now, because we can do all of these things and make it work right now, but what are we going to do when the faucet is running, and people come, and there are only so many places that we have."

"We have a limited number of resources," he added. "It is all well and good, and I think all of us here want to help families ... but we also want to be proactive about this problem"

Taylor asked what the state officials what they were doing to put pressure on the federal government so that there would not be a constant influx of people that would, at some point, break the bank.

At the end of the special meeting, Robinson, as the senior member of the council, was acting as chair so Taylor could speak. He denied a request to allow La Colaborativa to make a presentation, pointing out that the presentation was not on the agenda for the meeting and would have violated the open meeting law.

Jimenez-Rivera said it should have been up to the full council, not just Robinson as the acting chair, as to whether the meeting should have continued with a presentation from La Colaborativa.

"I think the big piece is that (Robinson) made a determination that this was not compliant with the agenda, and then Councilor Teshe disagreed and then I disagreed," said Jimenez-Rivera. "My understanding was that we were having a conversation about it."

Jimenez-Rivera said it would have been helpful for the council to get more information from La Colaborativa about its planned operation. Since the council did not know the organization was not going to be the services operator prior to the meeting, they were not given a seat at the table with the state officials. If it had been known, Jimenez-Rivera said the council could easily have made room for at least one representative from La Colaborativa to address questions and concerns.

PEOPLE OF CHELSEA

Joe Resnek (AKA Joe Rez), musician 2023

I go by the name of Joe Rez. Ever since I was 10, music's always been the thing I'm passionate about, the thing I like to do in my free time. I always had bands growing up, always recorded music. Going into Chelsea High School, my only goal was to win the talent show every year. I went to Harvard Law School and did law for three years. I had hundreds of clients, and then I quit to pursue music. I like that feeling up on the stage. As I look back, I was a little misguided as I thought it was the public defender part that I liked the feeling of. But it was the performer part that I liked. I think that the defining feature of Chelsea is a different energy than I



felt anywhere else. It's an inclusive attitude. There's no pretense from Chelsea. I'm blessed that I'm able

to stay here and be with my people here. I don't bemoan the changes, I'm happy to be here.

Chelsea woman struck and killed by street sign

Staff Report

State and local police are continuing to investigate a fatal motor vehicle accident involving a pedestrian on Second Street last Friday.

Jean Baptiste, 36, of Chelsea died of her injuries from the accident.

A little after 7 p.m. last Friday, police received a report of an accident on Second Street. The re-

sponding officers arrived and immediately rendered aid to Baptiste on the sidewalk in the vicinity of 240 Second St. according to Police Chief Keith Houghton.

The operator remained on the scene and is currently cooperating with investigators. It was later reported that Baptiste was trying to teach her friend to drive and was on the sidewalk when the car

struck a street sign which then fell on Baptiste.

With the car in reverse it accelerated suddenly backward, jumped the curb, and hit a metal pole holding a 'no parking' sign, according to a State Police spokesperson.

The Massachusetts State Police Accident Reconstruction Unit is assisting CPD in the ongoing investigation.



By Tracy Nowicki
Director of Elder Services

Acceptance

As we journey through life, our circles naturally shrink; our health may falter, our obligations shift, and our social circles often diminish. The evolving landscape around us can be deeply felt, especially among our elders, if only we take the time to truly see and hear them. This week, amidst budget preparations, I unexpectedly received a call I might have easily dismissed. Yet, something nudged me to pick up. On the other end was a gentle voice, seeking information about our programs. Andrew and I ended up delving into a heartfelt conversation that went on for 45 minutes. In that

Vintage Vibes

moment, I realized that my budget work could indeed wait.

During this time, we exchanged our likes, dislikes, concerns, apprehensions, life experiences, philosophical viewpoints, and more. Andrew's primary goal was to establish a sense of connection. He emphasized the significance of having a supportive "circle" to stay connected with. He has not been able to find one in years. He expressed his yearning for a community that could provide him with friendly conversation and friendships built on consistency. Andrew talked about his struggle to find a group he could resonate with, or one that would reciprocate his understanding, truly listen to him, and make him feel heard, seen and included. He expressed frustration over encountering excuses, as he often heard, from individuals who claimed they didn't have time to engage or did not welcome him in conversation. While it's true that not everyone possesses an inherently welcoming demeanor, Andrew's sincerity and warmth stood out remarkably among many.

We witness this scenario too often. Just picture a world where everything around you seems to have diminished, leaving you feeling less significant. How would that weigh on your spirit? Sometimes, a mere half-hour of genuine conversation can make all the difference for someone who needs it. Occasionally, it simply requires setting aside our judgments and selfishness for a brief moment to lend a listening ear. It costs us nothing but could mean everything to someone else. While 45 minutes away from budget preparations may seem like a significant sacrifice, consider this: What if Andrew, in need of support, couldn't find anyone else to confide in, and I happened to be the last person he reached out to? How would I feel about giving him that time then? Sometimes, the impact of our kindness goes far beyond what we can measure in minutes or dollars, particularly for those who have a limited amount of time remaining.

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WATCH THE ECLIPSE SAFELY

With our area in the path of the solar eclipse this coming Monday (and with clear skies forecast), we urge any of our readers who are intent on watching the event to be sure to wear proper eyewear and to ensure that their children do as well.

A person can cause permanent damage to their eyes -- and even go blind (a condition known as solar retinopathy) -- if they do not use proper eye protection, such as eclipse glasses or a special solar filter. Regular sunglasses don't offer any protection and viewing the eclipse through your I-phone camera offers no protection for you and will damage your phone. (Photography experts say just pointing your smartphone camera at the eclipse could cause catastrophic damage to the phone if you don't have proper equipment.)

Individuals also have to be certain that the eyewear they are using is certified. There are reports that knock-offs that are being sold on-line are not legitimate.

One eye doctor, who was quoted in the New York Times, offered this advice: Don't look at the eclipse at all, even with proper eyewear.

But for those who are intent on watching this event, please do so safely.

RUSSIA IS OUR REAL ENEMY

Sunday's special report on the CBS news show 60 Minutes revealed that Russia has been the culprit in the hundreds of cases of debilitating neurological injuries that have struck American intelligence and law enforcement operatives around the world in the past few years.

The phenomenon has been dubbed "Havana Syndrome" because the problems first became apparent among a cluster of employees at the U.S. Embassy in Havana, Cuba. However, as the 60 Minutes report showed, these attacks on U.S. personnel (and their families), all of whom have worked with the CIA, the FBI, the military, the State Department, and the White House -- almost all of whom were working on areas of national security related to Russia -- have been occurring all over the world and even in our own country.

The "weapon" being used by the Russians is thought to be directed energy or microwaves fired from hidden devices that inflict serious and permanent injury on those who are targeted.

The 60 Minutes report makes it clear that Vladimir Putin is a monster who is using any means necessary to undermine our national interests. Our political leaders, especially the Republicans in Congress, must recognize the threat he poses and do whatever it takes to thwart him.

BIRD FLU IS NOT JUST FOR THE BIRDS

The second confirmed case of the bird flu infecting a human in this country (a Texas dairy farm worker who worked among infected cows) raises a red flag about the possibility of another pandemic ripping across the world.

The current bird flu outbreak not only has killed millions of wild and domesticated birds world-wide, but it also has killed many mammals across the globe, including the well-publicized devastation of an elephant seal population in Argentina.

Although the bird flu is not as fatal in cows as seals, it has sickened cows in states across the country, an indication that cows are infecting each other as they move around farms from state-to-state. The virus has been detected in the unpasteurized milk of these cows. More ominously, the detection of the virus in the dairy worker suggests that the bird flu can jump from one mammal species to others -- including ourselves.

The bird flu -- also known as H5N1 -- wreaked havoc in many parts of the world, especially in Asia, in 2006. The U.S. largely was spared the ill-effects of the outbreak thanks to efforts by our national health authorities who worked in these foreign countries to contain its spread.

However, this new variant of H5N1 is being brought to this country by wild bird populations, which obviously is something we cannot control. If cows have been infected, it stands to reason that other animals, including our house pets, could become infected and spread the virus.

COVID-19 killed more than one million Americans. But as bad as the pandemic had been at its height, it was only killing about one percent of those who were infected, with substantially higher death rates among the elderly and those with prior-existing health conditions, including obesity.

However, the bird flu in humans is far deadlier, with death rates having been estimated at 50% during the 2006 pandemic in some countries. Even if the chances of a bird flu pandemic among humans are slim, the high mortality rate should be enough to raise the alarm bells among our public health officials.

New electricity program to bring supply price stability launching in June

Special to the Record

The City of Chelsea is pleased to announce the launch of Chelsea Electricity Choice, a group electricity-buying program from the City that will give Chelsea residents and small businesses a stable electricity supply price that is also lower than Eversource's current Basic Service price, though future savings compared with Eversource cannot be guaranteed. Chelsea received state regulatory approval for the program in December 2023, joining nearly 170 other Massachusetts communities that already have this type of electricity program, including Boston.

"We are excited to an-

nounce the launch of Chelsea Electricity Choice, our program for Municipal Aggregation, in the first 100 days of my administration. I was a DPW Commissioner when the City started working on it. I'm grateful for this program came to fruition after several years in the making" expressed City Manager, Fidel Maltez.

Chelsea Electricity Choice changes the price that is used to calculate the Supply charge on participants' Eversource electric bills. However, Eversource will remain Chelsea's electric utility and will continue to deliver electricity in Chelsea, address power outages, and handling billing.

The City has recently

signed a contract with the energy supplier Direct Energy Services, LLC until June 2026, and the program will launch in June 2024.

For the Executive Director of GreenRoots, Roseann Bongiovanni, "the Chelsea Electricity Choice program is a powerful tool that can reduce the heavy energy cost burden that Chelsea residents carry every day while simultaneously bringing more clean energy into our electric grid". GreeRoots has championed this initiative along with the City. "GreenRoots is proud to have fought for this program all the way to the Department of Public Utilities' offices last year, and we are ready to help resi-

dents sign up for this program" Bongiovanni said.

Chelsea Electricity Choice will offer three fixed-price options with different prices, depending on the amount of electricity from renewable sources. New participants will be enrolled in the Chelsea Basic option and will receive a price of 12.42 ¢/kWh, which is lower than Eversource's current residential Basic Service price. Chelsea Basic provides the minimum amount of electricity from renewable sources required by law and the lowest price in the program.

"The Chelsea Basic price is more than 4 ¢/kWh lower than Eversource's

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chief and I will be hosting monthly conversations on public safety in various neighborhoods across our city. These conversations are not just about dialogue; they are about action. We want to engage with you one-on-one, to listen to your concerns, and to assure you that we will be tough on crime and tough on violence. We need the involvement of every member of our community, especially parents. If

you see something troubling, do not hesitate to contact the City Manager's office or the Chelsea Police Department. We will investigate it thoroughly.

We need your eyes, your ears, and your voices to help us combat violence in our community.

We will be holding a peace rally and prayer vigil on April 27 at 1:00 PM on the City Hall lawn. I urge you to join us. Let us stand as a united front, showing that Chelsea will not tolerate violence in our streets. This vigil is just the beginning. Throughout the summer, we will host several more events like this, because Chelsea is strongest when we come together to tackle our challenges head-on.

Today, I also announce the launch of a transformative initiative: the Chelsea Electricity Choice program. We understand the heavy burden of electricity costs on our residents. Fluctuating prices and predatory tactics of third-party energy suppliers have placed undue strain on our households. Many of our residents have to make the difficult choice between paying

for electricity or meeting their basic needs. Chelsea Electricity Choice, is a program designed to empower our residents, protect them from predatory practices, and provide much-needed stability in energy costs. This initiative comes at a crucial time, offering relief and security to those who need it most.

Chelsea Electricity Choice provides three options. Chelsea Basic, the cornerstone of this initiative, provides electricity at a significantly reduced rate of 12.42 ¢/kWh, compared to Eversource's current residential price of 17.216 ¢/kWh. This means tangible savings of over \$18 per month for the average residential customer, a difference that can make a meaningful impact on household budgets.

The two other options, Chelsea Standard and Chelsea 100% Green provide electricity sourced from renewable sources at competitive rates, further contributing towards a greener, more sustainable future. The City has partnered with Direct Energy to ensure the stability and reliability of these prices until June 2026. This contrasts starkly with Eversource's Basic Service, where prices are subject to change every six months, perpetuating uncertainty and financial strain for our residents.

Participation in Chelsea Electricity Choice is straightforward and accessible. For most customers, no action is required to benefit from this program. Automatic enrollment will commence in June, with notifications and detailed

information mailed to eligible residents in mid-April. Opting out of the program is entirely within your rights, should you choose to do so. Whether at the outset or at any point thereafter, you have the freedom to opt out with no penalty or fee, ensuring that you retain control over your energy choices.

Our Administration is thrilled to announce the launch of the City's

comprehensive master plan: Chelsea Pa'Lante, Chelsea Onward. Chelsea Pa'Lante is more than just a plan; it's a commitment to forward motion, upward mobility, and progress. It embodies the spirit of our community, the resilience of our people, and the determination to create a future that leaves no one behind. Chelsea Pa'Lante is a call to action, a declaration that we will not rest on our laurels, nor will we be content with past successes.

Instead, we will continue to evolve, to innovate, and to improve as a

Community. At the heart of Chelsea Pa'Lante is our unwavering dedication to incorporating the voices of our residents in every decision we make. Too often, community plans are crafted behind closed doors, with little input from those who will be most affected by the outcomes. But not here, not in Chelsea. Our plan will be centered on the community, ensuring that every voice is heard, every perspective considered, and

every idea valued. Chelsea Pa'Lante will seek to address the pressing issues that affect our daily lives.

From housing shortages to traffic congestion, from lack of parking, to providing economic opportunities for all residents. We will tackle these challenges with creativity, with innovation, and with a deep commitment to equity and inclusivity.

Chelsea Pa'Lante is about laying the foundation for a future that is brighter and more prosperous for generations to come. It is about building a city where everyone has the opportunity to thrive, where every voice is heard, and where every dream is within reach. Over the next 30 days, our Administration will work with our City Council to bring Chelsea Pa'Lante, Chelsea Onward into reality.

As I reflect on these past 90 days, I am filled with hope and optimism for the future of Chelsea. Despite the obstacles we may face, I am confident that together, as a unified community, we will overcome them. As we look ahead to the next 100 days of this Administration, we will carry the lessons learned, we will continue to listen, to learn, and to lift each other up. We will be bold in our aspirations, strong in our commitment, and compassionate in our actions. See you next time on Our Community. Thank you and May god bless the City of Chelsea.

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Chelsea Youth Commission hosts leadership training event

Story & Photos by Marianne Salza

The Center for Teen Empowerment joined the Chelsea Youth Commission on March 26 at the Williams School for training that emphasized collaboration, unity, and the meaning of being a leader.

“This is a special gathering because The Center for Teen Empowerment is helping them cohere on their goals and strategies,” said Abigail Feldman, Community Recreation Manager, Chelsea Youth Commission.

Chelsea Youth Commission is a city organization that assists members between the ages of 13-20 in implementing plans that will enrich the community. Their duties include attending city council and school committee meetings, and advising local officials in developing policies, programs, and health services that benefit youth and their families in the City of Chelsea.

“The strategy that the Commission is going to use is in that room,” acknowledged Sean Post, Model Fidelity Manager, The Center for Teen Empowerment. “We’re going to be using our meeting structure and interactive method that they can adapt to their own work when they’re running meetings.”

Post, who facilitated the session, started working with The Center for Teen Empowerment when he was 14-years-old. The social change organization has chapters in Boston, Somerville, and Rochester, New York. It provides youth with the skills and resources to think deeply about issues. Teens are encouraged to collaborate with peers and adults to



Daniel Prudencio, Chelsea Youth Commission member, participating in a bag toss activity.



Youth Commission members, Daniela Maldonado, Ariana Perdome, and Yurie Lee creating a pattern with bean bags.

create peace, equity, and justice in their communities through initiatives, policies, and art.

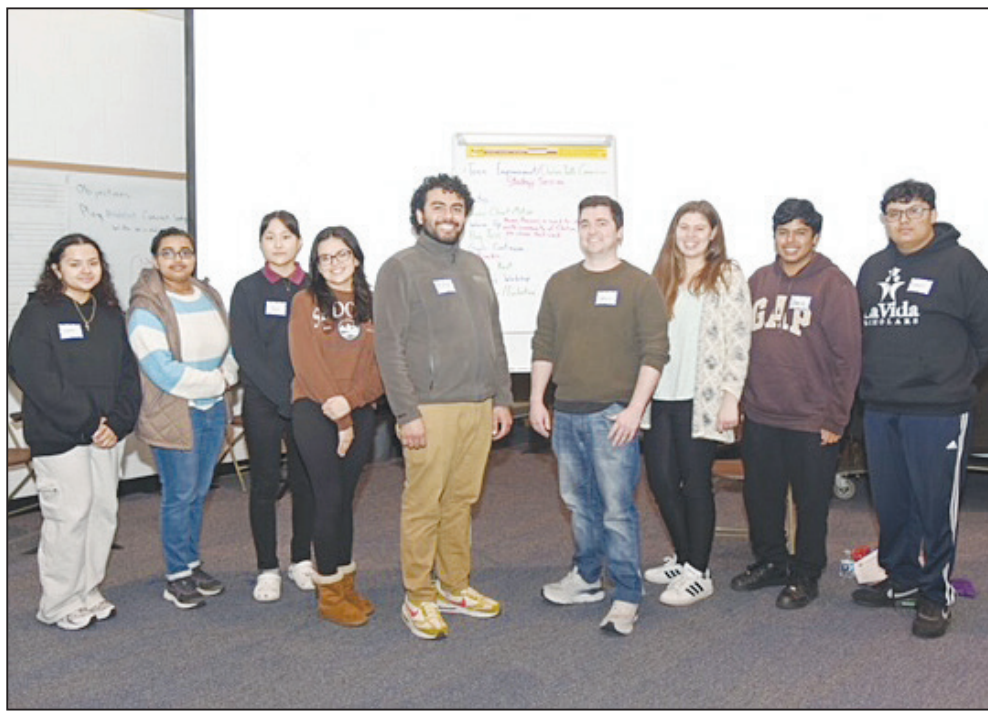
Post guided teens in reviewing their goals, assessing how they feel about their progress, and outlining actions that will help them achieve those goals. The group explored who they would like to work with in the community, and the people they wish to support and provide a voice for. The Commission also considered how city officials can improve their understanding of the youth community, and which information can help leaders make better decisions.

“When you have good strategy, you can build a lot of confidence,” assured Post.

During introductions, some of the words that teens used to describe the youth in the City of Chelsea were “home, divided, responsibility, mixed, hopeful, and vibrant.”

Teens reviewed what motions are presently happening in the community that the Commission is interested in being a part of, and contemplated which actions they hope the community will follow them in.

“My hope is that they all bring their individual perspectives from different identities, friend groups, and parts of the community,” shared Post. “A huge part of improving youth lives in the community is knowing what is happening in the larger community. It’s never simple.”



Daniela Maldonado, Tinsae Haile, Yurie Lee, Ariana Perdome, Alex Delvalle-Montoya, Community Recreation Manager for the Chelsea Youth Commission, Sean Post, Fidelity Model Manager for The Center for Teen Empowerment, Abigail Feldman, Community Recreation Manager for the Chelsea Youth Commission, Daniel Prudencio, and Brandon Ossa

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RESIDENTS OBSERVE THE STATIONS OF THE CROSS ON GOOD FRIDAY

Photos by Derek Kouoyumjian

On Good Friday, parishioners reenact the Stations Of Cross through the streets of Bellingham Square Chelsea. It is a dramatic and intense devotion to a pivotal point in the Christian calender.



Katherine Deras sings as Jesus suffered on his path to his execution.



Parishioners watch and react as Jesus falls the first time.



Providing musical accompaniment for the portrayal of the Stations Of The Cross were Espiritu Joven: Jose Tores (driving and vocals), Juan Hernandez (keyes), Candida Ventura, Sophia Ventura, Keira Torres, and Katherine Deras.



Followers of Jesus keep pace behind him as he carries his Cross to the site of his execution.



Jesus is whipped by Roman soldiers on his way to his crucifixion.



Jesus carries his Cross past Chelsea City Hall.



Pastor Reynaldo Escobar narrates the path Jesus took in carrying his Cross to Golgotha.



Jesus carries his Cross through the streets of Chelsea.



The parish follows Jesus as he is led to the site of his execution.



St Rose Of Lima was filled with parishioners attending Mass for Good Friday.



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CHELSEA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE HOLDS INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS DINNER

The Chelsea Chamber of Commerce held its Installation of Officers March 20 at the Holiday Inn Express in Chelsea.

Chamber President Beth McDougal, president of McDougal Architects, welcomed the many guests to the event.

“It’s nice to see new faces and old faces alike,” said McDougal. “I am very excited about things that are coming up in the Chelsea Chamber in the next few years. Jen [Hassell] and her staff have been working diligently and we have expanded

and offered so many more things than when I first started at the Chamber. It’s nice to see everyone working together and everything moving forward.”

Executive Director Jennifer Hassell joined Dayana Donisca, constituent advocate for the Office of Congresswoman Ayanna Pressley, in presenting congratulatory Certificates of Appreciation to individuals who have owned local businesses for 25 years or more.

State Rep. Judith Garcia and Sen. Sal DiDomenico delivered remarks during the program.



Past President Joe Vinard welcomes Sen. Sal DiDomenico, guest speaker, to the Installation of Officers Dinner.



Chamber Executive Vice President and Secretary Arthur Arsenault, State Rep. Judith Garcia, Chamber Executive Director Jennifer Hassell, and Dayana Donisca, Constituent Advocate for Congresswoman Ayanna Pressley.



Michael Matrisko, Michael Matrisko Jr., and Cheryl Matrisko, of The Brown Jug, the well-known restaurant at 1014 Revere Beach Parkway known for its delicious pizza and other items.



Executive Director Jennifer Hassell and Past President Joe Vinard.



Deb Frank, Vice President of Mortgage Business Development at Metro Credit Union, accepts a Congressional Certificate of Appreciation on behalf of the well-known financial institution that is led by President and CEO Robert Cashman.



Alberto Calvo and his wife, Betty Calvo, accept a Congressional Certificate of Appreciation in honor of their long-time ownership of Stop and Compare grocery store on Hawthorne Street, adjacent to Bellingham Square.



Representing the Chelsea Housing Authority, Krystina Sunsin, Dira Barbosa, Iris Perez-Feliciano, and Matt Frank.



Kristen Albrecht of Cataldo Ambulance accepts a Congressional Certificate of Appreciation on behalf of the ambulance company at the Chelsea Chamber of Commerce Dinner.



Certified Public Accountant Susan Gallant accepts a Congressional Certificate of Appreciation in honor of her accounting and tax preparation business located on Broadway, Chelsea.



Councilor-at-Large Leo Robinson, Police Chief Keith Houghton, City Councilor Manuel Teshe, and City Council President Norieles DeJesus.



Chelsea Fire Chief John Quatieri, Cataldo Ambulance Director of Strategy and Innovation Danny Riendeau, and Emergency Management Director Steve Staffier.



Roman Gold of Margolis Pharmacy in Bellingham Square accepts a Congressional Certificate of Appreciation at the Installation of Officers Dinner.



Renee Caso (second from left), owner of Dunkin stores on Everett Avenue, and her husband, Brian Morley, receive Congressional Certificates of Appreciation.



Lisa Rizzo and Anthony Rizzo were honored with Congressional Certificates of Appreciation for Dillons Russian Steam Bath on Chestnut Street being in operation for more than 25 years.



Attorney-at-Law David Mindlin accepts a Congressional Certificate of Appreciation on behalf of Kraft and Hall Law Offices.

CHELSEA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE HOLDS INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS DINNER



Rep. Judith Garcia delivers remarks at the CCC Installation of Officers Dinner.



Executive Director Jennifer Hassell and Dayana Donisca of Congresswoman Ayanna Pressley's Office present certificates of recognition to Cheryl Matrinko (left) and Michael Matrinko (right), owners of The Brown Jug in Chelsea.



The East Cambridge Savings Bank contingent, from left, Mike O'Donnell, Jim Tierney, Seth Felix, Sandy Youssef, Brenda Fuentes, Joe Vinard, and Susan Gallant.



The Chelsea Chamber of Commerce team at the reception table, from left, Karim Perez, Ammi Velez, Executive Director Jennifer Hassell, Carolina Bonilla, and Ankit Shrestha.



Chamber President Beth McDougal's table, front row, from left, are Beth's aunt, Donna Selock, President Beth McDougal, and Rosaivette Baez. Back row, from left, are Brenda Fuentes, Sandy Youssef, Lisa Rizzo, Madelyn Garcia, and Anthony Russo.



The Chelsea Chamber of Commerce Officers and Board of Directors, front row, from left, are Hailey Guzman, Madelyn Garcia, President Beth McDougal, Rosaivette Baez, and Renee Caso. Back row, from left, are Joe Vinard, Seth Felix, Roman Gold, Executive Director Jennifer Hassell, Arthur Arsenaault, David Mindlin, and Alberto Calvo.



Fire Chief John Quartieri, Police Chief Keith Houghton, Emergency Management Director Steve Staffier, Executive Director Jennifer Hassell, State Rep. Judith Garcia, and Constituent Advocate Dayana Donisca of Congresswoman Ayanna Pressley's Office.

CHS Roundup

WALK-OFF VICTORY FOR CHS BASEBALL TEAM IN SEASON-OPENER

The Chelsea High Red baseball team opened its 2024 season in dramatic and exciting fashion with a 10-9, walk-off victory over the Brighton High Bengals Monday afternoon at Carter Park.

The Red Devils trailed by two runs, 9-7, entering the bottom of the seventh, but Laeonardo Perez came through in the clutch with a base hit to right field that delivered the tying and winning runs.

Roni Mendez started the rally by drawing a walk and Emmanuel Rodriguez-Vega, who earned four walks on the day, drew a six-pitch walk. A drive to left by Jordi on an 0-2 pitch was misplayed by the Bengal left fielder, allowing Mendez to score, and setting the table for Perez to deliver his game-winning, two-RBI base hit.

Coach Mike Lush's starting lineup consisted of Elijah Rivera (catcher), Jesse Castillo (center field), Leudy Sanchez (3rd base), Jeanluis (shortstop), Xavier Santiago (1st base), Victor Murillo (2nd base), Emmanuel Rodriguez-Ve-

ga (right field), Emmanuel Garcia (left field), Laeonardo Perez (designated hitter), and starting pitcher Darwin Martinez, who tossed five innings, yielding eight runs on five hits, while walking six and striking out 11 Bengal batters.

Among the offensive stars in the triumph was Elijah Rivera, who went 1-for-3, including the first home run of the season on the fifth pitch of the at-bat, with a walk and two runs scored.

Jesse Castillo, who normally plays the infield, started in center field and drew two walks and scored a run. Leudy Sanchez had a walk and a run scored, while Jeanluis earned three walks and scored two runs.

Xavier Santiago went 1-4 with a single, reached base on a dropped third strike, and scored once. Victor Murillo reached base twice via a hit-by-pitch and a walk. Roni Mendez, who went in for Murillo, earned a huge walk that was a part of the winning rally.

Jeanluis came on in relief of Martinez in the top of the sixth inning and worked two innings to get the win. Jeanluis gave up one run on two hits and two walks and had 6



The stars of the game for the CHS baseball team in the Red Devils' exciting victory over Brighton on Monday in their season-opener were Elijah Rivera, who hit a home run, and Laeonardo Perez, who delivered the tying and winning runs in the bottom of the seventh with a walk-off base hit.

strikeouts.

"A 10-9 walk-off win is a huge confidence builder for this young team against a tough Brighton team," said Lush, who chose Laeonardo Perez and Elijah Rivera as the Red Devils' players of the game.

Malden on Monday and Revere next Wednesday.

CHS BOYS VOLLEYBALL LOOKING FORWARD TO SEASON

The Chelsea High boys volleyball team opened its 2024 season this past week, dropping a hard-fought 3-2 decision to non-league rival Boston Latin Monday afternoon in the CHS gym.

Captain Brandon Rodriguez Pereira led the CHS offensive attack with 18 kills. David Murillo set the table for his teammates with a superb performance, setting 23 assists and also adding four service aces.

"The boys are in great spirits and ready for the next game," said CHS head coach Gabriel Morales. "The new season is looking good. We have a great group of kids."

"We have David Murillo stepping into a new role as the setter this year. Last year he was one of our outside hitters. Richard Medina Ramirez will be a great addition to the team," Morales continued. "He's a 6'-3" middle blocker who will provide great protection in the front row. Captain Brandon Rodriguez

Pereira will be returning as our primary outside. Jason Rodrigues is our co-captain and starting Libero.

"The boys are excited to play some great volleyball this year and stay competitive," added Morales, whose squad was set to play at Greater Boston League rival Everett yesterday (Wednesday). They will trek to non-league foe Madison Park tomorrow (Friday) and return home to host GBL opponents Malden on Monday and Revere next Wednesday.

Morales and his crew will face all seven of their GBL foes (Malden, Medford, Somerville, Everett, Revere, Lynn English, and Lynn Classical) twice each, with non-league opponents Boston Latin, Madison Park, Whittier Tech, and Randolph rounding out their 18-match schedule.

The 2024 Red Devil roster is as follows:

Brayan Alfaro Rodriguez, Joao Cassim Leitao, Jonathan Gomez Chojolan, Xavier Gonzalez, Jayden Brady Jose, Richard Medina Ramirez, David Murillo, Yamil Rivera, Jason Rodriguez (Captain), Brandon Rodriguez Pereira (Captain), Julian Sanchez Aguilar, Kyson Gray Jose, and Alejandro Zepeda.

OBITUARIES

Charlie Valentin

August 28, 1964 - March 30, 2024

Relatives and friends are most kindly invited to attend visiting hours for Charlie Valentin on Monday, April 8th from 4 to 8 p.m. in the Welsh Funeral Home, 718 Broadway, Chelsea, his funeral will be conducted from the funeral home on Tuesday, April 9th at 9 a.m. immediately followed by a Funeral Mass in St. Rose Church, 600 Broadway, Chelsea at 10 a.m. Services will conclude with interment at Holy Cross Cemetery, Malden.



nio Valentin. He was a resident of Chelsea for most of his life and was living in Salem for the past three years.

Charlie worked primarily as a line chef for the Chelsea Jewish Nursing and Jevellis' Restaurant in East Boston. He also worked as pre-school teacher "Professor" to the children at the Kangaroo Pouch in Chelsea. He was a lifelong devoted Catholic and spiritual person. He would often lead rosary services for his family and many others in need of these prayers.

He is fondly remembered for his charismatic and humorous personality and for sharing his talents cooking for his family.

In addition to his parents, he was also predeceased by two brothers.

He was the dear brother of Maria Valentin Santiago, Linda Cintron, Luis Cintron, Luis J. Cintron, the late Jose A. Valentin and Augusto Valentin. He is also survived by his loving goddaughter, numerous nieces, nephews, his adoptive family members and dear friends.

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



Santa Marquez

August 11, 1943 - March 30, 2024

Relatives and friends are most kindly invited to attend the funeral for Santa Marquez on Thursday, April 4th at 9 a.m. in the Welsh Funeral Home, 718 Broadway, Chelsea to be immediately followed by a Funeral Service in San Lucas Episcopal Church, 205 Washington Ave., Chelsea at 10 a.m. Services will conclude with interment at Woodlawn Cemetery, Everett.



has resided for the past 49 years.

She was passionately devoted to home and family and raised her family of three daughters and two sons. Santa also worked outside of her home as a material sorter for Beacon Wiper in Chelsea.

In addition to her parents, Santa was also predeceased by a son, a grandson and four of her siblings.

She was the devoted mother of Olga Gomez, Betsy Gomez, Rafael Gomez, Mirella Marquez, and the late Walter Bones; the cherished grandmother; "Mama" of Emmanuel, Juan, Rosaly, Emily, Elaine, Giselle, Gianni, Deveney and the late Jonathan; adored great grandmother of Leilani, Bella, Ezekial, Jayleen, Nevaeh, Marcel, Elianni and Nino and dear sister of Lioney, Iliia, and Eddie. She is also survived by many extended family members and friends.

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

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



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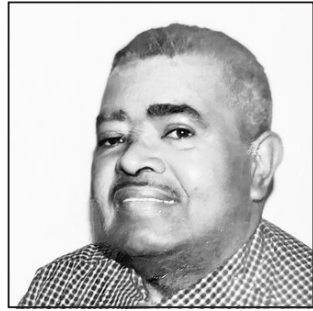
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Alejandro "Alex" Coello

September 9, 1949 - March 28, 2024

Relatives and friends are most kindly invited to attend calling hours for Alejandro "Alex" Coello on Saturday, April 6th from 12 noon to 2 p.m. in the Welsh Funeral Home, 718 Broadway, Chelsea. A prayer and remembrance service will be held in the Funeral Home at 1 p.m. Services will conclude in the Funeral Home.



He was a soccer aficionado, supporter and devoted fan of C.D. Marathon and was a member of Club Deportivo Marathon. In his lifetime, Alex was an advocate for social justice and labor unionism.

Alex passed away on Thursday, March 28th at the Massachusetts General Hospital in Boston after a brief illness, he was 74 years of age.

Born and raised in San Pedro Sula, Honduras he was one of four children of the late Jose Braulio Coello and Maria Josefa Guillen.

He came to the United States as a young man and was a resident of Chelsea for the past 40 plus years. He was devoted to family and home, raising two sons and he worked as a vehicle transporter for Avis Car Rental at Logan Airport.

The devoted father of Gerry Coello of Chelsea and Gregorio Coello of Brighton, he was the former husband of Marjorie Coello of Medford, the dear brother of Marco Antonio of Honduras and the late Estela Rodriguez and Raul Guillen.

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



Nicholas J. Lehmann

June 4, 1968 - March 30, 2024

Relatives and friends are most kindly invited to attend visiting hours for Nicholas J. Lehmann NEXT Friday, April 12th from 3 to 7 p.m. in the Welsh Funeral Home, 718 Broadway, Chelsea. A vigil service will be conducted from the funeral home during the visitation at 6 p.m. Services will conclude in the Funeral Home at 7 p.m.



around Boston Sports Fan.

He was a loving son of the late Arthur J. and Nancy Ann (Welsh) Lehmann, the late father of Aria Lehmann and Nicholas Lehmann and dear brother of Arthur "Buddy" Lehmann and his wife, Maureen of Tewksbury and Chris J, Lehmann and his wife, Cindy of Beverly. He is also survived by several extended family members and friends.

Nick passed away on Saturday, March 30th at the Lahey Clinic Hospital in Burlington after a sudden decline in health, he was 55 years of age.

Born and raised in Chelsea, he was a lifelong resident of Chelsea where he attended local schools and graduated from Dom Savio High School, Class of 1986. He continued his education at the University of Massachusetts where he received his Bachelor of Science Degree.

He worked as a Laboratory Manager at Caleb Brett. This job brought him to live in New Jersey for a short time. He also worked a Technical Project Manager with Millennium Pharmaceuticals.

Nick has been residing in Gloucester for the past six years and was an all-

Should friends desire, contributions in Nick's name may be made to Joslin Diabetes Center, One Joslin Place, Boston, MA 02215 https://www.joslin.org/giving

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



A Birthday Remembrance KATHLEEN MAE HENNESSEY Born: April 2, 1957 If I could only write it On the clouds or sky of blue. I'd send a special message As my birthday card to you. I'd tell of how I miss you And think of you each day. I wish that I could tell you, On this your special day. Sadly Missed & Love You Always, Frank

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LEGAL NOTICES

CITY OF CHELSEA REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS Rebid -YOUTH EMPLOYMENT SUPPORT AND SERVICES PROGRAM The City of Chelsea, Massachusetts, through its Chief Procurement Officer, is seeking Request for Proposals for "YOUTH EMPLOYMENT SUPPORT AND SERVICES PROGRAM". Request for Proposals will be available on or after April 04, 2024 by visiting the City's website at https://www.chelseama.gov/departments/purchasing/current_bids_solicitations.php. Proposals must be sealed and clearly marked "YOUTH EMPLOYMENT SUPPORT AND SERVICES PROGRAM" and submitted to the Office of the Chief Procurement Officer no later than 11:00AM on Thursday, April 25, 2024. The City of Chelsea reserves the right to accept any proposal, to reject any or all proposals and to waive minor irregularities and/or formalities as it deems to be in the best interest of the City. In accordance with our Minority Business Enterprise Plan, we are inviting all qualified women and minority business firms to respond. The City of Chelsea is an Equal Opportunity Employer. This Request for Proposals is in accordance with M.G.L. Chapter 30B. Dragica Ivanis Chief Procurement Officer 4/4/24

LEGAL NOTICE REVISED NOTICE OF HEARING Case No. 2024-02 In accordance with the Massachusetts Zoning Act, Chapter 40A, a public hearing of the Chelsea Planning Board will be held at Council Chambers, City Hall, 500 Broadway Tuesday, April 23, 2024, 6:00 PM for Major Site Plan Review seeking to establish a church at the address below and to create and establish additional parking at the premises known as: 10 Wesley Street and 19 Clyde Street All interested parties are encouraged to attend. 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 3/28/24, 4/4/24

2:30 p.m. to transact the following: 1) To give notice of the Annual Meeting; and 2) To transact any and all business that may legally come before the meeting. To request to attend the Annual Meeting virtually, please submit an email to specialmeeting@metrocu.org with your name, address, email address, and phone number no later than Thursday, April 25, 2024. All attendees must be members of Metro Credit Union. Voting will take place during the Annual Meeting with present attendees. Respectfully submitted, Paul M. Gulko Clerk 4/4/24

LEGAL NOTICE CITY OF CHELSEA INVITATION FOR BIDS City Hall - Entry Doors Replacement The City of Chelsea, Massachusetts, through its Chief Procurement Officer, is seeking Bids for marked "City Hall- Entry Doors Replacement". Invitation for Bids will be available on or after March 28, 2024 by visiting the City's website at https://www.chelseama.gov/departments/purchasing/current_bids_solicitations.php. Bids must be sealed and clearly marked "City Hall- Entry Doors Replacement" and submitted to the Office of the Chief Procurement Officer no later than 1:00PM on Thursday, April 25, 2024. A Non-Mandatory Site Visit will be held at Chelsea City Hall on Tuesday, April 09, 2024 at 10:00am; located at 500 Broadway, Chelsea, MA 02150. Each bid must be accompanied by a certified check, issued by a responsible bank or trust company. Or a bid bond duly executed by the bidder as principal and having as surety thereon a surety company approved by the City, all in the amount of 5% of the bid payable to the "City of Chelsea." The City of Chelsea reserves the right to accept any proposal, to reject any or all proposals and to waive minor irregularities and/or formalities as it deems to be in the best interest of the City. In accordance with our Minority Business Enterprise Plan, we are inviting all qualified women and minority business firms to respond. The City of Chelsea is an Equal Opportunity Employer. This Invitation for Bids is in accordance with M.G.L. Chapter 149. Dragica Ivanis Chief Procurement Officer 4/4/24

Room, and Chelsea, MA 02150. The purpose of this public meeting is to discuss the City's request for program and budget amendments to the FFY'2020 and FFY'2021 Community Development Block Grants (CDBG) funded Housing Rehabilitation, and Public Infrastructure programs. This hearing is required to propose reprogramming unspent funding and updating program benchmarks. The programs were allocated as follows: CDBG FFY'2020 Housing Rehabilitation (Activity 4A Program Delivery - \$70,000) and (Activity 4C Rehab Loans/Grants - \$170,000). CDBG FFY'2021 Housing Rehabilitation (Activity 4A Program Delivery - \$32,000) and (Activity 4C Rehab Loans/Grants - \$70,000), and Public Infrastructure (Activity 6B Streets/Sidewalks - \$340,000). Funding was awarded through the CDBG Mini-Entitlement Program by the Massachusetts Executive Office of Housing and Livable Communities, under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended. The current available funding is as follows: CDBG FFY'2020 Housing Rehabilitation (Activity 4A Program Delivery - \$44,995.15) and (Activity 4C Rehab Loans/Grants - \$99,074.45) for a total of \$144,069.60. CDBG FFY'2021 Housing Rehabilitation (Activity 4A Program Delivery - \$17,000) and (Activity 4C Loans/Grants - \$70,000), and Public Infrastructure (Activity 6B Streets/Sidewalks - \$6,489.70), for a total of \$93,489.70. The budget amendment requests to move the balances described to Housing Rehabilitation Other in the respective grant year, as follows: CDBG FFY'2020 balance of \$144,069.60 to Housing Rehabilitation Other (Activity 4D), and CDBG FFY'2021 balance of \$93,489.70 to Housing Rehabilitation Other (Activity 4D). Additionally, a program amendment would change the Housing Rehabilitation beneficiaries as follows: CDBG FFY'2020 from five (5) to one (1), and CDBG FFY'2021 from two (2) to zero (0). The new program, Housing Rehabilitation Other (Activity 4D), will be added to aid the Chelsea Housing Authority in the implementation of heating/cooling system upgrades in two multifamily family buildings, residing a total of 362 residents. The Housing Authority rehabilitation project will meet the National Objective of serving Limited Clientele Benefit, defined as an activity in which at least 51% of participants are low and moderate income persons. The proposed changes are necessary to facilitate the City's housing priorities, and spend funding within the allotted time period. Interested parties are welcome to attend and provide public input relative to the program and budget amendment process, or submit written comments by April 17, 2024 to Erica McCarthy, 500 Broadway, Room 101, Chelsea, MA 02150, or via email at emccarthy@chelseama.gov. Erica McCarthy, Housing and Community Development Grant Manager 3/28/24, 4/4/24

BRUINS Beat by Bob Morello

Final six regular season games



This past Tuesday's game in Nashville against the Predators provided the Boston Bruins with another chance to participate in a game that was pure playoff hockey. In a contest that featured multiple scoring chances for both teams, the Bruins, behind the strong 32-save shutout performance by Linus Ullmark, were able to play 'the right way,' and hang in there for two hectic scoreless periods. Saving their best for last (period), the locals were able to bounce back effectively in a number of ways...to begin with they delivered a full 60-minute effort, and killed a monster two-minute penalty late in the third period, before Charlie Coyle took a slick pass from captain Brad Marchand and found the back of the Predators net for a shorthanded goal (Coyle's #24) at 13:18, and a 1-0 Boston lead. It was that spark which ignited the powder keg leading to another pair of goals by Pavel Zacha, his 19th at 17:18, and an empty-netter (#46) by David Pastrnak (18:36), earning his 104th point, to extend the Bs lead to four points in the Atlantic Division over the Florida Panthers, and earn them their 44th win. It was also the third win in Boston's last four

games, and they now trail the New York Rangers by one point for the Eastern Conference's top slot.

Ullmark used this start, and the opportunity to show his effectiveness, as he competes with Jeremy Swayman for the Game I starter's job in the playoffs. Ullmark's numbers since the trade deadline are impressive – four wins and two losses, and a sparkling .950 save percentage. After the game Ullmark gushed with enthusiasm and confidence, remarking: "It was a great job, we battled for all 60-minutes. Every game is a challenge and it doesn't matter what you did for the last game or the game prior, it's all about looking forward and keep performing and focus on the process and not get too carried away the results based thinking. It's been working lately in that department. I've got confidence with the fellas, and we feed off each other." For the Bruins, their PK unit was at the top of their game killing the four power play opportunities

the Predators drew. None bigger than the one they killed in the third period, which resulted in Ullmark stopping the puck behind his net and shooting it off the glass, picked up by Marchand whose pass to Coyle broke the scoreless tie – and ironically, Ullmark also earned an assist on Coyle's game-winning goal.

The 2023-2024 regular season has six games remaining, three on the road, and three at home, as the final two week stretch comes up quickly. Coming up for the Bruins next three include; tonight (Thursday 7:00pm in Carolina) is the first of two games versus the red-hot Carolina Hurricanes, the second to be played at TD Garden on next Tuesday 7:00pm. The Canes at press time were riding a two-game win streak and a last ten game record of 8-1-1. This Saturday, Boston will open a brief two-game home-stand, hosting the mouth-piece-chewing Matthew Tkachuk and his Florida Panthers in a 3:30pm matinee. The struggling Panthers are on a two-game winless streak, and have a record of 2-7-1 for their last ten. Fasten your seat belts, these next two weeks/six games will be a rollercoaster ride for sure!

CHELSEA FIREFIGHTERS RECEIVE COMMENDATIONS



PHOTO BY PAUL KOOLLOIAN

Members of Chelsea Firefighters Local 937 received Departmental Commendations at Monday night's City Council meeting for rescuing CFD members of Ladder 2 during a Mayday call during the 5 Alarm fire at 50-54 Maverick St. on Friday, March 1. Honored for their actions were Lt. Omar Frometa and Firefighters Cristian Avellaneda, AJ Cerretani and Jamal Ahmed.

Electricity // CONTINUED FROM PAGE 4

current residential price of 17.216 ¢/kWh, which is in effect through July 31. That translates to a savings of more than \$18/month for an average residential customer" Maltez said.

Two additional options provide more electricity from renewable sources and are available by request. Chelsea Standard provides electricity that is 75% from renewable sources for 12.86 ¢/kWh. Chelsea 100% Green provides electricity that is 100% from renewable sources for 13.86 ¢/kWh. Both of these prices are also lower than Eversource's current residential Basic Service price.

"The Chelsea Electricity Choice program has been a long time coming. In our outreach on energy justice issues, community members have consistently emphasized their struggles to pay high bills and to budget for volatile energy prices. We believe that Chelsea Electricity Choice is a meaningful step forward to achieve energy justice, and we encourage community members to get involved in learning more and spreading the word about this program" said Devin MacGoy, Energy Democracy Organizer at GreenRoots.

For most Chelsea electricity customers, no action is required to participate. In accordance with state law, customers with Eversource's Basic Service, meaning customers that have not signed a private contract with an electricity supplier, are eligible for automatic enrollment when the program launches in June and will first see a Chelsea Electricity Choice price on their bill in July. The City will mail automatic enrollment notifications with program details in mid-April.

Electricity customers who have signed private electricity supply contracts will not be enrolled au-

tomatically, but they can request enrollment online or over the phone. Those with private contracts are encouraged to first check the terms of their electricity supply agreement before making a change to avoid penalties like early termination fees.

Participation in Chelsea Electricity Choice is not required. Chelsea electricity customers have the right to opt out of the program before being automatically enrolled, or they can try the program and opt out at any time with no penalty or fee. Those who opt out will remain with Eversource's Basic Service pricing. Information about how to opt out will be included in the automatic enrollment notification and on the program website.

In addition, anyone eligible for a low-income discount from Eversource will continue to receive that discount. And anyone receiving solar credits or incentive payments will continue to receive them with no change to how the credits or incentive payments themselves are calculated.

Public information sessions about the program will be held on April 16 at 9:15am at the Chelsea Senior Center and on April 30 starting at 6:00 pm at the Clarks School Cafeteria.

More information about the program is available at ChelseaElectricityChoice.com, by calling Chelsea 3-1-1 (617-466-4209 from outside Chelsea), or by calling the City's program consultants at 1-833-393-5675.

If you require an ASL interpreter, please make that request via the customer support form on ChelseaElectricityChoice.com or by sending an email to support@ChelseaElectricityChoice.com, and please note that an information session with interpretation services may need to be scheduled on a different

date from the general public information sessions.

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VETERANS HOME AT CHELSEA CELEBRATES VIETNAM VETERAN'S DAY

Last Friday, March 29 was recognized as Nation Vietnam Veteran's Day across the nation. At the Veterans Home at Chelsea, a ceremony recognizing the service to our country these courageous men and women

made with their sacrifices. During the Vietnam War, it was a bad time in our country with nationwide protests and resentment to our men and women serving in the armed forces. They were spit upon and called all kinds of names,

regardless of the sacrifices they made for freedom and America. America finally recognized their true worth and most of all, the suffering, physically and mentally these brave soldiers endured.



Placing a wreath in honor of the Vietnam Veterans, VN Veterans John Regan and Vernon Barber. Shown in photo, Chairman Tommy Lyons, former National Commander of the JYW Ira Novoselsky, veteran and Ombudsman Marc Silvestri and Superintendent of the CSH Christine Baldini.



Chelsea High School trumpet player Jorge Atjun, Ombudsman Marc Silvestri, former JYW National Commander Ira Novoselsky, Superintendent Christine Baldini, Chairman Tommy Lyons, and CHS Soloist Jayna Singer.



Chairman of the Board of Directors and Vietnam Veteran Tommy Lyons, recalls some of his time served in Vietnam and his return home.



Superintendent of the Veterans Home at Chelsea, Christine Baldini with her remarks.



Kathy Walsh and Commander Joe Cole.



Revere's Director of Veterans Services Isaac McDaniel (center) is joined by Marion McDaniel, VSO Julia Cervantes, Councillor Ira Novoselsky, and Ombudsman Marc Silvestri.



Ombudsman Marc Silvestri leads the veterans in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chelsea Ward 2 Democrats to meet on Saturday, April 6

Staff Report

The Chelsea Ward 2 Democrats will meet to organize on Saturday, April

6 at 10 a.m. at the Chelsea Public Library.

This meeting is for members that were elected on Tuesday, March 25.

The public is invited to attend the meeting.

For further information, please call Calvin T. Brown at 617-466-1548.

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Congresswoman Ayanna Pressley announces 2024 re-election campaign

Special to the Record

Congresswoman Ayanna Pressley (MA-07) has officially announced her campaign for re-election to the U.S. House of Representatives. Rep. Pressley will host her first campaign rally tomorrow, joined by supporters, workers, and labor leaders from across Massachusetts.

"It is a deep honor to represent the bold, diverse, brilliant residents of the Massachusetts 7th in Washington," said Congresswoman Pressley. "Working together over the past five years, we've fought for policies of consequence to our district, from abortion access and reproductive freedom, to student loan cancellation and housing justice. And we've delivered essential federal resources for the communities we call home - more than \$35 million in funding to support community health centers, vi-

tal transit projects, workforce training, climate justice, and more."

"The stakes in this election are, once again, unprecedented," she continued. "Our democracy has been pushed to the brink. Insurrectionists and misinformation peddlers are working overtime to distract and disenfranchise us. But the strength of our progressive movement has never faltered."

"This diverse, intergenerational movement led by the people has proven the change we can make when we organize, mobilize our collective power, and lead with love. And we're just getting started."

Congresswoman Pressley's campaign video, "A Love Letter to the Massachusetts 7th", uplifts the beauty, unapologetic joy, and collective power of the MA-07 community.

First elected in 2018, Congresswoman Pressley made history as the first woman of color elected to represent Massachusetts in the U.S. Congress. In the five-plus years since then, she has asked the hard questions, unapologetically pursued impactful policy solutions, and relentlessly worked for her district.

Congresswoman Pressley has secured over \$35 million in federal funding for high-impact community projects that will help build a more just and equitable district. She has effectively pushed President

Biden to cancel student debt, and she has led vital legislation like the Abortion Justice Act; the PAID Leave Act; the Down Payment Toward Equity Act, to invest \$100 billion toward down payment assistance for first-generation, first-time homebuyers; the Freedom to Move Act, supporting state and local efforts to establish public transportation as a public good; and the Post-Disaster Mental Health Response Act, signed into law by President Biden, which expands mental health support for survivors of natural disasters and terrorist attacks.

Congresswoman Pressley currently serves on the House Committee on Financial Services, the House Committee on Oversight and Accountability, and the Democratic Steering and Policy Committee. She is the Chair of the Abortion Rights and Access Task Force of the Pro-Choice Caucus, Co-Chair of the Equal Rights Amendment Caucus, a founding member of the Black Maternal Health Caucus, Founding Chair of the Future of Transportation Caucus, co-founder of the House Haiti Caucus, and a member of several other caucuses and task forces.

To learn more about Congresswoman Pressley and find ways to get involved in the campaign, please visit <https://ayanna-pressley.com/>.

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